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Action Alert! Action Alert! Action Alert!

For the sake of the sea turtles, the time to act is now.

The beaches of the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge on the east-central coast of Florida are of global importance. As the nesting grounds of the second largest population of threatened loggerheads in the world, protection of these beaches is critical to sea turtle survival. Unless funds are appropriated now to buy this land, rapid coastal development and beach erosion threatens to turn precious nesting habitat into subdivisions and strip malls.

We need your help again!

The Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge was approved in 1990 with an anticipated cost of \$90 million to be shared by federal, state, and local funds. To date more than \$64 million has been contributed by the State of Florida, Brevard County, and private foundations, while Congress has provided only \$6.9 million - less than 10% of state and local contributions. The situation has become critical. Time is money - *literally* - the longer Congress waits to provide the funds, the higher the price tag, if the land is even left to be bought.

It's time to issue a wake up call, to tell Congress loud and clear that time is running out, and they *must* provide adequate federal funding for this national refuge.

Fortunately, the Administration has requested \$7 million this year, five times the amount they requested last year. The House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees will now make their recommendations for federal funding for Fiscal Year 1995. They need to be reminded to put the Carr Refuge high on the priority list!

Please call or write

Your Representative and Senator today and ask them to support the Carr Refuge and to urge the Appropriations Subcommittees to support the President's budget by appropriating \$7 million this fiscal year for land acquisition.



The Honorable (Name)
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable (Name)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510




The U.S. Capitol switchboard (202-224-3121) can connect you to individual offices.

Tell Congress that high hopes and good intentions aside, *it all comes down to funding*. In your letters and phone calls, you might also want to include these points:

1. The beaches of Carr Refuge are nationally and internationally significant, each year hosting 12,000-16,000 threatened loggerhead nests and several hundred endangered green sea turtle nests.
2. The Carr Refuge has strong support at the local, state, and national levels and exemplifies the goals of the Land and Water Conservation Fund which provides money for endangered species and recreation.
3. Time is running out: if we don't act now, these beaches will be lost forever to development. Purchases now are an investment for the future of sea turtles, wild places, and the public as a whole.



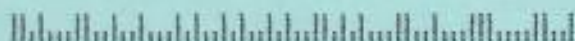
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You've heard from us before, and we're back again. This time, the Clinton Administration recognizes the urgency of the situation - now we need your help to get Congress to support the Archie Carr Turtle Refuge!

