A holistic approach to addressing water management and water quality issues in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed

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Workshop Conclusions

• Serious rehabilitation work has been underway since the late 1970s
• Water quality and water management issues persist
• Progress on control of exotics
• 1989 SWIM Plan was first of a series of plans addressing water quality and management
Workshop Summary

• 2001 Phosphorus TMDL
• Phase II Technical Plan (2/08) provides the framework for achieving goals
• Plan includes
  – CERP Components
  – Regulatory programs
  – BMP Implementation (urban & ag)
  – Construction of regional facilities
  – Innovative partnerships with farmers