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Dear Parrothead,

In past issues of the COCONUT TELEGRAPH, you may have read about a vital environmental issue, the Key West Salt Ponds. This incredibly diverse wetlands area is sanctuary to many endangered species of bird, fish and plant life.

A clear case between preservation and development: bulldozer vs. birds and fish, exists here. Some of you have been supportive of our efforts, and because of your help, necessary boundary surveys, appraisals, plans for visitor facilities, etc., have been completed. Thank you. Now we have a real opportunity to save this 407-acre area.

I need your help. We are actively negotiating with owners of property in the Salt Ponds. Our goal is to purchase their property and turn it into a public park. Locals and visitors could then enjoy the rapidly disappearing natural beauty that makes the Florida Keys so unique. Your tax deductible donation to the "Save the Salt Ponds" fund will help us to actually purchase these lands before it is too late and they are destroyed.

So if you can help, please do, and send your donations to:
The Friends of Florida, 424-A Fleming St., Key West, FL 33040.
We can't let this special part of "Margaritaville" go.

