

## OTHER DIVISION PROGRAMS

The Alternative Water Supply and Restoration Program administers grants to help communities plan for and implement reclaimed water, aquifer recharge, water conservation and other Alternative Water Supply projects.

The Water Supply Restoration Funding Program helps restore water supply to safe drinking water levels for Floridians whose wells are impacted by human-made contaminants.

The Deepwater Horizon Program provides funding for restoration projects across the Gulf of America.

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# FUNDING CLEAN WATER



## DIVISION OF WATER RESTORATION ASSISTANCE

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection provides grants and loans to improve the quality and quantity of the state's water resources.

**The Division of Water Restoration Assistance is responsible for providing financial assistance through several programs for improvements in water quality and quantity.**



Miami-Dade South District Wastewater Treatment Plant

## Drinking Water

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund provides low-interest loans to local governments and private utilities to plan, design and build or upgrade drinking water systems. Discounted assistance and principal forgiveness may be available for qualified communities that are non-profit or publicly owned with a population of fewer than 10,000 people and median household income level less than Florida's median household income. Larger financially disadvantaged non-profit or publicly owned communities may qualify for up to 20% principal forgiveness for construction, if funds are available.

Interest rates on loans are typically 40% below market rates. Applications for loans are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds remain available.

## Stormwater and Wastewater

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides low-interest loans to local governments to plan, design and build or upgrade wastewater, reuse, stormwater and nonpoint source pollution prevention projects. Agricultural best management practices as well as clean energy projects that benefit water quality may also qualify for funding. Interest rates on loans are below market rates and vary based on a community's economic means. Small communities are eligible for principal forgiveness or grants for projects funded by a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan if the community has a population of 10,000 people or fewer and per capita income levels below Florida's average. Projects must be associated with wastewater collection, transmission, treatment, reuse or disposal facilities.

Applications for loans and grants are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds remain available.

## Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention

State Water Quality Assistance Grants funding is used to implement eligible shovel-ready stormwater treatment projects that reduce or eliminate nonpoint source nutrient pollution in verified impaired waterbodies.

Environmental Protection Agency funding through Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act is used to implement nonpoint source best management practices, public education programs to prevent pollution and septic abandonment/connection to sewer on private property.

Project proposals are accepted year-round.

## Springs and Watershed Restoration Program

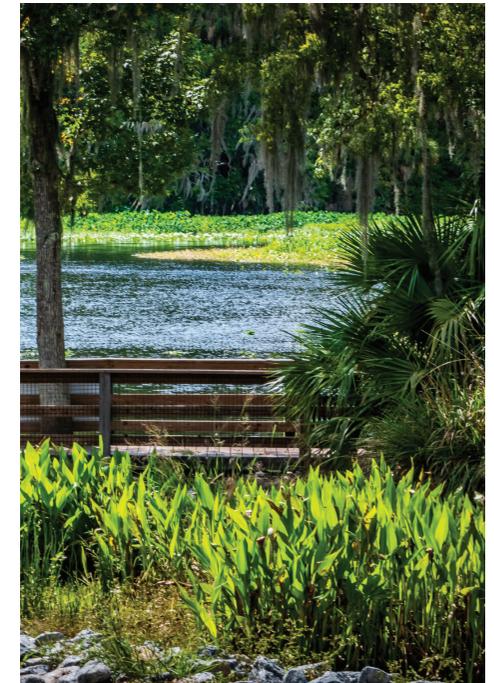
This program provides funding assistance for projects that improve the quality of the state's water resources. The program works closely with the water management districts, local governments and other stakeholders to identify and implement springs projects that achieve restoration goals.



Stormwater pond at Capital Cascades Park.

## Water Quality Improvement Grant Program

This program provides funding to address wastewater (including septic-to-sewer), stormwater and agricultural sources of nutrients in waterbodies that are not attaining nutrient or nutrient-related standards, have an established total maximum daily load or are located within a basin management action plan area, a reasonable assurance plan area, an accepted alternative restoration plan area or a rural area of opportunity.



Walkway over wetland at Wilson's Landing Park.