

Meeting Date
October 18, 2016



AGENDA	
Section	CONSENT
Item No.	<i>II.B.2</i>

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan Update - District 1				
	There are no fiscal impacts as a result of this action.				
DEPT/OFFICE:	Community Services Group / Parks and Recreation Department				
Requested Action:	It is requested the Board approve the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan update under the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Sanctuary Network.				
Summary Explanation & Background:	<p>The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary (EFS) encompasses 481 acres located north of SR 405 and east of I-95 in Titusville. In February 1991 the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program purchased 264 acres with EEL Program funds. An additional 129 acres were purchased in 1993, contiguous to the initial 264 acre acquisition. In 1998, EFS was titled to the State of Florida under the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) Program. The State reimbursed Brevard County for 50% of the acquisition cost of the property. Brevard County remains the primary manager according to the Amendment to Management Lease Agreement #4177 with the State of Florida (Appendix A). The original Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the State's Acquisition and Restoration Council in 2000.</p> <p>In 2002 the EEL Program received 23.85 acres of land from Sterling Forest, LLC and in 2003, Sterling Forest, LLC transferred an additional 10 acres, both as part of a mitigation donation. In 2007, the EEL Program purchased an additional 41.46 acres from the Vero Pittsburgh Partners, LLC. The EEL Program also acquired 23 acres of adjacent undisturbed hammock in a land transfer with Brevard County Parks and Recreation in exchange for 10 acres of disturbed property to be utilized by the Parks Department for future development. The State of Florida currently holds title to 393 acres within the sanctuary and Brevard County holds title to 78.31 acres.</p> <p>As described in the EEL Sanctuary Management Manual, this is a Category 1 site. Category 1 sites are proposed for extensive public access and the development of active environmental education and land management. Category 1 sites are ADA accessible; include nature trails and interpretive signs, a dedicated parking area and extensive volunteer and environmental education programs. This site is the home of the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management and Education Center.</p> <p>On August 15, 2006, the EEL Program Recreation and Education Advisory Committee (REAC) moved to support the public access plan. The management plan was available for a 30 day public review from December 15, 2015 until January 14, 2016. On March 28, 2016, a public advisory group meeting was held to review the proposed management plan. On June 23, 2016, the EEL Program's Selection and Management Committee (SMC) moved to approve the plan and forward it to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Upon Board approval, the management plan update will be sent to the State's Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) in Tallahassee for final approval.</p> <p>Fiscal Impacts: FY 15/16 - There are no fiscal impacts to General Revenue Funds or EEL Program funds. FY 16/17 - There are no fiscal impacts to General Revenue Funds or EEL Program funds.</p> <p>Contact: Mike Knight, EEL Program Manager, Phone: 321-255-4466 X28, mike.knight@brevardfl.gov</p>				
Clerk to the Board Instructions:					
Exhibits Attached:	Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan (6 CD's), Management Plan Update				
Contract /Agreement (If attached):	Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	PR <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Assistant County Manager,	Jack Masson, Parks & Recreation Department Director jack.masson@brevardparks.com; 633-2046			
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo	<i>Jack Masson</i>			

Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan Update

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary management plan has been updated as required by the State of Florida to ensure proper maintenance and management for State Owned Lands. The bullets below identify changes made from the original management plan approved in June 2000.

- Florida land management plan compliance checklist added.
- Site description updated to include additional acreages acquired.
- Proposed scrubby flatwoods restoration was added as a priority for management for the next 10 years which includes and follows Florida State guidelines for restoration.
- A section on translocation of species was added to address procedures and potential impacts to guide third party requests and internal county requests.
- Special concern species list was updated to include additional listed species found on site.
- Land Acquisition History was updated to reflect additional acquisitions.
- Easements adjacent to or on the property were updated.
- Exotic species list was updated.
- Public Access and Passive Recreation was updated to include: a maintenance shop was built in 200, ADA compliance standards, environmental education, volunteer program and public meetings.
- Strategies and actions from the original management plan are listed and individually addressed to ensure proper management. Additionally, new goals and strategies were developed and addressed for the next ten years.
- Financial considerations have been updated to reflect current staff structure and proposed management activities and associated costs.
- Appendices have been updated to follow required State Management Plan Guidelines as follows:
 - State management lease agreement has been added.
 - Letters of compliance from county and city governments.
 - Legal descriptions updated to include additional acquisitions.
 - Updated FEMA flood maps.
 - A fire management plan was added.
 - Timber assessment was added.
 - Surface water quality classification was added.
 - Species list was updated to reflect added species and newly listed or delisted species.
 - Arthropod Control Plan was added.
 - Florida Natural Areas Inventory was updated.
 - Florida Master Site file (inventory of historical and cultural resources) was updated.
 - Public meeting minutes related to review of updated management plan.



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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.2., Approval of Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan Update

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 18, 2016, approved the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management Plan update under the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Sanctuary Network.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK**

✓ Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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