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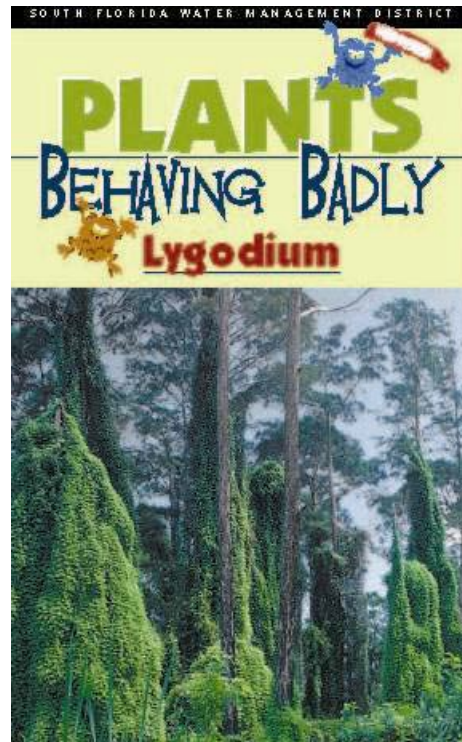
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**Partners Begin Construction of “Bug Nursery” to Control Invasive Plants**



**WHAT:** Join the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and a host of partners to mark the start of construction on a science facility for raising insects to help control invasive plant species.

The insects will be used as biocontrols to manage exotic plants such as melaleuca, *Lygodium* and Brazilian pepper. Controlling these invasive

species is critical to protecting South Florida's environment and the Everglades.

A sampling of biocontrols will be available at the event. Partners in the facility, including the U.S. Department of the Interior and the University of Florida, will also be in attendance.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011

**TIME:** 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** **USDA Agricultural Research Service**  
Invasive Plant Research Laboratory  
3205 College Ave.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314  
[Click here for directions.](#)

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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.*