

# **A LONG TIME TO RUN**

**POLITICAL RESILIENCE IN THE EVERGLADES:**

**A HALF CENTURY OF RESISTING ARREST**

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# **EVERGLADES RESTORATION: IS IT SCIENCE OR IS IT POLITICS?**

**IT'S BOTH...**

**BUT MOSTLY, ITS **POLITICS****

# **HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S POLITICS?**

- **BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS RUNNING THINGS**
- **AND BECAUSE EVERGLADES RESTORATION IS REDISTRIBUTING CERTAIN BENEFITS – ITS PICKING WINNERS**

# **THE WINNERS ARE...**

- **THE GREATER EVERGLADES ECOSYSTEM**
- **BEACHES, THE WATERFRONT REAL ESTATE MARKET, THE TOURISM INDUSTRY, BIRD WATCHERS, COASTAL FISHERIES, THE BISCAYNE AQUIFER, PERIPHYTON, COASTAL ECONOMIES, WADING BIRDS, ENDANGERED SPECIES...**



# **IF THERE ARE WINNERS, DOES THAT MEAN THERE ARE LOSERS?**

**IN THE **POLITICAL** SENSE, YES.**

**FOLKS AREN'T FREE TO IRRIGATE THEIR LANDSCAPE WHEN THEY WANT TO  
THERE IS LESS AGRICULTURE IN PRODUCTION THAN THERE USED TO BE, & IT  
MAY BE MORE EXPENSIVE TO FARM THAN IT USED TO BE  
RECREATION PATTERNS WILL CHANGE**

**THE MONEY INVESTED IN THE EVERGLADES ISN'T INVESTED ELSEWHERE**

# **IF THERE IS NO MONEY...**

- **EVERGLADES RESTORATION IS OVER, DONE, HINDERED, STOPPED, OBSTRUCTED, IMPEDED**

**ARRESTED.**

# IF WE START THE RESTORATION CLOCK AT 1983...

- **INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TO KEEP MONEY FLOWING TO EVERGLADES RESTORATION FROM TALLAHASSEE & WASHINGTON EVERY YEAR FOR 36 YEARS.**
- **INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO KEEP UP THAT FIGHT FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 20 YEARS.**

















# THIS ISN'T CHILD'S PLAY...

- **FLORIDA REALTORS ASSOCIATION**
- **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**
- **SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**
- **CORPORATE HEAVY WEIGHTS**
  
- **ARE TURNING THE **POLITICAL** ENVIRONMENT ON ITS HEAD**

**“GOVERNMENT” IS NOT THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE**





# **THIS NEW GENERATION IS...**

- **CHANGING THE GAME THE WAY MARJORY, ERNIE, ART & NATHANIEL DID.**
- **CREATING A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EVERGLADES POLITICAL MOVEMENT THAT IS LESS PATIENT, MORE DEMANDING, LESS BUREAUCRATIC, MORE DEMOCRATIC.**
- **AUTHENTIC, UNINTIMIDATED BY POWER, SAVVY, INCLUSIVE, LIGHTENING FAST, AND WILLING TO TAKE TO THE STREETS.**

**EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL RESILIENCE IN THE EVERGLADES**



# HERE'S TO THE NEXT 20 YEARS...



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