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In 2010, more than 1,000 gopher tortoises and 48 tortoise eggs were successfully relocated from mine sites to suitable nearby habitats in Florida.

[Learn More About Biodiversity in Mosaic's 2011 Sustainability Report.](#)

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As part of Mosaic's commitment to wildlife stewardship and protection, the company has

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A model of the main lodge and conference center was among the plans and architectural details of Streamsong Resort revealed at a recent construction launch event attended by more than 100 guests.

The Mosaic Company recently provided community leaders the opportunity to see firsthand the development progress being made on the formerly mined land that will soon be home to Streamsong® Resort. Mosaic is developing the resort, golf and conference center destination on formerly mined land in rural Polk County, approximately five miles west of Ft. Meade.

During the event at the resort site, Mosaic and Streamsong officials shared their vision and outlook for the project with more than 100 guests, unveiling new resort renderings and details. It was also an opportunity for guests to meet and hear from Mosaic's new partners in the project: PCL Construction Services, the general contractor; Interstate Hotels and Resorts, the resort's operating management company; and KemperSports, which will manage the resort's golf operations.

"Our goal is to create a destination that celebrates the land's heritage and offers a view of natural Florida that isn't found at the high-rise coastal hotels and theme park resorts commonly

taken a leadership role in pioneering wildlife relocation techniques and creating prime habitats. Species that are endangered, threatened or "of special concern" are relocated from mining areas to both unmined and reclaimed lands where they can thrive.

To see these efforts in action, [take a look at a new video](#) that shows several Mosaic ecologists working with local wildlife agencies this past December to relocate four burrowing owls. The owls were recently released into their new habitat following a 30-day stay in a temporary enclosure to help them acclimate to their new environment.

Mosaic ecologists have been conducting burrowing owl translocations since 2006, when they successfully completed the first burrowing owl translocation project in the state of Florida. Additional owls unassociated with the translocations have also been attracted to these reclaimed lands.

[Learn more about Mosaic's commitment to wildlife stewardship and protection.](#)



Mosaic senior ecologist Sandy Patrick, left, works with wildlife consultant

visited by travelers to the state," said Jim Prokopanko, Mosaic President and CEO. "We are confident that our investment in Streamsong will one day lead to even further economic opportunity for this region by creating new jobs, increasing the local tax base, uplifting local businesses that will supply the resort with goods and services, and by bringing corporate decision-makers to a part of Florida they might otherwise never experience."

Streamsong will feature a main lodge and nearby golf clubhouse offering a combined 228 guest rooms, approximately 18,500 square feet of flexible conference and meeting space, a full-service spa, fine and casual dining, several bars including a rooftop lounge, guided bass fishing on surrounding lakes, hiking and birding trails, and a sporting clays range—in addition to its golf operations. Renowned golf course architects Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw of Coore & Crenshaw, and Tom Doak of Renaissance Golf Design are collaborating on two 18-hole courses, their first collaboration in the world. The principal architect of the resort is Alfonso Architects in Tampa.

The two golf courses and golf clubhouse will open in December 2012. The main lodge, conference center and all other resort amenities are projected to begin welcoming guests in fall 2013.

Learn more at www.streamsongresort.com.

Mosaic and South Fort Meade Mine Opponents Reach Settlement

Mosaic recently announced a settlement agreement with the Sierra Club, Manasota-88, and People for Protecting the Peace River in litigation challenging the company's federal wetlands permit for mining on the Hardee County extension of its South Fort Meade Mine. The settlement, which is subject to court approval, will fully resolve pending appellate and trial court proceedings regarding the permit and allow mining at the South Fort Meade Mine to proceed after more than 18 months of litigation. The mine employs more than 220 Central Floridians.

"The settlement provides certainty around our South Fort Meade Mine, and we look forward to bringing it back to full production. We're hopeful this agreement provides the foundation to continue our constructive dialog with these interested stakeholders as we look to the future," said Richard Mack, Mosaic's Executive Vice President and General Counsel. "It's especially encouraging that the settlement includes a significant public benefit by conserving the Peaceful Horse Ranch property."

In December, Mosaic acquired Peaceful Horse Ranch, which comprises 4,171 acres located in DeSoto County at the convergence of Horse Creek and the Peace River. Under the settlement terms, Mosaic will donate the land either to the state of Florida or a non-profit organization. Mosaic will also provide up

Reed Bowman, Ph.D. of Archbold Biological Station, to tag a burrowing owl as part of the translocation process.

to \$2 million for startup and recurring expenses to operate the property as a state park in keeping with the state's Florida Forever program plans.

Of the 10,856 acres comprising the South Fort Meade Hardee-County Extension site, approximately 3,200 acres are to be preserved under the permits authorizing Mosaic's mining activities. The existing permits preserve more than 73 percent of the site's wetlands and 60 percent of all streams on-site.

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An illustration of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, stretching from south Florida to southeast Georgia.

The Mosaic Company is pleased to support the "Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: 1,000 Miles in 100 Days" as the proud sponsor of expedition reports airing on WUSF Public Media and as underwriter of a corresponding PBS documentary. After many months of planning and fundraising, a team of four Florida environmental advocates began the expedition on January 17 to increase awareness and generate support for the Florida Wildlife Corridor project, which aims to connect natural lands and waters from south Florida to southeast Georgia.

WUSF Public Media is following the journey of bear biologist Joe Guthrie, conservationist Mallory Lykes Dimmitt, photojournalist Carlton Ward Jr. and nature film producer Elam Stolfus as they

trek from the Everglades National Park in south Florida to Okefenokee National Forest in southern Georgia—1,000 miles in 100 days. The expedition dispatches are airing on both WUSF 89.7 and WUSF TV.

The trek includes various means of travel, including hiking, kayaking and horseback riding. Along their journey, the team is hosting various activities for reporters, landowners, conservationists, dignitaries and other guests. Their far-reaching expedition is taking them through some of Florida's most treasured natural lands.

"The Mosaic Company chose to support this project because of our strong commitment to environmental education, habitat conservation and sustainability partnerships in Florida's communities," said Bo Davis, Mosaic's senior vice president of phosphate operations. "The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition is bringing together diverse stakeholders while raising public awareness about the potential reconnection of fragmented landscapes."

Listen to periodic reports online from [WUSF Public Media's website](#). To follow the expedition, view the calendar of activities, and download photos and additional media materials, visit the [Florida Wildlife Corridor project website](#).

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