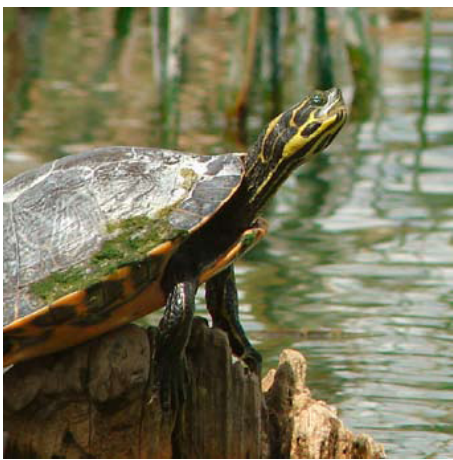


## **LAKE POINT** **RESTORATION**



Lake Point Restoration is a unique Public/Private Partnership with the South Florida Water Management District. Both entities will jointly manage this multi-purpose water resource project over the next 25 years. Due to its many environmental and community benefits, the Martin County Board of Commissioners and the South Florida Water Management District unanimously approved the project.

Treating water from Lake Okeechobee through natural means, the system is designed to improve water quality for downstream discharge. In short it takes unusable water from Lake O and turns it into a real resource. Run through the stormwater treatment area the water is naturally cleaned while creating quality habitat for wildlife.

Positioned on L-8 with installed water pumps and near existing infrastructure for Palm Beach Utilities, the location of the Lake Point Restoration project may provide unique opportunities for the use of the treated resource. With storage, cleaning and transportation available, this regional water resource project may be another tool for our regional water management challenges.

### **LEVERAGING OUR RESOURCES**

With private funding, this public interest project makes a valuable contribution to the Northeast Everglades management plan.

Lake Point Restoration is a designated “Water Resource Project” that will transform an aggregate donor site into a public interest project.

As part of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) Lake Point Restoration will improve the quality of water discharged to the St. Lucie River while minimizing saltwater intrusion into the Loxahatchee River

In addition to the 150 acres of “land trust” set aside to protect nature systems, the Project will create 1000 acres of lakes, 1200 acres of parks, wetlands for water storage and treatment.

Given the constraints of the available water resources and funding, it makes sense to explore leveraging the resources that we have—all of them.

# Original Proposal



# A Better Plan

