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1000 Friends of Florida is the state's leading non-partisan, not-for-profit smart growth advocacy organization. We promote vibrant, walkable, equitable communities that provide adequate affordable housing choices and transportation alternatives. We work to protect natural and agricultural lands that enhance water quality and quantity, provide refuge for wildlife, ensure food security, and support abundant recreational opportunities. Above all, we strive to give citizens a meaningful role in shaping the futures of their communities and state.

Local Authority & Disaster Planning

- Repeal damaging provisions of Senate Bill 180 passed in the 2025 Legislative Session that undermine local planning, weaken Florida's resilience to natural disasters, and threaten the health, safety, and quality of life of Floridians.

Environmental Protection

- Enforce stricter water quality standards, with enhanced biosolids management and conservation incentives.
- Prevent swapping or selling state-owned conservation lands.

Conservation Funding

- Fund Florida Forever at pre-2008 levels and maintain robust funding for Rural & Family Lands Protection Programs to protect the Florida Wildlife Corridor and other high-priority conservation lands.
- Fund the next installment of the \$3.5 billion Everglades restoration and water-quality commitment and prioritize projects by public need.

Housing & Infrastructure

- Direct Housing Trust Fund revenue exclusively toward affordable housing, plus \$150 million annually in additional investment.
- Fully fund the FY 2026-2027 Historic Preservation Grant list and provide support for Florida Main Street program.
- Support programs that provide flexible, cost-effective transportation options to Floridians.

