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Water & Land Conservation Amendment

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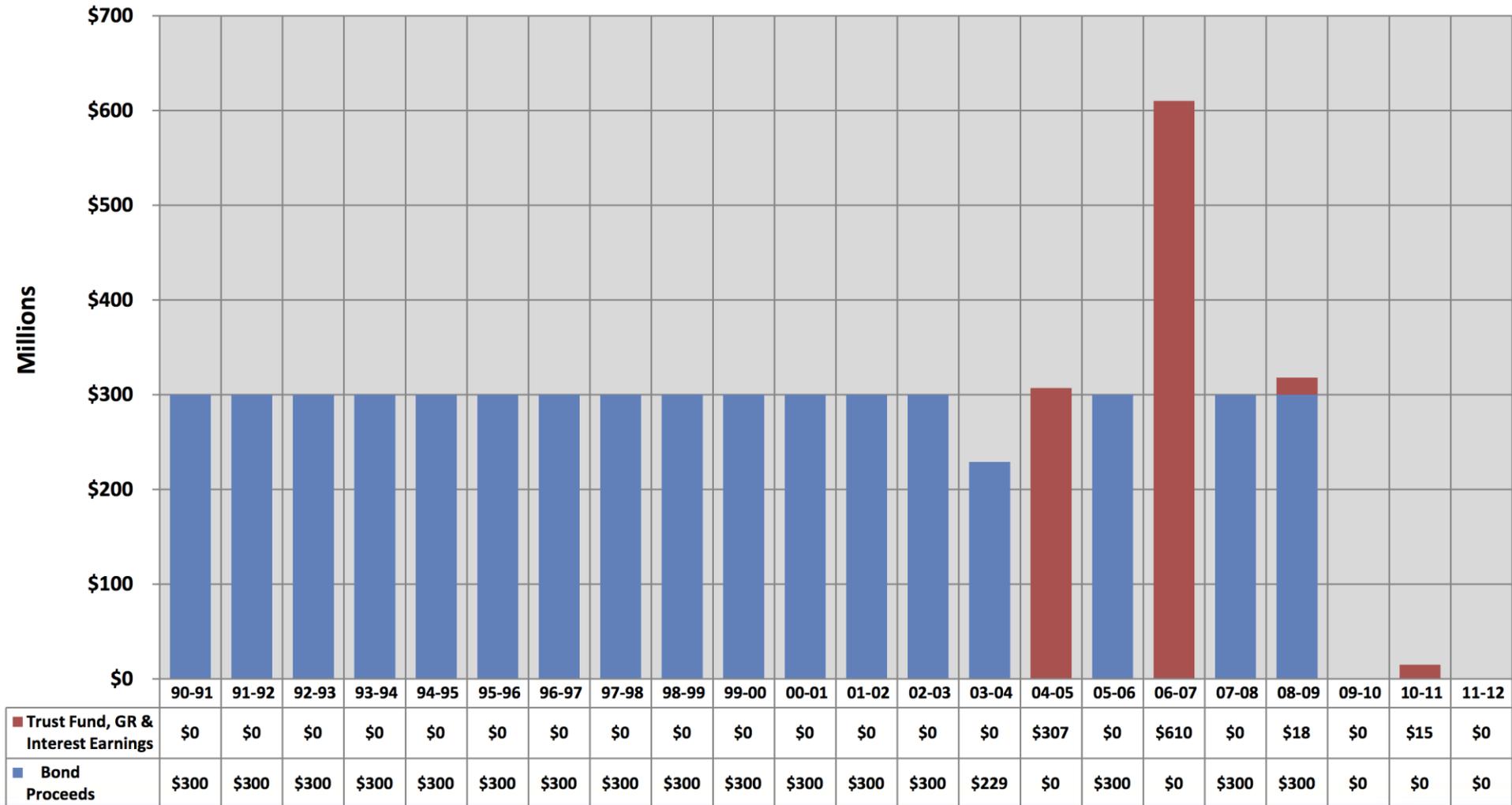


What will the amendment do?

