



CERP Outreach Update

Working Group Meeting
January 9, 2003

CERP Outreach

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Community Outreach





CERP Community Outreach

What did we hear?

What did we do?



CERP Community Outreach

**You're Invited to
Join Us**



What we heard:

**Make better use of
the web**

What we did:

English
En Español

ABOUT EVERGLADES RESTORATION ▾ NEWS & EVENTS ▾ RESOURCES & REFERENCE MATERIALS ▾ EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ▾ PROGRAM & PROJECTS ▾

Rescuing an endangered ecosystem – the journey to restore America's
EVERGLADES

Information and history of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

Stay up to date on the latest news, events and public meeting for CERP.

Get the facts on CERP and related resource materials and general information.

Resources and educational information about CERP for teachers, students and the public.

An in-depth look at the programs, projects & studies that comprise CERP.

SITE SEARCH

Welcome to the official website of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

What's New!

The CERP Change Control Request Form (CCCRF) has been added to the site. Instructions for the CCCRF will be posted when they are complete. (Jan 3, 2003)

The co-chairs of the Interim Goals subteam are releasing this draft document for review and comment. Please provide comments by January 9, 2003. (Dec 13, 2002)

A new CGM has been added to the site: CGM #24.00 - Environmental Justice in Everglades Restoration Planning. (Dec 11, 2002)

3 additional CGMs have been added to the site: #006.00 - Web Site Management (CERP Public Web), #7.00 - Project Change Control, and REVISED: #019.01 - Contracting Work for Project Implementation Reports /Pilot Project Design Reports. (Nov 12, 2002)

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What we heard:

**Provide regular e-mail
updates**

What we did:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



CERP

The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

Report

A monthly e-newsletter on Community Outreach Initiatives of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

December 2002



Welcome to CERP Report!

In this edition, we will provide you with the latest news and information about the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and our community outreach efforts throughout south Florida.

As you read through this issue, you'll discover more about what the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is doing to inform, involve and engage our citizens, businesses and communities about the Everglades restoration plan and the protection of our future water supply.

New Inroads to Outreach

This fall, the Corps developed an unprecedented partnership with numerous African American, Haitian and Caribbean newspapers. The Corps printed, published and placed its one-page insertion, entitled *Community Outreach in Action*, to numerous minority-owned publications in the south Florida communities. This unique effort provided the Corps an opportunity to work directly in community neighborhoods that specifically reach a target audience market. "With the launch and distribution of the *Community Outreach in Action* newspaper, we are specifically reaching a key audience here in south Florida and providing them with viable news and information on CERP in a way never done before," says Nanciann Regalado, Outreach Coordinator for the Corps. "We are excited about this new product and look forward to working with our state and local partners, including the South Florida Water management District, Everglades National Parks and others, to develop and distribute more issues in the future." Over 100,000 copies of the first edition of *Community Outreach in Action* were printed and are currently being distributed to the minority communities via Black-owned newspapers.



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Corps Meets the Zetas



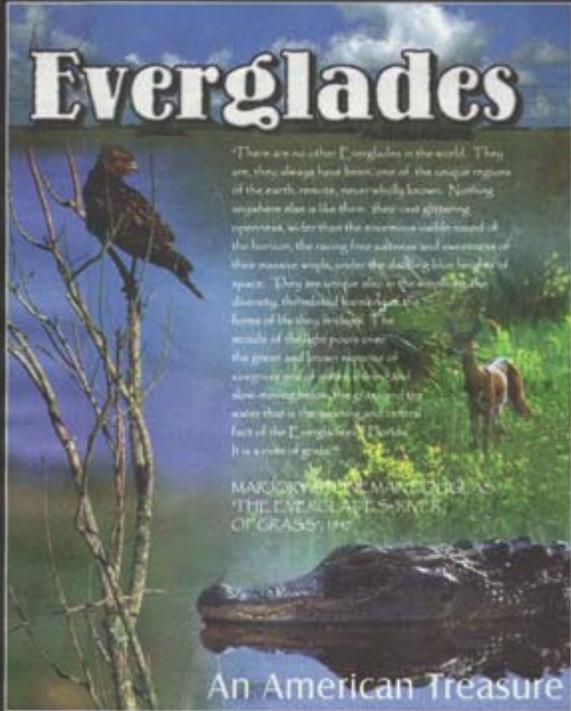
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers attended and presented during the November Sorority meeting of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in Belle Glade. Malissa Booth (pictured far left) gave an enlightening feature presentation on CERP and how it impacts and affects the Belle Glade community. At the meeting with Malissa was Tammy Moore (pictured second from the left) of the South Florida Water Management District. Sorority members joining in the photo are from Palm Beach County's western communities and from nearby Clewiston in Hendry County.



