



## **ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM Selection and Management Committee**

### **ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM Selection and Management Committee Meeting Minutes January 9, 2019**

#### ***Attendance***

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Elizabeth Becker  
Dave Breininger  
Tammy Foster  
Oli Johnson  
Randy Parkinson  
Paul Schmalzer  
Kim Zarillo  
Dave Breininger

#### **EEL PROGRAM STAFF**

Laura Clark  
David DeMeyer  
Damien Keene  
Mike Knight  
Steve McGuffey  
Brad Manley  
Chris O'Hara

#### **GUESTS**

None

## ***Meeting Minutes***

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Randy Parkinson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

### **INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL**

Mike explained that as a response to difficulty in maintaining a quorum in other committees, future EEL Program Citizen Advisory Committee meetings will include a roll call which provides clarification of any advance notification which is received from members who do not expect to attend the meeting, along with the reason for their absence. County guidelines provide a framework for excused or unexcused absences and allowable annual numbers of each type. It was noted that all members of the committee were present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **MINUTES**

#### **November 15, 2018 Minutes**

The November 15, 2018 SMC minutes were presented for approval. The following was noted:

- Page 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion includes extraneous period at the end of the line
- Page 3 correct spelling of ***Chamaesyce***
- Page 4, correct spelling of rationale

#### **MOTION ONE**

**Paul Schmalzer moved to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes, as corrected.**

**Kim Zarillo seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

The Administrative Review was discussed.

#### **Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Items**

- **Prescribed Fire Awareness Week Resolution:** Target date January 22, 2019.
- **Florida Forest Service Timbering Agreement:** Previous target date January 22, 2019. During preparation of the Agenda Report for this item, clarification was requested regarding whether or not the 3% fee retained by the Service is included as part of the 20% Administrative Fee. The agreement is being rewritten to provide this information.
- **Interagency Prescribed Fire Cooperation Memo of Agreement:** Target date January 22, 2019.

**SMC Member Reappointments:** Reviewed by BOCC January 8, 2019.

The SMC includes eight members. One member, Liz Becker, was appointed in October 2018 and her term of service expires in 2020. The other seven members requested reappointment for an additional two year term. EEL staff was directed to provide three options for the Board to consider:

1. Reappoint all members of the committee for an additional two year term.
2. Reappoint a limited number of members and advertise the remaining openings to be determined by the Board.
3. Do not reappoint current members and advertise for openings.

The request for reappointments was considered by the BOCC last night.

Mike noted that several topics came up during the discussion. The following was noted:

- Clarification was requested regarding why Liz Becker was not included in the reappointments. The answer that was given at the time was that she represents the Tourism Development Council on the SMC. Although this is not accurate, an opportunity to clarify the record was unavailable for EEL staff during the meeting.
- Discussion occurred regarding changing the requirements for committee membership from a graduate degree in specific fields to a Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in the same fields. Mike noted that he was also not given the opportunity to share that he did not feel a change in the Land Acquisition Manual (LAM) would be necessary in this case because having six years of demonstrated professional expertise is another way to meet the minimum qualifications.
- Mike mentioned that an additional discussion occurred regarding why, since the Program isn't doing land acquisition, would the responsibility of the SMC within the LAM be centered around purchases of land? Mike added that he was unable to note that if the Board does not want the EEL Program to buy any more land, they could just do a moratorium on not purchasing land right now, or perhaps until there is another referendum, and that there is no need to change the manual. In addition the Program is still receiving donations and considering land exchange proposals and the SMC is involved in these activities.

The following resulted from the January 8, 2019 BOCC's consideration for SMC reappointment requests:

- Tammy Foster and Oli Johnson were reappointed for another 2 year term.
- Dave Breininger, Paul Schmalzer, Kim Zarillo, Laurilee Thompson, and Randy Parkinson were not reappointed.
- Staff was tasked with advertising for new SMC members. This item will be on hold until the Board formally approves their revision to SMC membership qualifications.
- Commissioner Lober was tasked with writing a resolution changing SMC membership requirements.

