

## **ELC Challenges Mining in the Everglades Agricultural Area**

Large scale lime rock and other excavation in the Everglades Agricultural Area has the potential to cause very serious environmental impacts, including water quality and quantity impacts as well as impeding the restoration of more natural water flows throughout the Everglades. In 2008, we filed multiple lawsuits in Palm Beach County Circuit Court seeking to overturn County approvals for three mines totaling over 11,000 acres within the EAA. Those cases, concerning the *Lake Harbor / Fla. Rock Quarry*, the *South Bay Quarry*, and the *Bergeron Mine* remain pending. Our clients, Sierra Club, 1000 Friends of Florida, and Florida Wildlife Federation, are seeking to ensure that mining in the does not compromise ongoing restoration efforts in this vast region that is central to success in virtually all aspects of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.