



Stakeholder Engagement in Restoration

James M. Erskine

Everglades Coordinator

Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Conference

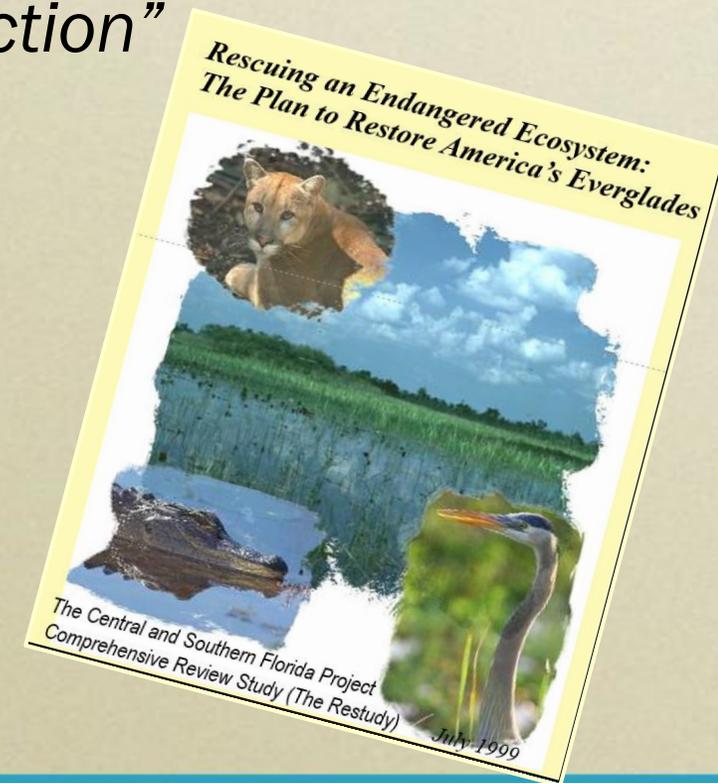
April 17, 2017



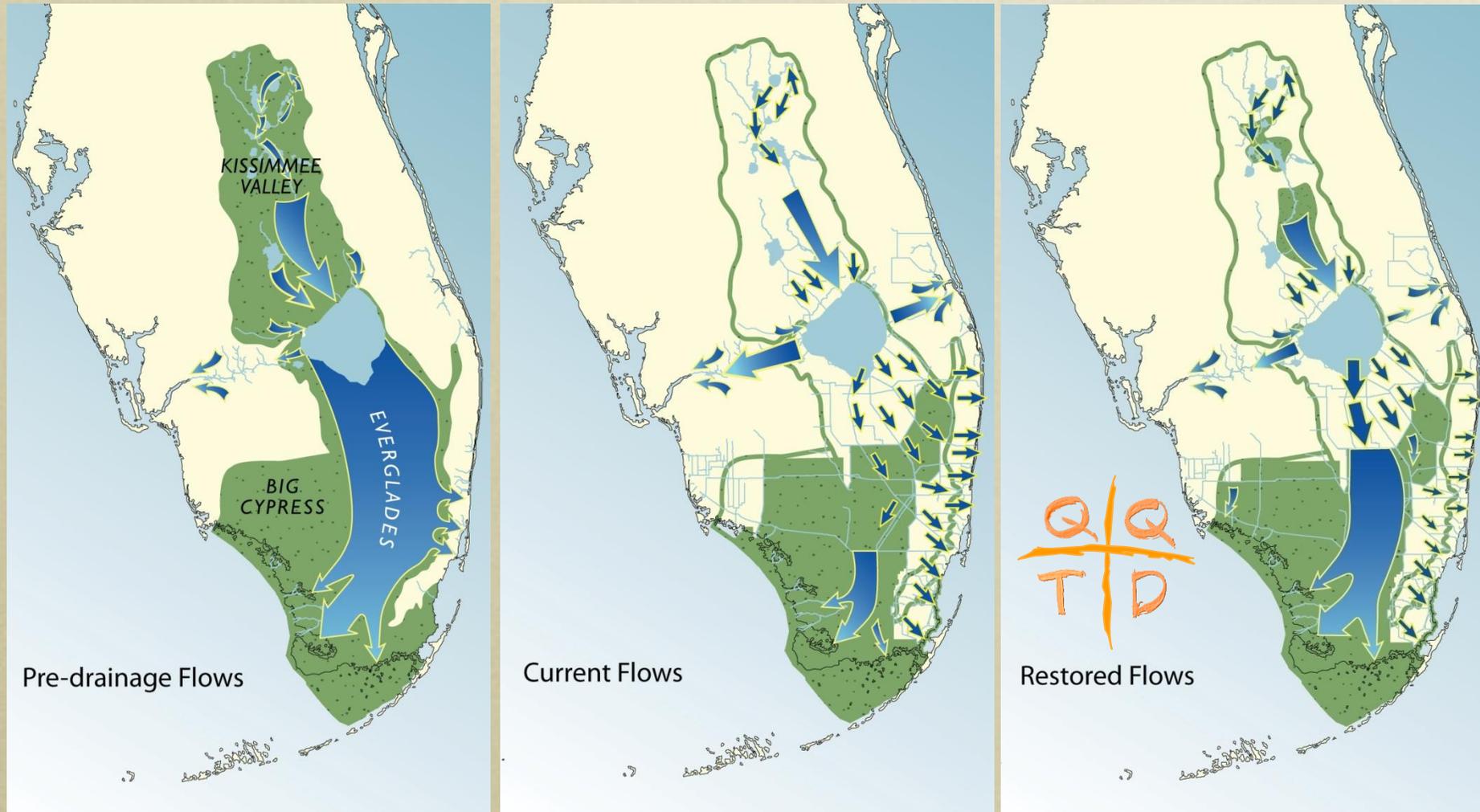
MyFWC.com

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)

“a framework for modifications and operational changes” to the C&SF Project “needed to restore, preserve and protect the south Florida ecosystem while providing for other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection”
