



Everglades Restoration Works!

Our Progress for the Restoration of the Region's Water Resources

Florida Bay

A comprehensive effort is underway to protect and restore America's Everglades – now and for future generations. New data demonstrates the success of restoration projects across our region - proving recent investments and momentum are working. On January 10, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 23-06 (Achieving *Even More Now* for Florida's Environment) to enhance ongoing efforts to expedite restoration projects and further advance the protection of Florida's natural resources. Executive Order 23-06 was issued exactly four years to the day after he signed Executive Order 19-12 (Achieving *More Now For* Florida's Environment) that resulted in record environmental funding, expedited Everglades projects, and water quality improvements. In 2025, a new landmark agreement was signed by the State of Florida and the U.S. Department of the Army to accelerate Everglades restoration, including the "crown jewel" of Everglades restoration—the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir. Since 2019, we have celebrated over 90 ribbon cuttings, ground breakings and major milestones on Everglades projects.

The State of Florida will continue our significant efforts implementing Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects to improve the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water within the Greater Everglades Ecosystem. Unprecedented State funding and momentum are making a real difference to protect Florida's precious natural resources, support our economy and restore America's Everglades.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSES

Salinity Levels in Florida Bay Hit Goals

Record water flows and water depths in the Everglades coupled with rainfall demonstrated that restoration can support healthy salinity levels in Florida Bay. Balanced salinity supports sea grass and spawning fish.

Flamingos Make a Comeback in Florida

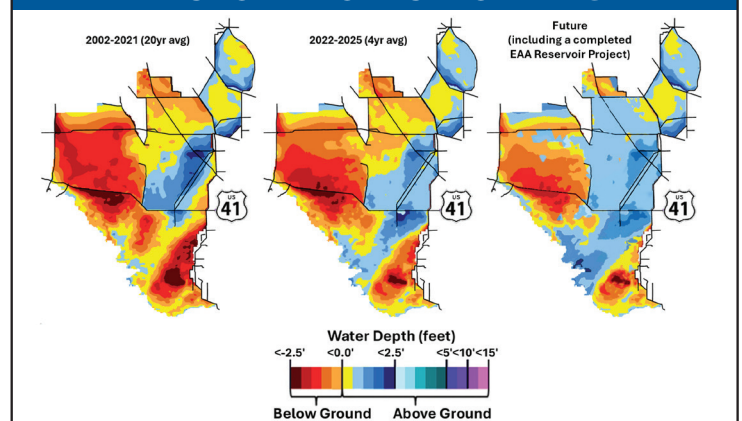
Efforts to restore America's Everglades and our ecosystems are working. We are seeing more and more flocks of flamingos along the coastal Everglades and in the Stormwater Treatment Areas. This proof point demonstrates that the efforts to send water south are working, and the ecosystem responds positively to the right water levels.



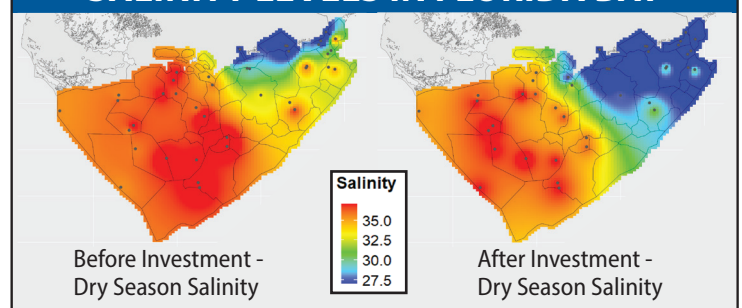
Record Hydration in the Everglades

End of the wet season current water depths (see graphic) in two key locations, Shark River Slough and Taylor Slough, demonstrate that restoration projects and operations work well together to nourish the Everglades and send water south to support the health of Florida Bay.

