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POLICY

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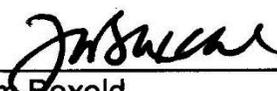
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

It is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to protect and preserve the quality of life, and the natural, physical, social and cultural resources of the State, while expeditiously developing safe, cost effective, and efficient transportation systems.

The Department's environmental programs, procedures and policies will promote and preserve Florida's environmental quality, community values, and economic prosperity in support of implementing Department's programs and projects.

In carrying out this policy, the Department will develop and implement environmental processes and procedures consistent with environmental laws and regulations, and will coordinate and provide the opportunity for input by federal, state and local environmental resource and regulatory agencies, non-governmental organizations and the public to assist the Department in achieving its mission.

These goals will be accomplished in the planning, development, implementation and maintenance phases of projects by balancing environmental considerations with transportation needs through avoidance, minimization of and mitigation for unavoidable environmental impacts.



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