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> Lake Worth Drainage District Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary District has provided flood control and water supply since 1915

Delray Beach, FL – The Lake Worth Drainage District celebrates its 100th anniversary on June 15, 2015. The centennial year will be marked by the installation of the 100th Board of Supervisors at the June board meeting. A series of 12 video shorts depicting the history and development of the District is available for viewing on their website <u>www.lwdd.net</u>. Historical facts and photos will be shared on the District's Twitter and Facebook pages. A public open house is planned for later in the year.

Established in 1915 by the Florida Legislature, the District's mission was to reclaim the land within its boundaries. This mission has been modified over the century in order to meet the demands of the diverse urban and agricultural communities. Today, the District provides comprehensive flood control, water conservation and water supply protection to 13 municipalities and unincorporated Palm Beach County.

The District manages the surface water resources for much of southeastern Palm Beach County. Approximately 90 employees monitor and control a complex system of 500 miles of canals and 20 major water control structures.

(Photos of LWDD from early 1900's and today included on the second page.)

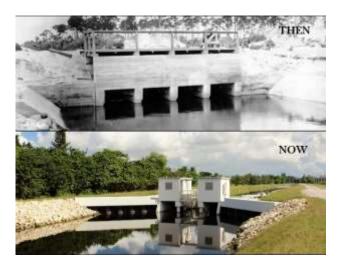
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The Lake Worth Drainage District is an independent special taxing district that manages the water resources and provides flood control for an estimated 700,000 residents and several thousand acres of agricultural land in southeastern Palm Beach County. For more information, visit <u>www.lwdd.net</u>

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Lake Worth Drainage District maintenance equipment



Lake Worth Drainage District water control structure



Old Boynton Road, Boynton Beach, Florida