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Both politicians’ claims are valid when it comes to their commitment of preserving over fifty percent of the lake habitat in Florida. However, if we look what they are offering more closely we can see the Foghorn is a better investment. Not only are we saving more lake habitat but we are also allowing for both the ecosystem to progress and for people to enjoy their time at the lakes. If we allow for the shorelines to undergo development we are killing the organisms that depend on the shorelines. According to this view “natural vegetation along the shoreline of lakes and rivers plays a crucial role in protecting water quality, preventing soil erosion and preserving the ecological balance of aquatic environments.” Developing on these shorelines would be killing the vegetation that is needed to supply the organisms that live long it and creates other consequences as well. Such as soil erosion, poor water quality and aging of the lake “which changes the kind of number that species can live there.” These types of factors can hurt the ecosystem and can cause several changes in the environment. Organisms that live along the shorelines would not be able to adapt to the fast changes of humanity and therefore we would be killing these organisms and destroying their habitats making it impossible to live.

Also if we look at the list that Foghorn and Blowsmoke provided with the numbers of lakes ranging by area and perimeter we see that there are thirty lakes that are located in Florida. These lakes if preserved would be a positive impact environment because they provide a more natural and healthier habitat than five great lakes would be able to. The five great lakes would not be able to preserve the species that depend on the shorelines because Blowsmoke’s proposition is allowing for development along the shorelines killing all the organisms that depend on it. Despite the fact that in some cases size matter we should also take in to consideration that “ninety per cent of all lake life is born, raised and fed in the area where land and water meet” therefore destroying the shorelines would be crucial to the environment.

Although Blowsmoke wants to preserve that habitat with big lakes these evidences provided above show that Foghorn’s ideas of conserving the small lakes would be more beneficial for the environment. Soil erosion, poor water quality due to contamination, and aging of the lake will be a thing that the residents of Florida will no longer have to worry about. If nature takes it course and we don’t tamper with the environment and the lakes habitat should remain the same. With Foghorn’s plan we are allowing for organisms to still live along the shorelines and to also provide a healthier environment for us human beings.