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- The Board acknowledged that they would have to waive the existing requirement regarding SMC membership criteria to appoint new members, but they did not discuss having to waive the LAM guideline which requires that all changes to the Land Acquisition Manual must be reviewed by the Procedures Committee and Selection and Management Committee before they are submitted to the BOCC for final approval.
- No clarification was provided regarding whether or not the SMC members who were not reappointed on January 8, 2019 will be able to reapply when the openings were advertised.
- Confirmation was provided that the SMC members who were not reappointed could continue to serve until they are no longer on the committee.
- Mike noted he sent information to Mary Ellen Donner, Director, Parks and Recreation, earlier that day on items requiring clarifications.

### **Additional Discussion**

Paul noted that both the SMC and Procedures Committee (PC) have a role in any revision of the LAM and the PC also reviews applicants for the SMC. He stated his feeling that if the PC has not been informed of these developments, they should be. Mike confirmed the PC has been informed. Paul noted that the PC is a committee of the EEL Program whose responsibilities include exactly the things the Board is potentially going to change without their consideration. Randy spoke of the institutional knowledge that will be lost if longtime SMC members are not retained and stated his feeling that the current action may be in conflict with the intention of the referendum. Kim emphasized the need to refer to the referendum language before making that determination. Randy stated his concerns for the integrity of the EEL Program, which he stated that he and many others, have spent many years protecting.

### **MOTION TWO**

**Paul Schmalzer moved that the SMC recommends that the PC meet before the January 22, 2019 BOCC meeting to consider the issues raised by the Board of County Commissioners actions on January 8, 2019.**

**Laurilee Thompson seconded the motion**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Continued Discussion**

Laurilee Thompson requested information on topics for discussion by the PC. Randy stated he felt the PC should consider evaluating the protocol under which they operate to determine if they have a role in some of the elements being discussed such as changing the Land Acquisition Manual, or other elements of the guidance documents for the EEL Program.

Paul stated that perhaps the Commission can do whatever it wants, but there are established procedures in Board approved documents that are not being followed and at

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least the committee who helped craft the document which they expected the BOCC to follow, should be able to meet and do what it wishes to do.

Oli noted that perhaps the current BOCC is not aware of the 1990 referendum which founded the Program.

Laurilee Thompson noted that the BOCC recently chose to replace multiple members of the Tourism Development Council.

### **Action Items from October 5, 2018**

- **Item #4: Comparison of Scrub parcel matrix and most recent SMC priority ranking.**  
Dave has finished his review and Chris is preparing GIS maps which are expected shortly.
- **Item #6: Tree thinning proposal for US Fish and Wildlife Service funding.**  
This has been on hold pending outcome of BOCC approval of the amended Florida Forest Service MOA for timber services.
- **Item #9: Timber removal bids for north border of Micco Scrub Sanctuary.**  
A contractor has been selected and is expected to begin work the week of January 14, 2019. Chris stated it is expected it will just take a couple of weeks to get the trees down, but longer to get the piles burned. Mike confirmed staff has clarified to the contractor that getting the trees down is the priority and that EEL staff recognizes pile burning is weather dependent.
- **Item #11: Staff to contact P&R staff about feral cats at Fox Lake Park.**  
Waiting on response.

### **Action Items from November 15, 2018**

- **Item #1: Continue efforts to locate rare plants along fire lines.**  
Mike noted that staff is planning to discuss ideas to further this effort at our January 21<sup>st</sup> Team Meeting. Paul noted that rare plants also grow along trails and it's important not to impact them during trail maintenance. Paul emphasized the importance of keeping GPS coordinates for rare plants and noted the South Beach Region has done a good job on that while acknowledging that region has the smallest number of acres. Mike explained staff will come up with a strategy and report back to the SMC.
- **Item #2: Submit proposed property exchange requests to County Attorney.**  
Staff reviewed the documented process in the LAM and the sequence of the process is clear. However, all exchange proposals go through County Attorney review prior to being submitted to the BOCC.
- **Item #3: Distribute Crane Creek Management Plan to SMC for review.**  
Part of the normal process, plan will be reviewed when it comes out.
- **Item 5: Send Dave Breininger's input on scrub matrix to SMC.**  
This is part of the process and will be provided when received.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Randy noted the Committee would like to express their appreciation for resources management staff's attendance at meetings and field trips. He noted that having North Region staff on hand during the recent Fox Lake Sanctuary Field trip was very helpful and they were quite knowledgeable.

