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## **PBCC's Environmental Studies earn national recognition**

Palm Beach Community College and the biology professor who spearheads environmental studies there have received national recognition for their restoration of wetlands on the Lake Worth campus.

The National Wildlife Federation recently certified the restored wetlands area in the northeast corner of the central campus as Habitat No. 31227 in the NWF's worldwide network of mini-refuges. Restoration work has been done by the county's Department of Environmental Resources Management, the college and environmental students led by biology professor Robert Barry, Ph.D. Since restoration work began in 1998, endangered and threatened plant and animal species have returned to the site. Dr. Barry and PBCC were jointly awarded the certificate.

The student environmental organization, Community: EARTH, received three certificates for conservation activities from The Nature Conservancy. Community: EARTH members raised enough funds locally through candy sales and solicitations to "adopt and protect" an acre of rainforest each in Costa Rica on Osa Peninsula, in Colombia in the Sierra Nevada de SantaMarta National Park and in Brazil at the Serra do Divisor National Park.