

PROJECT: Sims Creek Enhancement - Exotic Plant Removal

PURPOSE/GOAL: Nuisance plant control.

PROJECT LOCATION: JID Headquarters Building Site

PROJECT STATUS: Ongoing.

DESCRIPTION:

The JID site is approximately 11.5 acres in size and was acquired by the District for the primary purpose of containing dredged material removed from the Loxahatchee River Central Embayment. The site also includes the JID Administration Building and the two-acre mangrove-spartina wetland created in 1998 with the cooperation of Palm Beach County ERM.

Approximately 1/3 of the remaining upland portion of the property was infested with Brazilian Pepper, Melaleuca, Earleaf Acacia, and Old-World Climbing Fern. In 2003, the JID contracted with Environmental Management and Engineering to manually remove the exotic vegetation materials, off-load the debris, and apply herbicide to the remaining stumps. The work represents the final stage in the JID's Sims Creek Enhancement Project and folds in nicely with one of the District's Loxahatchee River Management Plan's management options, "Nuisance Plant Control".