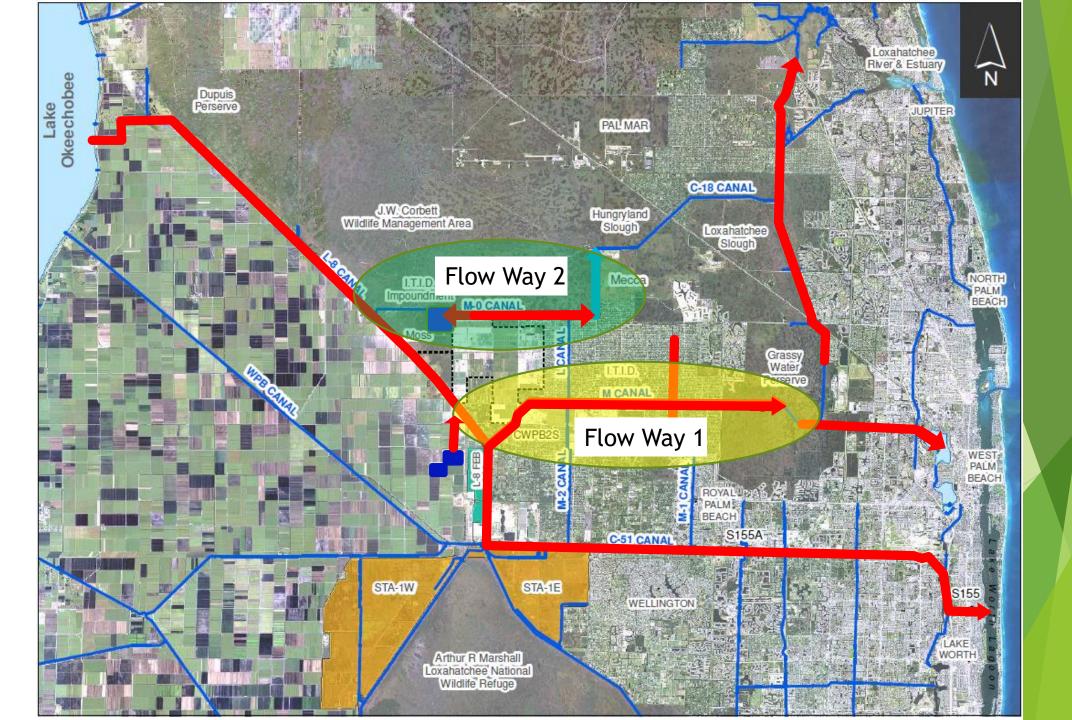
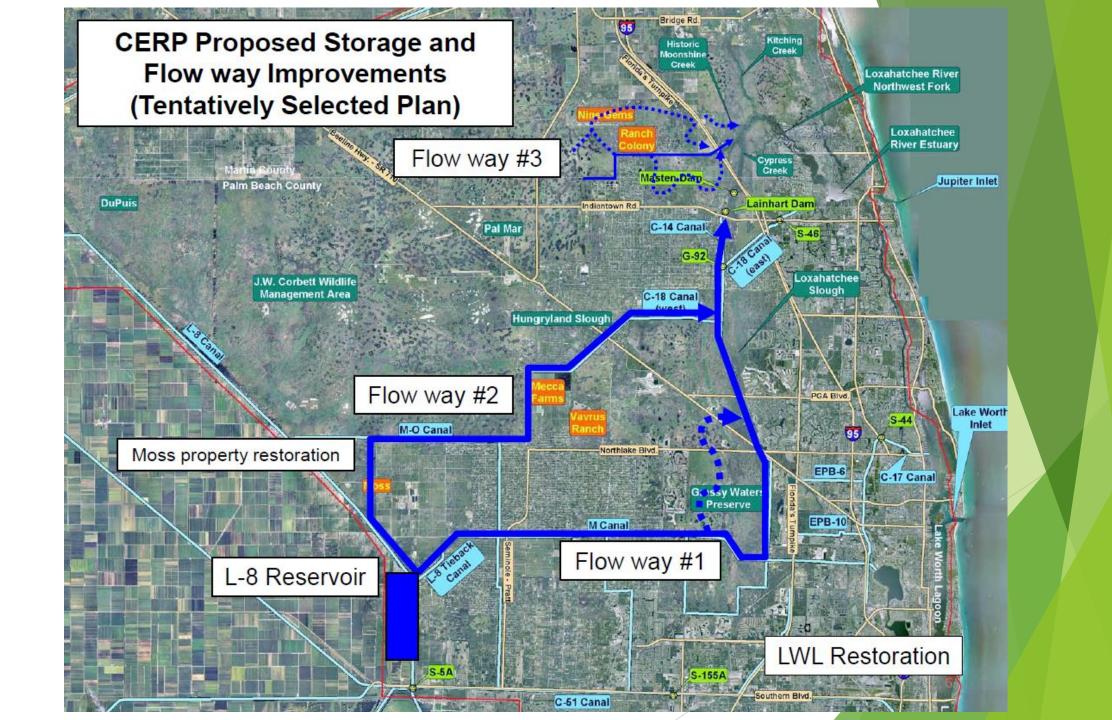
