

## 1915 FEC Railroad Depot Returns to Jupiter



Many are familiar with the story of Henry Flagler's railroad which would become the Florida East Coast Railway. By 1894 Jupiter had an FEC railroad depot on the south shore of the Loxahatchee River. In 1915 a new FEC passenger and freight depot was opened in Jupiter where Johnston Park is today. The older depot was moved a short distance next to the spur tracks where freight could be loaded/unloaded from a wharf on the river.

Jupiter's 1915 depot was one of many built by the FEC, and constructed the same as other depots from the same period. The Town of Jupiter Archives has letters from 1926 to 1928 from the Florida East Coast Railway and the State Railroad Commission regarding the Town's request to get electric lights installed at the Jupiter train station to replace the kerosene lanterns. This request was ultimately refused by the FEC due to the fact it would cost too much at \$250.00.

The depot served the public well for many years!! When it was closed in the mid-1960's, it was moved to become a private residence in Tequesta.

Thanks to the hard work of many people from the Town of Jupiter and Tequesta, the Loxahatchee Guild, the FEC



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Railway, and the Florida East Coast Railway Society, the Historic Train Depot was moved to Sawfish Bay Park in the early-morning hours of April 15, 2012.

It is back home in Jupiter, very close to its original location, and now the restoration work on this historic building can begin. To learn more about the restoration project you can visit the [website of the Loxahatchee Guild](#).

View pictures of the [FEC Railroad depot's move](#).

[Review an excellent article](#), reprinted with permission from The Jupiter Courier Newsweekly and Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers that includes some amazing pictures of the depot during its big move!