

Meeting Date
08/23/2016



AGENDA	
Section	CONSENT
Item No.	# B.3.

AGENDA REPORT
 BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Acceptance of asset transfer from the Parks & Recreation Department to the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program Sanctuary Network There are no impacts to General Revenue Fund or EEL Program funds in FY15/16. For FY 16/17 there are no fiscal impacts to General Revenue Fund and a minimal impact to EEL Program funds for exotic control, totaling approximately \$2000.
DEPT/OFFICE:	Community Services Group / Parks and Recreation Department

Requested Action:

Authorize staff to initiate procedures for asset transfer of land from Parks & Recreation to the EEL Program

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Canaveral Beach Club property is currently listed under the custodianship of the Parks & Recreation (P&R) Department. The site is approximately 301 acres of Salt Marsh habitat along both sides of Sykes Creek. The site lies between two EEL managed properties, beginning on the south side of Hall Road and running south to the northern edge of the EEL Program's Kabboord Sanctuary in north Merritt Island. The land was placed under P&R in 1990 as part of a settlement agreement related to a property rezoning and transfer of development rights. The site has never been actively managed by P&R and due to the type of habitat and the location that is adjacent to EEL managed lands; it is the best interest of the County that the EEL Program should become the custodian and accept the land into the EEL network of managed sanctuaries.

The EEL Program's Land Acquisition Manual (LAM) requires the EEL Selection and Management Committee (SMC) to pass a 1st and 2nd majority vote and then present to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration of the transfer. All lands transferred into EEL management become formally designated as part of the EEL Sanctuary Network. The EEL SMC reviewed the history and details, the conservation value and habitat conditions of the property and assessed whether the transfer would further the goals and mission of the EEL Program. On 7/22/2015 the SMC passed a 1st majority vote and on 5/4/ 2016 passed a 2nd majority vote for staff to initiate the procedures for the Canaveral Beach Club land transfer from the Parks & Recreation Department to the EEL Program Sanctuary Network.

Upon approval by the Board the EEL Program will pursue grant opportunities to help offset the cost of exotic control.

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Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: Map of Canaveral Beach Club Property

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No PR

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Director Attn: Mike Knight

RE: Item II.B.3., Acceptance of Asset Transfer from Parks and Recreation Department to Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program Sanctuary Network

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 23, 2016, authorized staff to initiate procedures for asset transfer of land from Parks and Recreation to the EEL Program Sanctuary Network; and authorized you to pursue grant opportunities to help offset the cost of exotic control.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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