

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

Congress authorized the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000, Section 601 (b)(1)(A), as the framework for restoration of the south Florida ecosystem. The Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project (LRWRP), formerly known as the North Palm Beach County–Part 1 feasibility study is a component of the CERP. The study area 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 area 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	1,031,422,000
Estimated Federal Cost	541,894,000
Allocation thru FY16	7,340,000
Carry In to FY17	0
Allocation for FY17	952,000
President's Budget FY18	TBD

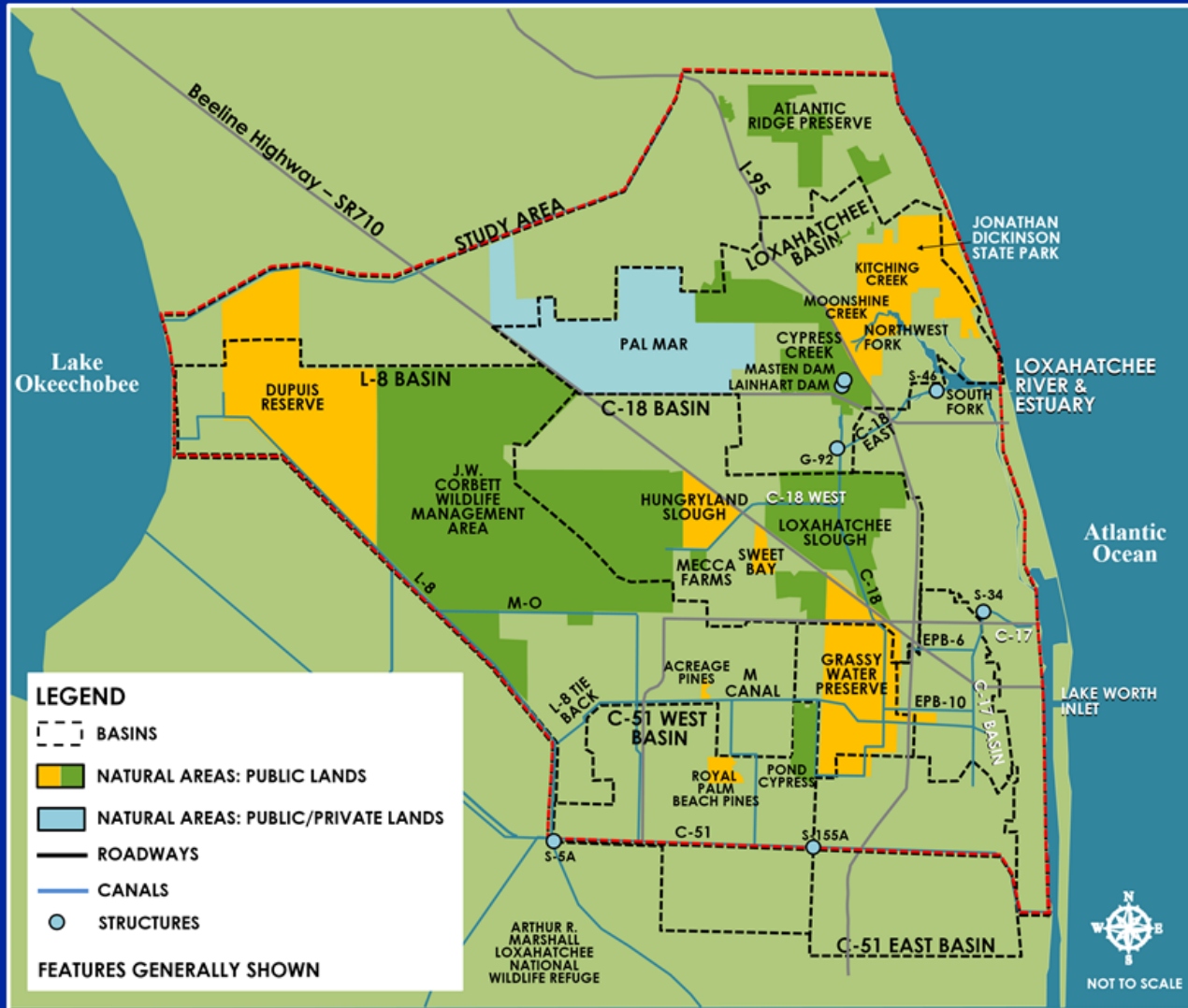
3. SPONSOR

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

4. STATUS

Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQUSACE) approved the Jacksonville District to proceed with preparation of a Project Implementation Report (PIR) under the requirements of the USACE's SMART planning process in December 2015. PIR efforts started in January 2016 and the PDT is scheduled to complete the PIR in January 2019. On April 2016, the team received approval to move forward with five alternative plans. The team is currently modeling, evaluating, and estimating the costs for these alternatives to identify a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) in FY17.

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