



Public Use on SFWMD Stormwater Treatment Areas

Long-Term Plan
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Public Use On STAs

Public Use on District Lands

- Why have Public Use?
- Policy and Rules
- Recreation Partnerships
- STA Activities
- A1 FEB Status



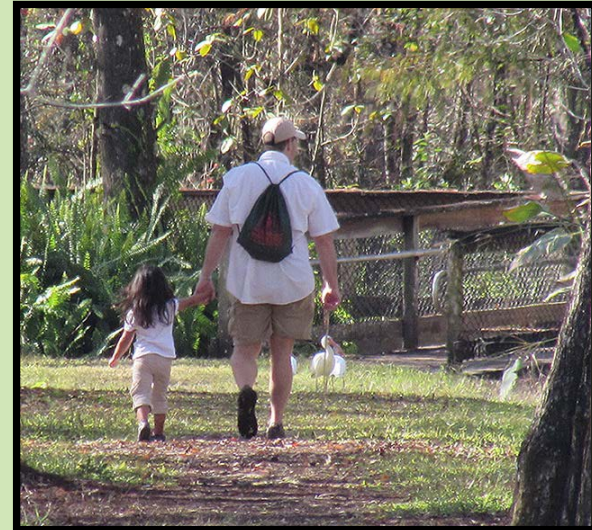
Public Use Program Background Information

Why Have Public Use?

- 373.4592 “the district shall allow these areas to be used by the public for recreational purposes... unless such uses are incompatible with the restoration goals of the Everglades Construction Project..”

- SFWMD created

- Public Use Policy
- Public Use Rules



Public Use Program Background Information

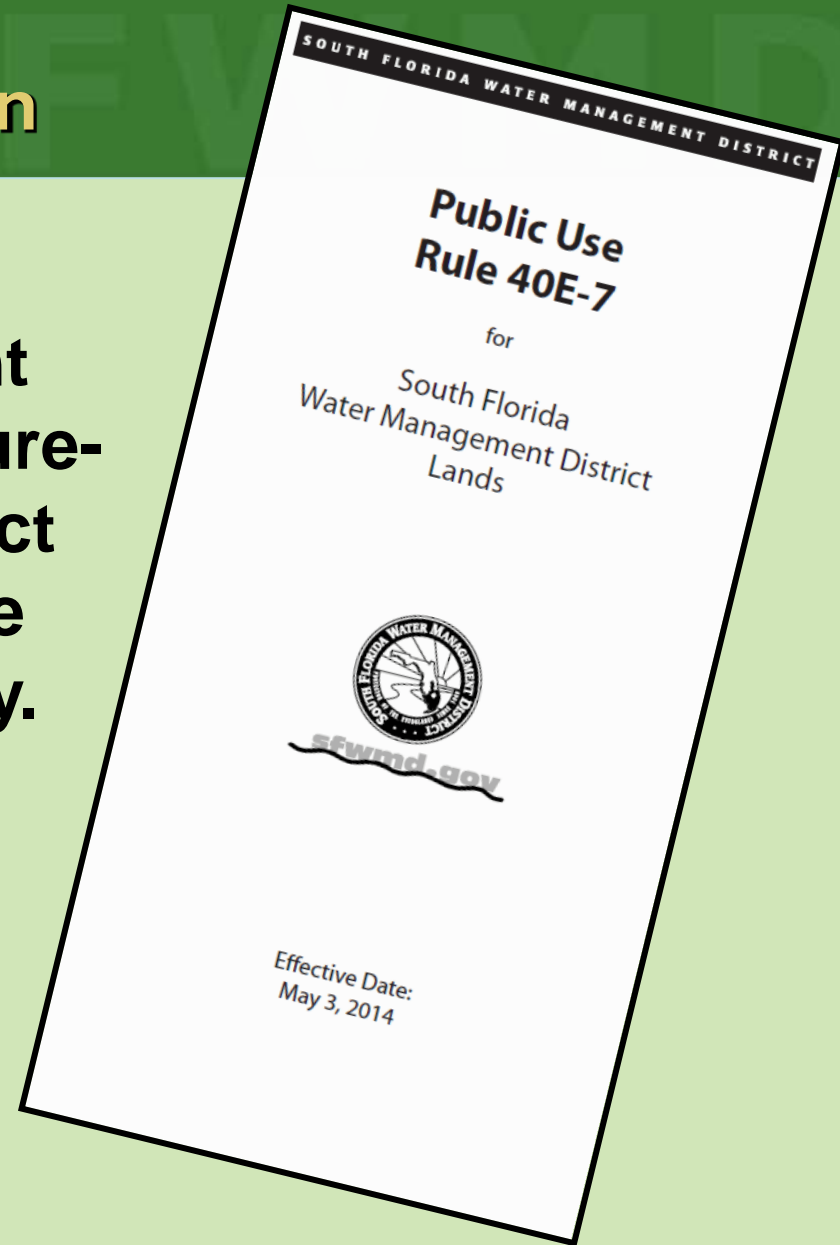
Public Use Policy

- Public Participation
 - WRAC Recreation Issues Meetings
- Project Purposes First
 - Different rules for different types of lands
- Project Planning and Construction
 - Incorporate recreation facilities



Public Use Program Background Information

- **Public Use Rule 40E-7**
 - Rules provide commitment for public access and nature-based recreation on District lands consistent with state statutes and District policy.
 - Types of Land include:
 - Conservation
 - Interim
 - Right of Way
 - Project Lands



Public Use on STAs

- **Project / Constructed Wetlands Stormwater Treatment Areas**



Public Use Program Partnerships

- **Audubon Society- Cooperative guided bird-watching tours on the STAs.**

- 1st Audubon tour in 2005 at STA 5, now 3 Chapters leading over 65 tours with 1,600+ participants at 3 STAs, 1E, 2, and 5,

- **Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission**

- Manage waterfowl & alligator hunting and enforce public use rules



Public Use Program Partnerships

- **Waterfowl Hunting
for
Disabled hunters**



Public Use Program Partnerships

- FWC and Wounded Warrior Outdoors



Public Use Program Partnerships

- Florida Trail Association
- STA 5



STA 1E – Palm Beach County

- Public access, open an “extended weekend” F, S, S, M
- Daylight hours
- Fishing in exterior canals
- Audubon bird watching tours



STA 1W – Palm Beach County

- Public access, open an “extended weekend” F, S, S, M
- Daylight hours
- FWC waterfowl and alligator hunting
- Fishing in exterior canals



STA 2 – Palm Beach County

- **FWC waterfowl and alligator hunting**
- **Youth & wounded warrior alligator Hunting**
- **Audubon bird watching tours**
- **Access to WCA 2A**



STA 3/4 – Palm Beach County

- Public access, open an “extended weekend” F, S, S, M
- Daylight hours
- Boat Ramp 7 days, daylight hours
- Fishing exterior canals
- FWC waterfowl and alligator hunting



STA 5 – Hendry County

- Public access, open an “extended weekend” F, S, S, M
- daylight hours
- FWC waterfowl and alligator hunting
- Audubon bird watching tours



Public Use Program Future Opportunities

- A-1 FEB Future Recreation
- Evaluate Types of Activities
- Develop Facilities Site



Thank You