What we heard:

**Provide environmental
education resources**

What we did:



Everglades

There are no other Everglades in the world. They are, they always have been, one of the unique regions of the earth, remote, never wholly known. Nothing anywhere else is like them: they cast glittering, expressive, water that the enormous stable mound of the horizon, the racing fire saltwater and sweetness of their massive wings, under the dazzling blue heights of space. They are unique also in the world, the diversity, the isolated beauty of their forms of life they include. The world of the light pools over the green and brown response of swampy soil of water, the slow, slow, slow, the grass and the water that is the marsh and central fact of the Everglades, Florida. It is a world of grass.

MARJORIE WINNE MARJORIE DOUGLAS
THE EVERGLADES: SWAMP
OF GRASS, 1947

An American Treasure

Benchmark Focus Lesson
2002 Edition



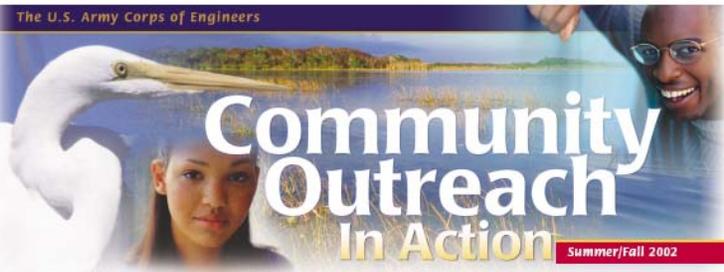


What we heard:

**Inform and engage
minority communities**

What we did:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Community Outreach In Action

Summer/Fall 2002

Clean Water

The restoration will enhance the quality of water through the use of stormwater treatment areas, "shallow reservoirs" that purify the water as it moves through a series of "treatment cells" that absorb nutrients and other pollutants. This effectively reduces the amount of nutrient-rich run-off that enters the lakes, estuaries and canals, and results in a healthier ecosystem.



Everglades Restoration

You may be hearing a lot about the Everglades and plans to restore it. It's the focus of the local and state officials, environmentalists and agricultural and utilities companies, but what does it have to do with us?

Many of us recognize the beauty of the Everglades, but not its effect on south Florida or the nation. A vast wetland of sawgrass, mangroves, cypress and dozens of other native flora, the Everglades is home to thousands of wading birds, alligators, snakes and even a few bobcats and panthers. What most of us don't know is that the Everglades is now less than half of its original nine million acres. Stretching from coast to coast in south Florida, the Everglades is choked with invasive plant species and suffering from too much or too little water, nutrient rich run-off and high salinity levels.

About the Corps

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, specializes in the planning, engineering, construction and management of large infrastructure projects in Florida and the Caribbean.

The Corps' mission includes: flood control and water management; navigation; shore protection and restoration; environmental restoration; hazardous, toxic and radioactive remediation; military support; and emergency support.

The Army Corps of Engineers built the Central and South Florida Flood Control Project 50 years ago at the State of Florida's request and with the authorization of the United States Congress.

The Corps is committed to community outreach and preserving south Florida's natural environment. It is for this reason, the Corps has partnered with the South Florida Water Management District to develop a plan (CERP) to save the Everglades and implement a series of water system improvements over a period of more than 30 years.

The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan is designed to save the Everglades while enhancing water supply and maintaining flood protection. In essence, it will protect and preserve south Florida's ecosystem.

Inside this Issue:

- A Proud Past... A Unique Partnership • Empower Yourself and Open Doors to Your Business
- An Involved Community is an Educated Community
- Just for Fun • Water Storage and Flood Protection

El Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejercito de los EE.UU.



Servicios Comunitarios En Acción

Verano/Otoño 2002

Agua Limpia

La restauración mejorará la calidad del agua a través del uso de áreas de tratamiento de agua, "reservorios de tratamiento" que purifican el agua mientras fluye a través de una serie de "células de tratamiento" que absorben nutrientes y otros contaminantes. Esto efectivamente reduce la cantidad de nutrientes ricos que entran en los lagos, estuarios y canales, que resulta en un ecosistema más saludable.



La restauración de los Everglades

Te has oído a eso muchas veces sobre los Everglades y planes para restaurarlos. Es el enfoque de los funcionarios locales y estatales, ecologistas, compañías agrícolas y empresas de servicios públicos, pero ¿qué tiene que hacer con nosotros?

