



Northern Everglades River Watershed
Protection Plans - Public
Comments and Final Plan

***WRAC/WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee Combined Meeting-
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Milestones

- Released draft River Watershed Protection Plans for public comments on Oct 1st
- Presented the draft RWPPs at public meetings and multiple stakeholder briefings
- Incorporated public comments into the Final Plans



*Caloosabatchee River
Watershed Protection Plan*
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*St. Lucie River
Watershed Protection Plan*
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October 2008



Outreach Activities

Caloosahatchee RWPP		St. Lucie RWPP	
Glades County Commission	Oct 14	Martin County Commission	Oct 14
Southwest Florida Watershed Council	Oct 14	St. Lucie County Commission	Oct 14
Florida Heartlands REIDI	Oct 20	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	Oct 17
Public Meeting	Oct 27	IRL NEP Advisory Board	Oct 22
Lee County Commission	Oct 28	Public Meeting	Oct 28
Hendry County Commission	Oct 28		
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council	Nov 20		



Comments Received on Draft RWPPs

CRWPP	SLRWPP
Lee County	Audubon of Florida
Charlotte Harbor NEP	Consolidated Citrus
The Nature Conservancy	Max Quackenbos
City of Sanibel	
Fish and Wildlife Service	
Southwest Regional Planning Council	
Sanibel Captiva Conservation Commission	
Forest Michael	
Gulf Citrus Growers	
Consolidated Citrus/King Ranch	
Southwest Florida Watershed Council	



Public Comments- General



- **Supportive of planning process and recommendations**
- **Mandatory Best Management Practice's (BMPs) and need for more stringent regulatory programs**
- **Importance of local scale projects and storage/treatment on private lands**



Public Comments- General



- **Implementation strategy and funding**
- **Effects of River of Grass land acquisition/ Economic impacts**
- **Water Supply/Environmental (WSE) Lake Okeechobee regulation schedule**



Public Comments—Specific to SLRWPP



- **Federal appropriation for Indian River Lagoon- South (IRL-S)**
- **Addressing land application of wastewater residuals, septage & animal manure**
- **Water quality monitoring to determine hot spots**
- **Data regarding BMP efficiencies and costs**
- **Basin Management Action Plan**



Public Comments—Specific to CRWPP



- **Caloosahatchee West Basin Reservoir funding and schedule**
- **Progress on C-43 Water Quality Treatment and Testing Facility project**
- **Land acquisition and siting of additional storage**
- **Inclusion of components of Caloosahatchee Riverway Betterment Concept**
- **Need to better understand nitrogen treatment technologies**



Next Steps



- **Joint resolution from Lee and Martin Counties in support of both RWPPs**
- **Resolution to Governing Board on Dec 15th**
- **Final Plans to the Legislature on Jan 1, 09**

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Questions

