



## Loxahatchee River Environmental Center Exhibit Design Underway!

In September, Friends of the Loxahatchee River held a meeting featuring the new center and publicly showed their financial and operational support for this endeavor. Meanwhile, the Board of Directors for the Loxahatchee River District approved a contract with Living Color Enterprises, Inc. to begin the design process for all of the conceptual exhibits for the Loxahatchee River Environmental Center. That contract was executed during the week of November 6, 2006. This is the first step in the design / build process for the entire renovation. After the designs for all the exhibits are in place and approved, other necessary renovations, such as reinforcing the floors and plumbing, can be ad-

dressed. Budgetary quotes from general contractors and design fabricators are being evaluated. Fundraising is just getting underway and already South Florida Water Management District, the Town of Jupiter, and other organizations have committed to sponsoring exhibits. Additional opportunities for sponsoring exhibits, naming oppor-

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tunities, and general contributions by individuals and organizations are still available.



Exhibit 5—Wild & Scenic

### Featured Exhibit—Wild & Scenic River

The Wild & Scenic River will be one of the major exhibits featured in the new Loxahatchee River Environmental Center. Situated near the main reception area, it will be the first major exhibit to greet and engage visitors. This live,

750 gallon, aquatic exhibit will detail the three main zones of the wild and scenic river basin: wetlands, main river channel, and flood plain. The fabricated vegetation and birds will give a realistic overview of the key species found in

each zone, while live reptiles and fish will inhabit the flowing waters of this exhibit. Graphic panels and a video feature on flat panel monitor will explain the importance and function of wetland environments.

*“The Friends of the Loxahatchee River are excited to be part of this impressive effort. We are organizing an engaged volunteer corps and motivated donors to support this project.”*

**Paul S. Millar, President**  
**Friends of the Loxahatchee River**

- Special points of interest:**
- Building Lease—Palm Beach County is working with the Loxahatchee River District to finalize a lease for the building.
  - Staff have given presentations to local civic organizations such as the North Palm Beach Rotary Club and Palm Beach Gardens Women’s Club to generate interest and funding.
  - The Environmental Center has received exciting press coverage from the Palm Beach Post—Neighborhood Post and the Jupiter Courier.