

# SAVE RODMAN RESERVOIR

A fight for nature, ecosystem,  
and our community's future.



## LOCAL IMPACT



### *ROOTED IN HOME*

Rodman Reservoir is more than water — it's a part of who we are. It fuels local businesses, guides, and tourism. It's a source of pride, memories, and shared tradition. Losing it means losing a piece of our identity.

## AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM



### *PROTECT LIFE BELOW THE SURFACE*

Rodman's stable water system supports an entire aquatic world. It's home to thriving bass populations and native fish species. It acts as a barrier against pollution and harmful algae blooms.

## WILDLIFE ECOSYSTEM



### *A STABLE, ESTABLISHED HABITAT*

This is a home for manatees, otters, bald eagles, and more. It's a mature ecosystem decades in the making, teeming with biodiversity that removal would disrupt. Wildlife won't wait for restoration - many species will simply vanish.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION



### *PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE*

Rodman is where we fish, boat, camp, and connect. It's a top-tier destination for anglers and paddlers. It offers accessible fun for families, veterans, and all ages. Don't let a political decision destroy what generations have enjoyed.

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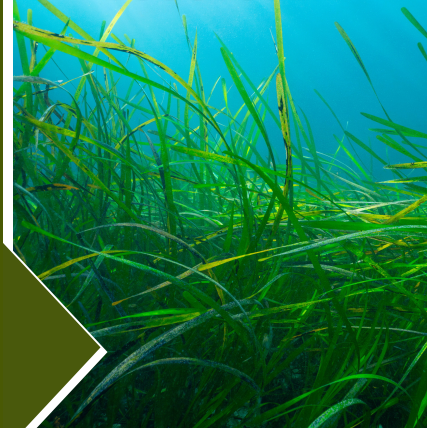
## *Rooted in Home*

- The Ocklawaha River may not return to its original state even if the dam is removed, and **full ecological recovery is unlikely** due to permanent changes from development.
- The reservoir supports local economies—**its removal could harm businesses** and lead to job losses in towns like Palatka.
- Lake and tributaries west Putnam and eastern Alachua counties depend on the head pressure to help maintain surface water storage.
- Drinking Wells in western Putnam depend on an aquifer that has storage water.

## *Protect Life Below the Surface*

- Since the 1960s, the reservoir has developed into a stable freshwater ecosystem supporting fish like bass, catfish, bream, and crappie, as well as pollutant-filtering hydrilla and eelgrass.
- The reservoir:
  - Provides critical habitat for wading birds, amphibians, and reptiles.
  - Acts as a water storage basin, aiding flood control and water supply during dry seasons.
  - Helps buffer wildfires by maintaining water levels in drought years.
- The established wetlands and tree islands store carbon, trap sediment, and marginally improve air and water quality.

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## WILDLIFE ECOSYSTEM



## *A Stable, Established Habitat*

- The reservoir and surrounding forested wetlands support diverse wildlife, including black bears, otters, alligators, migratory birds, and raptors like ospreys and bald eagles.
- Many species have adapted to the current hydrology and could be harmed by sudden changes.
- The area forms part of a vital wildlife corridor linking the Ocala National Forest to the Cross Florida Greenway.

## *Preserve Our Way of Life*

- A premier trophy bass fishing destination, the reservoir supports fish populations, serves as a nursery, and offers refuge during droughts.
- It provides diverse recreational opportunities and has been a cherished spot for generations of Floridians.
- For many, Rodman Reservoir is more than water—it's a cultural and community landmark.

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