

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	\$0 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	\$0 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$0 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is Item Included in Current Budget?			Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	
Does this item include the use of federal funds?			Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	
Does this item include the use of state funds?			Yes _____	No <u>X</u>	
Budget Account No.:					
Fund _____	Department _____	Unit _____	Object _____	Program _____	

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
 Neither the Designation Application nor Designation Agreement are expected to have any fiscal impact.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

<u>ASD/DA 2/5/24</u>	<u>Franklin/ach 2/3/24</u>
OFMB QA DA DA2/5	Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

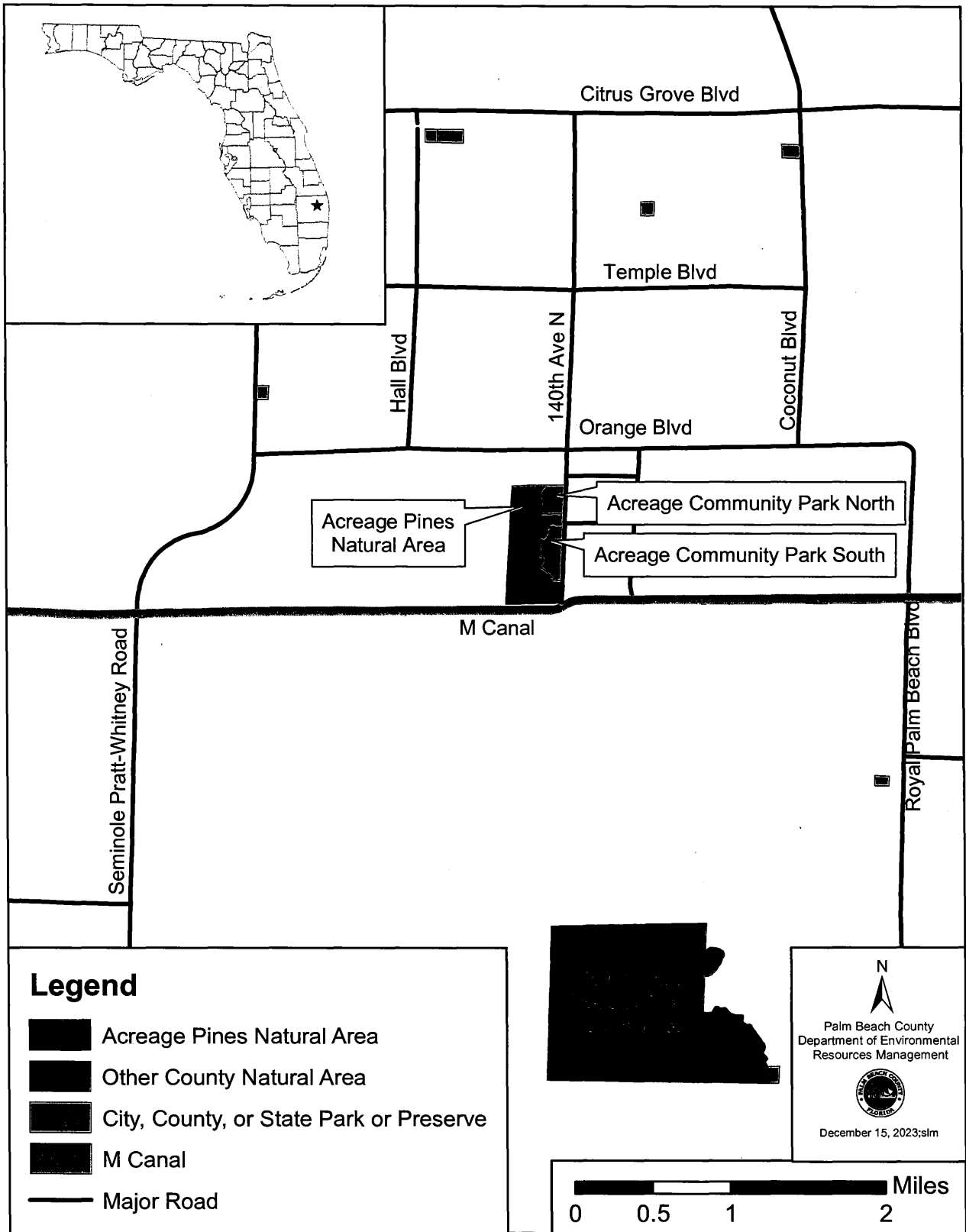
[Signature] 2/12/24
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

Attachment 1

Acreage Pines Natural Area Location Map





OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS
APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
OF PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS
AS PART OF THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Public lands and waterways located within the state may be designated by the Department as components of the Florida Greenways and Trails System upon compliance with the requirements of Section 62S-1.400, F.A.C.

CONSENT OF LANDOWNER REQUIRED

Section 260.014, Florida Statutes, provides that “no lands or waterways may be designated as a part of the statewide system of greenways and trails without the specific written consent of the landowner.” Furthermore, if public access is contemplated for any portion of the project, both the owner(s) and the proposed managing entity must provide the Department with written authorization detailing the public access permitted on the project. Accordingly, the sponsor of each project proposed for designation is strongly encouraged to communicate and collaborate with all potentially affected landowners and land managers throughout all stages of the designation process.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All responses on the Application must be typed or legibly printed. If a particular item does not apply to the project, the proper response is “Not Applicable.” Do not leave a response area blank.
2. If additional space is needed for a response, indicate that additional sheets(s) are attached, and identify the information contained within each additional sheet by noting the Application item number to which it relates.
3. All “Required Attachments” listed in the next section of the instructions must be attached to and submitted with the application.
4. Applicants must submit an original Application, one (1) original of each Required Attachment and any other supporting documentation.
5. Do not fax any portion of the Application or attachments to the Office of Greenways and Trails. All faxed information received that relates to a pending application will not be accepted.
6. The Application, together with supporting attachments and documentation, must be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following items must be attached to the Application at the time of submittal:

