

FACT SHEET

**Everglades & South Florida Ecosystem Restoration,
Ten Mile Creek**

Construction, General (CG)
Congressional Districts: 17, 18, 20

1. DESCRIPTION

The Ten Mile Creek (TMC) project was authorized as part of the Critical Projects Program in the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The project site is located just south of Ten Mile Creek in St. Lucie County. The purpose of the project is to support the ecological restoration of the Ten Mile Creek by capturing and storing basin run-off, improving the downstream estuary salinity, and reducing sediment and nutrient load to provide a more natural freshwater flow regime downstream to the estuary.

The TMC project required the acquisition of approximately 860 acres of land, and the construction of a two-stage detention system. The detention system consists of a 500 acre above ground deep water storage cell, a 134 acre polishing cell, pump stations, and water control structures. The design of deep-water storage cell was to allow for the storage of up to 6,013 acre-feet. Construction of this project was completed in 2006.

Structural and operational concerns were identified during operational testing and monitoring of the project. The severity of these design and operational concerns prohibit the project from operating as intended. As a result efforts to transfer the project to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) were halted and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers retained control of the project. The project has remained in a passive operating state since 2009.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$50,000,000
Estimated Federal Cost	25,000,000
Allocation thru FY15	24,969,384
Carry In to FY16	0
Allocation for FY16	0
President's Budget FY17	0

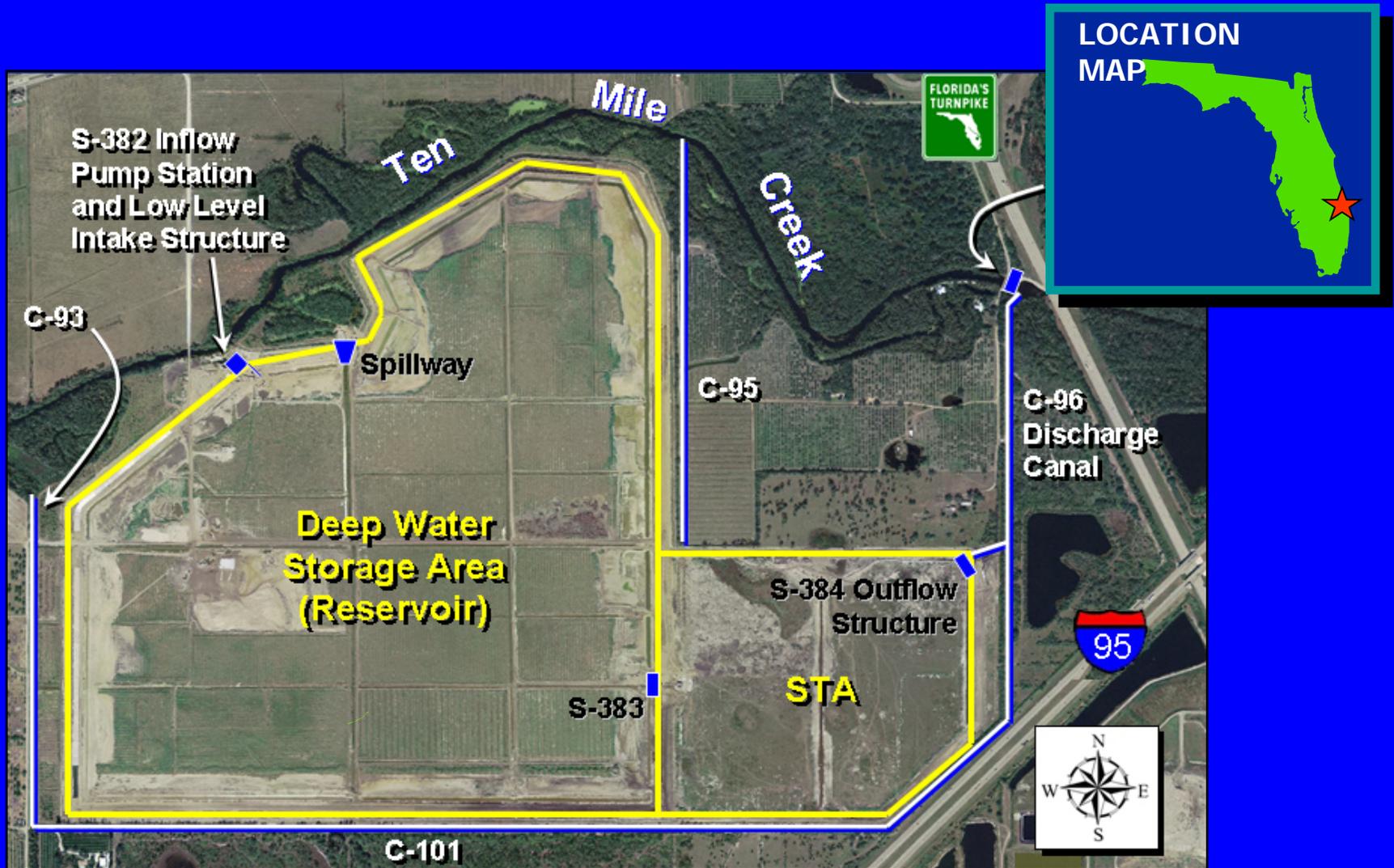
3. SPONSOR

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33416-4680

4. STATUS

The SFWMD is currently operating the project under a Section 408 approval. Congress, in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, directed the Secretary to transfer the project to the SFWMD, and upon transfer the project will no longer be Federally authorized. The project is scheduled to be transferred to the SFWMD in June 2016.

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Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area