



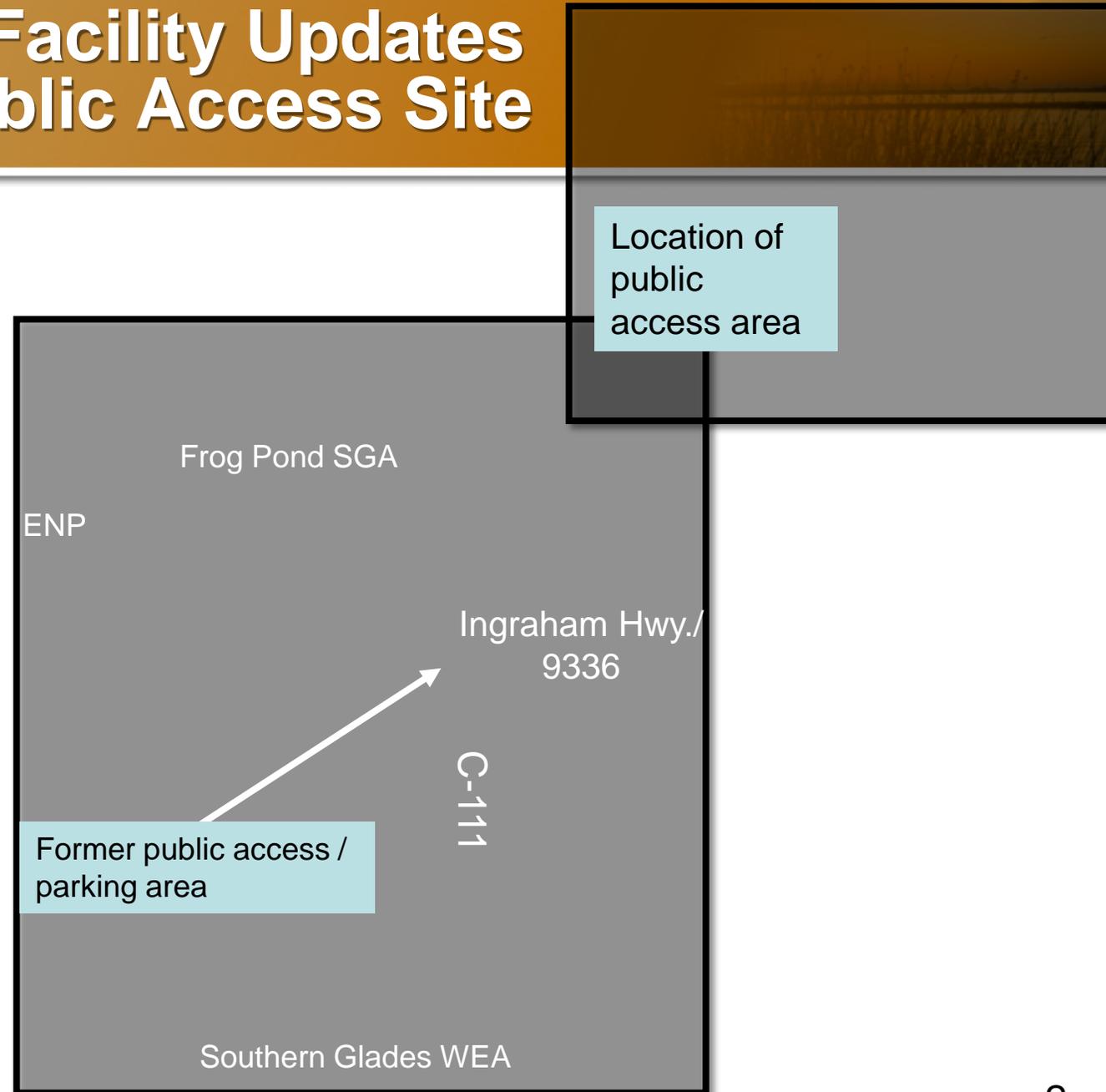
**Recreational Facility &  
Volunteer Project Updates**  
Recreational Forum  
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# Recreational Facility Updates Frog Pond Public Access Site

- **Background:**
  - Located in Miami-Dade County adjacent to the C-111.
  - In the past the District provided a public access parking area on the south side of Ingraham Hwy.
  - The parking area was no longer available due to the installation of the S-199 several years ago.





## Recreational Facility Updates Frog Pond Public Access Site

- The District is proposing to replace and construct a grass parking area on the north side of Ingraham Hwy.
- The parking area will provide public access to the area and greenway trail, including hiking, biking, horseback riding, and the Frog Pond FWC managed dove hunting area.





