

## Canal 18 Restoration-Revegetation Program

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### History

Since the construction of the C-18 Canal in the late '50s, growth and development pressures have contributed to change in the North County area. With this change, the District continues to evaluate and adjust management options for the C-18 Canal. In January of 1987, the District created the C-18 Advisory Committee with a membership consisting of adjacent homeowners associations, Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation, the Audubon Society and the Department of Environmental Protection.

In May 1987 the District's Governing Board authorized the committee to secure a study, by the University of Florida, of the C-18 Canal and its adjacent right-of-way from the #S-46 structure east to the Loxahatchee River Road bridge. This study, released in May 1988, helped to identify goals and objectives; outlined concerns by the committee and reviewed the environmental relationship of the C-18 to the Loxahatchee River.

Following the completion of the University study, the staff of the District examined alternatives and prepared a conceptual revegetation plan.

The Governing Board on March 9, 1989, adopted the conceptual management plan and authorized rulemaking for the C-18 revegetation study.

The District staff formulated a rule to help identify land uses and actions that are consistent with the revegetation plan. This rule helps adjacent residents or groups to design revegetation projects and establishes a simplified permit procedure for projects that reflect the revegetation plan.

The Governing Board adopted the rule on December 14, 1989, as Chapter 40E-62, F.A.C., C-18 Canal Revegetation



Limestone Creek: (1940 Aerial Photograph)  
Before Canal 18 Construction