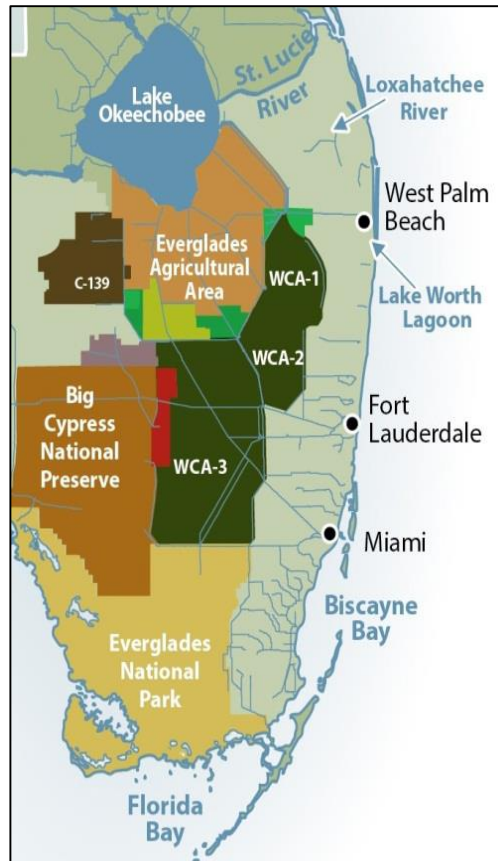


Managing South Florida's Water Conservation Areas



South Florida's three Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) are vast tracts of remnant Everglades marsh. Spanning approximately 864,000 acres or more than 1,350 square miles, the WCAs serve multiple water resource and environmental purposes, including flood control, water supply and habitat for South Florida's plant and animal communities. A host of state and federal agencies, including the South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, manage water resources and provide access to recreational activities such as hiking, bicycling, bird watching, fishing, hunting and airboating. These areas are also of deep cultural value to the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.



WCA Benefits

- Provides flood protection to approximately 6 million people living in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties
- Stores water for dry times and recharges groundwater supplies utilized by developed areas and natural systems
- Delivers water to Everglades National Park, Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay and other natural systems

South Florida's Water Conservation Areas

WCA-1

Also known as the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
 Location: Palm Beach County
 Area: 218 square Miles

WCA-2

Also known as the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area
 Location: Palm Beach and Broward counties
 Area: 207 square miles

WCA-3

Also known as the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area
 Location: Broward and Miami-Dade counties
 Area: 925 square miles



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