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Subject: Release of "The State of the Nation's Ecosystems" Report

http://www.heinzctr.org/env_press.htm (abstract)

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This national publication, produced by the Heinz Center, identifies environmental indicators and conditions of the USA's land, water and living resources. Entitled "The State of the Nation's Ecosystems", this report is the product of nearly five years work by close to 150 experts from business, environmental organizations, academic institutions and federal, state, and local governments.

The report looks at six major ecosystem types that make up our landscape: coasts and oceans; farmlands; forests; fresh waters; grasslands and scrublands; and urban and suburban areas, and provides national trends and gaps.

As we think long-range, you may want to look at some of the findings and extrapolate these to Florida. Best wishes.

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