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CERP Construction and Planning Projects

Progress Report

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Projects including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) are authorized when a planning study is approved by Congress as part of a Water Resource Development Act (WRDA). Responsibility for design and construction of CERP and other restoration projects is shared between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), based on coordination between the two agencies, the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS), and the Project Partnership Agreement for each project. This document reports on the USACE's progress on CERP efforts for the restoration of the Greater Everglades as directed by Governor DeSantis in Executive Order 23-06, as well as the SFWMD's continued efforts to expedite Everglades restoration projects and improve water quality and quantity.

On July 18, 2025, the State of Florida and the U.S. Department of the Army reached a new agreement to accelerate the restoration of America's Everglades. On July 21, 2026, Project Partnership Agreements for the 1043(b) Non-Federal Implementation Pilot Program were signed for the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) and CEPP South components to be constructed by the SFWMD with federal funds in support of the agreements to accelerate restoration. This progress report breaks out expedited components and describes their implementation.

Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration (BBSEER)

Lead Agency: USACE

Anticipated Completion Year: TBD

Project Description: The BBSEER Project aims to restore natural areas in southeastern Miami-Dade County, including the Model Lands, Southern Glades, nearshore estuarine habitats of Biscayne Bay, and the associated coastal and freshwater wetlands.

Status: Planning; The BBSEER Study Team is working toward completion of the Tentatively Selected Plan milestone in September 2026 and preparation of an interim draft Project Implementation Report. Recent progress includes refinement of the proposed plan features and discussion of potential initial actionable increments. Ongoing activities include the real estate appraisal, resolution of team comments, revision of the report, and preparation for upcoming milestone reviews.

Broward County Water Preserve Areas

Lead Agency: USACE

Anticipated Completion Year: TBD

Project Description: This project will reduce water loss from the Central Everglades. It is designed to perform two primary functions: reduce seepage loss from Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A and 3B to the C-11 and C-9 Basins; and capture, store and distribute surface water runoff from the western C-11 Basin that has been discharged into WCA 3A and 3B.

Status: Design and Construction; On hold as of January 2026. Major construction activities remain on hold pending available appropriations. The first 18 months of vegetation management of the C-11 site is anticipated to begin in September 2026.

- Contract 2.1 – Initial land clearing and grubbing complete.
- Contract 2.0 – C-11 Impoundment Embankment: Bid award has been canceled and is pending available funding. Schedule TBD.
- Contract 3 – C-11 Impoundment S-503 Pump Station: Design has been postponed pending available funding. Schedule TBD.
- Contract 4 – WCA3A/3B Seepage Management Area: Schedule TBD.
- Contract 5 – C-9 Impoundment: Schedule TBD.

Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir

Lead Agency: USACE

Anticipated Completion Year: 2029

Project Description: CEPP includes four phases of projects that help restore the natural flow of water south from Lake Okeechobee to Central & Southern Everglades. The CEPP EAA Phase will store, treat and send new water to the Everglades.

The EAA Reservoir reduces damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Northern Estuaries. The 10,000-acre reservoir component includes 240,000 acre-feet of storage and delivers water to the 6,500-acre Stormwater Treatment Area for water quality treatment. The project provides an additional average annual 370,000 acre-feet of clean water sent to the Everglades.

Status: Construction. Contracts 11A and 11B remain on schedule to support the December 2029 target for functional completion.

- Contract 10A – Seepage Inflow/Outflow Canal: Construction is complete.
- Contract 11A – Foundation Preparation and Cutoff Wall: Contract progress is approximately 40.5%, based on contractor payments. The projected completion is in March 2028. Foundation preparation is approximately 60% complete, and cutoff wall construction is approximately 45% complete. Work continues across the remaining headings, and approximately 18,085 linear feet of completed foundation have been transferred to Contract 11B.
- Contract 11B – Embankment, outlet structures and spillway: Contract progress is approximately 17% complete, based on contractor payments. The targeted completion of construction is by the end of December 2029. Borrow-area development, excavation, material processing, drainage installation, and embankment placement continue. Construction has also advanced at the S-624, S-625, and S-628 structures.