Dave Breininger provided three updates:

- The University of Central Florida genetic study is now in its second year. More Florida Scrub-Jays found in south part of Brevard County than previously anticipated, which may result in some changes to translocation strategy.
- Population viability analysis project with Bob Lacy begins next week. It is anticipated the first three months will focus on technical constructing of the population and sociological model, but after that they will be seeking input in terms of what conservation scenarios should be considered for population viability. The project is funded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Fund which is administered by The Nature Conservancy at the direction of the Endangered Species Office.
- Adaptive Management Resource models were updated in 2018. It is anticipated another workshop will be held this year.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

## **LAND ACQUISITION STATUS UPDATE**

Mike confirmed the only items with updates are included as agenda items.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Kevin Pinkerton, Tropical Investments, Two, LLC Land Exchange Proposal**

Mike confirmed that during the November meeting, the SMC approved a 1<sup>st</sup> Majority Vote for conceptual approval of this land exchange proposal, with clarification that an additional parcel would be included in the land the EEL Program would be receiving. Mike confirmed that information on the additional land was included in the meeting packet along with the Proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> Majority Vote on the exchange. He confirmed that Mr. Pinkerton has moved ahead with purchasing the wetland parcels which are intended to be exchanged for the upland parcels that are in State title. Laurilee Thompson noted the large differences in value between the wetland and upland parcels. Mike agreed and confirmed that the State will need to determine if that is an issue, but the reason the exchange works for the Program is because it will move forward the goal of consolidated management boundaries. A copy of the proposal is included as an attachment to this document.

### **MOTION THREE**

**Laurilee made a motion to approve a 2<sup>nd</sup> Majority Vote for a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that the BOCC should recommend to the State that the State approve the proposed land exchange with Mr. Pinkerton of 4 acres of State property managed by the EEL Program (Parcel ID#s 2942437, 2942384, 2942436, 2942406) for the 8 parcels (2957457, 2941457, 2942736, 2942737, 2941984, 2941988, 2942249, 2957470) included in the proposal.**

**Paul Schmalzer seconded the motion.**

Additional Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding parcel locations and the surrounding areas.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The group also discussed options for moving the pink border lines around the preferred management area. A few adjustments were made during the meeting.

### **Margaret McClure Property**

Mike provided information on parcel ID# 29-37-24-00-532 in the Grant/Valkaria Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem (BCSE) mega-parcel area which the State has indicated they have an opportunity to accept as a donation. He confirmed that the EEL Program has an established history of acceptance of management responsibility for lands within the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem (BCSE) Project and the only action that would be required if the donation is accepted by the State would be for the County to bring the parcel information forward as an amendment to the management lease. He noted that as most of the SMC is aware, there are approximately 300-400 acres that have been pending a lease management agreement update since Rick Scott became governor and a lot of people at the State level who handled lease amendments were moved around. Earlier this week the State indicated they are agreeable to having the property included in the next big management lease amendment. Mike reminded the group that when the management lease amendment is presented to the BOCC, it will provide an opportunity to explain the history of the existing BOCC approved partnership funding agreements that were created during the EEL Program's early history.

### **MOTION FOUR**

**Paul Schmalzer made a motion that the SMC recommends accepting management of the Margaret McClure property within the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem (BCSE) mega-parcel area.**

**Liz Becker seconded the motion.**

Discussion ensued. The following was noted:

- All County and State titled parcels within the Grant/Valkaria BCSE mega-parcel area already show as green on the acquisition map. Some are within the existing land management lease agreement and some are in the pending update.

