

# Watershed Management Plan Identification of Potential Projects and Regulatory Issues

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# Watershed Management Plan Objectives

- Develop watershed management plans that will help protect estuaries and wetland systems to
  - Restore historical water quantity and estuarine discharges
  - Improve water quality within the watersheds and estuaries
  - Address flood control and water supply issues.
- Project will be completed in December 2010.





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- Identification of Potential Projects
  - Methodology
  - Watershed specific projects
  - County-wide projects
- Regulatory and Policy Issues
  - Water Quality
  - Water Quantity
  - Land Development Code





# Identification of Potential Projects

- Methodology
  - Identify previously considered projects or projects that are scheduled for implementation
  - Better define previously identified projects
  - Identify new project opportunities based on:
    - Estuary freshwater surplus/deficit
    - Current property ownership
    - Existing conservation easements
    - Location within Sending/Receiving areas





# Identification of Potential Projects

- Methodology
  - Previously considered projects or projects that are scheduled for implementation
    - Picayune Strand Restoration Project
    - Southwest Florida Feasibility Study
    - Belle Meade Area Stormwater Master Plan
    - Lely Area Stormwater Improvement Project
    - Immokolee Stormwater Master Plan
    - Master Plan for Regional Irrigation Distribution System (RIDS)





# Location of Previously Considered Projects









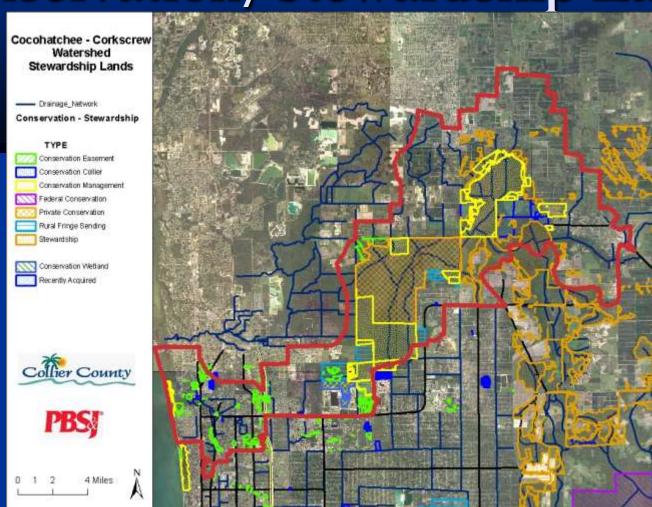
## Potential Projects by Watershed

- Cocohatchee Corkscrew
- Golden Gate Naples Bay
- Rookery Bay
- Other watersheds
  - Faka Union
  - Fakahatchee
  - Okaloacoochee Slough/SR29 Canal





# Cocohatchee-Corkscrew Conservation/Stewardship Lands

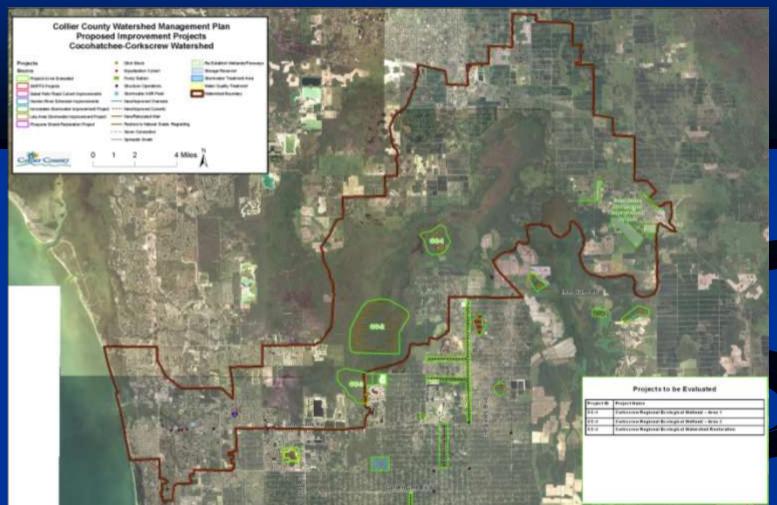








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- CC-1
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  - Regrade area to remove berms



