

Program Name: Infrastructure
Project Name: Kissimmee River Restoration Project
Project ID: 1306
Lead Agency: USACE / SFWMD
Authority: WRDA 1986,1988, 1992
Funding Source: Corps/State

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: Primary: 1.A.3 **Secondary:** 2.A.3

Measurable Output(s): 27,000 acres of floodplain wetlands; 43 miles of contiguous river channel; 40 square miles of the river/floodplain ecosystem; Lower Basin Land Acquisition (SFWMD 68,332 acres); Upper Basin Land Acquisition (SFWMD 36,763 acres); removal of approximately 31 miles of impediments

The Kissimmee River Restoration Project was authorized by Section 1135 of the WRDA of 1986, and funding for preparation of a Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement was authorized by WRDA of 1990. As part of the Corps planning process, several alternative plans were reviewed. The Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) was identified in 1992. The original concept for this feature outlined in the *Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study* (Restudy) includes backfilling the 30-foot deep Canal 38 and restoring flow to over 25 miles of presently isolated river channel would restore an estimated 27,000 acres of floodplain wetlands and associated fish and wildlife resources. The project would also provide more natural seasonal flow to Lake Okeechobee.

This project includes 3,000 square miles stretching from Orlando to Lake Okeechobee in central Florida and involves the ecosystem restoration of the historic floodplain to reestablish wetland conditions through modifications to the operation of the lakes, modification of Structure 65, enlargement of canals 36 and 37, backfilling of 22 miles of C-38, excavation of about nine miles of new river channel, removal of two water control structures and locks, and land acquisition. The project will restore the ecological integrity of the historical Kissimmee River/floodplain ecosystem by recreating approximately 40 square miles of the river/floodplain ecosystem, including 43 miles of contiguous river channel and 27,000 acres of floodplain wetlands.

Currently, the acquisition of land necessary to restore the Kissimmee River in accordance with the Level II Backfilling Plan is complete. The DOI recommends that the current scheduled completion date of 2011 be adhered to, as the completion of river restoration is not anticipated to disrupt restoration efforts to the south, provided the additional water is delivered to the remaining natural system in an uninterrupted seasonal flow pattern.

Cost: \$575,400,000

Project Schedule:

Start Date: 1994
 Finish Date: 2010

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Design																	
Real Estate																	
Construction																	

Detailed Project Budget Information (\$1000)

	Thru 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
USACE	105,789	50,935	49,116	27,287	27,287	27,287	287,700
SFWMD	40,474	69,223	66,751	37,084	37,084	37,084	287,700
Total	146,263	120,158	115,867	64,371	64,371	64,371	575,400

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Source: Detailed budget and schedule information based on the *Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan 2005 Report to Congress* and the *Master Implementation Sequencing Plan (MISP)* and updated to reflect current price levels in October 2005 dollars. Original project description summarized from the *Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study*.