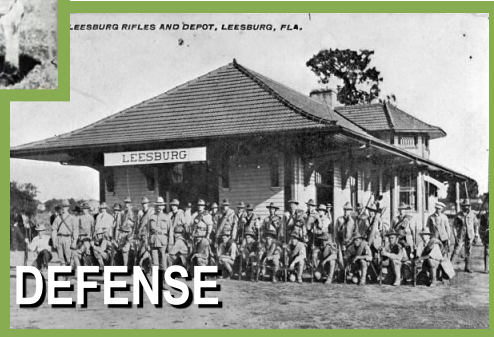
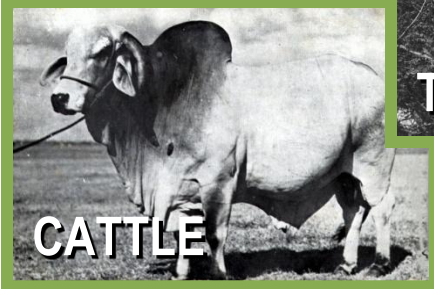
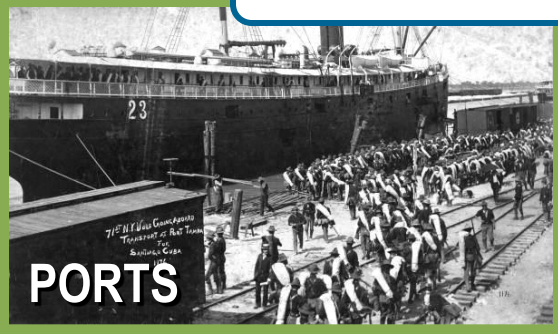


# A Case for Inland Population Settlement in Florida

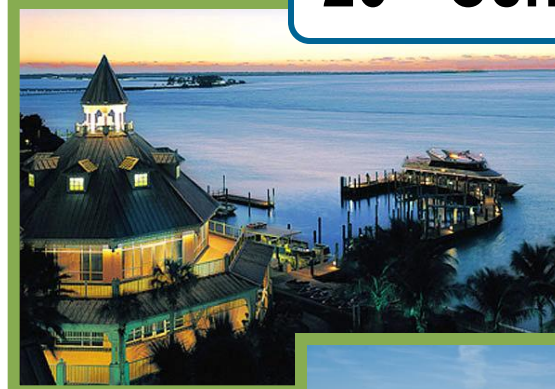
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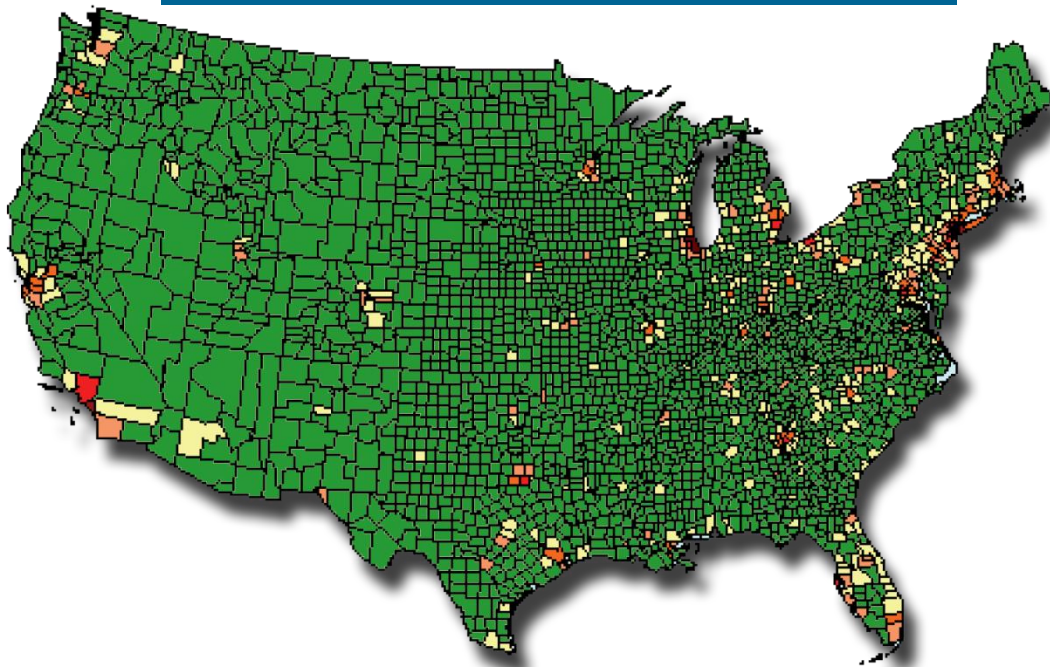


