



Broward Soil & Water Conservation District

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT VOICING ITS OPPOSITION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) 2024-25 GREAT OUTDOORS INITIATIVE WHICH PROPOSES TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURES IN FLORIDA'S STATE PARK SYSTEMS THAT WOULD IMPEDE THE PASSIVE AND UNINTERRUPTED PEACEFUL USE OF THESE PARKS.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2024, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced its 2024-25 Great Outdoors Initiative;

WHEREAS, DEP's proposed outdoor activities and housing include developing park lodges, pickleball courts, glamping sites, and disc golf courses;

WHEREAS, the various developments are proposed to take place at nine State Parks in Florida including Broward County;

WHEREAS, the Dr. Von. D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park located in Broward County is the proposed location for some of the proposed major improvements outlined in the 2024-25 Great Outdoors Initiative;

WHEREAS, the proposed development in these parks will detrimentally impact Florida's ecosystem which is home to thousands of plant species and wildlife;

WHEREAS, preservation of Florida State Parks and open space is beneficial to the public welfare and preservation of native Florida wildlife

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BROWARD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT is voicing its opposition to the construction of any infrastructure in Florida's State Park systems that would impede the passive and uninterrupted peaceful use of these parks.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Broward Soil and Water Conservation District on this 26th day of September, 2024.