

# **Land Management Restoration Accomplishments**

## **During Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (Oct 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013)**

- The District helped restore approximately 225 feet of stream bank at Dead River Landing in Walton County. Land managers constructed a vegetative retaining wall (non-structural approach) to stabilize an eroding riverbank at a popular recreation site. The project was built by Walton County staff with assistance from the District.
- In its ongoing reforestation and groundcover habitat restoration program, the District completed hand planting of 621 acres of disturbed longleaf pine, wet pine flatwoods, and wiregrass habitat across northwest Florida. These habitat restoration activities enhance groundwater recharge and improve wetland functions and also offset wetland losses due to Department of Transportation projects.
- More than 284,000 longleaf pine tubelings were planted on the Perdido River, Escambia River, Yellow River, Choctawhatchee River, and Econfina Creek water management areas (WMAs) and the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank.
- The District also reestablished groundcover habitat, planting more than 372,000 plugs of upland/wetland wiregrass and toothache grass on disturbed habitat sites on the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank and the Perdido River mitigation tract.
- Seeds for many District groundcover projects were collected from District land on Econfina Creek WMA. The District continues to research, refine, and establish new habitat restoration techniques that increase species diversity and ecosystem health.