



## Common Ground™

Highlights from Mosaic in Florida

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## Mosaic Recognized for Scrub Jay Management



Mosaic has developed one of the largest scrub-jay populations in Southwest Florida through a series of successful translocations that began in 2003. The habitat, on an un-mined conservation area, is currently home to 8 family groups consisting of 34 individual birds.

The intensively managed high quality scrub habitat has enticed scrub-jays to immigrate on their own as well, for the companionship of other jays. It is adjacent to land owned by Manatee County — the Duette Preserve — and land owned by the Southwest Water Management District (SWFWMD). Mosaic is working with both Manatee County and SWFWMD to further expand the scrub jay population onto their land.

Mosaic's leadership in scrub-jay protection was recently featured in a [Tampa Tribune article](#).

Mosaic works closely with wildlife agencies to successfully translocate species that are endangered, threatened or "of special concern" to both un-mined and reclaimed lands that have been designated as suitable habitats.

## Peace River Cleanup

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### Mosaic in the News

Mosaic plants roots of its own with a new Florida headquarters building — designed for the environment with green technologies earning it a LEED Gold Certification. [Click here](#) for news coverage of our new Florida home.

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### Update: Home Runs for Food

In April, Mosaic announced another step to help feed hungry families in the region through its "Home Runs for Food" partnership with the Tampa Bay Rays and Feeding America Tampa Bay. Under the three-year commitment, Mosaic

is contributing \$500 to the food relief organization for every home run hit by the Rays during their regular season games. Based on the Rays' performance so far this season, Mosaic is already slated to donate over \$32,000 that will be used to purchase and provide supplies to area food banks served by Feeding America.

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### **Mosaic Continues Partnership with Red Cross**

For the third year, Mosaic is donating \$50,000 to the American Red Cross chapters serving Southwest Florida's coastal counties and the Central Florida communities within reach of our operations. Safety, preparation, and quick response are keystones of the American Red Cross, and corporate support is necessary for these local chapters to respond compassionately, responsibly and effectively to community emergencies. Mosaic also has a strong giving history for donating to nation-wide and international relief efforts.

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PHOTO: On June 5th, the morning of the 16th Annual Peace River Cleanup, Mosaic employees ventured up and down the Peace River from the Nav-A-Gator Grill in DeSoto County in search of trash and debris. Employees and other local volunteers recovered an array of items ranging from ordinary cans, bottles and household trash to the remains of Hurricane Charley debris.

## **Mosaic Receives Final Approval for Mining Extension**

Mosaic recently announced it received the final federal approvals to begin operations at its South Fort Meade Mine Extension in Hardee County — culminating a multi-year permitting process that included rigorous review and regulatory approvals at the county, state and federal levels as well as extensive public input.

"With this extension of its permitted mining boundary, our South Fort Meade mine will be able to continue providing valuable jobs to Floridians while supporting the production of a crop nutrient vital to the world's food supply," said Gary N. "Bo" Davis, Mosaic Vice President of Phosphate Operations.

"Equally important, Hardee County and its residents will now begin to share in the substantial economic benefits of the South Fort Meade Mine operations," Davis said. "In addition to millions of dollars in tax revenues that will be generated by mining, Mosaic will directly contribute \$42 million for local infrastructure and other economic development initiatives over the next 10 years as part of a public-private partnership with Hardee County to help improve and encourage future economic growth in the area."

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