

Consolidated Project Report

South Florida Water Management District

EXHIBIT A

OCTOBER 9, 2008

Ref# 682 **Title** River of Grass Acquisition Project

Completion Date: TBD **Last Updated** 09/29/08

Activity Type Project **Manager** Ammon, Ken

Mgr Explanation for TBD N/A

Project Objective

The Project is designed to acquire lands needed to reestablish a part of the historic connection between Lake Okeechobee and America's Everglades through a managed system of storage and treatment and, at the same time, safeguard the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and estuaries. A comprehensive description of project benefits is outlined in SFWMD Report titled Summary of Benefits of USSC Land Acquisitions.

Physical Description

Project History

Project Description

The Project is anticipated to require the acquisition of as much as 187,000 acres of land, facilities, and assets owned by the United States Sugar Corporation and related entities.

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Lead Agency FDEP and SFWMD

Lead Org 730 / 7310 LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT

State Rept Cat 2.1 Land Acquisition

Street Address 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Lead Program District Everglades

Related Programs

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
Lake Okeechobee
Coastal Watersheds

Counties

Palm Beach
Highlands
Hendry
Glades
Gilchrist

Regions

Districtwide

Project Type

Capital Projects
Ecosystem Restoration
Land Acquisition
Hydropattern Restoration
Flowway Restoration
Nutrient Reduction
Natural Systems Management
Water Storage
Water Quality Treatment

Affected Water Bodies

Everglades
Caloosahatchee River & Estuary
St. Lucie River & Estuary
Lake Okeechobee

Legislative References

Section 373.199 requires the SFWMD to maintain a 5-year Florida Forever Work Plan that identifies the list of projects that will further the goals of the Florida Forever Act and be eligible for funding under the program.

End Products

The acquisition of as much as 187,000 acres of land, facilities and assets owned by the United States Sugar Corporation and related entities.

Land Requirements

Acquisition of as much as 187,000 acres of land.

Associated Projects

EAA Reservoir Project, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

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Milestones FY 2007

Milestones FY 2008

Land Acquisition Due Diligence
Funding Arrangements

Project Performance Measures

The Project will further the following goal of the Florida Forever Act: (4)(a)3. Enhance the coordination and completion of land acquisition projects, as measured by the number of shared acquisition projects among Florida Forever funding partners and partners with other funding sources, including local governments and the federal government; and(4)(c)1 and 7. Protect, restore, and maintain the quality and natural functions of land, water, and wetland systems of the state, as measured by the number of acres of publicly owned land identified as needing restoration, acres undergoing restoration, and acres with restoration activities completed; and the number of acres acquired that protect fragile coastal resources.

Resource Performance Measures

Alternatives

Major Uncertainties

The cost of acquisitions is being negotiated.

Total Project Cost

\$0

FTE Included?

No

Expenditures FY 2007

\$0

5-Year Financial Summary

Cost Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5-Year Total
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fund Source

To Be Determined

Fund Source Explanation for TBD

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Project Partners

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Areas of Responsibility

Natural Systems

Florida Forever Goal

a - Enhance the coordination and completion of land acquisition projects, as measured by:

c - Protect, restore, and maintain the quality and natural functions of land, water, and wetland systems of the state, as measured by:

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Chapter References

Florida Forever Workplan Report

Florida Forever Performance Measure

a 3 - The number of shared acquisition projects among Florida Forever funding partners and partners with other funding sources, including local governments and the federal government

c 1 - The number of acres of publicly-owned land identified as needing restoration, acres undergoing restoration, and acres with restoration activities completed

c 7 - The number of acres acquired that protect fragile coastal resources