

# May 2012 Kissimmee Basin Environmental and Restoration Features



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April 25, 2012

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) in breeding plumage in the Phase I restoration area where a large nesting colony of wading birds has formed





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Curious tricolored heron (*Egretta tricolor*) nestlings in the Phase I restoration area where a large colony of wading birds has formed.



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Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) nesting in the Phase I restoration area where a large nesting colony of wading birds has formed.



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May 2, 2012

White Pelicans (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) search for prey in some of the last remaining drying pools in the Phase I restoration area



Drying abandoned channel in the Phase I restoration area floodplain





May 2, 2012

Fish nests become exposed along the Phase I restoration area abandoned river channels



Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) in the Phase I restoration area



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Environmental Scientist Mike Cheek working through the last throwtrap of the day in the Phase I restoration area floodplain



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Prickly Poppy (*Argemone* sp.) flowers on the edge of the Phase I restoration area in Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area





May 3, 2012

Nearly all of the pools and abandoned channels have completely dried out this dry season. The rich organic soil cracks as it dries.



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Abandoned river channel in the Phase I restoration area





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May 2, 2012

Green treefrog (*Hyla cinerea*) in the Phase I restoration area floodplain



May 9, 2012

Sandbars in Phase I restoration area river channel



May 11, 2012

Sandbar along the Phase I restoration area river channel



May 2, 2012

Little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*) in the Phase I restoration area



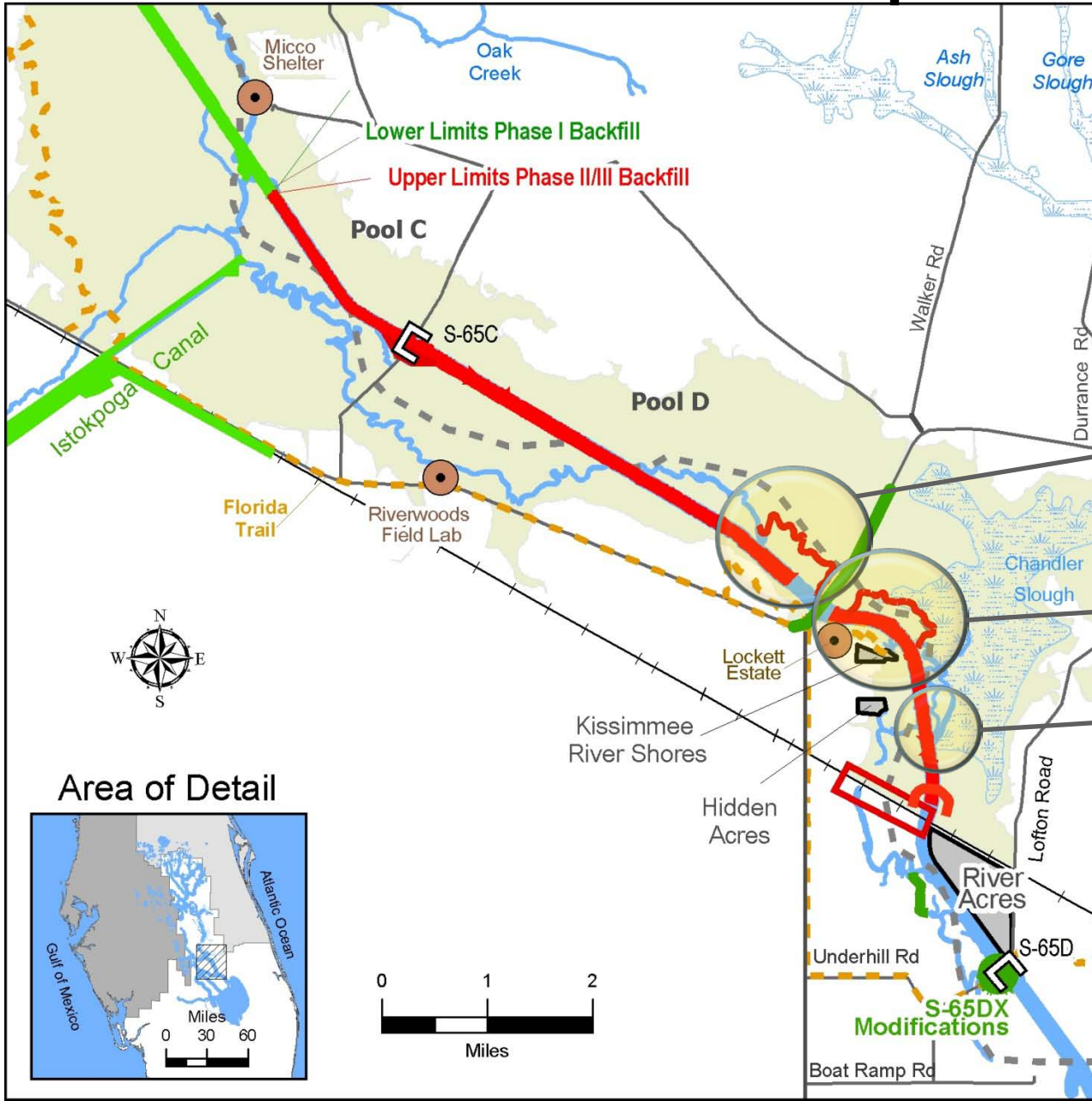




May 11, 2012

Abandoned river channels in the Phase I restoration area. The active river channel can be seen in the upper left.

# Construction Update



Contract 10A –  
Reach 2  
river channel recarve

Contract 10A –  
Reach 3 north  
river channel recarve

Contract 10A –  
Reach 3 south  
river channel recarve



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Contract 10A Reach 2 river channel recarve



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Contract 10A Reach 2 river channel recarve complete!





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Contract 10A Reach 3 south river channel recarve



See you next month!