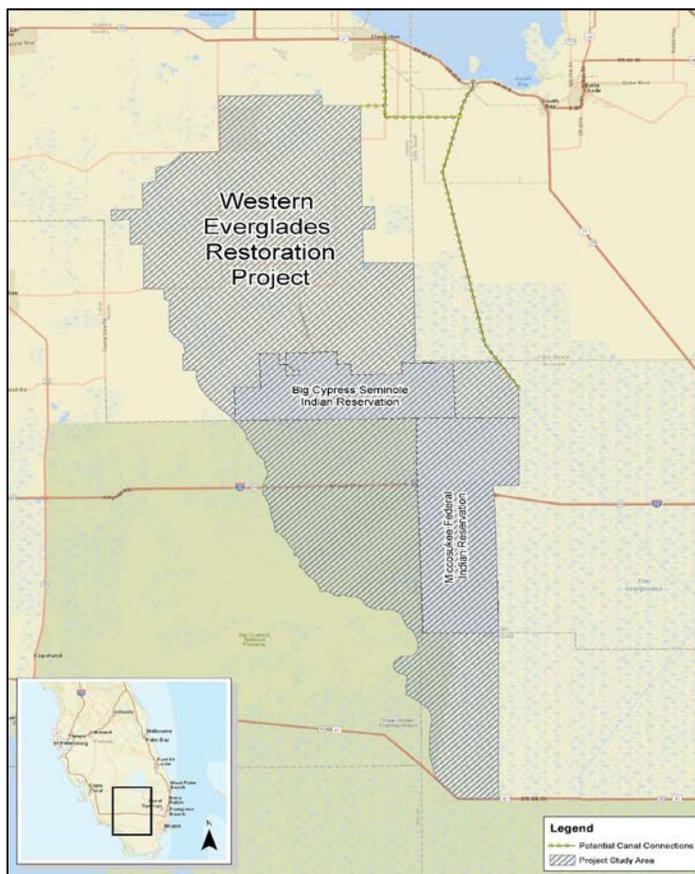


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- The Western Everglades Restoration Planning Project is an effort that aims to identify opportunities to improve the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water needed to restore and reconnect the Western Glades to the overall Everglades ecosystem.
- The planning project is a component of the overall Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.
- Draft project objectives include restoring and improving the seasonal hydroperiods and freshwater distribution to wetlands and upland habitat in the Western Everglades.
- The project also aims to improve sheetflow patterns, reduce the frequency of damaging peat fires and reduce the water loss from the natural system.
- The planning project will also focus on the tributary areas of Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A with the goal of restoring natural areas within the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Miccosukee Indian Reservation.
- For more information on the South Florida Water Management District's ongoing planning efforts, please visit www.sfwmd.gov/cerpplanning.



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