

EXAMINING ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Healthier Glades and FAU Faith Health Educators

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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Glades!
A picture is worth a thousand words!

**Community Health Challenges and
Environmental Considerations**

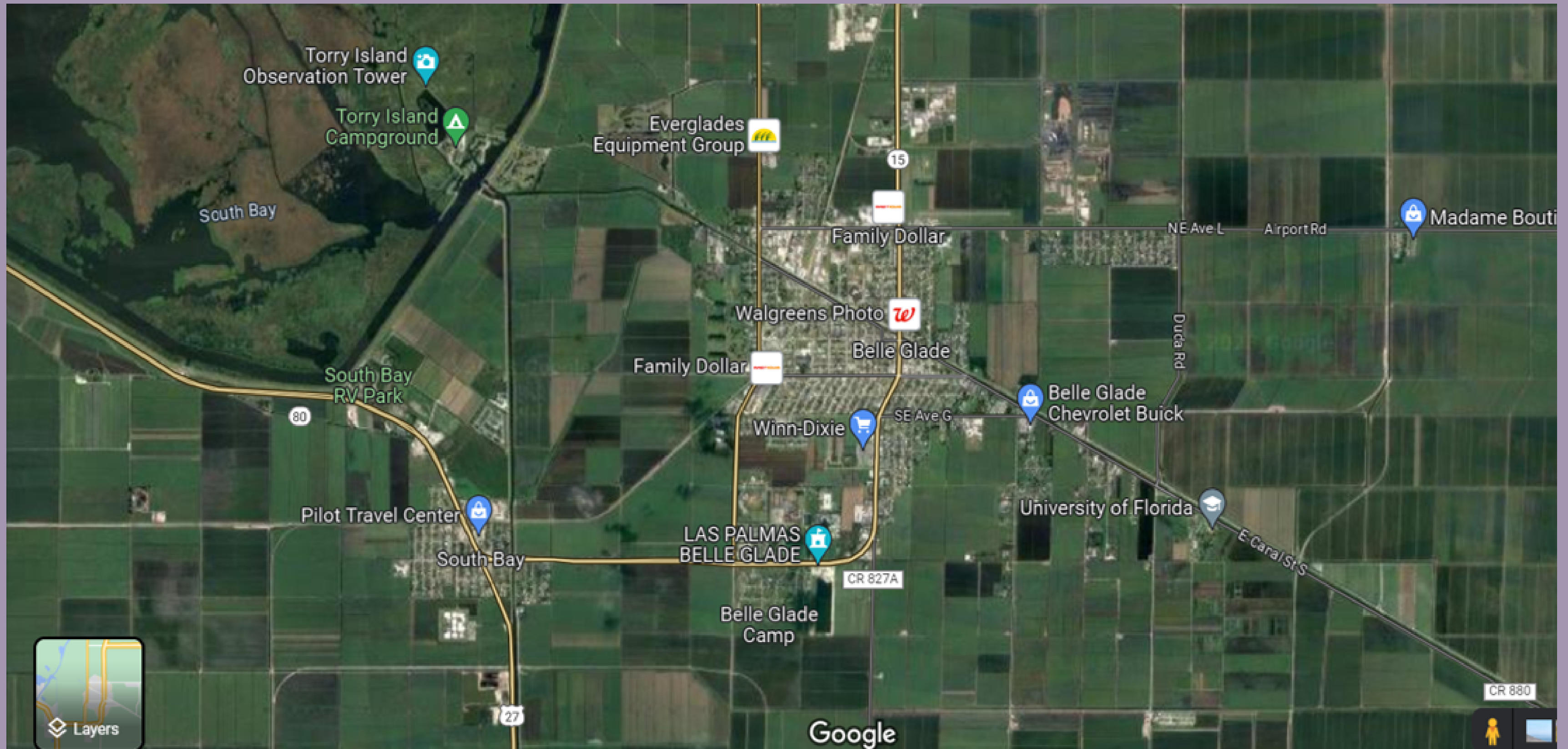
Local Efforts to Address Community Health

Next Steps

Q&A



WELCOME TO THE GLADES!



“BLACK SNOW



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CHALLENGES

Because of the burning of the cane so close to residential communities the particles in the air creates respiratory challenges.

Nasa Earth Observatory Article

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147881/smoking-sugar-fields-in-south-florida>

WLRN

<https://www.wlrn.org/environment/2023-01-11/theres-no-safe-levelglades-sugarcane-burns-continue-despite-link-to-tenfold-mortality-increase>

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CHALLENGES (CONT.)

In 2022, Lakeside Medical Center along with the FDOH and HCSEF conducted a community needs assessment.

<https://www.hcdpbc.org/ArticleDocuments/12/Lakeside%20Medical%20Center%20Community%20Health%20Needs%20Assessment%202022.pdf.aspx>

Other health challenges that residents in the Glades face include (but not limited to):

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Cancer
- Alzheimer's Disease

LOCAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY HEALTH

Healthier Glades

A resident-led initiative funded by Palm Health Foundation to put the power back into community to improve health outcomes (physically/mentally/spiritually).

FAU School of Nursing Faith Health Educators

A Community-Based Participatory Research initiative where FAU partnered with residents from the faith-based community to provide awareness, education and brain health screening in the Glades.

NEXT STEPS TO CONTINUE LOCAL EFFORTS

Funding

- Grants

Community Outreach

- Training and Community Education
- Health Screening Events and Partnerships