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- Management responsibilities for BCSE mega-parcel project areas are under the responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the EEL Program.
- There is still a lot of land within the Grant/Valkaria mega-parcel area that is not in conservation.
- The Grissom mega-parcel area near Port Saint John is also within the BCSE. Acquired conservation lands in this area are titled to either Brevard County, or the State.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **SMC Site Visit to Fox Lake Sanctuary**

Mike noted that he, Randy Parkinson, Liz Becker, Paul Schmalzer, Damien Keene, North Region Land Management Superintendent, and Jonny Baker, North Region Land Management Specialist, attended the January 5, 2019 SMC Site Visit to Fox Lake Sanctuary, in Titusville. Randy stated it was a beautiful day for the hike. Paul noted the site has come a long way with timber thinning and prescribed fire and he emphasized the importance of follow up prescribed fires. He provided the following report:

#### **Site Visit to Fox Lake Sanctuary January 5, 2019**

Paul A. Schmalzer, Ph.D.

Fox Lake Sanctuary includes 2568 acres and protects an additional 480 acres of sovereign lands. Most of the sanctuary was acquired in late 2007. Fox Lake Sanctuary is a key part of a conservation landscape that includes Seminole Ranch Conservation Area, Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area, and St. Johns National Wildlife Refuge.

Major habitats on Fox Lake Sanctuary are mesic flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, oak-saw palmetto scrub, freshwater marshes, floodplain swamps, and parts of Fox Lake and South Lake.

When acquired, much of the mesic flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, and oak-saw palmetto scrub had been unburned for a substantial time; pine densities and height of the shrub layer had increased. These habitat changes were detrimental to habitat suitability for Florida Scrub-Jays (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) and other species requiring more open habitat conditions. Shrubs, particularly wax myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*) had increased in freshwater marshes. Fire exclusion and suppression were the primary causes of these habitat changes.

The EEL Program has installed fire lines, reduced pine densities by cutting in areas of potential Scrub-Jay habitat, and conducted prescribed burns. Mitigation projects have reduced shrub densities in marsh sites. These management actions have improved habitat conditions overall.

Pine densities in some areas of potential Scrub-Jay habitat are still too high. Additional pine thinning in these areas is planned. Keeping up with prescribed burning is a second management need. Long-unburned scrub and scrubby flatwoods often grow more rapidly than expected after initial restoration and burning. This may be due partly to nutrients released from burned biomass. Also, precipitation has been high for the past several years, which also contributes to rapid growth of scrub species. Prescribed burning may need to occur more frequently than standard recommendations to compensate for rapid growth.

### **Additional Discussion**

Mike mentioned a group of feral cats are living around the drain field area and they have been seen a few times within the sanctuary. This may be an area where cameras would be beneficial in the future.

### **Land Acquired vs Proposed**

Mike stated that staff has been compiling information needed to clarify what the Program has accomplished and where it needs to go. While comparing acquired versus proposed properties, they are finding a few areas between the database and the maps that need fine tuning and he noted he wanted to provide an update to see if the SMC feels staff is headed in the right direction. The group reviewed maps of the County divided into North, Central, South, and South Beach Regions, which were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting.

The following was noted:

- The EEL Program participated in an acquisition agreement with the Saint Johns River Water Management District (District) by contributing \$350,000 towards the purchase scrub habitat within Buck Lake early in the Program's history as the District was unable to fund uplands. The total amount of land acquired in Brevard County during this purchase was approximately 7,000 acres. The entire 7,000 acres has historically been used when discussing acquisitions that the EEL Program has helped to facilitate.
- It would be helpful if clarification can be provided between conservation lands which are outside the EEL Program Sanctuary Network and areas within the EEL network which were purchased either with 100% with County funding, or in partnerships with other agencies. In some cases, lands within State project areas were acquired with County funds and the State later reimbursed the County for either 50%, or 100% of the purchase price. Also in some cases, the State purchased areas within the BCSE mega-parcel areas directly from the owners. All lands which include any funding from the State are now in State title as part of the partnership agreement. Buck Lake Conservation Area is titled to the District.
- It would also be helpful to clarify management responsibilities for lands EEL has been involved in conserving.
- Liz Becker suggested EEL owned, EEL actively managed.

