

**RESOLUTION 2008-08-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAYTON OF MONROE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, SUPPORTING GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IN THEIR EFFORT TO ACQUIRE 187,000  
ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESENTLY OWNED BY THE UNITED  
STATES SUGAR CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Layton of Monroe County, Florida is very concerned about the restoration of the Florida Everglades and the effect of harmful discharges into the waters of the Florida Keys, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Layton, of Monroe County, supports the acquisition of lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area by the State of Florida for the purpose of re-establishing the historical connection between Lake Okeechobee and the remnant southern Everglades ecosystem through a massive, managed system of water storage and water quality treatment, and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Crist has requested the South Florida Water Management District to begin negotiation with United States Sugar Corporation, owners of a 187,000 acre parcel in the Everglades Agricultural Area, and

**WHEREAS**, acquiring this “missing link” is expected to build upon and enhance the State/Federal Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Layton of Monroe County, Florida, that:

1. The City Council of the City of Layton fully supports Governor Crist and the South Florida Water Management District in its efforts to negotiate an agreement to acquire as much as 187,000 acres of agriculture land located in the Everglades Agriculture Area owned by United States Sugar Corporation.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
3. Copies of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Office of the Governor and the Office of the South Florida Water Management District.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a City of Layton City Council Meeting this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2008.

Councilwoman Jean Murphy	YES
Councilman Clark Snow	YES
Councilman Philip Porter	YES
Vice Mayor William Dilley	YES
Councilman John Cromartie	ABSENT

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City of Layton, Norman Anderson, Mayor

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Marjorie Parmenter, City Clerk

SEAL