




Proposed Revision to the Long-Term Plan for Achieving Water Quality Goals to Include Funding for the River of Grass Land Acquisition Initiative



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What is the Long-Term Plan?

- **State's blueprint for meeting the phosphorus water quality standard, Rule 62-302.540**
- **Addresses discharges from Everglades Protection Area tributary basins**
 - **Everglades Construction Project (ECP) Stormwater Treatment Areas and non-ECP Basins**
- **Includes Stormwater Treatment Area enhancements, monitoring, research, source controls, and accelerated recovery projects**
- **District and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) can propose revisions to Long-Term Plan but only FDEP can approve Long-Term Plan revisions**



Long-Term Plan Proposed Revision

- **River of Grass initiative further expands District's and State of Florida's commitment to provide additional clean water for the Everglades**
- **In order to ensure the additional water for the Everglades will achieve compliance with water quality standards, it is proposed to incorporate the additional treatment area into the Long-Term Plan and it is proposed to fund the treatment area land acquisition with Long-Term Plan funding**
- **District is in early stages of evaluating alternative reservoir and treatment configurations**
- **Future Long-Term Plan revisions can provide details of treatment area such as location and size, as well as costs for land, construction, operation and maintenance**