



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **SFWMD Marks Completion of Project to Revitalize Lake Trafford** *Muck removal improved water quality and the lake ecosystem*



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**WHAT:** Join the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and its partners to mark the completion of a project to restore Lake Trafford, the largest freshwater lake in Southwest Florida, and improve water quality in the region.

The dredging project removed 6 million cubic yards of muck from the lake bottom, helping to restore the lake's health and revitalize local marshes and swamps. The restoration was an excellent example of local citizens, public agencies and private organizations working together to restore a precious resource.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 12, 2011

**TIME:** 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Parking at Lake Trafford Elementary School  
3500 Lake Trafford Road  
Immokalee, FL 34142  
Shuttles to the event site at Ann Olesky Park start at 10:00 a.m.

**WHO:** Invited speakers include State Sen. Garrett Richter, State Rep. Matt Hudson, SFWMD Governing Board member and Big Cypress Basin Board Chairman Charles Dauray, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Commissioner Ron Bergeron, Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta and SFWMD Big Cypress Basin Service Center Director Clarence Tears.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Fort Myers: Take S.R. 82 East to S.R. 29, and turn right onto S.R. 29. Travel approximately 3 miles, and turn right on Lake Trafford Road. Travel approximately 3 miles to the elementary school parking area on the right.

From Naples/I-75: Take the Immokalee Road (C.R. 846) exit, travel east approximately 25 miles to Immokalee, and turn left on West Main Street (S.R. 29 N.). Travel approximately 2 miles, and turn left on Lake Trafford Road. Travel approximately 3 miles to the elementary school parking area on the right.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*