



# The Corkscrew Watershed Initiative

*Ecological Restoration of the Corkscrew System*

## Project Details

The Corkscrew Watershed Initiative project is a three-year planning study that encompasses northern Collier County, southern Lee County, and a portion of southwest Hendry County. The project objectives are to develop a comprehensive strategy to achieve ecological restoration of the Corkscrew system by improving wetland hydrology and natural flows, while reducing flood risks and maintaining regional water availability.

## Project History

Previous studies and monitoring information have documented reduced hydroperiods and increased water level recession rates in the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary within the last 60 years. This study builds upon previous efforts to determine potential causes of the shortened hydroperiod that has been documented at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

*Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Boardwalk.*

## Project Background

The Technical Working Group, a planning team comprised of South Florida Water Management District staff, representatives of local governments in the region and others with responsibility for the management of the Corkscrew Watershed are gathering data and identifying viable short and long-term strategies to achieve the Corkscrew Watershed Initiative objectives.

**Technical Working Group participants include:**

- ◆ City of Bonita Springs
- ◆ Collier County
- ◆ Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
- ◆ CREW Land & Water Trust
- ◆ Lee County
- ◆ South Florida Water Management District
- ◆ Village of Estero

The planning initiative includes stakeholder and public involvement, with a final report to be provided in 2026.

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