

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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**MARJORY STONEMAN
DOUGLAS HOUSE**

SURVEY RESULTS

Date Submitted	Interpretive Tours of the House:What would you like to see developed or enhanced at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House? (choose 2)	Visitor Center/Museum:What would you like to see developed or enhanced at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House? (choose 2)	Special Events:What would you like to see developed or enhanced at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House? (choose 2)	Signage and Landscape Improvements:What would you like to see developed or enhanced at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House? (choose 2)	Other - Write In:What would you like to see developed or enhanced at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House? (choose 2)	Long-term preservation of the house and grounds:In your opinion, what is the single most important issue to consider in the future management of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House?	Recognition of the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas:In your opinion, what is the single most important issue to consider in the future management of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House?	Public Access:In your opinion, what is the single most important issue to consider in the future management of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House?	The story of environmental conservation in Florida:In your opinion, what is the single most important issue to consider in the future management of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House?	Other:In your opinion, what is the single most important issue to consider in the future management of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas House?	Please include any other comments or suggestions here:
2/14/2018 15:20 2/14/2018 20:36	Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum		Signage and Landscape Improvements		Neutral Most Important	Most Important Important	Not Important Important	Most Important Important		Preservation of this home is essential to the story of the plight of the Everglades
2/19/2018 8:39 2/22/2018 13:43		Visitor Center/Museum Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events	Signage and Landscape Improvements		Important Most Important	Important Most Important	Important Important	Important Important		
2/25/2018 12:13		Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events			Most Important	Most Important	Important	Important	Continuing the environmental legacy of Marjory Stoneman Douglas as way to educate the young and new residents about working to preserve & restore the Everglades	Mrs Douglas was a close family friend. I was the Collier County Chairman of the Friends of the Everglades. Ms. Douglas was a mentor to me and many others who were younger then. I would arrange speaking events for her in the Naples area and she would come over and stay with us and always talk about the need to save the Everglades. On her birthday, April 7th we would drive over from Naples to celebrate at her little cottage home in her later years. We miss her presence. No one has taken her place or likely will. So its vitally important to keep ,maintain and teach others about the remarkable woman and the continuing need to restore the Everglades system by preserving her home and legacy.
3/6/2018 13:50 3/8/2018 8:17 3/8/2018 9:13	Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important Most Important Most Important	Most Important Important Most Important	Neutral Most Important Most Important	Neutral Important Most Important		
3/8/2018 15:25	Interpretive Tours of the House				I think it would be cool to use as a residency program for writer and conservation activist.	Important	Most Important	Neutral	Most Important		I would like to see the home used to support other activist and writers by providing Residencies that would focus on the continuation of preservation of lands and waters in Florida. The home and land were provided to Marjorie who struggled financially at time, but others believed in her efforts. We need to support others with the same vision.
3/8/2018 21:07 3/9/2018 17:03	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events			Most Important Most Important	Most Important Most Important	Neutral Important	Important Important		As we lose so much of our history to overzealous development, it is important to preserve our past, especially when our past involves an individual who made such a big impact on our nation as a whole. Thank you.
3/9/2018 17:31 3/12/2018 8:49 3/12/2018 9:14 3/12/2018 14:39	Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important Most Important Most Important Most Important	Most Important Important Most Important Important	Important Neutral Most Important Important	Most Important Important Most Important Important		I would love the chance to become a docent, as I am sure many would.
3/12/2018 14:43 3/12/2018 14:45	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum		Signage and Landscape Improvements		Most Important Important	Most Important Most Important	Important Most Important	Most Important Most Important	Featuring the House as a part of our local community history, as well as the state and nation.	Definitely find a way to host and promote more special events. The House is so centrally located and in such a vibrant part of town, I feel people of all ages could help support the mission if they knew more about it, and were encouraged and enticed to to visit the site.
3/12/2018 14:47 3/12/2018 14:56		Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events	Signage and Landscape Improvements		Important Most Important	Important Most Important	Important Important	Most Important Most Important		Major should be recognized for her incredible contribution to preserve the Everglades, a unique ecosystem.
