

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE WATERSHED STUDY
PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT
To the South Miami-Dade Watershed Advisory Committee
February 23, 2006

This report covers the month of February 2006. SFRPC activities have included:

- Attendance at scheduled meetings with the Project Management Team to discuss project planning for future tasks, and review of progress related to the impact assessments and preferred alternative
- Meeting with the Organization Committee
- Meetings with County Staff
- Participation in the Technical Review Committee meeting

Project Status: We have completed Month 32 in the project Schedule and the February 9, 2006 meeting was meeting number 41. At that meeting Committee members continued its work on the preliminary preferred alternative scenario (Sub-task 4.2). The Committee heard presentations by the South Florida Water Management District on the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP) and on water supply issues.

On February 14, 2006 the seventh and final meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) was held. Project Management Team members attended. The committee is made up of academic leaders and experts in the fields of economic modeling, property rights, cost benefit analysis and infrastructure planning, resource-based tourism, agriculture, water, habitat and marine biology and land use. The TRC was created to provide input into the work being done in the development of the Watershed Study. In their discussion Committee members were clear that the role of the TRC is not to specifically sanction or approve any of the work being done, but rather to analyze and provide input. While the TRC members were candid and constructive, their response to the process and the work of the consultant was overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

Your participation in the Study for the duration of Task 3 and 4 is reflected in the following schedule:

- July 28 - Discussion of Draft Work Product on Sub-Tasks 3.1-3.3
- September 1 - Discussion of Draft Work Product on Sub-Tasks 3.4-3.5
- September 1 - Discussion of Final Report on Sub-Tasks 3.1-3.3
- September 22 - Acceptance of Final Report on Sub-Tasks 3.1-3.3 and discussion of Sub-Task 3.5
- November 9, 2005 - Presentation and Discussion of Sub-Task 3.4
- December 8, 2005 - Presentation and Discussion of Sub-Tasks 3.4 and 3.6 and an initial discussion on the preferred scenario.
- December 22, 2005 - Consensus process for Sub-Task 3.4 and discussion of Sub-Task 3.5 (Property Rights) and Sub-Task 4 (Preferred Scenario).
- January 12, 2006 - Presentation and Discussion on Sub-Task 4 (Preferred Scenario). Development of alternatives by breakout groups.
- January 12, 2006 - Presentation and Continued Discussion on Sub-Task 4 (Preferred Scenario).
- January 26, 2006 - Revision of preliminary preferred alternative scenario.
- February 9, 2006 - Review of the revised preferred alternative scenario and initial consensus discussion.

The Committee continues to meet on a twice-per-month schedule, meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in order to arrive at a product that is usable for the Miami-Dade County Commission's review of the April 2005 cycle of amendments to the *Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan*.

Always remember each of these discussions and presentations reflect opportunities for WSAC input to the Study and Plan on behalf of your constituents.