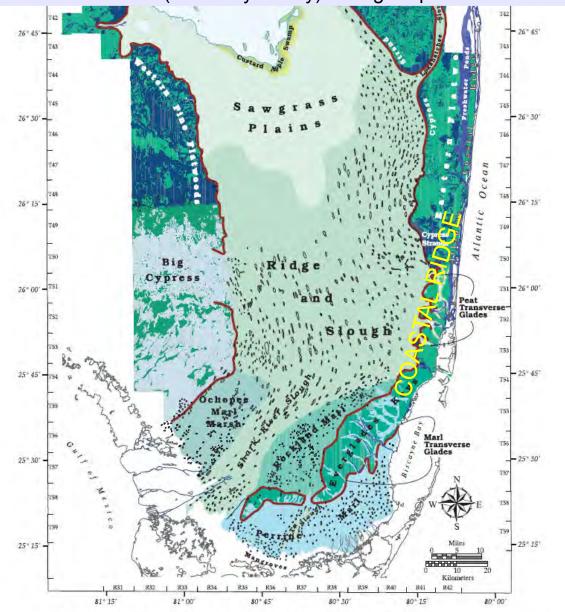
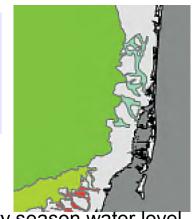


Figure 10.2. Little River in the 1890s. The Little River was described in January 1841 during a canoe expedition: "After passing up the bay seven miles, they entered the mouth of Little River, a tortuous and extremely rapid outlet from the Everglades, where they struggled against the current until after midnight, when they reached their first resting-place—the site of an old plantation—where they landed" (Brooks 1880, p. 246). Non-native coconut trees shown indicate a place of settlement. Photograph by Ralph M. Munroe, Ralph M. Munroe Collection, used by permission of the Historical Museum of Southern Florida.

Before the Everglades were drained at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, they mostly contained very shallow water dammed in by the Coastal Ridge. Water flowed into the Coastal Ridge through extensions of the Everglades called tranverse glades, and then down to the coast (or Biscayne Bay) through rapids.





Dry season water level in Everglades 0-1 feet deep (green area), 1-1.5 ft deep in transverse glade in west side of what is now El Portal



Wet season water level in Everglades 2-3 feet deep (blue area), about 5-6 ft above sea level.

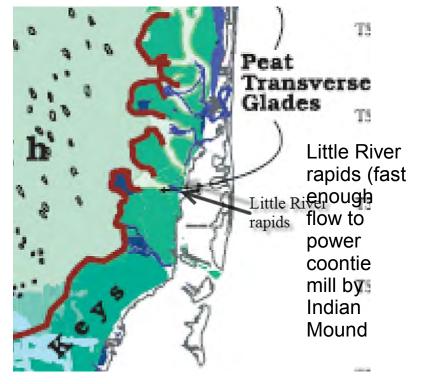
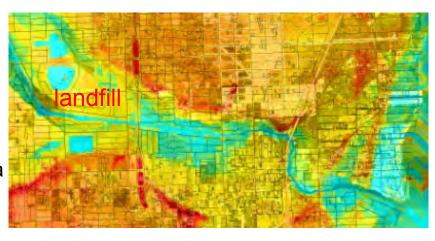


