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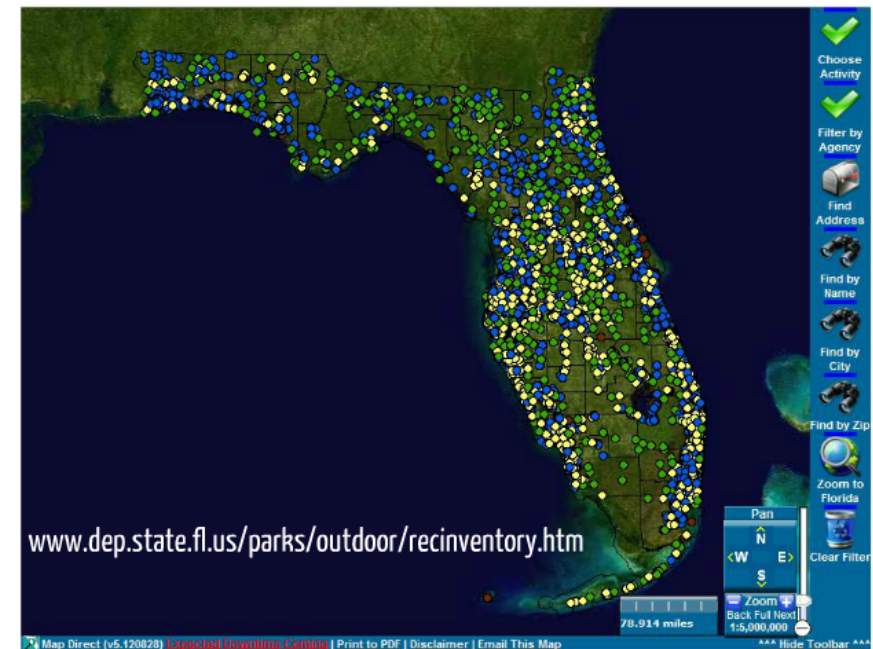
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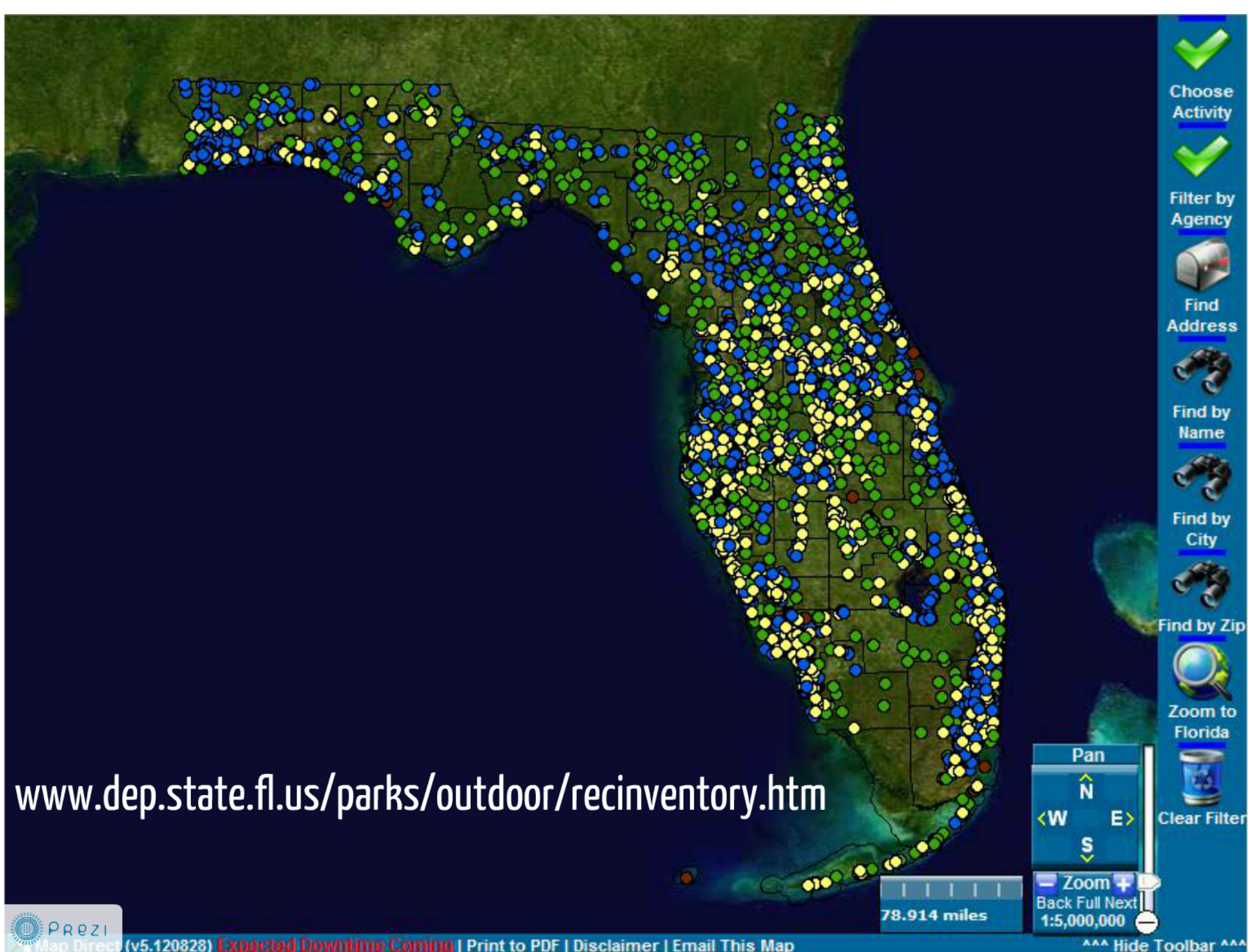