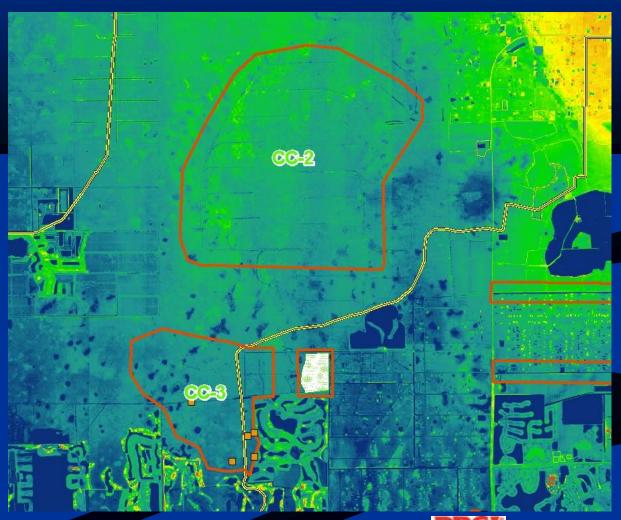






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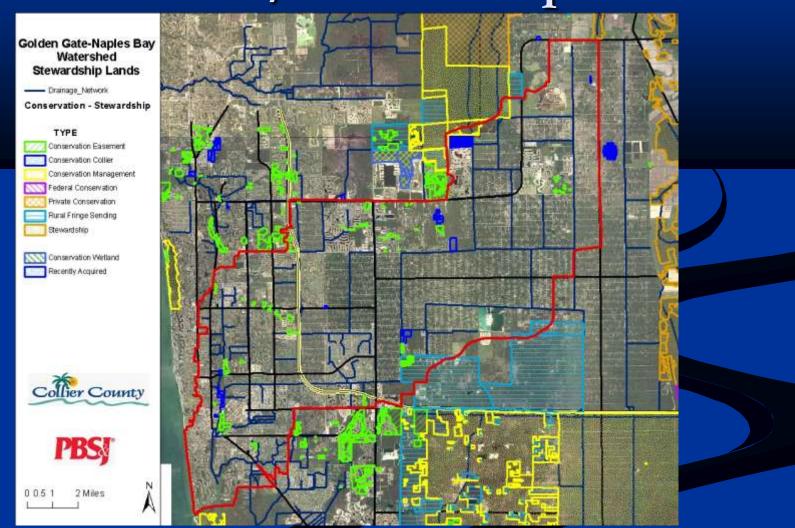
- **CC-2** 
  - Regrade tonatural elevation
- **■** CC-3
  - Ditch blocks to encourage overland flow







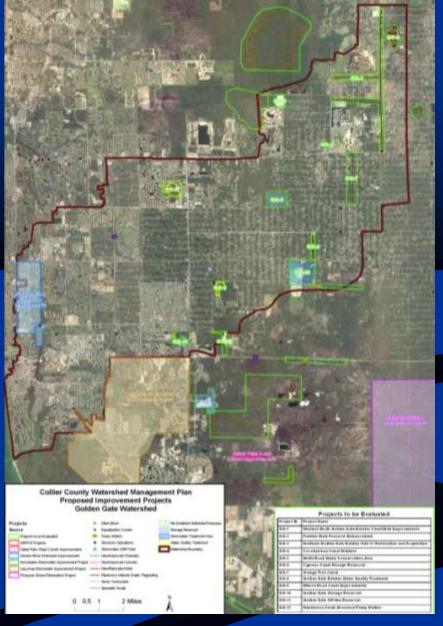
# Golden Gate - Naples Bay Watershed Conservation/Stewardship Lands

