- Tammy Foster suggested EEL other interest or partial contributions.
- Multiple project areas with the State were established. One site within the BCSE project was included at the requests of a group of citizens. The State has acknowledged that this location is not within EEL proposed locations.
- The EEL Program provided confirmation to the State that they would accept management responsibility for State acquired lands in the southern portion of the North Indian River Lagoon Project if TNC facilitated those acquisitions.
- Information from the scrub matrix will be included once Dave has finished his review.
- Property north of Kabboord Sanctuary that was transferred to EEL from P&R doesn't show up on the maps yet. Cruickshank and Viera Conservation easement show up as proposed. Land set aside a long time ago for the Dusky Seaside Sparrow is currently in the proposed category, although staff is unsure why.
- Different options for presenting the information were discussed.
- Mike stated that if the 7,000 acre Buck Lake Conservation Area land is included, total acres preserved under the EEL Program comes to 26,978. Of that, 16,760 is under EEL management, but that number will change once the management lease is amended. Current calculation of proposed remaining to be acquired is 68,726 acres, but that includes approximately 8,000 acres within Maytown Flatwoods, which is either planned for development or under conservation easement for development mitigation. Mike noted his feeling that the 68,726 number might be cut in half when they finalize the information.
- Paul noted the SMC previous motion for the EEL Program to take responsibility of State lands under management responsibility of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) due to the FWCC's lack of funding which impacts their ability to manage the area.
- Mike spoke of the differences between acquired, under protection, etc.
- Randy noted he likes the phrase "in conservation thanks to the Program" and he suggested consideration of distributing the final information to stakeholders.
- Dave asked if staff might have the GIS file of the Farmton / Maytown conservation easements footprint. Staff will check.

### **Scrub Mitigation Options for Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Land Exchange**

A land exchange with FIND has been pursued for many years in order to save some of the last of the best remaining scrub in Brevard County. Mike stated that on the previous Monday, EEL staff met with the FIND consultant working on the BV 24A Scrub-Jay Mitigation Plan. He noted the exchange also includes property which the Program received as development mitigation. Mike confirmed that although he has clarified to everyone that FIND's mitigation permitting needs to include an adjustment for the previously mitigated property which FIND will be receiving, the consultant was not aware of this situation.

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Chris provided a presentation which reviewed several acquisition or management options compiled by staff and he requested input from the SMC. A copy of the presentation can be obtained by calling the EEL Program Office at 321-255-4466.

It is anticipated that approximately 9.8 acres of scrub habitat, or \$29,000 per acre for enhancement projects, or financial contribution to the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Fund may be required for the project. FIND has indicated their preference for land donation or mitigation funding to the EEL Program.

The SMC indicated their preferences for either acquisition or management activity that would provide the greatest restoration benefit in the shortest amount of time. Staff will continue to research additional options and provide more information in the future.

## **LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Land Management Report was reviewed. The following was noted:

- North: Surveys for coastal dunes crowned snake confirmed one at Indian Mound Station Sanctuary and two at Enchanted Forest. Surveys to be distributed to SMC.
- North - Indian Mound Station: Trail maintenance. Reminder, watch out for rare plants.
- North - Dicerandra Scrub: Illegal access resulting from fence damage post prescribed burn. Fence has been repaired.
- North - Enchanted Forest: Invasive Plant Management Project to begin soon including lygodium, camphor tree, primrose willow. Contractor will return in spring to follow up effectiveness.
- It was noted that there has been some progress on Management Plans.
- South - Malabar Scrub and Jordan Scrub: Report indicates October 15 as anticipated date for Step 7 Internal Review. Chris having issues updating spreadsheet, but will provide corrected information next report.
- South Beach: Paul noted that Nichole Perna, South Beach Land Management Specialist, recently provided information on a possible occurrence of Indian River applecactus (*Harissia fragrans*) in the South Beach area which may be the first Federally listed plant on EEL sanctuaries. Tammy noted there has been reduction in undergrowth from hurricane activity during the last few years and this may have provided an opportunity for the plant to re-establish and be seen more easily.
- South Beach – Maritime Hammock: Mountain bike gate installed as bikes are not considered appropriate at this sanctuary. Consideration is being given to allowing bikes on dike roads only. Mike noted if that did occur, this would be the only sanctuary in the South Beach where bikes would be permissible and if a decision is made to go forward with allowing bikes on dike roads, staff will bring the proposal to the SMC for their review.

