

Preserving Nature by Design™

More than three decades ago, the Loxahatchee River District was created to serve our community while protecting the beautiful Loxahatchee River. Led by a publicly-elected Governing Board and a dedicated staff of engineers, biologists, planners, and educators that goal resounds today. We offer state of the art wastewater treatment facilities, innovative water recycling programs, extensive river research and monitoring, and environmental education -- all while maintaining some of the lowest wastewater service rates in the state.

The District has been recognized for excellence by the State of Florida and declared "Best in the Nation" by the Environmental Protection Agency. We have been and will always be guided by the mission to **preserve and protect the Loxahatchee River.**

Friends of the Loxahatchee River

In 1995, the District founded Friends of the Loxahatchee River with a mission to preserve the Loxahatchee River through environmental education, including internships and scholarships, research efforts on the river, and public involvement. Friends remains committed to that mission by providing internships, scholarships, and environmental education programs at the River Center. Monthly lectures and special events are hosted at the River Center.



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**Wastewater Treatment
and So Much More!**



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Wastewater Treatment Facility

Wastewater Solutions

The District's wastewater collection system has over 250 miles of gravity sewer lines, 430 low pressure pumping units, and 195 pumping stations that transport wastewater from homes and businesses to our treatment plant. This facility can treat up to 11 million gallons of wastewater per day! Over 85% of homes in our service area are now served by this regional facility, and we are working to develop sewer installation programs for the remaining neighborhoods located within our service area. Elimination of septic tanks within our service area, which pose a persistent threat to the environment and the river, is one of our ultimate goals.

Innovative Recycling

Each month, the Loxahatchee River District recycles nearly all of the wastewater it receives into valuable irrigation water for residential communities, public parks, stadiums, and golf courses. We continue to look for creative recycling initiatives, including our most recent endeavor to convert biosolids, a byproduct of wastewater treatment, into a commercial fertilizer.



Research and Monitoring

The WildPine Lab, a state-certified facility, monitors the District's daily operations and provides important river research, crucial for successful restoration and preservation initiatives. The WildPine Lab often partners with other environmental managers such as the South Florida Water Management District, Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative, Dept. of Environmental Protection, The Nature Conservancy, and NOAA.

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

The District partners with Busch Wildlife Sanctuary to provide a wildlife refuge on its property. Sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife are rehabilitated at an onsite animal hospital offering specialized care for animals. An educational program provides an opportunity for the community to learn about the importance of wildlife protection and habitat preservation.



The River Center

One of the Loxahatchee River District's most exciting outreach programs is the River Center. This striking environmental education center offers some of the largest aquatic displays in the area, teeming touch tanks and interactive exhibits. Guests experience a virtual exploration of the river, from the fresh water reaches to the marine coastal reefs. The River Center encourages people to learn more about the river and inspires them to engage in stewardship activities that offer insight into how our community consumes and recycles its natural resources.