Outdoor Recreation Supply

Florida Outdoor Recreation Inventory (FORI):

- Comprehensive inventory of recreation facilities in Florida
- Web-based for easy access and updates
- Updated at least every 5 years by public and private recreation providers







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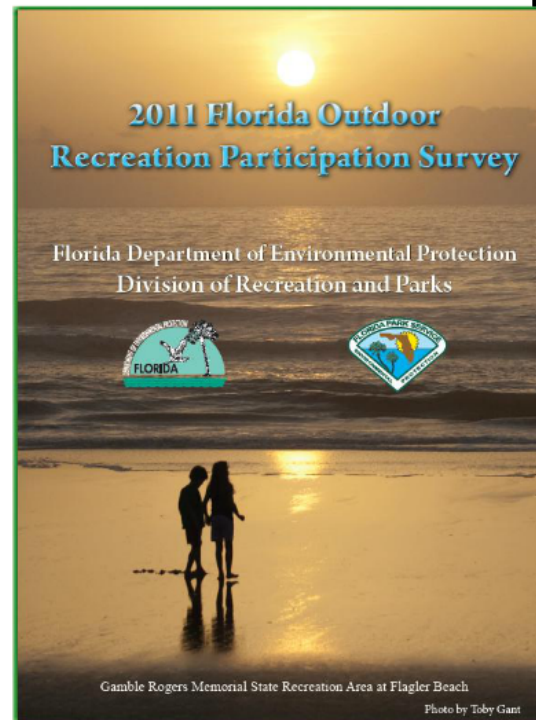
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**Determined by outdoor recreation participation study
of residents and tourists**

2011 Florida Outdoor Recreation Participation Survey



Responsive Management





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Top 5 Outdoor Recreation Activities

Residents

1. Saltwater Beach Activities
2. Wildlife Viewing
3. Bicycling - Paved Trails
4. Picnicking
5. Visiting Historical or Archaeological Sites

Tourists

1. Saltwater Beach Activities
2. Wildlife Viewing
3. Picnicking
4. Swimming in public outdoor pools
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Level of Service (LOS)

- Combines facility inventory data (supply) with participation data (demand)
- Determined for outdoor recreation activities at a statewide and regional level
- Regional comparisons of LOS show regions with greatest needs

