

July 2009 Employee of the Month

Susan (Sue) Ray, Chief Engineer
Everglades Restoration Technical Services Section

Sue has played a critical role in the public planning process for the Everglades Land Acquisition, River of Grass Project. She has completed multiple tasks to the highest possible standard, including:

- Compilation of GIS maps for display and analysis on Google Earth
- Engineering analyses for different types of storage and treatment
- Developing documentation for public process including engineering and facilitator forms
- Coordination of engineering teams and resources for analysis of all proposed configurations
- Coordination of costing teams including construction, operations and maintenance, and remediation teams
- Guidance to all assessment teams on consistency and reporting

The River of Grass is an unprecedented opportunity to acquire the lands necessary for restoration of the historic flows from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades. Active public participation is a key aspect of the overall success of this venture, and ensuring that the best technical information is available and readily usable to a variety of stakeholders, has been a cornerstone to achieving this goal. Sue has gone above and beyond the usual high standards of a District employee to ensure that all information is easily understood and applied for the best possible outcomes.