

Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

Consultation Workshop

South Florida Ecosystem
Restoration Working Group



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RESTORATION PLAN

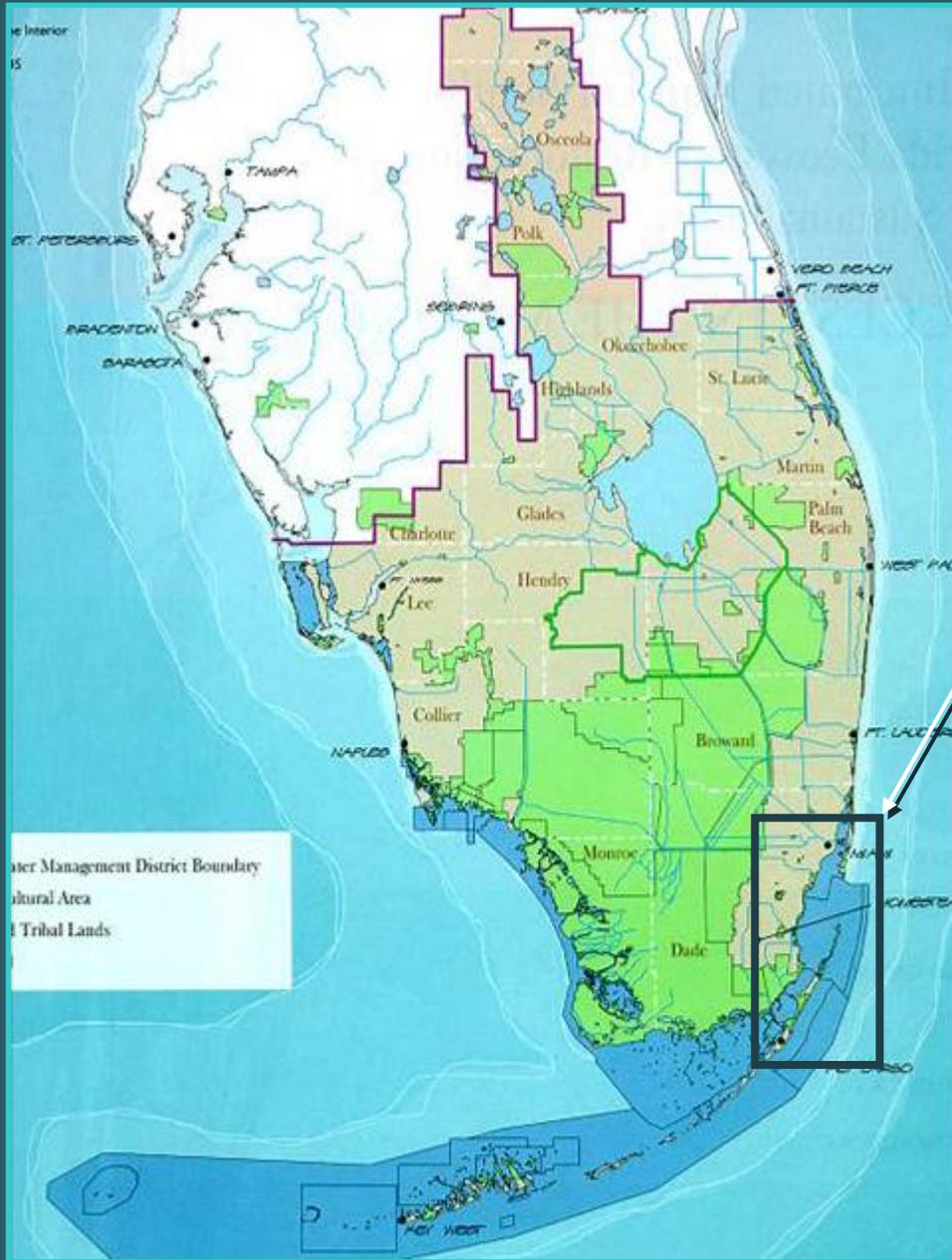
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Presentation Overview

- Scope of Project
 - Project Objectives
 - Study Area
 - Policy Guidance
 - National Ecosystem Restoration Plan
 - PIR 1 Features
- Status

Project Objectives

- Reestablish productive **nursery habitat** along the shoreline
- Redistribute **freshwater flow** to minimize point source discharges to improve freshwater and estuarine habitat
- Enhance and improve **quantity, quality, timing and distribution of freshwater** to the Bay, including BNP
- Preserve and restore **spatial extent** of natural coastal glades habitat
- Reestablish **connectivity** between Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, C-111 Basin, Model Lands and adjacent basins
- Restore nearshore and tidal wetland **salinity regimes**
- Contribute towards providing restoration compatible **recreational opportunities**



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Two-PIR Approach

- AFB Meeting (Jan 23, 2008)
 - Preference is to proceed with two PIRs
 - Adaptive Management Capabilities
 - Analysis
 - Land Costs and Availability
 - Regulatory Requirements
 - Assurances and Water Availability
 - PIR Preparation Time
 - Overall Project Costs
- Quality Review Board (Jan 30, 2008)
 - Project Delivery Team recommended implementing Alternative O with a phased two-PIR approach:
 - Phase I – first increment of restoration
 - Phase II – refine and optimize remaining Alt O Features