3/12/2018 14:56 3/12/2018 14:58 3/12/2018 14:58 3/12/2018 15:02 3/12/2018 15:04 3/12/2018 15:21	Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important Most Important Most Important Most Important Most Important	Most Important Most Important Most Important Most Important Important	Most Important Neutral Most Important Important	Important Most Important Most Important Neutral Important		I have been to the house a few times and I don't think by itself is interesting enough for tours. However, with a nice exhibition about Marjory and the history of the conservation movement in Florida, it could be a great destination for school groups, etc.
3/12/2018 21:37 3/12/2018 15:21 3/12/2018 15:28	Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum Visitor Center/Museum		Signage and Landscape Improvements		Most Important Most Important Most Important	Important Most Important Most Important	Neutral Important Important	Important Important Most Important		Marjorie's life work in environmental preservation, is also about the life of a woman who made a difference. She is a role model for women who are striving today to make a difference.
3/12/2018 15:21 3/12/2018 15:30				Signage and Landscape Improvements		Important					As a neighbor of Marjory Stoneman Douglas's house, I do not want any public access or tours that would disrupt my quiet street. As it is, only one car can fit on the street at a time. Groups of people traipsing up and down our street would destroy the quiet ambience that Ms. Douglas herself wanted to preserve. We are entitled to a peaceful life in our home. That said, the grounds should be better maintained, and the dumping by the Barnacle should be halted immediately.
3/12/2018 15:37 3/12/2018 15:40	Interpretive Tours of the House			Signage and Landscape Improvements Signage and Landscape Improvements		Important Most Important	Most Important Most Important	Neutral Do Not Want	Important Important		I would like that home and landscape would be looked after in a more professional way. the house is in bad condition and unkept.
3/12/2018 16:04 3/12/2018 16:22 3/12/2018 16:47	Interpretive Tours of the House Interpretive Tours of the House			Signage and Landscape Improvements Signage and Landscape Improvements		Important	Important	Neutral	Important		Move the cottage to Fairchild Garden. In just a few years hundreds if thousands of visitors will see it and hear her story. There is absolutely no better way to honor her memory and impact Florida environmental conservation.
3/12/2018 16:57 3/12/2018 17:26	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum			move it to the Biscayne Nature Center Interpretative tours by appointment only to small groups. A small natural parking area for 3 cars.	Neutral Most Important	Most Important Important	Neutral Neutral	Most Important Important	app't only interpretative tours to show how simply she lived on site as it exists	Site should stay as is, NOT be embellished. It is an example of the simple lifestyle of her time, consistent with living in harmony with our environment, a key issue for MSD. An appropriate site plaque, similar to one at Barnacle, & 3 car maximum parking area for visitors to be cordoned off so that it is NOT used for contractors aux. parking lot, a temporary problem. Parking of construction vehicles is a temporary issue as site across the street is currently under construction.

3/12/2018 17:07	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important	Most important	Most important	Most important		Marjorie Stoneman Douglas was a very important spokesperson for Florida and the entire U.S.A. We need to preserve this history for future generations.
3/12/2018 17:25		Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events			Most Important	Most important	Important	Important		
3/12/2018 20:58		Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events			Most Important					
3/12/2018 21:18	Interpretive Tours of the House		Special Events			Most important	Most important	Neutral	Most important		
3/12/2018 21:37	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum							Most important		MSD would be so proud of the kids at her namesake school in Parkland.... their voices are being heard... in the same manner as she suggests... Can we work this for the best of each party.... Marjorie and the students....
3/12/2018 22:16		Visitor Center/Museum			Signage and Landscape Improvements	Most important					It would be great if the exhibitions could be funded in order to enlarge them with other items and species . My kids learn so much every time we go there . All the staff is always very friendly and helpful . Thank you so much .
3/12/2018 23:43	Interpretive Tours of the House					Most important					
3/13/2018 8:06	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most important					
3/13/2018 8:51	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most important	Most important	Most important	Most important		As I write in my biography of MSD, the little plot of land she picked out in the 1920s to live on was as important to her as the house she helped design to shelter her and sustain her writing career. Severing the house from the land would be equivalent to separating MSD from her library. It was there from her back porch and from putzying in the garden that she observed nature, felt its inspiration--from watching the birds and clouds overhead commute across the sky to the plants flowering and greening in the yard--and translated her observations into words. She nestled the house in a back corner for privacy and never put in a driveway because she never drove a car. She walked up the road to the home of one of her closest friends and fellow writer, Helen Muir, to have an after-work cocktail, and Muir walked her home to share another. A sense of place to MSD, which figured both into her writing and activism, was more about the physical setting than the built structure. It began with not the Everglades but where she lived for more than seven decades. If we embrace MSD as a great Floridian and value her principles as timeless and ever more important, we must not separate her from her meaningful past. Moving the house would do just that.