- A. An "Owner Consent," DRP-097, effective July 10, 2003, signed by each record title owner of the property proposed for designation.
- B. A "Management Certificate," DRP-098, effective July 10, 2003, signed by the managing entity of the property proposed for designation.
- C. If available, photographs of various sites and features within the project that show typical landscape characteristics, labeled with location and orientation and cross-referenced to the location map described in the following paragraph.
- D. An accurate location map of sufficient scale and detail to clearly delineate all project property boundaries in relation to other area greenways or trails, county roadways, major topographic features (such as rivers, lakes and power lines) and local government boundaries (if any). The location map must state the length of trails and total project acreage, and should indicate points of interest or special features. When the project provides for public access to existing or proposed trails, the location map must identify the trail alignment, public access points, trailheads and facilities to accommodate the proposed types of public uses over the extent of the trails.

**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
OF PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS**

NAME OF PROJECT: Acreage Pines Natural Area

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 6405 140th Avenue North, Loxahatchee, Florida 33412

COUNTY/COUNTIES: Palm Beach County

OWNER OF PROJECT: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

PLEASE NOTE: A completed and signed "Owner Consent," DRP-097, effective July 10, 2003, must be attached to this Application at the time of submittal.

CONTACT: Maria Sachs, Mayor

ADDRESS: 301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

TELEPHONE: (561) 355-2001 FAX: (561) 355-3990

MANAGING ENTITY OF PROJECT: Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management

PLEASE NOTE: A completed and signed "Management Certificate," DRP-098, effective July 10, 2003, must be attached to this Application at the time of submittal.

CONTACT: Deborah Drum, Director

ADDRESS: 2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

TELEPHONE: (561) 233-2400 FAX: (561) 233-2414

PROJECT SUBMITTED BY (Check one): OWNER MANAGING ENTITY

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check One):

National park, forest or trail, preserve, seashore, wildlife refuge, wild scenic river, military reservation, Native American Lands, or other (describe):

State park unit, forest, recreation area, submerged land, wildlife management area, historical or archaeological site, ornamental or botanical garden, university system property, museum or other special feature site, public game area, preserve, or other (describe):

Lands owned by a port authority, flood control district, water management district, navigation district or other agency created by general or special law (describe):

Local government conservation or recreation land, urban open space area or other (describe):
The project includes approximately 124.3 acres of County-owned conservation lands which preserves native Florida ecosystems, and provides for passive recreation, environmental education and research.

Please attach a location map and general description of the lands and/or waterways proposed for designation, including the length of trails, total acreage and points of interest or special features. If trails will be available for public access, please identify the trail alignment, public access points, trailheads, and facilities to accommodate the proposed types of public uses over the length of the trail(s). Photographs and printed brochures or other information may also be attached, if available.

The undersigned hereby certify that the Project consists solely of Public Conservation or Recreation Lands or Waterways, as that term is defined in Section 62S-1.100(19), F.A.C., and that the undersigned will negotiate with the Office of Greenways and Trails to formulate and thereafter enter into a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern the Project's participation in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

SIGNATURES OF SUBMITTING PARTY(IES):

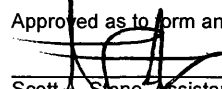
DATE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

OWNER MANAGING ENTITY (CHECK ONE)

Return Completed and Signed Application To:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Scott A. Stone, Assistant County Attorney

Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
Telephone: (850) 245-2052

ATTACHMENT A

OWNER CONSENT FORM



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

OWNER CONSENT

TO DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Acreage Pines Natural Area
Name of Project
6405 140th Avenue North, Loxahatchee, Florida 33412
Address or Location of Project

FROM: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Name of Owner(s)
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Address, City, State and Zip Code of Owner(s)
(561) 355-2001 Telephone No.
(561) 355-3990 Facsimile No.

The undersigned Owners(s) of fee simple title in and to the lands and/or waterways described on the attached Exhibit "A," all of which lie within the project boundary of the above-named greenways and trails project, hereby consents to designation of said lands and/or waterways as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. By execution of this consent, the undersigned confirms said Owner(s)' willingness to negotiate with representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection to formulate a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern participation of the Owner(s)' lands and/or waterways in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

DATE:

OWNER(S) OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS:

Maria Sachs, Mayor

[Printed Name of Owner]

[Signature of Owner]

