

Editorial Research the details first on Everglades restoration

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Everglades restoration is a work in progress. Even with what is widely regarded as a major step forward, there are questions whether the science is right. That's good. Let's hear skepticism now about a proposed purchase of 300 square miles of sugar cane fields for \$1.75 billion.

That beats hearing it later, after the money is gone.

Too often we see programs jump in and "do something," only to sweat the details and impacts later. That is even an apt description of some of the development that has drained and polluted the Everglades and efforts so far to bring it back to sustainable life.

Now we hear from observers with knowledge of the project that it might be too little too late, or that the land to be retired from farming is beyond affordable repair.

Even the most idealistic advocate of Everglades restoration should want to know all there is to know, now.