

Restoring the Heart of the Everglades

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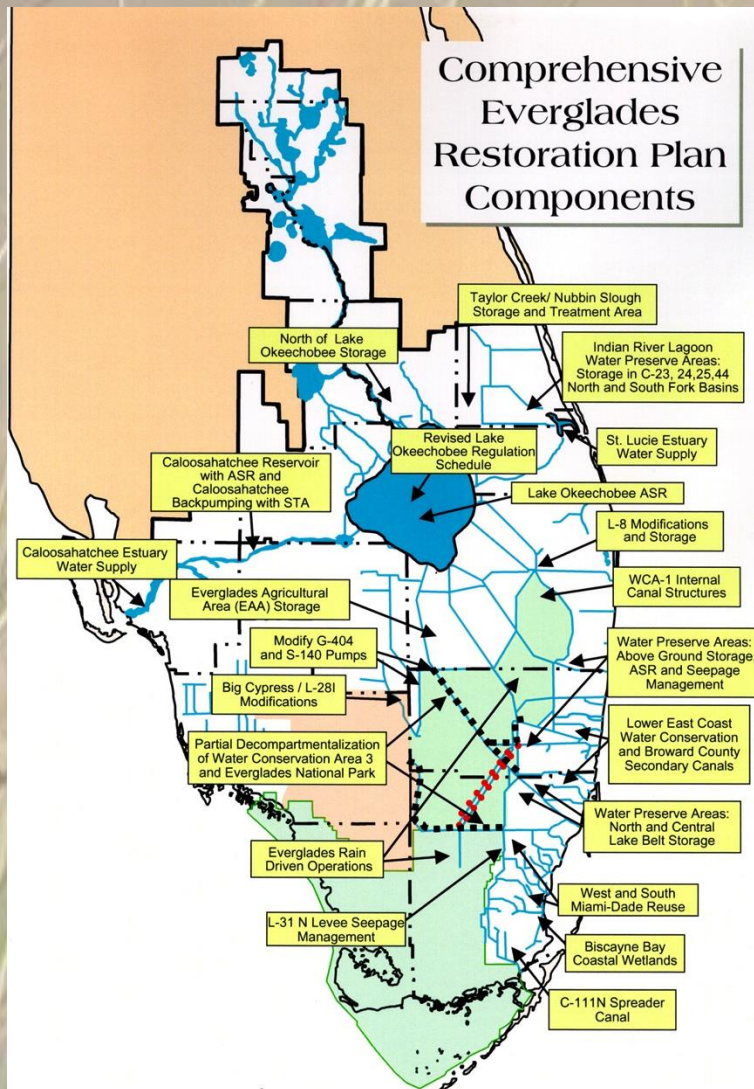
Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)

