



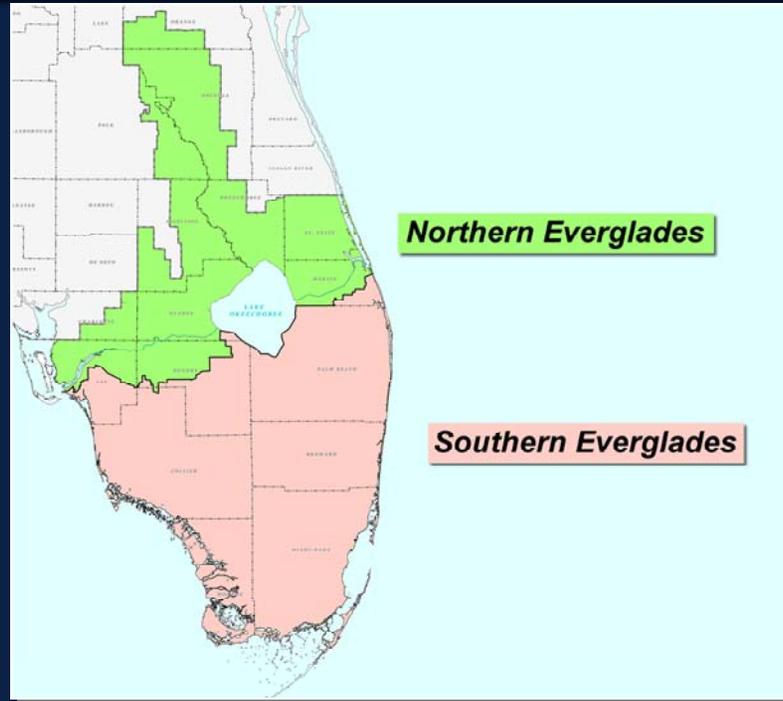
Northern Everglades



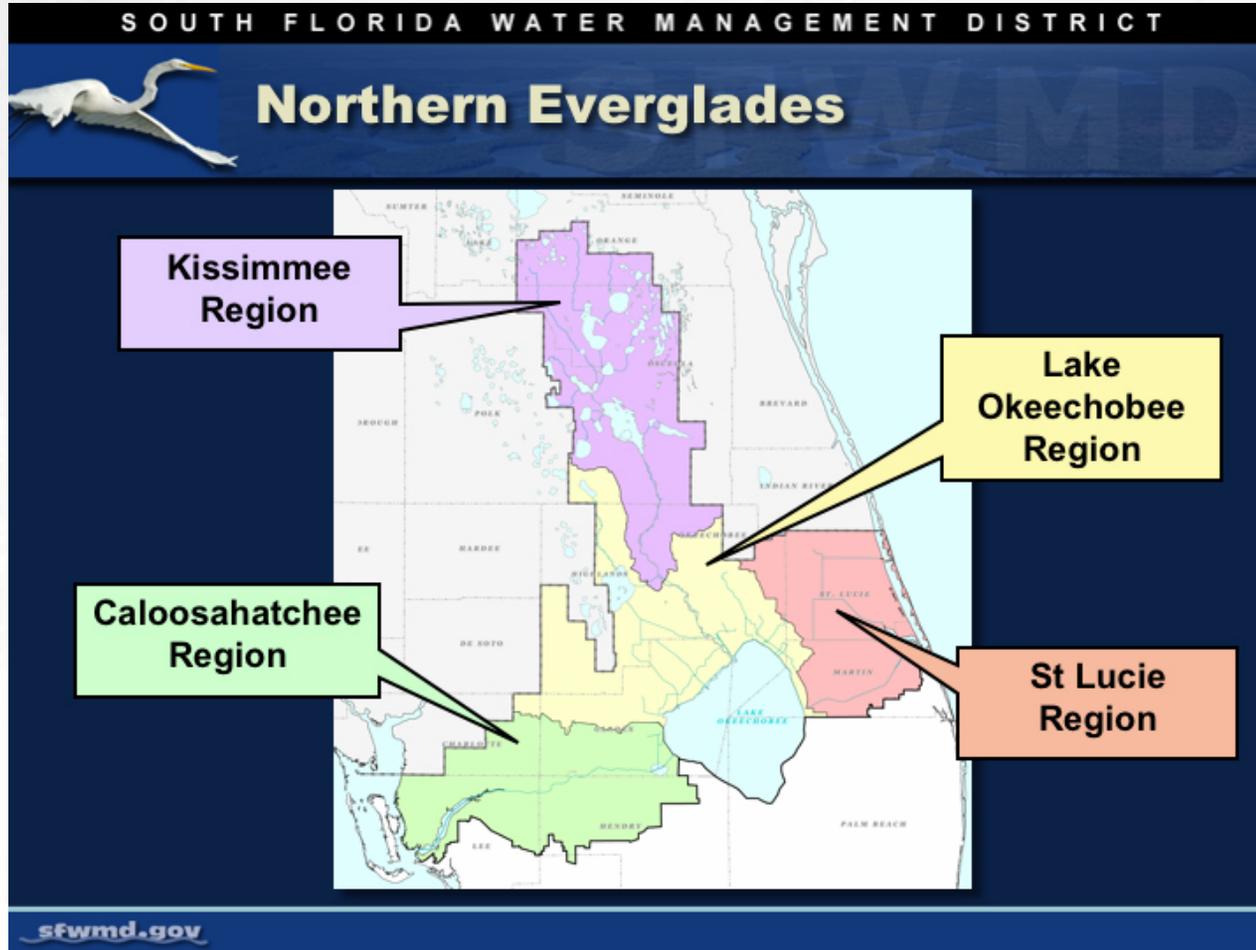
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Northern Everglades Legislation

