

Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies

2011 LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Regulatory Reform

1. OPPOSE measures that limit or eliminate the ability of local governments to enact ordinances and other measures that enhance statewide rules and better protect environmental quality at the local level.
2. OPPOSE deregulation of existing environmental programs as a measure to stimulate the economy, as environmental programs are not the root cause of the economic crises.
3. SUPPORT a statewide general permit for restoration activities that would reduce the time and costs of approving County restoration projects.

Environmental Finance

4. OPPOSE measures that limit or eliminate the ability of local government to charge appropriate fees to assist in supporting the cost of environmental programs and unfunded mandates.
5. SUPPORT funding of the State Petroleum Cleanup Program and restore funding of contaminated sites to its statutorily intended purpose.
6. SUPPORT statutory revisions to the Title V air pollution permitting program to mandate that 80% of the Title V fees collected in a county with an approved local program be returned to that approved local program.

Delegation of Environmental Permitting

7. SUPPORT legislation that provides incentives for local governments to accept delegation of environmental regulatory programs from FDEP and water management districts.

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Fertilizer and Landscaping

8. SUPPORT improved statewide promotion of the Florida friendly landscaping ordinance as a basic level of water quality protection.
9. SUPPORT legislation that would allow counties to develop regional approaches to fertilizer and other water quality issues that take into account particular local concerns relating to geology and hydrology.

Land Conservation and Preservation

- 10.SUPPORT full-funding for the Florida Forever land-buying program

Energy

- 11.SUPPORT legislation that increases incentives for local governments to assist in state energy policies such as green building, carbon emission reductions and other green government initiatives.
- 12.SUPPORT legislation that continues/increases incentives for the development of biofuels that minimize their production impacts on the environment and utilize locally available biomass sources.

Brownfields

- 13.SUPPORT legislation that promotes overall enhancement of FDEP's Brownfields Redevelopment Program.