



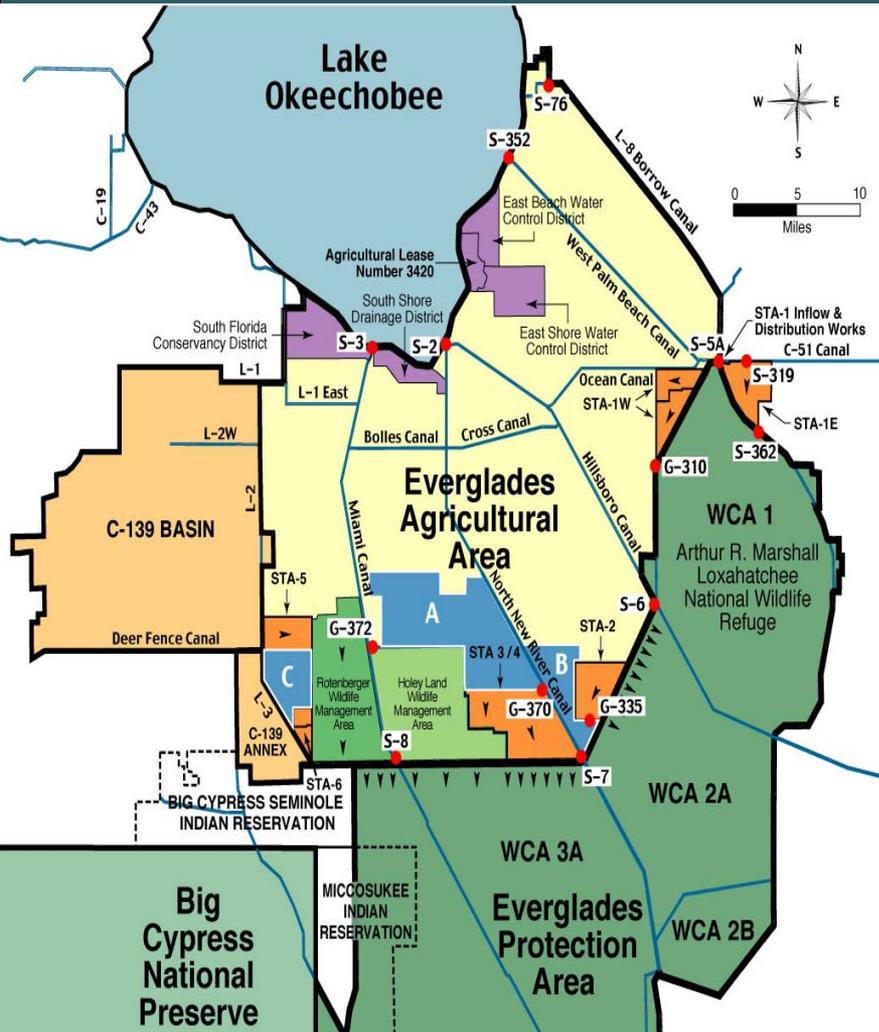
**Everglades
Agricultural
Area
Storage
Reservoirs**

Briefing Purpose

- To advise the Task Force of the status of EAASR Draft Project Implementation Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DPIR/EIS)
- To provide a brief overview of the project, project milestones, costs and alternatives outlined in the DPIR/EIS

EAASR Project Objectives

- Provide storage for releases from Lake Okeechobee to reduce the harmful effects of flood control releases on the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries
- Enable more effective management of water levels in Lake Okeechobee to promote recovery of fish and wildlife habitat
- Provide a source of additional water to improve fish and wildlife habitat in the everglades
- Provide an alternative source of water for agricultural water supply needs in the EAA



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Status & Upcoming Milestones

PAST

- Revised DPIR/EIS out for public release: February 24, 2006
- Public Meeting: March 15, 2006
- Public comment period on DPIR/EIS closed: April 10, 2006
- Working Group briefing: April 20, 2006

