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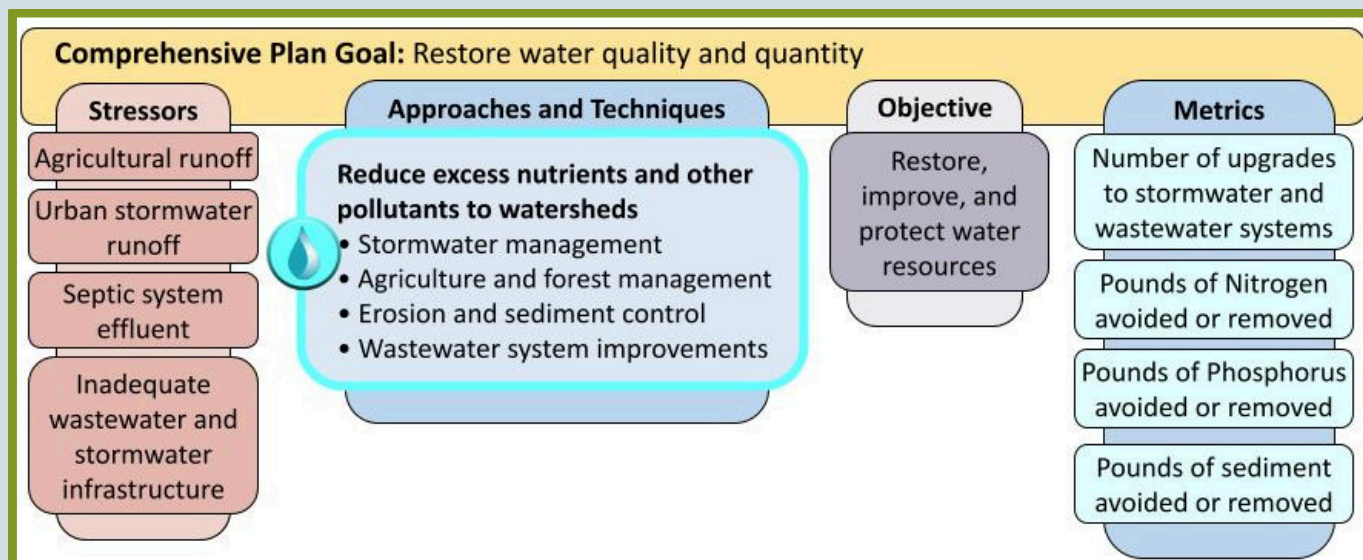
Florida Water Quality Improvement Program (Amending Existing Program)

The *Florida Water Quality Improvement program (WQIP)* was approved by the Council in FPL 3b, in 2021. The State of Florida is requesting \$45M of additional funding to continue this program. The WQIP supports the primary RESTORE Comprehensive Plan goal of restoring water quality and quantity throughout the Florida Gulf Coast by underwriting a suite of linked, high-priority water quality improvement projects. Projects may include stormwater treatment, wastewater treatment enhancements, sediment reduction and land acquisition. Planning and implementation projects will be located in Florida watersheds that drain to the Gulf of America.

Program activities are intended to result in water quality restoration with anticipated environmental benefits that include fewer algal blooms, fish kills, beach closures, fish and shellfish consumption restrictions, as well as healthier seagrass and other submerged aquatic vegetation and wildlife habitat, and improved recreational opportunities/experiences. The WQIP framework allows for administration of project funding to target projects that deliver cumulative benefits to the Gulf of America and link environmental benefits between WQIP projects and other restoration projects in a watershed or region. The program duration is 7 years.

Program at a Glance

The *Florida Water Quality Improvement Program* applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the primary objective, to *Restore, improve, and protect water resources*, stressors such as agricultural and urban stormwater runoff as well as septic system effluent (i.e., waste) will be addressed using the *Stormwater management, Erosion and sediment control, and Agriculture and forest management* techniques, while inadequate wastewater and stormwater infrastructure will be addressed using the *Wastewater system improvements* technique. Success using *Stormwater management, Erosion and sediment control, and Agriculture and forest management* to *Restore, improve, and protect water resources* may be tracked using pounds of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment avoided or removed as metrics, while success of wastewater system improvements may be tracked using the number of upgrades to stormwater and wastewater systems.



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November 20 - 11:59 PM MT January 2, 2026

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