

FACT SHEET  
**COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN**  
**Picayune Strand Restoration**  
 Construction General (C)  
 Congressional District: 19, 25, 26

**1. DESCRIPTION**

Picayune Strand Restoration Project was authorized under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2007. The purpose of this project is to restore and enhance the wetlands back to pre development hydrology in a failed housing development, formerly called Southern Golden Gates Estates, of Picayune Strand. The Project is located in Collier County, south of I-75 and north of U.S. Highway 41 between the Belle Meade Area and the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve. Implementation of the Project will improve the water quality of coastal estuaries by moderating the large salinity fluctuations caused by freshwater point discharge of the Faka Union Canal. The plan would aid in protecting the City of Naples eastern Golden Gate wellfield by improving groundwater recharge and help replenish the the aquifer system. The project includes a combination of pump stations, spreader basins, canal plugs, and road removal.

**2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Cost	\$568,213,000
Estimated Federal Cost	393,213,000
Allocation thru FY13	269,276,000
Carry In for FY14	336,000
Allocation for FY14	9,800,000
President's Budget FY15	7,627,000

**3. SPONSOR**

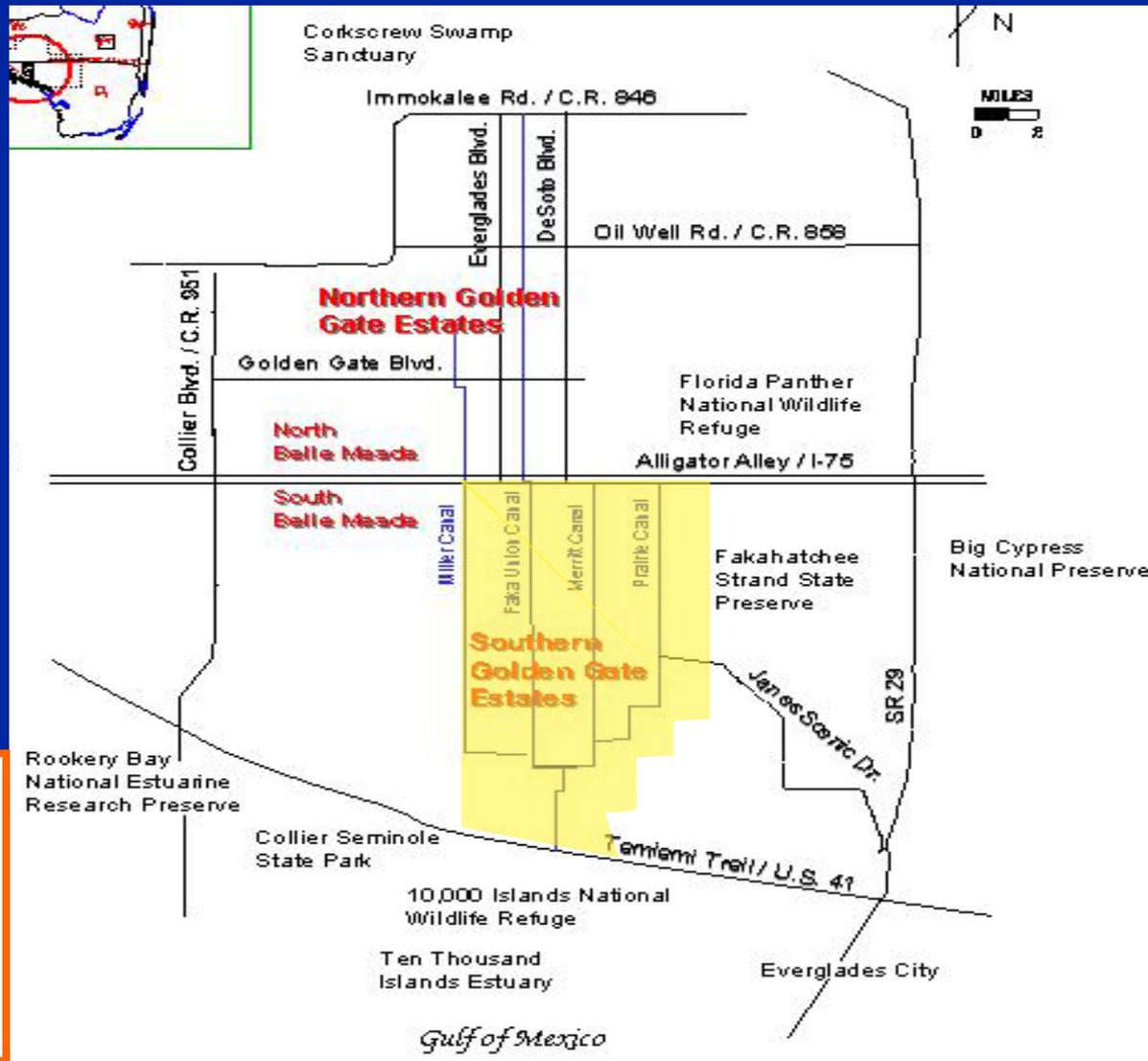
South Florida Water Management District  
 3301 Gun Club Road  
 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

**4. STATUS**

A Final Project Implementation Report (PIR) was submitted to Congress in September 2004. Construction on this project was initiated with the plugging of the Praire Canal under the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) Acceler8 Program which also included the design for Merritt, Faka Union and Miller Pump Stations. Both

the Master Agreement and the Project Partnership Agreement were executed on 13 August 2009. The Merritt Pump Station and Road Removal Construction Contract was awarded in October 2009 and is expected to complete in late 2013. The Faka Union Pump Station and Road Removal Construction Contract was awarded in November 2010 and will be complete in 2014. Miller Pump Station Contract was awarded in September 2014 and will be completed in 2017. Analysis of the affects to the water levels of the adjacent private lands is currently under way and features required to maintain current levels of flood protection will be constructed in 2016. A warm water manatee refugium is located south of the Port of the Islands area. The refugium will be affected by the project. A mitigation project is under design and will be constructed by South Florida Water Management District in 2015. Recent cost estimates have projected that the project will exceed the 902 limit. The project team developed a Limited Revaluation Report to request a post authorization cost increase. The Report will be submitted to congress in Summer 2014.

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