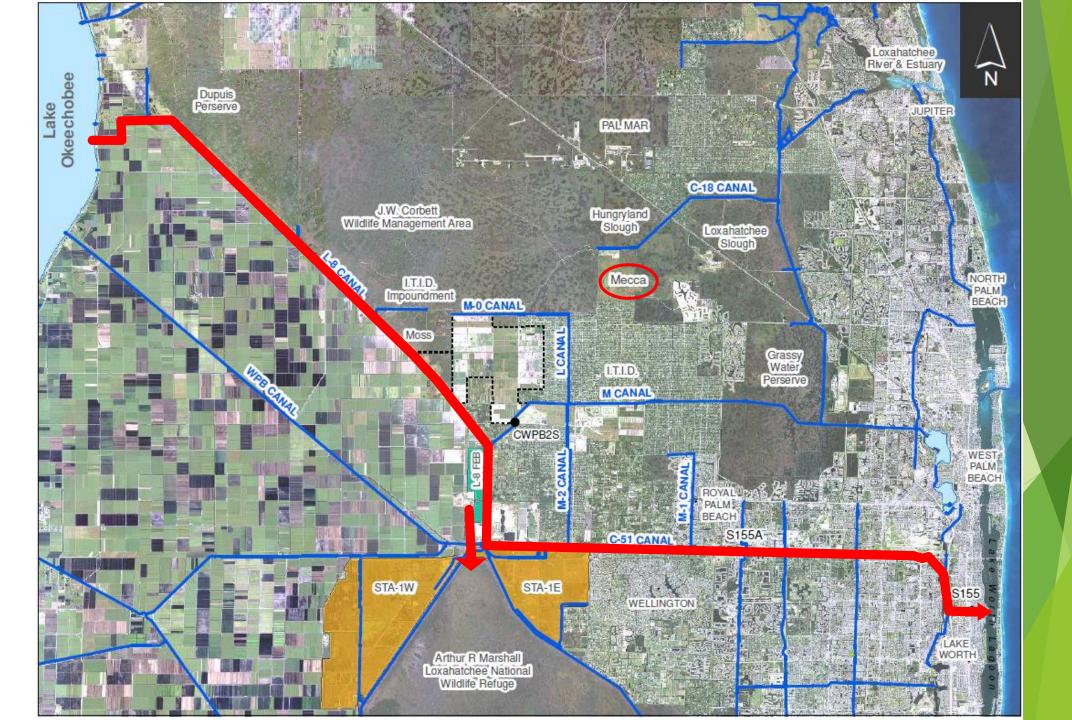
# Indian Trails Grove Water Resource Project







