

Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
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Project Planning

- Began NEPA, Jan, 2011
- 50 meetings
- 43,000 comments
- Outreach continues



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"This initiative is aimed at preserving a rural working ranch landscape to protect and restore one of the great grassland and savanna landscapes of eastern North America."

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, January 2011



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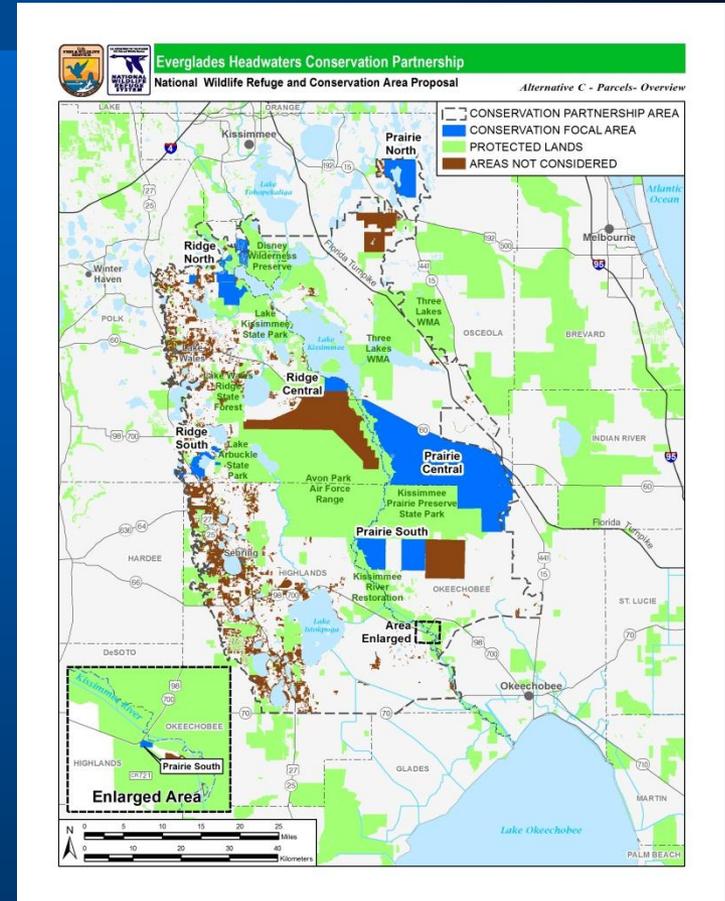
Project Details

Conservation Partnership Area

- 100,000 acres of easements

Conservation Focal Area

- Up to 50,000 acres of fee or easement



Refuge Establishment

- January 18, 2012
- 10 acre donation from TNC
- 556th unit of the Refuge System



Funding and Funding Needs

- Land acquisition needs: \$398M
- LWCF is primary funding source
- FY12: \$1.5M reprogrammed
- \$3.0M in President's FY13 budget request

- Operational funds are reprogrammed



Current Efforts

- Looking for office site in landscape
- Hiring staff (3+, 1 w/DOD)
- DOD and CFRP partnership
 - REPI & DIG - base buffering easements
- NRCS (and FWC) partnership
 - WRP planning and construction assistance
 - @ \$17.5M in transfer funds



