



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Wellington to Open Preserve at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat**

*The project partnership with SFWMD melds water quality improvement, flood protection and recreation*



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**WHAT:** Completing a partnership with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the City of Wellington is set to officially open an Everglades restoration project that is improving water quality in the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and providing increased flood protection for Palm Beach County residents.

In addition to ecosystem and flood control benefits at the newly named Wellington Environmental Preserve at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat, the city has created a host of new recreational opportunities, including pedestrian and horse trails, a boardwalk and an observation tower.

The SFWMD and the city received the 2009-2010 Outstanding Project of the Year Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for the effort to improve water quality and boost flood protection.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 12, 2010

**TIME:** 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** 3499 Flying Cow Road  
Wellington, FL 33414

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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.*