

FACT SHEET  
**Virginia Key, FL (1135)**  
 Construction (C)  
 Congressional Districts: 27

### **1. DESCRIPTION**

Biscayne Bay and Virginia Key are part of the larger Florida Everglades ecosystem. Virginia Key has a fragile ecology in need of restoration due to the invasion of exotic species, the damage caused by Hurricane Andrew and erosion of the protective beach. Virginia Key Beach is the site of the former "Colored Beach" in Miami one of the few places that African Americans could go to swim in Miami from the 1940s through the early 1960s.

### **2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 2,791,200
Estimated Federal Cost	2,342,700
Allocation thru FY13	2,220,700
Allocation for FY 14	10,000
President's Budget FY 15	0

Project is a Section 1135 Continuing Authorities Program project.

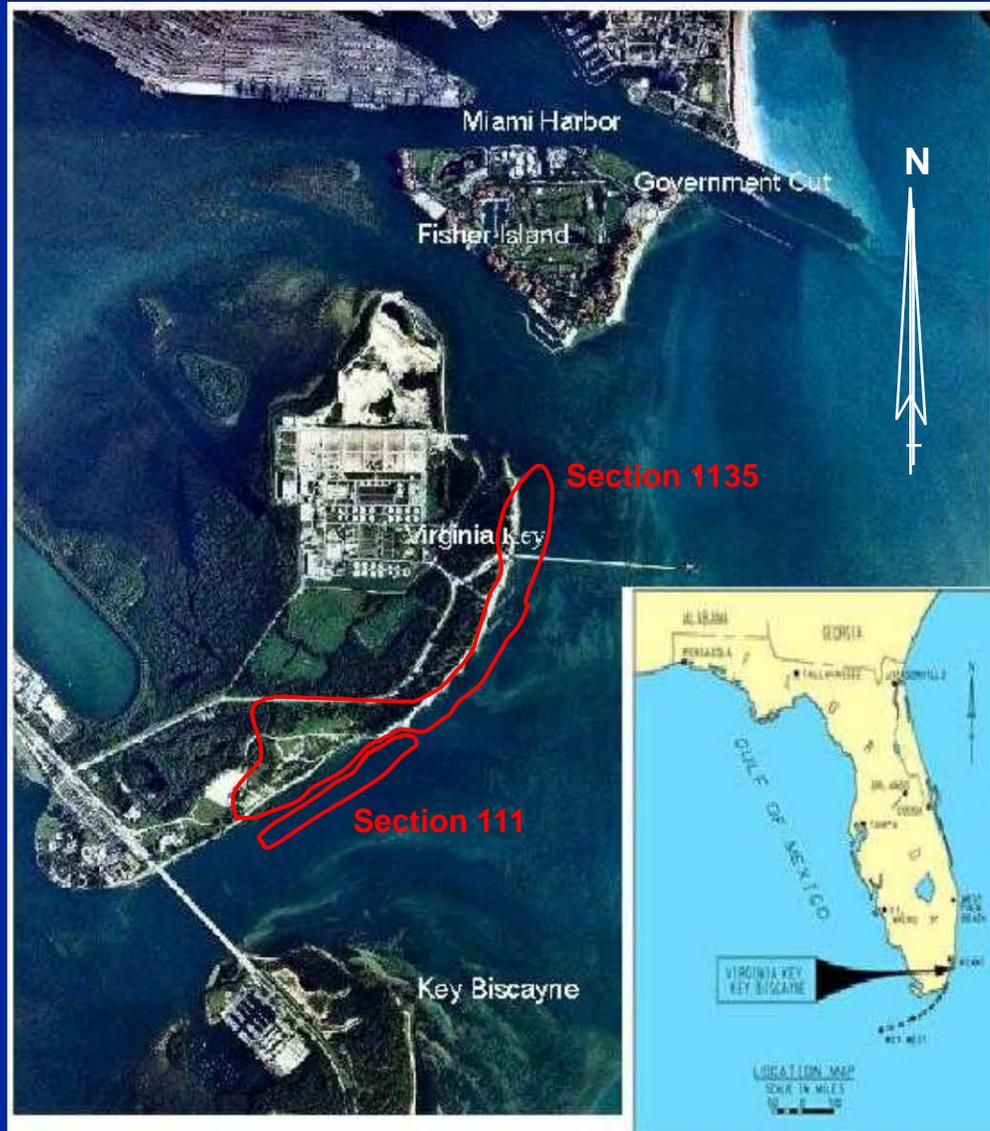
### **3. SPONSOR**

City of Miami  
 P.O. Box 330708  
 Miami, Florida 33233-0708

### **4. STATUS**

Ecosystem restoration project to remove exotic species and restore the natural system was authorized under the CAP Section 1135 (Project Modification for Improvements of the Environment). Study efforts for Section 1135 were initiated in April 2001, and a Draft Environmental Restoration Report (ERR) was completed March 2003. Final ERR was completed on September 2005 and approved on July 2006. Design was completed and a services contract for implementation was awarded in July 2012 and completed in July 2013. Monitoring will continue for 3 years, until 2016.

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