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Calvin, Giordano & Associates Engineers Plan to Turn Surplus Drainage Ponds Into New Land for Redevelopment in the City of West Park

WEST PARK, FL— JUNE 9, 2010— The Dutch have reclaimed land from the sea for years in The Netherlands and now the City of West Park is literally turning water into land, which it hopes to utilize as city-owned sites for redevelopment along the State Road 7/US 441 corridor.

In a partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of West Park, three existing FDOT retention basin ponds are proposed to be replaced with an equal volume underground vaults detention systems, freeing up nearly 4.5 acres for redevelopment.

Coordinating the effort is Calvin, Giordano & Associates (CGA), a private contract services provider working under a multi-purpose municipal management contract with West Park, a 2.2 square mile community of 13,600 residents located south of Pembroke Road and east of 441. West Park became Broward County's 31st city in March of 2005.

“We are utilizing the most advanced best management practice to return these three ponds back into the economic stream for the city,” said John Messerian, CGA's Director of Municipal Engineering.

The program calls for the reclaimed land to be deeded from FDOT to the City for redevelopment. The first phase funded through three grants totaling \$650,000 and consisted of eight (8) structures to improve water quality. Construction of the proposed underground vault systems to replace the existing ponds' water storage capacities is anticipated to begin at the conclusion of a FDOT widening project along State Road 7/US 441.

About Calvin, Giordano & Associates

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