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WELLINGTON, Fla. – Representative Katherine Waldron (D-Wellington) is delighted to announce **Governor DeSantis** has signed [HB 943, ACME Improvement District and Pine Tree Water Control District](#) Bill, into law. The bill, sponsored by **Representative Waldron**, passed both the House of Representatives and Senate unanimously.

This bill will transfer the 365 acre Marjory Stone Douglas Preserve (“Preserve”) and the adjacent, 45 acre Moncada Property from independent special district, Pine Tree Water Control District (“Pine Tree”) to dependent special district, ACME Improvement District (“ACME”), to enable increased resources and focus on developing, preserving and maintaining the natural areas for the benefit of the public. Both ACME and Pine Tree are located within the Village of Wellington.

The Preserve serves as a rainwater storage area but also includes miles of nature trails and learning centers. The rainwater is naturally cleansed as it flows through over two miles of combined wetland/marsh area, littoral shelves and deep-water sediment traps. Interior uplands and native landscaping provide an exhibition of natural Florida from the paved pedestrian path and boardwalk to seven designated Learning Areas. There is a large decorative Trellis and six story Observation Tower located at two of these Learning Areas. The Preserve also includes a 3.6 mile perimeter Equestrian Trail that is an extension of the approximately 65-mile Wellington bridle trail system.

Representative Waldron expresses gratitude to **Governor DeSantis** for recognizing the significance of this legislation and its positive impact on the community. This law will contribute to the continued development and preservation of vital natural resources within Palm Beach County and for the Village of Wellington.

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