

FACT SHEET
KISSIMMEE RIVER FLORIDA
 Construction General (C)
 Congressional Districts: 5, 7, 9, 17

1. DESCRIPTION

The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992 authorized the Kissimmee River, Florida project. The Kissimmee Basin includes 3,000 square miles stretching from Orlando to Lake Okeechobee in central Florida. The project involves the ecosystem restoration of the historic floodplain to re-establish wetland conditions by implementing the following: modifications to the operation of the upper chain of lakes; modification of various structures; enlargement of canals 36 and 37; backfilling 22 miles of C-38; excavation of about nine miles of new river channel; removal of two water control structures and locks, floodproofing of developments around the lakes and land acquisition of over 100,000 acres.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 797,233,000
Estimated Federal Cost	371,286,000
Allocation thru FY14	314,101,000
Carry-in for FY15	10,923,000
Allocation for FY15	0
President's Budget FY16	16,964,000

3. SPONSOR

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

4. STATUS

The State of Florida has completed most land acquisition and much of the floodproofing work. The Corps has completed the modification of several structures necessary to support backfilling of the C-38 Canal. Backfilling of Reach 1, the first seven miles of the C-38 Canal, was completed in 2001. Backfilling of Reach 4 of C-38 was completed in two phases with Reach 4A completed in 2007 and Reach 4B completed in 2010. The response of the natural system has greatly exceeded expectations. Specifically,

numerous species of ducks and wading birds, to include the Ring-necked Duck, American Avocet, and Black-necked Stilt, are now present. These species were not present during pre-construction surveys. Currently 13 of 22 miles of canal have been backfilled, 18 of 43 miles of historic river channel have been restored, and 6,500 acres of floodplain wetlands have been restored.

FY 2015 funds will be used to initiate the construction of the MacArthur Ditch Backfill and completed the remaining pre-construction, engineering and design efforts for the Canal 38 Reach 2 Backfill and Structure 69 Weir efforts. On-going construction efforts will include the enlargement of Canal 37, the construction of the S-65EX1 Spillway, and the supplemental work at River Acres. The project is scheduled for completion in 2019.

A draft Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) will be completed in fiscal year 2015 to address activities the non-Federal sponsor performed in lieu of real estate acquisition that may have resulted in a cost savings to the project. Ultimately, the PACR will be completed to seek Congressional authorization to provide the non-Federal sponsor with in-kind credit for the work performed.

