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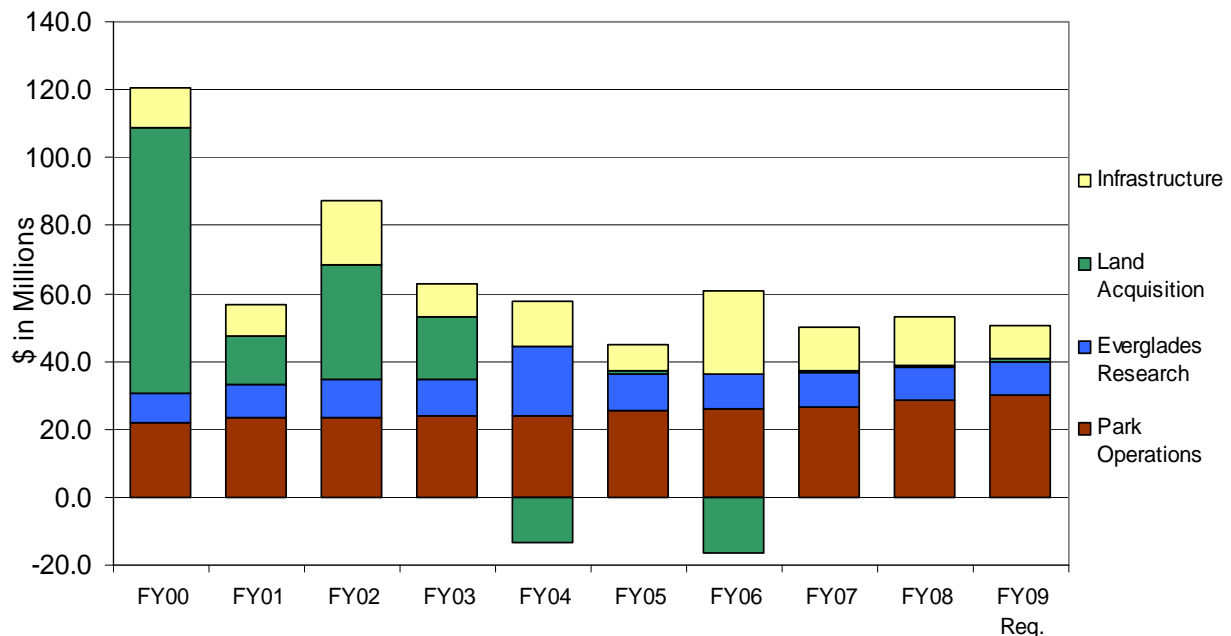
South Florida Restoration Initiative: *Rescuing an Ecosystem in Peril*

The Department of the Interior, in partnership with other entities including the State of Florida and the Army Corps of Engineers, is restoring the essential physical and biological processes of the South Florida ecosystem. Historically, this ecosystem contained some of the most diverse habitats on earth. The natural systems no longer exhibit the richness that defined the ecosystem before drainage and development. Land acquisition and modification of water delivery systems is crucial to re-establishing a healthy and sustainable Everglades ecosystem. Additional land increases overall water storage capacity and assists in improving water quality, providing protection between natural and urban areas, and providing habitat protection and additional recreation.

The National Park Service is playing a key role in this effort. The NPS portion of the South Florida Restoration Initiative in the FY 2009 request is \$50.392 million, which includes:

- \$29.941 million for management of three national parks (Everglades, Biscayne, and Dry Tortugas) and one national preserve (Big Cypress) within the ecosystem.
- \$9.851 million to support research associated with the ecosystem restoration.
- \$10 million for construction to modify the water delivery system.
- \$800 thousand for land acquisition administration.

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration NPS Funding History



NPS South Florida Ecosystem Funding, FY 2000 through Requested FY 2009

Function/Project Name	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009 Pres. Req.
NPS AREA MANAGEMENT										
Big Cypress National Preserve	4,749	5,224	5,276	5,272	5,243	5,338	5,414	5,507	6,282	6,507
Biscayne National Park	3,056	3,435	3,465	3,456	3,434	3,531	3,588	3,649	3,753	4,307
Dry Tortugas National Park	1,028	1,293	1,300	1,286	1,276	1,311	1,347	1,381	1,462	1,775
Everglades National Park	13,172	13,437	13,594	13,860	14,038	15,086	15,483	15,840	16,984	17,352
Subtotal: NPS Area Management	22,005	23,389	23,635	23,874	23,991	25,266	25,832	26,377	28,481	29,941
EVERGLADES RESTORATION AND RESEARCH										
Everglades Research - Critical Ecosystem Studies Initiative (CESI) ¹	7,908	6,194	4,000	3,974	3,937	3,882	3,840	3,864	3,849	3,849
Comprehensive Ecosystem Restoration Plan (CERP) ^{1,5}		2,497	5,544	5,513	4,722	4,657	4,620	4,662	4,657	4,699
CERP GSA Space					741	556	554	554		
Task Force Support	800	1,316	1,325	1,320	1,308	1,290	1,286	1,307	1,303	1,303
Transfer for Everglades Restoration ^{6,7}	0	0	0	0	9,924	702	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Everglades Restoration and Research	8,708	10,007	10,869	10,807	20,632	11,087	10,300	10,387	9,809	9,851
LAND ACQUISITION										
Big Cypress Preserve and Biscayne National Park ⁴	31,900	0	16,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reprogramming of Balances	0	18,796	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Everglades Transition Lands (Asst.-State) ²	45,000	11,974	15,000	14,924	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer/Reprogramming of Balances ^{3,6-8}	0	-18,796	0	0	-14,924	-702	-17,000	0	0	0
Land Acquisition Administration	1,000	2,075	2,800	2,782	1,800	1,500	690	500	750	800
Land Acquisition Admin. of State of Florida Grant	0	0	0	497	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Land Acquisition	77,900	14,049	33,800	18,203	-13,124	798	-16,310	500	750	800
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT										
Modified Water Delivery System To Everglades NP ⁴	12,000	8,980	19,199	9,935	12,830	7,965	7,882	12,981	14,299	10,000
Transfer of Balances ⁸	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,000	0	0	0
Subtotal: Infrastructure Investment	12,000	8,980	19,199	9,935	12,830	7,965	24,882	12,981	14,299	10,000
TOTALS	120,613	56,425	87,503	62,819	44,329	45,116	44,704	50,245	53,339	50,592

¹ In FY 2001, \$1.697 million was permanently reprogrammed from CESI to CERP.

³ In FY 2000, Everglades Transition Lands includes \$35.0 million provided in Title VI of FY 2000 Interior Appropriations.

⁵ In FY 2001, \$18.796 million was reprogrammed for project modifications.

⁶ In FY 2002, \$16.0 million in Land Acquisition would be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to buy land in support of the Modified Water Delivery Project.

⁸ In FY 2004, the amount for CERP was decreased to show the \$0.750 million used for GSA Space Rental separately.

⁹ In FY 2004, NPS transferred \$5 million in unobligated balances to FWS for further water monitoring (\$1m) and the continued melaleuca and lygodium (exotics) irradiation (\$4m); an additional \$9.924 million in unobligated balances was redirected to Everglades Restoration and Research for high-priority studies.

¹⁰ In FY 2005, \$0.702 million in unobligated balances of land acquisition was redirected to Everglades Restoration and Research for high-priority studies.

¹¹ In FY 2006, NPS transferred \$17 million in unobligated balances from land acquisition to line-item construction to further the modified water delivery system project.

