

# General Drainage History of Palm Beach County

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Water Resource Task Force

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# Population Patterns

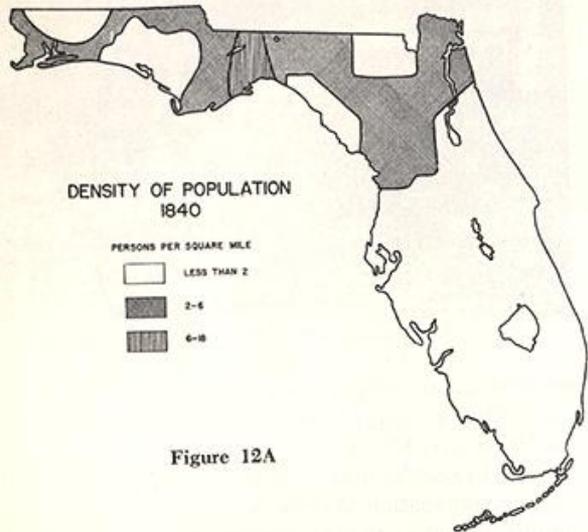


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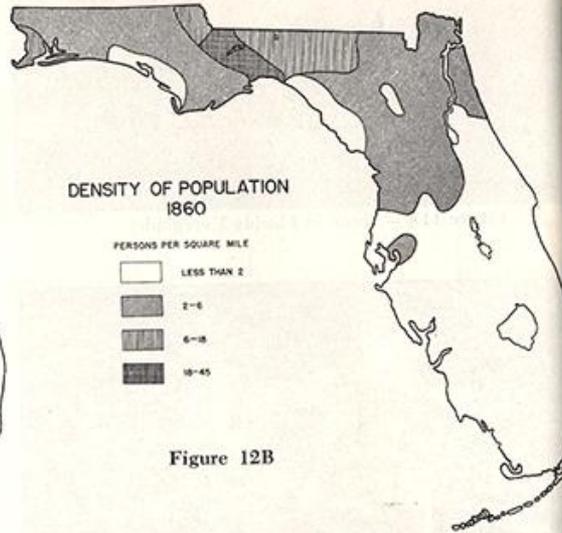


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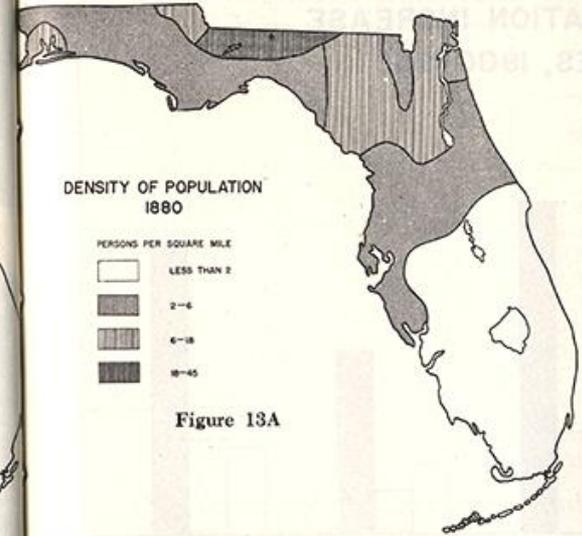


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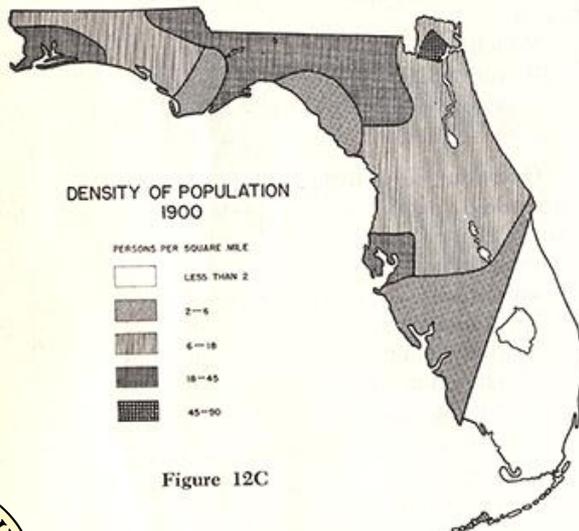


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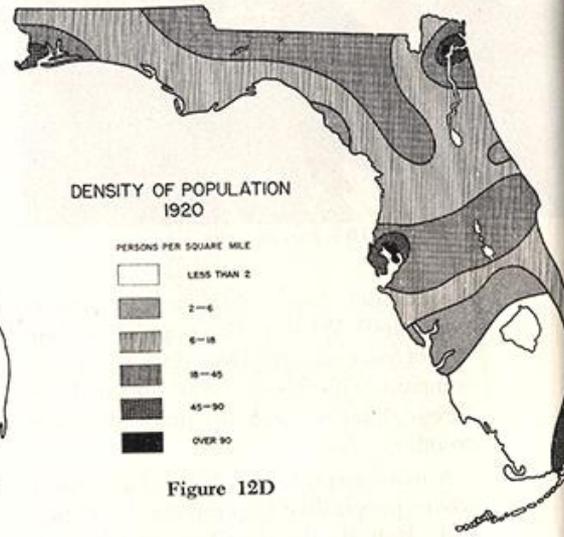


