



# Allapattah Flats

## South Florida Water Management District Finishes Massive Wetland Restoration to Improve Water Quality in Martin County

A part of the *Indian River Lagoon – South Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan* project, Allapattah Flats Complex is a Natural Storage and Water Quality project in western Martin County. This project was completed in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and is comprised of approx. 13,000 acres of natural lands. It includes approx. 6,700 acres of restored wetlands, which provide average storage retention of 13,300 acre-feet per year.

This project improves water quality, decreases runoff and curtails ecologically harmful freshwater flows to the St. Lucie Estuary. Restoring the vast wetland area also returns valued habitat for threatened and endangered species.

The restoration to the property has stopped harmful drainage flows, kept water on the lands, and restored historical conditions to support native flora and fauna.

### COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed 14 miles of berms with more than 150,000 cubic yards of fill material
- Built 12 water control structures
- Installed 19 ditch plugs