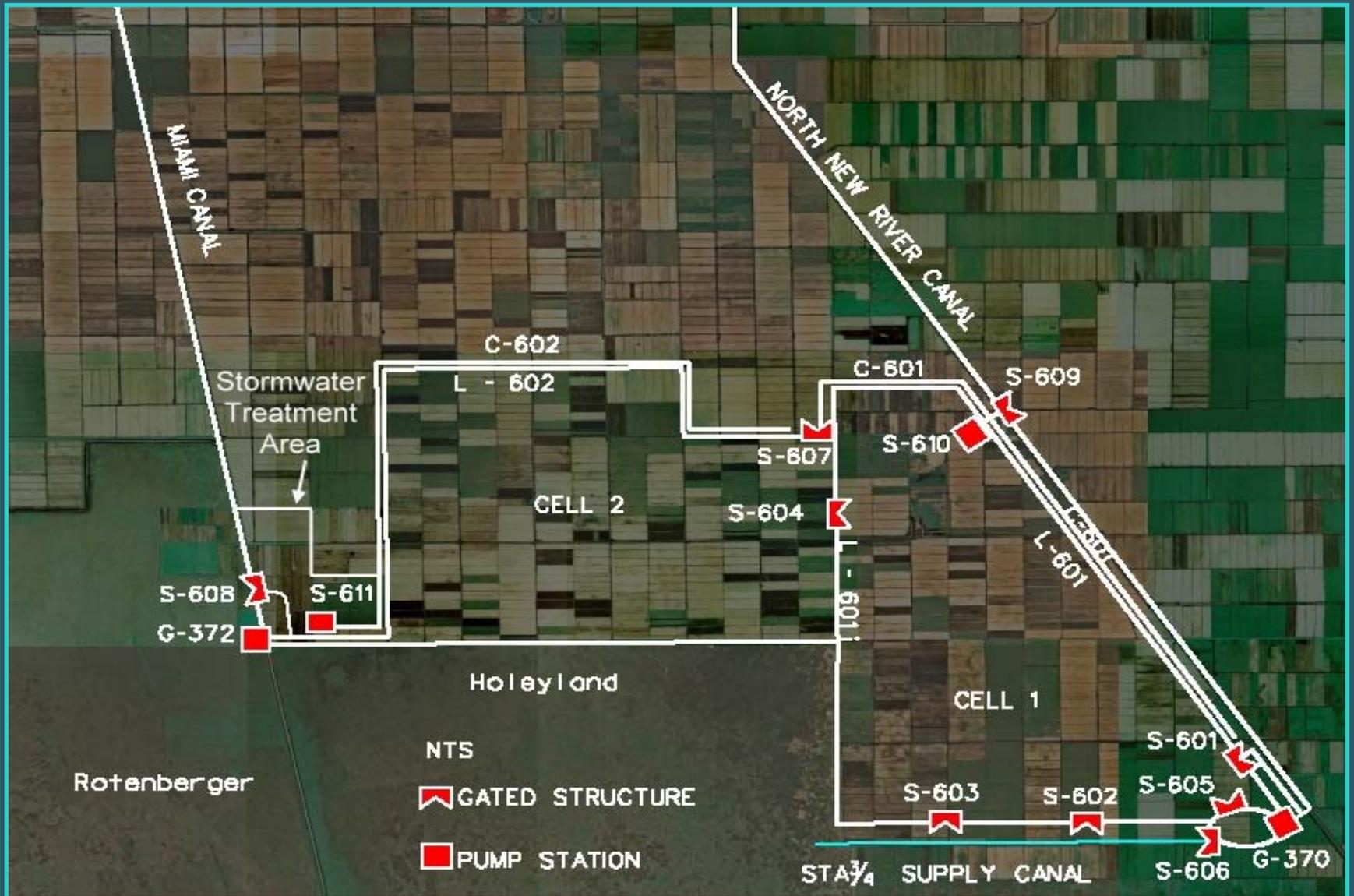
PRESENT

- Team is responding to public comments

FUTURE

- New DPIR/EIS scheduled for public release: Fall 2006

Recommended Plan – Alternative 4



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Alternative Comparison

| Alternative Number | Storage Depth (feet) | Footprint Area (acres) | Storage Volume (acre-feet) |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 | 6 | 62,000 | 360,000 |
| 3 | 10 | 38,000 | 360,000 |
| 4 | 12 | 31,500 | 360,000 |
| 5 | 14 | 26,500 | 360,000 |

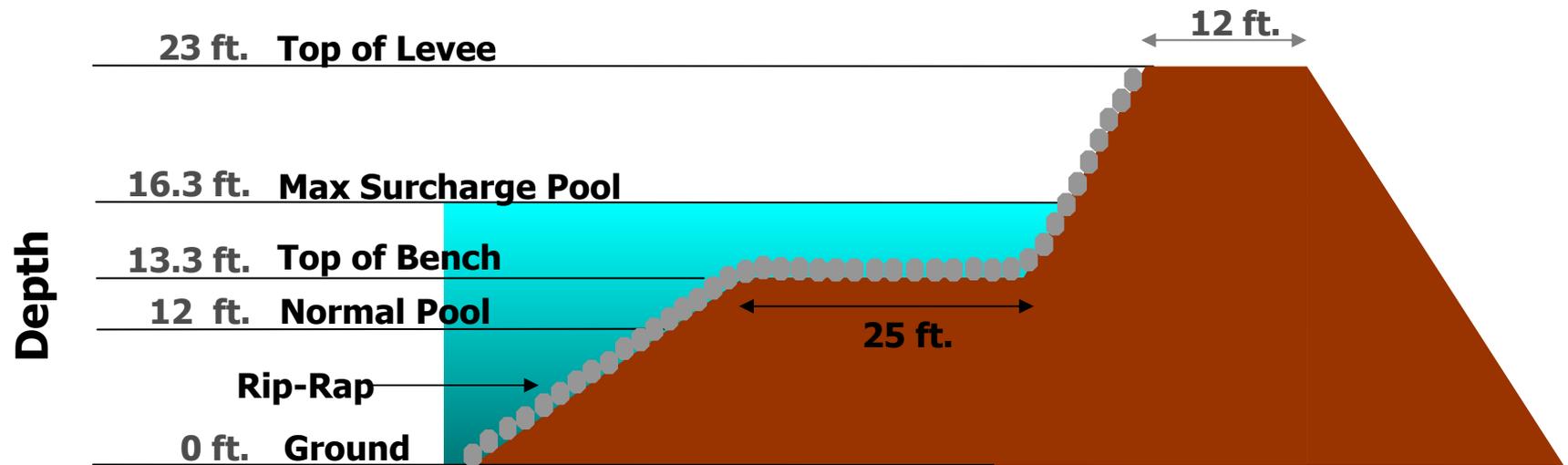
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Plan Evaluation

