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## *Everglades Restoration Works!* *Creating jobs, protecting water supply.*

Everglades National Park is one of America’s greatest treasures. In addition to being a one-of-a-kind subtropical destination for tourists, this World Heritage Site is a tremendous economic generator for Florida. In 2009 alone, Everglades National Park created nearly 3,000 jobs. More than 2,300 of these jobs were in the local private sector and generated more than \$165 million in visitor spending. Further, a 2010 study by Mather Economics revealed that investment in Everglades restoration provides a four-to-one economic benefit for ever dollar invested in restoration projects. Benefits from restoration come in many forms including:

- Ensuring drinking water supply for one in three Floridians
- Saving jobs in the tourism, boating, and fishing industries
- Reducing the levels of toxic pollutants like methyl mercury that has been found in Florida fish
- Protecting endangered wildlife like the Florida Panther and the Southern Bald Eagle

Over the last three years, Everglades restoration projects have generated **10,500** jobs. **22,000** short- to mid-term jobs on the restoration itself, and more than **442,000** jobs will be created over the next several decades in tourism, real estate and commercial and recreational fishing industries.

**Everglades restoration is a sound investment in our environment and creates jobs today!**

Investments in Everglades restoration create private sector jobs and lead to long-term economic benefits for Florida. Here is a sampling of jobs generated by restoration work.

JOB TYPE	Mean Annual Salary	JOB TYPE	Mean Annual Salary
Civil Engineers.....	\$79,630	Environmental Engineers.....	\$67,600
Electrical Engineers.....	\$77,760	Mechanical Engineer.....	\$74,470
Cost Engineers.....	\$72,909	Engineering Drafters.....	\$47,680
Surveyors.....	\$36,730	Planning and Mapping Specialists.....	\$36,370
Economists.....	\$96,320	Biologists.....	\$69,430
Ecologists.....	\$61,180	Hydrologists.....	\$76,760
Geologists.....	\$62,090	Archeologists.....	\$57,230
Project Managers.....	\$93,290	Environmental Scientists.....	\$67,360
Regulatory Specialists.....	\$99,735	Accountants.....	\$61,816
Financial Specialists.....	\$111,970	Administrative Specialists.....	\$96,050
Ground Maintenance Workers..	\$32,020	Construction Laborers.....	\$33,190
Dredge Operator.....	\$34,840	Structural Iron and Steel Workers.....	\$48,470

Source: Salary.com, US Dept. of Labor

## ***Tamiami Trail***

*Jobs Created 2010-2012: 1,212*

The Modified Water Deliveries project, originally authorized by Congress in 1989, seeks to improve the ecological and hydrological connectivity of Everglades National Park to the rest of the greater Everglades.

After 20 years of delay, this project broke ground on creating a mile-long bridge on the Tamiami Trail roadway which has

served as a hydrologic barrier to Everglades National Park. Initial bridging construction began on December 4, 2009. This project is critical to restoring flows and water distribution relied upon by the Everglade Snail Kite, the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow and other endangered species.

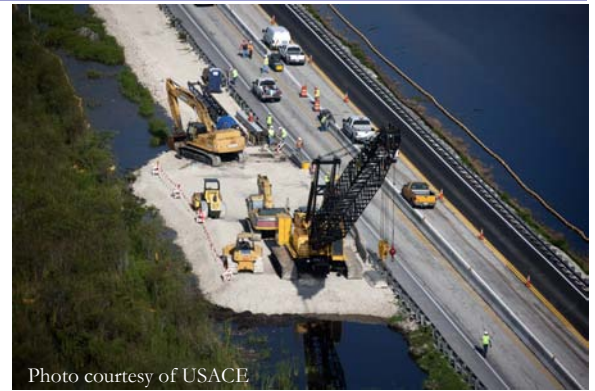


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An \$81 million dollar contract was awarded to Kiewit Construction, which maintains offices in Tampa, Jacksonville and Miami, to construct the one mile bridge to increase freshwater flows.

## ***Kissimmee River Restoration***

*Jobs Created 2010-2012: 1,015*

A successful effort to restore the Kissimmee River which serves the flood protection needs of Central Florida, will provide numerous recreational activities, including world-class bass fishing and wildlife viewing enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. In addition, the lakes and associated wetlands provide a variety of environmental services including habitat for fish and wildlife and nutrient removal. This massive undertaking seeks to undo damage to natural habitats created by manmade channelization in the 1970s. Initial benefits to fish and endangered species like the Wood Stork have already been observed.

WRS Compass is a Florida-based construction company employing workers on the Kissimmee River Restoration project. Headquartered in Tampa, WRS maintains 5 additional locations in the state and the company reports 600 employees nationwide.



## ***Picayune Strand***

*Jobs Created 2010-2012: 2,168*

This project restores wetlands from a failed development effort known as the Southern Golden Gate Estates. This is critical to reconnection of adjacent public lands by reducing excessive drainage.

The project restores a wildlife corridor important to the Florida Panther and re-establishes natural and beneficial sheetflow of water to the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park.



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Jacksonville-based Harry Pepper & Associates received \$53million to build a pump station on the Merritt Canal, plug 14 miles of canals and remove 95 miles of roads in the Picayune Strand between Interstate 75 and U.S. 41 East.

## ***C-111***

*Jobs Created 2010-2012: Undetermined*

The C-111 canal falls within a key wetlands corridor between Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park and Florida Bay. Unnatural water withdrawals have damaged the estuary and fish and wading bird habitat. Efforts broke ground in January 2010 and are underway to create a retention pond for water storage and increase freshwater flow into Taylor Slough and Florida Bay which complements Tamiami Trail efforts.

Globetech Construction, LLC. is a Pompano Beach based water and wastewater treatment, transmission and distribution company with offices located in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties that has been retained to achieve these restoration goals.

Putting people to work, Palm Beach Grading, LLC a private contractor in Stuart and West Palm Beach Florida, is digging the Frog pond reservoir component of the C-111 project.



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## Site One

Jobs Created 2010-2012: **Undetermined**



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The Site 1 Impoundment, also called the Fran Reich Preserve, will increase much needed water storage capacity and water management flexibility adjacent to the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. More than 150 contractors attended a June 2010 meeting to inquire about placing competitive bids to perform the construction.

In March 2011, over 200 contractors and subcontractors jammed the Corps' "pre-proposal meeting" in Stuart to compete for bids on the C-44 project including Palm City-based GCY surveyor and Mappers Inc. The C-44 project is expected to break ground in July 2011.

**Continued funding for Everglades restoration jobs supports hard working families while achieving restoration of key habitats and protecting water supply important for the health and economy of all Floridians!**

**The Everglades Coalition** is an alliance of 53 local, state and national conservation and environmental organizations dedicated to full restoration of the greater Everglades ecosystem, from the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes into Lake Okeechobee, through the "River of Grass", out to Florida Bay and the Keys. Learn more at [www.evergladescoalition.org](http://www.evergladescoalition.org)

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