

## **New River Solid Waste Association / NRSWA**

### **New River Regional Landfill / NRRL**

#### **Historical Info**

Two commissioners from each of the member counties make up the NRSWA Board, and began the process of facility siting, which ultimately led to a purchase of 200 acres of state-owned land that required the approval of Florida's Governor and Cabinet. After four years of siting, design, and construction, the NRRL opened for business on July 1, 1992, with eight employees to support the entire operation.

In 1997, the Association negotiated with neighboring Alachua County, Florida, to accept their waste for disposal (and consequently Gilchrist County, who disposed at the Alachua County facility) beginning in 1998. The addition of this waste stream to the landfill increased the daily tonnage from a modest 145 tons to 750 tons per day literally overnight. Soon thereafter, the NRSWA contracted for disposal for MSW disposal with Levy County, Florida, adding an additional 50 tons per day and increasing their service area to six counties, the largest geographic area served by a single facility in Florida. Today, 19 employees manage 800 tons per day of Class I waste generated from a population of more than 330,000 in its six-county service area.