# Volunteer Program

- SFWMD Volunteer Program
  - Section 373.1391(3), Florida Statutes, encourages each District to use volunteers to provide land management and other services...
  - SFWMD welcomes volunteers to provide services and assistance with its mission.



Volunteer maintenance



Volunteer env. education

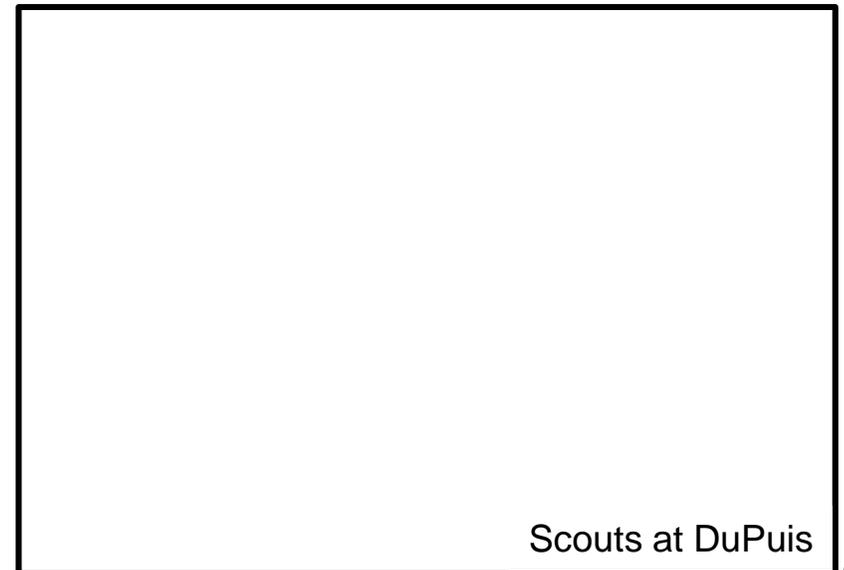


# Volunteer Program

- Types of Volunteer Opportunities on District Lands...
  - Group: Events or projects
    - Ex. plantings, litter and debris clean-ups, public use facility improvements...
  - Individual: On-going
    - Lead public tours, environmental education programs.
    - Trail and facility maintenance.
    - Field surveys and monitoring.
    - Campground hosts.



Volunteer cleanup on KR



Scouts at DuPuis



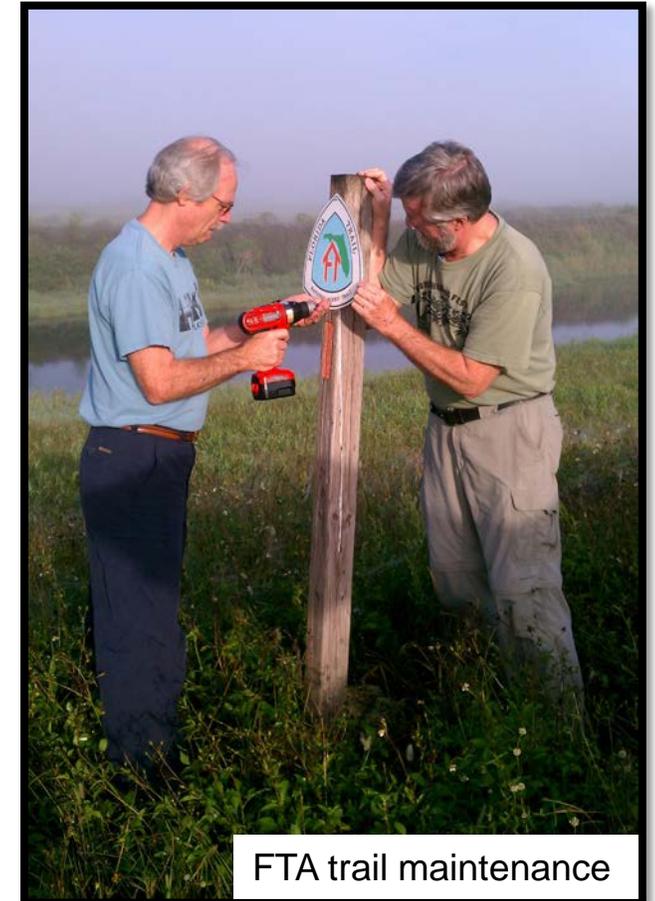
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## ➤ Benefits of Volunteering:

- Rewarding, and a meaningful way to contribute to the conservation of Florida's water resources and public lands!



Volunteers assembling picnic tables



FTA trail maintenance



# Volunteer Program

- Upcoming 2020 Volunteer Projects:
  - Install signage and remove old fence posts if needed along the Kissimmee River at Blanket Bay Slough.
  - Remove old fence posts and debris in the Upper Chain of Lakes at Rough Island.
  - Collect native hibiscus seeds by airboat along the Kissimmee River for plantings at the C-139 Restoration Project.