- Allocate 33% of existing excise tax on documents – the doc stamp tax – to water and land conservation, restoration, and management for twenty years
- Places into the Constitution the *status quo* for financing outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation under existing programs authorized by the Constitution and Legislature at funding levels in place for FY 2011-2012



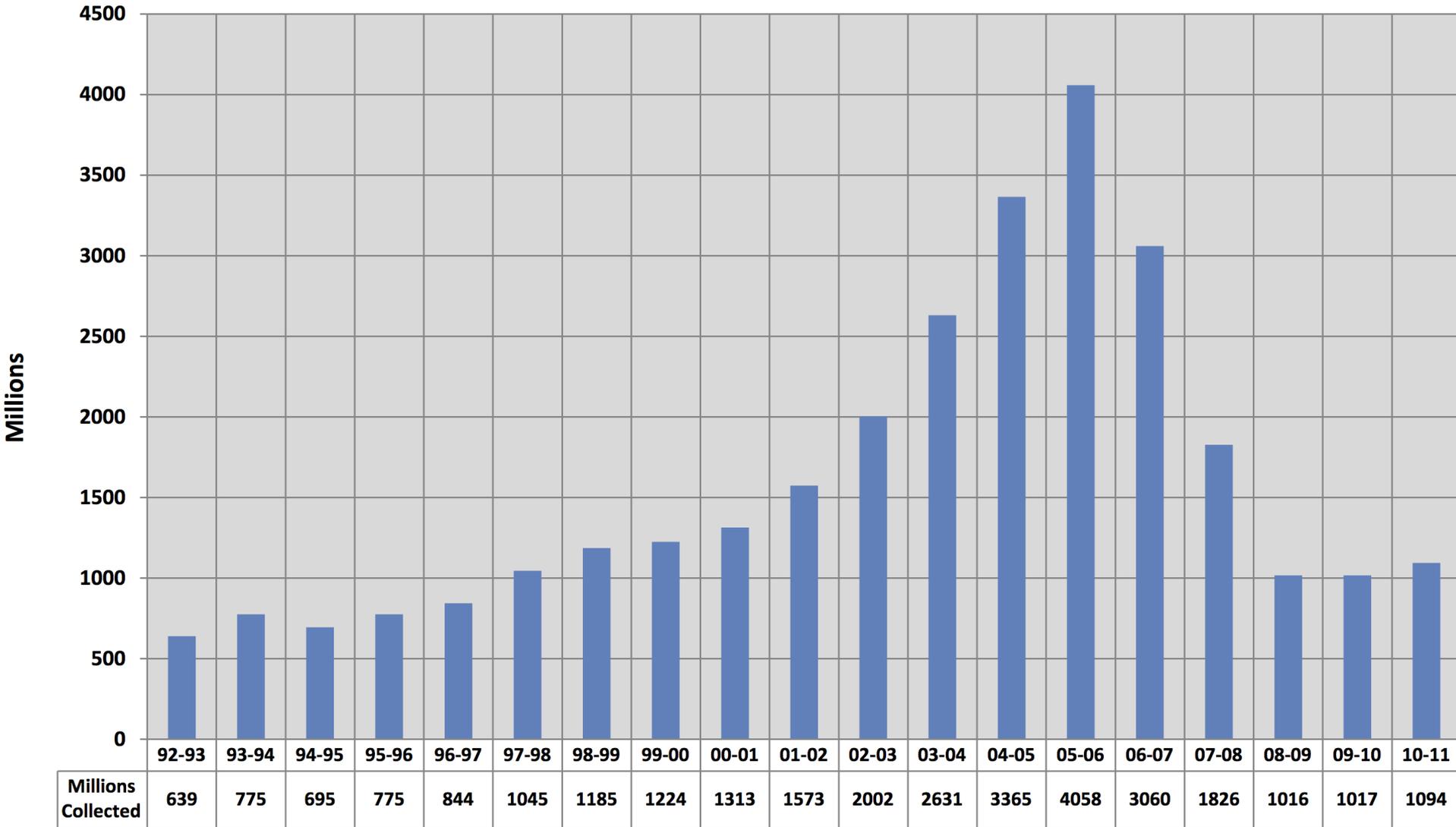
P2000 and Florida Forever Appropriations