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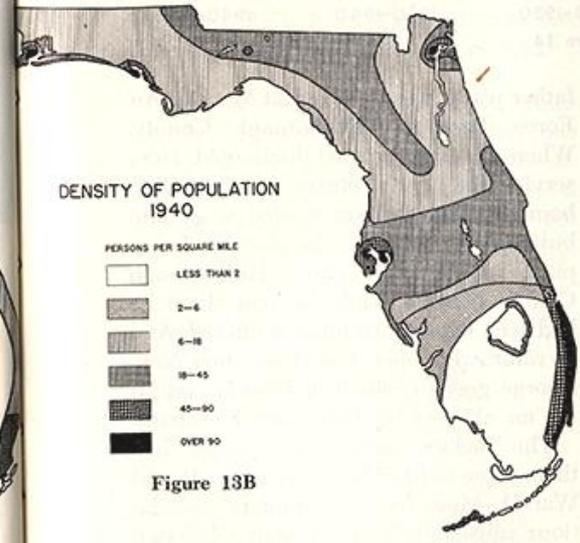


Figure 13B



# ICW Dredging - Early 1900s



# Dredging Lake Worth Inlet circa 1918

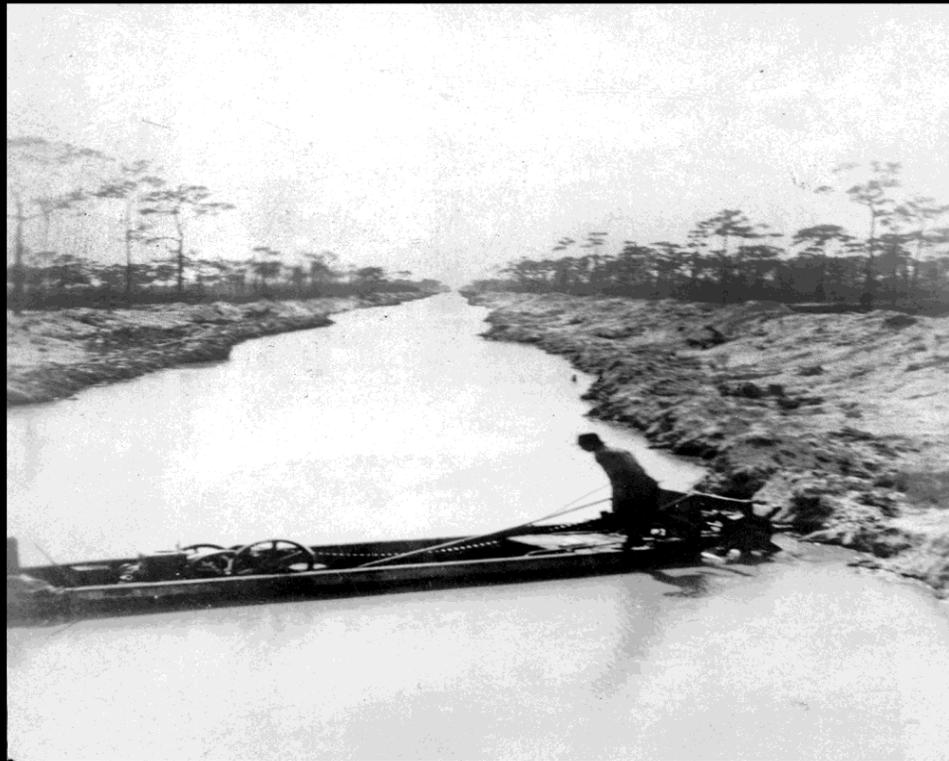


# LWDD L-2 Along Future Okeechobee Blvd. in 1918



View looking west along Lateral 2 at Station 102+50. This is the Loxahatchee Slough. The County has driven piling, shown in the picture to the right, for the Okeechobee Road. This station is beginning of McKenzie's work. Machine is shown dimly in the distance. Photo taken April 29, 1918, by J.C. Wagen.

# LWDD E-2 along Future Turnpike at Lake Worth Rd. November 1919



View of E-2 looking south from Lake  
Worth Road. November 21, 1919.

# LWDD E-1 Along Future SR7 circa 1920



E-1 looking north, at Lateral 5.