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# Our Coastal Environment

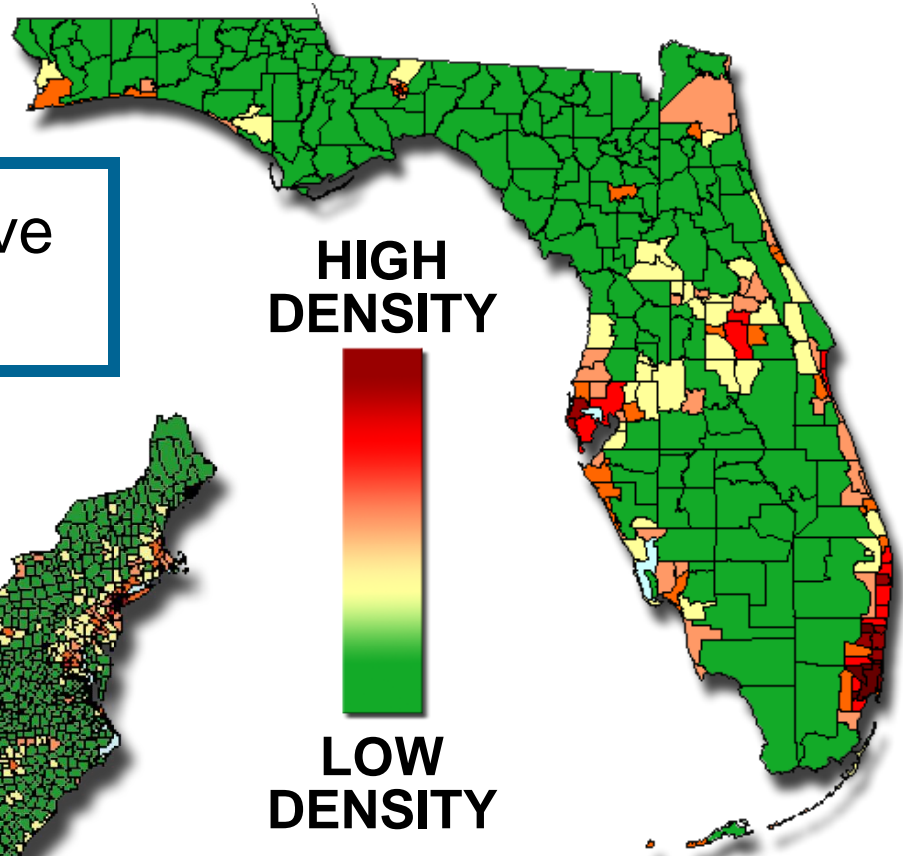
- 53% of Americans live near coastal cities



**HIGH  
DENSITY**



**LOW  
DENSITY**



- >75% of Florida's population lives in coastal counties

## Living on the Coast

SOURCE: U.S. Census (2000)

