



# Green Jobs For Refuges

## Creating Jobs in Florida by Investing in National Wildlife Refuges

The Cooperative Alliance For Refuge Enhancement (CARE) and its combined 14 million members and supporters urge Congress to include \$1 billion for nearly 20,000 new green jobs on national wildlife refuges nationwide in the 2009 economic recovery package.

*A \$1 billion investment nationally would support over \$20 million in projects for Florida and create more than 457 new jobs on 21 National Wildlife Refuges in the state.*

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

### NATIONAL KEY DEER NWR:

- LEED Certified Visitor's Center and Administrative Center
- Invasive Species Removal and Control

### J.N. "DING" DARLING NWR

- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiencies Projects
- Invasive Species Removal and Control — Brazilian pepper, Australian pine and Melaleuca

### ARTHUR R. MARSHALL LOXAHATCHEE NWR:

- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiencies Projects
- Invasive Species Eradication — Melaleuca, Old World Climbing Fern

## Economic Value of Stimulus to Local Florida Communities

National Wildlife Refuges offer significant economic benefits by attracting 40 million visitors annually, who spend more than \$1.7 billion each year, resulting in employment for more than 27,000 Americans. Refuges are economic engines in local economies, returning at least \$4 of economic activity for every \$1 appropriated by Congress and in many cases the return is much, much higher.

An investment of \$20 million to build green facilities, install renewable energy technology, and restore thousands of acres of wildlife habitat leverages a much larger total economic return for citizens, communities, and the State. Based on estimates from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this investment will generate:

**Total Economic Output: \$55.5 million**  
**Local and State revenue: \$28.2 million**



## About C.A.R.E.

The Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement is a diverse coalition of 22 conservation, recreation, sporting, and scientific organizations with more than 14 million members and supporters across the United States. CARE has been working since 1995 to help the National Wildlife Refuge System fight a serious funding crisis.

*American Birding Association*

*American Fisheries Society*

*American Sportfishing Association*

*Assateague Coastal Trust*

*Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation*

*Defenders of Wildlife*

*Ducks Unlimited*

*Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*

*Izaak Walton League of America*

*National Audubon Society*

*National Rifle Association of America*

*National Wildlife Federation*

*National Wildlife Refuge Association*

*Safari Club International*

*The Corps Network*

*The Nature Conservancy*

*The Wilderness Society*

*The Wildlife Society*

*Trout Unlimited*

*U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance*

*Wildlife Forever*

*Wildlife Management Institute*



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