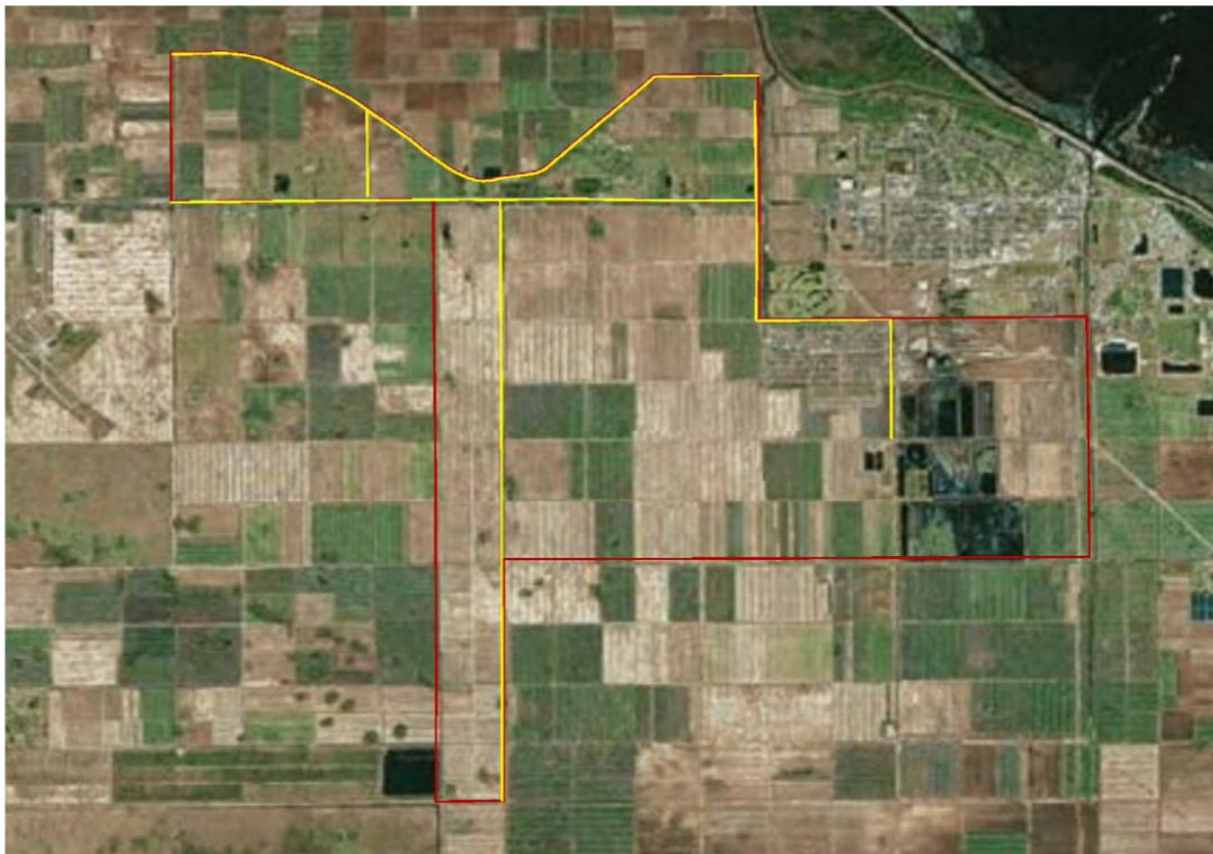


**Sugarland Drainage District BMP Plan
for
Caloosahatchee River and Estuary Basin Management Action Plan
September 2019**

The Sugarland Drainage District (SDD) is a Chapter 298 District established in 1924 and presently codified pursuant to Chapter 2000-483. The SDD encompasses 10,801 acres of agricultural lands within Hendry County. The SDD collects stormwater runoff and discharges the runoff into canals flowing to the C-43.

A map of the SDD drainage canals and associated rights of way is shown below. There are 19.1 miles of canals and rights of way that are maintained by the SDD.



A map generally depicting the agricultural producers enrolled within the SDD is on file with FDACS. All stormwater entering the SDD canals is subject to the FDACS program.

The SDD receives runoff from the lands within the landowners and transmits the flow to discharge points. This practice does not increase the nutrient load in the runoff. The SDD is proposing BMP's to remove nutrients sequester in vegetation and sediment during the transportation process.

The SDD proposes that the listed best management practices will be implemented and reported as activity based strategies. A specific allocation or nutrient reduction target will not be established. Rather the SDD's activities will serve to assist in the control of nutrients as part of the efforts described in the Basin Management Action Plan. Implementation of the best management practices shall provide compliance with the BMAP and Chapters 373 and 403 F.S.

In selecting the best management practices, in coordination with FDEP, the function, operation and budget of the SDD has been considered and these listed best management practices should not be considered as cost-effective, technically practical or applicable to any other water control district within the BMAP. Each best management practice includes a description and the required records.

The SDD will provide FDEP an annual report confirming these activities are as identified below. Detailed records of same will be kept in the SDD's offices.

1. Public Education and Outreach

Description: The SDD shall include as part of its annual meeting, an agenda item to alert its landowners of the existence of the BMAP and requirements for agricultural landowners. FDEP and FDACS will assist with the preparation of the agenda materials.

Report: Annual Landowners' Agenda. A copy of the agenda and background materials shall be on file.

2. FDACS BMP Assistance

Description: The SDD will provide assistance to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), when requested. The SDD will identify current landowner or producer and their contact information based on the SDD records. The SDD will contact landowners identified by FDACS to encourage the landowner or producer to participate in the FDACS BMP programs and recommend they contact FDEP to learn more about the program.

Report: Number of landowners/producer information requested by FDACS and responses provided.

3. Nutrient Controls

Description: No nutrients imported via direct land application for application on the SDD's rights of way.

Report: Annual verification by SDD

4. Slow Velocity in Main Canal

Description: Minimize sediment transport by slowing the velocity in the main canal near the main discharge.

Report: Annual verification by Water Control District.

5. Control Structures

Description: Maintain existing water control structures to regulate storm water discharges during storm events and to allow nutrients and sediments to settle out in the canals where they can be removed. Evaluate the cost benefit impact of new structures as identified to improve water quality.

Report: Structure type, location, and operation. Identify proposed structures analyzed and the results. Nutrient Controls

Description: No application of fertilizer within the SDD's rights of way.

Report: Annual verification by SDD.