

FACT SHEET  
**EVERGLADES AND SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION,**  
**Lake Okeechobee Water Retention/Phosphorus Removal**  
 Construction, General (C)  
 Congressional Districts: 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

**1. DESCRIPTION**

This project involves re-establishing wetlands currently drained and used for agricultural purposes, isolating phosphorous loaded wetlands, and providing peak flow attenuation of water to the lake, through the construction of two storm water treatment areas. This project is one of the nine projects comprising the Everglades and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program, also known as the Critical Restoration Projects Program.

**2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Cost	\$28,550,000
Estimated Federal Cost	14,275,000
Allocation thru Fiscal Year 2013	13,721,567
Carry In for Fiscal Year 2014	136,600
Allocation for Fiscal Year4	136,600
President's Budget Fiscal Year 2015	0

**3. SPONSOR**

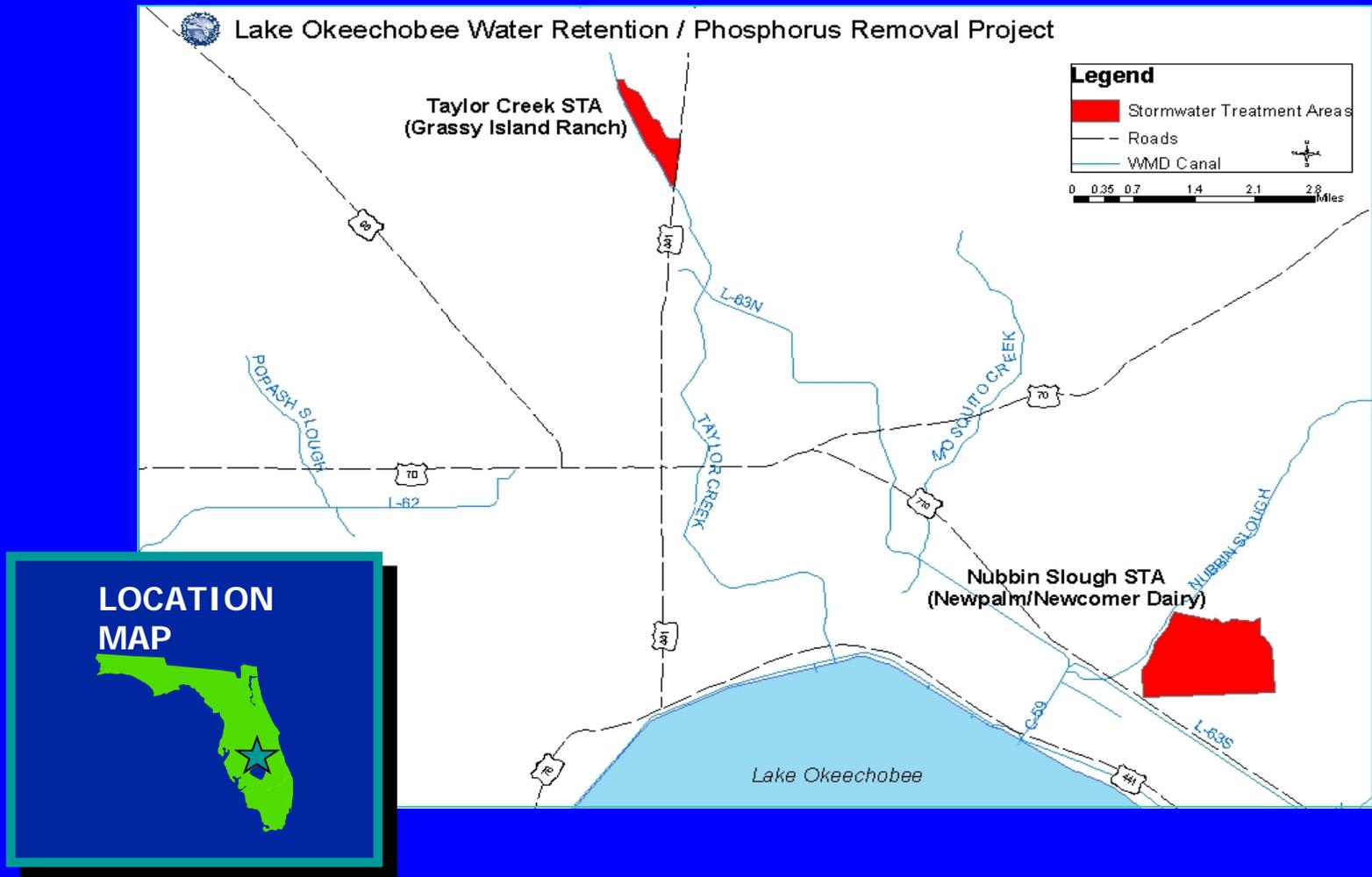
South Florida Water Management District  
 3301 Gun Club Road  
 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

**4. STATUS**

**Taylor Creek:** Construction was physically complete in April 2006. The interim operational and testing phase was substantially complete in October 2008. Construction of the project including repair of latent defects was completed in August 2010. The project is currently functioning as intended and performing extremely well in reducing the level of phosphorus in effluent waters discharging into the Everglades.

**Nubbin Slough:** Construction of the project was physically complete in 2006. Latent defects discovered during the interim operational testing and monitoring phase was repaired in January 2010. Thereafter, the recurrence of extreme low flow conditions in the intake basin halted the system operation. The intake pool was later repaired in Fiscal Year 2012 to remedy the low flow conditions. Additional latent defects have delayed the transfer of this project to the project sponsor. Repairs are scheduled to be completed this fiscal year. Following repair of these defects, the project will be transferred to Operation and Maintenance phase in Sep 2014.

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