

FACT SHEET  
**COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN**  
**Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project**  
 Construction General (C)  
 Congressional Districts: 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

**1. DESCRIPTION**

The Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project (LRWRP), formerly known as the North Palm Beach County–Part 1 feasibility study, was authorized by Section 601(b)(1)(A) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000. The project includes approximately 753 square miles located in central and northern Palm Beach County. The watershed is home to 83 state and federally listed plants and animals (33 federally threatened and endangered species; 20 federally protected migratory bird species; and additional 30 state species of concern). The Loxahatchee River ecosystem represents one of several unique and endangered sloughs once connected to the Greater Everglades ecosystem and having the same unique ridge and slough landscape and tree islands characteristics and unique mix of species that supported designating the Everglades as a World Heritage Site. It includes one of two federally-designated National Wild and Scenic Rivers. The Loxahatchee Slough is the last remaining riverine cypress areas in Southeast Florida.

The primary objective of the project is to improve the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of flows to the Loxahatchee Slough, River and Estuary, and the Lake Worth Lagoon.

**2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Cost	745,853,000
Estimated Federal Cost	397,026,000
Allocation thru FY14	5,891,000
Carryin for FY15	50,000
Allocation for FY15	250,000
President's Budget FY16	0

**3. SPONSOR**

South Florida Water Management District  
 3301 Gun Club Road  
 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

**4. STATUS**

The planning efforts were re-initiated in late FY14, under the current SMART planning process established by Headquarters USACE, and are scheduled for completion in FY18.

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