

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	\$744,601,000
Estimated Federal Cost	372,300,500
Allocation thru FY15	6,540,000
Carry In to FY16	0
Allocation for FY16	1,040,300
President's Budget FY17	952,000

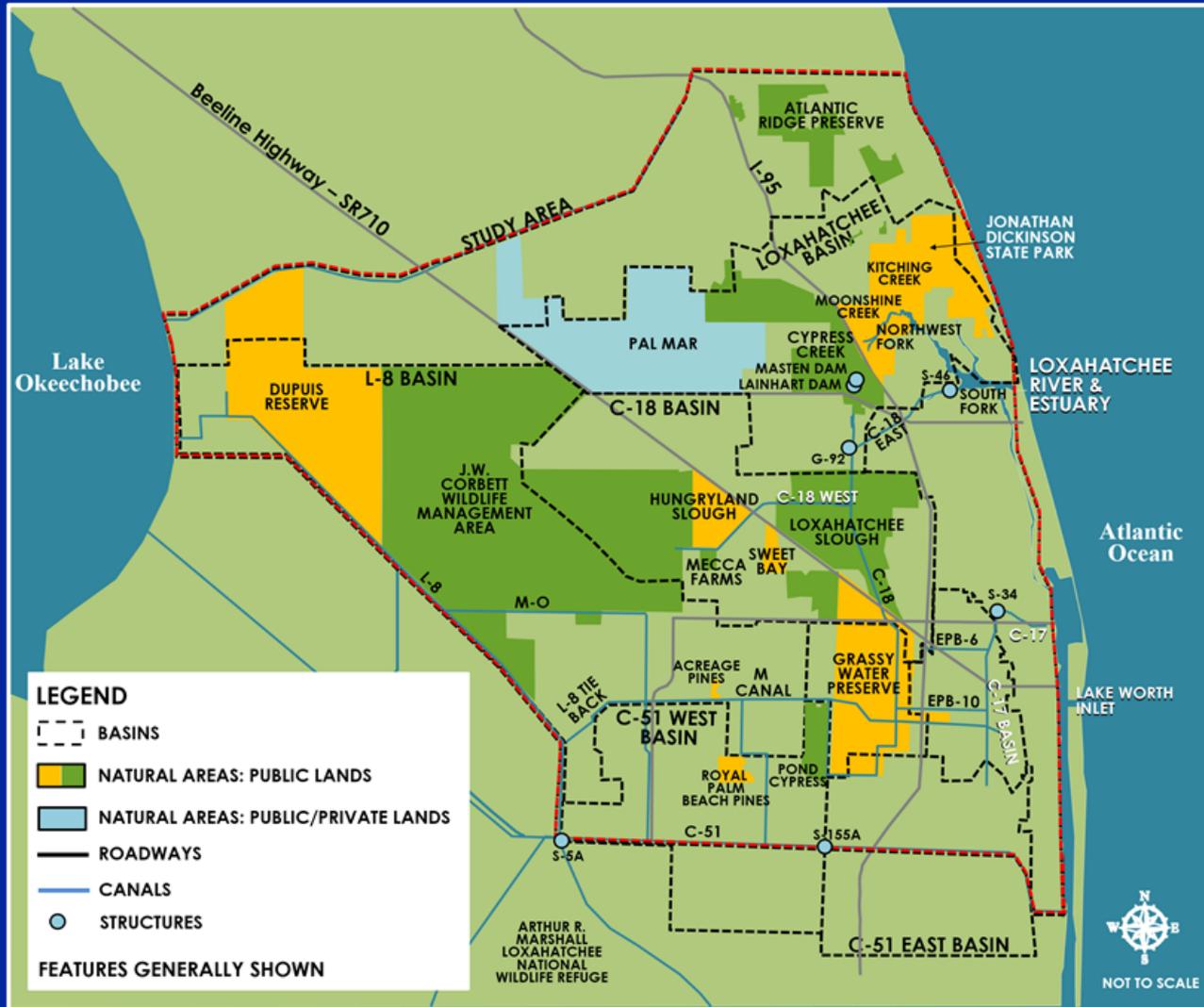
3. SPONSOR

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

4. STATUS

Team received approval in Dec 2015 to proceed with preparation of a Project Implementation Report on under the requirements of the USACE's SMART planning process. PIR efforts started in January 2015 and the PIR is scheduled for completion in October 2018.

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