

Ron M. Bergeron, Sr.

Ron Bergeron was raised in the small town of Davie, Florida. In 1962, Ron graduated high school and left home with a few hundred dollars in his pocket. He saved up enough money to buy his first tractor and mowed pastures, baled hay, and harvested fruit. He never turned down a job. In 1965, he incorporated Bergeron Land Development and grew to be one of the most highly respected and largest site-development and roadway construction companies in Florida. In 1989, Bergeron incorporated a real-estate company, Bergeron Properties and Investments Corporation, which owns and manages a broad real estate portfolio of commercial and industrial properties throughout the U.S.

Bergeron has been a tireless champion for the restoration and protection of the Florida Everglades. Appointed by two Governors, he served as a Florida Fish and Wildlife Commissioner for 10 years. Currently, Bergeron serves as a Governing Board Member of the South Florida Water Management District appointed by Governor Ron Desantis as well as a member of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force which brings together the federal, state, Tribal, and local agencies involved in restoring and protecting America's Everglades. Having lived his entire life in the Everglades, Bergeron understands the complexities of restoration as well as the importance of preserving South Florida's source of clean drinking water.

Over the past 25 years Bergeron has raised millions of dollars for charity at his private ranch, which includes a saloon of the 1800s and rodeo arena.

