Straub Park, St. Petersburg, Florida
TRACKING PROGRESS TOWARD SEAGRASS RECOVERY GOAL

![Graph showing seagrass area (x1,000 acres) from 1950 to 2001.](image)
There are currently 28 estuaries in the program, representing 17 states and Puerto Rico.
The Estuary Program partners adopted *Charting the Course*, the master plan for bay restoration, in the spring of 1997.

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Tampa Bay Estuary Interlocal Agreement

Estuary Program Partners pledge to achieve the bay restoration and protection goals in the bay masterplan.

A commitment by each partner to develop and implement a local action plan is the heart of the agreement.
A Watershed Approach

The Bay itself covers almost 400 square miles. Its watershed encompasses an area six times that large.
Watershed Management Approach for Tampa Bay

- Assemble stakeholders
- Identify priority problems
- Characterize problems and causes
- Establish measurable and achievable goals
- Develop action plans to address priorities
Watershed Management Approach for Tampa Bay (Cont’d.)

• Educate and involve public
• Adopt agreement to implement CCMP
• Monitor results and adapt as needed
• Provide “reasonable assurance” that nitrogen standards will be met
Staying on Course

- Sustaining old partnerships and creating new ones
- Extending reasonable assurance into the watershed
- Tracking implementation of the CCMP
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