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Florida Planning and Zoning Association
Surfcoast Chapter
Regional Forum

DeBary Bayou/Gemini Springs Restoration

In June 2020, the St. Johns River Water Management District began a pilot project in the DeBary Bayou located in Volusia County. The project involves the mechanical removal of nuisance and exotic vegetation. The project will improve the health of the DeBary Bayou also known as Gemini Springs Run and the associated wetlands through nutrient removal and increased water exchange between the marsh and the bayou, which flows from Gemini Springs and Mullet Lake to Lake Monroe.

This mechanical harvesting project will not only remove problematic vegetation but it also removes excess nutrients from the waterway. The outcome may help expand the District's vegetation management tools and could reduce the use of aquatic herbicides.

The event will include presentations by Brian Emanuel, SJRWMD Land Resources Chief and Sandra Gray, founding member of the Gemini Springs Alliance and former SJRWMD Board Member. A walking tour will follow the presentations.

Friday, October 23, 2020

11:00 am to 2:00 pm Registration begins at 10:30 am

The Spring House at Gemini Springs Park

Cost is \$25 for members/\$30 for non-members (Lunch Provided)



A District contractor uses an amphibious long-reach excavator to harvest nuisance plants at DeBary Bayou (left). District staff collect samples from an airboat (right). Photos courtesy of SJRWMD.

State Board Meeting
Saturday, October 24, 2020
9:00 am to Noon

Holiday Inn Express Conference Room
1330 Saxon Blvd., Orange City, FL 32763

Please note CDC Guidelines will be followed for the event. Masks required.
Visit the Surfcoast Chapter website for registration and event details- www.fpzasurfcoast.org