- **The Northern Everglades legislation provides a dedicated state funding source for the Northern Everglades restoration**
 - **Expanding the use of the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund to include the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan and the River's Watershed Protection Plans for the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie.**
- **The Bill will also extend the state's commitment to provide funding for CERP and the Northern Everglades through the year 2020.**

Northern Everglades Legislation

- **Development of a technical plan to identify the storage and water quality treatment requirements for the Lake Okeechobee watershed by February 1, 2008.**
 - **Process Development and Engineering component**
- **Development of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers Watershed Protection Plans to identify watershed storage projects and water quality targets by January 1, 2009.**

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- **Implementation of projects to meet the Lake Okeechobee Total Maximum Daily Load of 140 metric tons of phosphorus to the Lake by 2015.**
- **The watershed protection plans will be the basis for Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs)**
- **Data used in the technical plans will be updated every three years**
- **The River Protection Plans will include goals for salinity envelopes and freshwater inflow targets for each estuary**

Everglades Appropriations FY 07-08

District Everglades Funding

■ CERP/Land Acquisition	\$100,000,000
■ Ph I & II Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan	\$49,000,000
■ Caloosahatchee/St. Lucie/Okeechobee Basins	\$30,000,000
■ Caloosahatchee Watershed Projects	\$5,000,000
■ St. Lucie Watershed Projects	\$5,000,000
■ Biological Wetland and Chemical/Hybrid Treatment	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
■ Total	\$194,000,000

District Supported Everglades Funding

■ DACS BMPs	\$6,000,000
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Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan Initial Steps

- **Assemble SFWMD Team**
- **Develop Schedule to Meet Legislatively Mandated Deadlines**
- **Develop Planning Assumptions**
- **Develop Regional Simulation Model for Water Budget Analysis**
- **Initiate Review and Analysis of Phosphorus Data**
- **Review Discharge Data**
- **Review Lake Okeechobee Water Levels**
- **Run Alternatives**
- **Formulate a Plan for Public Input**

Public Participation Venues

- **WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee**
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- **Governing Board Updates**
- **Public Meetings**

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. The foreground is dominated by a patchwork of vibrant green agricultural fields, separated by thin, light-colored roads or ditches. A small cluster of buildings, likely a farm or a small town, is visible in the middle ground. Beyond the fields, a large, calm body of water stretches across the horizon. The sky is a deep, clear blue, punctuated by large, billowing white cumulus clouds that cast soft shadows on the water below. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Questions