

**Glen Springs Preservation Association
Greenspace Preservation Association
Florida League of Conservation Voters
SUPPORT
THE SIERRA CLUB WETLANDS POLICY
as follows:**

Policies:

- 1.1.1 1. Creation of new wetlands shall not be allowed as a substitute for the preservation of existing wetlands.
2. Wetlands damaged on or subsequent to the effective date of this policy shall be restored to their original state at the owner's expense except as may be provided by #3 below.
3. Developmental activity shall not be authorized in wetlands or wetland buffers except when the City Commission shall determine by a majority vote that the applicant has met all of the following conditions:
 - a. The applicant has taken every responsible step to avoid adverse impact to the wetland and buffer; and
 - b. The applicant has taken every responsible step to minimize adverse impact to the wetland and buffer; and
 - c. Prior to development, the applicant has provided appropriate mitigation for adverse impact to the wetland and buffer; and
 - d. The applicant has shown that the following circumstances apply:
 - i. The proposed developmental activity shall have minimal adverse impact; and
 - ii. there exists an overriding public interest, to be defined by the City Commission, in allowing the developmental activity and approved mitigation; or
 - iii. all economically beneficial or productive use of the property is otherwise precluded.
4. Undisturbed buffers shall be maintained around wetlands according to the following schedule:
 - a. Creeks and surface waters: 100 feet plus 2 feet for every 1% of slope. Slopes above 25% do not count for buffer width.
 - b. Outstanding Florida Waters: 200 Feet.
 - c. Areas with listed plant or animal species within 300 feet of surface waters and wetlands: 300 feet from wetlands.