

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: December 17, 2013       Consent       Regular  
    Ordinance       Public Hearing

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

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: the revised management plan for the Yamato Scrub Natural Area.

**Summary:** The management plan for the Yamato Scrub Natural Area was originally approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on June 5, 2001 and by the State of Florida on October 6, 2001. The management plan was revised in 2013 to include a chronology of significant events and activities occurring since the County's acquisition, improvements in management techniques and other new information. The next update will be due to the state in 2024. The County manages the natural area with the assistance of the City of Boca Raton. District 4 (SF)

**Background and Justification:** The 217.12-acre Yamato Scrub Natural Area is managed by the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIITF) holds title to 206.74 acres of the natural area. The County and City hold joint title to the remaining 10.38 acres. The state-owned portion of the site is managed in accordance with a 50-year state management lease (lease no. 4176) from TIITF to the County. This lease runs until the year 2047. In compliance with Section 253.034, 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 management plans for each natural area and recommends approval of the plan by the BCC. NAMAC has reviewed the revised management plan for the Yamato Scrub Natural Area, held a public hearing on the plan on November 14, 2013, and recommended the approval of the revised management plan at its November 22, 2013 meeting. Annual maintenance and operation costs, including biological monitoring, on-going exotic/invasive animal and plant control, and repair and replacement of facilities, as needed, are estimated to be \$273,073. The County will be responsible for \$269,423 of the annual costs. The remaining \$3,650 will be provided as in-kind services by the City of Boca Raton, as a management partner with the County.

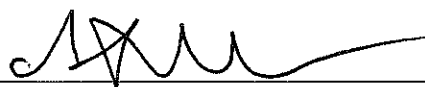
**Attachments:**

1. Yamato Scrub Management Plan.

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Recommended by:       11/19/13  
Department Director      Date

Approved by:       12/1/13  
County Administrator      Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$269,423</u>	<u>\$277,506</u>	<u>\$285,831</u>	<u>\$294,406</u>	<u>\$303,238</u>
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<u>\$269,423</u>	<u>\$277,506</u>	<u>\$285,831</u>	<u>\$294,406</u>	<u>\$303,238</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 E340

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

County operational funds and ERM's Natural Areas Fund (1226) will be used to pay for annual management and maintenance of the site. Over the past five years, capital and maintenance costs for County owned/managed natural areas have increased an average of 3% per year. Actual costs for FY 2015 and beyond may be higher or lower than projected. Funds for the remaining capital improvements are expected to come from a combination of monies from the Natural Areas Fund and grants.

C. Department Fiscal Review: \_\_\_\_\_ *JP*

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:**

*JP* 11/22/13  
 OFMB *JP* 11/21 *cc* 11/22  
*Don J. Spalding* 11/27/13  
 Contract Administrator *BW/CCM*

B. Legal Sufficiency:  
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 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:  
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 Department Director