



# Everglades Coalition

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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446  
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

On behalf of the 58 members of the Everglades Coalition committed to the protection and restoration of America's Everglades, we urge you to move forward with the completion of Project Partnership Agreements (PPAs) in FY 2016 for the four Everglades restoration projects authorized by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014. The current language in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill under consideration now for FY 2016 includes language for only one of these projects -- the C-111 Spreader Canal -- to move forward with a PPA. After waiting years for these projects to be authorized due to congressional delays with WRRDA, we hope to see this projects move forward as expeditiously as possible.

The Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, Broward County Water Preserve Area, C-111 Spreader Canal, and C-43 Reservoir projects are all critical to the restoration of America's Everglades. These projects will clean and redirect freshwater flows south to Everglades and Biscayne National Parks and relieve the damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee that are plaguing our coastal estuaries. To achieve true progress on Everglades restoration, we need to ensure sustained momentum in moving projects through the design, planning and construction process, while hastening the completion of prior projects, like the Modified Water Deliveries Project for Everglades National Park.

Now that these four projects have received Congressional authorization, we look forward to your leadership in ensuring that PPAs are signed in FY16. Execution of the PPAs will allow the Army Corps to continue forward on a path towards project completion, which is necessary to realize the significant ecological benefits envisioned in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

Sincerely,

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