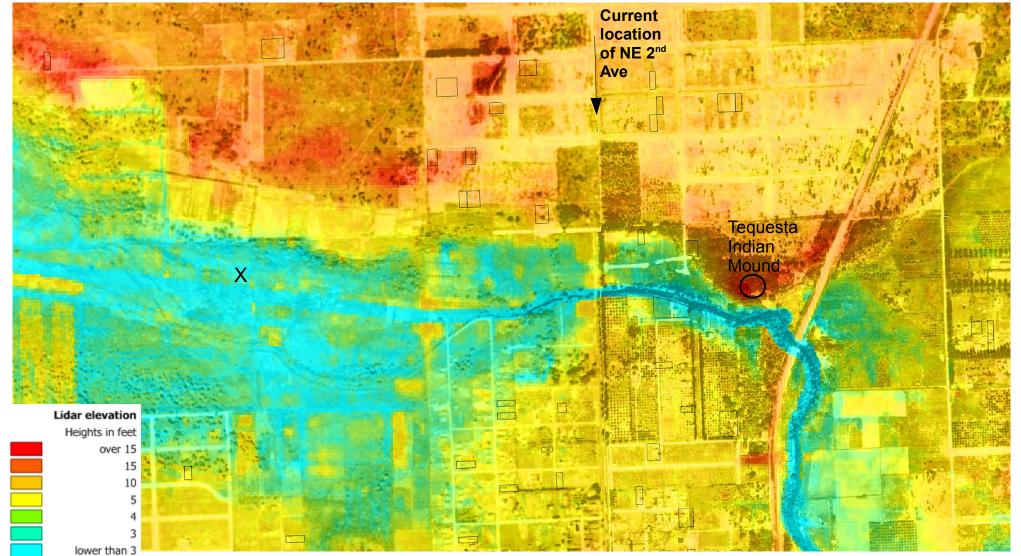
Plate 5. Landscapes of the predrainage Everglades and bordering areas, ca. 1850. Source: This study.

Source: McVoy, Christopher W., Winifred Park Said, Jayantha Obeysekera, Joel Van Arman, and Thomas Dreschel. 2011. *Landscapes and* Hydrology of the Predrainage Everglades. University Press of Florida.

Colors show current elevation in feet from lidar mapping. NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave marks the end of what was the transverse glade to the west and the beginning of the Little River rapids. The elevation of what was the the transverse glade has lowered due subsidence of peat that was the base of the transverse glade. Where NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave is now in predrainage times water went through a narrow passage in the coastal ridge and then began a 4-5 ft drop to sea level, most of it in a distance of about one mile.

Background map is 1924 aerial photo. Rectangles show parcels that have a structure with a year-built date of 1924 or earlier.





This shows the same elevation map but with a 1928 aerial photo, taken two years after the 1926 hurricane. The C-7 canal has been dug and built up to NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Streets have gone in to Sherwood Forest but that development went bankrupt in the depression that was soon to follow. Rectangles show parcels that have a structure with a year-built date of 1928 or earlier. El Portal Village was later incorporated in 1937.

Damage from the 1926 hurricane in what is now El Portal was not much compared to islands like Miami Beach (photo of Haulover bridge with all the land around it washed away).





# Discussion of possible history project for interested residents – see www.worldmountain.com/elportalcensus

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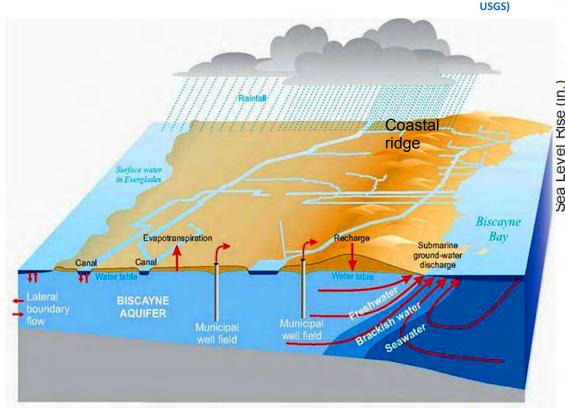
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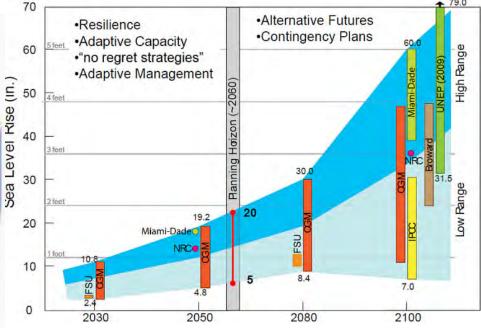
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Schematic diagram of the hydrological cycle in Southeast Florida. Southeast Florida receives approximately 60 inches of year

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