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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PUBLIC INVITED TO WORKSHOP FOR BROWARD COUNTY WATER PRESERVE AREAS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The public is invited to attend a workshop for the Broward County Water Preserve Areas. The meeting is being held to present and receive public comments on the Draft Integrated Project Implementation Report (PIR) / Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the proposed Draft Operating Manual.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 18, 2006

6:30 p.m. Open House

7:00 p.m. Presentations followed by public comment

Where: Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33332

The purpose of the Broward County Water Preserve Areas project is to construct two above-ground impoundments and a wetland buffer strip to capture and store water, reducing the quantity of untreated runoff discharged into the natural system and seepage out of the natural system.

The project includes the following features: C-11 Impoundment, C-9 Impoundment and Stormwater Treatment Area (STA), and Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A/3B Levee Seepage Management.

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The impoundments and buffer areas will reduce underground water seepage from the WCA 3A/3B Seepage Management Area, provide groundwater recharge, provide adequate water supply to urban areas and prevent saltwater intrusion.

To view or receive a copy of the project documents, please visit the official website of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan at www.evergladesplan.org.

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