



The final loads of backfill spoil for Reach 3 are loaded and hauled across the floodplain.



Degrading of the spoil pile in the Reach 3 construction area.



The final loads of spoil for Reach 3 C-38 backfill are hauled across the floodplain.



The C-38 canal has been backfilled, leveled and graded in the Reach 3 construction area, northern section just below HW98.



Reach 3 C-38 backfill



Lower section of Reach 3 backfill. This section of backfill was completed a couple months ago, and the backfill is beginning to vegetate.



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Increased flows in the Kissimmee River allowed water to flow across the Lower section of the recently backfilled Reach 3 construction area.



Lower section of Reach 3 backfill. This section of backfill was completed a couple months ago, and the backfill is beginning to vegetate. Also washout channels can be seen that were caused by high flows over the backfill immediately after it was completed

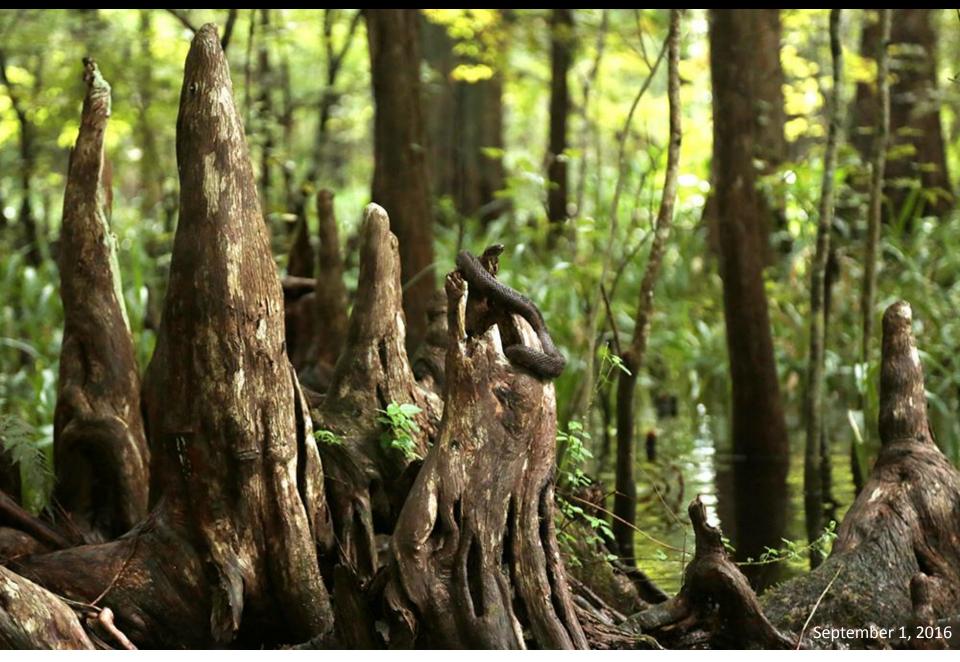




Lower section of Reach 3 backfill looking north. This section of backfill was completed a couple months ago. Here is a before and during of high flows (~5000 cubic feet per second).



Lower section of Reach 3 restoration area. This area is where the spoil pile once was located from the channelization of the Kissimmee River. The spoil has been removed from this area and has been degraded to the historical floodplain depth.



A Florida banded water snake peeks out from his lair in this hollow cypress knee on Marion Creek after a long rainy night.



A green treefrog clings onto a hibiscus bud in the Phase I restoration area floodplain.



An intense storm quickly builds and sweeps across the lower Reach 3 restoration area of the Kissimmee River.



An evening storm quickly builds and sweeps across the Phase I restoration area of the Kissimmee River.



Looking southeast from HW98 at the Reach 3 backfill progress.



Looking northwest at the Reach 3 backfill progress.



Looking south at the Reach 3 backfill progress.



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Looking north at the north section of the Reach 3 backfill, which was completed by the end of August and shortly after was inundated with high flows.



Looking north at the southern section of the Reach 3 backfill under high flows.



Looking north at the Reach 3 backfill area. Backfill of Reach 3 was completed at the end on August and water levels rose and inundated the area immediately after completion.



Looking southwest at the Reach 3 backfill area. Backfill of Reach 3 was completed at the end on August and water levels rose and inundated the area immediately after completion.



Looking south along the southern section of Reach 3 backfill and spoil degrade area.



Looking north at the Reach 3 construction area.



Looking west up toward Riverwoods Run and northwest up the C-38 canal: Areas upstream of the Reach 3 C-38 backfill has experienced water backing up in the Reach 2 area. Construction to backfill this section of the canal will begin in 2017.



Looking southeast down toward Riverwoods Run at the CSX structure.



Looking northwest up toward Riverwoods Run at the CSX structure where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun staging to remove the large mat of floating vegetation north of the structure.



Looking north up the MacArthur Ditch backfill project. The contractors are done hauling spoil, and are temporarily on hold until the water levels recede below final grade height before they can level the haul road.



Looking south down the MacArthur Ditch backfill project. The contractors are done hauling spoil, and are temporarily on hold until the water levels recede below final grade height before they can level the haul road.



Looking north up near the southern section of Phase I, just above the MacArthur Ditch construction site.



Looking south at the phase I restoration area river channel and floodplain.



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