

RECOVER PRODUCTS

Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP)

- Primary tool by which RECOVER assesses pre-restoration baseline conditions and restoration progress.
- Based on peer reviewed conceptual ecological models.
- Provides the basis for making monitoring and research funding decisions.
- Leverages large quantities of data generated by other groups within and outside the SFWMD.
- Scientific and technical information generated from MAP implementation is the primary source of data for the System Status Report.
- Revised periodically in response to new scientific understanding gained by MAP monitoring and research data.

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System Status Reports

- Biannual reports that provide an integrative analysis and assessment of the environmental health of the ecosystem based on Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP) data.
- Primary document for tracking and reporting restoration progress.
- Basis for ecological component of mandated 5-year reports to Congress on CERP progress.

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Conceptual Ecological Models

- Method of describing links between environmental stressors and ecological responses.
- Provide basis for developing and testing causal hypotheses that explain natural system response to anthropogenic influences.
- Identify attributes of natural systems that can serve as indicators of restoration progress/success.

- Published in a peer reviewed special edition of *Wetlands*, the journal of the Society of Wetland Scientists.

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Performance Measures

- Performance measures have been developed to evaluate and assess restoration progress on a regional/system-wide basis.
- Performance measures are derived from conceptual ecological models. Water supply and flood protection measures are derived from Florida Statutes.
- Performance measures provide critical metrics for most RECOVER assessment and evaluation products.
- Documentation sheets –
www.evergladesplan.org/pm/recover/eval_team_perf_measures.aspx.
- Development and application of performance measures document -
www.evergladesplan.org/pm/recover/perf_systemwide.aspx.

Interim Goals and Interim Targets

- Used to document CERP's expected and measured performance in five-year increments throughout implementation as required by Programmatic Regulations.
- Interim goals pertain to ecological milestones; targets pertain to water related needs like water supply and flood control.

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CERP Adaptive Management Strategy

- Provides a format for addressing uncertainties inherent in implementing and managing large-scale ecosystem restoration programs.
- Supports improved decision making and plan performance through iterative feedback

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