### Authorized Plan: Alt 5R

#### Flow Way 3

- 1 Kitching Creek
- 2 Moonshine Creek/Gulfstream East
- 3 Cypress Creek Canal
- 4 Gulfstream West
- 5 Palmar East

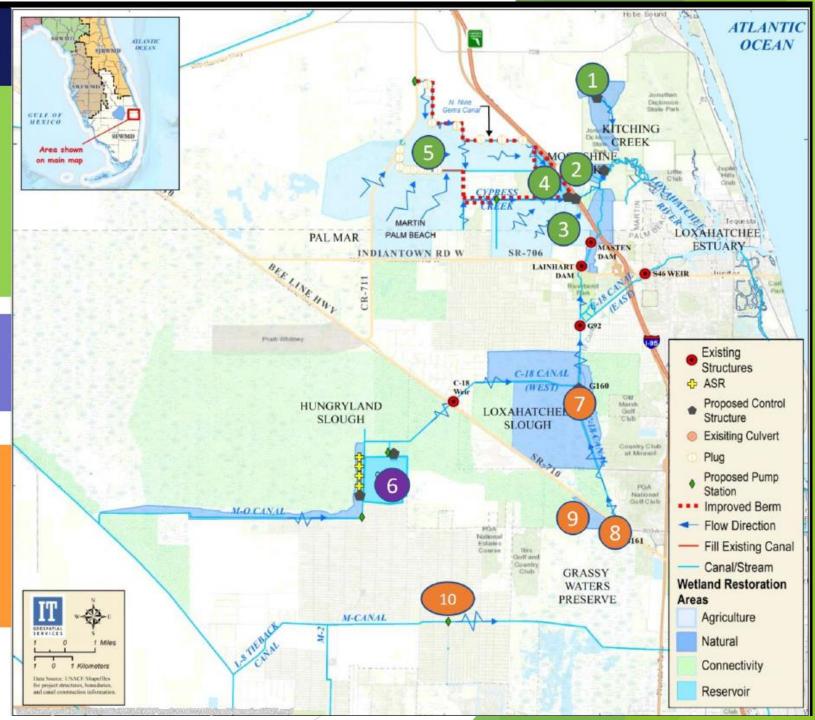
#### Flow Way 2

6 - C-18W Impoundment (9,500 ac/ft & 4 ASR wells)

#### Flow Way 1

- 7 G-160 Structure
- 8 G-161 Structure
- 9 Grassy Waters Triangle
- 10 M-1 Pump Station







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December 5, 2019

Drew Bartlett Executive Director South Florida Water Management District 3301 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Dear Mr. Bartlett,

Subject: Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project

Letter of Support and Commitment to Future Collaboration on Alternative Water Resources

Solutions

Palm Beach County (County) supports efforts by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to restore the Loxahatchee River watershed. The County also recommends that the SFWMD Governing Board communicate their support of the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project (Project) to USACE to enable authorization by Congress in 2020.

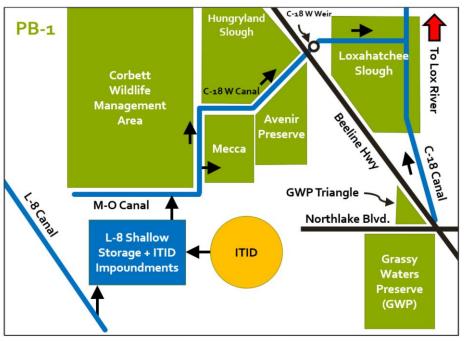
The County has been a leader in restoration efforts in the Loxahatchee River watershed, aggressively acquiring almost 28,000 acres of land and restoring wetlands for the benefit of the ecosystem. County staff has also been engaged in every iteration of Loxahatchee River restoration, including when it was identified as the North Palm Beach County Project.

As you know, there is a lack of stakeholder support for a single element of the Project, the proposed above-ground water storage reservoir on the Mecca site. County and stakeholder concerns with the Mecca reservoir include the 20-foot embankment heights and perceived flood risks and public safety issues, high costs and its incompatibility with adjacent lands, including existing and proposed natural areas. In July 2019, the County, in an effort to address County and stakeholder concerns, initiated a feasibility study to optimize and/or refine the Project alternatives previously evaluated by USACE.

The County believes that there are other more cost-effective solutions that would provide significant benefits to the Loxahatchee River watershed, increase flood control and water supply benefits, and improve conditions in the Lake Worth Lagoon, all of which would garner broad stakeholder support.

