

**Peace River Manasota**  
Regional Water Supply Authority

## Facility Expansion Fact Sheet



Shown above is the Peace River Facility in April 2007. The Authority is preparing to double the capacity of the facility.

### Mission Statement

To provide the region with a sufficient, high-quality, safe drinking water supply that is reliable, sustainable and protective of our natural resources now and into the future.

## Background

The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority develops, stores, treats and delivers water for municipal supply to our member governments of Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties and to the City of North Port. Water use in this rapidly growing region of Southwest Florida is projected to grow significantly over the next 20 years, and the Peace River is a significant regional resource available to meet the additional drinking water needs. The Authority's Peace River Facility is being expanded to deliver 32.7 million gallons per day to meet the increasing water use.

## Additional Capacity

The Authority developed the Regional Expansion Program to produce and deliver the necessary water supply to meet the increased needs of the region. This is the second expansion project in the last eight years designed to integrate and expand resources to meet growing customer needs.

The Regional Expansion Program will strengthen the Authority's existing facilities in DeSoto County to allow the capture of more water during seasonal high-flow periods. The program includes an expansion to the facility, essentially doubling its capacity to 48 million gallons per day at a construction cost of about \$75 million. Together with the Regional Reservoir, this project will provide a sustainable water supply by developing a system that harvests high flows from the Peace River during the wet season and stores it for use later in drier periods.

## Timeline

The Peace River Facility Expansion is scheduled to produce drinking water by February 2009 and will provide a reliable, secure water supply for the region into the future.

## Partners

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is providing grant funding in excess of \$50 million for the Regional Expansion Program, of which the Peace River Facility is an integral part.

Peace River Facility Expansion Facts	
<b>Total Production Capacity:</b>	48 million gallons per day
<b>Amount of Concrete Needed:</b>	12,000 cubic yards
<b>Weight of Reinforcing Steel Used:</b>	1,500 tons
<b>Miles of Piping:</b>	7 miles

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.regionalwater.org](http://www.regionalwater.org). To submit questions or comments on the Regional Expansion Program, contact us at [Questions@regionalwater.org](mailto:Questions@regionalwater.org).

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