

# GOAL 2-A: RESTORE, PRESERVE, & PROTECT NATURAL HABITATS

**Table 3: Subgoal 2-A: Restore, Preserve, and Protect Natural Habitats  
Comprehensive Status July 2012–June 2014**

Objective	Projects	Status
<p><b>Land Acquisition</b> <i>Objective 2-A.1: Complete acquisition of 5.7 million acres of land identified for habitat protection by 2020.</i></p>	<p>Land Acquisition Projects <a href="#">[Project IDs 2100-2171]</a></p>	<p><b>Real Estate:</b> 4,903,681 acres of the 5,672,226 acres (86%) have been acquired to date at a cost of \$3.7 billion.</p>
<p><b>Coral Reef Protection</b> <i>Objective 2-A.2: Protect 20 percent of the coral reefs by 2015.</i></p>	<p>Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary has initiated a marine zoning and regulatory review. Scoping meetings are scheduled for June 2012 and public comments are being accepted through June 29, 2012. BNP has been developing updates to its fisheries and general management plans.</p>	<p><b>Implementation:</b> Ecological and water quality monitoring is underway at coral reefs and adjacent areas; a draft EIS with preferred alternatives regarding marine zones for ecosystem protection is scheduled for release in 2015. BNP has been developing updates to its fisheries and general management plans. SEFCRI's Our Florida Reefs is underway.</p>
<p><b>Habitat Improvement</b> <i>Objective 2-A.3: Improve habitat quality for 2.4 million acres of natural areas in south Florida.*</i></p>	<p>C&amp;SF: CERP Lakes Park Restoration <a href="#">[Project ID 2302]</a></p>	<p><b>Construction:</b> Completed.</p>
	<p>Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Prescribed Fire Program <a href="#">[Project ID 2304]</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation:</b> Ongoing.</p>
	<p>C&amp;SF: CERP Acme Basin B Discharge <a href="#">[Project ID 2306 and 2306A]</a></p>	<p><b>Construction:</b> Completed construction of Pump Station #7 and C-1 canal conveyance improvements and Section 24 Impoundment.</p>
	<p>C&amp;SF: CERP Picayune Strand Restoration <a href="#">[Project ID 2307]</a></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b> PIR and Chief's Report completed, PAC LRR to be completed in early FY 2015. <b>Construction:</b> Prairie Canal Phase I &amp; road removal completed, Merritt Pump Station &amp; Phase II road removal to be completed 2014, Faka Union Pump Station &amp; Phase III road removal to be completed 2015, Miller Pump Station was awarded in 2013 and anticipated to be completed in 2017.</p>
	<p>C&amp;SF: CERP Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands <a href="#">[Project ID 2309 and 2309A]</a></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b> PIR and Chief's Report completed; authorized in WRRDA 2014. <b>Construction:</b> SFWMD completed construction of Deering Estate Flow-way component and a portion of the L-31 East Flow-way component.</p>
	<p>C&amp;SF: CERP C-111 Spreader Canal <a href="#">[Project ID 2310 and 2310A]</a></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b> PIR and Chief's Report completed; authorized in WRRDA 2014. <b>Construction:</b> SFWMD completed construction of the recommended, with the exception of structure 198, plan under its expedited construction program.</p>

\* The April 1999 USACE [C&SF Project Comprehensive Review Study Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement](#) included an extensive environmental evaluation of the likelihood of CERP in meeting planning objectives for both spatial extent and habitat quality improved through implementation of the CERP projects. Table 7-18 of that publication identifies in detail the anticipated effectiveness of various alternative plans in meeting the CERP planning objectives on a sub-regional basis. The projects included in this table are examples, not a comprehensive list, of how this objective will be achieved.