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Mr. Chris Stahl, Coordinator
Florida State Clearinghouse
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3800 Commonwealth Blvd., M.S. 47
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

RE: Project FL201903258563C
Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Draft Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project, Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Florida

Dear Mr. Stahl:

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Integrated Project Implementation Report (PIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project (LRWRP) dated March 2019. We are submitting the following comments for consideration as part of the Florida State Clearinghouse consistency evaluation.

The LRWRP Draft Integrated PIR and EIS has addressed the concerns of private agricultural lands associated with the project footprint and project operations at the planning evaluation level. Additional input will be provided at the more detailed permitting level as appropriate.

We look forward to continued progress on the LRWRP's restoration goals and working with our state and federal partners to improve system-wide capabilities.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Elliott
Environmental Manager