

PROJECT: Educational Outreach

PURPOSE/GOAL: Educate public and increase awareness in the preservation and enhancement of Loxahatchee River

PROJECT LOCATION: Not applicable

PROJECT STATUS: Ongoing

DESCRIPTION:

The JID has several ongoing projects that encourage public involvement. Primary among these are public relations; school outreach; and a boater's guide.

An important aspect of enlisting public support is to inform and educate them to what the JID has done in regards to furthering the understanding of the Loxahatchee River and the JID's goals and objectives for management and preservation of the river. The JID strives to educate the public and enlist their support for the Loxahatchee River through its educational outreach program. Toward this end, the JID organizes periodic boat trips, which embark at Seasport Marina in Jupiter and make round trips to the Trapper Nelson Historical site. The trips afford the participants with a look at several sub-basins within the Loxahatchee Watershed, including coastal, the estuary, and the scenic segment of the Wild and Scenic corridor.

In addition, the JID has prepared and presented seminars to local schools. More specifically, the JID has provided financial support to the "Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy". To expand the JID's public education activities, an up-to-date Boater's Guide for the Loxahatchee River was prepared in 2004. In addition to providing bathymetry results within the estuary, the map delineates the presence of natural resources such as seagrass, manatee speed zones, and the location of marinas and other points of interest.