

25 Years Service Recognition  
Cordella Miessau, Geographer Technician 3  
Everglades Restoration Division

Cordella began her career at the District on March 7, 1985 as a Survey Aide in what was then the newly created Construction & Land Management Department. During her 14 years in the Survey & Mapping Division, she performed survey calculations, wrote legal descriptions, and mapped numerous projects such as C-4 East Coast Buffer, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, C-38 and the widening of the C-51 canal.

In June 1999, Cordella accepted a position in the Everglades Regulation Division where she currently maintains the database and creates maps for the C-139 and Non- Everglades Construction Project Basins. Creating GIS maps today is certainly a long way from where she started with pencil and ink pen drafting! Over the years, Cordella has fulfilled various GIS functions. She has participated in yearly GIS day activities, served twice as the GIS Users Group Co-Chair, and performed many roles to assist during emergency events, such as hurricanes and water shortages. Last February 2009, Cordella earned her GIS Professional Certification.

Cordella and her husband Rick, who was also recently recognized for his 25 years of service, do a significant amount of volunteer work. For almost a decade, they have served at a soup kitchen in Riviera Beach, helped build over a dozen Habitat for Humanity homes, and they are both Youth Group leaders at their church. Cordella and her husband have also organized numerous trips to Honduras where they work with orphaned, abused, and abandoned girls. Also, for the past 18 years, Cordella has participated in the Foster Angel Wish List Program which benefits the foster children of Palm Beach County.