# Flagler Bridge into Palm Beach circa 1920



# Boynton Inlet circa 1920



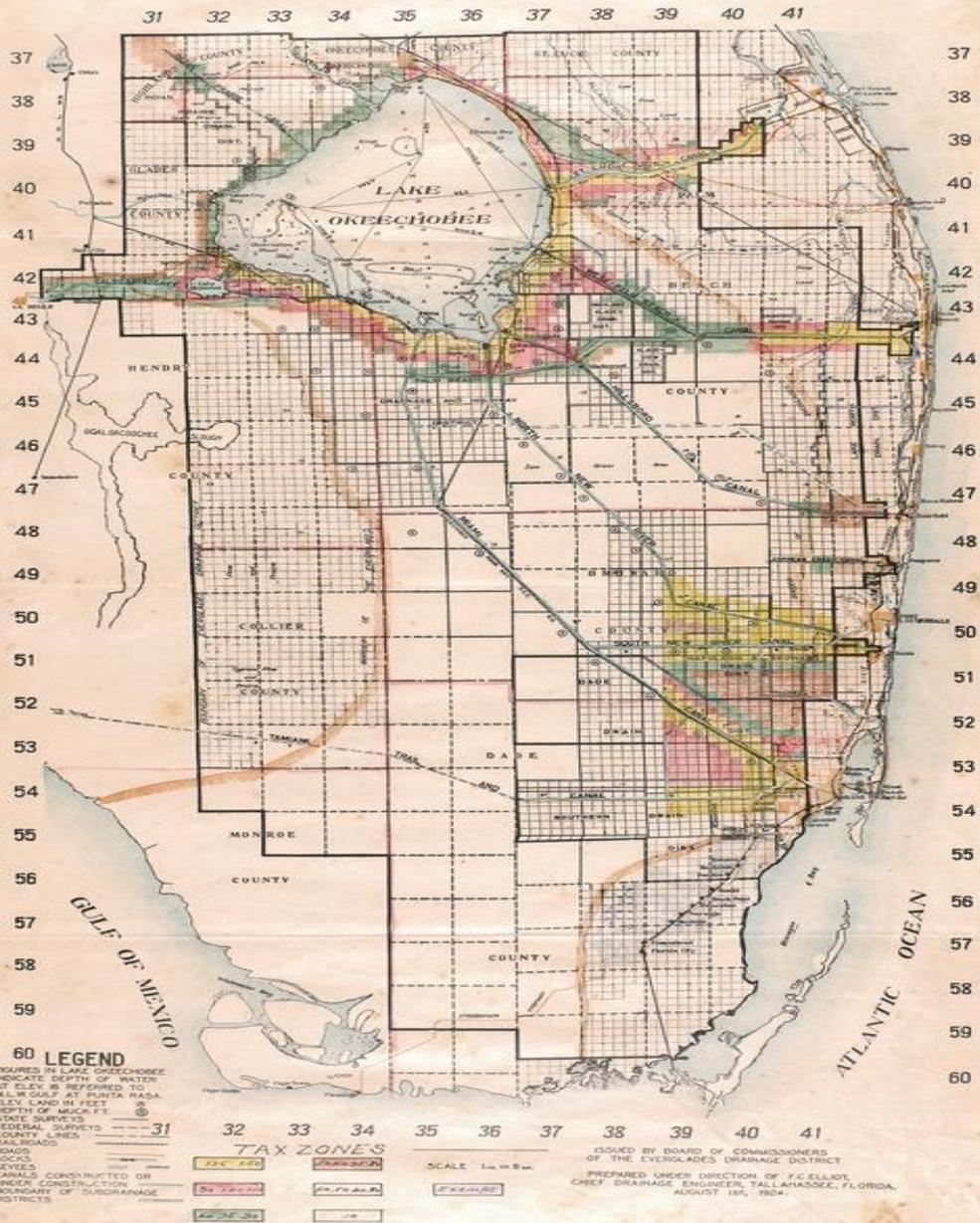
# Palm Beach Pier circa 1925



# Palm Beach Hotels circa 1930



# MAP OF EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA



Everglades Drainage District

Original Map  
Circa 1924

Created by  
Governor Broward



# 1926 Hurricane Erosion



# Ocean Blvd. – Palm Beach 1926 Hurricane Damage



# Bulkhead