



Florida Natural Resource Leadership Institute Practicum
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COORDINATING COLLABORATIVE SCIENTIFIC ADVICE TO INFORM EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLANNING

Overview



- Setting the Stage
- Objectives and Goals
- Stakeholders, Interests, Participants
- Steps and Timeline
- Accomplishments
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- NRLI Concepts-Skills
- Next Steps



Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Goal










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Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

68 projects - 35 years

Central Everglades - 5 projects

 Surface Water Storage Reservoirs	 Removing Barriers to Sheetflow
 Aquifer Storage & Recovery	 Wastewater Reuse
 Stormwater Treatment Areas	 Operational Changes
 Seepage Management	



Practicum Purpose

- **Goal: Timely interagency evaluation of restoration project plans' performance**
- **Objectives:**
 - ▣ **Participatory, consensus-based process**
 - ▣ **Document project plan performance and effects on natural system**
 - ▣ **Show how well plans meet performance measure targets**



Its All About the Stakeholders

- 12 Agencies and Tribes
- Many Contracted Universities
- Public and Non-Governmental Stakeholders



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Stakeholder Interests

- **Interests:**
 - ▣ **Everglades restoration vision**
 - ▣ **Quantity, quality, timing and distribution**
 - ▣ **Endangered species**
 - ▣ **Water supply and flood control**
 - ▣ **Independent, objective, quality science**



Practicum Process – Set Up

- **Inform**
 - **Email**
 - **Phone calls**
- **Include**
 - **11 Models**
 - **25 People**



Practicum Process – Implement

- **Background**
- **Individual Evaluation**
- **Break-out Group Evaluation**
- **Greater Everglades Team Evaluation**



Practicum Timeline

- **December**
 - 3 weeks process planning
 - 20th - model results available
 - 22nd - invitation and initial inform
- **January**
 - First week agenda setting
 - Second week handouts and visuals
 - 18th - Evaluation Workshop
 - 23rd - Highlights to Project Delivery Team
- **February 26th - Report Drafted**



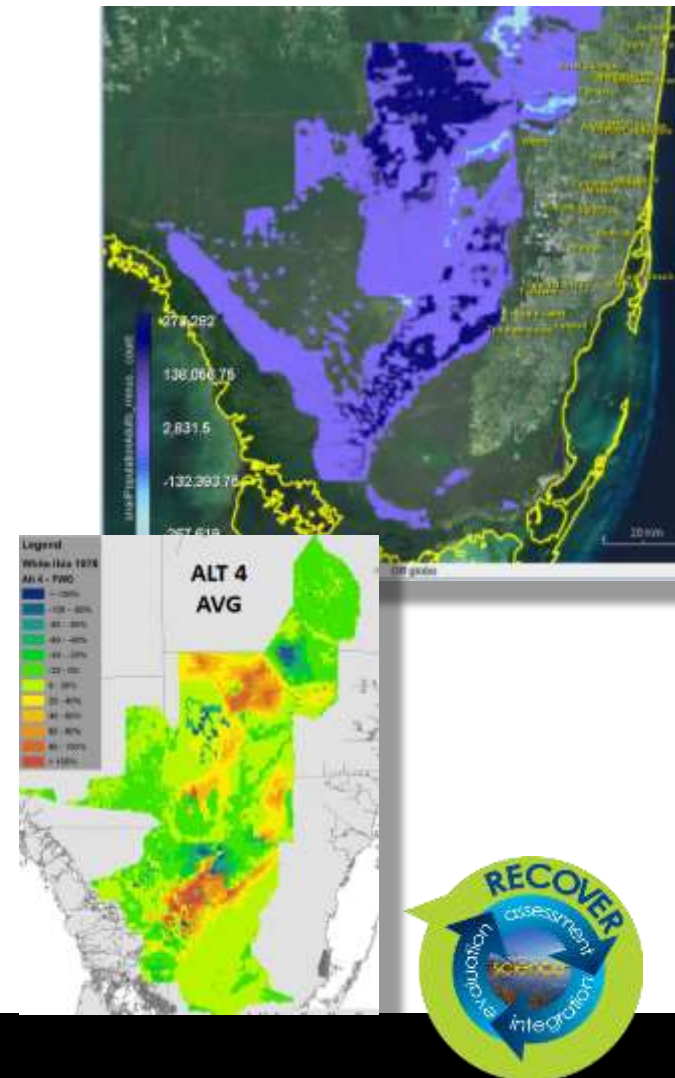
Accomplishments

- **Positive response from participants**
- **Most ecological model input ever**
- **Completed individual and group evaluations**
- **Consensus on many technical points**
- **Recorded concerns**
- **Provided ecological performance highlights by Jan. 23rd and influenced project decisions**



Challenges, Adaptations, 20/20

- **Too much models and information**
- **Needed more time**
- **Should have involved folks earlier**
- **Concerns about project features**
- **Ain't over till its over!**



NRLI Concepts and Skills

- **Participatory Process**
- **Facilitation**
 - **Stacking,**
 - **Reframing,**
 - **Drawing Out**
- **Breakout Groups**
- **Consensus Based**
- **Agenda Setting**
- **Bring Food and Drinks**



Next Steps

- **Decision on Tentatively Select Plan and Final Model Run**
- **Evaluate Performance**
- **Write-up Report for Public Review**
- **Feedback on Evaluation Process**



Questions?

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