

Program Name: Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program
Project Name: **Fisheating Creek Feasibility Study**
Project ID: 1208
Lead Agency: SFWMD, State of Florida
Funding Source: Lake Okeechobee Trust Fund

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: 1-A.2, Get the hydrology right

Measurable Output(s): Complete a feasibility study to improve hydrology and water quality through storage and treatment features in Fisheating Creek (FEC) sub-watershed.

Project Synopsis: The Coordinating Agencies (SFWMD, FDEP and FDACS) initiated the feasibility study in Fisheating Creek sub-watershed, which is one of the major sources of phosphorus loading to Lake Okeechobee, under the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program. The purpose of the feasibility study is to identify the best mix of storage and water quality features to improve the hydrology and water quality within the sub-watershed.

Current Status: Through extensive involvement with stakeholder groups and interagency coordination, preliminary planning targets for achieving storage and water quality improvements (phosphorus-load reduction) have been established by the planning team. The next step, which consist of locating conceptual water quality and storage features, has been placed on hold pending the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) – Fisheating Creek project.

The NRCS is currently developing the FEC WRP project, which involves large tracts of lands that account for approximately eleven (11) percent of the total Fisheating Creek sub-watershed area. It is important to account for all upcoming hydrological improvement projects in the Fisheating Creek sub-watershed in order to adequately characterize the additional features that will be needed to meet study goals. Postponing the study until WRP details are available and incorporating them into the FEC FS will allow this to occur.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$ 1,036,230 (Phase I and II)

Project Schedule:

Start Date: Phase I August 30, 2008
 Phase II May 1, 2009
Finish Date: Phase I February 27, 2009
 Phase II TBD

Actual Expenditures to Date by SFWMD:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*	2013*	2014*	Total to Date
Phase I	\$120,005	\$144,913						\$264,918
Phase II		\$214,073	\$135,645	\$136,249	\$10,771	\$21,777	\$9,488	\$528,003
								\$792,921

* Total and projected expenditures as of June 19, 2014 per SFWMD fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th)

Hyperlink:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/pg_grp_sfwmd_sfer/portlet_prevreport/2014_sfer/v1/chapters/v1_ch8.pdf

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Fisheating Creek Location Map



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