

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

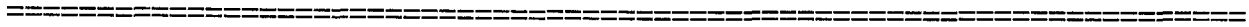
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Meeting Date: December 2, 2008 (X) Consent () Regular
() Workshop () Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Environmental Resources Management
Submitted For: Environmental Resources Management



I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the revised management plan for Jupiter Ridge Natural Area.

Summary: The Jupiter Ridge Natural Area Management Plan was originally approved by the Board on November 19, 1996 and by the State of Florida on February 27, 1998. The Management Plan was revised in 2008 to include additional information regarding the history of the site and its biological resources, a chronology of significant events and activities occurring since the County's acquisition, improvements in management techniques for the site, and other new information. This document is the first update to the plan. The next update will be due in 2018. The County continues to manage the site with the assistance of the Town of Jupiter. District 1 (SF)

Background and Justification: The 270-acre Jupiter Ridge Natural Area is managed by the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BTITF) holds a 100% title interest in 267 acres of the natural area. The County holds title to the remaining 3 acres. The state-owned portion of the natural area is leased to Palm Beach County for management under a 50-year lease that runs until the year 2044. The County is required to manage the leased premises only for the conservation and protection of natural and historic resources and for resource-based public outdoor recreation that is compatible with the conservation and protection of these public lands, as set forth in subsection 253.023(11), Florida Statutes. In compliance with Section 253.034, Florida Statutes, the County submitted a draft management plan that met the requirements of Chapters 18-2 and 18-4, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) and subsection 259.032, Florida Statutes. An update of the management plan must be submitted to the State every ten years.

The Palm Beach County Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) reviews the management plans prepared by County staff for each natural area managed by the County and recommends approval of the plan by the Board of County Commissioners. Each management plan should be revised as necessary on the basis of new information, research data, improvements in management techniques or other relevant factors. NAMAC has reviewed the revised Management (Continued on Page 3.)

Attachments:

- 1. Jupiter Ridge Management Plan.

Recommended by: Richard E. Walsby 11/3/08
Department Director Date

Approved by: [Signature] 11/12/08
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	<u>\$100,183</u>	<u>\$110,201</u>	<u>\$121,221</u>	<u>\$133,344</u>	<u>\$146,678</u>
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$100,183</u>	<u>\$110,201</u>	<u>\$121,221</u>	<u>\$133,344</u>	<u>\$146,678</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No _____
 Budget Account No.: Fund 1226 Department 380 Unit 3162 Object Various
 Program E450

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Funds for maintenance of public use facilities and management costs will be provided by ERM's Natural Areas Fund (1226) or other funding sources as they become available. Exotic removal and restoration costs are expected to come from a combination of monies from the Natural Areas Fund and grants. Over the past five years, capital and maintenance costs for County owned/managed natural areas have increased an average of 10% per year. Actual costs for FY 2009 and beyond may be higher or lower than projected.


C. Department Fiscal Review: 

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Whitwhite 11-6-08
 OFMB 11/5/08 11/4/08 11/10/08 11/10/08
Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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Plan for the Jupiter Ridge Natural Area and recommended the approval of the revised management plan at its October 17, 2008 meeting. Capital improvements for site development (fencing, signage, trails, public use facilities, management access areas/firebreaks and initial exotic/invasive vegetation removal) have been completed. Annual management and maintenance costs including biological monitoring, on-going exotic/invasive vegetation treatment, and repair and replacement of facilities, as needed, are estimated to be \$100,183. County operational funds and the Natural Areas Fund (while these funds exist) will be used to pay for annual management and maintenance of the site. Actual increases in annual management and maintenance costs for the site (beyond FY 2009) may be higher or lower than this amount.