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# Recommendations to Protect Florida's Springs and Significant Water Resources

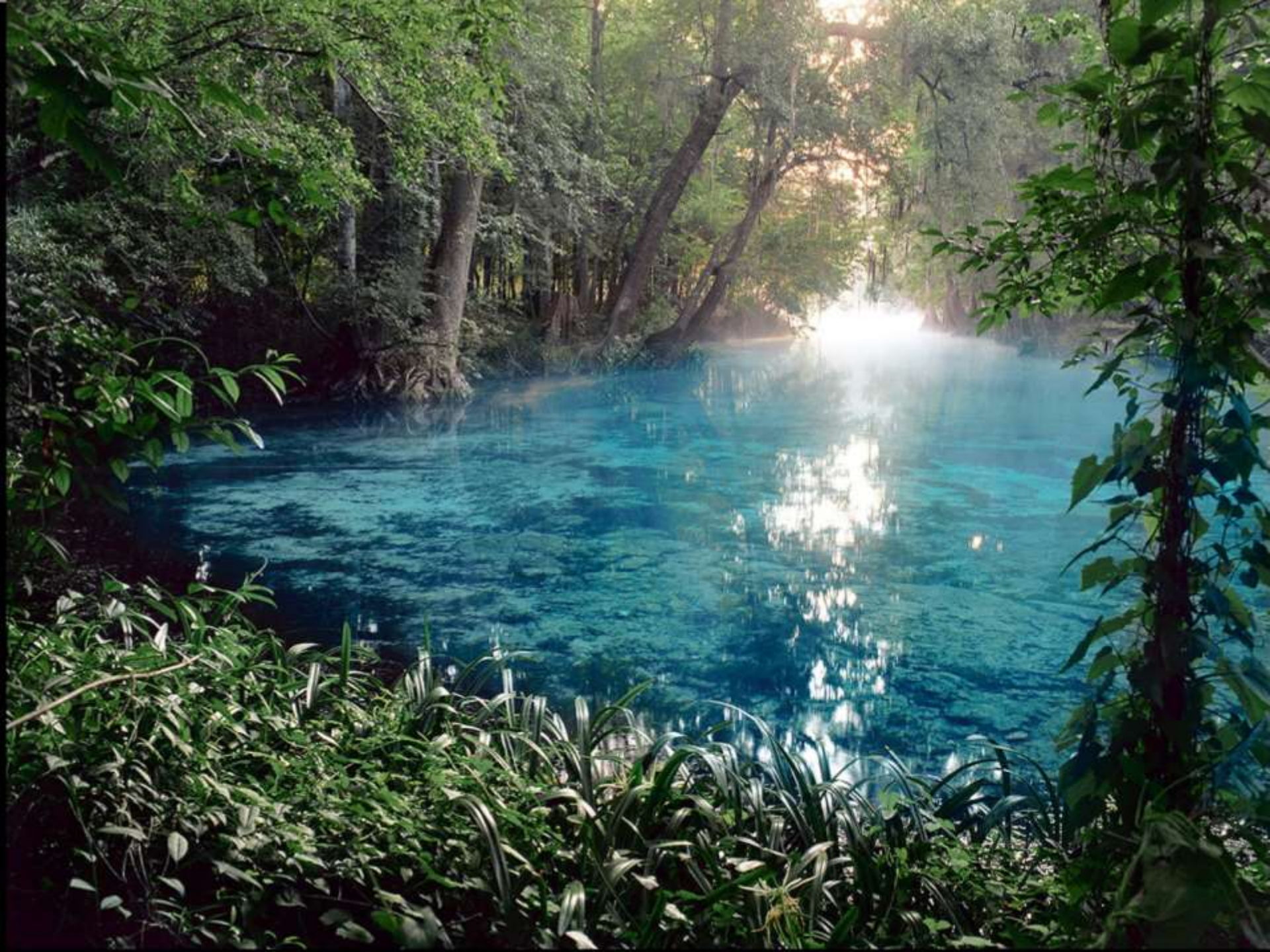


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- The Florida Conservation Coalition (FCC) is composed of 50 organizations dedicated to protecting and conserving Florida's land, fish and wildlife and water resources.
- FCC Initiative to Protect Florida's Springs and Significant Water Resources.

For more information on the FCC visit: [FloridaConservationCoalition.org](http://FloridaConservationCoalition.org)



# Peacock Springs



# Kissingen Springs



# Ichetucknee Springs

**1995**



**2006**



**2012**



# Indian River Lagoon (2013)



# Nutrient Pollution in Springs and Rivers



# Water Supply



BLUE  
SPRINGS



Blue Springs Park  
CLOSED  
for spring break,  
due to low  
water levels.

# Current Florida Water Policy is Ineffective

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# **FCC** Recommendations



- **Delineation of Springsheds by Rulemaking**
- **More Effective Basin Management Action Plan Implementation and Enforcement**
- **Improve Effectiveness, Enforcement and Funding of Agricultural Best Management Practices**



# **FCC** Recommendations

- **Improve Standards for Wastewater Discharges**
- **Reduce Septic Tank Pollution**
- **Reduce Fertilizer Pollution**



## **FCC Recommendations**

- **Connect Water Quality and Water Quantity Regulations**
- **Update Water Management District Rainfall and Recharge Models**
- **Revise Water Management District Governing Board Selection Process**



# **FCC Recommendations**

- **Annual Reporting on Health of Florida's Waters**
- **Land Conservation to Protect Water Resources**



# **FCC Funding Options**

- **Water Management District Ad Valorem Taxes**
- **State Revolving Fund**
- **Florida Forever Funding**

# Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act

- State Senator David Simmons (R – Altamonte Springs) is working on Springs Legislation for the 2014 session
- Incorporates many elements of the FCC Recommendations to Protect Springs and Significant Water Resources



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Springs and Wildlife Photography

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