

Keystone Road Wetland Impact Compensation:

To offset parts of the wetland impacts from the Keystone Road project, mitigation in the form of off-site wetland creation is proposed within the Brooker Creek Preserve, at a site owned by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The 33-acre site had been previously utilized as a clay disposal site and re-graded at original elevation. Parts of the site have already been utilized for mitigation purposes by other entities and 16 acres have been designed to mitigate for some impacts from the Keystone Road project and impacts associated with Pinellas County Public Works future projects. Out of the 16-acre mitigation site designed by Ayres Associates at the Brooker Creek Site, only 1.26 acres of forested wetlands, 1.26 acres of forested upland buffer, and an access dirt road (1.47 acres) will be constructed.

This creation will offset impacts to wetlands associated with the Keystone Road project in the Tampa Bay Drainage Basin (0.51 acres of forested wetlands). Wetland impacts occurring in the Upper Coastal Drainage Basin (6.86 acres of forested wetlands) will be mitigated for at the proposed floodplain compensation site and at the Mariner's Point Site