

Identification of Problems, Objectives and Constraints for the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan

An initial step in the development of the Construction Project for the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan is to identify problems, objectives and constraints that should be considered in the plan. This table documents general problems, objectives and constraints relative to the directives given in Chapter 373.4595, F.S.

Problems	Objectives	Constraints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excess regulatory discharges from Lake Okeechobee ▪ Excess discharges resulting from watershed runoff ▪ Excess nutrient loads to fresh and estuarine portions of the river ▪ Undesirable low flows to estuary ▪ Impacts to aquatic habitats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet Total Maximum Daily Loads ▪ Manage Lake Okeechobee flows to meet desirable salinity ranges for estuary ▪ Manage watershed discharges to meet desirable salinity ranges for estuary ▪ Reduce pollutant loads by improving management of pollutant sources throughout the watershed ▪ Establish Research and Water Quality Monitoring Program sufficient to implement the program and projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain existing levels of flood protection ▪ Maintain water supply for affected water user basins ▪ Minimum flows and levels