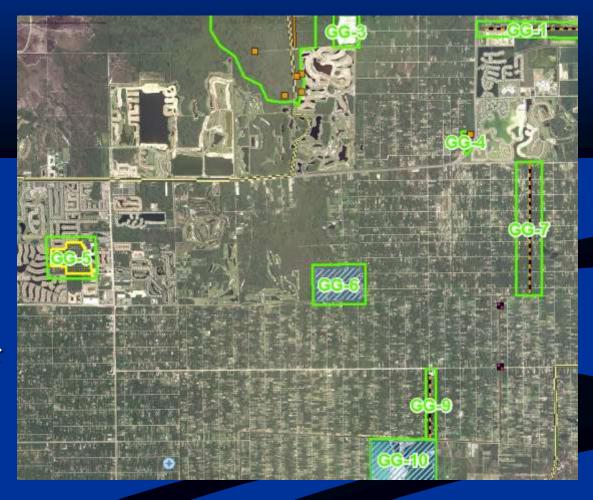
- **GG-1** 
  - New weirs to stage water in canals
- GG-2
  - Ditch blocks and equalization culverts to allow more storage
- GG-3
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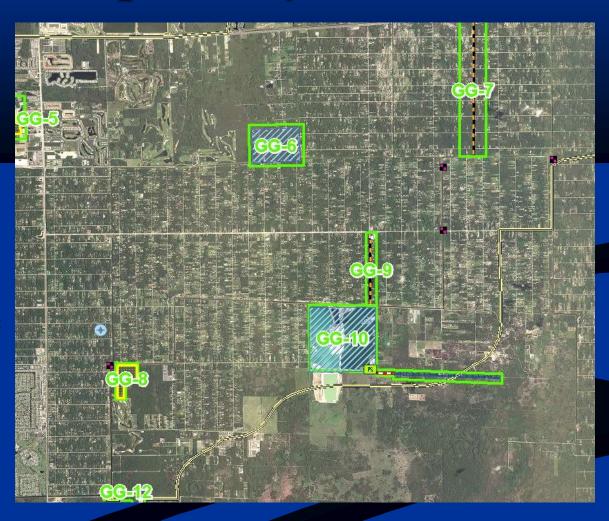
- **GG**-4
  - Ditch blocks to force overland flow
- GG-5
  - Divert water for water treatment
- **GG**-6
  - Off-line stormwater reservoir
- **GG**-7
  - New weirs in canal







- **GG**-8
  - Wetland flow
- **GG**-9
  - New weirs to stage water
- **GG-10** 
  - Off-line storage reservoir







- **GG-11** 
  - Off-line storage reservoir
- GG-12
  - Diversion to Rookery Bay watershed

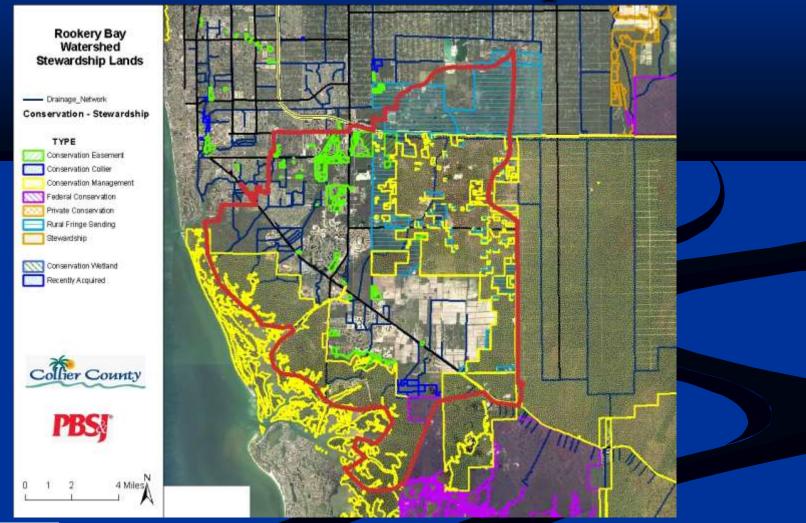








## Rookery Bay Watershed Conservation/Stewardship Lands







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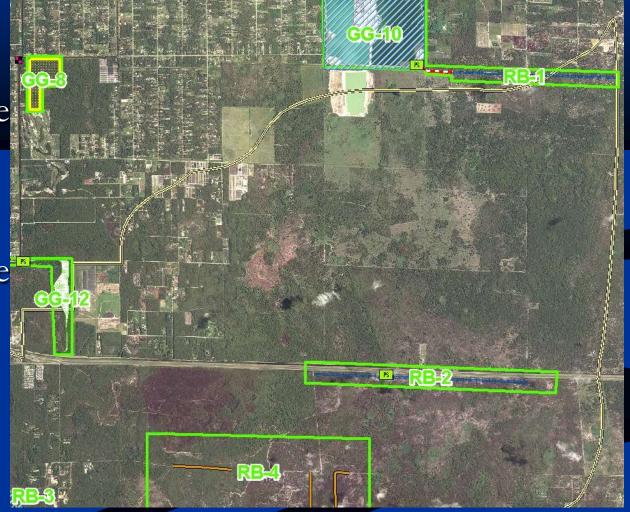