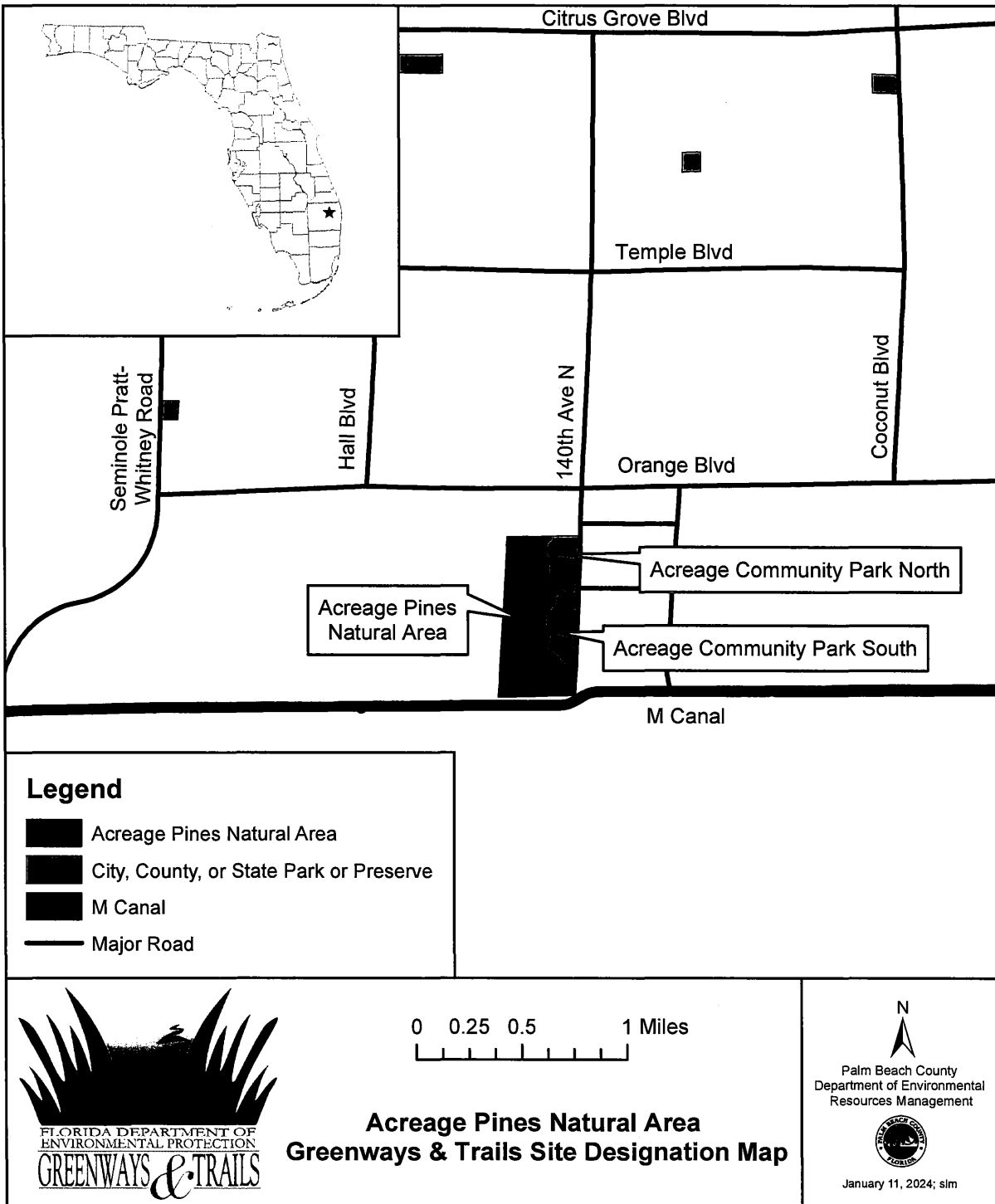
[Printed Name of Owner]

[Signature of Owner]

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Scott A. Stone, Assistant County Attorney
DRP-097 (Effective 07-10-2003)

EXHIBIT A



ATTACHMENT B

MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Acreage Pines Natural Area
Name of Project
6405 140th Avenue North, Loxahatchee, Florida 33412

Address or Location of Project
Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM)

FROM: Name of Managing Entity
Deborah Drum, Director

Name of Contact/Representative
2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor

Address of Managing Entity
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

City, State and Zip Code

(561) 233-2400 (561) 233-2414

Telephone Number Facsimile Number

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation**
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th Floor

Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

City, State and Zip Code

(561) 355-2001 (561) 355-3990

Telephone Number Facsimile Number

** Attach additional sheet(s) if more than one owner

The undersigned Managing Entity hereby ratifies and confirms:

- (1) That it is willing to manage the Project following its designation by the Department of Environmental Protection as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System;
- (2) That management of the project will be based on and proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the following:
 - (a) Existing leases, subleases, management plans, licenses, easements or other agreements or encumbrances previously executed and currently in effect for any portion of the lands or waterways located within the Project; and
 - (b) A designation agreement to be negotiated among and executed by the undersigned Managing Entity, the Owner(s) of the lands or waterways proposed for designation and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, which designation agreement shall be subordinate to any existing leases, agreements or other encumbrances described in paragraph (a) above.
- (3) That in the event the undersigned ceases to be the Managing Entity of the Project or if the aforementioned designation agreement is amended, rescinded or otherwise terminated for any reason, the undersigned will notify the Department's Office of Greenways and Trails within five (5) business days following the occurrence of any such event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be signed as of the date set forth below.

MANAGING ENTITY

PBC Dept of Environmental Resources Manag

[Print Name of Managing Entity]

By: Deborah Drum

Print Name: Deborah Drum

Title: Director

Date: 1/30/24

ATTACHMENT C

PHOTO LOCATION MAP AND SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Attachment C Acreage Pines Natural Area Photograph Location Map