Source: Department of Environmental Protection

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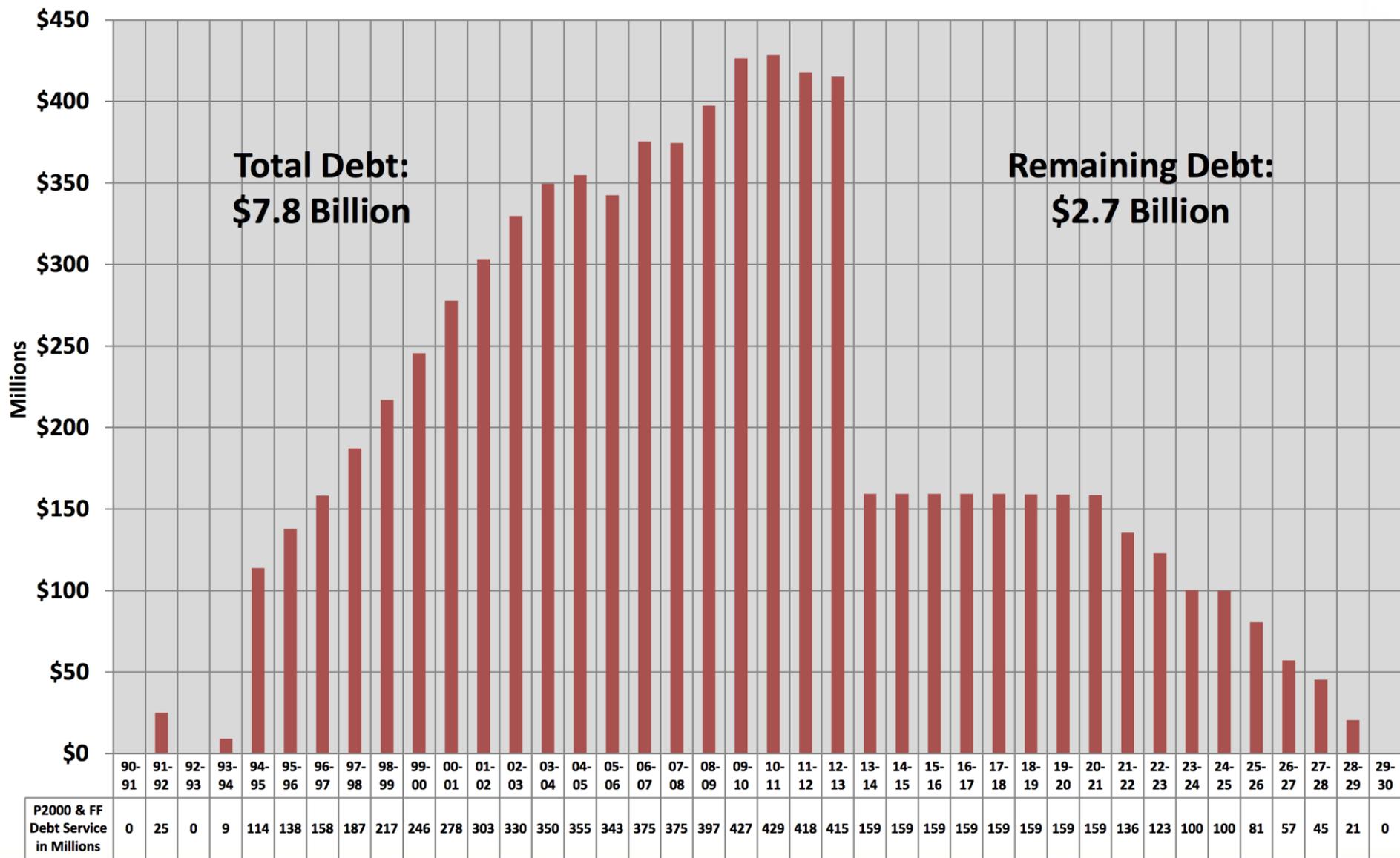
Doc Stamp Collections