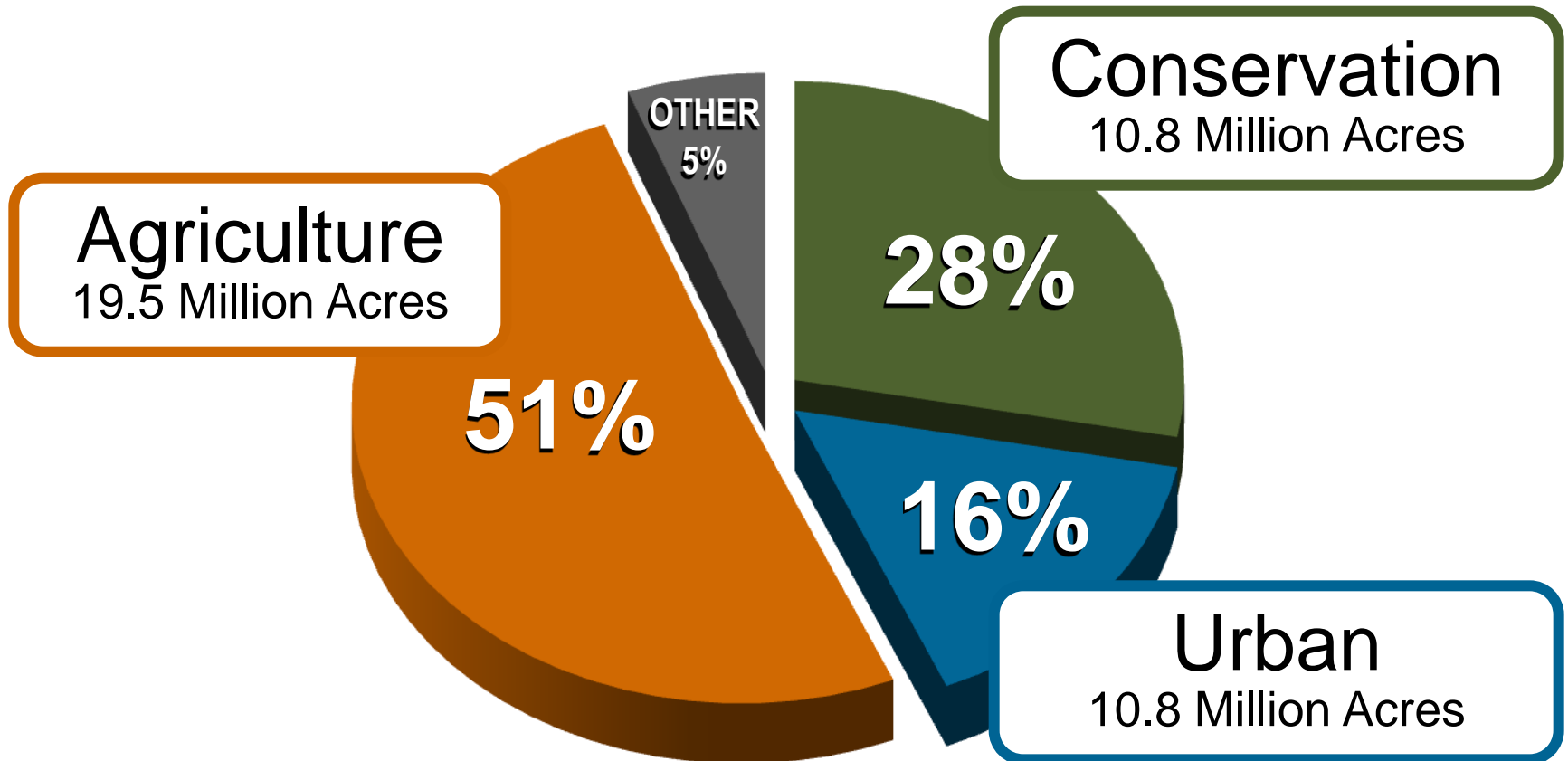


- Past 50 years
  - Rapid growth
  - Extensive construction
  - Most of the coast either developed or preserved



