



# Plantation Acres Improvement District Broward County Florida

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In continuing with our desire to keep the homeowners abreast of what is happening within Plantation Acres, this will be our second in a series of informative newsletters from P.A.I.D.

You know what our mission statement is as delineated in the previous newsletter.

The following is a description of some of the projects that your hard earned taxes have accomplished recently in your neighborhood:

- 1- Our District Manager, Angel Alvarez, and the maintenance staff are currently removing the unwanted growth of "Hygrophilous weeds" along our 12 miles of storm water canals, thereby allowing the pumps to be more efficient in keeping the proper water levels. This was a problem in the past and now has become more manageable through our automated pump system which will continue their functions even during power outages, being fueled by propane.
- 2- P.A.I.D.'s staff is continuously cutting and re-grading swales, installing culverts and rehabilitating aging facilities.
- 3- A substantial drainage project in Plantation Acres South was competitively "Bid" and constructed. This project not only added positive drainage in one of the oldest and lowest (elevation) communities in the Acres, but it also interconnected several ponds and our two North-South Canals, thereby eliminating two problematic dead-ends. The staff actively participated and in fact, "your" P.A.I.D. crew did the tree clearing, sodding and fencing at a substantial savings to the residents of the Acres, (to the tune of over \$125,000.00).

The Acres, being a rural community, has long stretches of narrow roads flanked by ample open spaces. There are no significant elevation changes in the roads or adjacent property and much of this is at or near the original elevation. This means that the edge of the road may be higher than the adjacent property and there is no slope to a collection point. Therefore long, deep, swales provide a means to collect storm water from large, low-lying areas to collection points. Because the Acres' has an insignificant amount of water storage volume below the ground's surface the swales provide short-term water storage away from homes and other improvements.

So you see, swales are necessary and it should be understood that swales should have water in them when it is raining, just like your sink drain has water in it when the faucet is running. And, the more rain, the more water. Also it is imperative that trees or other objects do not block the flow of this water by obstructing the swale function. It is actually illegal (according to Florida statute 298.66) to block the flow of water. The water levels in your swales will reduce to at least 90% within 3 to 4 days and thereafter be negligible.

More information is available through the P.A.I.D. website, [www.paidfl.org](http://www.paidfl.org). There you may find information on your current Board of Commissioners, our policies and procedures for development within the Acres', rainfall data, canal and pump data and links to other agencies related to P.A.I.D.

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Dr. Edward N. Szerlip, Chairman

**"We're Plantation's horse community."**