



Snook Islands Natural Area

Public Use Facilities

A Lake Worth Lagoon Restoration Project

Lake Worth Lagoon

- Largest estuary in Palm Beach County.
- 20 miles long, stretching from North Palm Beach to Ocean Ridge.
- Separated from the ocean by Singer Island and Palm Beach Island.
- Two permanent, man-made inlets.

Project Location

- Within the City of Lake Worth, immediately north of the Lake Worth Bridge.

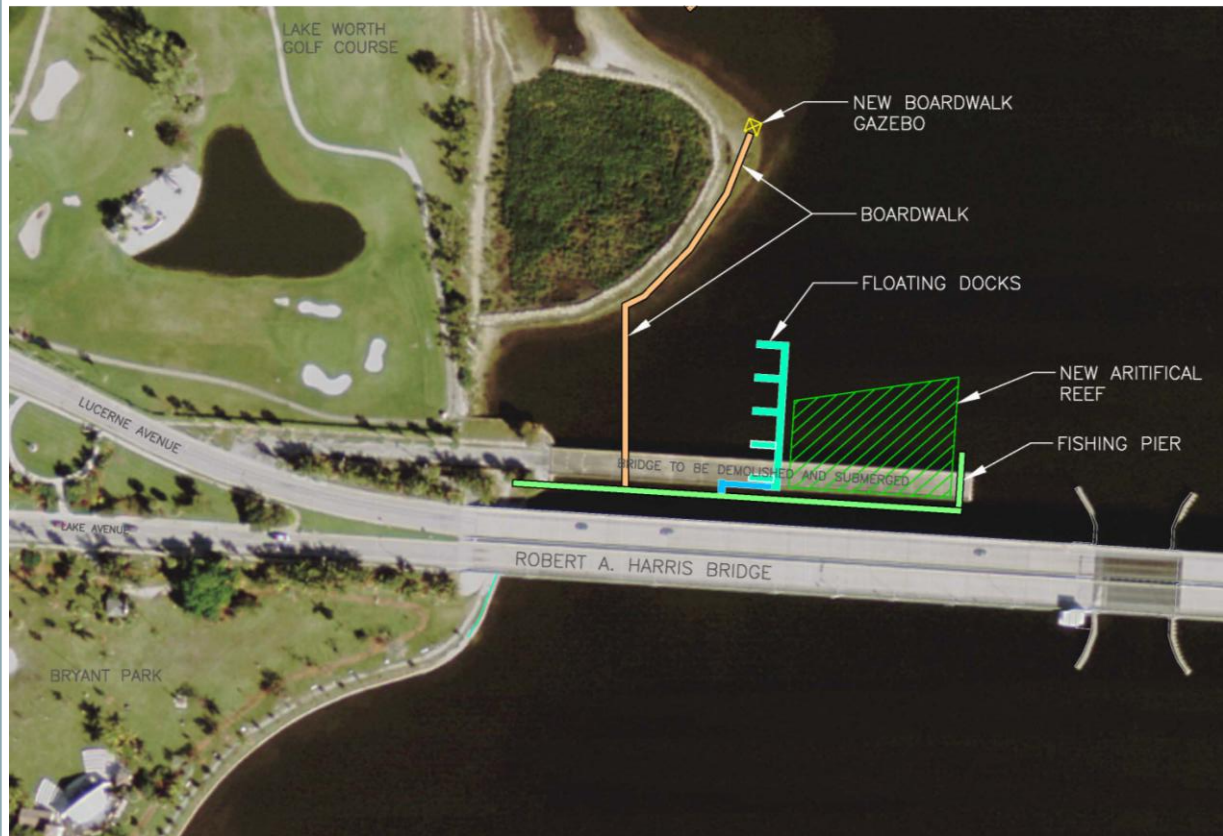
Continuation of an Earlier Restoration Project

- Project will complement the 100 acre Snook Island Natural Area Restoration Project completed in 2005.
- Snook Island consists of 11 acres of mangroves, 2.2 acres of oyster reefs, 3.8 acres of spartina, and over 60 acres of potential seagrass habitat.

Benefits

- Provides public access and environmental educational opportunities to a premier restoration site.
- Provides fishing opportunities that were removed from the closing of the old Lake Worth Bridge.
- Provides economic stimulus to Lake Worth businesses by providing boater access to downtown (consistent with recent ICW charrette recommendations).

Project Site Plan



Project Overview

- Demolish the remnant west portion of the old Lake Worth Bridge.
- Create a ½ acre artificial reef and breakwater feature using the demolition debris from the old Lake Worth Bridge.
- Construct a 578' long, 6' wide boardwalk with a 15' by 15' covered gazebo that wraps around the southern tip of Snook Islands.
- Construct a 662' long L-shaped fishing pier that run adjacent to the existing bridge.
- Construct a floating dock system with piers capable of accommodating up to 8 boats including a water taxi.
- Construct 20 car/boat trailer parking spaces to accommodate additional boater access to Lake Worth Lagoon.
- Construct 6 parking spaces to serve the public use facilities.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer/fall of 2009.

Project Partners

PBC of Department of Environmental Resources Management, PBC Parks and Recreation, PBC Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Lake Worth, Florida Inland Navigation District



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