(USACE & SFWMD, 1999)



Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)



Pre-drainage Flows

Current Flows

Restored Flows

HISTORIC
FLOW

CURRENT
FLOW

RESTORED
FLOW



Numerous and diverse stakeholders

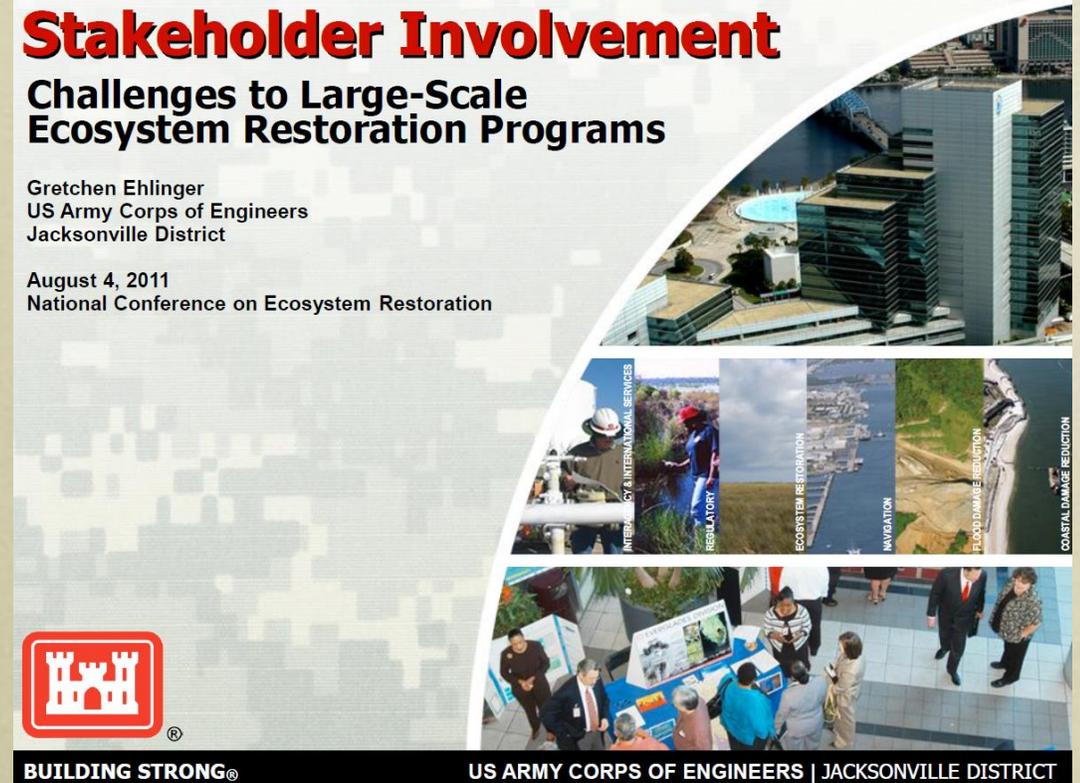
- Federal, State, tribal, local governments
- Agencies
- Environmental nongovernmental
- Recreation groups and community groups
- Agricultural groups and entities
- Businesses
- individual members of the general public

Many, many more...



