



The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in 16 counties – from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

With a population of 8.7 million, this region covers 17,930 square miles (31 percent of the entire state) and includes vast areas of agricultural lands, water conservation areas and urban development.

## OUR MISSION

To **SAFEGUARD** and **RESTORE** South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, **PROTECT** our communities from flooding, and **MEET** the region's water needs while **CONNECTING** with the public and stakeholders

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# Old Tamiami Trail Removal



The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), at the direction of Gov. Ron DeSantis, is working to expedite the construction of several components of the Central Everglades Planning Project in order to increase conveyance of water south to Everglades National Park sooner. One of the projects being expedited includes the removal of a 5.5-mile section of Old Tamiami Trail, which will allow more water to flow south into Everglades National Park.

### Benefits of the removal of Old Tamiami Trail

- Removes 5.5 miles of old road that had acted as a barrier blocking the natural sheetflow of fresh water south into Everglades National Park.
- Helps alleviate high water emergencies in the water conservation areas that can lead to wildlife flooding.
- Helps prevent bottlenecks that hinder the ability to move water south out of Lake Okeechobee to avoid damaging releases to the coastal estuaries.

### Status of project

- Removal of the old road began January 2020.
- Anticipated completion date is November 2021.