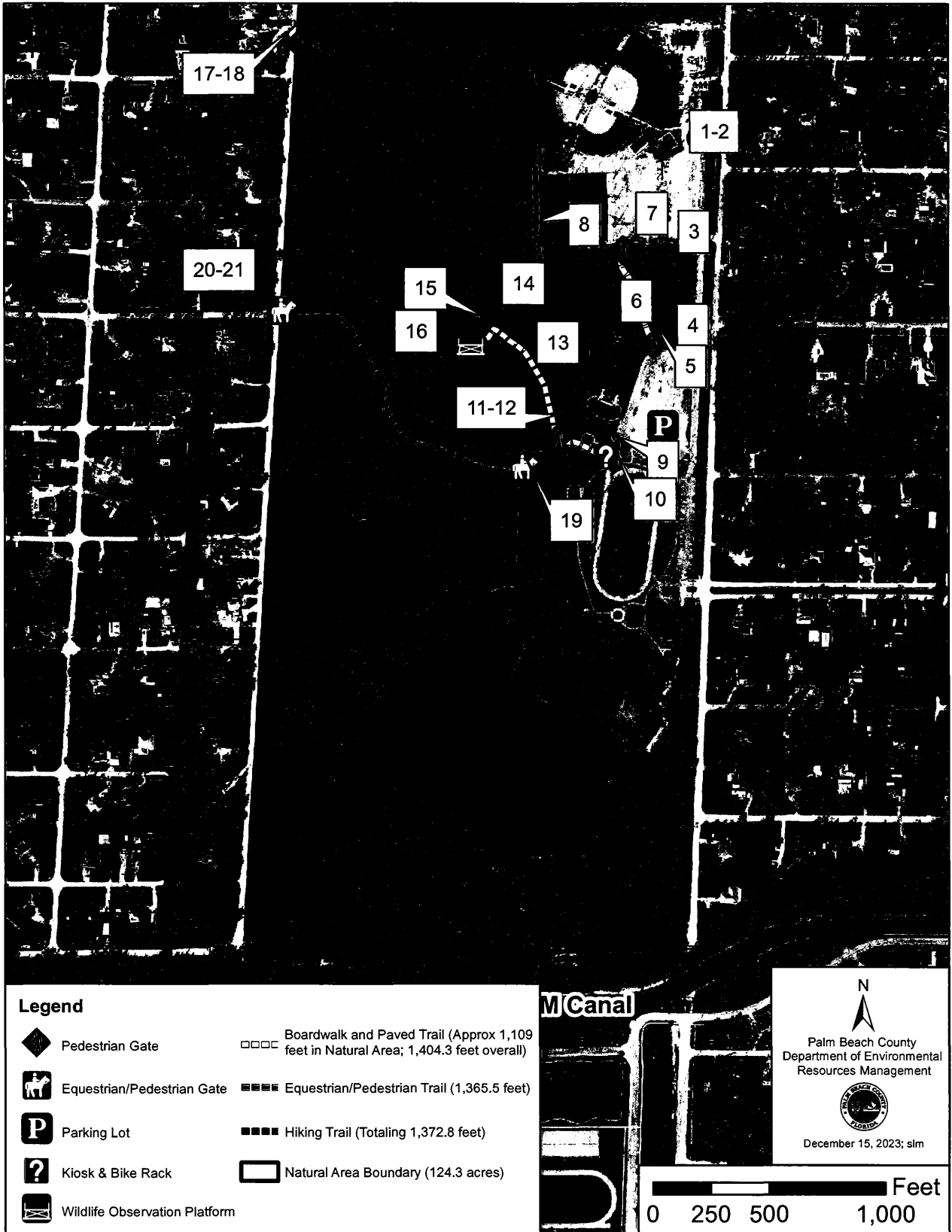


Photo Point 1: Acreage Pines Natural Area Entrance Sign and Florida Communities Trust Recognition Sign, looking southwest from driveway to Acreage Community Park North.



Photo Point 2: Looking west at the first directional sign for Acreage Pines Natural Area.



Photo Points 3 and 4: Looking south and southwest at second and third directional signs, respectively.



Photo Point 5: Looking north at southerly entrance to the northern boardwalk/concrete trail.



Photo Point 6: Looking west from the center of the northern boardwalk/concrete trail.



Photo Point 7: Looking north from the north end of the northern boardwalk/concrete trail. The soccer fields are part of Acreage Community Park North.

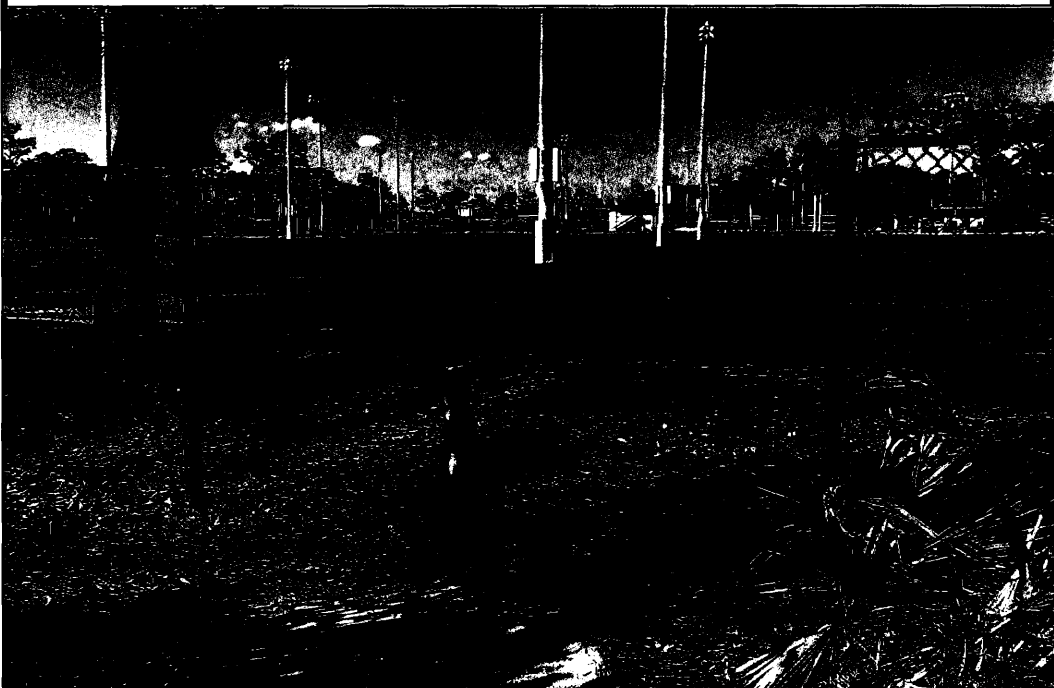


Photo Point 8: Looking west at the entrance to the north-south natural-surfaced hiking trail near the southwest corner of Acreage Community Park North.



