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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DIST.  
P.O. Box 24680  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Attn: Mr. Tilford Creel  
Executive Director

Dear Mr. Creel:

Recently the Arch Creek Trust had Mr. Dorian Valdez of Dade County DERM address our membership meeting regarding the progress they have made in their two year investigation of the pollution in Arch Creek. We have refrained from contacting the SFWMD during this investigation.

They (DERM) have come up with some recommendations for cleaning up the creek, even though they are still searching for additional sources of sewage entering the creek. We would suggest that you contact Mr. Valdez regarding their recommendations, some of which your agency started to implement some time ago, such as the removal of Australian Pines on both sides of the creek and replacing them with native trees.

DERM also recommends levelling the bottom elevation of the creek. This would remove the "canal" classification as now exists. The Trust had recommended removal of the salt-retention dam and establishing a rapids for aeration from the F.E.C. railroad bridge to 135th Street.

We would appreciate your notifying our group of what the SFWMD is doing and what plans it has for the near future. Please be aware that the Trust opposes any use of herbicides for the removal of duckweed or any other weed growth.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ARCH CREEK TRUST INC.



Elmore Kerkela  
Vice President

Copy to: Mr. Dorian Valdez