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Miami-Dade, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project Begins

Deering Estate Flow-way represents key step toward improving freshwater flows



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WHAT:

Join the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in celebrating the start of a project to improve freshwater flows into Biscayne Bay and enhance the surrounding coastal wetlands. The Deering Estate Flow-way is part of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project, a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). When complete, this Phase 1 element will redistribute excess freshwater runoff, directing it away from existing canal discharges and spreading it out as sheetflow into Biscayne Bay.

The result will be revitalized coastal wetlands and a more natural overland flow of water that will more closely mimic historical conditions.

WHEN: Friday, May 7, 2010

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 S.W. 72nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33157

WHO: SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Eric Buermann, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Commander, Jacksonville District, Col. Alfred A. Pantano Jr., Biscayne National Park Superintendent Mark Lewis, U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, State Representative Julio Robaina, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Village of Palmetto Bay Mayor Eugene P. Flinn Jr.

DIRECTIONS:

Travel Florida's Turnpike south to Exit 47. Take Turnpike Homestead Extension South approximately 30 miles to Exit 16. From exit ramp, go straight on S.W. 117th Avenue past traffic light. Make left at second traffic light onto 152nd Street (Coral Reef Drive). Travel east approximately 5 miles. Make right onto Old Cutler Road. Make left onto 168th Street at traffic light and travel east one block. Parking is available at Visitors Center or along street just past visitor's lot.

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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.