Muchos de nosotros reconocemos la maravilla de los Everglades, pero no sabemos su efecto en la Florida del Sur o la nación. Un pantano inmenso de hierba acuática, mangroves, ciprés y otras variedades de flores nativas, los Everglades es el hogar de miles de aves acuáticas, alimacos, caimanes, lagartos y algunas panteras. Lo que muchos de nosotros no sabemos es que los Everglades son ahora menos de la mitad de su extensión original de nueve millones de acres. Extendiéndose de costa a costa, los Everglades están siendo asfixiados por especies de plantas invasoras y sufriendo de demasiado o muy poca agua, exceso de nutrientes y altos niveles de salinidad.

Sobre El Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejercito de los EE.UU.

El Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejercito de los EE.UU., del Distrito de Jacksonville, se especializa en la planificación, ingeniería, construcción y administración de grandes proyectos de infraestructura en la Florida y el Caribe.

La misión del Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejercito de los EE.UU. incluye: el control de inundaciones y administración de aguas; navegación; protección y restauración de las costas; restauración del medio ambiente; remediación de materiales peligrosos, tóxicos y radioactivos; apoyo militar y apoyo durante emergencias.

El Plan Comprehensivo de Restauración de los Everglades (CERP) está diseñado para salvar el ecosistema Everglades, mejorando el suministro de agua y restaurando su productividad. En esencia, lo protegerá y preservará el ambiente natural de la Florida del Sur. Por esta razón, el Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejercito de los EE.UU. se ha asociado con el Distrito de Administración de Agua de la Florida del Sur para desarrollar un plan para salvar los Everglades e implementar una serie de mejoras al sistema de agua sobre un periodo de más de 30 años.

Dentro de esta publicación:

- Un pasado orgulloso... una asociación única
- Capacidades y una partnería que mejoran
- Para disfrutar
- Una comunidad que participa en una restauración ecológica
- Para disfrutar
- Una asociación que participa en una restauración ecológica

What we did:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



The Everglades Where Water is Life...

For 5,000 years the Everglades flourished in South Florida. Nurtured by torrential rains and searing sun, they evolved into a vast vista of sawgrass "dotted" by occasional teardrop-shaped tree islands.

Defined by water, the Everglades - a River of Grass - remain a treasure trove of biological diversity. The Everglades are home to birds of many species, the Florida Panther, tropical trees, rare orchids and other beautiful flowering plants. The Everglades exist nowhere else on Earth!

With the increasing impacts of man in the last 120 years, however, the Everglades have been damaged to the point of near extinction. Half of the original Everglades are now gone. They have been lost forever to urban development and agriculture. Cut off from a once-natural sheet flow of water, large sections of Everglades National Park are sometimes parched. Other parts of the historic Everglades suffer as they receive too much water.

But there is hope! There is a plan to restore America's Everglades!

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



"Everglades" yo Kote dlo se lavi...

Pandan 5,000 ane "Everglades" te yon bèl kote nan sid Florida. Anpil gwo lapli ak chalè te fè zòn nan tounen yon bann ti zil frajil nan mitan yon rivyè tou plat ki tap koule anpil dlo fre.

Everglades toujou antoure ak dlo e li tankou yon rivyè zèb. Se yon tresò ki genyen anpil vi ladan-n. Everglades yo se kay plizyè kalite zwazo, Pantè Florida, pye bwa twopikal, flè òkid ak anpil lòt bèl plant. Everglades pa egziste okenn lòt kote sou latè.

Ak gwo chanjman lè zòm fè pandan dènye 120 ane yo, Everglades fin domaje nèt. Mwatye nan Everglades orijinal la deja ale. Li pa yon resous pou devlopman kay ak agrikilti ankò. Genyen yon pati ki seche anpil e lòt pati Everglades-la genyen twop dlo. Lè konsa anvironman ak lavi nan Everglades ap mal mennen.

Gen Espwa! Genyen yon plan pou nou retabli Everglades nou-an!

What we did:





What we heard:

Develop an “identity”

What we did:





Wrap Up

CERP Community Outreach

- **We will continue to listen ~
to the public and to you**
- **We will continue to respond**
- **We invite you to join us**

A scenic landscape featuring a large, calm blue lake. In the foreground, there are tall, dry reeds and grasses. The middle ground shows a dense line of trees along the far shore. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white and grey clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Questions?