

June 2010 Team of the Month
The St. Lucie Water Reservation Team

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Fulfilling a 2009 commitment to guarantee water for restoration of the St. Lucie Estuary, the Governing Board adopted the second water reservation to protect water for the North Fork of the St. Lucie River on February 11, 2010. This achievement was made possible by this team's hard work developing and documenting the review of scientific underpinnings for the reservation, completing the rigorous process of drafting and gaining stakeholders' acceptance of the draft rule.

The rule development process required staff to identify and resolve a huge number of technical, policy and legal issues raised by local, state and federal agencies, as well as other interested parties.

This milestone completes a year-long technical process followed by rule development of the reservation, which will serve to protect the ecosystem and wildlife on Florida's east coast for decades to come. It will also enable the Army Corps of Engineers and the District to enter a cost-share agreement called a Project Partnership Agreement that will enable construction of the CERP Indian River Lagoon-South Project.