

**Visit Florida**

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce supports the growth of business for its members and community and believes that Visit Florida promotes long term growth for the state of Florida and the invaluable tourism industry.

Visit Florida provides Cooperative opportunities and Marketing partnerships to our community that would not be possible without their assistance.

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce supports the continued full funding of Visit Florida based on the agency requested appropriations and the removal of the sunset clause.

**Tourism**

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce supports preserving the current uses of Tourist Development Taxes and opposes any expansion of those uses outside of current tourism marketing activities. Voters in each Florida county approved the collection of this tax for the sole and specific purpose of funding the promotion and marketing of Florida tourism.

**QTI- Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund**

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce supports re-instating the QTI.

**Water Quality**

* We **support** consistent sustained funding levels for priority Everglades Restoration projects including the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir to accomplish the objective of sending clean water south as quickly as possible; the C-43 Reservoir project and associated water quality treatment along the Caloosahatchee; and implementation of other critical storage and water quality infrastructure projects north, south, east, and west of Lake Okeechobee.
* We **support** legislative actions implementing the Blue-Green Algae Task Force’s recommendations that aim to reduce nutrient pollution from all sources, to protect the public, businesses, and the environment from harmful algal blooms.
* We **support** strengthening stormwater standards for urban landscapes (statewide stormwater rule update and ratification) and agricultural runoff, particularly for nutrient pollution from nitrogen and phosphorus that feeds harmful algal blooms.
* We **support** funding for and plans to upgrade and build advanced wastewater treatment to reduce nutrients in reuse/reclaimed irrigation water with monitoring of nutrient concentrations.
* We **support** the establishment of statewide septic tank inspection and maintenance requirements.
* We **support** Home Rule and oppose any statewide pre-emption policies that would restrict the ability of local governments to protect our water quality.