- Minimize adverse impacts to productive lands and local economy
- Maximize operational efficiency by utilizing existing water management features
- Work in tandem with STAs
- Maximize cost effectiveness

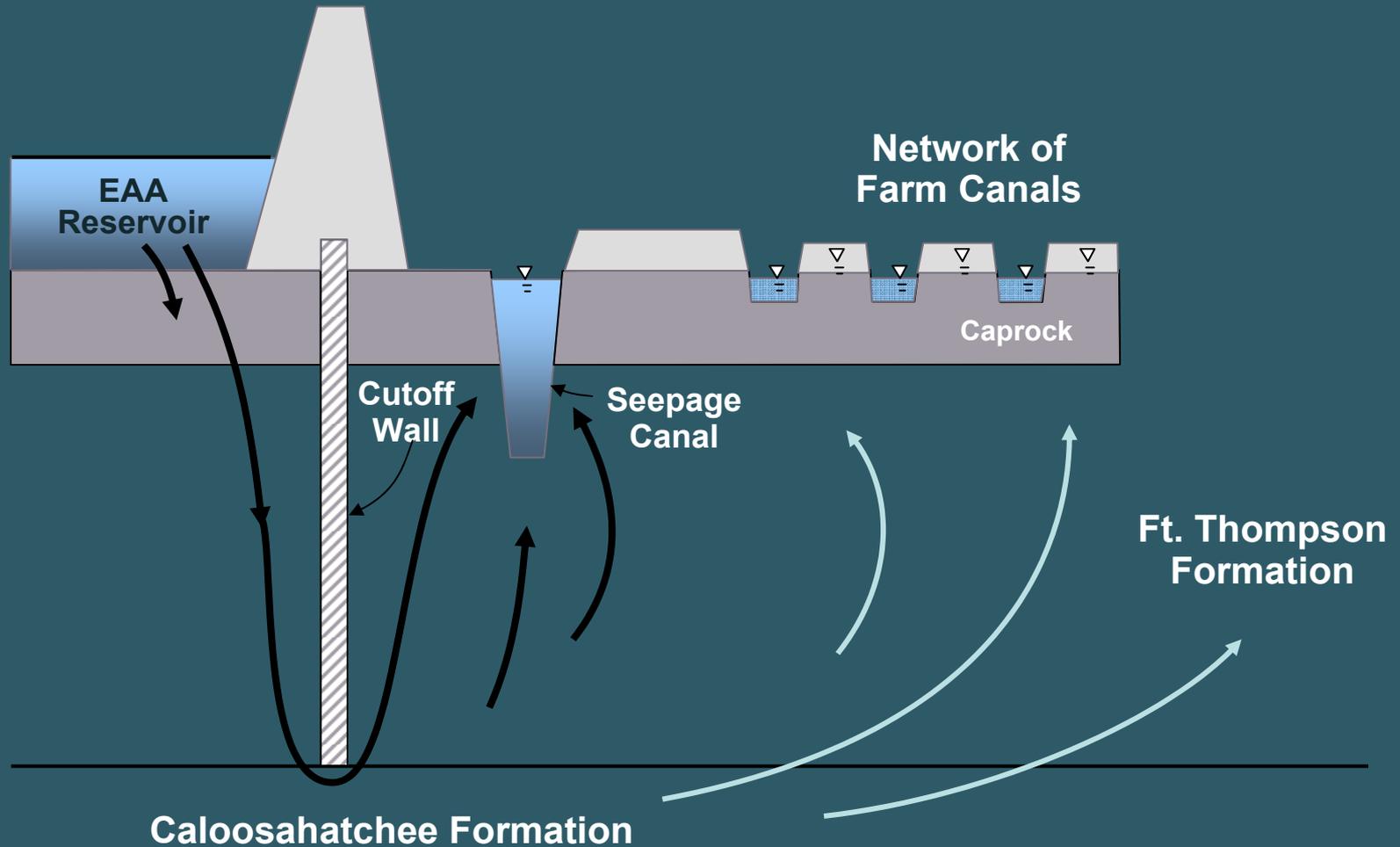
Earthen Levee Design

Earthen Levee
(360,000 acre feet at 12' Design Depth)



Not to Scale

Seepage Cut-Off Wall



Estimated Project Costs

Construction Costs

Sub-Total \$ 761,511,089

Non-Construction Costs

Lands \$ 80,134,000

Design & Construction Mgt \$ 71,250,000

Sub-Total \$ 151,384,000

Total Initial Cost \$ 912,895,089

Annual O&M Cost \$ 2,413,982

Annual Monitoring Cost \$ 350,000

Project Site: Today



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Project Site: 2010



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