FACT SHEET Pahokee Restoration (1135)

Construction (C)
Congressional District: 18, 20, 21, 22

1. DESCRIPTION

This study is authorized by Section 1135, of the 1990 Water Resources Development Act. The city of Pahokee is within Palm Beach County, and is approximately 100 miles north of Miami. Pahokee, Florida is located in South Florida, on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The potential area for the project spans approximately 15 miles. An opportunity exists to restore the currently degraded area and well as protect the lake's ecosystem as a resource. This could occur as beneficial use through creation of barrier islands to protect the shoreline habitat during storms as well as allow recreational use and outreach, create wetland habitat (providing natural ecosystems to provide incidental water quality benefits and retain suspended solids) and create hardground habitat.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$800,000
Estimated Federal Cost	450,000
Allocation thru FY16	50,000
Allocation for FY17	100,000
President's Budget FY18	TBD

Project is a Section 1135 Continuing Authorities Program project.

3. SPONSOR

Palm Beach County
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4. STATUS

A Feasbility Cost Sharing Ageement was executed in December 2016. Feasibility report was initiated in January 2017. Feasibility report completion date in June 2018.