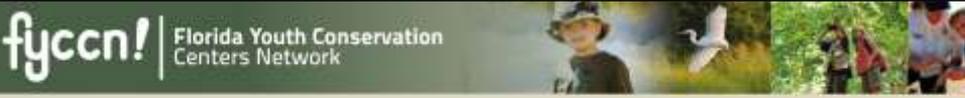


Human Wildlife Interactions Conflict to Coexistence

**The following slides are considered back up
material and are not anticipated to be part of
the actual presentation to the Commission**





Conservation Adventures in Hardee County

- Conservation programming in Hardee County public schools
- Teacher trainings and certifications
- Archery curriculum and equipment in public schools
- Local field trip coordination with traditional outdoor recreation components



Public School Demographics

64.6% Minority

56.3% Hispanic



The Mosaic Company has awarded FYCCN a \$150,000 grant for youth conservation programming to students in the Hardee County public school system. FYCCN will provide the Conservation Adventures curriculum and training for teachers, programmatic supplies and equipment for traditional outdoor recreational activities, and field trip opportunities to Hardee County natural areas for students to participate in conservation education programming tied to recreational activities. FYCCN staff will oversee integration of programming into schools and Hardee County field trip sites, stakeholder involvement, teacher training and certifications, field trip coordination and educational needs. FWC fish and wildlife professionals will participate in youth programs as needed.

Students will participate in traditional outdoor recreational activities such as fishing, boating, archery and wildlife viewing which are engrained with conservation concepts and stewardship opportunities. Students will be taught the skills necessary to enjoy the recreational activities and the responsible actions necessary to keep natural resources healthy and available for public use. All public schools in Hardee County - five elementary, one middle, and one high school - will be provided National Archery in the School (NASP) programming and equipment. Units of study meet state and national educational standards and are designed for inclusion in Physical Education curriculum but can be delivered in history, language, art, and even Spanish classes. Lead coaches and teachers will be certified as NASP® Basic Archery Instructors.

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Apollo Beach Youth Conservation Center

TECO
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THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM

Public School Demographics
59.7% Minority
27.7% Hispanic

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2,000,000 in FCO spending authority from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund has been approved to construct an 8,000 square foot facility to provide conservation education and outdoor skills programs for youth in west central Florida. Outdoor support facilities, including an outdoor classroom pavilion and small storage building for paddling equipment will occupy an additional 1,000 square feet. The marine-focused center will be the first marine-focused location in the FWC Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCEN), and will be part of a larger Conservation and Technology Park created through an innovative partnership with Tampa Electric Company (TECO), the Florida Aquarium, and FWC. TECO and the Florida Aquarium are creating a number of recreational and educational elements for the Center that will mesh seamlessly with the proposed youth center programming including canoe/kayak trails, a wildlife viewing tower, wetlands boardwalks, fishing ponds and exhibits associated with coral restoration and marine animal rescue and rehabilitation. The proposed facility will consist of a central building with multipurpose classrooms as well as outdoor structures to support hands on activities. FWC has entered into a 30 year agreement with TECO and the Florida Aquarium to build the facility on TECO property.



Miami-Dade /Homestead

- Five nature based parks with education centers
- Shooting sports, fishing, boating, camping, wildlife viewing
- Summer Fish Camp at Tropical Park
- Homestead partnerships with Speedway and parks



Public School Demographics

91.3% Minority
63.5% Hispanic





Everglades Youth Conservation Camp

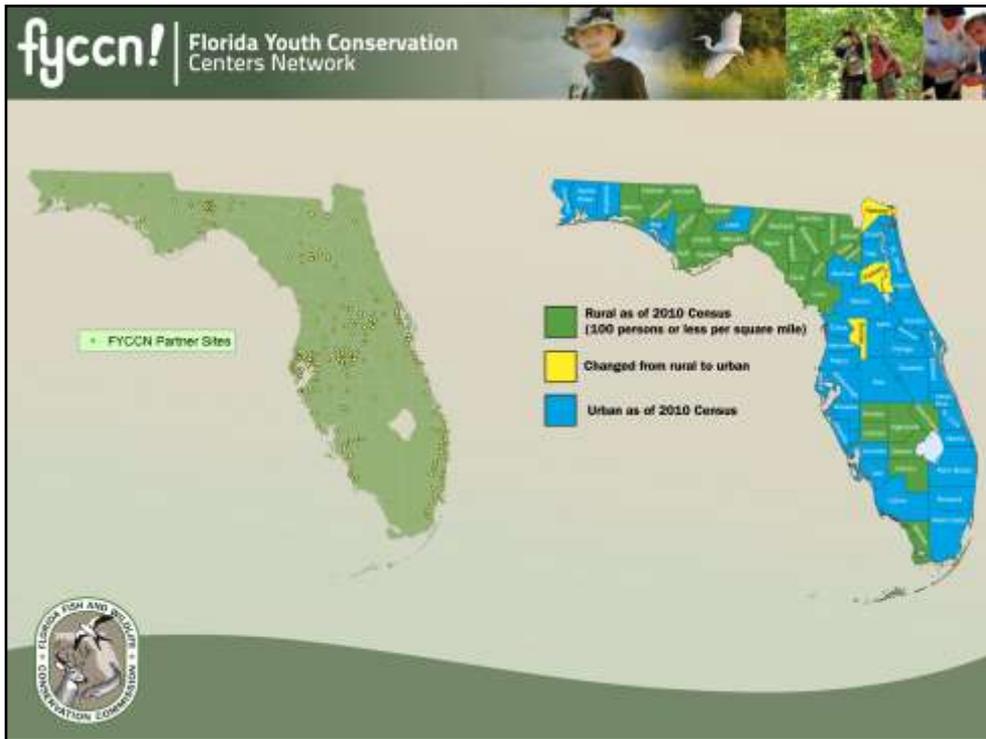
- Residential FWC camp facility
- Offers school field trips and summer camps with shooting sports, fishing, hiking, camping, and boating experiences
- Dining hall and bathhouse renovations, new water treatment plant, waste water plant upgrades, and demo of old structures this year



Public School Demographics

63.1% Minority
27.4% Hispanic





FYCCN's 260+ partners fall primarily in urban, diverse areas which provide a great opportunity to expand conservation programs to underserved audiences.