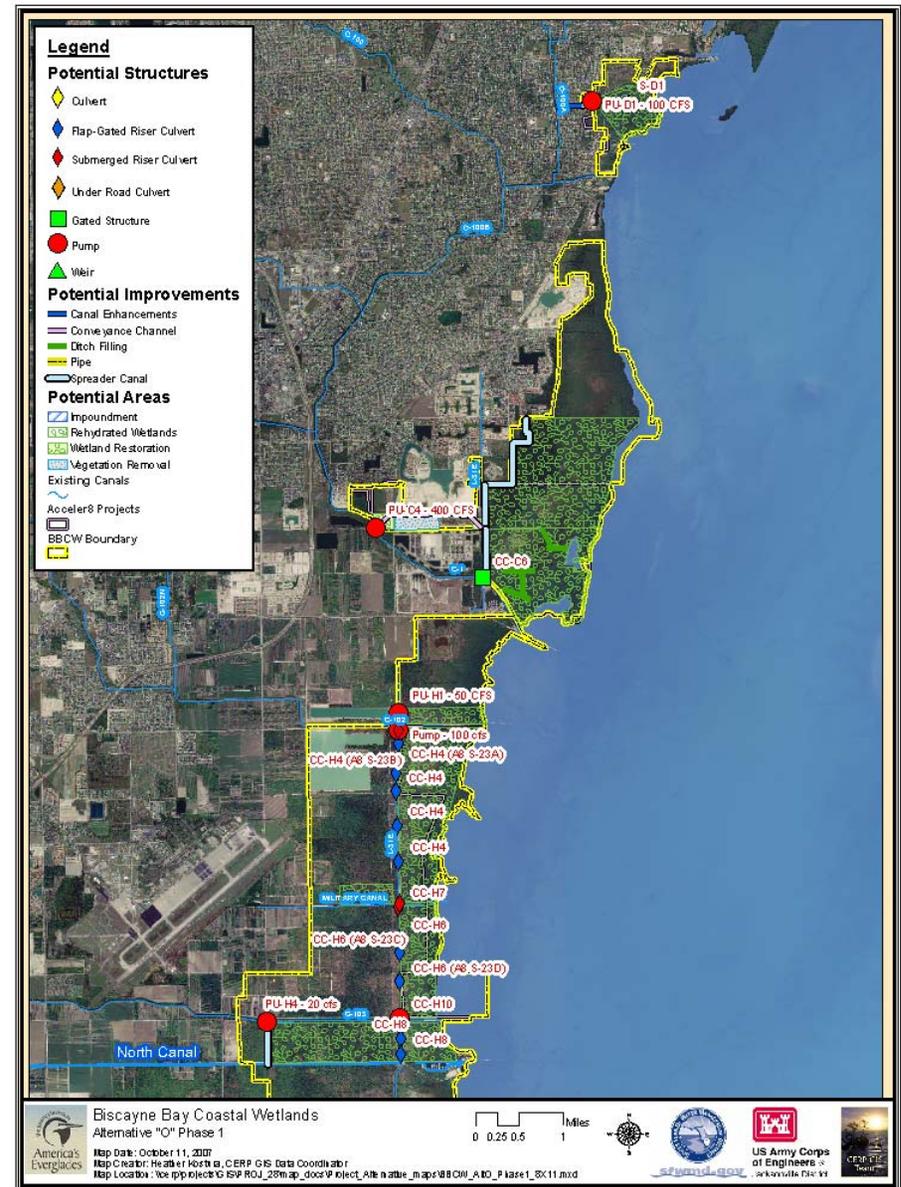
2 PIR Approach

- The first PIR would identify Alternative O as the overall project to be implemented in the study area (National Ecosystem Restoration Plan)
- The National Ecosystem Restoration Plan will be evaluated and submitted for approval via two PIRs
- The first PIR will contain the analysis to support implementation of “Alternative O, Increment I” as the TSP
- The second PIR would contain additional analysis and information gained through adaptive management actions to support implementation of Increment II

PIR I -TSP

Subset of Alt O

- Includes
 - All Deering Estate features
 - Most C-1 Wetland features
 - Some L-31E features
 - 4,594 acres of land
- \$XXXXXX



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Current Status

- Work on components of draft Project Implementation Report (DPIR) continuing
- Concerns have been raised by DOI on Water Reservations
- On-track for sequential reviews of DPIR
 - Internal SFWMD/CESAJ and PDT
 - Independent Technical Review
 - USACE HQ
 - Planning Center of Expertise – Model Certification

Schedule Look-Ahead

- Draft PIR 1/NEPA Report Posted in Federal Register Nov 08
- CWRB Review of PIR 1 May 09
- Record of Decision of NEPA for PIR 1 Jul 09
- ASA(CW) Review of PIR 1 Oct 09
- OMB Review of PIR 1 Feb 10
- Congressional Review of PIR 1 May 10
- Presidential Authorization of PIR 1 Jun 10
- Pre-Construction & Design Phase of PIR 1 Jul 12
- Construction Phase of PIR 1 Mar 16



Questions or Comments?



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