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SFWMD to Plant Hundreds of Trees to Enhance Wildlife Habitat

Dry weather creates opportunity to plant along the shore of Lake Istokpoga



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WHAT: Dry conditions have created an opportunity for the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to plant native trees in areas strategically located along the shore of Lake Istokpoga to benefit wildlife habitat.

Approximately 600, 6 to 14-foot tall trees will be planted as part of a larger effort to enhance wading bird habitat with 6,000 trees in the Istokpoga region and on an island in Lake Okeechobee.

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, 2011

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Windy Point Boat Ramp
Boat Ramp Rd.
Lake Placid, FL 33852
[Click here for a map.](#)

RSVP: Contact Gabe Margasak at 561-670-1245 or gmargasa@sfwmd.gov.

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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.