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SUBJECT: NORTHEAST EVERGLADES NATURAL AREA - RIVERBEND TO  
THE LOXAHATCHEE SLOUGH NATURAL AREA CONNECTOR  
TRAIL

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: (1) to let you know about plans to make the South Florida Water Management District C-18 /C-18 West canal maintenance road more attractive as a multi-use trail and (2) to solicit your ideas on trail enhancement where the canal runs behind properties in Jupiter Farms, Wind in the Pines and Caloosa.

The public currently uses the maintenance road for activities such as horseback riding, walking, jogging or bicycling. The canal roadway connects the County's Riverbend Park to the County's Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area. Enhancement plans include resurfacing a portion of the levee for bike travel and adding trailside amenities such as signage and shade shelters. This trail is a priority project of the Northeast Everglades Natural Area (NENA) program. Enclosed you will find a brochure describing the program, and information on this particular project. NENA staff will be available on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM, at Jupiter Community Center, 200 Military Trail, to answer questions and receive your comments and suggestions regarding the trail enhancement project.

If you have suggestions, but are unable to come on August 25, then please submit your comments to me via e-mail ([Schannon@pbcgov.org](mailto:Schannon@pbcgov.org)) or postal mail by September 8, 2010.

Sincerely,

Sally Channon, AICP  
NENA Implementation Coordinator

Enclosures

# Pântano Trail

Connecting *NENA Places*

## What Is NENA?

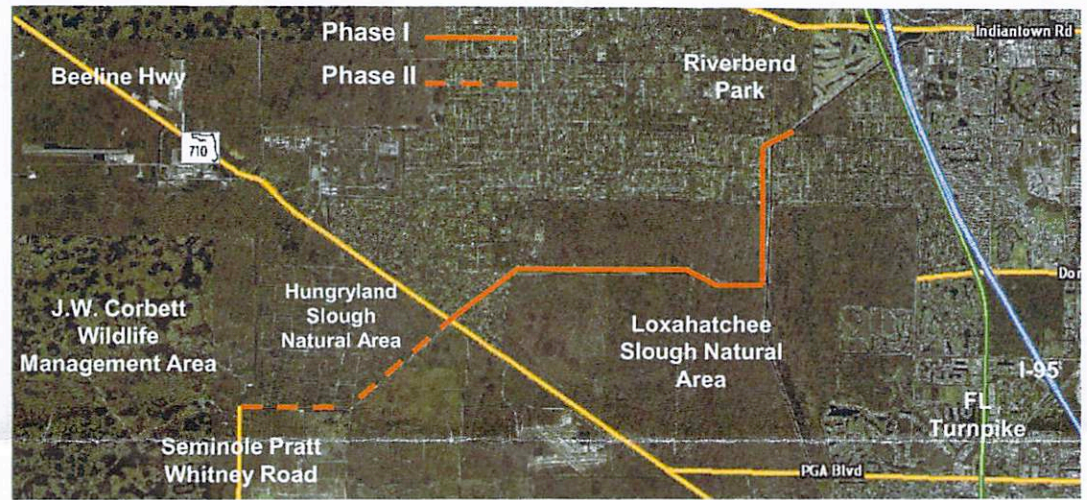
- The Northeast Everglades Natural Area (NENA) is a collection of conservation lands (165,000 acres) as well as activity and education centers in northern Palm Beach County and southern Martin County.
- NENA provides residents and visitors with a wide range of nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities.

## Pântano Trail

- 10-mile multi-use trail.
- Located along the C-18 Canal between Riverbend Park in Jupiter and J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area in Loxahatchee.

## Project Benefits

- Offers multi-user access to four conservation lands and visitor facilities: Riverbend Park, Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area, Hungryland Slough Natural Area, and J.W. Corbett WMA.
- Provides recreational opportunities such as wildlife viewing, bird watching and nature photography.



Existing management road will be improved along the C-18W Canal



White tailed deer in Hungryland Slough Natural Area



Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area

## Project Overview-Phase I

- Phase I of the Pântano Trail will be the third trail within the NENA footprint to be constructed in Palm Beach County.
- This phase extends 7 miles from Palm Beach County's Riverbend Park in Jupiter southwest through the Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area to Bee-Line Highway (SR710).
- The trail follows the levees of the C-18 and C-18W Canals to accommodate hiking, bicycling, and equestrian activities.
- Phase I project amenities include:
  - ✓ Improved surface for cyclists and hikers
  - ✓ Chickee shade shelter
  - ✓ Bike racks at trailheads to natural area trails
  - ✓ Informational kiosks and signage
  - ✓ Equestrian hand pump water well
- Phase I construction plans are currently being developed and funding sources are being finalized.
- Construction is expected to begin in 2011.

## Project Partners

Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Fund



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