Enhanced stakeholder engagement in CERP

- Outlines stakeholder engagement protocols
- Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972)
- Meeting scheduling & logistics
- Data and web access



Stakeholder Involvement
Challenges to Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration Programs

Gretchen Ehlinger
US Army Corps of Engineers
Jacksonville District

August 4, 2011
National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration

INTERAGENCY INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
REGULATORY
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
NAVIGATION
FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION
COASTAL DAMAGE REDUCTION


BUILDING STRONG®

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS | JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

The slide features a collage of images on the right side, including a modern building, a person in a hard hat, a person in a blue shirt, a river, a person in a suit, and a person in a blue shirt. The background is a light blue and white grid pattern.



Enhanced stakeholder engagement in CERP

- Organized by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group at the direction of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

“The mission of the Working Group and its subgroups is to support the Task Force in its efforts to achieve, in cooperation with all interested parties, the restoration, preservation and protection of the ecosystem while promoting a sustainable South Florida.”

Pursuant to Section 528 (f)(3)(B) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, the Working Group is authorized to “...seek advice and input from any interested, knowledgeable, or affected party necessary to perform its duties.”



December 3, 2003

CHARTER, South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group

1. AUTHORIZATION. Section 528(f)(2)(D) of Public Law 104-303, the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), enacted October 12, 1996, requires the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force to establish a Florida-based working group (hereinafter referred to as the Working Group.)

2. MISSION. The mission of the Working Group and its subgroups is to support the Task Force in its efforts to achieve, in cooperation with all interested parties, the restoration, preservation and protection of the ecosystem while promoting a sustainable South Florida.

3. DUTIES. The Working Group is established to formulate, recommend, coordinate, and implement the policies, strategies, plans, programs, projects, activities, and priorities of the Task Force, pursuant to section 528(f)(2) of the Act. To assist the Task Force in its duties the Working Group shall develop for Task Force approval:

