



Northern Everglades

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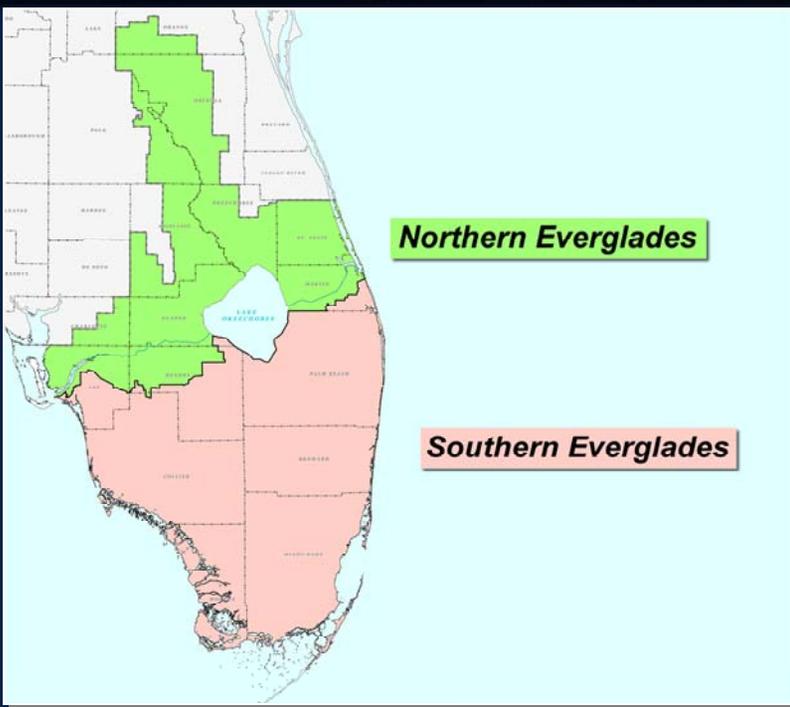


Everglades Ecosystem

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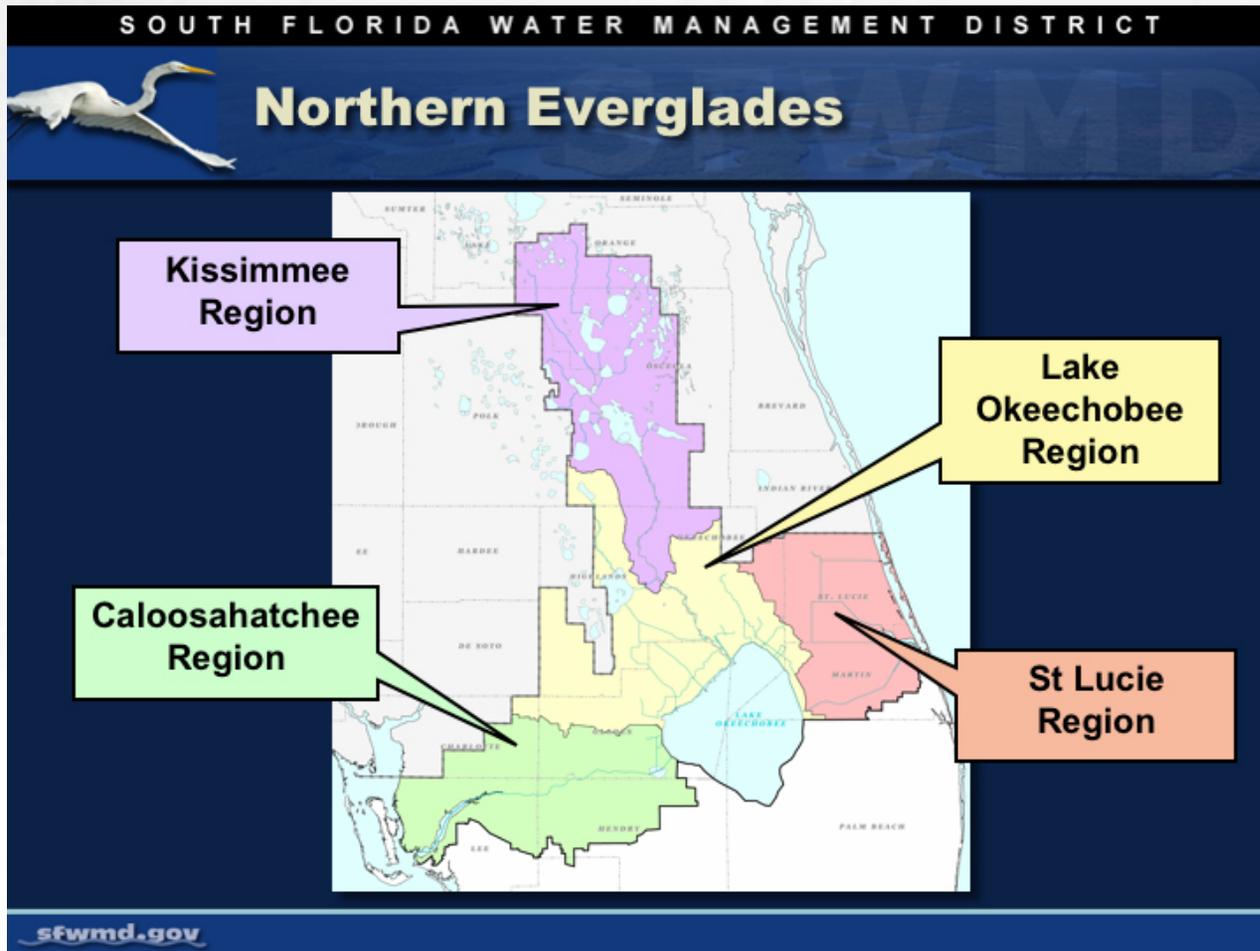
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Southern Everglades

