

Project Fact Sheet Polk Swamp (Section 206 CAP) Dorchester County, SC P2#: 402953

Congressional District: James Clyburn (SC-06)

Appropriation:	Construction
Phase:	Design and Implementation
Business Line:	Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (CAP Section 206)

AUTHORITY

Section 206, Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended

LOCATION

Polk Swamp is located west of the Town of St. George, Dorchester County, SC. St. George is located approximately 50 miles northwest of Charleston, SC.

DESCRIPTION

The project is in Dorchester County. The purpose of the project is Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration and is intended to restore the historical channel and flow regimes to restore the natural aquatic ecosystem. Degradation of the natural aquatic ecosystem in Polk Swamp is characterized by loss of bottomland hardwood trees, defined stream channels, tree canopy (which provide shade and contribute to diversity of habitat types), an explosion of invasive aquatic species, persistent flooding of areas that were only occasionally inundated in the past, and a significant increase in stagnant water during non-flood periods.

STATUS

As of <u>March 2024November 2023</u> — The Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) was signed in February 2023<u>and</u> — <u>e</u>Engineering and design <u>activities commencedstarted</u> in March 2023. Real estate acquisition is <u>scheduled to commencedbegan</u> in January 2024 and is <u>ongoing</u> December 2023. The initial construction contract award is anticipated by <u>early fall 20242025</u> pending 100% real estate acquisitions by the sponsor.

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