

**THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, Florida 32333

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**APPROVAL OF REGIONAL MITIGATION PLAN MODIFICATION**

Pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District), has approved a modification to the annual Northwest Florida Umbrella, Watershed-based, Regional Mitigation Plan (UWRMP) for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) impacts identified in the annual FDOT environmental impact inventory submitted pursuant to §373.4137, F.S., and associated mitigation areas.

**BACKGROUND**

§373.4137, F.S., requires the District, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the FDOT and other appropriate federal state and local governments, and other interested parties, to develop and approve an annual regional mitigation plan for the mitigation needs of the FDOT. Through consultation, the District's UWRMP was designed and evaluated to meet the mitigation requirements of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and 33 U. S. C. § 1344.

This modification to the UWRMP reflects FDOT District-3 Environmental Impact Inventory projects added after June, 2009 and associated District mitigation areas.

The District mitigation areas approved by this modification are:

- Shoal River Wetlands Mitigation Area (UWRMP 5.2.3)
- Lafayette Creek Mitigation Area (UWRMP 5.3.6)

Nineteen (19) FDOT impacts have been added to the Inventory for a total estimated wetland impact of 125.70 acres, and an estimated cost of mitigation activities, including staff and administrative costs, of \$14,765,228.

The added FDOT projects are:

- US 331 (from Nokuse Plantation to Edgewood Circle), 3.84 acres
- US 331 (from Bay Grove Road to SR 20), 50.62 acres
- US 90 Yellow River Bridge, 4.00 acres
- SR 79 (from Cypress Creek to Washington/Holmes County Line), 20.00 acres
- SR 79 (from Reedy Branch to Court Street), 13.00 acres
- CR 293 (Bauer Road at Unnamed Stream), 0.64 acre
- SR 77 (from Bay/Washington County Line to CR 279), 0.76 acre
- SR 77 (from CR 276/Clayton Road to Blue Lake Road), 2.37 acres
- SR 65 (from Franklin/Liberty County Line to Cypress Branch), 0.59 acre
- SR 79 (from Washington/Holmes County Line to 4-Lane Section), 3.37 acres
- SR 79 (from CR 279/Pate Pond Road to Cypress Creek), 3.50 acres
- SR 281 (Avalon Blvd. from I-10 to CSX RR), 9.3 acres

- SR 79 (from Mill Branch to Reedy), 3.92 acres
- CR 375 Syfrett Creek Bridge, 1.00 acre
- FDOT Ponce de Leon Facility Driveway Access No. 2, 1.07 acres
- SR 69 Graves Creek Bridge, 0.69 acre
- US 331 (from Edgewood Circle to I-10), 3.00 acres
- US 98 (Gulf to Bay Segment 2), 69.00 acres
- CR 284 (River Road at Gum Creek), 0.62 acre

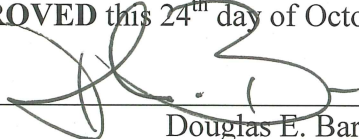
A copy of the UWRMP may be accessed online at <http://nwfwmdwetlands.com> or may be obtained from Ron Bartel ([ron.bartel@nwfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:ron.bartel@nwfwmd.state.fl.us)), Resource Management Division, Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712.

The District concludes, as of the date of this approval, that the UWRMP complies with the mitigation requirements of Chapter 373, F.S., and 33 U.S.C. §1344.


In accordance with §373.4137 (7), upon approval by the governing board of the water management district or its designee, the mitigation plan shall be deemed to satisfy the mitigation requirements of §373.4137, F.S., for impacts specifically identified in the FDOT environmental impact inventory and any other mitigation requirements imposed by local, regional, and state agencies for these same impacts. The approval of the governing board of the water management district or its designee (Douglas E. Barr, Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, approved as designee per Item 9D of the February 23, 2006 Governing Board minutes) shall authorize the activities proposed in the mitigation plan, and no other state, regional or local permit or approval shall be necessary.

In accordance with §373.4137 (8), approval of the plan and any amendment does not eliminate the need for FDOT to meet the permitting requirement to reduce or eliminate impacts of the transportation projects, nor does it change any other permitting criteria for those transportation projects. This approval only addresses mitigation requirements for the specified road projects. It does not grant or imply that the specified projects satisfy any other permitting requirements under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., or rules adopted there under.

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

  
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