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**"We do not inherit
the Earth from our
Ancestors, we
borrow it from our
Children."**

- Chief Seattle

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The Mission

Unity in Pursuit of a Sustainable Future

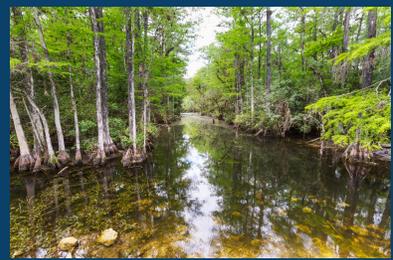
There was a time when the land on which we sit was raw and untamable. The people who lived this land understood the delicate harmony between what is taken and what is returned to the land. They lived in peace as stewards, protecting the land that provided for them. While the landscape has greatly changed over time, the mission of the Indigenous peoples has not.

Today, all tribes and nations gather, working in unison toward healing the land that has been greatly marred by sprawling urbanization. The Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF), among other tribal nations, has worked diligently to address these rising concerns. In fact, the STOF plays a significant role in the protection and conservation of America's Everglades, with a focus within and around their reservations.



Recognizing its importance to their heritage and the environment, the STOF established the Environmental Resource Department (ERD) in 1987 to oversee land and water conservation efforts, enforce Clean Water Act regulations, and participate in Everglades restoration projects. The Tribe also negotiated water rights with the State of Florida and the South Florida Water Management District to create a Water Rights Compact, recognizing the importance of protection and enrichment of the unbuilt environment and its natural resources “to the well-being of all.” The Tribe is currently working to update the Compact to be more comprehensive.

In 2024, the ERD was renamed the Environmental Protection Office (EPO) to establish and maintain an exhaustive approach to environmental conservation. While the mission “to protect and evaluate the Tribe's land and water resources and to facilitate the wise use and conservation of these resources by other departments” has remained the same, the new structure allows for three specific departments: Water Resources, Environmental Resources, and External Environmental Compliance.





According to a publication by the Seminole Tribune on Aug 19, 2024, “the Water Resources Department maintains the tribe’s on-reservation surface water resources and ensures the safety of the water, maintains about 400 miles of canals and ditches to keep the water moving throughout the system, and works with the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Water Rights Compact with the state.”

Additionally, the department mitigates stormwater management efforts, as was necessary after Hurricane Milton dumped 16 inches of rainfall on to the Big Cypress Reservation in 24 hours, flooding residential areas for nearly two weeks. In situations like this, the Water Resources Department is tasked with finding solutions, removing the excess water from standing locations while reserving critical resources needed during drought. The EPO also regularly advocates for the Everglades, actively participating in task forces and commissions focused on restoring the South Florida ecosystem.

The Water Resources Department of the EPO also works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide Indigenous perspectives on conservation efforts on the reservation as well as gaining assistance, support and understanding with managing the stormwater runoff systems in Big Cypress and Brighton to maintain targeted water levels throughout the annual seasons.



The Seminole Tribune reports that, “The Environmental Resources Department is responsible for permitting programs on the reservations, water quality and the environmental science program which consists of forestry, wildlife and wetland programs.” The Seminole Tribune also reports that the department’s streamlined focus provides the required concentration to meet the objectives and forecasts of both the tribal leadership and the tribal community management. The department also issues building permits on the reservations, coordinating with the Seminole Water Commission, and



reviews how a development project will affect storm water irrigation wells while ensuring Federal regulatory compliance. This department also collects water samples at specific sites on the reservation and trust land and shares the sample data with the Water Resources Department.

The mission behind this Seminole Tribe's Environmental Protection Office is not unlike that of Atlantic Power & Infrastructure Corp. (AP&I Corp.) and its wholly owned subsidiaries.



AP&I Corp., through its many divisions, is committed to helping solve a worldwide environmental crisis with proven, sustainable technologies for the next generation. By repurposing destructive waste into eco-friendly commodities, we meet our mission to create a positive global impact for the circular economy, thus contributing to the protection of our planet's most finite resource- water.



Chief Crazy Horse of the Lakota people once said, "I see a time of Seven Generations when all the colors of mankind will gather under the sacred tree of life and the whole earth will become one circle again." At AP&I Corp., we believe that time is now.

Twenty-four years ago, AP&I Corp's wholly owned subsidiary, K.B. Industries (KBI), engineered the world's **first** flexible porous paving solution. And, to date, KBI Flexi®-Pave remains the **only** flexible porous paving solution to remove 83% dissolved nitrates and 88% dissolved phosphorus, thus cleaning the water as it traverses through the material at a porosity rate of roughly 3,000 gallons of water per square foot per hour.

Backed by third-party independent testing and Engineering acceptance, this proven technology has a pedigree nearly two and a half decades installed in every climate around the world. Today, as the global arena focuses on proven technologies for problems arising from increased urban sprawl, we join a united front in pursuit of a sustainable future for the next generation.





Huggins–Ameristar partners with KBI in Joint Venture to Further Environmental Efforts

KBI is pleased to announce its Joint Venture Partnership with Huggins–Ameristar to bring KBI Flexi®-Pave technologies to Indian Country. Through this strategic alliance KBI will be servicing the need for the use of next generation infrastructure and the utilization of KBI Flexi®-Pave.

As population density increases, waste stream increases. As waste stream increases, stormwater management increases. Thus, the need for next generation infrastructure is expanding. AP&I and its subsidiaries’ objectives are to address more than water conservation but also the concerns of rising populations and urbanization, such as mounting solid waste, stormwater management, groundwater recharge, water conservation, land reclamation, carbon sequestration and food security.

CEO and Chairman, Kevin Bagnall stated, “The Seminole Tribe of Florida has worked diligently to preserve the Everglades and the natural environment that surrounds it. Their commitment to environmental conservation is inspiring, and we are truly honored to be a part of this endeavor.”

Seminole Tribal partner Tino Ramos-Huggins of Big Cypress, Florida stated, “Our company is excited about the Joint Venture with K.B. Industries by providing KBI Flexi®-Pave Trails & Pathways to Indian Country. This product is a superior trail system that benefits the environment, reduces long term maintenance costs and liability risks. The reliability, aesthetics and customer base of KBI Flexi®-Pave is what convinced us.”

From the Chairman’s Desk



Kevin Bagnall, CEO & Chairman
Atlantic Power & Infrastructure, Corp.

We are pleased to announce this strategic alliance between K.B. Industries and Huggins-Ameristar for the Indian Country. We look forward to a lasting relationship between our companies as we endeavor to bring these proven solutions to new territories.

If we truly believe our Earth is lent to us by our children, we have a duty to preserve and protect that which is theirs. We are tasked with this challenge, and it is one in which we must work together to achieve. This venture is one of many steps along this journey, and we will continue to look toward the horizon to all that is to come.

We welcome this challenge, and we will forge ahead.

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