

FACT SHEET
COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN
Southwest Florida Comprehensive Watershed Plan
 (Formerly: Southwest Florida Feasibility Study)
 Construction General (C)
 Congressional Districts: 17, 19, 20, 25, 26

1. DESCRIPTION

The Southwest Florida Feasibility Study (SWFFS) was recommended in the C&SF Project Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) report and authorized in WRDA 1996 which approved further studies and analyses, as necessary, to gather the data needed to implement projects to restore, preserve, and protect the south Florida ecosystem.

The Restudy recognized the lack of hydrologic data available for southwest Florida and recommended a comprehensive evaluation of the environmental, agricultural, and municipal water resource needs for the region. The study area encompasses approximately 4,300 square miles including all of Lee County, much of Collier and Hendry counties, and portions of Charlotte, Glades, and Monroe counties. The northern boundary of the study area parallels the northern drainage extent of the Caloosahatchee River Basin, while the eastern boundary is the drainage divide between the Big Cypress Swamp and the Everglades system.

The study will provide a Comprehensive Watershed Plan that will incorporate projects recommended by a multi-agency PDT to restore natural hydrologic connections, improve habitat and landscape connectivity, enhance existing natural areas, and maintain water supply and flood control throughout the study area. From this Master Plan the PDT will develop a method of tiering to illustrate those components which would be viable as USACE Interest (Tier 1), State/Federal Interest (Tier 2), and Local Interest (Tier 3). Utilizing this method, and coupled with the USACE plan formulation process, the watershed plan will highlight specific Tier 1 interests for consideration and acquisition by a possible cost sharing partner.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$17,000,000
Estimated Federal Cost	8,500,000
Allocation thru FY12	8,500,000
Carry In for FY13	40,000
Allocation for FY13	0
President's Budget FY14	0

3. SPONSOR

South Florida Water Management District
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

4. STATUS

Following review of the initial SWFFS Draft Report at the USACE District and Headquarters levels, the Southwest Florida Feasibility Study was returned to the Jacksonville District office with direction to reformat and package as a Comprehensive Watershed Plan. The PDT has worked to repackage the deliverables in a new draft, while keeping historic documentation from the original feasibility study (to include the Conceptual modeling of alternatives, development of Rough Order of Magnitude construction and real estate costs for alternative analysis, and selection of the tentatively selected plan). Completion of the Southwest Florida Comprehensive Watershed Plan and its release to the public is scheduled for FY 2014.

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FEASIBILITY STUDY AREA