Construction circa 1927



# Groin Construction along Palm Beach circa 1927



# Completed Groins circa 1928





**Downtown West Palm Beach  
After 1928 Hurricane**



# View of Lake Okeechobee in 1913 Lake Harbor

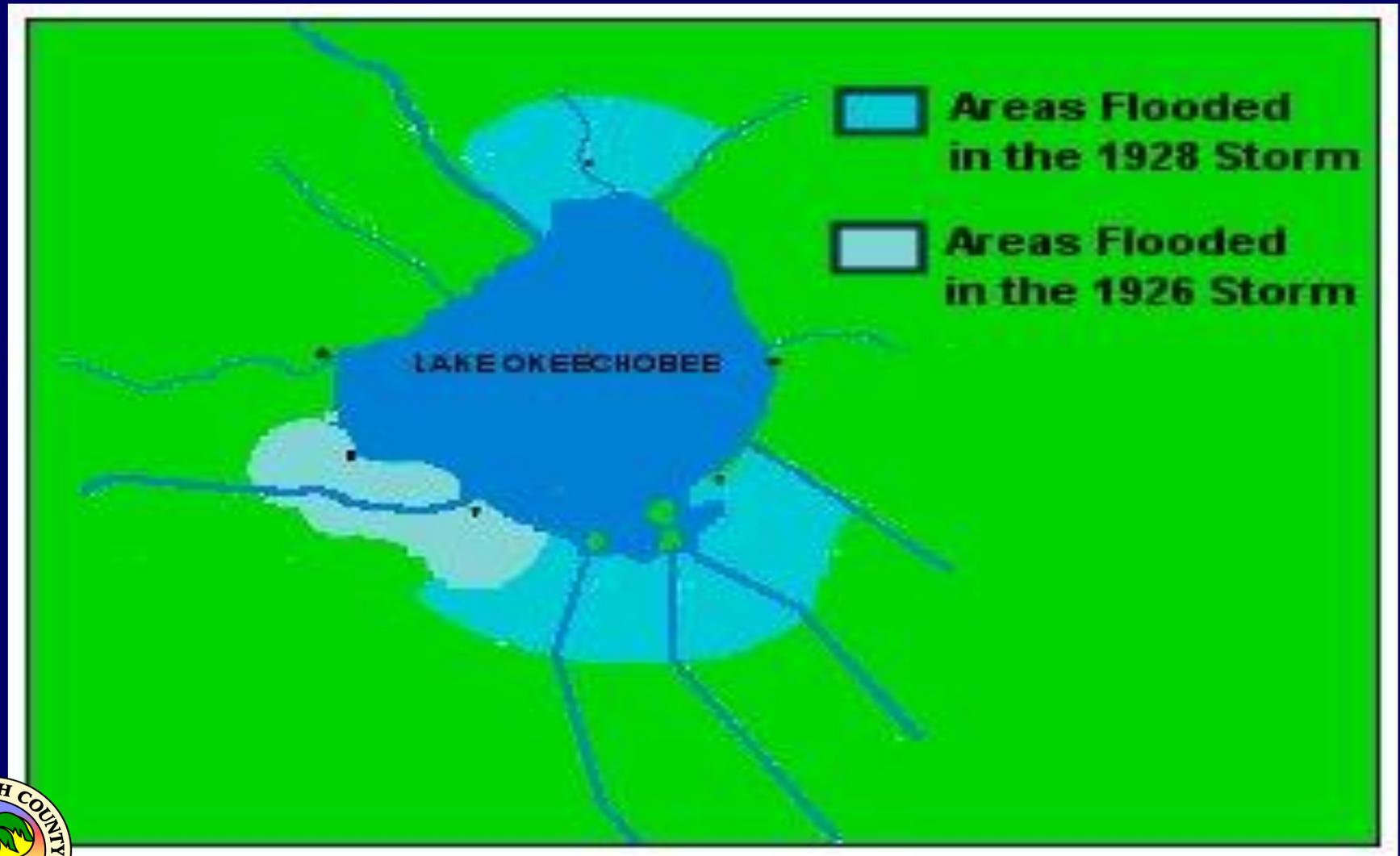




**Glades Area  
After 1928 Hurricane**



# 1928 Hurricane Flooding Limits



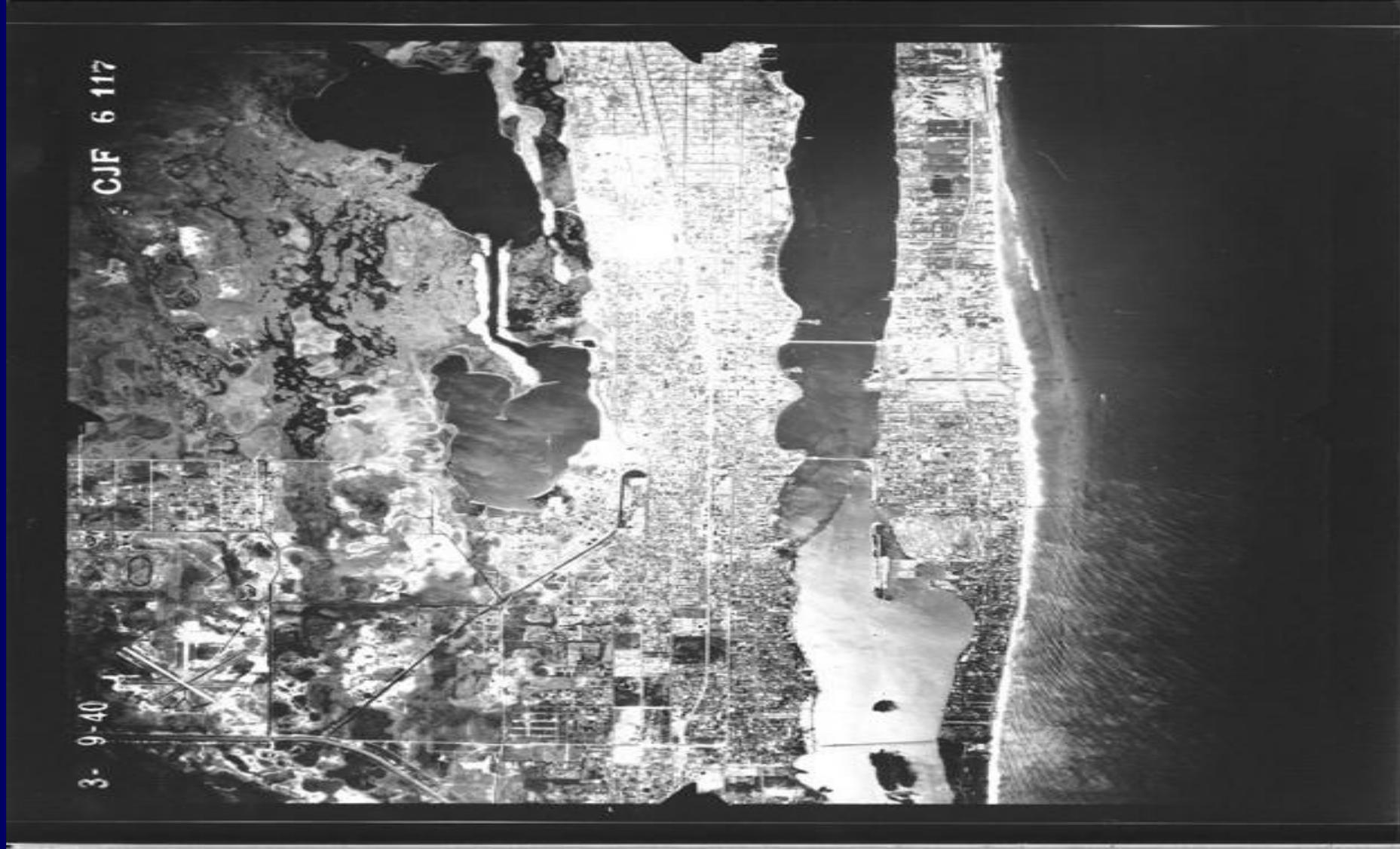
# Herbert Hoover Dike Construction, 1932



