

1. Administrative Details

Proposal Name: Deauthorization of the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Project

by Agency: St. Lucie County, FL

Locations: FL

POC Name:

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Supporting Documents

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SFWMD 10 Mile Creek letter to Darcy, 8-2014.PDF	09/18/2015
St. Lucie County Ten Mile Creek Submission Letter.pdf	09/18/2015

2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

Sponsor	Letter of Support
South Florida Water Management District(Primary)	Please accept this request for the USACE to deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Project, terminate the Project Cooperation Agreement, and extinguish any real estate certifications associated with the Project.

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

[x] Modification to an Authorized USACE Project : Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.

Ten Mile Creek is a first-generation Everglades ACOE project authorized by Congress in 1996 that was designed to provide for the storage and cleaning of nitrogen-and-phosphorous-laden stormwater flows from the Ten Mile Creek basin before the water reached the St. Lucie Estuary. Unfortunately, while the project was completed in 2006, the reservoir was designed incorrectly by a private contractor and has never properly functioned. This has resulted in continued unresolved water quality issues within the waterways connected to Ten Mile Creek. In April 2014, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) offered to assume responsibility for the project. The SFWMD believes they are in the best position to convert the Ten Mile Creek Project into a functional facility designed to provide the necessary storage and water treatment options that will improve the health of the Indian River Lagoon, as well as the health of all connected waterways. The Corps has indicated they are willing to transfer the project to the SFWMD, but it must first be deauthorized by Congress.

5. To the extent practicable, provide an estimate of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.

	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
Study	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation (if necessary)

Construction on the Ten Mile Creek project was completed in 2006 and all federal funds for the project have already been spent. This submission would merely deauthorize the project from federal control and allow the South Florida Water Management District to assume control of the project and restore it to functionality at their expense.

6. To the extent practicable, describe the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

This submission does not spend federal funds and will simply remove the project from federal control. By allowing the South Florida Water Management District to assume responsibility for the project, the District will be able to restore the project to functionality and provide the necessary storage and water treatment options to finally address the unresolved water quality issues. The health of the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie Estuary, and all connected waterways will be improved and will contribute to the larger goal of Everglades restoration.

7. Does local support exist? If 'Yes', describe the local support for the proposal.

Yes

Local Support Description

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, where the Ten Mile Creek project is located, strongly supports the deauthorization of the Ten Mile Creek project. See attached letter for evidence.

8. Does the primary sponsor named in (2.) above have the financial ability to provide for the required cost share?

Yes

Additional Proposal Information

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St. Lucie County Ten Mile Creek Submission Letter.pdf

**BOARD
OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**



Paula Lewis
Chair

September 18, 2015

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Re: Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area, Florida

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area project for proposed deauthorization via the process created by Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, where the Ten Mile Creek project is located, strongly supports the deauthorization of the Ten Mile Creek project. The Board further hopes such a deauthorization can be completed expeditiously so the project may be returned to our local partner, the South Florida Water Management District, for future operation and water quality improvement.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Lewis".

Paula Lewis
Chair