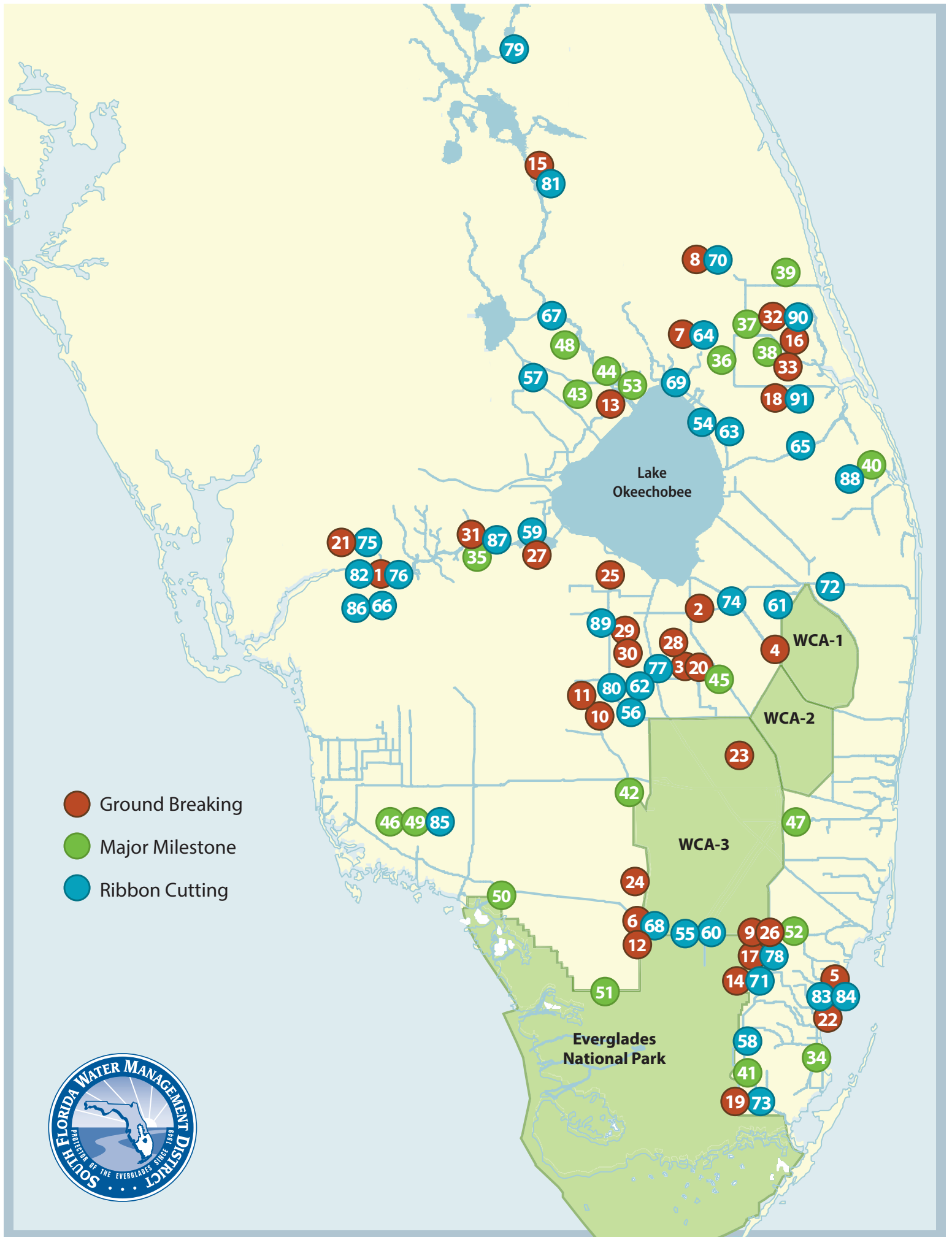
RESTORATION IS WORKING



SALINITY LEVELS IN FLORIDA BAY



- Ground Breaking
- Major Milestone
- Ribbon Cutting



GROUND BREAKING SINCE 2019

✓ Indicates these projects have been completed.

