

Federal and State Agency Wetland Program Contacts



Florida NRCS and the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), through a Local Operating Agreement, have agreed to jointly coordinate wetland determinations and compliance requirements where possible for USDA program participants with lands subject to both Food Security Act and Clean Water Act regulations. Although not a policy requirement, it is prudent to coordinate with the appropriate state Water Management District (WMD) when assisting a client in an action that may have a negative wetland impact, or when processing a Food Security Act wetland violation. This prevents unnecessary regulatory problems for the client and the involved agencies at the time of the impact and in the future. The WMDs regulate wetland impacts via their respective Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) programs. Regulatory program contact information for the WMDs can be found at <http://flwaterpermits.com/>.

Other state and federal agencies that NRCS occasionally needs to coordinate with on project-specific wetland issues include the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Additionally, some counties and municipalities have their own wetland protection policies that may be more stringent than state and/or federal law. NRCS staff must be aware of these local policies.

Contact information for COE and Water Management District staff, as well as the other agencies mentioned above, can be found by viewing their respective geographic jurisdiction maps in Section I (C) 1. By clicking on "Where We Are" on the Jacksonville District regulatory program website (<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/regulatory/index.htm>) and then clicking on the regulatory office you are interested in, COE staff responsible for each county covered by that office will be listed along with address, phone and email contact information. Clicking on the Branch Office name will provide a map showing which Regulatory Offices cover which counties within the Branch Office area.