

# Quick facts on:



By accelerating the funding, design and construction of eight key Everglades restoration project components, the Everglades ecosystem will experience positive benefits much sooner and in a more cost-effective manner.

- *C-43 (Caloosahatchee River) West Reservoir*
- *Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir with Bolles & Cross Canal Improvements*
- *Everglades Agricultural Area Stormwater Treatment Area Expansion*
- *Picayune Strand (Southern Golden Gate Estates) Restoration*
- *C-44 (St. Lucie Canal) Reservoir/Stormwater Treatment Area*
- *Water Preserve Areas*
- *Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase 1*
- *C-111 Spreader Canal*

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### C-43 (Caloosahatchee River) West Reservoir

#### Project Description

This project is a component of a larger restoration project for the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary, and will comprise a significant portion of the overall water storage requirement for the C-43 basin. The Acceler8 project consists of an above-ground reservoir located along the Caloosahatchee River. Maximum storage capacity is 160,000 acre-feet. Depending on storage needs, water depth will vary from 12–16 feet. The reservoir will be constructed on an 11,000-acre parcel owned by the District in Hendry County, west of LaBelle.

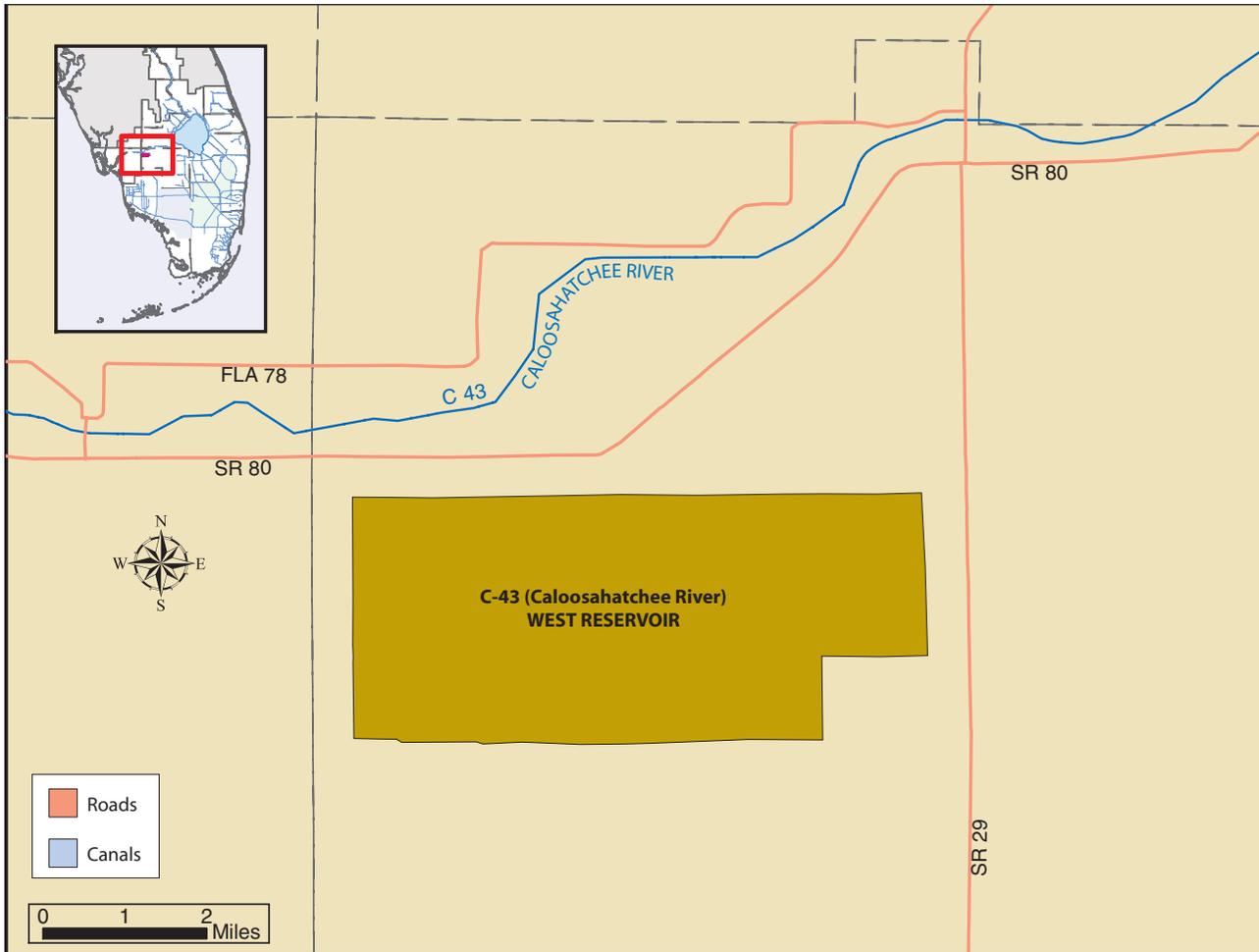
#### Purpose and Benefits

- Capture and store regulatory releases from Lake Okeechobee, reducing the number/volume of harmful discharges to coastal estuaries
- Capture and store stormwater runoff from the C-43 basin, decreasing/attenuating excess water flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary
- Provide water supply for the Caloosahatchee Estuary restoration by attenuating peak flows during the wet season and providing essential flow for estuary health during the dry season
- Provide additional water supplies for agricultural and urban demands
- Provide public access and recreation opportunities

#### Project Status

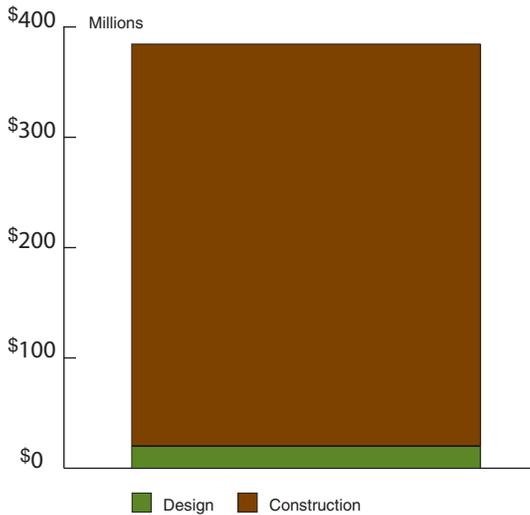
Surveys and technical evaluations of the project site are complete. Water quality and ecological modeling are under development. 30% project design has been initiated. Existing property leases are being coordinated with site preparation activities.

Real Estate: 100% acquired.



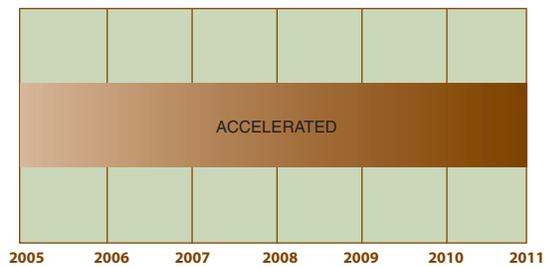
The above-ground C-43 (Caloosahatchee River) West Reservoir, located in Hendry County, will capture and store regulatory water releases from Lake Okeechobee, reducing the number and volume of harmful discharges to the coastal estuaries.

### Project Cost



Estimated Annual Operating Cost: \$1.2 million per year

### Project Timeline



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