# Herbert Hoover Dike Today



# 1940 Aerial of West Palm Beach



# Military Trail North of Okeechobee Blvd. Circa 1946



# Military Trail North of Okeechobee Blvd. Circa 1946



# Military Trail and Lake Worth Road circa 1940



# Military Trail in Boynton circa 1945





# Lantana Airport 1946





# Drainage Ditch into Lake Osborne 1946





# North of Lantana Airport 1946



# “Western” Palm Beach County 1946



# Dredging Lake Osborne 1946



# Kissimmee River 1947 Hurricane



# 1947 Hurricane Glades Flooding





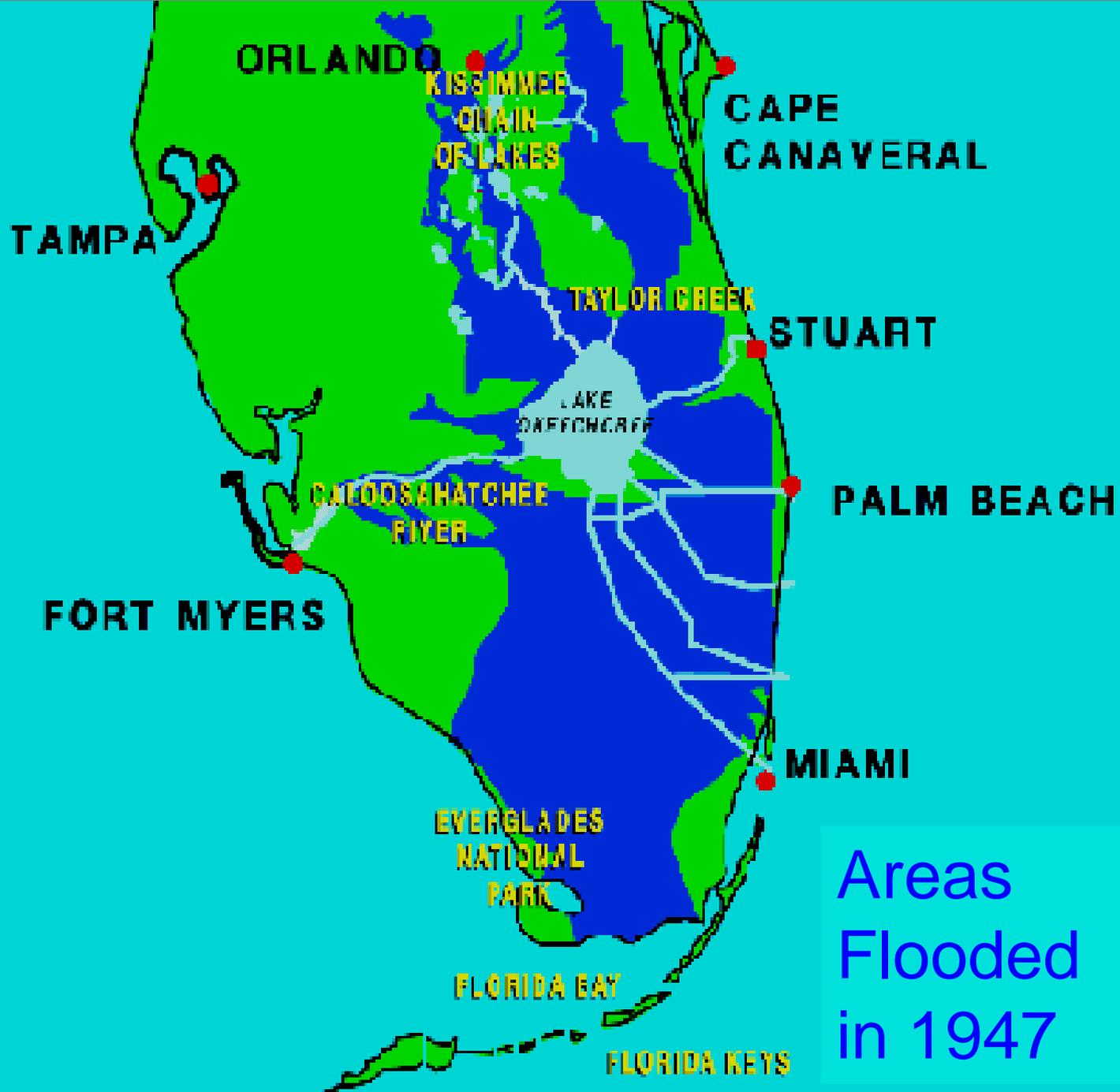
# 1947 Hurricane Flooding

- Andrews Avenue after 1947 hurricane hit Fort Lauderdale
- Sept. 18, 1947
- At one point, 12 inches of rain fell in a 30 minute period.



