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## **Corps of Engineers hosts community meeting**

### ***Site 1 Impoundment (Fran Reich Preserve) nears construction start***

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District invites community members to attend an information meeting June 16. Corps staff will provide a project update on the Site 1 Impoundment Project (Fran Reich Preserve).

The Site 1 Impoundment Project, a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, will capture and store excess surface water runoff from the Hillsboro watershed as well as releases from the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Lake Okeechobee.

Located in the Hillsboro Canal Basin in southern Palm Beach County, the project will supplement water deliveries to the Hillsboro Canal by capturing and storing excess water currently discharged to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. These supplemental deliveries will reduce demands on the Loxahatchee refuge. The 1,660-acre impoundment will also provide groundwater recharge, reduce seepage from adjacent natural areas, and prevent saltwater intrusion by releasing impounded water back to the Hillsboro Canal when conditions dictate.

Project team members will host the community meeting June 16 at the Lakeside Terrace, 7880 Glades Road in Boca Raton. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on upcoming project milestones, including construction which is expected to begin this fall, and to give interested people an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the project team. Assistance for individuals with special needs or requests for translation service is available by calling (561) 683-1577, ext. 19.

For information about the community meeting, please contact Nanciann Regalado at (904) 334-8954 or [nanciann.e.regalado@usace.army.mil](mailto:nanciann.e.regalado@usace.army.mil). For additional project information, go to [www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org), click “projects” on the top right, and scroll down to Site 1 Impoundment.

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