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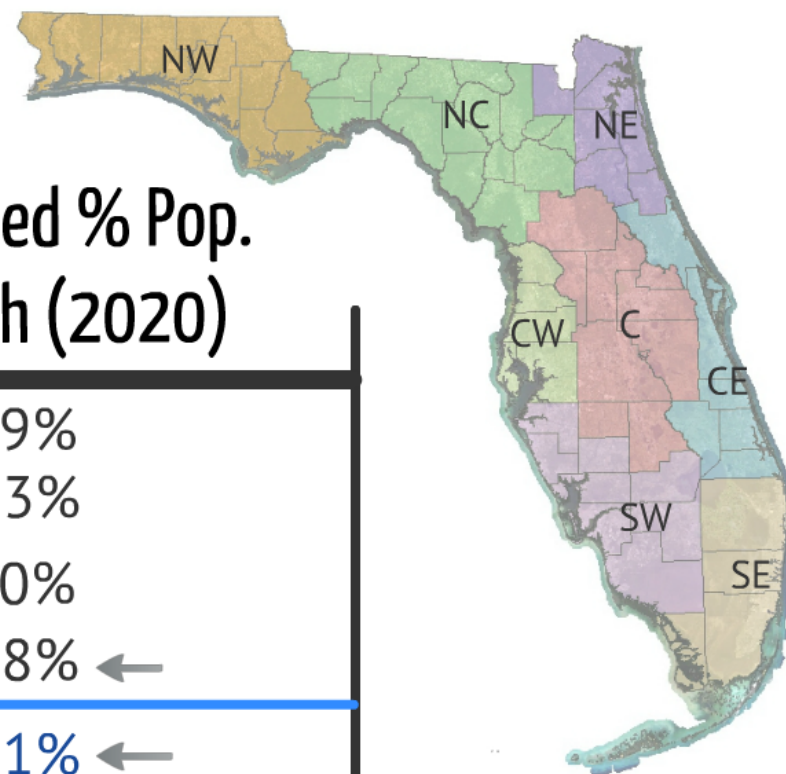
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Regional LOS Comparisons

Region		Projected % Pop. Growth (2020)
Above Statewide Median	Northwest	9%
	Central East	13%
	North Central	10%
	Southwest	18% ←
	Central	21% ←
Below	Northeast	17% ←
	Central West	13% ←
	Southeast	8% ←





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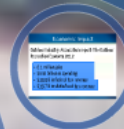
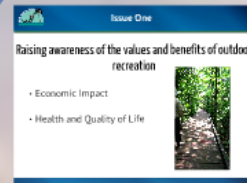
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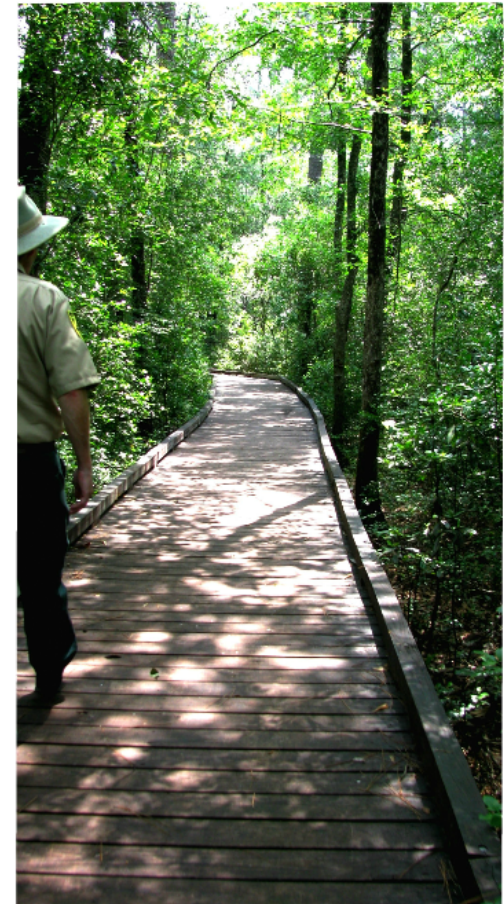
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Awareness of benefits

Raising awareness of the values and benefits of outdoor recreation

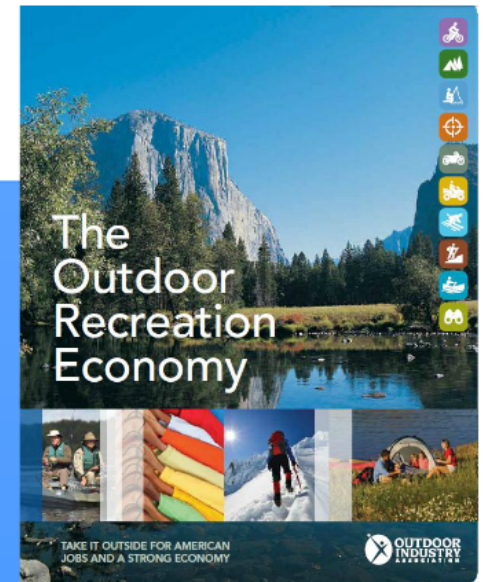
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Economic Impact

