

Bluegill Trail

Connecting *NENA* Places

What Is NENA?

- **NENA** is an outdoor destination bringing together over *165,000* acres of wild Florida lands and more than *12* different activity & education centers
- **NENA** provides a wide range of outdoor recreational activities from bird watching in an area open only to foot traffic to hunting in areas open to off-road vehicles.
- **NENA's** trail network offers access and connections to several different conservation lands while providing alternative routes for transportation.
- **NENA** is a working partnership with many different governmental and private organizations that manage the **NENA** places.

Where is the Trail?

- Bluegill Trail extends **9 miles** along the C-18 Canal from Riverbend Park in Jupiter to Grassy Waters Preserve in West Palm Beach.
- Phase 1 extends **5.5 miles** from Riverbend Park to Sandhill Crane Access Park on PGA Blvd.

Who's funding the Project?

- \$500K FDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds
- \$750K FDOT Florida Stimulus Scenic Enhancement Funds

Who Are the Partners?

- Palm Beach County
- South Florida Water Management District
- City of Palm Beach Gardens
- Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Florida Department of Transportation



Status

*Phase 1 Construction
Scheduled for 2010*

Unimproved canal bank currently **OPEN** to equestrians and pedestrians

Bicycle access designation coming soon!

Project Features Phase 1

- Total **5.5 miles** of hardened bicycle and pedestrian trail
- Chickee shade shelter and other amenities
- Shared-use access for equestrians, bicycles and pedestrians
- Educational kiosks and signs
- Newly constructed bridge over the C-18 Canal into Riverbend Park

Project Benefits

- Provides transportation route from Jupiter to Palm Beach Gardens
- Offers multi-user access to the Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area, Riverbend Park, and Sandhill Crane Access Park
- Presents excellent wildlife viewing into the Loxahatchee Slough marshes and along the C-18 Canal