**A pilot streamlined planning process by the US
Army Corps of Engineers**

Everglades Restoration Overview



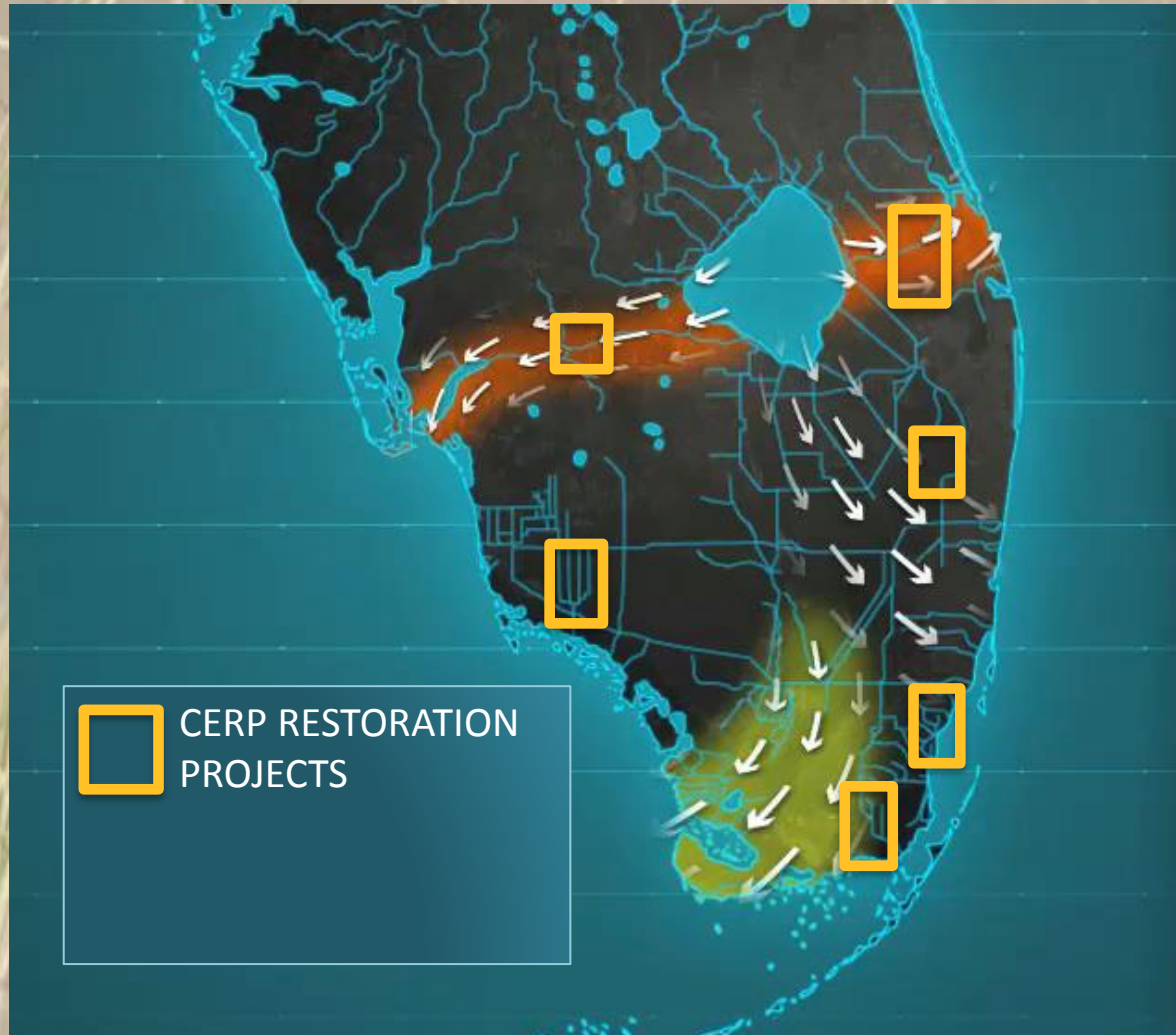
Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)



- Authorized in 2000
- 1.7 billion gallons fresh water wasted per day
- State/Fed cost share



CERP Progress in 2010



Everglades Restoration Review

- National Academy of Sciences, 2008 & 2010:
 - Projects so far are along periphery
 - Delay in progress: further degradation & jeopardizes restoration success
 - Need strong near term benefits
 - End water quantity and quality separation
 - Critical to maintain political and public support

Corps' response: Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)

- Launched Oct 2011
 - **18 month timeframe**
 - *now at 21 months and counting...*
- Similar to Water Management District planning process

Truncated Timeframe

- Cut from >6 years to <2 years
 - Scoping tools for early decision making
 - Eliminate unnecessary details

Regional Approach



Substantial Ecological Benefits

- Significant improvement in habitat quality across area, especially to Everglades National Park
 - Project area: ~2 million acres
- Addressing water quantity & quality together

First major step towards restoration of the core of the Everglades

Public Involvement

Project
Delivery
Team

Public
Stakeholder
Workshops

Agency
Committees
and Groups

Local
Sponsor
Governance

Upper
chain

PUBLIC

- Very capable, cooperative, dedicated planners
- Issues addressed as plan moves forward
- Many forums
- Public pressure helps move process along

Successful?

- Needed for continued success:
 - Completion of planning process (**deadlines!**)
 - No delay in congressional authorization
 - Built-in flexibility and adaptive management
 - Capable leaders and local sponsorship
 - Recognition that CEPP is not an end goal

A New Paradigm

The success of CEPP will lead to a paradigm shift for ecosystem restoration planning