Living on the Coast

# Florida's Land and Water 2006 - 38.3 Million Acres

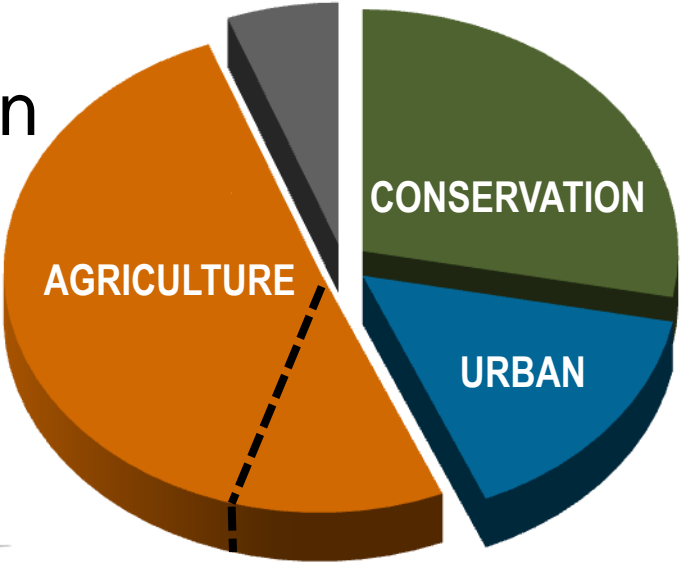


SOURCE: 1,000 Friends of Florida / UF GeoPlan Center

# Future Land Utilization

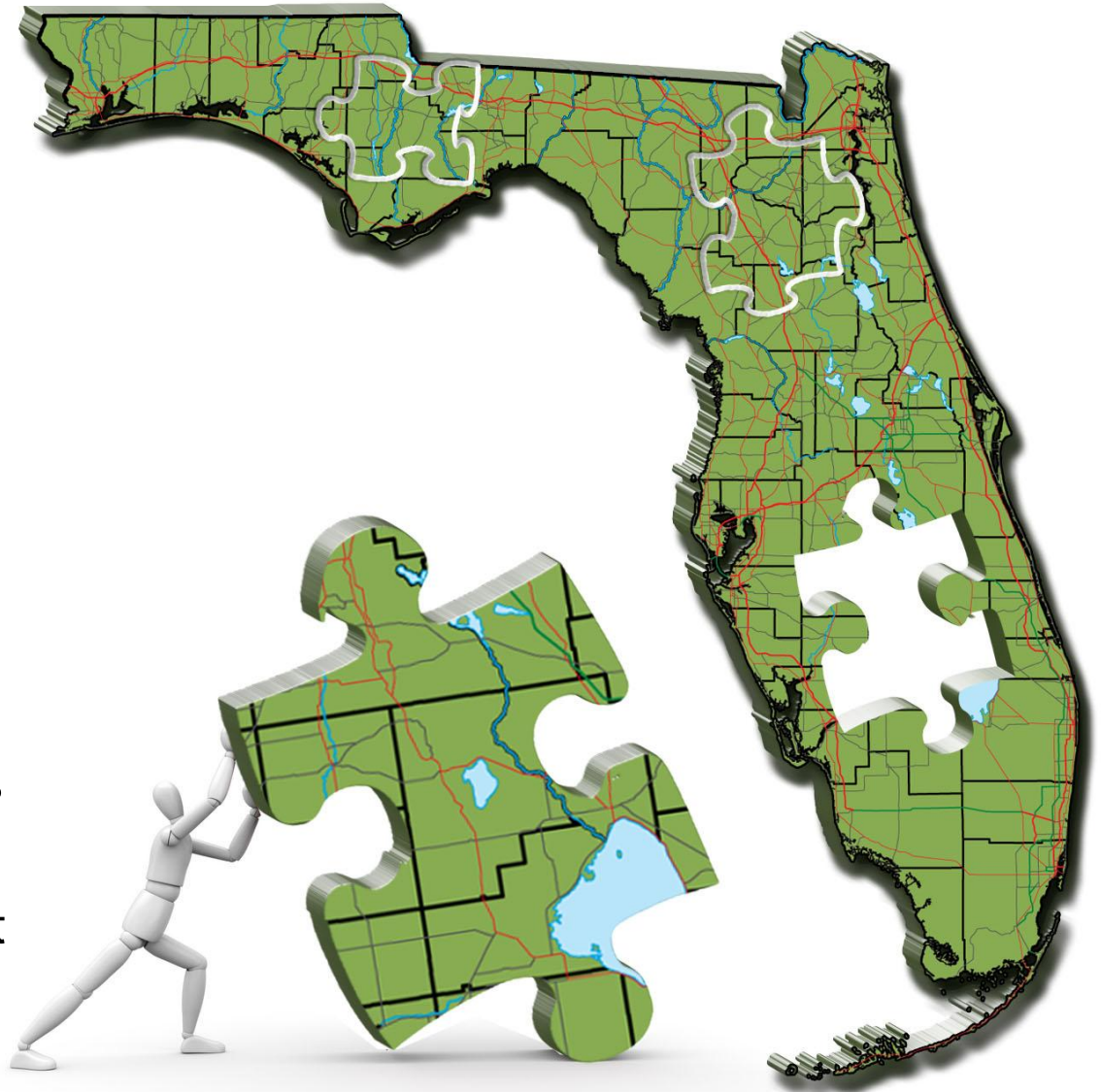


- At historical densities, 7 million acres of Urban Development would be added