### **Additional Discussion**

Mike thanked the SMC members for their work in support of the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

An SMC Site Visit to Scottsmoor West Sanctuary will be scheduled for February 3, 2019. The next SMC meeting will be scheduled for February 6, 2019.

### **ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS**

1. Motion to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes, as corrected.
2. Motion to recommend that the PC meet before the January 22, 2019 BOCC meeting to consider the issues raised by the Board of County Commissioners actions on January 8, 2019.
3. Motion to approve a 2<sup>nd</sup> Majority Vote for a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that the BOCC should recommend to the State that the State approve the proposed land exchange with Mr. Pinkerton of 4 acres of State property managed by the EEL Program for the 8 parcels included in the proposal.
4. Motion that the SMC recommends accepting management of the Margaret McClure property within the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem (BCSE) mega-parcel area.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Staff to schedule a Procedures Committee meeting prior to January 22, 2019 so the committee can consider issues raised by BOCC actions on January 8, 2019.
2. Chris O'Hara to prepare GIS maps with information from scrub parcel matrix and most recent SMC priority ranking.
3. Staff to develop strategy for identification of locations and monitoring of rare plants.
4. Staff to provide Dave Breininger with GIS file for the Maytown conservation easement.
5. Staff to distribute snake surveys from North and Central Regions to SMC.

## Pinkerton Exchange Proposal

### Conceptual Exchange for 1st Majority Vote Pinkerton (Tropical Group Investments, Two, LLC) Land Exchange

#### History

The County, under the EEL Program, purchased parcels 294238 in 2002 and 2942436 in 2004. These parcels were transferred to the State. The State directly purchased parcels 2942437 and 2942406 in 2003. All parcels are currently under the management of the EEL Program.

Pinkerton parcels 2957457, 2941457, 2942736 and 2942737 were purchased in 2005. Parcel 2942249 and 2957470 were purchased in 2006 and 2941984 and 2941988 were purchased in 2007.

Current Assessed Value (According to Brevard County Property Appraiser, November, 2018):

#### State Parcels:

2942437	\$10,500	1.40 Acres
2942384	\$10,500	1.38 Acres
2942436	\$10,350	1.38 Acres
2942406	\$10,500	1.40 Acres

**TOTAL ACRES 5.56 Acres**

**TOTAL STATE PARCELS ASSESSED VALUE: \$41,850.**

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**Pinkerton Parcels:**

2957457	\$1,400	1.40 Acres
2941457	\$1,400	1.40 Acres
2942736	\$ 980	1.40 Acres
2942737	\$ 980	1.40 Acres
2941984	\$1,400	1.40 Acres
2941988	\$1,330	1.33 Acres
2942249	\$1,360	1.36 Acres
<b>2957470</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>1.35 Acres</b>

**TOTAL ACRES**            **11.04 Acres**

**TOTAL PINKERTON PARCELS ASSESSED VALUE: \$10,200.**

**Justification**

The exchange of the proposed properties will allow EEL to add some interior parcels to further assist in consolidating management boundaries.

**Conservation Value/Current Habitat Conditions**

The current EEL parcels owned by the State are not currently managed due to lack of connectivity of larger landscapes within the Grant-Valkaria lotted area.

## **Pinkerton Exchange Proposal**

### **Proposal for Exchange for 2<sup>nd</sup> Majority Vote Pinkerton Land Exchange**

#### **Current Use / Existing Management/Required Management Obligations**

All four State owned parcels are vacant upland habitat land. There is not any existing management being conducted on these parcels due to lack of connectivity of larger landscapes within the Grant-Valkaria lotted area.

All of the Pinkerton parcels are vacant wetland habitat land. There are currently no management activities being conducted on these parcels. There are no existing easements in place from information provided to staff and no required management.

It is assumed that if the 4 State parcels were exchanged at the proposed 2:1 ratio, they would be developed.

