The following information is provided by

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- It is recommended that the Conservation Element of the CDMP be strengthened to better protect publicly owned wetlands by prohibiting any further dredging or filling of publicly owned wetlands outside the UDB except in cases where extreme hardship would be caused and where all state and federal wetland regulatory requirements are met.
- It is recommended that the Conservation Element of the CDMP be strengthened by requiring all dredging or filling of wetlands located on the CDMP wetlands of regional signifiance map to be fully mitigated within the same basin as impacted.
- It is recommended that the County declare all areas needed for the BBSEER project and that are located outside of the UDB, as defined by the Army Corps of Engineers project tentatively selected plan, as areas of Critical Environmental Concern under Chapter 33B of the County Code.
- It is recommended that the County amend the CDMP to facilitate the Army Corps BBSEER project by incorporating language to: 1) prioritize the use of undeveloped county owned parcels and other government owned parcels within the footprint of proposed BBSEER project features for the construction and operation of this CERP project, 2) modify/update any language that is inconsistent with the implementation of the BBSEER project, and 3) add policy language to address Miami-Dade County's historical position to certify county owned lands needed for CERP to the South Florida Water Management District and/or the Army Corps of Engineers.