Photo Point 9: Looking west from the sidewalk leading from the parking lot to bike rack and kiosk. The sidewalk continues to the entrance of the southern boardwalk.



Photo Point 10: Natural Area kiosk - view from the west.



Photo Point 11: Looking west along the southern boardwalk at the intersection of the boardwalk with the pedestrian perimeter trail in Acreage Community Park South.



Photo Point 12: Steps from southern boardwalk down to pedestrian perimeter trail in Acreage Community Park South, looking north.

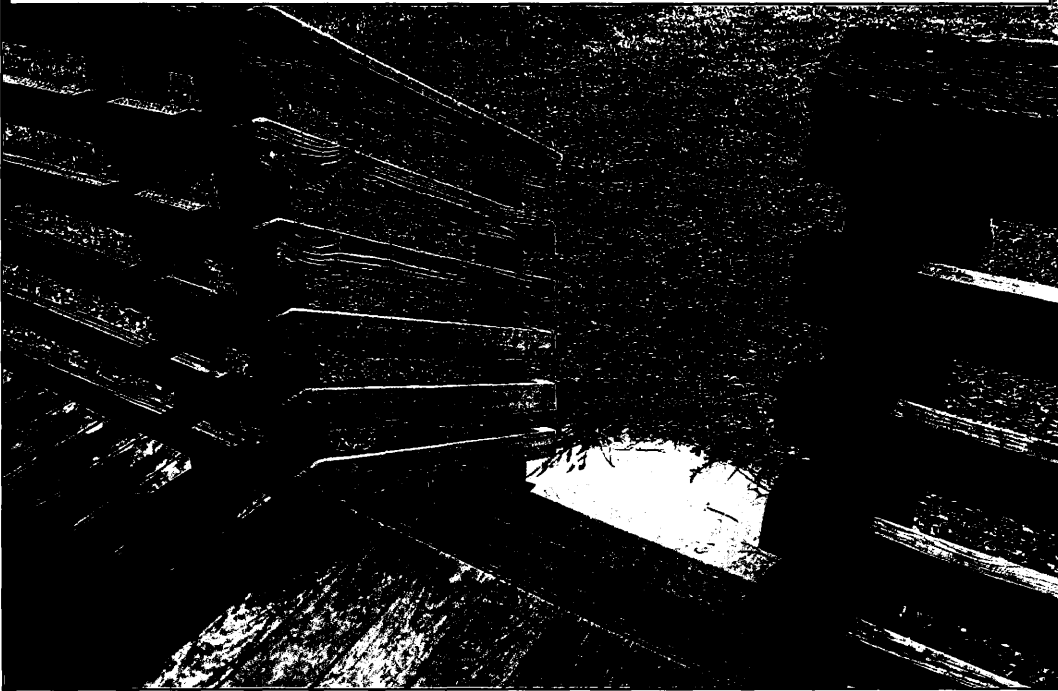


Photo Point 13: Looking northwest along the southern boardwalk trail from a point a little west of Photo Point 12.



Photo Point 14: Looking northwest along the southern boardwalk trail near the middle of the hydric hammock. There is a wooden bench just west of the bend in the boardwalk.

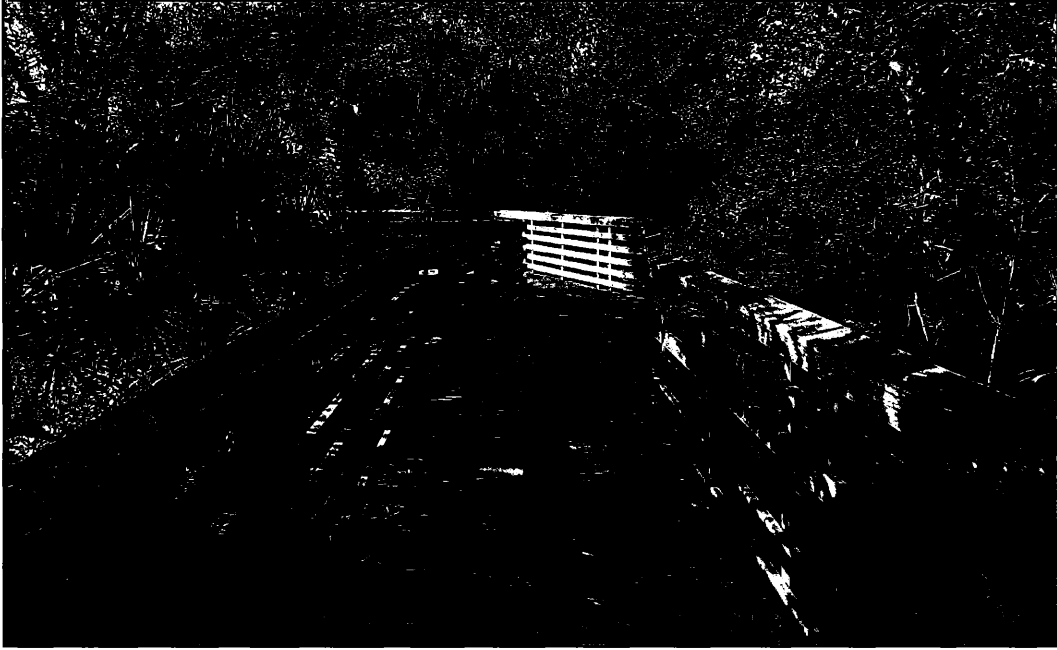


Photo Point 15: Looking southwest at the wildlife observation platform at the west end of the southern boardwalk trail. There are three wooden benches with metal supports on the platform.