# Potential Projects Rookery Bay Watershed

- RB-1
  - Spreader swale in RFS lands
- RB-2
  - Spreader swale south of I-75

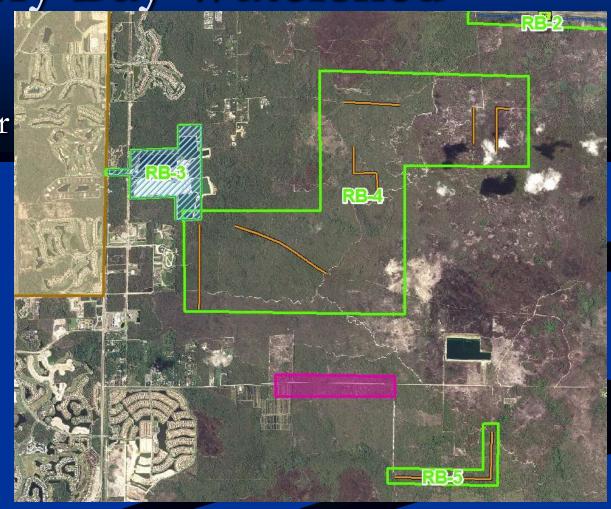






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- RB-3
  - Storage reservoir (SWFFS)
- RB-4 and RB-5
  - Regrading of roads and horse trails in PSSF









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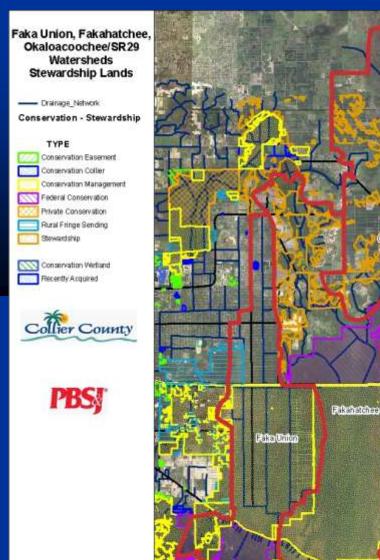
- RB-6 and RB-7
  - Drainageupgrades andspreader swale
- RB-8
  - Stormwatertreatment area
- RB-9
  - Spreader swale







# Other Watersheds Conservation/ Stewardship Lands









# Potential Projects: Other Watersheds





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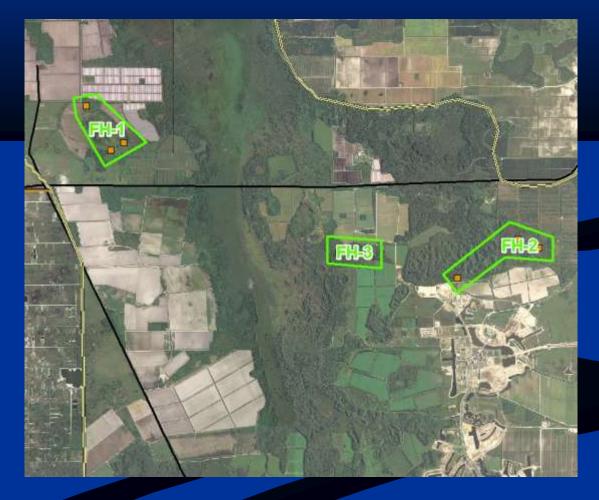






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- FH-1 to FH-3
  - Ditch blocks to reduce drainage of isoloted wetlands

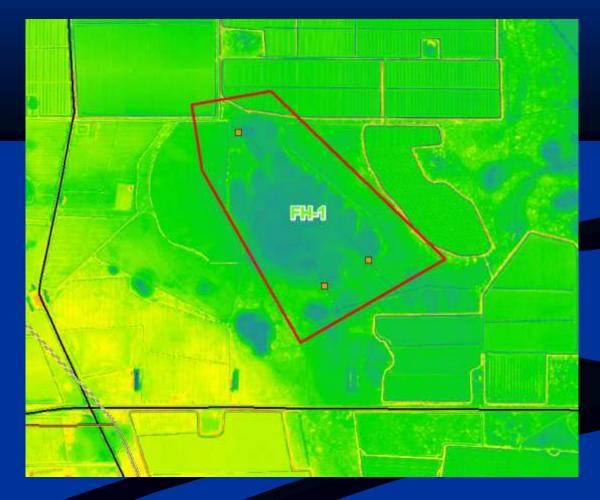






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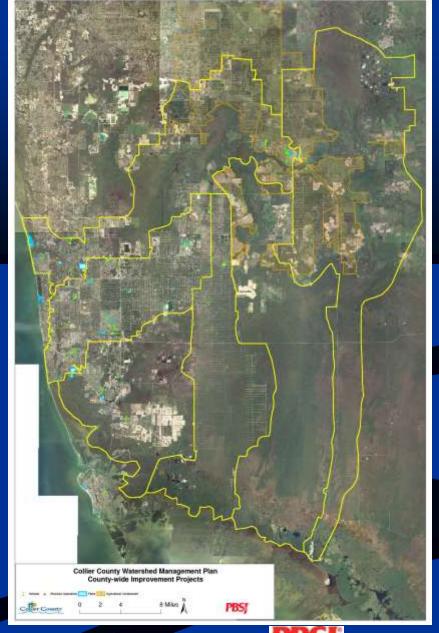