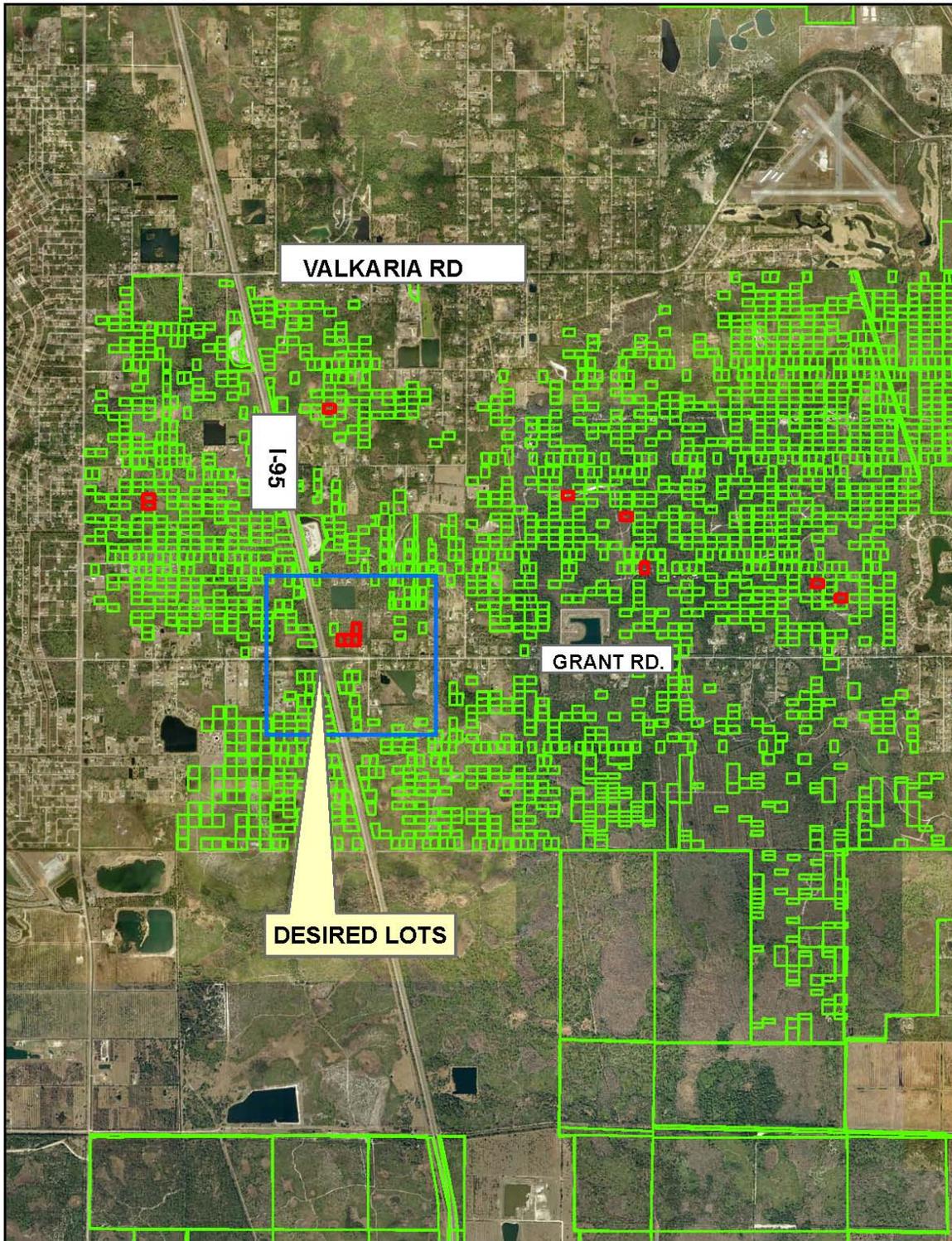
#### **Management Needs/Est. Costs and Potential Partnership Opportunities**

Currently there are no management actions planned for these areas due to the fragmented ownership of the landscape. As more parcels become acquired and management boundary lines established, staff will begin the process of managing and monitoring exotic species. Staff does coordinate with the Florida Forest Service as opportunities arise to conduct wildfire prevention burns in the area.

#### **Public Access/Educational Opportunities**

Unless there are larger landscapes and connectivity in this area, there is not an option for public access or educational opportunities. However staff is working closely with the Town of Grant / Valkaria to develop a conceptual trail plan for the area that could be implemented in the future.

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