3/13/2018 9:03	Interpretive Tours of the House				Signage and Landscape Improvements	Most Important	Most important	Important	Important		What has always struck me re: the MSD house is its modest proportions relative to the surrounding gargantuan homes. In and of itself, this makes a statement about how misguided our priorities are with respect to our environment, which is something MSD fought so hard to set straight.
3/13/2018 10:11	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important					Let's keep it open to the public
3/13/2018 10:14	Interpretive Tours of the House					Most Important					
3/13/2018 13:07		Visitor Center/Museum			Signage and Landscape Improvements	Most important	Most important	Most important	Most important		
3/13/2018 13:22			Special Events			Most important	Most important	Most important	Most important		
3/13/2018 13:46					Signage and Landscape Improvements	Neutral	Neutral	Do Not Want	Neutral	The most important topic as a neighbour is privacy and security of the neighbourhood and minimal disruption for residents on the street	Privacy and security of the neighborhood and minimizing disruption for the residents on the street.
3/13/2018 14:52		Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important	Most important	Most important	Most important	Environmental education programs specializing on everglades, plants, conservation, etc.	
3/13/2018 16:03		Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events			Important	Important	Most important	Most important		
3/13/2018 19:02	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important	Most important	Most important	Important		Her home should be preserved as a museum celebrating Florida history, Florida's unique environment and most of all the life and times of one of the most important and influential women in the history of the state - and the nation.
3/14/2018 6:04	Interpretive Tours of the House				Signage and Landscape Improvements	Most Important					I believe the Marjory Stoneman Douglas house should be preserved as it was when she was alive. It should be a stop on a walking tour or a trolley ride. Her Legacy to all of us here should be the focus of any display. We should use it to inspire future generations to conserve our fragile ecosystem and limited resources - especially clean water!
3/14/2018 15:15	Interpretive Tours of the House		Special Events			Most Important	Important	Most important	Important		
3/14/2018 17:14	Interpretive Tours of the House	Visitor Center/Museum				Most Important					This is a historic landmark we need to preserve it.
3/14/2018 20:56	Interpretive Tours of the House				Signage and Landscape Improvements	Important	Most important	Important	Important		
3/14/2018 21:03						Most important	Most important	Neutral	Most important		What is the address of the house???? Traffic is already a nightmare in Miami and the Grove.
3/14/2018 22:27		Visitor Center/Museum			Signage and Landscape Improvements	Important	Most important	Important	Most important		
3/16/2018 8:06		Visitor Center/Museum	Special Events			Important	Important	Most important	Important		Art/Photography Exhibits
3/18/2018 9:54		Visitor Center/Museum			Signage and Landscape Improvements	Important	Important	Important	Important		Why not find a local non-profit to use the historic house as office space and manage it as a visitors center? much like how tropical Audubon and Sade heritage trust do. It seems like a worthwhile way to increase public access, but not overwhelm the property.
3/19/2018 9:52	Interpretive Tours of the House		Special Events			Most Important	Most important	Important	Important		I am not a permanent resident of Florida but for the winters since my retirement I have spent winter months in Coconut Grove. It was on one of my visits there that I met Marjory via her sculpture at Fairchild Gardens. I have since learned more about her. Her legacy needs to be valued and honored. Saving her home and opening it to Floridians and others will do that. My other concern is that every year when I return to Coconut Grove more homes are leveled for new building. In Massachusetts, where I live permanently, history is valued. I live in a house that was built in 1675 when passengers from the Mayflower still walked on this land. If owners prior to my husband and I did not value it's history it would no longer be standing or a pride to our town as the oldest structure. Value that home and Marjory's legacy. Assist your citizens in gaining knowledge about what one woman did to save your environment for humans and wildlife. Thank you, Marjorie Babcock Borden Marion, Massachusetts