

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](#)

Additionally, because most canals serve as drainage easements, those residents living within the Town of Jupiter may wish to contact the Town of Jupiter Utilities Department in the hope of obtaining grant monies through its Stormwater System Grant Program. To view the necessary application forms and contacts:

[Town of Jupiter Stormwater-Utility](#)