Dragline Excavator at the EAA Reservoir Project.

Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Pump Stations

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2029

Project Description: The S-623 Reservoir Inflow Pump Station is a 4,600 cfs pump station that moves water from the inflow canal into the reservoir. This project also includes the microwave tower that facilitates the remote operations of the pump station and other reservoir control structures. The S-636 Seepage Pump Station is a 250 cfs pump station that controls water levels north of the Reservoir.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Contract 11C – S-636 Seepage Pump Station: Design began in March 2023 by the USACE, and the project was transferred to the SFWMD for design completion and construction using federal funds. The Ready to Advertise plans and specifications are complete. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's minor modification permit and the USACE 404 permit have been received and permitting is complete. Construction bid advertisement starts in September 2026. Construction is expected to commence in Q1 2027.
- Contract 12 – S-623 Reservoir Inflow Pump Station: The construction contract was awarded at the October 2025 Governing Board Meeting. Construction continues with dewatering activities and installation of the temporary sheet piling for the cofferdam in multiple cells. Cell 2 shoring and whaler installation is complete, and excavation within Cell 2 is ongoing. Auger cast piling is nearly complete in Cell 1, in preparation for the tremie pour later this month. The stockpile/batch plant area is in use for crushing and stockpiling of materials, and construction of the batch plant continues.

Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Canal Conveyance Improvements

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2029

Project Description: The North New River Canal Conveyance increases canal capacity by 200 cfs. The Miami Canal Conveyance Improvements increase canal capacity by 1,000 cfs.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Contract 9A – EAA North New River Canal Conveyance Improvements: Final completion of all construction was reached in June 2026.
- Contract 9A – EAA Miami Canal Conveyance Improvements Phase 1: Construction Notice to Proceed issued in August 2025. Contractor continues with mechanical excavation of the levee and canal at two locations. Crushing of the excavated materials and embankment for the relocated levee continues. Dewatering, clearing, and grubbing within the Dredged Material Management Area has resumed, and construction of the Dredged Material Management Area is expected to begin in October.
- Contract 9A – EAA Miami Canal Conveyance Improvements Phase 2: Design was completed in January 2026. Construction bid advertisement is pending funding.

Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) North Phase

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2032

Project Description: CEPP North will restore water levels in the northern portion of the Central Everglades and improve water resource resiliency in South Florida. The CEPP North features include the backfilling of approximately 13 miles of the Miami Canal, modifications to the S-8 pump station complex, the construction of seven new structures and one new canal as well as improving approximately 18 miles of existing canal.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Contract 7A – L-6 Diversion: Construction of S-620 is complete. Construction on the S-622 continues with dewatering of the existing canal and completion of the crane pad in anticipation of sheet pile installation. Pre-blasting to install sheet piling and production blasting for canal excavation is complete. Installation of temporary sheet piles has started, with installation of permanent sheet pile to follow later this month. Construction is estimated to be complete by Q1 FY2028.

- Contract 7A – L-4 Canal Improvements and Distribution Features and S-630 Gated Culverts are in design. Final Design is in progress. Permitting application reviews are ongoing.
- Contract 7B – S-8 Pump Station Modifications Phase 1 construction is complete. S-8 Pump Station Modifications Phase 2 construction Notice to Proceed was issued in September 2025. Contractor has disassembled the first pump and transported to the manufacturer, and refurbishment continues. Refurbishment of the pump housing and gearbox continues and is on schedule. Construction on the relocation of the fuel farm continues, with the electrical power supply trenching and duct bank work being finalized and the new slab is being formed. Restoration and painting in the interior of the pump station have started. Construction is estimated to be complete by Q3 FY2029.
- Contract 8A – L-5 Canal improvements will be constructed in two construction contracts and design is complete. The L-5 Remnant Canal improvements Notice to Proceed was issued in July 2025. The Contractor finished construction of the Dredged Material Management Area in July 2026 and started pumping into Cell 1. Rock grinding and hydraulic dredging is complete east of the STA-3/4 Discharge Canal and continues westward. Earthen cofferdams have been installed in Segment B in anticipation of dewatering, blasting and excavation. Construction is estimated to be complete by Q1 FY2029. Construction of the western portion of the L-5 Canal improvements from Palmer's Crossing to the S-8 Pump Station will be combined with Contract 8B once the design is complete.
- Contract 8B – Miami Canal Backfill and Vegetated Hammocks Project is underway. The preliminary design for the temporary access route is complete, and Final Design is in progress and is expected to be submitted in Q1 FY2027. Permitting for the temporary access route is ongoing. The Design Documentation Report for the Miami Canal Backfill and Vegetated Hammocks design is complete. Environmental and ecological surveys have been finalized in support of the development of design. Tree clearing of the spoil piles along the Miami Canal, south of S-8 Pump Station commenced in May 2026 and is expected to continue through FY2026. Crews have completed tree clearing north of structure S-339 and re-mobilized south of S-339 in July 2026 and are continuing south towards I-75.

Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) South Phase

Lead Agency: USACE

Anticipated Completion Year: 2027

Project Description: CEPP South removes water flow barriers to allow natural flow of water south into Everglades National Park. Components include the construction of a pump station, the installation of culverts and spillways and the removal of a roadway and levees that will help increase the flow of clean water south from Water Conservation Area 3A to Everglades National Park.

Status: Construction.

- Contract 1AR – L-67A Culverts: Construction continues at the S-631, S-632, and S-633 structures. Upcoming work includes degradation of the S-631 cofferdam, embankment placement and stilling-well construction at S-632, and electrical work at the S-633 control building. Spoil-pile removal, barge recovery, and clearing along the agricultural ditch are also continuing. All three structures are projected to be complete by the end of November 2026. The current contract completion date is March 2027.



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Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) South Phase – Blue Shanty Flow Way

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2029

Project Description: The Blue Shanty Flow Way is a constructed wetland flow way to deliver high volumes of water underneath the bridges on Tamiami Trail. The flow south is currently blocked by levees. Construction started on the S-355W gated spillway structure. The S-355W is a gated spillway structure which will allow water to flow from Conservation Area 3A into Everglades National Park.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Contract 2A – Pump Station S-356E and S-334E Gated Spillway: Design is complete and real estate matters are resolved. The design was transferred to the SFWMD to ultimately construct using federal funds as outlined in the July 2025 CERP MOA/MOU between the State of Florida and the Department of the Army. The construction contract award schedule is being reviewed to identify efficiencies and optimize sequencing for CEPP.
- Contract 3B – S-355W Gated Spillway in L-29 Canal: Public access bridge approach slab construction is ongoing. Superstructure construction has been completed. Construction for control building, gates and right turn access lane from US-41 will begin Q4 FY26. Spillway construction is expected to be substantially completed in March 2027, approximately 360 days ahead of schedule.
- Contract 5 – L-67C degrade and L-67D construction is in design for construction with federal funds. Anticipated design completion Q4 FY2026.
- Contract 6 – L-29 Levee Removal and L-67 Extension Backfill: The project is in design for construction with federal funds. Anticipated design completion Q4 FY2026.

Indian River Lagoon South – C-23 Estuary Discharge Diversion Canal

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2026

Project Description: This interconnect canal project will divert harmful discharges from the C-23 Canal and send it south to the C-44 Reservoir. It improves water quality in the St. Lucie Estuary and helps bring flows to the Estuary closer to its natural pattern.

Status: Construction; The Operational Readiness Test and commissioning have been completed. Final acceptance expected this month.

Indian River Lagoon South – C-23/24 North Reservoir

Lead Agency: USACE

Anticipated Completion Year: 2031

Project Description: The C-23/24 North Reservoir is a component of the Indian River Lagoon South Project, encompassing more than 2,000 acres. Once completed, it will store approximately 32,000 acre-feet of water.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Contract 4A – S-426 Pump Station, S-425 Culvert, PC-37 Canal and Structure: Construction continues at the S-426 Pump Station, G-791 structure, PC-37 Canal, and associated project features. Recent work includes vertical wall formwork and reinforcing steel installation at S-426, cooling-tube installation, permanent handrail installation at G-791, headwall repairs, pipe and drainage backfilling, perimeter road drainage installation, PC-37 Canal excavation, top-soiling, and riprap placement. Concrete wall placements at S-426 are underway. Overall construction progress remains approximately 38%. The project is expected to be complete in March 2028, approximately 2 months ahead of schedule.
- Contract 4B – S-425 Sag Culvert, S-426 Afterbay and Reservoir Embankment Construction: Contract award is projected FY2027, pending available funding.

