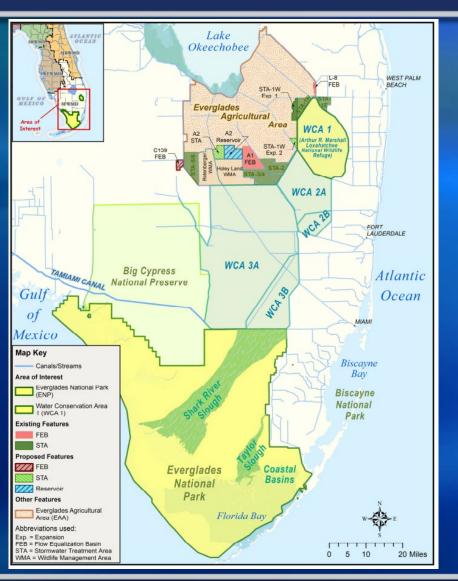
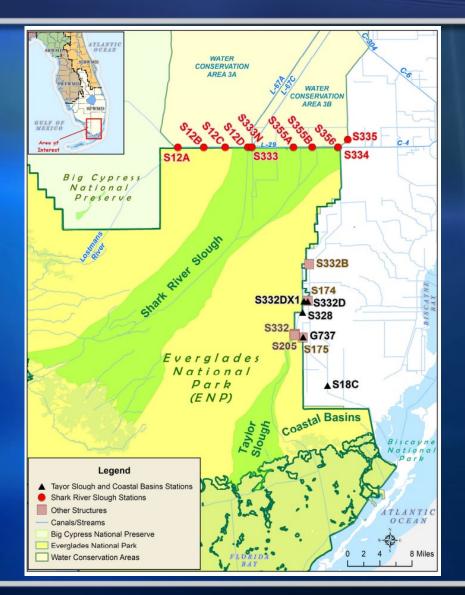
#### Engineering and Maintenance Solutions for Addressing the Elevated Total Phosphorus Concentrations at S-333

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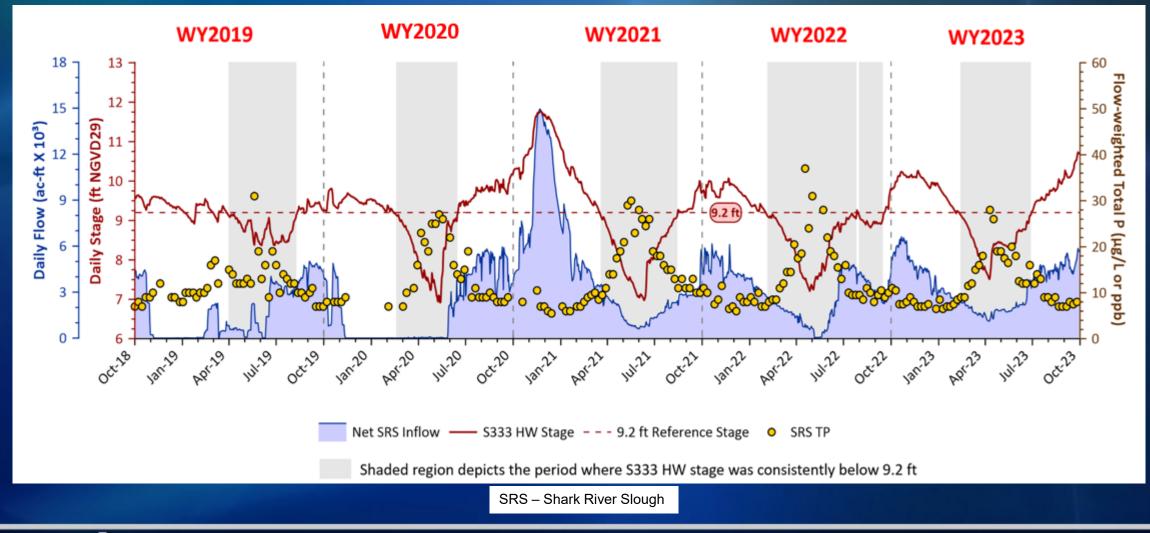
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## Elevated Total Phosphorus Linked with Low Canal Stage at S-333



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### Formation of the S-333 Working Group

- Purpose
  - Study the characteristics of phosphorus transport and sources passing through the S-333 structure
  - Propose potential engineering, maintenance, and/or operational solutions
- Consensus Strategy Phased Approach
  - Phase I Local Study
    - Sediment characterization study at S-333 complex/canals
    - Modeling of flow scenarios (CFD) and the potential effect on sediment entrainment
  - Phase II Comprehensive Study (Not yet Authorized)
    - Expanded study domain to include contributing canals and WCA-3A



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### **Initial Engineering and Maintenance Solution**

- Task 1 Canal Maintenance Dredging
  - 1,500 feet upstream of S-333 in the L-67A and L-29 Canal
  - S-333 intake bay
  - 2 Short-height low-sill weirs
- Task 2 Low-Sill Weirs
  - Conceptualized locations shown in figure
  - Constructed to finished elevation

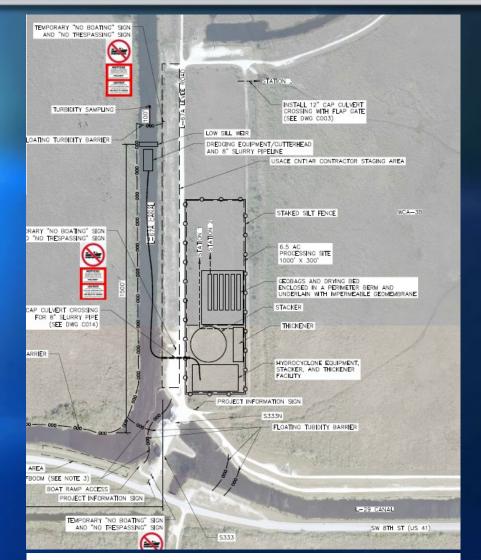






#### **Task 1 - Canal Maintenance Dredging**

- Removing the sediments and particulate matter will mitigate the resuspension of sediments contributing to the elevated TP concentrations at S-333
- 48,000 cubic yards of sediments to be dredged
- Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) for the temporary processing, treatment, and dewatering of dredged material
  - Isolated site used previously for dewatering
  - Dredged material will be separated, treated, consolidated, and dried onsite
  - Dried dredged material will be transported to an approved disposal site
  - Discharge monitoring for toxicity and Class III Surface Water Quality standards
  - DMMA site to be restored post-project



#### Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA)

#### Task 2 - Low-Sill Weirs

- Reduce near bed velocities, facilitate settling, and restricting movement of sediments, to prevent TP transport through S-333
- Removable Marine Mattresses filled and stacked to finished elevation
- Design of five weirs at varying elevations underway
- Performance tracked by a Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP) post project for optimization







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#### Summary (as of May 2025):

✓ Final survey and geotechnical investigation complete for task 1

- ✓ Final design and specifications complete for task 1
- ✓ 2 out of 3 permitting authorizations complete for task 1
- ✓ H&H design modeling complete for task 2





# Thank you!

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