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Savannas Education Center New Addition Crosstown Parkway Extension Mitigation Project Video Release

The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to announce the completion and opening of the Savannas Education Center's 3,000 square foot addition including a multi-purpose room, classroom and wet lab. The Education Center was one of several mitigation projects funded by the City of Port St. Lucie to restore wetlands, improve water quality and provide recreation and ecotourism opportunities for residents and visitors as compensation for crossing state-owned lands with the Crosstown Parkway Bridge Project.

To spotlight the different mitigation projects, the City will be releasing multiple videos showcasing the new enhancements and opportunities provided for residents and visitors alike right here in St. Lucie County. The first video spotlights the new Savannas Education Center addition. The Education Center Video will be available starting September 1 on the City's website, www.cityofpsl.com and the Crosstown Project Website, www.crosstownextension.com. Additional videos will be released throughout the month of September spotlighting the Savannas Trail and Evans Creek Canoe Launch. Additional information regarding the mitigation projects can also be found on the Crosstown Project Website.

The Crosstown Parkway Extension Design/Build Project involves providing a new bridge crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in the City of Port St. Lucie, connecting the existing Crosstown Parkway from Manth Lane to U.S. 1. The project extends along the existing West Virginia Drive, crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and connecting into U.S. 1 at Village Green Drive. The project is approximately two miles with the bridge being approximately 4,000 feet. The six lane divided highway and bridge will serve as a multi-modal transportation alternative to include accommodations for automobile, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit. The project will help alleviate traffic congestion, providing relief to the two existing crossings of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River at Port St. Lucie Boulevard and Prima Vista Boulevard. The project will improve public safety, emergency response times, help reduce travel times and enhance mobility. Construction for the project is estimated to begin in late 2016. The estimated construction costs for the project are \$86.9 million.

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