

FACT SHEET  
**COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN**  
**Central Everglades Planning Project**

Construction General (C)

Congressional Districts: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,  
 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

**1. DESCRIPTION**

The Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) has been selected to be formulated as part of the US Army Corps of Engineers National Pilot Program for Feasibility Studies. The pilot initiative for the project will provide an opportunity to test principles that have been outlined in the USACE *Recommendations for Transforming the Current Pre-Authorization Study Process (January 2011)* and associated presentation materials. The Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) of 2000 provided authority for the project study in Section 601(b)(1)(A).

The study area for the CEPP encompasses the Northern Estuaries (St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon and the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary), Lake Okeechobee, a portion of the Everglades Agricultural Area, the Water Conservation Areas; Everglades National Park, the Southern Estuaries (Florida Bay and Biscayne Bay), and the Lower East Coast. The purpose of CEPP is to improve the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water flows to the central Everglades (WCA 3 and ENP). Utilizing the Incremental Adaptive Restoration approach recommended by the National Research Council and new information gained to date, the project will be composed of increments of project components that were identified in the CERP Comprehensive Review Study (Yellow Book), reducing the risks and uncertainties associated with project planning and implementation.

**2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Authorized Cost	\$16,800,096
Estimated Federal Cost (USACE)	9,600,096
Allocation thru FY13 (USACE)	8,394,081
Carry In for FY14	113,985
Allocation for FY14	1,320,000
President's Budget FY15	0

**3. SPONSOR**

South Florida Water Management District  
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

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**4. STATUS**

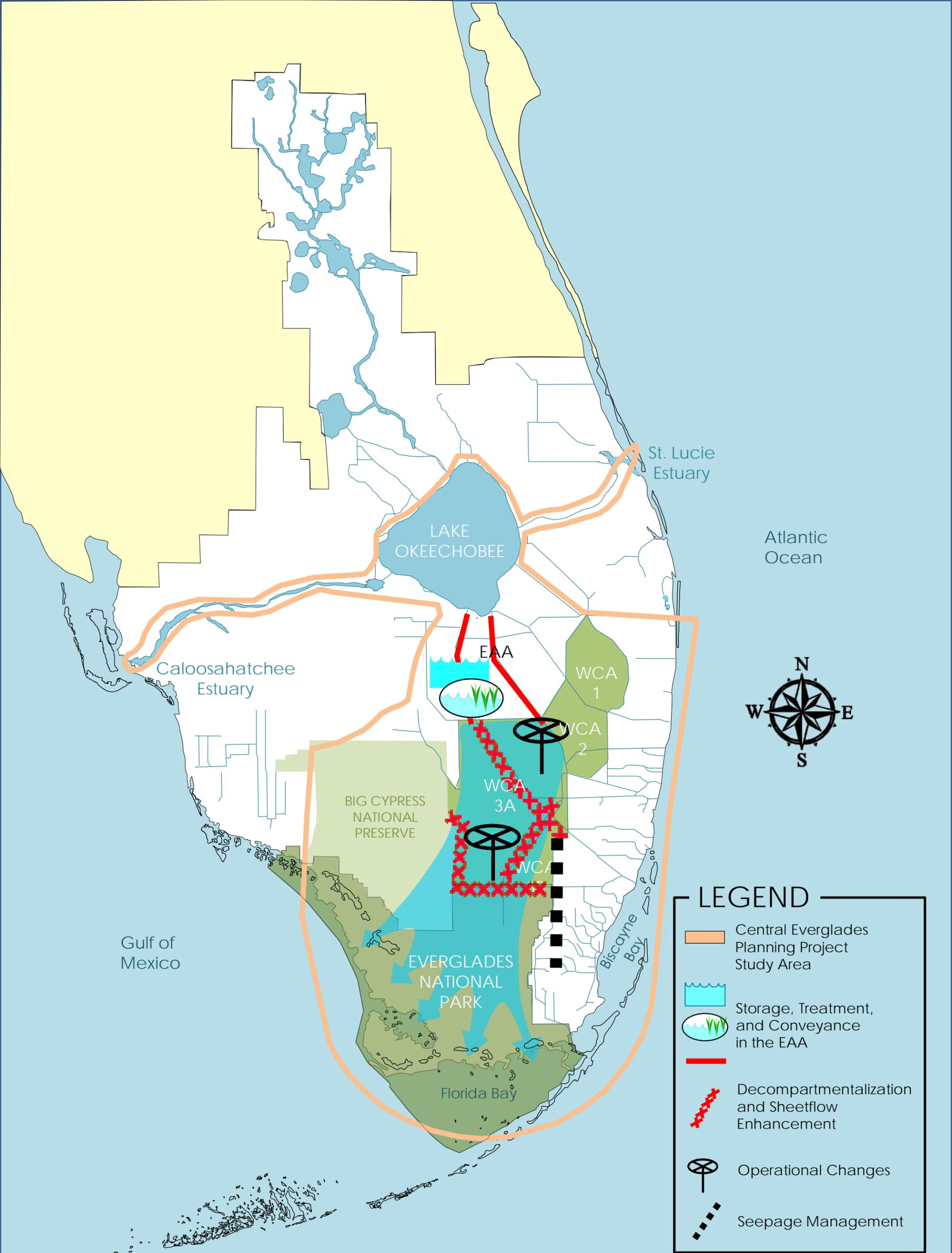
This new pilot process does not follow the typical USACE planning process and will require greater, more interactive and concurrent involvement from the South Atlantic Division, Headquarters, and Assistant Secretary of the Army's office; at multiple points throughout the study to provide input and decision making. The pilot study is divided into four phases, each with a key Decision Point and associated In-Progress Review (Table-1) in order to achieve a Project Implementation Report (PIR).

Table 1: Pilot Study Phases

Pilot Study Phase	Decision Point	Duration
Project Scoping Phase	Decision Point 1 – Federal Interest Determination	Month 1-3
Execution Phase	Decision Point 2 – Alternative Array and Plan Selection	Month 4-15
Review Phase	Decision Point 3 – Confirmation Brief	Month 16-18
Confirmation Phase	Decision Point 4 – Chief's Report	Month 19-21

At the Decision Point-1 meeting in January 2012, the team received concurrence to move forward into more detailed plan formulation. Approval to move forward with the preliminary tentatively selected plan (TSP) was provided at the Decision Point-2 meeting in August 2013. Public and agency review of the draft Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement was completed early November 2013. The Independent External Project Review (IEPR) was completed late November 2013. Decision Point-3 and Civil Works Review Board is scheduled in April 2014 and public and agency review of the final PIR/EIS is scheduled in June 2014.

The Final PIR/EIS and Chief of Engineers Report will be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY 2014.



# CERP COMPONENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT