

FACT SHEET
**EVERGLADES AND SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION,
 Lake Okeechobee Water Retention/Phosphorus Removal**

Construction, General (C)

Congressional Districts: 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

1. DESCRIPTION

This project involves re-establishing wetlands currently drained and used for agricultural purposes, isolating phosphorous loaded wetlands, and providing peak flow attenuation of water to the lake, through the construction of two storm water treatment areas. This project is one of the nine projects comprising the Everglades and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program, also known as the Critical Restoration Projects Program.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 29,026,211
Estimated Federal Cost	14,513,106
Allocation thru Fiscal Year 2014	13,858,000
Carry In for Fiscal Year 2015	10,761
Allocation for Fiscal Year 2015	0
President's Budget Fiscal Year 2016	0

3. SPONSOR

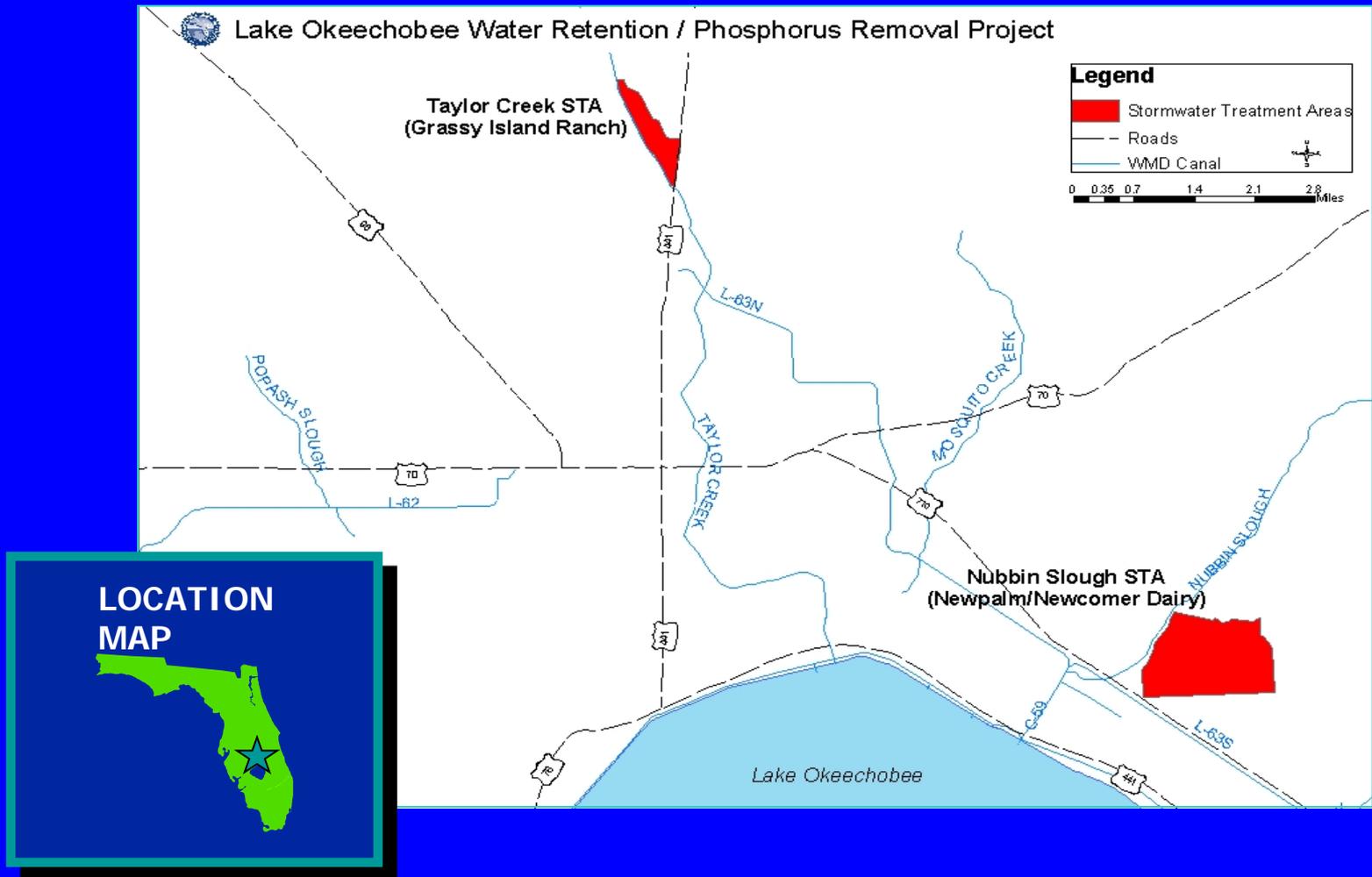
South Florida Water Management District
 3301 Gun Club Road
 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

4. STATUS

Taylor Creek: Construction was physically complete in April 2006. The interim operational and testing phase was substantially complete in October 2008. Construction of the project including repair of latent defects was completed in August 2010. The project is currently functioning as intended and performing extremely well in reducing the level of phosphorus in effluent waters discharging into the Everglades.

Nubbin Slough: The construction contract was complete in 2006. Latent defects discovered during the interim operational testing and monitoring phase was repaired in January 2010. Thereafter, the recurrence of extreme low flow conditions in the intake basin halted the system operation. The intake pool was later repaired in Fiscal Year 2012 to remedy the low flow conditions. Additional latent defects repairs were completed in 2014. A final inspection was conducted in January 2015. Following the final inspection the project was transferred to Operation and Maintenance phase in February 2015.

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