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## **Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District Awarded \$629,475 NRCS Grant**

**Palm Beach Gardens, FL –August 24, 2005** –At today’s Board of Supervisors meeting, Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District (Northern) received reimbursement of \$629,475 for undertaking emergency actions to install watershed protection measures to relieve hazards and damages created by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. This reimbursement was from a grant awarded December 27, 2004 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Funds received are for debris removal and bank stabilization of canals located in several of Northern’s Units of Development. Work included returning canals to their original design, clearing trees and vegetation from Northern’s canal right-of-way; removing trees; stump grinding; re-grading of canal and banks; excavation of canal bottom; removal of canal debris; and laying sod to stabilize banks.

“After we were hit by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, Northern provided immediate service to all Units of Development. We are pleased that, by receiving these funds from the NRCS, extensive work was completed in these communities with funding provided by the Department of Agriculture program,” stated O’Neal Bardin Jr., Northern’s Executive Director.

A program of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Emergency Watershed Protection Program assists in relieving hazards created by natural disasters that cause a sudden impairment of a watershed. Emergency measures can include the purchase of flood plain easements, for runoff retardation and soil erosion prevention to safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the productions of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, flood or any other natural occurrence has caused sudden impairment to a watershed.

Northern’s District Engineer, Brian LaMotte, P.E., of SFRN, Inc. presented the \$629,475 check to Northern’s Board of Supervisors during the August 24, 2005 Board meeting. Board President, Ronald M. Ash, P.E. accepted the check on behalf of Northern.

“Northern is very pleased with the NRCS reimbursement we have been able to secure for the benefit of the landowners and residents we serve,” says Bardin.

The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959. Its role is to provide services related to water management and infrastructure for properties in northern Palm Beach County.

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