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**DEDICATION CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE REOPENING OF  
DEERING POINT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF RECENT  
IMPROVEMENTS**

*Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Miami-Dade Parks, Deering Estate at Cutler, to host a dedication ceremony for the reopening of Deering Point on June 24, at 2:30 p.m.*

**(MIAMI, June 14, 2010)** – Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson, District 8, and Miami-Dade Parks, Deering Estate at Cutler, will host a dedication ceremony to celebrate the reopening of Deering Point on Thursday, June 24, at 2:30 p.m.

The site known as “Deering Point” is a small portion (3 ½ acres) of the Deering South Addition. Recently completed improvements to Deering Point consist of installation of utilities to support future shelters and a small restroom building, drainage improvements, paving and landscaping. The total cost for these improvements was \$800,000 which was funded by Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) bond sales as well as monies from the Building Better Communities Bond (GOB).

The improvements made to Deering Point will provide the public with additional opportunities to enjoy the recreational and educational experiences offered by Biscayne Bay.

Deering Point is open seven days a week, except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, from sunrise to sunset. Parking is free. Deering Point is located adjacent to the C-100 Canal at the south end of the Deering Estate at Cutler.

**WHAT:** The Dedication Ceremony for the reopening of Deering Point

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 24, 2010, 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Deering Point, Deering Estate at Cutler  
17350 Old Cutler Road  
Miami, FL 33157

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*Please note: Deering Point is located adjacent to the C-100 Canal at the southern point of the Deering Estate property - approximately six blocks from the main Deering Estate building.*  
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### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Deering Point site was infested with Australian pine, Burma reed and Brazilian pepper prior to being cleared in 1994. What was left after clearing was a barren rocky area bordered on the north by environmentally sensitive land and on the south by the C-100 Canal. Funding from the Florida Coastal Management Program and the Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) bond program allowed MDPH to build a small canoe/kayak ramp and to provide primitive access and parking areas in the site early in the decade. Park planners and biologists began working with organizations and individuals from the community in the 1990's to formulate a plan that would provide low-impact recreational activities, public access and environmental restoration at the edges of the adjacent EEL property. Several of the agencies that provided input include the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), the Tropical Audubon Society, the Village of Palmetto Bay, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Trust for Public Land and the Biscayne Aquatic Preserve as well as input from interested residents from the surrounding community.

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