

**Program Name:** Invasive Exotic Species Management  
**Project Name:** **Hole-in-the-Donut**  
**Project ID:** 2820  
**Lead Agency:** National Park Service

**Strategy and Biennial Report Objective Addressed:** 2-B.4  
**Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework Goal:** 4

**Measurable Output(s):** Acres of infested Brazilian pepper restored

**Project Synopsis:** This mitigation project will restore approximately 6,300 acres of wetlands within Everglades National Park by removing Brazilian pepper, an invasive exotic plant species, and the disturbed substrate to limestone bedrock. Invasive exotic plants are one of the greatest long-term threats to the Everglades ecosystem. As a result of this project, approximately 6,300 acres will be restored to natural wetlands within the park as mitigation for development projects in other areas of Miami-Dade County. The amount of restoration accomplished in the **Hole-in-the-Donut** during any one year is dependent on the amount of mitigation activity occurring in Miami-Dade County. A vast seed source with the potential to invade and disturb other areas of the Everglades will be eradicated.

**Current Status:** In FY 2014, 241 acres of Brazilian pepper were removed at a cost of \$2,134,026.81. To date, 4,895 acres of the **Hole-in-the-Donut** have been restored. For FY 2015, the Hole-in-the-Donut project does not anticipate conducting any new restoration.

**Cost:**

Estimated Total Cost to Date FY 1994 - 2014: \$62,812,302.43

**Project Schedule:**

Restoration Start Date: 1994  
 Estimated Restoration Finish Date: 2020  
 Estimated Stewardship Start Date: 2021  
 Estimated Stewardship Finish Date: 2071

**Detailed Project Budget Information (\$1,000) FY**

	Expenditures FY 1994 - FY 2011	Expenditures FY 1994 - FY 2012	Expenditures FY1994-FY2013	Expenditures FY 1994 - FY2014 as of June, 2014
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,104</b>	<b>60,382</b>	<b>62,727</b>	<b>62,812</b>

**Hyperlink:** N/A

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