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#### Kimley » Horn Loxahatchee River Restoration Local Initiative and Mecca Site Evaluation Project No. WUD 19-060 CSA No. 11 Deliverable 3.2.1: Final Alternatives Evaluation Results Technical Memorandum Prepared by: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. KHA Job # 144840028 Prepared for: Jeremy McBryan, PE, CFM County Water Resources Manager Palm Beach County 301 North Olive Avenue, 11th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401 May 2020

C-18 W Weir Hungryland PB-2 Slough 7 Loxahatche<mark>e</mark> Lox River Slough Corbett C-18 W Canal Wildlife Management Beeline HWY **Avenir** Area **Preserve** C-18 Canal Mecca GWP Triangle -L.8 Camal M-O Canal GL Canal Northlake Blvd. ITID ITID Impoundments Grassy Waters **Preserve** C-51 (GWP) Reservoir Figure 4: Alternative PB-2

Figure 3: Alternative PB-1

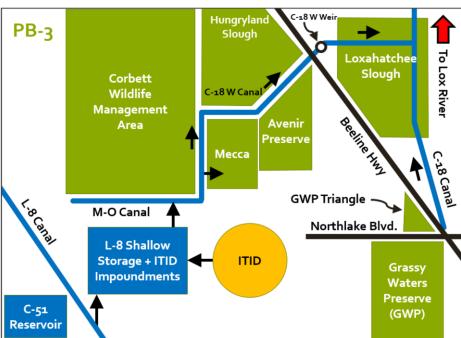
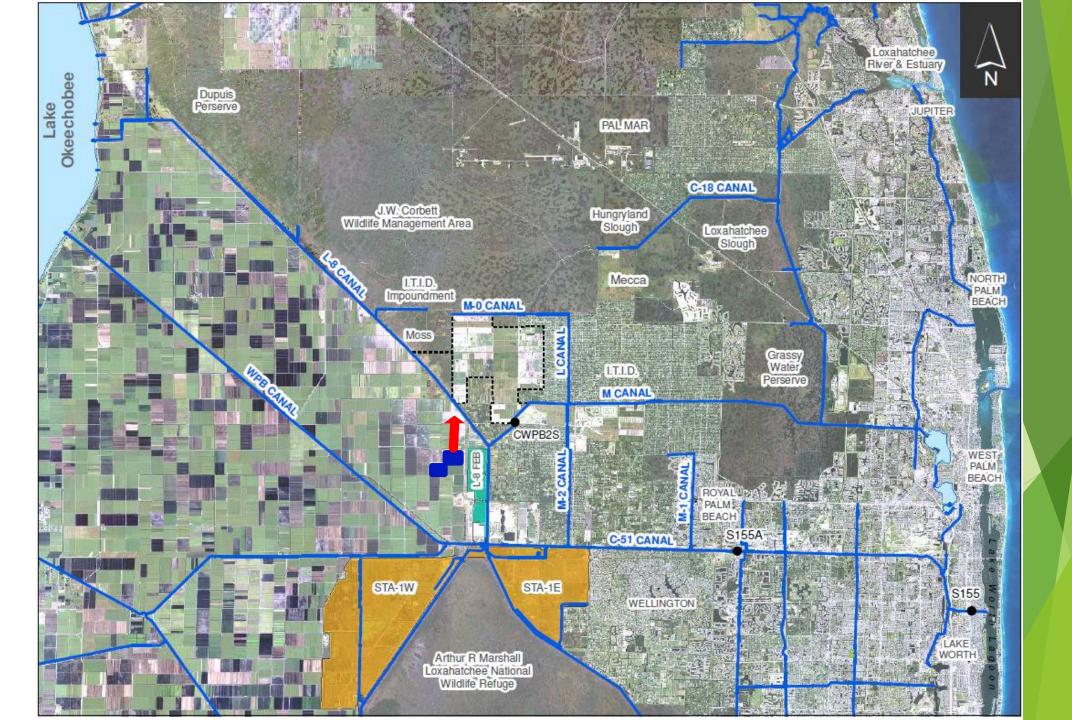
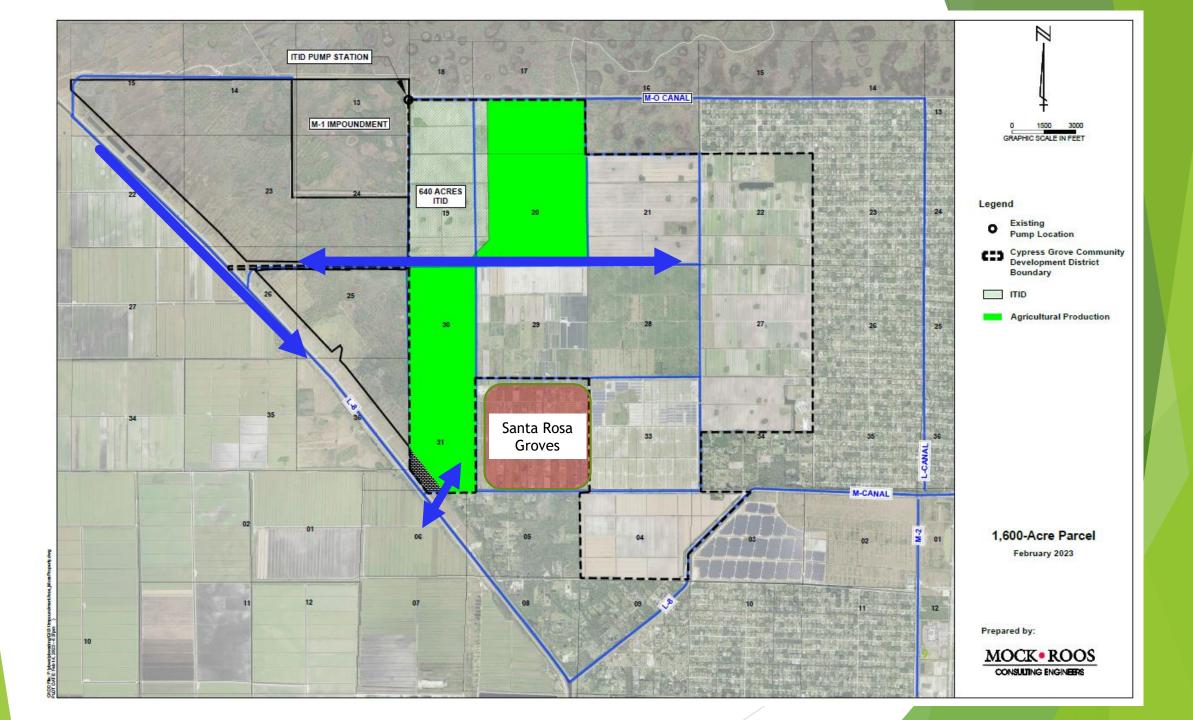
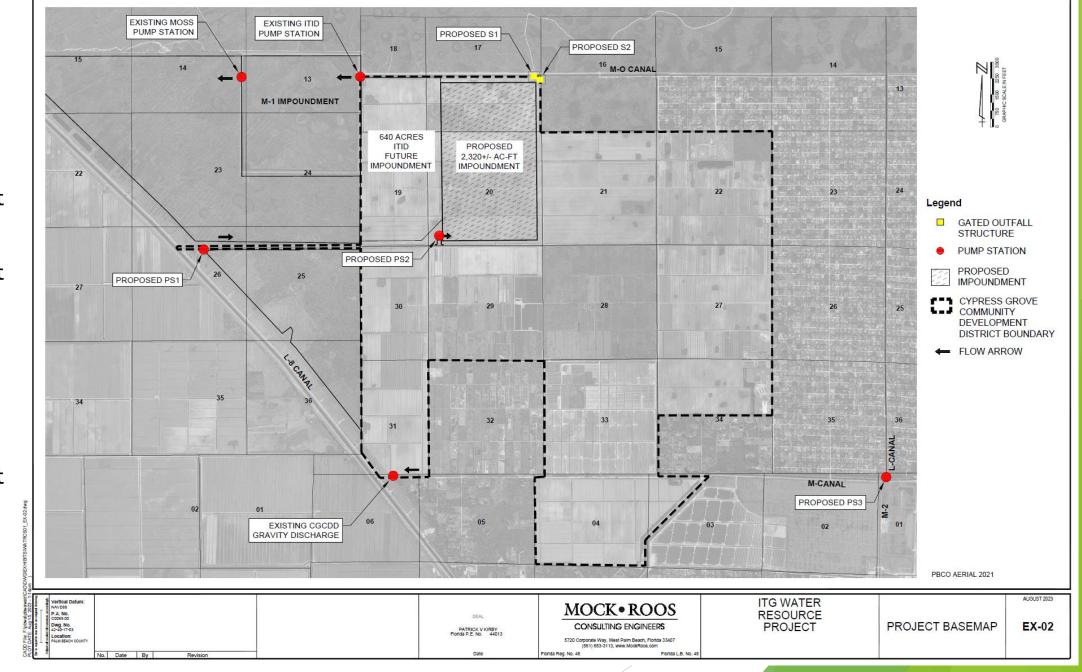


