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Re: Bank of Everglades Building

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express Everglades National Park's support for the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation efforts to restore the historic *Bank of the Everglades* building in Everglades City. Preserving this important cultural resource will enhance visitor experiences in the area and help the local economy. The planned use of the *Bank of the Everglades* as a Visitor Center and Trail Town Headquarters will encourage visitors to explore the rich history and natural wonders of the area.

The Bank of the Everglades is an irreplaceable cultural resource that tells a story of Southwest Florida's unique past and bright future. As a neighbor and community partner, we strongly support the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation on their goal to preserve this historic landmark.

Sincerely,

Pedro M. Ramos
Superintendent