

Project Name: C&SF: CERP Winsberg Farm Wetlands Restoration (OPE)
Project ID: 2313
Lead Agency: USACE / SFWMD
Authority: Not authorized
Funding Source: Federal/State

Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed: 2-A.3 **Secondary:** 3.C.2

Measurable Output(s): 114 acres of improved wetlands

April 1999 (Restudy) Project Synopsis: The Winsberg Farm wetlands project was included in the Restudy as an "Other Project Element". Projects in the "Other Project Element" category were determined to be consistent with Restudy planning objectives and have a Federal interest, but were too small in scale to evaluate from a system-wide perspective. The original concept for this feature includes the construction of a 175-acre wetland east of Loxahatchee Wildlife Preserve in Palm Beach County using water that would normally be lost to deep well injection or any future beneficial use.

Current Project Synopsis: The project involves restoration of approximately 114 acres of wetlands on former agricultural lands. Wetlands would reduce the amount of treated wastewater coming from the Palm Beach County's Water Utilities District (PBCWUD) Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF) lost to deep injection wells by further treating and recycling the water. Treated wastewater will instead be reused to recharge the local aquifer system, create a new ecologically significant wildlife habitat and extend the function of the nearby Wakodahatchee Wetland. The initial configuration would include a Phase 1 design and construction with approximately 72 acres of wetlands created in the western half of the project. The remaining 42 acres of the project on the eastern half, considered Phase 2, would work similarly. As a result of the 2003 real estate purchase agreement (175 acres) between PBCWUD, the non-federal sponsor and the Winsberg family, PBCWUD completed construction of Phase 1 in 2004. This included 72 acres of wetlands, plus a parking lot, visitor center, and recreational access features and was completed without Federal funds. The local sponsor refers to this portion of the project as "Green Cay Wetlands".

A draft PIR was completed in February 2008 and released for public and agency comment. In the summer of 2008, PBCWUD made a decision to discontinue development of the remainder of the project identified in the Plan.

Current Status: Portions of this project were pursued under a different program. Please see Project ID 2301.

Est. Cost: \$16,736,000

Project Schedule: TBD

Detailed Project Budget Information (rounded):

Winsberg Farm Wetlands	Expenditures Thru FY 2009
USACE	\$1,856,000
SFWMD	\$1,978,000
Total	\$3,834,000

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Source: Original project description summarized from the *Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) (1999)*. Cost estimate information is updated to reflect current price levels in October 2009 dollars.