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Project News

23 Jan 2014 | Project Research Annex Completed

Physical construction of the Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic Plants Research Annex was completed Aug. 30, 2013. **Completion of this facility marks the first completed Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project.** After construction was completed, the project was transferred to the local sponsor, the South Florida Water Management District.

23 Jan 2014 | Updated Project Fact Sheet

View the updated **fact sheet** for Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic Plants



Archived News

November 2013 | Updated Fact Sheet

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May 2011 | Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic Plants Research Annex Groundbreaking Ceremony was held Tuesday May 10, 2011.

The primary benefits of this project include preventing the expansion of invasive exotic plant species into natural areas, reducing coverage and density of invasive exotic species and increasing the effectiveness of biological control technologies to manage invasive species. Secondary benefits include promoting the re-establishment of native plants, restoring native habitat for native bird and wildlife species, and

reducing stressors on rare, threatened and endangered species.

The project includes: (1) upgrading and retrofitting the current quarantine facility in Gainesville, and (2) large-scale rearing of approved biological control organisms for release at multiple sites within the south Florida ecosystem to control Melaleuca, Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, and Old World climbing fern.

Related Links & Project Documents:

- View the [project management plan](#) for this project
- View the current [fact sheet](#) for Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic Plants
- View the current [project status report](#) (PDF)
- View the [Final PIR for this project](#) (2010)
- View other [project documents](#) for this project

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Project Details:

Project Sponsor:	South Florida Water Management District
Project Schedule:	For scheduling information regarding this project, please see the Master Implementation Sequencing Plan (MISP) .
Project Phase:	Pre-Construction, Engineering and Design
Design Agreement:	Amended (2004)
CERP Component Designation:	OPE
Project Cooperation Agreement:	
Authorization:	WRDA 2000 (Programmatic Authority)

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