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Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) Recognized for Climate Change Project

FORT MYERS, FL – (May 15, 2009) – The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) announced that their own Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) is featured on the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s website. They are the first link featured under the “Addressing Climate Change” section which takes you to their climate change project outline.

As one of six CRE pilot participants, the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) is working to create a viable plan for addressing climate change. In conjunction with its host agency, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), the CHNEP is already close to reaching one of its most immediate goals, which is to complete a comprehensive climate change Vulnerability Assessment for the Greater Charlotte Harbor region.

The SWFRPC has been selected as one of eight national Climate Prosperity Projects. The Project promotes the view that protecting the environment need not come at the expense of economic growth. In fact, “Climate Prosperity” argues that opposite is true – that climate change is an opportunity to build innovative industry, create new jobs, and grow the economy while at the same time enhancing our environment and addressing one of our most pressing problems, climate change.

Visit www.chnep.org to learn more about this and other CHNEP efforts.