Photo Point 16: Looking southeast from the wildlife observation platform.

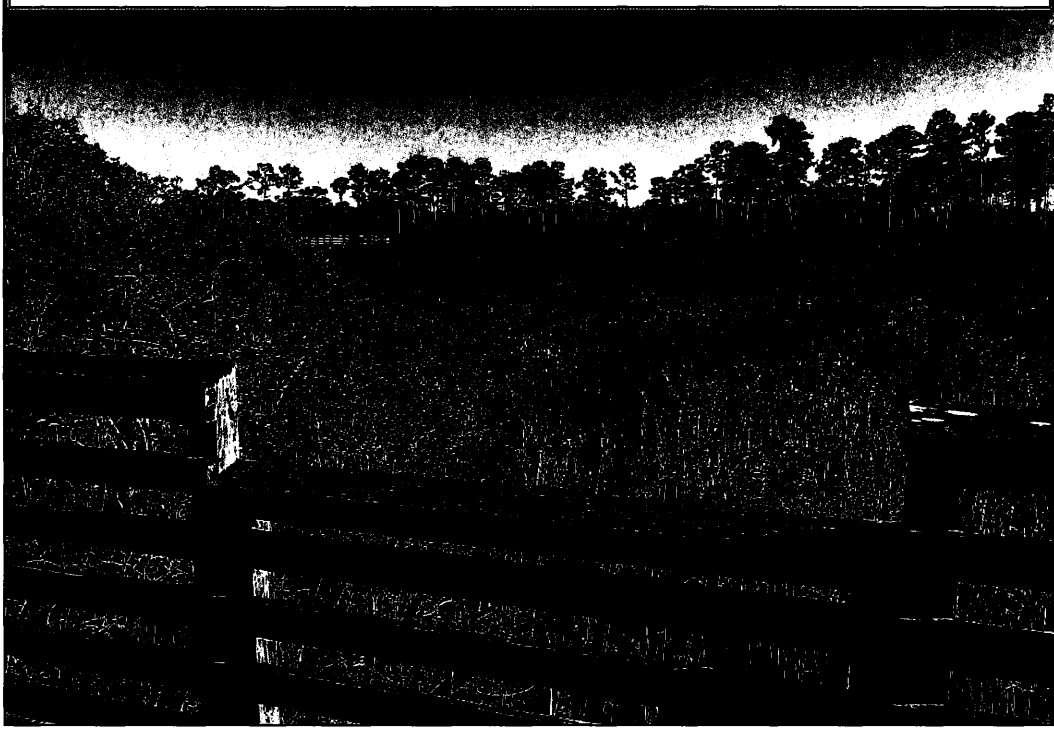


Photo Point 17: Looking east, from 143rd Drive North towards the western entrance to the east-west pedestrian trail. Rules signs are typical for public access points.



Photo Point 18: Natural-surfaced, east-west pedestrian trail, looking east from the eastern edge of the 143rd Drive North road right of way.

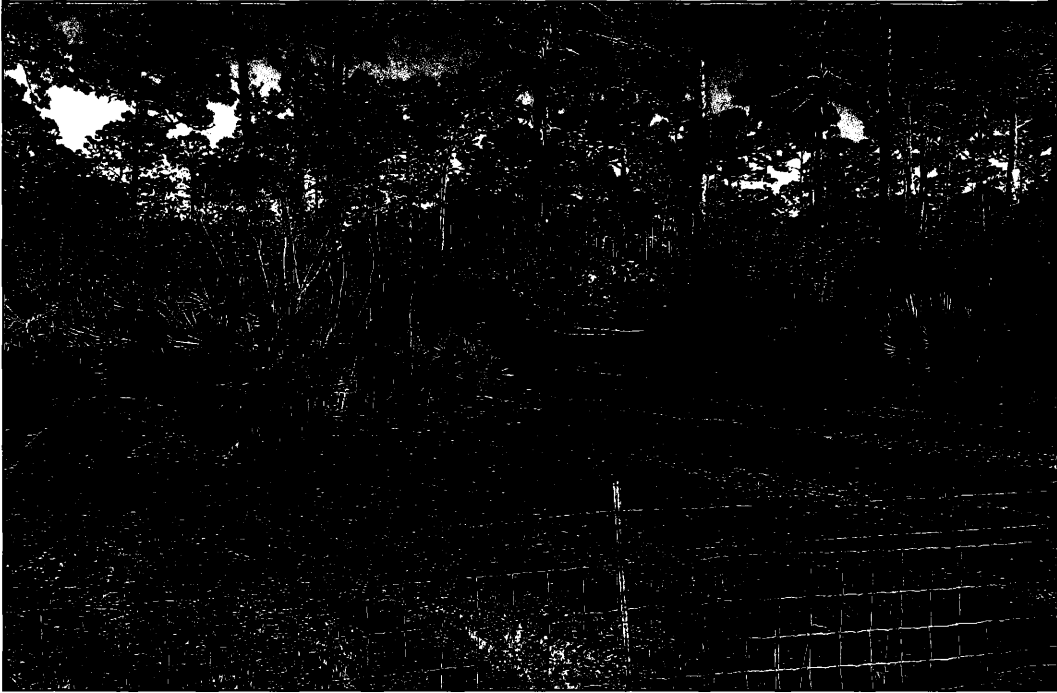


Photo Point 19: Looking west, from the east end of the natural-surfaced equestrian trail.



