

# **Land Management Restoration Accomplishments**

## **During Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (Oct 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015)**

- The Williford Spring restoration project was completed in 2015. Costing more than \$2.1 million, this project involved restoring spring bank areas, providing stabilized access to the spring, sediment removal, and recreation improvements including a new parking area, boardwalks, interpretive trails, pavilions, and a canoe tie-up dock that can help prevent future impacts by limiting the number of canoes that enter the spring area.
- One cooperative project to restore the eroding streambank on Holmes Creek is 80 percent complete. This project is being constructed by Washington County with funding assistance from the District.
- A shoreline stabilization project was completed at Devil's Hole swallet in Washington County. This project, implemented by District staff, utilized a non-structural approach utilizing geotextile bags to stabilize the eroding shoreline with a vegetated retaining wall. In addition, steps and a small dock with a ladder for entering and exiting the swallet were constructed.
- The majority of the streambank restoration project was completed at Walsingham Park in Washington County. This project, implemented by District staff, utilized geotextile bags to stabilize the eroding shoreline.
- Seed for District groundcover projects were collected from District land on the Econfinia Creek WMA. The District continues to research, refine, and establish new habitat restoration techniques that increase species diversity and ecosystem health.
- The District completed hand planting of 1,723 acres of disturbed longleaf pine habitat. These habitat restoration activities enhance groundwater recharge, improve wetland functions, and offset wetland losses caused by FDOT projects. Additionally, 995,800 longleaf pine tubelings were planted within three WMAs.