

# FLAMINGO GARDENS

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Urban Design Kilday Studios placed first in the statewide competition for the design of a new master plan for Flamingo Gardens, a 60 acre botanical and zoological garden in west Broward County, Florida. This winning concept, "The River of Grass," features an Everglades theme of grasslands, cypress heads and oak hammock islands surrounding a central town plaza.

The architecture surrounding the plaza is reminiscent of the historical "cracker style" prominent in Florida's early years. A botanical conservatory, gift-fruit-snack shops, and an auditorium enclose the small-town plaza.

Also included in the 30 million dollar improvements designed are botanical demonstration and citrus gardens, aviary, gator-world, petting zoo, Seminole Indian island, everglades tour, observation tower and amphitheater.

The ultimate goals of the master plan are the preservation of the cultural and natural history of the Everglades and the promotion of under utilized subtropical plants.

**Client:** Floyd L. Wray Memorial Foundation, Inc.

**Site Area:** 60 acres

**Awards:** First Place in statewide competition