#	PROJECT	GROUND BREAKING	COMPLETION YEAR (EST.)
1	Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir – Final Phase of Construction	2019	✓
2	Bolles Canal Improvements	2019	✓
3	EAA Reservoir Project's Treatment Wetland	2020	✓
4	STA 1W – Expansion No. 2	2020	✓
5	Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands - L-31E Flow Way	2020	✓
6	Old Tamiami Trail Roadbed Removal	2020	✓
7	Bluefield Grove Water Storage Farm	2020	✓
8	Scott Water Storage Farm	2020	✓
9	Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) South	2020	2033
10	C-139 Wetland Restoration – Phase II	2021	2027
11	C-139 Water Storage Basin (FEB)	2021	✓
12	Raising Tamiami Trail (FDOT)	2021	2030
13	Lake O Watershed – Aquifer Storage & Recovery Wells	2021	2030
14	Everglades Nat'l Park Seepage Containment Wall – Phase I (8.5 SMA)	2021	✓
15	El Maximo Ranch Northern Everglades Water Quality Project	2022	✓
16	C-23/C-24 Treatment Wetland	2022	2026
17	Everglades Nat'l Park Seepage Containment Wall – CEPP New Water	2022	✓
18	C-23 Canal Estuary Discharge Diversion Project	2022	✓
19	Taylor Slough Hydrologic Improvements	2023	✓
20	EAA Reservoir	2023	2029
21	ALJO Four Corners Rapid Infiltration Project	2023	✓
22	Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands – Cutler Wetlands	2023	✓
23	Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) North	2023	2032
24	Western Everglades Restoration-South Features	2024	2028
25	Clewiston Field Station	2024	2026
26	Blue Shanty Flow Way	2025	2029
27	Lake Hicpochee Phase II Groundbreaking	2025	2028
28	EAA Reservoir Inflow Pump Station	2025	2029
29	North New River Conveyance Canal Expansion	2024	✓
30	Miami Canal Expansion	2025	2028
31	C43 Water Quality Treatment and Testing Project	2023	✓
32	C-23/C-24 North Reservoir	2025	2031
33	C-23/C-24 South Reservoir	2024	2032



Governor DeSantis at the Removal of the Old Tamiami Trail Roadbed



EAA Inflow Pump Station Groundbreaking

MAJOR MILESTONE SINCE 2019

#	PROJECT	RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENT	COMPLETION YEAR (EST.)
34	Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem (BBSEER)	Began Planning Efforts	TBD
35	Boma Water Storage Basin (FEB)	Started Design	2028
36	C-23/C-24 Interim Water Storage	Started Design	2026
37	C-23/C-24 North Reservoir	Completed Final Design, Began Construction	2031
38	C-23/C-24 South Reservoir	Completed Final Design, Began Construction	2032
39	C-25 Reservoir and Treatment Wetland	Completed Final Design, Began Construction	TBD
40	Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration	Authorized by Congress, Started Design	TBD
41	S-332B Pump Station Replacement	Started Design	2028
42	Western Everglades Restoration-Remaining Features	Authorized in WRDA	2024
43	Lake O Watershed – Wetland Restoration	Began Real Estate Acquisition	TBD
44	Lower Kissimmee Basin Treatment Wetland	Began Initial Planning and Design	2029
45	EAA Reservoir Project Partnership Agreement Signed	Agreement Executed	2021
46	Faka Union Pump Station/Canal Plugging – Picayune Strand Wetland Restoration	Began Partial Rehydration of Drained Wetlands	2025
47	C-11 Water Storage Impoundment	Began Final Design	2028
48	Lake Okeechobee Component A Reservoir (LOCAR) Final Feasibility Study and EIS	Authorized in WRDA	2024
49	Startup of Miller Pump Station – Picayune Strand Wetland Restoration	Began Using the Pump Station	2025
50	Green Heart of the Everglades	Completed Land Acquisition	2023
51	Landmark Agreement to Accelerate Everglades Restoration Signed	Signed by Governor DeSantis and Executed	2025
52	EAA Seepage Pump Station and Blue Shanty Flow Way Project Partnership Agreement	Agreement Executed	2026
53	Lower Kissimmee Basin Stormwater Treatment and Recreation Area Project	Completed Land Acquisition	2026