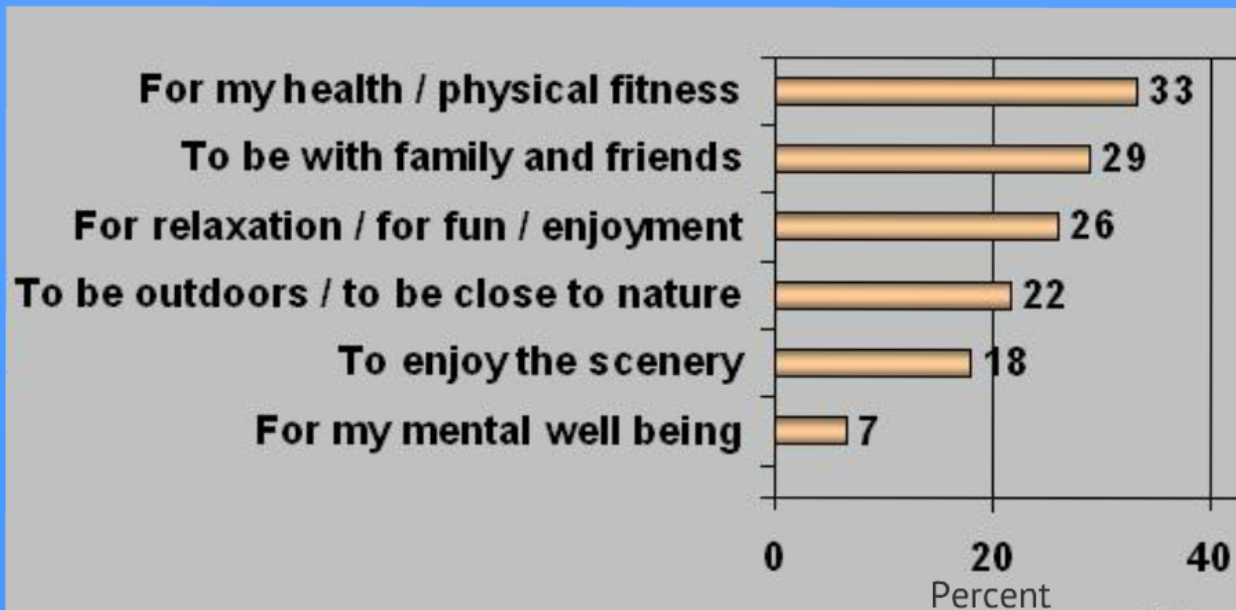
Outdoor Industry Association report: The Outdoor Recreation Economy 2012

- 6.1 million jobs
- \$646 billion in spending
- \$39.9 B in federal tax revenue
- \$39.7 B in state/local tax revenue



Health and Quality of Life

Top reasons residents participate in outdoor recreation

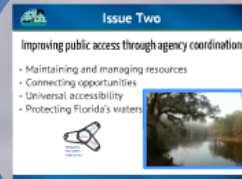


Responsive Management Survey

Every \$1 spent on biking trails and walking paths could save approx. \$3 in medical expenses.



(American Heart Association)

