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Habitat for Humanity Home to Receive Florida Water Star Certification
East Stuart house will be first recognized by the SFWMD program in Martin County



WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will officially recognize a new East Stuart house built by Habitat for Humanity of Martin County as the first Florida Water Star-certified home in Martin County. The recognition will come during a dedication ceremony for the four-bedroom house, which is also the organization's second home certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition.

Created by the St. Johns River Water Management District and now being implemented in both South and Southwest Florida, Florida Water Star is a points-based certification program that saves water in homes through the use of water-efficient household appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes.

More information on Florida Water Star is available at www.floridawaterstar.com. For details on the SFWMD's Comprehensive

Water Conservation Program and water-saving tips, please visit www.savewaterfl.com.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 15, 2010

TIME: 4 p.m.

WHERE: 909 S.E. Bahama Ave.
Stuart, FL 34994

WHO: SFWMD water conservation staff and Habitat for Humanity volunteers will join homeowners Okeland and Sheila Shirley for the dedication of their new Florida Water Star-certified home.

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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.