Indian River Lagoon South – C-23/24 South Reservoir

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2032

Project Description: The C-23/24 South Reservoir is a component of the Indian River Lagoon South Project, encompassing more than 3,500 acres. Once completed it will store approximately 57,000 acre-feet of water.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Package 1 – Canal and structure construction contract was approved at the April 2024 Governing Board Meeting. Construction is ongoing. Anticipate completion of construction in Q1 of FY2027.
- Package 2 – Reservoir construction contract request for bids has been canceled. Future request for bids is subject to future appropriations.

Indian River Lagoon South – C-23/24 STA

Lead Agency: USACE

Anticipated Completion Year: 2026

Project Description: The 2,700-acre C23/24 STA is designed to treat water from the C-23 and C-24 Basins. Its purpose is to reduce the sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen going to the St. Lucie River Estuary and the southern portion of the Indian River Lagoon.

Status: Construction; The C-23/C-24 STA contract is approximately 98% physically complete and remains 43 calendar days ahead of schedule. Cells 1, 2, and 5 have been completed and accepted, and final inspections for Cells 3 and 4 were completed in July 2026, with the contractor addressing remaining punch-list items. Prefinal structure inspections are tentatively scheduled, followed by final inspections, in August 2026. A milestone event was held on July 30, 2026 to celebrate the completion of construction on the C-23/C-24 STA.

Construction of the 240-cubic-feet-per-second temporary pump station is expected to begin in early August 2026, with completion anticipated in late 2027. Coordination continues on the Project Operating Manual, Construction Phasing Transfer and Warranty Plan, initial fill plan, mowing requirements, and downstream structure considerations.

C-23/C-24 Stormwater Treatment Area.

Indian River Lagoon South C-25 Reservoir and STA

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: TBD

Project Description: The C-25 Reservoir and STA will capture, store and treat local stormwater runoff from the C-25 Canal. The project reduces the rate of harmful flows to downstream estuaries and improves water quality in the estuary and lagoon. Project features include an 803-acre reservoir with 5,176 acre-feet of storage, a 532-acre STA, and a 250 cfs pump station.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Package 1 – Site Preparation, contract was awarded in August 2024 and is in construction. Construction completion estimated for Q4 FY2026.
- Package 2 – Design is on hold, contract award is targeted for FY2029, subject to future appropriations.

Indian River Lagoon South Natural Water Quality Storage Areas and Muck Removal

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: TBD

Project Description: This project is part of Indian River Lagoon South Phase II and will work together with other Indian River Lagoon South components to protect and restore the lagoon and estuary. It will create natural storage by preserving and restoring lands in the contributing basins of the north and south forks of the St. Lucie River and the estuary.

Status: Planning; Acquiring Lands.

Lake Okeechobee Component A Reservoir (LOCAR)

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2037

Project Description: The LOCAR, or Component A Reservoir in the Yellow Book, was authorized by Congress in WRDA 2024 as a part of CERP. LOCAR is a 200,000 acre-feet above ground reservoir located north of Lake Okeechobee. The project benefits Lake Okeechobee by storing water in the wet season to reduce high lake levels and returning water in the dry season to improve low lake levels, helping to keep the lake within the ecological envelope and providing reliability to all water users. In addition, storage north of Lake Okeechobee reduces discharges to the Northern Estuaries and improves the downstream estuary ecosystems.

Status: Design.

- In FY2026, Geotech, Survey and Technical Memos for Preliminary Design are ongoing.

Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWRP)

Lead Agency: USACE/SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: TBD

Project Description: LOWRP is an Everglades restoration planning effort that will improve water levels in Lake Okeechobee, improve the quantity and timing of discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries, restore degraded habitat for fish and wildlife throughout the study area, and increase the spatial extent and functionality of wetlands.