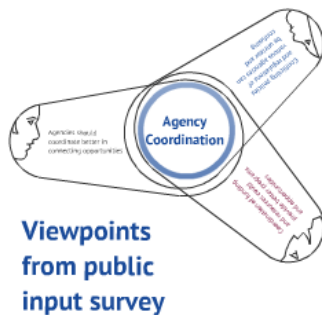


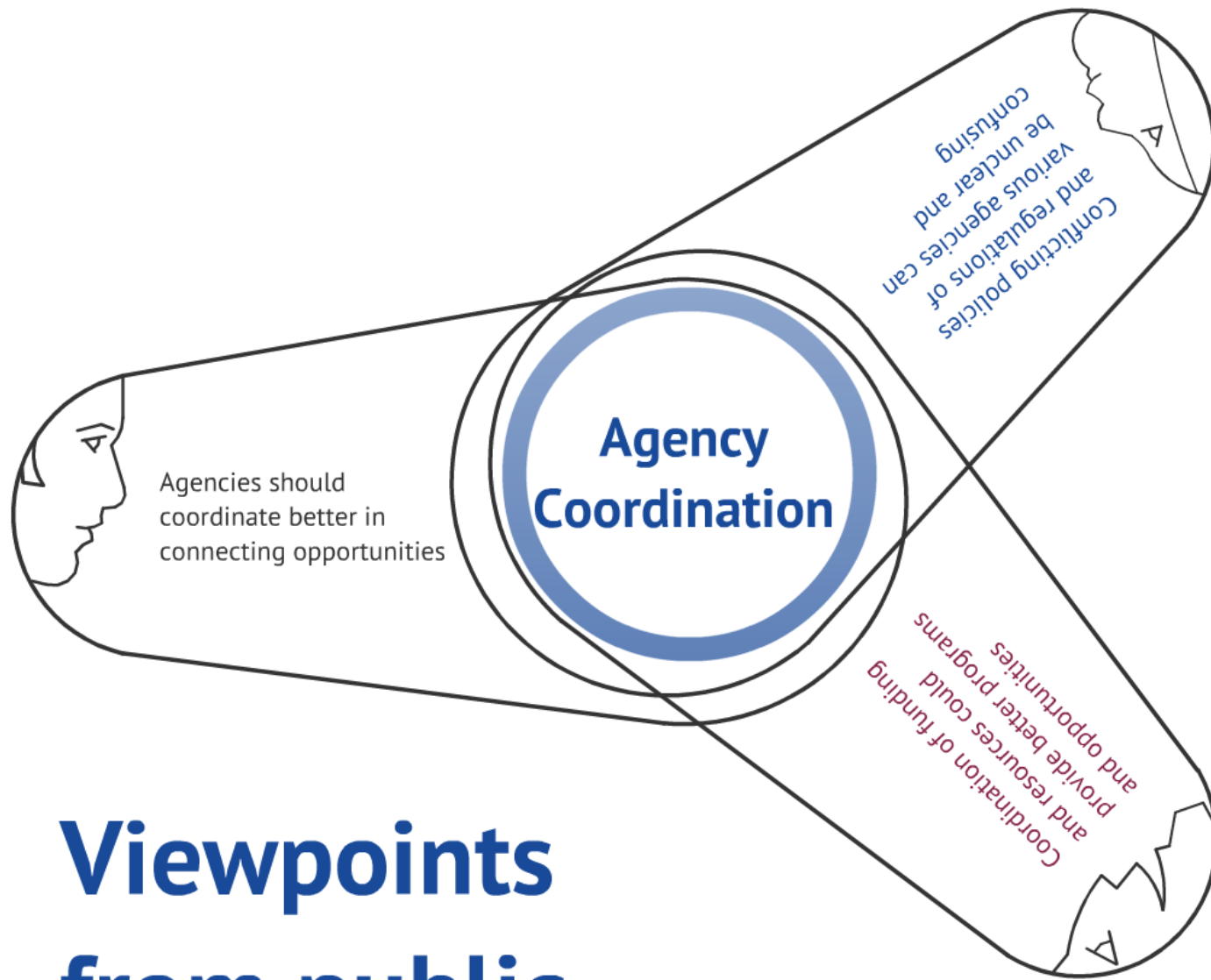
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