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PSA CONTEST TO PROMOTE WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Oct. 26, 2009) – The Marion County Office of the County Engineer (OCE), in cooperation with the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, is announcing the creation of an annual public service announcement contest engaging Marion’s youth in the protection of our water resources.

Marion County’s first Stormwater PSA contest is open to middle and high school media production students attending a public, private or home school in Marion County. The contest will award two first places (one each for high school and middle school categories) to the 30-second commercials that most creatively and effectively encourage citizens to prevent stormwater pollution.

The OCE will feature the winning PSAs in local television or movie screens in the spring as part of the county’s ongoing stormwater pollution prevention campaign.

“Marion County is pleased to partner with our youth in raising awareness and educating our community about the negative impacts of polluted stormwater runoff to our waterbodies,” said County Engineer Mounir Bouyounes, P.E. “We look forward to working with the students as they invest their talent and creativity for the benefit of the community and the protection of our natural resources.”

Participants must submit their entries by Dec. 18, 2009 to the Marion County Office of the County Engineer. The OCE will announce the winners in the spring at a Marion County Board of County Commissioners’ meeting. For contest rules and guidelines, visit www.marioncountyfl.org/cleanwater.htm or call (352) 671-8364.

Polluted stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution. Behaviors contributing to stormwater pollution include over-fertilization as well as improper litter and hazardous waste disposal. Find out what you can do to prevent these practices by visiting www.marioncountyfl.org/cleanwater.htm or calling the Marion County Stormwater Section at (352) 671-8686.

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