

SUMMARY OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

REVISED LOCAL BILL

JANUARY 20, 2011

- The substantially revised and more narrowly defined local bill allows for perfection of the prescriptive easements for the actual WIDTH of the road as it has been maintained by the District for decades. The only additional property that this bill would impact would be easements for narrow strips of land within the EXISTING WIDTH OF THE ROAD, immediately adjacent to the District's existing rights-of-way for roads and canals.
- The revised bill affects only the four road projects passed by referendum of the landowners who voted to TAX THEMSELVES in order to improve these roads. These four roads are:
 1. "A" Road from Okeechobee Boulevard to North Road and North Road approximately one-quarter mile east from "A" Road intersection.
 2. "C" Road (south) from Collecting Canal Road to Okeechobee Boulevard and Collecting Canal Road approximately one-quarter mile each way, east and west from "C" Road intersection.
 3. "C" Road (north) from Okeechobee Boulevard to North Road and North Road approximately one-quarter mile each way, east and west from "C" Road intersection.
 4. "D" Road from Okeechobee Boulevard to North Road and North Road approximately one-quarter mile each way, east and west from "D" Road intersection.

No other District roads are included.
- These road improvements are vital to the SAFETY of the residents of Loxahatchee Groves – first responders support the legislation to avoid injuries and fatalities from careless, distracted drivers losing control on the dirt roads and ending up in the District canals.
- The bill does not give the District eminent domain authority, as alleged by a small minority of opponents – the District already possesses that power by general law and its existing enabling legislation.
- The only municipality impacted by this bill, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, supports this effort.
- The legislation does not take away or affect ANY powers of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.
- The District met with the Palm Beach County League of Cities and committed to finding a solution that does not create adverse precedents for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves or any other municipality. The revised bill is the product of that cooperative effort.