

Sawgrass Lake habitat restoration program to begin

Pinellas County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District are excited to begin a habitat restoration project at Sawgrass Lake Park in St. Petersburg.

This \$543,000 project, funded by SWFWMD's Surface Water Improvement and Management Program, began Oct. 24 and is expected to be completed within 18 months. SWFWMD hired a contractor for the removal and control of non-native and nuisance vegetation throughout the 400-acre park.

The purpose of the project is to provide a greater diversity of habitat for local and migratory wildlife. It will be several weeks before the work will be visible to the public. To ensure the safety of park visitors, sections of the boardwalks and trails will be closed at various times while work is being completed.