



Study: Florida should prepare for warming

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) -- A coalition of environmental groups say that while Florida should do its best to avoid global warming, it should also prepare for it by discouraging new building along coasts that could be under water one day.

The Caribbean Conservation Corporation is calling on state and local government to minimize beach front development in light of the possibility that today's beaches could be in tomorrow's ocean. The group is part of the Florida Coastal and Ocean Coalition.

David Godfrey is the executive director of the corporation. He spoke yesterday in Tallahassee and said the state could target its program for buying environmentally

sensitive property toward buying more beach front land. It could also offer tax incentives for developers to shun beaches for more inland areas.

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