Photo Point 20: Equestrian gate at west end of equestrian trail looking east, from the eastern edge of the 143rd Drive North road right of way.



Photo Point 21: Natural-surfaced equestrian trail from western end looking east.



ATTACHMENT D

USE PLAN,
SITE DESIGNATION MAP,
PUBLIC USE FACILITIES MAP
AND
VEGETATION COMMUNITIES MAP

Use Plan

The 124.3-acre Acreage Pines Natural Area (“Natural Area”, Exhibit A) is the subject of this Designation Agreement. The adjacent connected parks - Acreage Community Park North and Acreage Community Park South (Exhibit A and Figure 1) - are not part of this Designation Agreement. The Natural Area opened to the public in November 2012, but closed in January 2017 when construction activities associated with the expansion of Acreage Community Park South began. The Natural Area reopened on December 5, 2020. Existing public use facilities within the Natural Area include an uncovered wooden observation platform with benches; two natural-surfaced pedestrian trails totaling approximately 1,372.8 feet; portions of two wooden boardwalk/concrete trails totaling approximately 1,109 feet; and a 1,365.5-foot-long connecting equestrian/pedestrian trail segment (Figure 1). [Note: The equestrian/pedestrian trail is currently closed to the public. It will open once construction of Acreage Community Park South is complete.] The primary purpose of the Natural Area is to preserve important remnants of Florida’s native vegetation communities (Figure 2), their associated plant and wildlife populations, and local groundwater resources. Its secondary purpose is to provide for passive, resource-based recreation, environmental education and scientific research. The Natural Area is open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset.

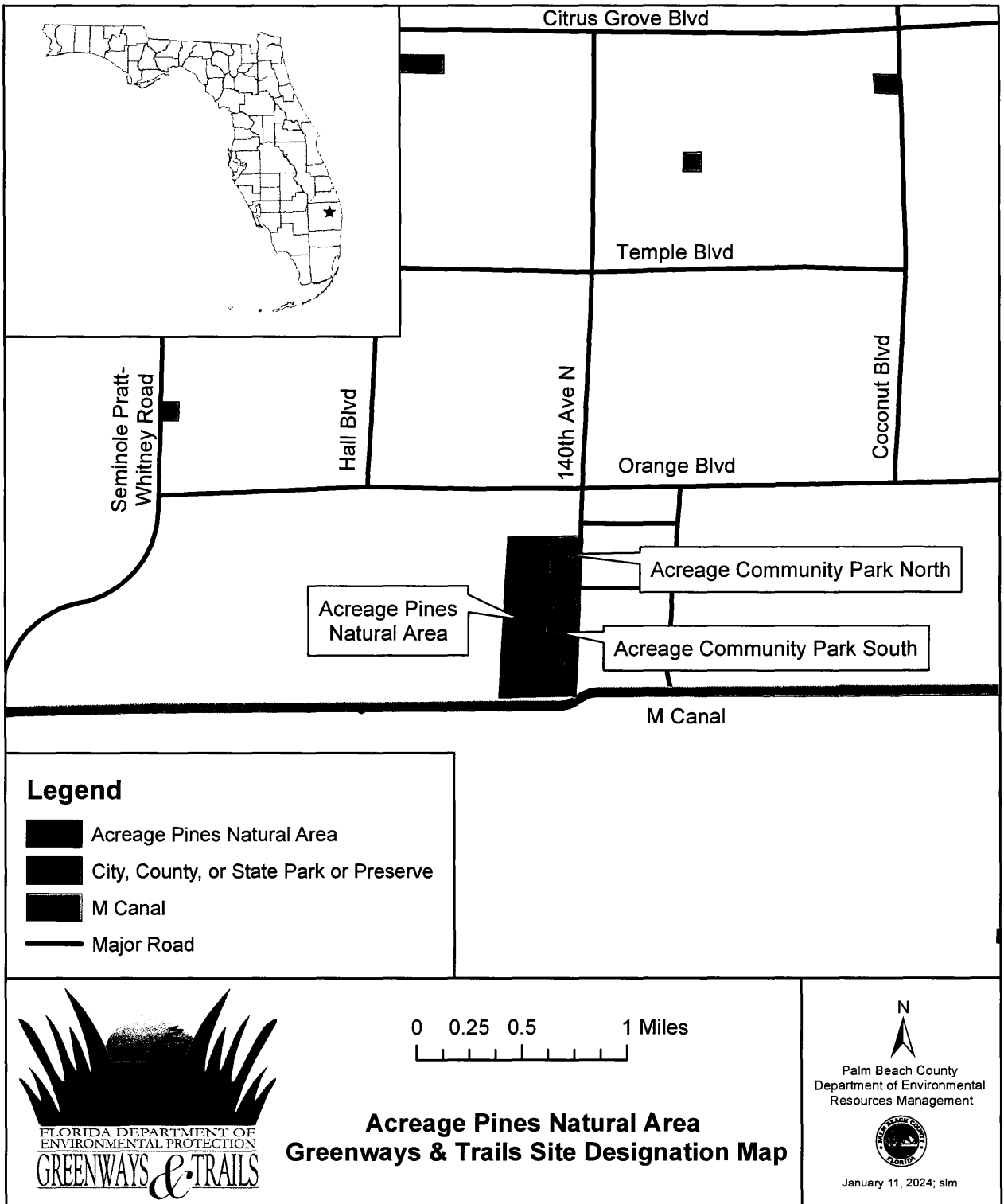
Access/Directions: Vehicular public access is provided from 140th Avenue North via two paved driveways and a parking lot that is part of Acreage Community Park South (Figure 1). Pedestrian access is provided at six locations where the Natural Area connects to the adjacent parks. Pedestrian access also is provided from 143rd Drive North (Figure 1). Equestrian/pedestrian access will be provided from 143rd Drive North to Acreage Community Park South once that portion of the park has been completed. A bicycle rack has been installed near the entrance to the southern boardwalk/concrete trail to encourage the use of alternative transportation to the Natural Area and Acreage Community Park South.