Source: Department of Environmental Protection

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P2000 and Florida Forever Debt Service



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Percentage of Doc Stamps for Conservation

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Revenue (\$B)</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Percent</u>
FY2010-2011	\$1.093	\$434	39%
FY2011-2012	\$1.306	\$426	33%
FY2012-2013	\$1.591	\$415	26%



Percentage of Doc Stamps for Conservation

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Revenue (\$billions)</u>	<u>33%</u>
2015-16	\$1,898	\$632
2016-2017	\$2,020	\$673
2017-2018	\$2,147	\$715
2018-2019	\$2,257	\$752
2019-2020	\$2,363	\$787



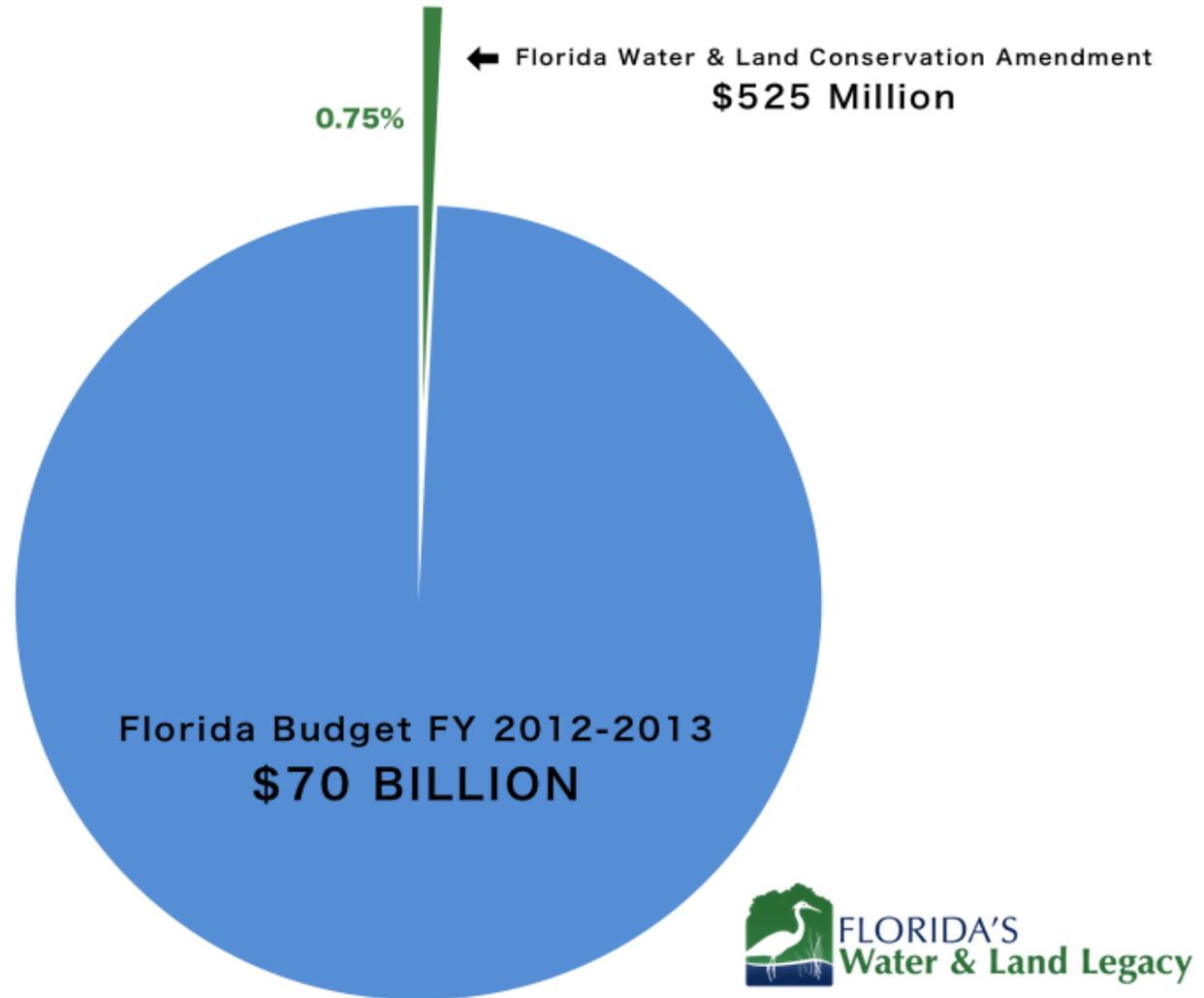
Florida Documentary Stamp Tax

Historical Collections FY2003 - FY2013		Projected Collections FY2013 - FY2023		
Fiscal Year	Tax Total	Fiscal Year	Total Doc Stamp Collections	33% dedication
03/04	1,884,604,554	13/14	1,705,600,000	562,848,000
04/05	2,479,425,697	14/15	1,829,700,000	603,801,000
05/06	3,152,212,447	15/16	1,974,600,000	651,618,000
06/07	3,032,837,000	16/17	2,079,200,000	686,136,000
07/08	1,954,931,000	17/18	2,182,300,000	720,159,000
08/09	1,122,782,000	18/19	2,280,200,000	752,466,000
09/10	1,078,561,961	19/20	2,378,100,000	784,773,000
10/11	1,156,452,051	20/21	2,483,500,000	819,555,000
11/12	1,184,300,000	21/22	2,590,000,000	854,700,000
12/13	1,296,800,000	22/23	2,670,100,000	881,133,000

Source: Revenue Estimating Conference.



Less Than 1% of State Budget



Fiscal Responsibility

- Protecting working and open lands maintains lower demand for public services and saves communities money by decreasing demand for roads, schools, and other community services
- Cost of community services study in Leon County found for every \$1 paid in local taxes open lands require \$0.42 in services

