

**U.S. Sugar deal serves Everglades, economy**

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Despite opposition like that from the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, it makes sense to purchase land from U.S. Sugar Corp. for restoration of the Florida Everglades.

Biscayne Bay and Everglades National Park need the restoration of water flow from a restored Everglades ecosystem. At the same time, polluted water would be cleaned. Right now, this water is being released to our estuaries and is damaging fish and other wildlife. This pollution is potentially costing us more than \$1 billion in economic damage by killing fish and reducing real estate values along our coasts. Restoration of the Everglades ecosystem would prevent this environmental damage.

The ultimate goal is to protect the environment and maintain our economy. Let's move forward on Everglades restoration for the good of our economy and the environment.

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