



***South Florida Ecosystem
Restoration Task Force
Meeting***

2001 – 2005

85,487 acres

\$1,047,746,390

May 17, 2006

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Land Acquisition Goals

Acquire lands based on (but not limited to) the following criteria:

- **Project Construction Schedules**
- **Critical lands to restoration projects**
- **Significant development pressure**
- **Areas of fast-rising property values**
- **Funded through time-restricted or special grants**

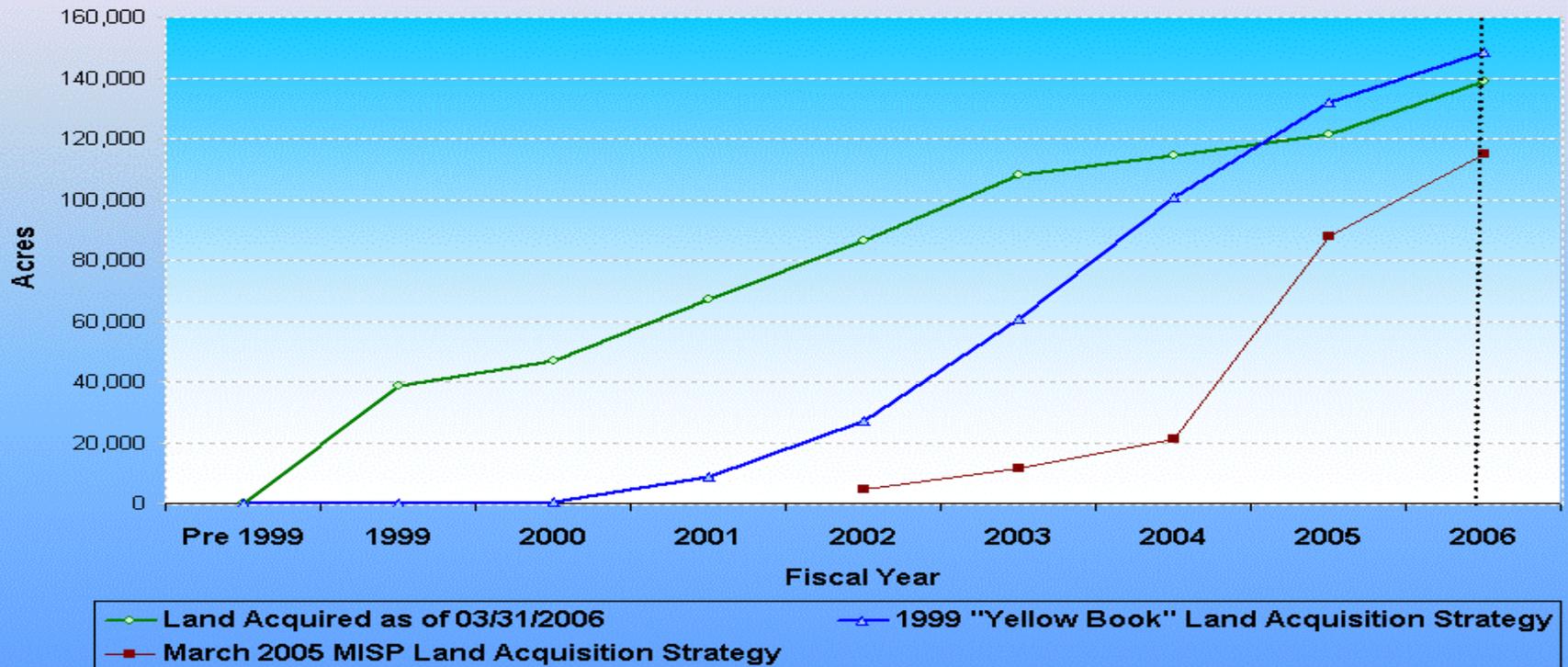
Aggressive Schedule

Maintain aggressive level of land acquisition:

- **Average 23,000 CERP acres/year over last two years**
 - **Already acquired 4,913 acres first quarter of FY2006 (Pearce; BBCW-Franco)**
 - **May Governing Board – 1,280 acres**

CERP Land Acquisition

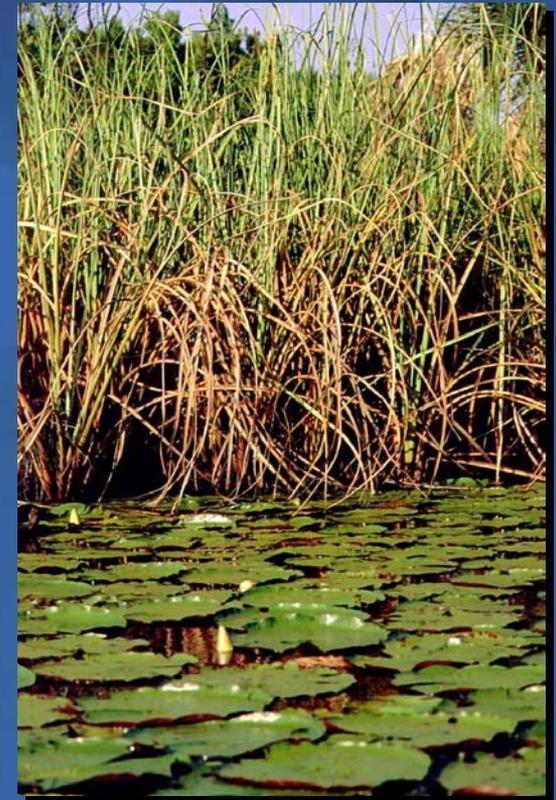
Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
LAND ACQUISITION IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

