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Florida Boating Access Facilities Inventory & Economic Study

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The institute led an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional team in a research project commissioned by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The project, the *Florida Boating Access Facilities Inventory and Economic Study,* produced data and tools for improving decision-making on the siting of and capital investments in boating infrastructure. The project produced:

- a comprehensive inventory of recreational boating access facilities located along Florida's coastal and inland waters;
- an estimate of boating capacity available at private waterfront residential properties;
- documentation of the economic significance of recreational boating in Florida based on trip and craft spending of registered boaters;
- a method for incorporating economics into site-suitability assessments for marinas and boat ramps;
- a process based on economic value to guide the planning of new and rebuilt recreational boating infrastructure (using Random Utility Models)
- estimates of future boating demand.

Team members were from the Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions at Florida Atlantic University, the Recreational Marine Research Center at Michigan State University, Bordner Research, Inc., the Planning and Zoning Center, Inc., Resource Economics Research, and Environmental Economics Inc.

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