- Courtesy of the Sun Sentinel & Fort Lauderdale Historical Society





Areas  
Flooded  
in 1947



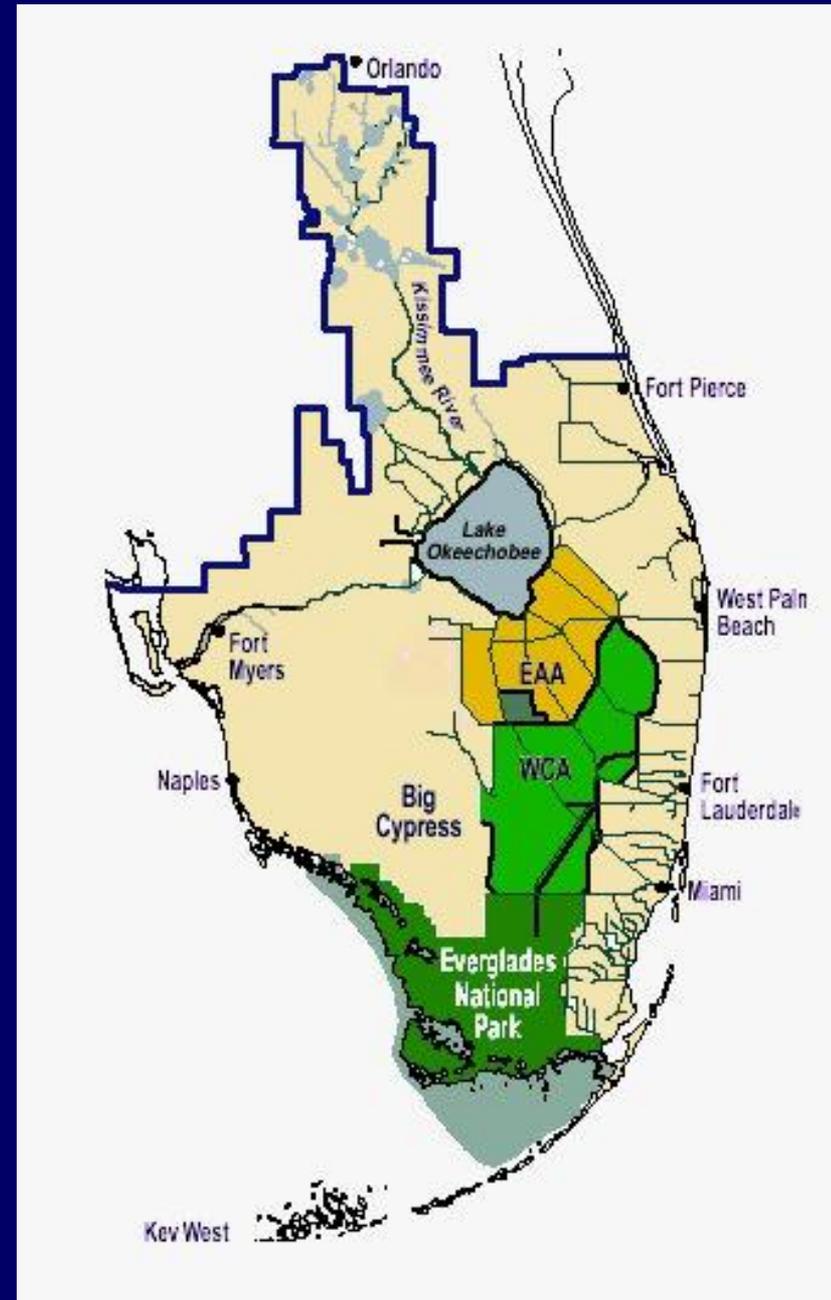
# The Central and Southern Florida Project

“Central and Southern Florida Project for Flood Control and Other Purposes”

