

**Program Name:** Land Acquisition

**Project Name:** Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW)

**Project ID:** 2112

**Lead Agency:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection/South Florida Water Mgmt District

**Authority:** Florida Forever/Save Our Rivers (SOR)

**Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed:** 2.A.1

**Measurable Output(s):** Target 73,365 Acres

**Project Synopsis:** CREW covers 73,365 acres in Lee and Collier counties and is located at the top of the western Big Cypress watershed. It conveys surface water to private, state, and federally protected natural areas, including Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, and the Everglades National Park. The area supports populations of at least two species of rare and endangered orchids and includes an unusual stand of dwarf bald cypress. Land management will be carried out the SFWMD and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission under contract with the SFWMD.

Hydrologic restoration of CREW will restore and protect important habitat for the Florida panther and black bear and will protect the quality of water delivered to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, ENP, and Estero Bay. NOTE: Lee County has agreed to cost share this project by purchasing properties equaling the \$10,000,000 appropriated. These properties have been turned over to SFWMD for management.

**Cost:** Total: Project size is 73,365\*\* acres of which 27,104 have been acquired for a cost of \$55,462,215.  
Project Development  
Land Acquisition: 46,261 acres remaining to be acquired.  
Implementation  
Operations and maintenance

**Project Schedule:**

Start Date: 1991  
Finish Date: Upon completion

**Detailed Project Budget Information (\$1000s)**

	Thru 2011	Balance to complete	Total
Federal	5,414.629		
State*	40,503.441		
Tribal			
Local	9,544.145		
Other			
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,462.215</b>		<b>TBD</b>

\*State expenditures may include local government contributions on CARL, Florida Forever, FCT and SOR projects.

\*\*This total includes Critical CREW project lands.

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