

PROJECT: Guidance to Waterfront Homeowners re: Dredging of Private Canals

PURPOSE/GOAL: To provide technical assistance to individuals and homeowners associations who wish to maintenance dredge adjacent canals

PROJECT LOCATION: Various

PROJECT STATUS: Ongoing

DESCRIPTION:

While Jupiter Inlet District enabling legislation is silent on the dredging of private canals, the JID Board of Commissioners has always made it a policy to limit its dredging to "the natural reaches" of the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries. The District has limited its consideration of the dredging of private canals to those instances when there is a compelling public interest. The most obvious case would be the pollution of the Loxahatchee River.

The JID Board of Commissioners has taken an alternative approach directing its staff to provide technical assistance to residents in obtaining the necessary permits from the review agencies.

HOMEOWNERS-DREDGING-CHECKLIST

- obtain an engineer
- review construction sketches and cost proposal
- spoil placement site may need to be determined, although given small amount contractor could be expected to haul it away.
- prepare and submit Joint Environmental Resource Permit (JERP) application with fee to DEP
- respond to agency Request for Additional Information (RAI) (assume 90-180 days for permit issuance)
- select contractor