

Program Name: Invasive Exotic Species Management
Project Name: **Hole-in-the-Donut**
Project ID: 2820
Lead Agency: National Park Service

Strategy and Biennial Report Objective Addressed: 2-B.4
Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework Goal: 4

Measurable Output(s): Acres of infested Brazilian pepper restored

Project Synopsis: This mitigation project will restore approximately 6,300 acres of wetlands within Everglades National Park by removing Brazilian pepper, an invasive exotic plant species, and the disturbed substrate to limestone bedrock. Invasive exotic plants are one of the greatest long-term threats to the Everglades ecosystem. As a result of this project, approximately 6,300 acres will be restored to natural wetlands within the park as mitigation for development projects in other areas of Miami-Dade County. The amount of restoration accomplished in the **Hole-in-the-Donut** during any one year is dependent on the amount of mitigation activity occurring in Miami-Dade County. A vast seed source with the potential to invade and disturb other areas of the Everglades will be eradicated.

Current Status: In FY 2014, 241 acres of Brazilian pepper were removed at a cost of \$2,134,026.81. To date, 4,895 acres of the **Hole-in-the-Donut** have been restored. For FY 2015, the Hole-in-the-Donut project did not conduct any new restoration, and in 2016, the unusually wet conditions again prevented restoration work. Restoration is planned for 2017.

Cost:

Estimated Total Cost to Date FY 1994 - 2016: \$63,826,935.40

Project Schedule:

Restoration Start Date: 1994
 Estimated Restoration Finish Date: 2020
 Estimated Stewardship Start Date: 2021
 Estimated Stewardship Finish Date: 2071

Detailed Project Budget Information (\$1,000) FY

	Expenditures FY1994-FY2013	Expenditures FY 1994 - FY2014	Expenditures FY 1994 - FY2015	Expenditures FY 1994 - FY2016 as of July, 2016
Total	62,727	62,812	63,758	63,827

Hyperlink: N/A

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