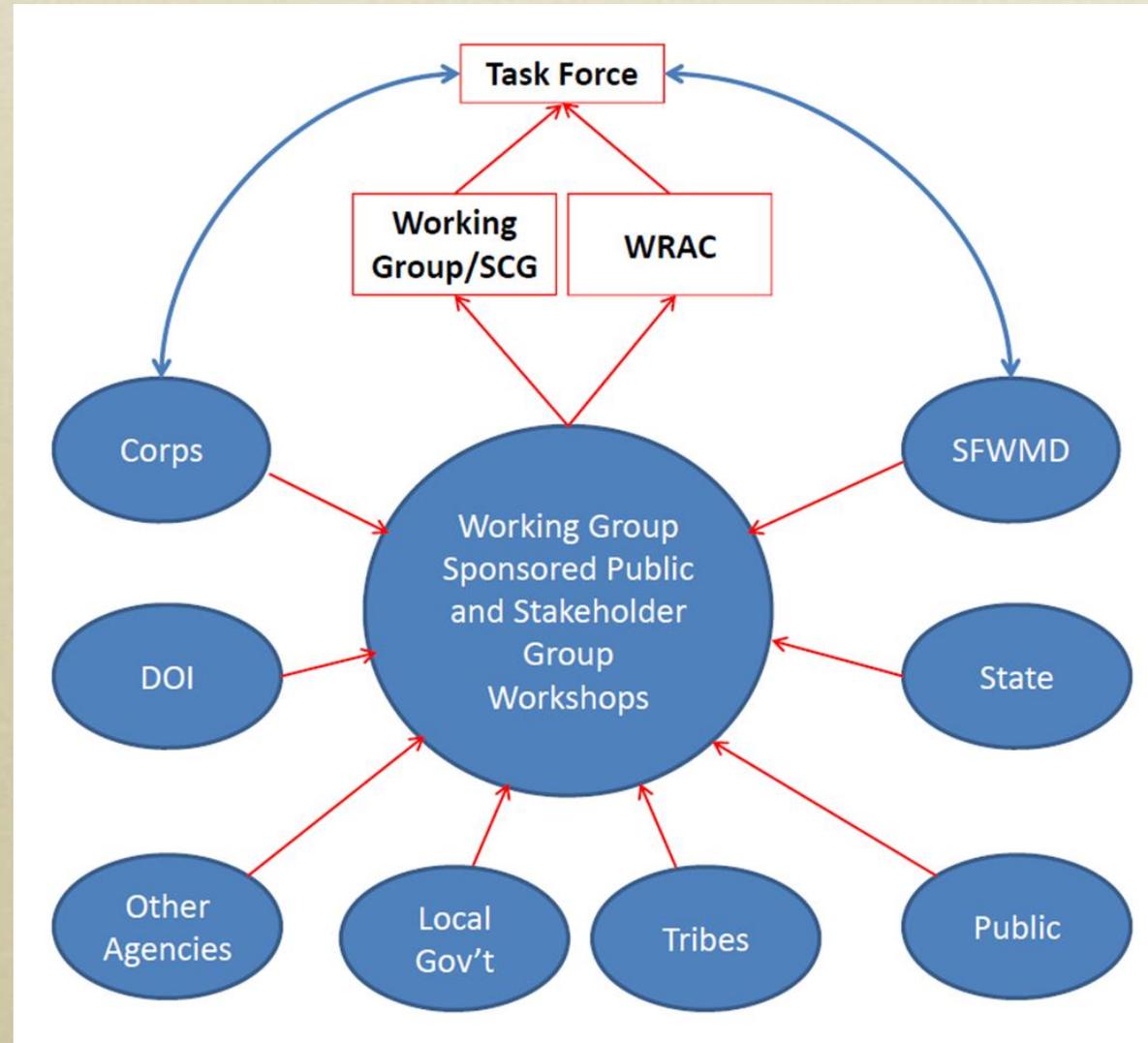
- A draft biennial report to Congress, the Florida Legislature, and the Councils of the two Tribes that summarizes the activities of the Task Force and progress made toward restoration;
- A draft integrated financial plan and recommendations for coordinated budget requests that reflect the coordination of federal, state, Tribal, and local government funding requirements for essential restoration projects;
- A draft biennial update to the strategic plan that describes the application and linkages among programs and projects to achieve shared ecosystem goals in the region;
- A draft biennial update to the total cost report that estimates the total costs to restore the South Florida ecosystem;
- Responses to specific priority activities assigned by the Task Force.

4. POWERS. The Working Group may, at the direction of the Task Force:

- Establish advisory bodies necessary to assist the Working Group or the Task Force in their duties, including advisory bodies on public policy and scientific issues, in accordance with section 528(f)(2)(E)(I) of the Act.
- Select as an advisory body any entity that represents a broad variety of public and private interests, as provided in section 528(f)(2)(E)(ii) of the Act.
- Seek advice and input from any interested, knowledgeable, or affected party necessary to perform its duties, as provided in section 528(f)(3)(B).

Enhanced stakeholder engagement model

- Regular public meetings provide opportunities for continued public participation, broaden the audience and increase the availability of information.
- Workshops coincide with major tasks and decision points.
- Scheduling provides process for feedback loops.



Enhanced stakeholder engagement benefits

- Everyone has a seat at the table.
- Provides a mechanism for dialogue between technical experts, Project Delivery Team (PDT) members, and stakeholders at a more technical and detailed level.
- Improved stakeholders understanding of science tools and technical challenges.
- Provides opportunities for dialogue between stakeholders.
- Promote relationships, communication, understanding and trust.
- Improves, maintains, and builds stakeholder support.



Enhanced stakeholder engagement output

- Written summary, video or audio log
- Sign in sheet / attendance list

Workshop Summary

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group Sponsored Public Workshop

Western Everglades Restoration Project Public Workshop

John Boy Auditorium
1200 S W C Owens Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440
August 23, 2016
10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Attendees:

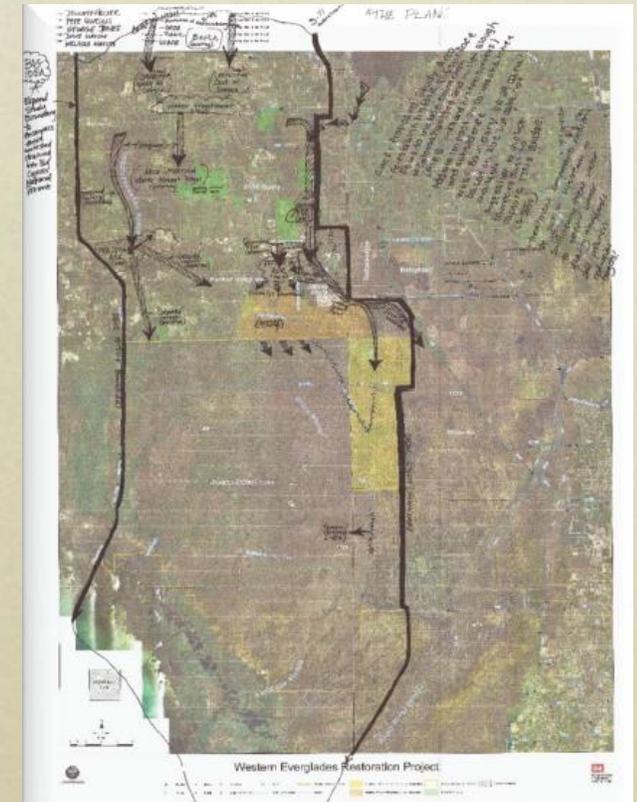
James Erskine	Kevin Whittman
Nick Aumen	Jennifer Hecker
Shannon Estenoz	Cecile Piserotloe
Allyn Childress	Kate English
Armando Ramirez	Sandra Hare
Donatto Surratt	Dawn Shireffs
Yongshan Wan	Aurora Littles
Agnes Ramsey	Bob Sobczak
Trufit Boyle	Edward Smith
Martha Nungesser	Justin Stockman
Ed Tamson	Jonathan Madden
Jeff Sumner	Virginia King
Nyla Pipes	Natalie Barfield
Inger Hansen	Julia Jennison
Marissa Kruger	Roger Williams
Yogesh Khare	Gary Ritter
Roland Ottolini	Isabelle McDonald
James Evans	Rebecca Elliott
Lacy Alison	Nora Elliott
Frank Danyuh	Nora Espinal
Kyle Grandusky	Cara Capp
Shawn Clem	Tom Conboy
Dave Urich	Phillip Roland
Chad Kennedy	Jaime Graulan
Martha Musgrove	Loren Espinal
Gene Duncan	George Jones
Dawn Dodds	Pete Quimasius
Melissa Nasuti	Eric Flaig
Mark Shafer	Veera Kurri
Jose "Pepe" Lopez	Tina Moeinian
Butch Wilson	Carrie Beeler
Beth Morfora	Sandy Soto
Patty Power	Kevin Burger
Phil Flood	Jose Cabaleiro
Dianne Hughes	Dennis Duke

>Welcome and introductions 10:00 AM, James Erskine, FWC Vice Chair, Allyn Childress, SFERTF, Shannon Estenoz, SFERTF, Nick Aumen, Chair, Science and Coordination Group



Enhanced stakeholder engagement output

- Written summary, video or audio log
- Sign in sheet / attendance list
- Group exercises

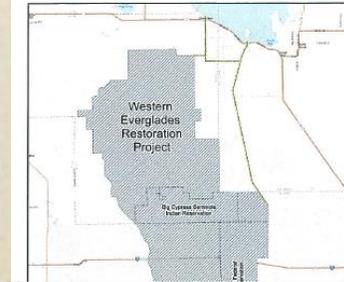


Enhanced stakeholder engagement output

- Written summary, video or audio log
- Sign in sheet / attendance list
- Group exercises
- Writing assignments



Working Session in Progress



COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

WESTERN EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT
EVENT: ~~WATER QUALITY~~ Task Force Workshop
DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS These pictures of testing I have done using Magnesium Oxide to control and eliminate algae. If we could add magnesium oxide to the lake by dusting or at any spillways the magnesium would combine with the excess phosphate and create micro size particles of an inert element Magnesium phosphate by taking away the excess phosphate you will control the algae.

Magnesium is a natural mineral that is in seawater it approx 0.6%. It is non hazardous and non-separable. Magnesium is a mineral that is part of photosynthesis process of life. Magnesium is a almost all from old processed material from our life.

Patton Pool Manager Patricia Higgins
(NAME AND TITLE (PLEASE PRINT))

Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project Configuration Summary Sheet

Configuration Name: Establish a Unique and Descriptive Name of the Proposed Configuration.

