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**Background and Justification:**

The John's Island Oyster Reef Project (Phase 2) is located east of John's Island within the LWL. It is a continuation of an oyster reef project that was completed in December, 2009. The latest proposal includes the placement of approximately 8,125 tons of limestone rock to create an additional 5 acres of oyster reef habitat. With approved funding, the John's Island Oyster Reef Project (Phase 2) is scheduled for construction beginning in the spring of 2012.

The Lake Wyman Environmental Restoration Project is located west of the Intracoastal Waterway and encompasses Rutherford and Lake Wyman Parks, within the City of Boca Raton. The goals of the project are: (1) remove 11 acres of exotic vegetation and restore 7.3 acres of mangroves, 2.2 acres of maritime hammock, 1 acre of flushing ponds, 0.5 acres of transitional habitat, and 0.2 acres of seagrass; (2) provide 2,463 linear feet of shoreline stabilization and oyster reef habitat; and (3) provide public-use facilities, including a 6-slip day dock, 2,669 linear feet of additional boardwalk with two pavilions and an observation tower, and enhancement of 4,785 linear feet of canoe trails, to promote environmental education and recreational opportunities. Project is expected for construction in late 2012.

The Grassy Flats Environmental Restoration Project consists of the capping of 12.7 acres of anoxic muck sediments south of Ibis Isle and directly adjacent to the Town of Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course, in the Lake Worth Lagoon, to provide vital estuarine habitat for fish and wildlife, promote recreational opportunities for the public, and protect existing shoreline by further reducing boat wake. Project is expected to begin construction in late 2012.

The Bryant Park Environmental Restoration and Public Use Facility includes the placement of approximately 58,800 cubic yards of sand within a 7.05 acre to effectively cover a two to three foot layer of muck and create 4.54 acres of shallow water submerged land for recruiting seagrasses, 0.44 acres of intertidal flats for supporting mangroves and Spartina, 0.25 acres of oyster reef. The project also includes the refurbishment and improvements to the existing Bryant Park boat ramp facility. Project is expected to begin construction in early 2012.