

July 2006 Team of the Month

Rules for Public Access and Recreational Use of District Lands

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It took extraordinary team work and efforts in developing and drafting the new Rules for Public Access and Recreational Use of District Lands. This endeavor required considerable coordination, discussion and effort by a number of individuals in dealing with the myriad of land use and management issues in trying to establish and ensure a balance between public access, general public recreational purposes and restoration and protection of the natural state and condition of the land.

This team successfully initiated, coordinated and provided the needed substantive, technical and legal review to assure that the District's overall plan for public access and recreational use of District lands was consistent with policy directives and legal requirements while still being responsive to the requests from the public.

To accomplish this task, the team participated in numerous public meetings including public rulemaking workshops in Kissimmee, Ft. Myers, Dania Beach, Okeechobee and Miami. Additionally, many other public discussions and presentations were given to the Water Resources Advisory Board, the Land Resources Committee and Governing Board meetings to assure that the program and rules were being developed with as much participation from the public and to have ample discussion of the policy issues associated with the rules.