

## SFWMD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND PROGRAM GOALS

### Strategic Priorities:

- **Restore the Everglades by:**
  - **Acquiring Land and planning projects to expand water storage and treatment options south of Lake Okeechobee to revive the River of Grass.**
  - **Advancing construction schedules of existing key projects.**
  - **Implementing the Long-Term Plan to achieve water quality standards.**
- **Protect and restore natural systems in the Northern Everglades (Kissimmee, Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Watershed) by increasing storage capacity and water quality treatment.**
- **Refurbish the regional water management system by implementing the 50-year plan.**
- **Meet the current and future demands of water users and the environment by implementing regional water supply plans.**

### Program Goals (most relevant to work of the WRAC):

**Coastal Watersheds: To restore coastal watersheds and receiving water bodies through local initiatives and partnerships, and applied scientific research.**

**Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan: To restore, preserve and protect the South Florida ecosystem through implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and other related federal water resource projects.**

**District Everglades: To restore Everglades water quality, hydrology and ecology.**

**Kissimmee Watershed: to restore ecological integrity to the Kissimmee River and its floodplain ecosystem, and integrate Kissimmee watershed management strategies with those of Lake Okeechobee protection and water supply development.**

**Lake Okeechobee: To improve the health of the Lake Okeechobee ecosystem by improving water quality, reducing or eliminating exotic species and better managing water levels.**

**Land Stewardship: To provide natural resource protection, effective land management and reasonable opportunities for appropriate agricultural use, while allowing compatible recreational uses on designated public lands.**

**Water Supply: To ensure an adequate supply of water to protect natural systems and to meet all existing and projected reasonable-beneficial uses, while sustaining water resources for future generations.**