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Florida's growth management challenges at a glance

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Here are some of the challenges presented by growth in Florida:

- Florida's rising population requires 800 miles of new roads, 730 new classrooms and 740 new police officers each year.

- By the year 2020, Florida's population is expected to exceed 20 million.

- Every day, 450 acres of forest and 410 acres of farmland in Florida are cleared for new development.

- Since 1990, more than a million acres of land has been preserved through Preservation 2000, a state program to buy environmentally sensitive lands with money generated by fees applied to property sales.

Source: 1000 Friends of Florida

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