Part of The Solution

Author(s) of the Configuration: Identify the name of the Authors that developed the Configuration during the exercise.

Mike Pipes - ONE Florida
Dorrah Beach - KIMM Condon
Ramon Iglesias - Roland Martin Marina

Configuration's General Description: This description should be able to convey the general aspects, elements, and general location of management measures in this configuration.

Deep reservoir where the State owns land near The Kissimmee River / Lake Okeechobee - again and this is to do this (B) Deep reservoir between C-40 region. People what state owns land near - (C) Deep reservoir Taylor creek/Niles Slough (D) Identify another area for Deep water Reservoirs between C-40 - C41

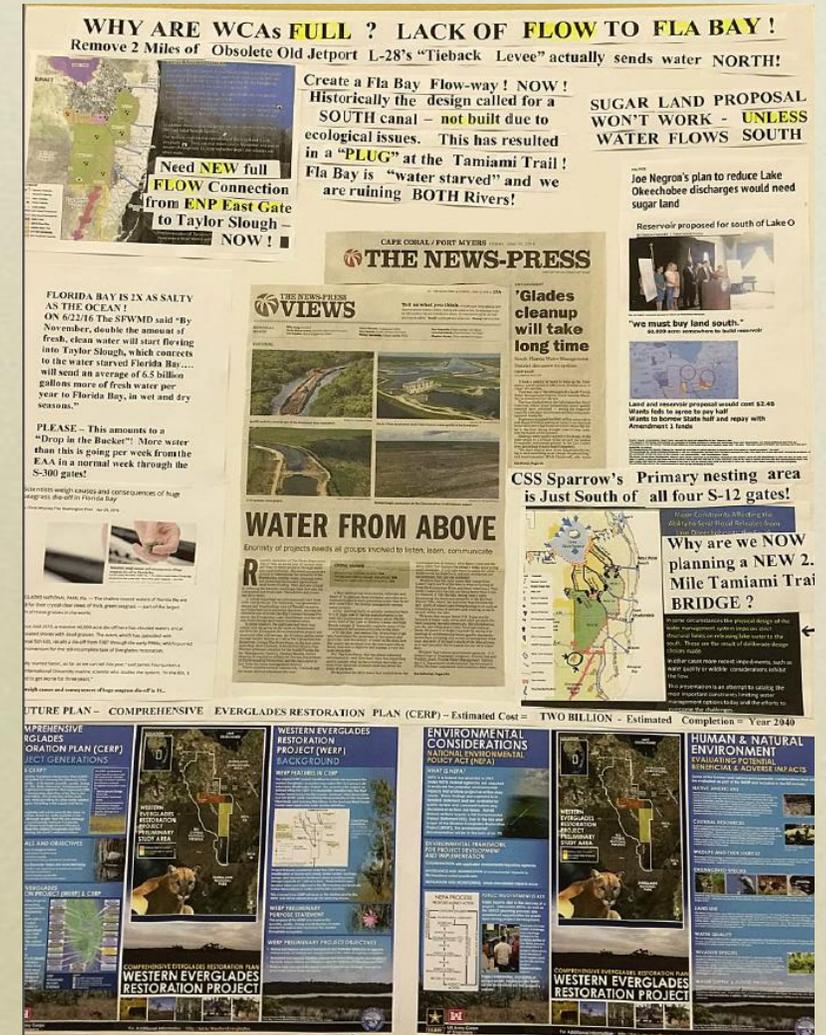
Management Measures: List the management measures used in the configuration (Reservoirs, ASR, Wetland/Floodplain Restoration).

Deep water Reservoirs / ASR



Enhanced stakeholder engagement output

- Written summary, video or audio log
- Sign in sheet / attendance list
- Group exercises
- Writing assignments
- Accept submitted materials and comments
- All materials posted to Evergladesrestoration.gov



Is enhanced stakeholder engagement working?

“The enhanced stakeholder and public engagement process was well executed and should serve as a model for future planning processes.”

“... it provided a means for two-way dialogue between stakeholders and agency staff that substantially influenced the planning outcome.”

“Overall, the committee commends the efforts to educate and engage the stakeholders and modify the project plan where feasible to address concerns.”



Is enhanced stakeholder engagement working?

Will let you, as stakeholder decide.





Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

James M. Erskine, Everglades Coordinator

James.Erskine@MyFWC.com



MyFWC.com