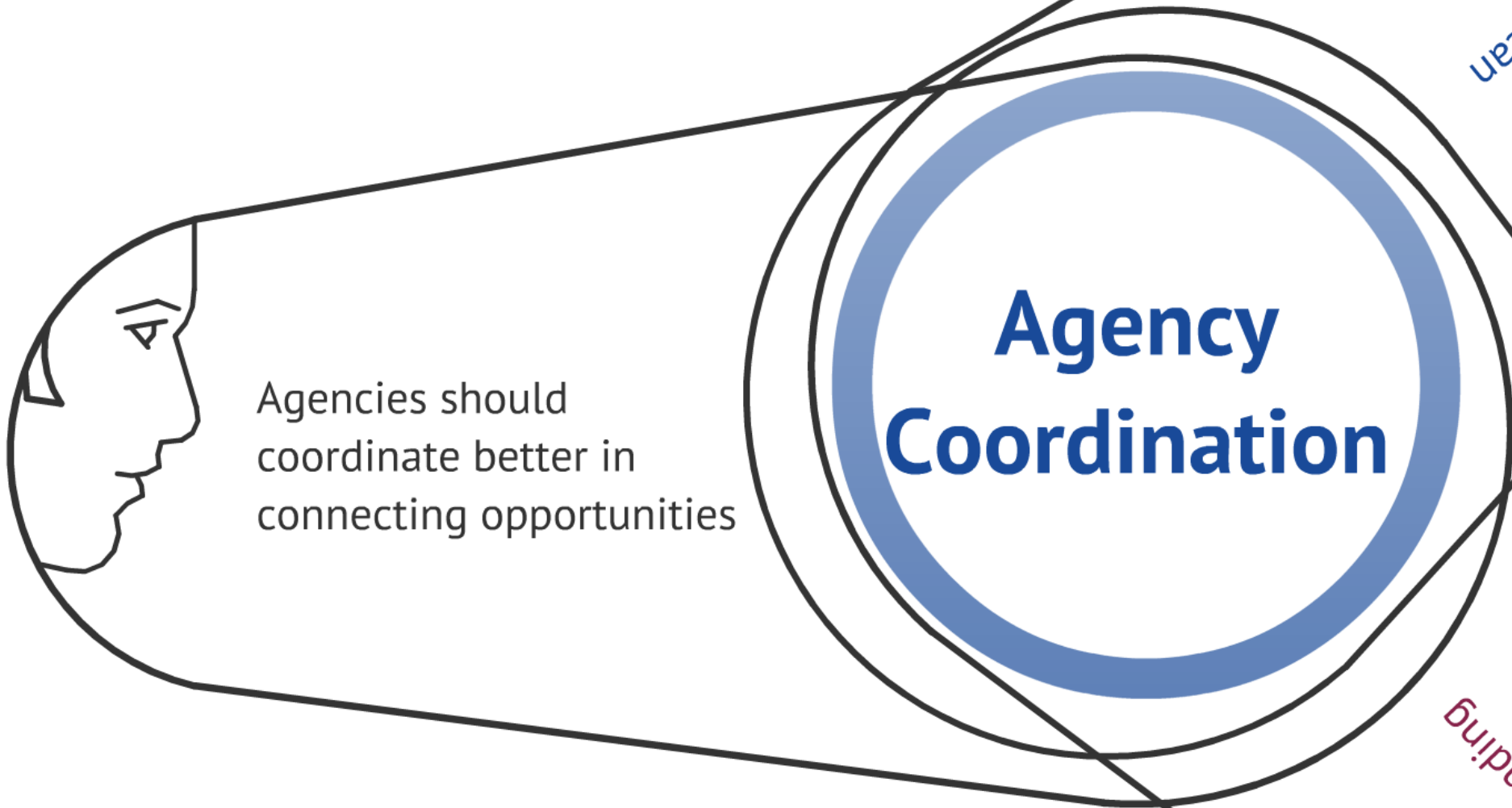
Improving public access through agency coordination