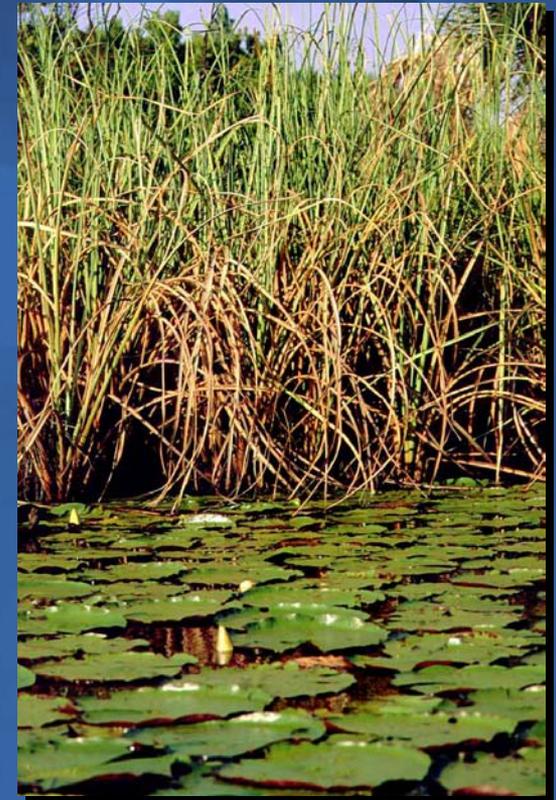
55% of CERP lands acquired!

- **385,592 acres needed**
- **210,597 acres acquired**
- **If continue aggressive acquisition schedule, all remaining CERP lands acquired in 8 ½ years!**



Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

- **Indian River Lagoon**
 - **C-23/24**
 - **North Reservoir – 72%**
 - **South Reservoir – 79%**
 - **STA – 100%**
 - **C-44 – 100%**
- **C-9 – 100%**
- **C-11 – 100%**
- **WCA 3A/3B – 93%**



Kissimmee River Restoration

Kissimmee acquisition complete!

- 102,061 acres needed
- 102,061 acres acquired
- Less than 1% condemnation



Recent Key Purchases

- **L-8/C-51**
 - Connection between N/S cells
- **Lake Okeechobee Watershed**
 - Pierce Acquisition – 4300 acres
- **Kissimmee**
 - Lykes – 12,000 acres
- **C-44 Reservoir/STA**
 - 12,000 acres
- **North Palm Beach Part I**
 - Culpepper Ranch – 1280 acres

Land Acquisition Funding

Funding Sources:

- **Save Our Everglades Trust Fund**
 - 2006 - \$135,000,000
- **Florida Forever Funds**
 - 2006 - \$36,750,000
- **Department of Interior Grants**
 - CREW - \$4M (application pending)
- **Wetlands Reservation Program Grants**

Land Acquisition Funding

- **Local Partnership Funding**

(as of April 6, 2006)

– Miami-Dade	\$ 8,329,551
– Martin County	\$41,991,911
– St. Lucie County	\$ 340,573
– Palm Beach County	\$ 8,276,165
– Broward County	<u>\$ 4,134,005</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	\$63,072,205

- **Mitigation Funds**

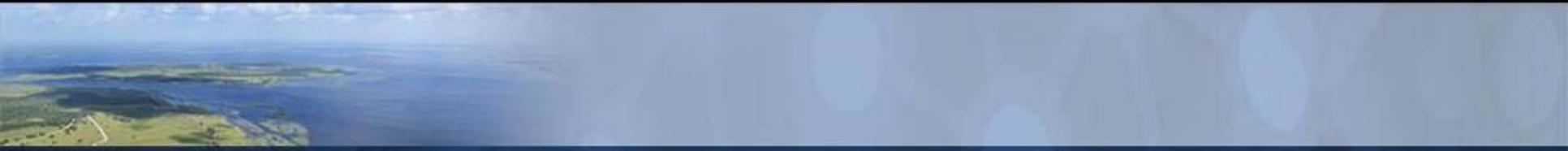
- Beltway (Shingle Creek) - \$2,885,000
- Lakebelt - \$10,779,398
- CREW – \$803,000

Leveraging Limited Funds

- **Stretch Existing Dollars**
 - Multi-year payout options
 - Federal/state/county partnerships
- **Apply Creative Solutions**
 - C-44 (12,000 acres) – Multiple funding sources yield multiple benefits
 - Putnam - Kissimmee/Lake Okeechobee
 - White Rock Mining Lease

2006 *Priorities*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>\$ Projected</u>
BBCW		
- Acceler8	1,000	\$5,500,000
- CERP	8,000	\$48,000,000
C-111	8,931	\$45,000,000
Lake O Watershed	26,067	\$325,837,500



Questions?