Volunteer waterway cleanup



# Volunteer Project Highlight

## ➤ Volunteer Project Background:

- New public use shelter requested to be built by volunteers located in Polk County within the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes (Rough Island West) on District lands.
- Prior to the project District staff and volunteers evaluated the existing “Cowboy Camp” that was located at the Rough Island West property. Structure was no longer functional and was removed.

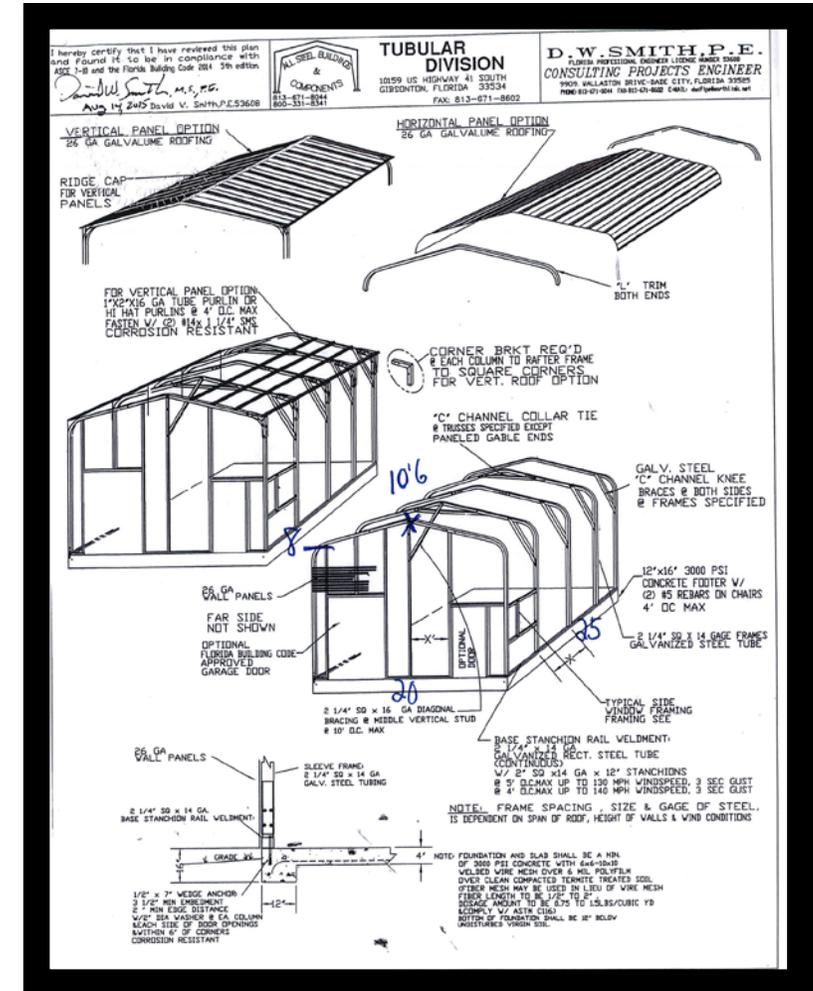




# Volunteer Project Highlight

## ➤ Volunteer Project Background:

- In early 2018 a volunteer project agreement was initiated with the Kissimmee River Valley Sportsmen's Association (KRVSA) to construct a public use shelter to be built where existing structure was removed.
- KRVSA supplied engineered designs of 20' x 25' shelter, permitting, and construction oversight.





# Volunteer Project Highlight

## ➤ Project included:

- Cleaning area of debris.
- Hauling materials to the project area.
- Installation of concrete slab.
- Construction of shelter.





# Volunteer Project Highlight

## ➤ Volunteer Project Costs:

- Equipment, tools & services: \$21,960
- Shelter & tables: \$ 4,600
- Volunteers- 560 hours \$13,462
  
- Total Project Cost: **\$40,022**



Finished shelter



# Volunteer Project Highlight

- Dedication of Shelter on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Over 90 people in attendance.
  - A Big Thank You to KRVSA & all the volunteers who participated in making this happen!





# THANK YOU!

## ➤ Interested in Volunteering for the District:

- Go to the District's website at:
- <https://www.sfwmd.gov/community-residents/volunteering>
- Participate in existing recreation organizations
- Contact Land Manager or District's Regional Representative
- Contact the District directly at:
  - 561-682-6640 or [bjkattel@sfwmd.gov](mailto:bjkattel@sfwmd.gov)

