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The Restudy: Central & Southern Florida Project (C&SF) legislation that passed in 1948 was south Florida's existing water management system. The project provided water supply, water management and other benefits. Due to adverse effects the plan is now being modified under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

CERP provides a framework and guide to restore, protect and preserve the water resources of central and southern Florida, including the Everglades. It covers 16 counties over an 18,000-square-mile area and centers on an update of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project also known as the Restudy.

The Plan was approved in the **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)** of 2007. It includes more than 60 elements, will take more than 30 years to construct and the current estimate in Oct 2007 dollars is \$9.5 billion for projects (\$11.9 overall including PLA and AAM).

The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA 1992) provided the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the authority to re-evaluate the C&SF Project and to recommend improvements and modifications to the project in order to restore the ecosystem.

The goal of CERP is to capture fresh water that now flows unused to the ocean and the gulf and redirect it to areas that need it most. The majority of the water will be devoted to environmental restoration, reviving a dying ecosystem. The remaining

water will benefit cities and farmers by enhancing water supplies for the south Flor economy.

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