

Are you saddened that Florida's springs are becoming polluted and losing their flow? Have you wanted to do something meaningful to help save them? This is a way for you to make a difference.

Legislation to protect Florida's springs was introduced but failed to pass in each of the last five legislative sessions. This was due, in part, to inadequate public support for meaningful protection. In order to demonstrate public concern for the health of Florida's springs and support for significant regulatory protection, a special event will be held at the Capitol during a Legislative committee week Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

The event will begin with a Run for Wakulla Spring. Local youth will collect a bottle of water from Wakulla Spring and deliver the water by relay runners from the spring 16 miles to the Capitol. They will arrive at the Capitol at 12:00 noon for the start of the Florida Springs Rally. Their message will be: "Save Wakulla Spring for the Next Generation."

The Florida Springs Rally will be attended by delegations of citizens from the major springs and cities in north and central Florida. Prior to the rally, delegates will ask their legislators to attend the rally and meet with them at their Capitol offices. Their message will be "Real Legislative Protection in 2010."

The event is sponsored by:

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 1000 Friends of Florida Audubon of Florida Florida Wildlife Federation Florida Sierra Club Florida Defenders of the Environment The Nature Conservancy Save the Manatee Club North Florida Springs Alliance Global Underwater Explorers

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