



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **SFWMD to Hold Public Workshop on Land Assessment**

*Public invited to provide input on agency lands in the Upper Lakes Assessment Region*

**WHAT:** As part of its comprehensive land assessment, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will hold a public workshop to provide information on the assessment process and receive input on fee-owned lands in the Upper Lakes region. The first of five regions that will be evaluated during the assessment process, the Upper Lakes region includes [four SFWMD project areas](#) in Orange, Osceola and Polk counties.

The purpose of the land assessment is to ensure that each parcel owned by the District supports the agency's core mission of balancing and improving flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply. The first phase of the assessment is a review of 750,000 acres of fee-owned lands – properties in which the agency has full ownership rights. This phase is scheduled for completion by mid-2013.

The District is committed to making the land assessment transparent and providing multiple opportunities for public involvement. Comprehensive information, including detailed land portfolios, fact sheets and an online public comment form, is available at [www.sfwmd.gov/landassessment](http://www.sfwmd.gov/landassessment).

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013

**TIME:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** SFWMD St. Cloud Field Station  
3800 Old Canoe Creek Road  
St. Cloud, FL 34769

**WHO:** The SFWMD Land Assessment Team will meet with the public to discuss the assessment process and receive comments on District properties in the Upper Lakes region.

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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.*