

FACT SHEET
EVERGLADES AND SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
Seminole Big Cypress
 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 Seminole Tribe Big Cypress Water Conservation Plan is located in Hendry County, directly north of the Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP) and west of Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A. The Big Cypress Reservation is traversed by the L-28 and L-28I canals and the North and West Feeder Canals; all of these conveyances were constructed as part of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) project.

East side work consists of conveyance canals, which have been designed and constructed by the Seminole Tribe. West side work consists of several basins, each of which will consist of an irrigation storage cell, water resource area (similar to a stormwater treatment area (STA)), pump stations for transferring water, canals for distribution, and inverted siphons to carry effluent under the West Feeder Canal into the reservation's Native Range. Water will then flow southward into the BCNP.

Note: This project is one of the nine projects comprising the Everglades and South Florida (E&SF) Ecosystem Restoration Program, also known as Critical Restoration Projects Program.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 62,161,193
Estimate Federal Cost	30,000,000
Allocation thru FY14	29,174,510
Carry In for FY15	3,030
Allocation for FY15	0
President's Budget FY16	0

3. SPONSOR

Seminole Tribe of Florida
 6300 Stirling Road
 Hollywood, Florida 33024

4. STATUS

Seminole Tribe construction of the East Side Conveyance Canal System was completed in July 2003. A contract for construction of the Basin 1 features was awarded in September 2006 for \$18,200,000. This work was completed in June 2008. Basin 1 was transferred to the sponsor in the second quarter of FY 2010. The Basin 4 construction was completed in January 2013 and was transferred to the sponsor in July 2013. The construction contract for Basin 2 was awarded in September 2013 for \$9,995,726, and construction is currently ongoing. Basin 2 construction is scheduled to be completed in summer 2015. Current funding is not adequate to award Basin 3 due to federal project funding cap of \$30 million. The Seminole Tribe of Florida has requested the removal of Basin 3 from the authorized federal project. An Engineering Documentation Report with associated NEPA is being prepared to formally remove the feature from the project in FY2015.

BIG CYPRESS SEMINOLE INDIAN RESERVATION WATER CONSERVATION PLAN CRITICAL RESTORATION PROJECT