C-25 Clearing and Construction

COMPLETED SINCE 2019

#	PROJECT	YEAR
54	Lakeside Ranch Treatment Wetland	2019
55	Bridging Tamiami Trail (FDOT)	2019
56	C-139 Wetland Restoration – Phase I	2019
57	Brighton Valley Dispersed Water Storage and Management	2020
58	Improved Water Deliveries for ENP (COP) and C-111 South Dade Project	2020
59	Lake Hicpochee Restoration – Phase I	2020
60	S-333N Structure for Everglades Nat'l Park Water Deliveries	2020
61	STA 1W – Expansion No. 1	2020
62	STA 5/6 Improvements	2020
63	Allapattah Flats Wetland Restoration	2021
64	Bluefield Grove Water Storage Farm	2021
65	C-44 Reservoir and Treatment Wetland	2021
66	Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir Water Quality Improvements Study	2021
67	Kissimmee River Restoration	2021
68	Old Tamiami Trail Roadbed Removal	2021
69	S-191A Pump Station	2021
70	Scott Water Storage Farm	2021
71	Everglades Nat'l Park Seepage Containment Wall – Phase I (8.5 SMA)	2022
72	STA 1E Improvements	2022
73	Taylor Slough Hydrologic Improvements	2023
74	Bolles Canal Improvements	2023
75	ALJO Four Corners Rapid Infiltration Project	2023
76	Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir S-470 Pump Station	2023
77	EAA Reservoir Project's Treatment Wetland	2024
78	Everglades Nat'l Park Seepage Containment Wall – CEPP New Water	2024
79	Partin Family Ranch Dispersed Water Storage and Management	2024
80	C-139 Water Storage Basin (FEB)	2024
81	El Maximo Ranch Northern Everglades Water Quality Project	2024
82	Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir	2025
83	Biscayne Bay – L-31E Flow Way	2025
84	Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands – Cutler Wetlands	2025
85	Picayune Strand Restoration Project	2025
86	Alum Treatment Facility at Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir	2026
87	C43 Water Quality Treatment and Testing Project	2025
88	Cypress Creek Restoration Project with Ducks Unlimited	2026
89	North New River Conveyance Canal Expansion	2026
90	C-23/C-24 Stormwater Treatment Area	2026
91	C-23 Canal Estuary Discharge Diversion Project	2026



Landmark Agreement in Action - Accelerating the EAA Reservoir Project



Picayune Strand Restoration Project Ribbon Cutting

MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS

Water Storage Complete East & West of Lake Okeechobee to Further Curb Harmful Estuary Discharges

The completed Caloosahatchee (C-43) and St. Lucie (C-44) reservoirs capture harmful discharges of water to the estuaries.

Completed Wetland Treatment Systems to Clean and Send Water to the Everglades

The *Restoration Strategies* program, which involved building and improving 60,000 acres of treatment wetlands, sends cleaner water to the Everglades.

100,000 Acres of Restored Natural Lands

The completed restoration of Picayune Strand State Forest and Kissimmee River restores important wetlands and recharges aquifers.

Picayune Strand Construction



EAA Construction



Large Reservoir South of Lake Okeechobee to Reduce Estuary Discharges and Send Water to the Everglades

Construct a large 10,000-acre reservoir to capture and store excess water to better hydrate the Everglades and manage high Lake stages.

Water Storage North of Lake Okeechobee

A large above ground reservoir and aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) wells will assist in storing water north of Lake Okeechobee to manage Lake levels.



Blue Shanty Flow Way Groundbreaking

Protecting the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon

Multiple projects are underway to improve water quality in the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon.

Completed Construction of a Treatment Wetland to Move Lake Water South

Treatment wetlands send clean water to the Everglades, including a 6,500-acre system dedicated to moving Lake Okeechobee water.

Uncorking Tamiami Trail (US 41) Will Send More Water South and Reduce Lake Okeechobee Discharges

Additional infrastructure restores the natural flow of water. FDOT will complete raising portions of Tamiami Trail (Next Steps Phase II), and the South Florida Water Management District completed the seepage containment wall to keep water out of communities.

Multiple Major Biscayne Bay Restoration Projects Improve Health of the Bay

The Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands suite of projects provide significant land and bay restoration benefits to southern Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County.



Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Ribbon Cutting

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