Sources: American Farmland Trust



Enhanced Property Values

- Market values of properties located near a park, trail, or greenway are frequently higher than those of comparable properties located elsewhere
- Premium on single family homes
 - Leon County \$14,400
 - Alachua County \$8,200
 - Orange County \$33,700



Photo credit: Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau



Sources: *The Trust for Public Land and University of Central Florida*

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Recreation & Tourism



- Attract non-residents to the area
- These visitors spend money in local communities
- Outdoor Recreation in Florida Accounts for:

- \$38.3 billion to state's economy
- 329,000 jobs
- \$10.7 billion in wages and salaries
- \$2.5 billion in state and local tax revenue

Source: Outdoor Industry Association



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Wildlife Tourism



- 6.4 million people hunt, fish, and/or wildlife watch in Florida annually
- These visitors spend \$9.0 billion
- \$3.1 billion in retail sales just from wildlife viewing
- \$5.25 billion total value added from wildlife viewing

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.



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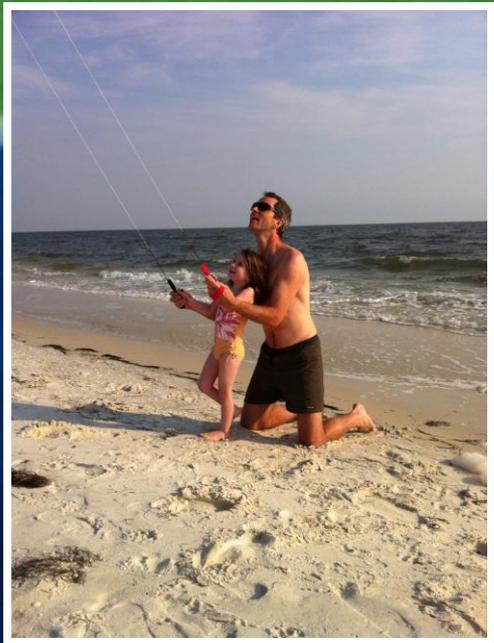
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Improved Health of Florida Residents



- When people have access to trails and parks they exercise more
- Exercise reduces illness in people of all ages
- As of 2010, 64.2% of Florida adults are overweight and 26.6% are obese
- Obesity related health care spending is projected to reach \$26 billion by 2018



Source: Center for Disease Control and the Partnership to Fish Chronic Disease



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