

Project Name: C&SF: CERP Strazzulla Wetlands (OPE)
Project ID: 2312
Lead Agency: USACE / SFWMD
Authority: Not authorized
Funding Source: Federal/State

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: 2-A.3

Measurable Output(s): An increase of 3,335 acres of habitat extent and connectivity

April 1999 (Restudy) Project Synopsis: Water control structures and the acquisition of 3,335 acres located in Palm Beach County. Expanding wetlands will act as a buffer between higher water stages to the west and lands to the east that must be drained.

Current Project Synopsis: The purpose of this feature is to provide a hydrological and ecological connection to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and expand the spatial extent of protected natural areas. This land will act as a buffer between higher water stages to the west and lands to the east that must be drained. This increase in spatial extent will provide habitat connectivity for species that require large un-fragmented tracts of land for survival.

WRDA 2000 dictated that the Federal share for land acquisition in the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, including the Strazzulla tract, should be funded through the budget of the Department of the Interior. The project adheres to the original concept outlined in the Restudy.

Current Status: Portions of this project are currently being pursued under a different program. Please see Project ID 2300.

Est. Cost: \$67,390,000

Project Schedule: TBD

Detailed Project Budget Information (rounded):

Strazzulla Wetlands	Expenditures Thru FY 2010
USACE	\$355,000
SFWMD	\$143,000
Total	\$498,000

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Source: Original project description summarized from the *Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) (1999)*. Cost estimate information is updated to reflect current price levels in October 2009 dollars.