



Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee Meeting Agenda

January 15, 2025, 9:30 am. – 12:30 pm. at 91 East Dr. Melbourne, FL 32904

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Introductions and Roll Call
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Minutes – January 17, 2024, April 17, 2024, July 17, 2024
- ❖ Administrative Review
- ❖ Committee Member Reports
- ❖ Land Acquisition Report
 - Land acquisition contractor RFQ
- ❖ Agenda Items
 - Shorebird nesting platforms
 - Duck hunting site assessments
 - Ulumay Land Donation



❖ Public Comment

- ❖ [Schedule Next Meeting](#) – April 16, 2025 at the Environmentally Endangered Lands Office.

Administrative Review

Welcome Vanessa Bethauser, EEL Administrative Secretary

Vanessa has worked with the Parks Department in the South Area Operations Office for over 10 years and brings a wealth of experience to EEL. She started with us in August and we are very happy she has joined our team.

SMC Appointments

During the process of requesting consideration of member reappointments, staff was directed to advertise for SMC members. Current members remain active until they are either reappointed or replaced. Members who are interested in continuing to serve on the committee would need to submit an application through the County advisory committee member site. Staff already has resumes for current members so only the application is required.

State Management Plan Review

The State of Florida Division of State Lands will be conducting their five year management review for the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem Florida Forever Project which primarily includes the south region properties (Malabar, Jordan, Micco, and Grant Flatwoods) but also includes the Dicerandra Scrub and Hellen and Allan Cruickshank sites. The review will take place on January 30 & 31. The primary goal of this review is to determine if the sites are being managed according the approved management plans.

Malabar Scrub Restoration

The bulk of the restoration work is complete but the contractor at Malabar West is finishing up the removal and mulching of the cut and piled sand pines. The new and relocated trails are approximately 60% complete. A permitting delay for the new boardwalk has slowed things down but we are hopeful it will be resolved shortly.



Fox Lake Black Bears

Wildlife monitoring cameras at the Fox Lake Sanctuary have been detecting a significant increase in Florida black bear sightings including a mother with at least two cubs. Camera data indicates there could be four or five individuals using the area. Additional camera have been deployed to further monitor a larger area.

Attendance Guidelines

Any appointee who is absent fifty percent of any the first four consecutive advisory board meetings that take place after their appointment shall be dismissed from their appointment to the advisory board unless excused by the Board of County Commissioners.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the proceedings should notify Vanessa Bethauser, Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting at 321-255-4466 or email Vanessa.Bethauser@brevardfl.gov.