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SFWMD, Partners to Build Rain Garden for Earth Day Project *Garden will help improve local water quality in Naples*

WHAT: In support of Earth Day, Big Cypress Basin Service Center, the local arm of the South Florida Water Management District, is partnering with the Water Symposium of Florida and the City of Naples to help build a rain garden.

Service center staff will be assisting with the construction and installation of the rain garden, which is comprised of native flowering vegetation that will capture stormwater runoff. The garden will help improve the quality of water bound for Venetian Bay and the Gulf of Mexico by intercepting runoff and filtering out nutrients and other pollutants.

WHEN: Saturday, April 10, 2010

TIME: Noon - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: 500 Park Shore Drive
Naples, FL 34103

WHO: Staff from the Big Cypress Basin Service Center will be working with the Water Symposium of Florida, Naples High School students and others.

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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.