# A Call to Action

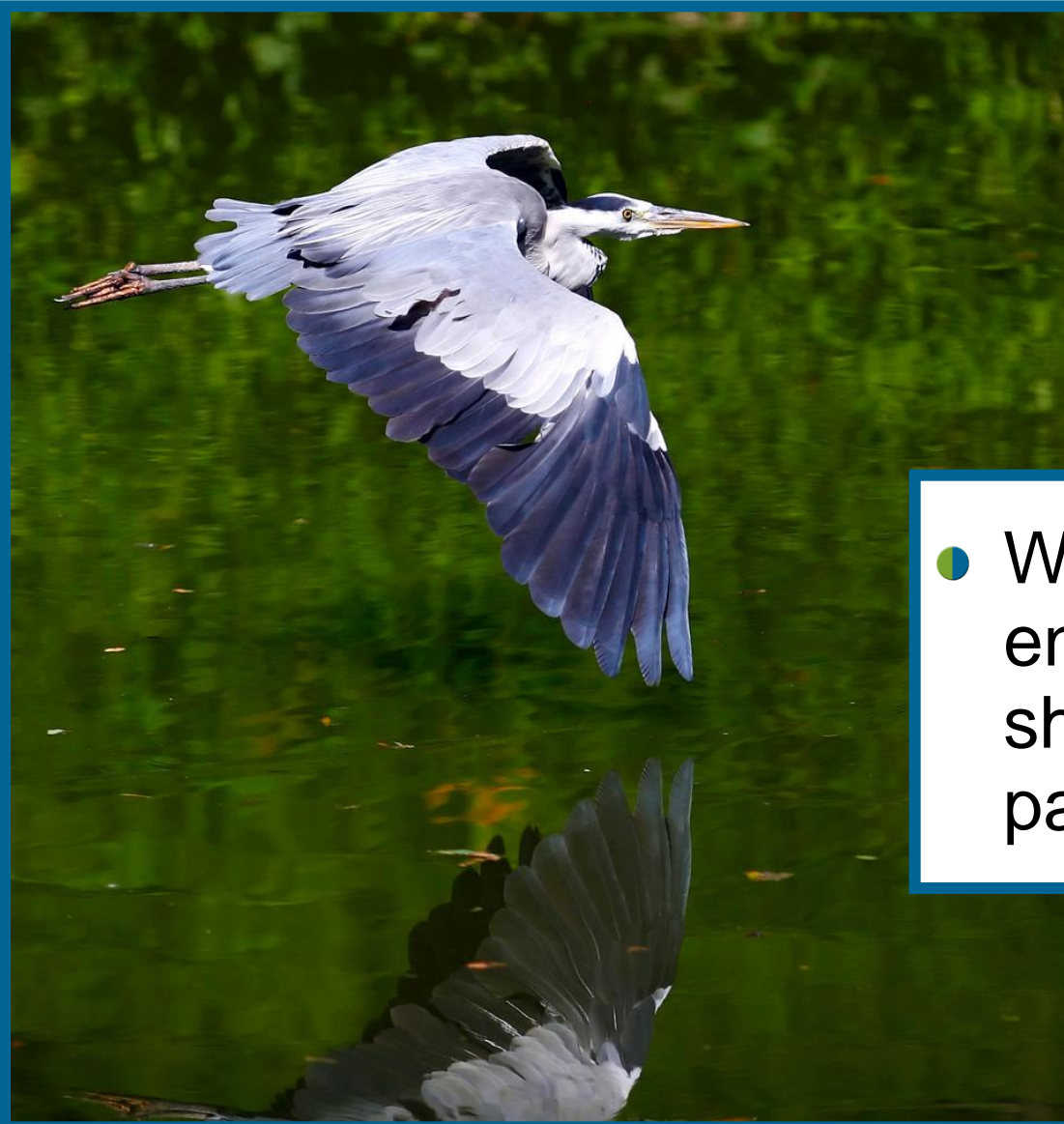
- Florida needs to proactively distribute and manage its population settlement
  - Incentives
  - Planning and design criteria
  - Encourage new towns and villages
  - Expand existing towns in rural communities
  - Compact development patterns