# County-wide Projects

- Structure operations
- Public facilities (schools and parks) retrofits
  - Pervious paving
  - Infiltration basins
  - Rain gardens
- Incentive programs for retrofit of private property
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (stormwater)









# Golden Gate High School Potential Retrofits



- Utilize islands as infiltration basins
- Install pervious pavement in low traffic areas
- Install rain gardens to capture roof runoff









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## Regulatory Issues

- Background
- Objectives
- Low Impact Development





## Background

- State Water Policy, the TMDL Program, the Current ERP Process, and the Proposed Stormwater Rules
- Current Applicable Regulations from SFWMD and Collier County
- Regulatory Review Categories:
  - Water Quality
  - Water Quantity
  - Land Development
  - Zoning





### Objective

- Help implement a Sustainable Stormwater
   Management Program
- The programs should aim to:
  - Promote more effective site planning to minimize anthropogenic impacts,
  - Promote preservation of the natural system
  - Help reduce development costs
  - Help reduce cost of future drainage system improvements





## Low Impact Development (LID)

- The program is based on the concept of LID
- LID promotes management of stormwater by:
  - Encouraging management of stormwater at the site
  - Minimize the extent of directly connected impervious areas.
  - Minimize site disturbance
  - Maintain or restore a site's natural hydrology
  - Maximize the site's assimilative capacity





# Current Stormwater Management Approach









## Low Impact Development (LID)









# Regulatory Review Categories

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# Water Quality Regulations Must Promote LID

- Main Issue: How to provide water quality credits for development
- Not feasible under current State regulations.

  Feasible under proposed new stormwater rules.
- Recommendation:
  - Modify Ordinance 90-10 requiring 150% of ERP treatment.
  - Develop incentives to retrofit private property





### Water Quantity and Flood Risk

- Issue: Current regulations for large storms focus on control of peak discharge for the 25-year/24-hour design event.
- Recommendation:
  - Require volume control for the 25-year/24-hour design event.
  - It allows control of peak, volume and timing of stormwater discharges





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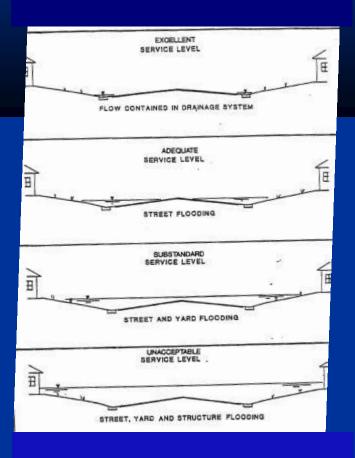
- Issue: Most County watersheds do not meet current flood protection levels of service (FPLOS).
- Recommendation:
  - Modify FPLOS to set realistic goals.





## Water Quantity and Flood Risk

#### **Current FPLOS**



#### **Proposed FPLOS**

Storm Return Period (years)		
10	25	100
None	None	None
None	None	6 inches
None	6 inches	9 inches
6 inches	9 inches	12 inches
	None None None	None None None None None 6 inches

#### **Open Space**

Flooding of open space is acceptable if it does not compromise public health and safety







## Land Development Regulations

- Recommendations:
  - Promote cluster development
  - Modify road width requirements based on actual ADT
  - Modify required lot setbacks ("zero lot lines")







## Zoning Regulations

- Current "large lot zoning" has limitations:
  - Increases cost of development utilities
  - Increases road lengths, which increases pollution
  - Promotes use of septic tanks
- Zoning must support cluster development:
  - Zoning should not be based exclusively on population density, but also on extent of impervious cover.





## Summary

- There are opportunities to modify current regulations related to water quality, water quantity, land development, and zoning.
- The objective should be to implement a "sustainable stormwater management program".
- Encourage application of LID concepts and promote cluster development.





# Questions and Comments



