

ECOSWF 2025 Actions

EPA hearings on Waters of the United States (WOTUS). ECOSWF testified the proposed change in the definition of WOTUS would negatively impact Florida's waters. Many of our waters are not above land surface year round, the Myakka River as an example. It would eliminate many of the protected wetlands throughout the State;

Sludge. ECOSWF signed on to a letter by EarthJustice regarding sludge rules. ECOSWF wants more stringent Rules not a lessening of Rule;

ECOSWF sent a letter to EPA requesting DENIAL of any permits to drill for oil in the Atlantic. ECOSWF partnered with environmental groups along the east coast of Florida;

ECOSWF submitted commented against giving Florida the authority to permit 404 wetland permits;

Continue to sit on the SWFWMD Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Issues:

unlined lakes containing treated sewer water and lateral seepage displacing volume capacity for rainfall events;

improper construction of wells;

requested for the EAC to update the water volumes used in the Environmental Resource Permit Manual;

Met with DEP in an informal hearing regarding deep well injection of treated sewer water;

Myakka River Coordinating Council

Motioned and passed to ask Manatee County to put a 150' protection zone around the Myakka River in Manatee County