Status: Design and Construction.

- The USACE issued a memorandum directing initiation of study termination procedures.
- The SFWMD is implementing the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) component of LOWRP and is following the Science Plan to pursue nine well cluster sites. Phase 1 Site Assessments are complete at 5 sites and ongoing at 2 sites. Cores are complete at 4 sites and work order development at 2 sites. Six test wells are installed at 3 sites, 2 test wells are under construction at 1 site, 4 test wells are in design at 2 sites, membrane filtration system contracts received notice to proceed, and 10 million gallons per day demonstration treatment facility at C-38 is progressing to intermediate design.

Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2032

Project Description: The Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project will restore and sustain the overall quantity, quality, timing and distribution of fresh water to the federally designated "National Wild and Scenic" Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River for current and future generations. This project also seeks to restore, sustain and reconnect the wetlands and watersheds that form the historic headwaters for the river.

Status: Design.

- Flow Way 1: Executing modeling work order in FY2026, once funding is approved.
- Flow Way 2 and 3: In design, survey and geotechnical work underway. Flow Way 3 is on hold pending a work order revision to include additional 2D modeling.

Southern Everglades

Lead Agency: USACE/SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: 2029

Project Description: This project will focus on seepage management in western Miami-Dade County. Seepage management will improve the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of freshwater in Water Conservation Area 3B, Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. The proposed management measures will support moving water south via the Central Everglades project features.

Status: Planning; The project is on an accelerated planning schedule called RAPID, a new Corps planning process. The technical team has recommended Alternative 13C as the Tentatively Selected Plan. Alternative 13C is a hybrid of Alternatives 13A and 13B, incorporating the longer option along L-30 and the shorter option along L-31N. Optimized modeling is being completed, with confirmation of anticipated results and benefits planned for early August 2026. Real estate analysis, Savings Clause screening, and preparation of the draft Project Implementation Report and National Environmental Policy Act documentation are scheduled to begin in August 2026. A design scoping workshop to support 35% design is planned for August 2026. Release of the draft report is anticipated in February 2027, followed by the next decision milestone in April 2027.

Western Everglades Restoration Project (WERP)

Lead Agency: SFWMD

Anticipated Completion Year: TBD

Project Description: The Western Everglades Restoration Project aims to improve the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water in the western Everglades. Construction of the North Feeder Stormwater Treatment Area within the C-139 Annex will direct treated water from the North Feeder Canal sub basin to northwest Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A via the L-3 Canal.

Rerouting water from the West Feeder Canal sub basin south into the forested wetlands of the study area will facilitate hydropattern restoration. Backfilling portions of the L-28 Interceptor Canal and the L-28 North Canal, in combination with degrading portions of the associated levees, will re-establish a flowing system in areas adjacent to Mullet Slough. Full backfill and degrade of the L-28 Tieback Canal with full backfill of the L-28 South Canal south of Structure 344, in combination with the construction of three adjustable control structures and a plug in the Tamiami Trail Canal, will reconnect portions of WCA 3A to Big Cypress National Preserve. Southern portions of Big Cypress National Preserve, including New River and Sweetwater Strands will receive increased flows.

Status: Design and Construction.

- Region 4 Design and Construction – L-28 Culverts are under construction and construction is scheduled for completion in FY2027. Design is ongoing for the US-41 and Loop Road conveyance features. Package #1, which includes the two eastern Loop culverts, two eastern US41 bridges and stilling wells, is scheduled for award in Q4 FY2027. Package #2, which includes the three western Loop culverts, two western US41 bridges, and remaining stilling wells, is scheduled for award in Q1 FY2028. 11-Mile Road culvert design has been completed.
- Region 2 Design – Refined modeling is ongoing.

PROJECTS WITH CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED SINCE 2019

- < Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands
- < Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir
- < CEPP New Water Seepage Barrier Wall
- < CEPP South Old Tamiami Trail Removal
- < CEPP South S-333N Gated Spillway
- < C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area
- < EAA A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area
- < Picayune Strand Restoration Project