- Water supply protection and storage can and should be part of this plan

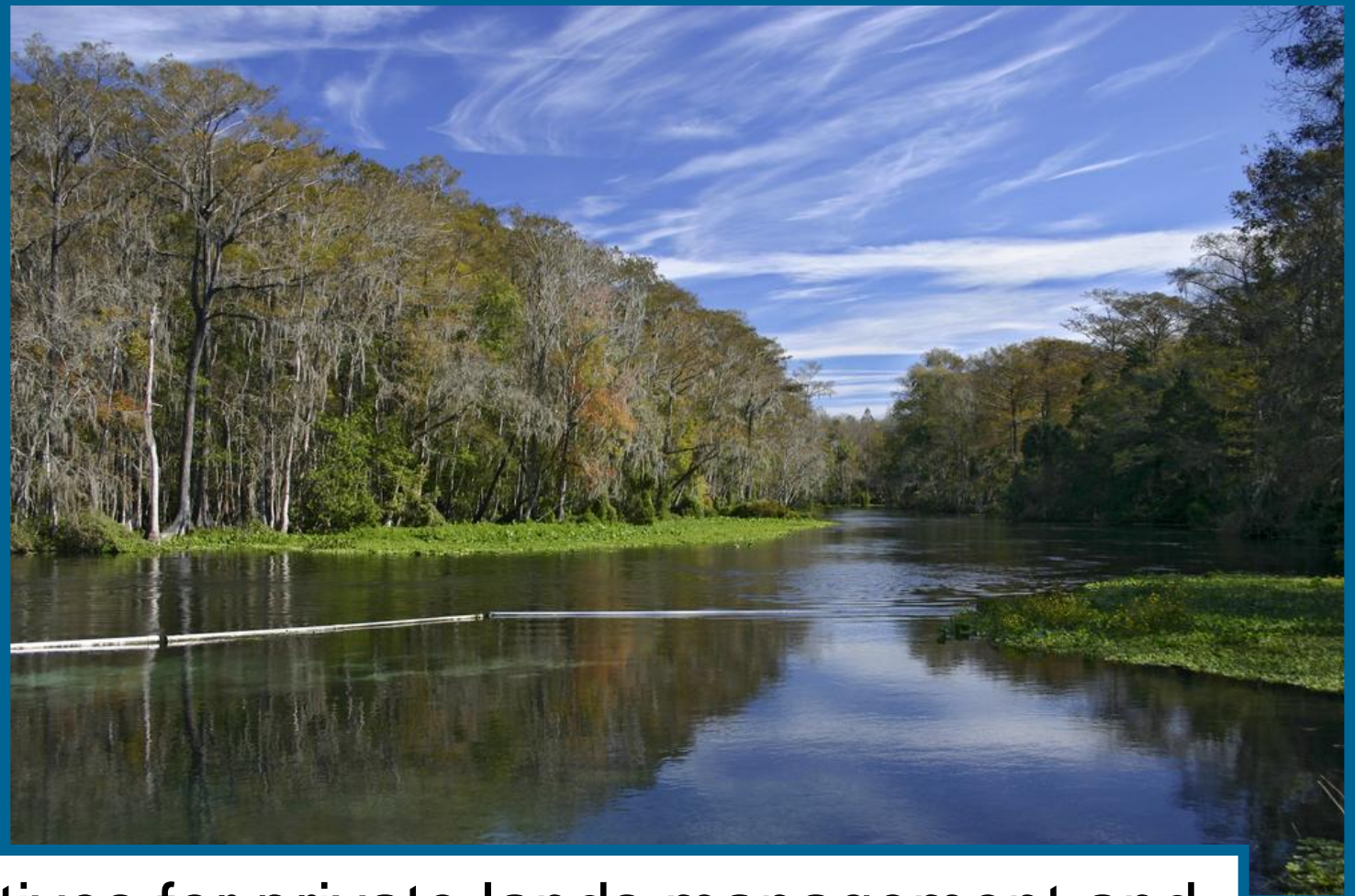


**Key Objectives of Increasing the Inland Population Settlement**



- Water quality enhancement should also be part of this plan

**Key Objectives of Increasing the Inland Population Settlement**



- Incentives for private lands management and conservation are at a low cost to the public

**Key Objectives of Increasing the Inland Population Settlement**

**This line of thinking is a new paradigm for some,  
but the conversation needs to begin.**



- We have a great opportunity to:
  - React and adapt to global warming and sea level rise
  - Conserve and enhance our open lands
  - Provide economic development and diversification through well-planned towns and villages in the inland areas