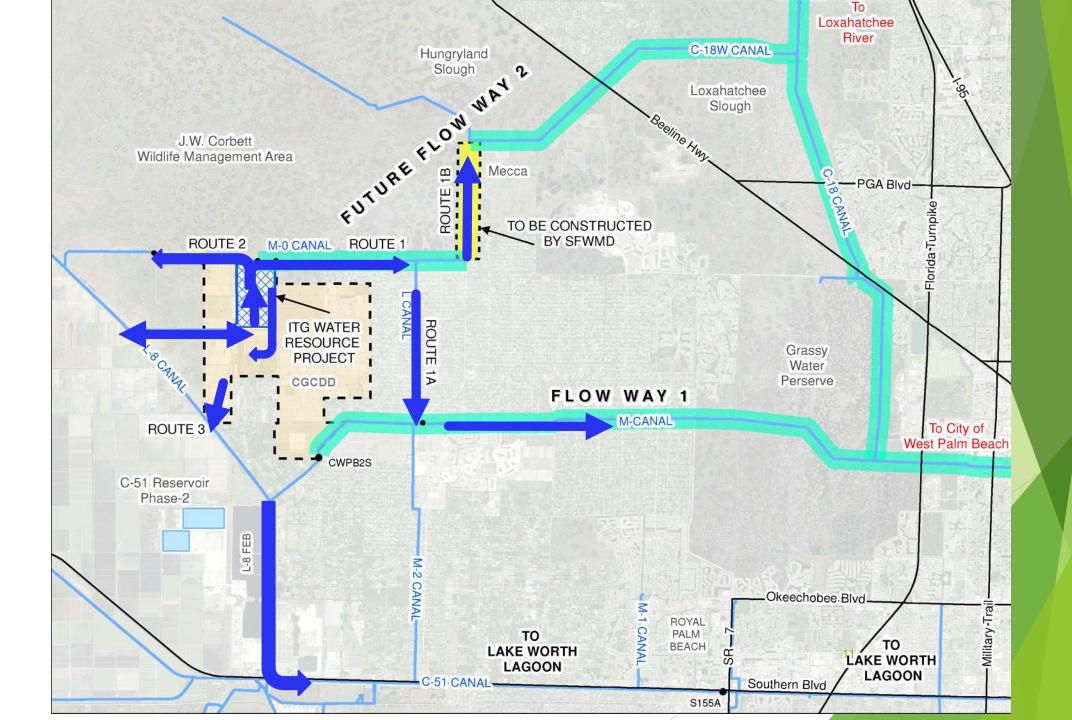
Figure 5: Alternative PB-3





- > 3,000 ac-ft
- Shared Levee with ITID
- Electric Pumps
- 2 New Pumps at CGCDD Main Pump Station
- 2 New Pumps at Impoundment
- Gravity Structure to ITID M-O Canal
- Gravity Structure to CGCDD
- 2 New Pumps at ITID L-Canal to M-Canal





### Benefits

- Stores and cleans water that goes to:
  - Grassy Waters Preserve
  - City of West Palm Beach Water Supply System
  - Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River
- Provides critical connection of the C-51 Reservoir Phase 2 storage facility and L-8 Canal to M-O Canal. Partially completes Flow Way 2 as defined by Palm Beach County.
- Reduce discharges to Lake Worth Lagoon
- Potential to improve Indian Trail Improvement District's flood protection and fire suppression.
- Improves water quality of water being discharged to Lake Worth Lagoon if discharged back to L-8 Canal.

# Ownership and Operation

- ► A Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been distributed to:
  - Palm Beach County
  - City of West Palm Beach
  - Indian Trail Improvement District
  - Cypress Grove Community Development District
- Cypress Grove CDD is a government entity that has staff to operate their surface water management system
- Indian Trail Improvement District has staff to operate their surface water management system
- Design Coordination with PBC and SFWMD