

## A Plan to Help Restore the Bay



# Restoring the Bay

Principle Objectives:

- Provide a source of clean, fresh water that is consistent with CERP
- Identify a source of fresh water that will not impact Everglades National Park
- Provide fresh water that will offer potential secondary benefits:
  - Mitigate sea level rise
  - Provide CERP regional water availability assurances
  - Storage capacity to help moderate flooding
  - Reduce saltwater intrusion





Biscayne Bay Ecosystem Restoration Reservoir (BBERR) is an existing rock mine adjacent to the L-31N canal west of Miami.

BBERR is a proposed solution to meet the Bay's freshwater needs.

## **Required Infrastructure**



**Delivering Water Using** Everglades National **Existing** Infrastructure Park C-100 C-1W C-1N B Preserve C-1 Biscayne Bay L-31E A Route A **B** Route B **Biscayne Bay** National Park **O** Route C

### Biscayne Bay Ecosystem Restoration Reservoir (BBERR)

- When completed, would cover a minimum of 1,800 acres and deliver a yearly average of 380,000 AF of fresh water
- Captures excess water from L-31N and the natural groundwater seepage from ENP and the WCA's
- Water released to the bay via existing canal systems with minor improvements
- Potential to expand for a total of 2,400 acres



#### BISCAYNE BAY ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION RESERVOIR

## **Estimated Project Costs**

- Site Preparation = \$2.8M
- Berms and Curtain Walls = \$98.9M
- Canal Improvements = \$1.8M
- New Conveyance Canal Connections = \$25.7M
- Inflow/Outflow structures and Pump Stations = \$33.8M
- Contingencies = \$40.8M
- Project Administration and Management = \$46.9M
- Estimated Total Costs = \$250.7M

# **BBERR:** Conclusion

The reservoir can supply the fresh water needed to help restore Biscayne Bay's ecosystem

- Only viable option to provide additional clean, fresh water to the bay
- Costs are highly favorable compared to reuse
- The reservoir can provide water availability assurances as required by CERP
- Utilizes existing infrastructure with minimal improvements
- Favorable geology to eliminate lateral seepage losses and reduce groundwater seepage
- Can be used to combat sea level rise and salt water intrusion
- Can moderate flooding in C-4 and L-31 N





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