

El Maximo Ranch Northern Everglades Water Quality Project

This public-private partnership is a regional water quality improvement effort intended to reduce nutrients flowing into Lake Okeechobee.



This project is a partnership between the South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Garcia Land Management, LLC.

Project Highlights

- Improve water quality
- Treat over 32,000 acrefeet of water per year
- Remove over two metric tons of total phosphorus per year
- Remove over seven metric tons of total nitrogen per year
- Four pump stations with a total 350 cfs inflow capacity
- 19 water control structures
- More than 27 miles of berms

Project Timeline

- Construction Start Date: August 2022
- Construction End Date:
 December 2024
- Current Status:
 Operations and
 Maintenance



Project Purpose

The project diverts water from the Kissimmee River and Blanket Bay Slough for treatment on approximately 7,000 acres of privately-owned land in Osceola County.