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The map displays the state of Florida with county boundaries. The Northern Everglades region is shaded in light green and covers parts of Dade, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties. The Southern Everglades region is shaded in light pink and covers parts of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties. Lake Okechobee is shown in the central part of the state, between the two regions.

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Northern Everglades Legislation

- **The Northern Everglades legislation provides a dedicated state funding source for the Northern Everglades restoration**
 - **Expanding the use of the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund to include the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan and the River's Watershed Protection Plans for the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie.**
- **The Bill will also extend the state's commitment to provide funding for CERP and the Northern Everglades through the year 2020.**

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- **Development of a technical plan to identify the storage and water quality treatment requirements for the Lake Okeechobee watershed by February 1, 2008.**
 - **Process Development and Engineering component**
- **Development of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers Watershed Protection Plans to identify watershed storage projects and water quality targets by January 1, 2009.**

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- **Implementation of projects to meet the Lake Okeechobee Total Maximum Daily Load of 140 metric tons of phosphorus to the Lake by 2015.**
- **The watershed protection plans will be the basis for Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs)**
- **Data used in the technical plans will be updated every three years**
- **The River Protection Plans will include goals for salinity envelopes and freshwater inflow targets for each estuary**

Everglades Appropriations FY 07-08

District Everglades Funding

■ CERP/Land Acquisition	\$100,000,000
■ Ph I & II Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan	\$49,000,000
■ Caloosahatchee/St. Lucie/Okeechobee Basins	\$30,000,000
■ Caloosahatchee Watershed Projects	\$5,000,000
■ St. Lucie Watershed Projects	\$5,000,000
■ Biological Wetland and Chemical/Hybrid Treatment	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
■ Total	\$194,000,000

District Supported Everglades Funding

■ DACS BMPs	\$6,000,000
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Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan Initial Steps

- **Assemble SFWMD Team**
- **Develop Schedule to Meet Legislatively Mandated Deadlines**
- **Develop Planning Assumptions**
- **Develop Regional Simulation Model for Water Budget Analysis**
- **Initiate Review and Analysis of Phosphorus Data**
- **Review Discharge Data**
- **Review Lake Okeechobee Water Levels**
- **Run Alternatives**
- **Formulate a Plan for Public Input**

Public Participation Venues

- **WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee**
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- **Governing Board Updates**
- **Public Meetings**



Questions