Authorized in 1948

Constructed in 1950's thru 1970's

Operated in accordance with  
USACOE criteria by:  
USACOE & SFWMD



# Wooden Bridge Deterioration circa 1947



# ICW Bridge Pile Caps circa 1950



# ICW Bridge Railing circa 1950

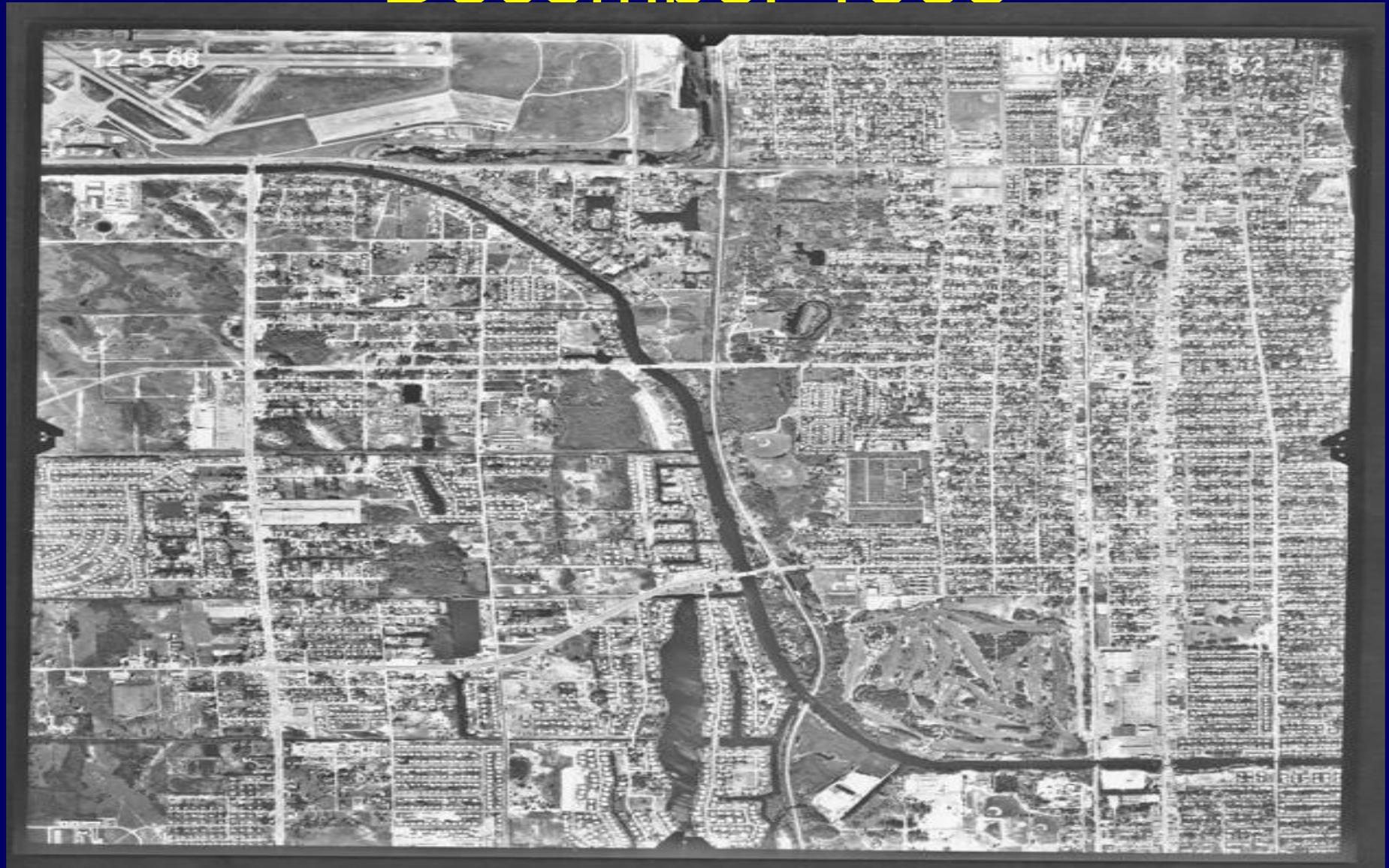


# “Westward Expansion”

## December 1968



# Lake Clarke Shores December 1968

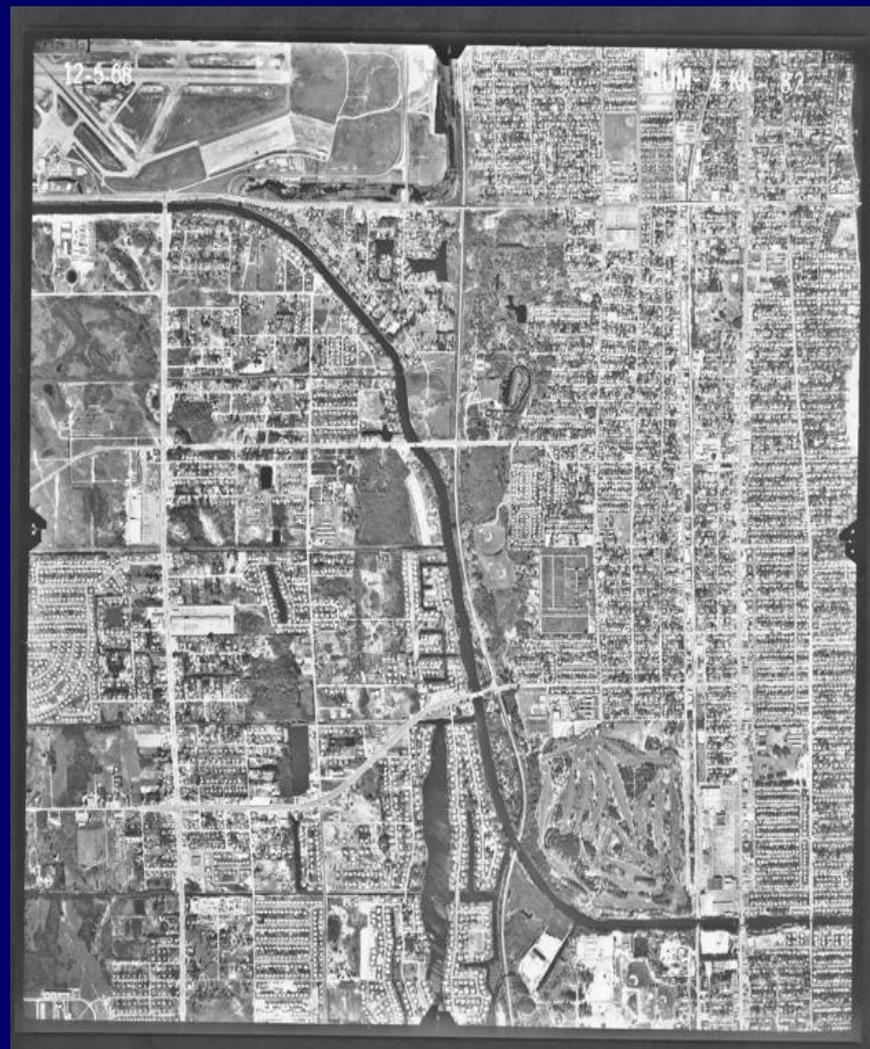


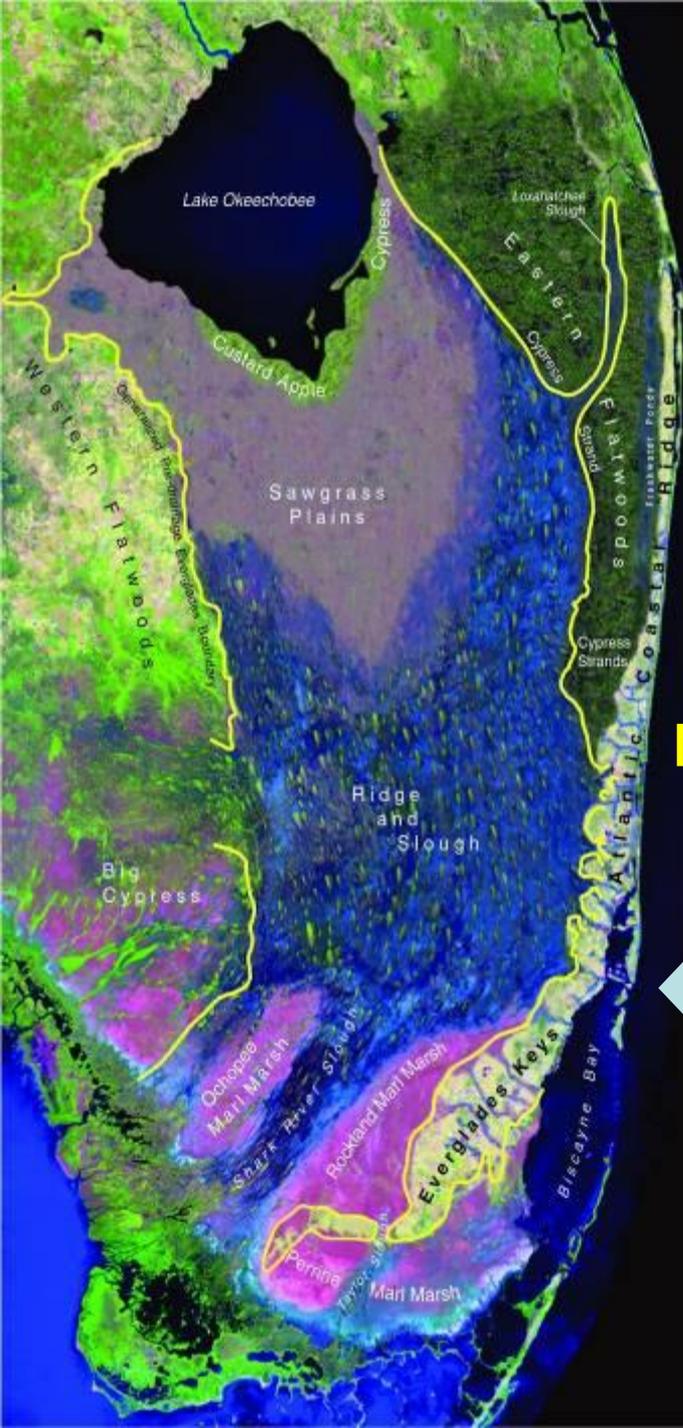


# PBIA Area

1940

1968

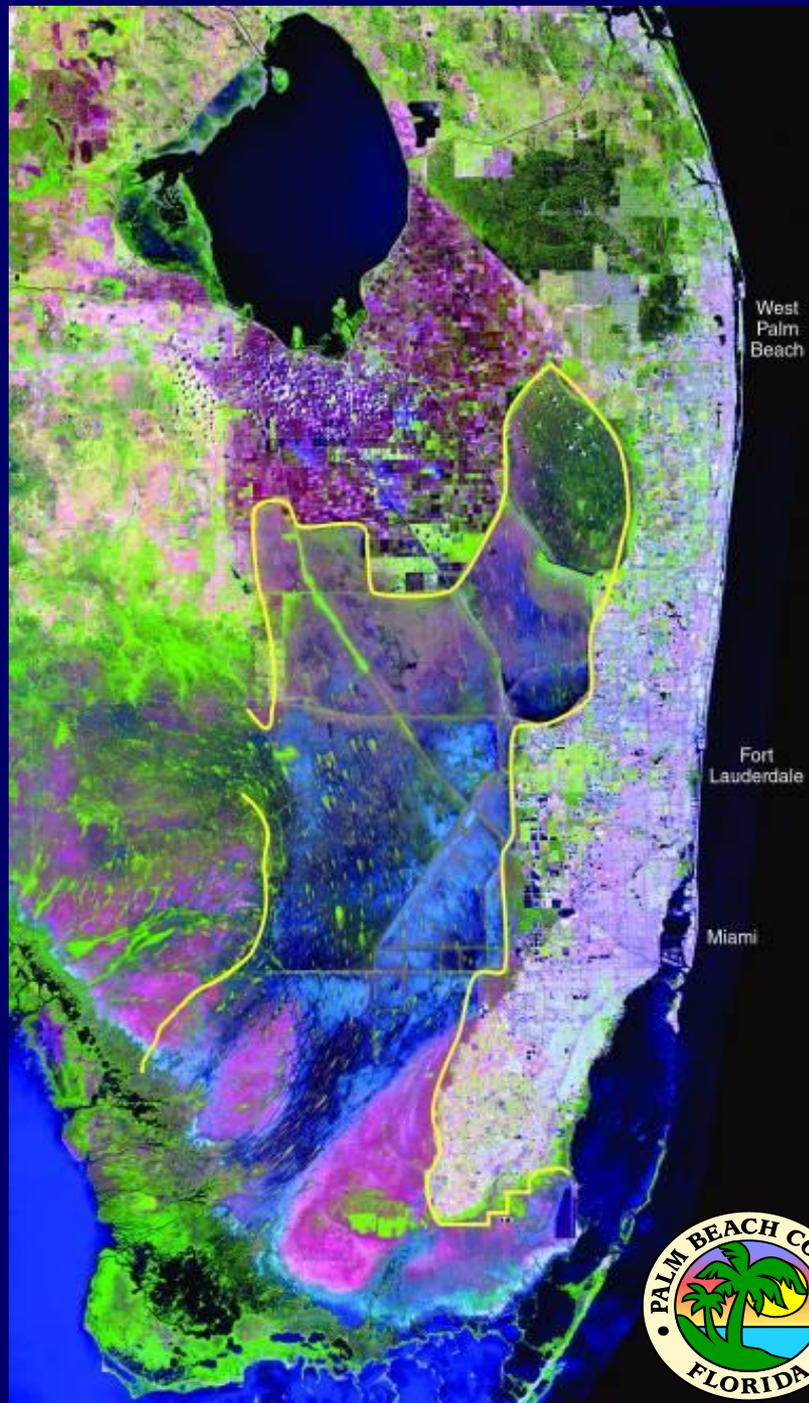




**Natural**



**Now**



West Palm Beach

Fort Lauderdale

Miami



# Our Challenges For The Future

- Continued Growth
- Higher Potable Water Demand
- Sea Level Rise
- Salt water Intrusion
- Stormwater Storage and Discharges



# Possible Ways to Address These Issues

- Use of Low Impact Development designs to lessen discharges from new development
- Retrofit existing stormwater systems as needed
- Create more water storage areas in existing developed areas
- Create more interconnects between watersheds
- Continue to encourage conservation



Questions?