- Maintaining and managing resources
- Connecting opportunities
- Universal accessibility
- Protecting Florida's waters





Viewpoints from public input survey



Funding
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Agency Coordination

Conflicting policies
and regulations of
various agencies can
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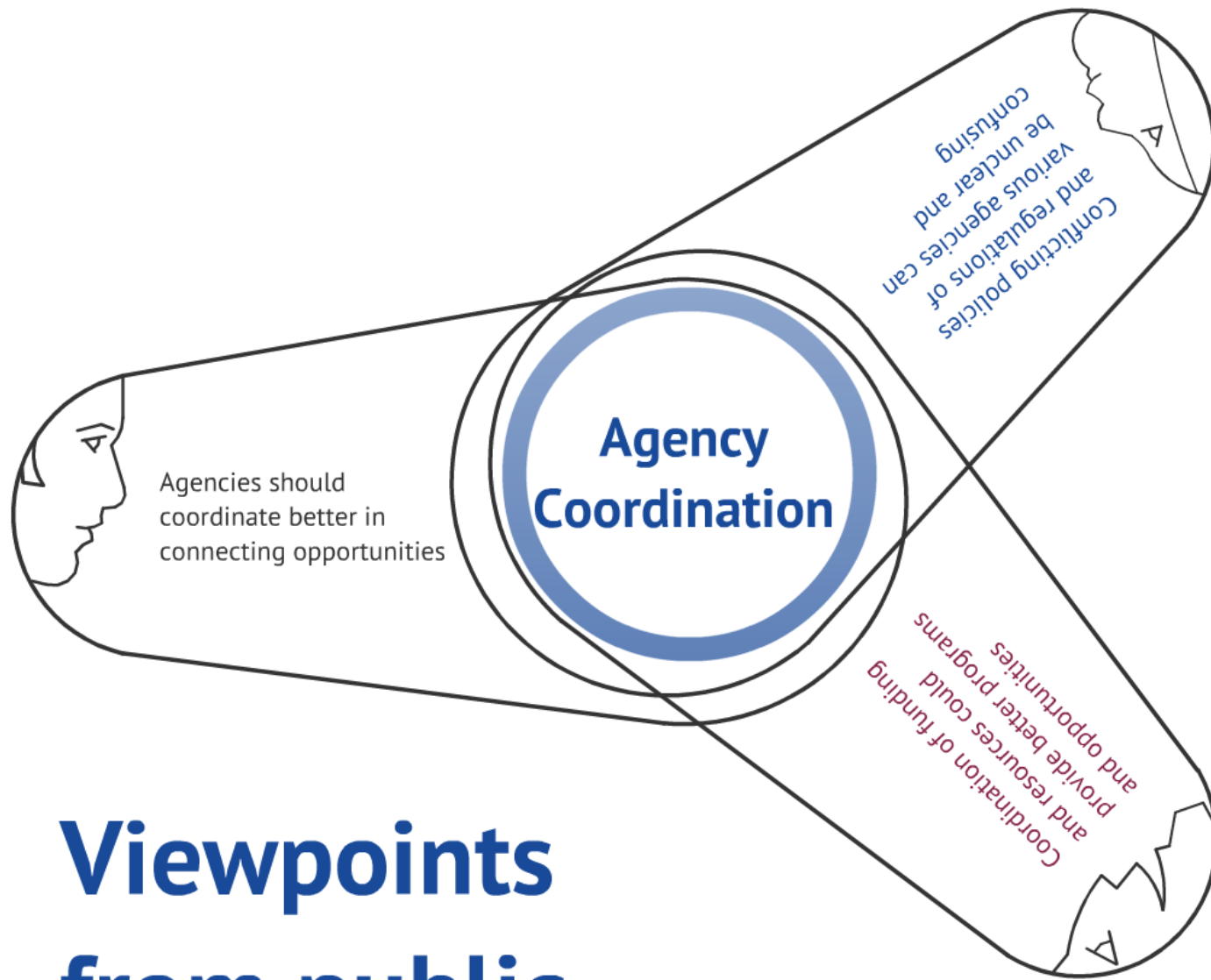
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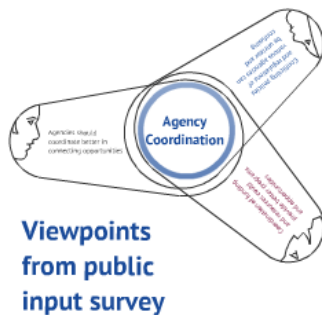


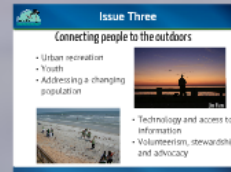
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Issue Three

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- Urban recreation
- Youth
- Addressing a changing population



- Technology and access to information
- Volunteerism, stewardship and advocacy



Connecting Youth

"If we are going to save environmentalism and the environment, we must also save an endangered indicator species: the child in nature." - Richard Louv



LIFE Program

Urban Recreation

- Approximately 90% of Floridians live in an urban setting
- Blend of natural and built environment essential to establishing connections



Addressing a changing population

Seniors and Hispanics are among the fastest growing segments of Florida's population



Age	2010	2020	2030
65+	18%	20%	24%
18 & Under	21%	20%	20%

**Projected changes in age
(percent population)**

	2010	2020	2030
Hispanic	23%	25%	27%
Non-Hispanic	77%	75%	73%

**Projected changes in
Hispanic population in
Florida (percent
population)**

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	2010	2020	2030
Hispanic	25%	31%	27%
Non-Hispanic	77%	70%	73%

Projected changes in Hispanic population in Florida (percent projected)

	2010	2020	2030
65+	18%	21%	24%
18-64	71%	79%	76%

Projected changes in age (percent projected)

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Addressing Urban and Rural Issues

- Appropriate urban development
- Blended urban and rural landscapes



Addressing the Needs of Seniors and Hispanics

Seniors and Hispanics are segments of Florida's population that need to be addressed.





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