Management: Palm Beach County (County) owns the 124.3-acre Natural Area. The County’s Department of Environmental Resources Management is responsible for managing and maintaining the Natural Area with assistance from County-hired invasive/nonnative vegetation removal contractors.

Natural Area entrance signage is located at the entrance to Acreage Community Park North. Signs directing visitors to the southern boardwalk/concrete trail are located adjacent to the access road that connects the north and south parks. Natural areas welcome, access hours and rules signs have been installed near the entrance to the southern boardwalk trail; natural area welcome signs also have been installed adjacent to the other public access points. A trail map and general information about the Natural Area are provided in the kiosk located near the entrance to the southern boardwalk/concrete trail. Regulatory signs are located adjacent the Natural Area’s boundaries at intervals of no greater than 500 feet.

Security: The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office (PBSO) has the primary responsibility for public safety and law enforcement at the Natural Area. The County also has contracted with PBSO to have Wildlands Task Force deputies conduct extra patrols of the Natural Area when needed. The Wildlands Task Force is a specially-trained and specially-equipped unit that was formed to prevent illegal activities, such as dumping, on natural areas managed by the County and to enforce the provisions of the County’s Natural Areas Ordinance.

EXHIBIT A



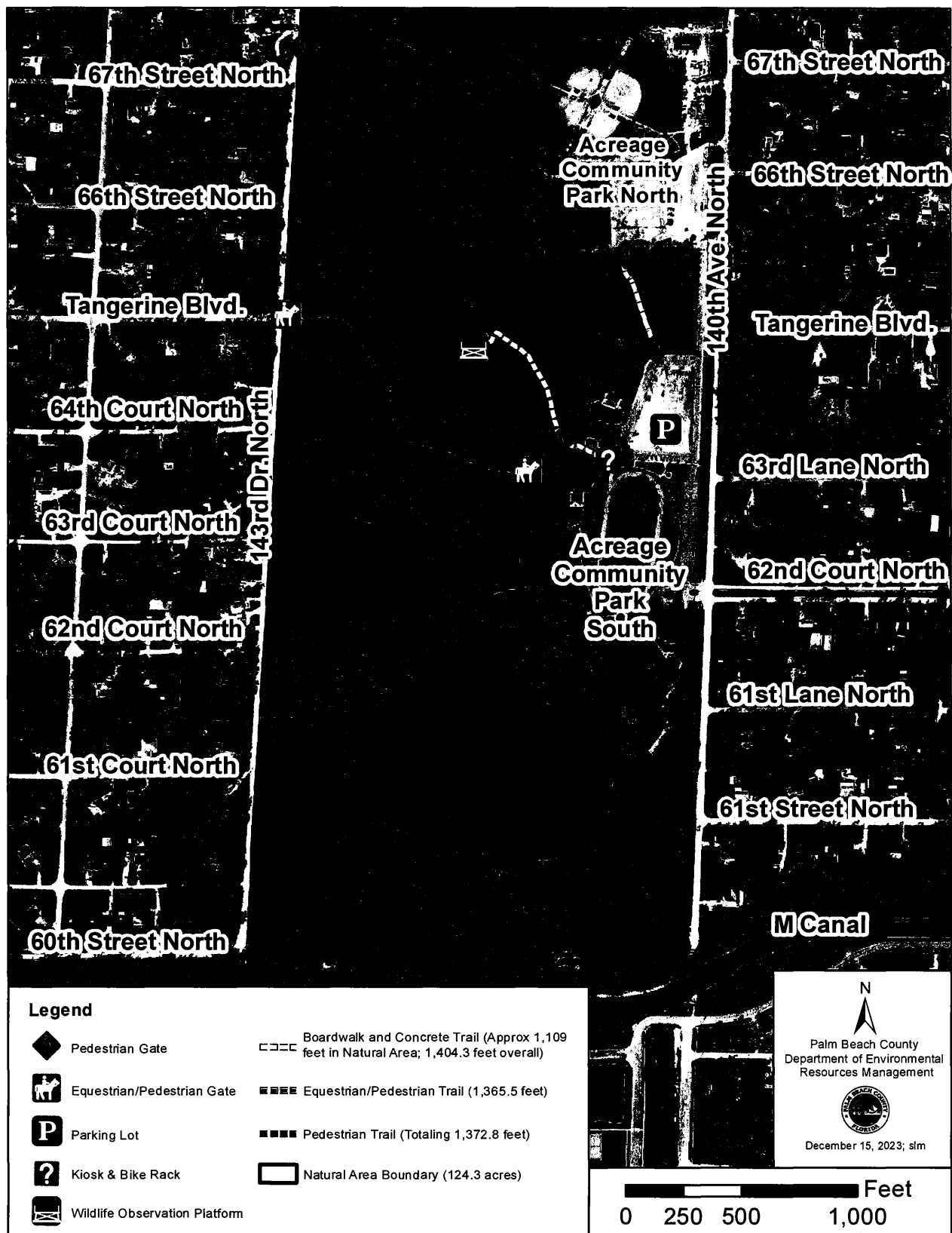


Figure 1
Acreage Pines Natural Area Public Use Facilities Map

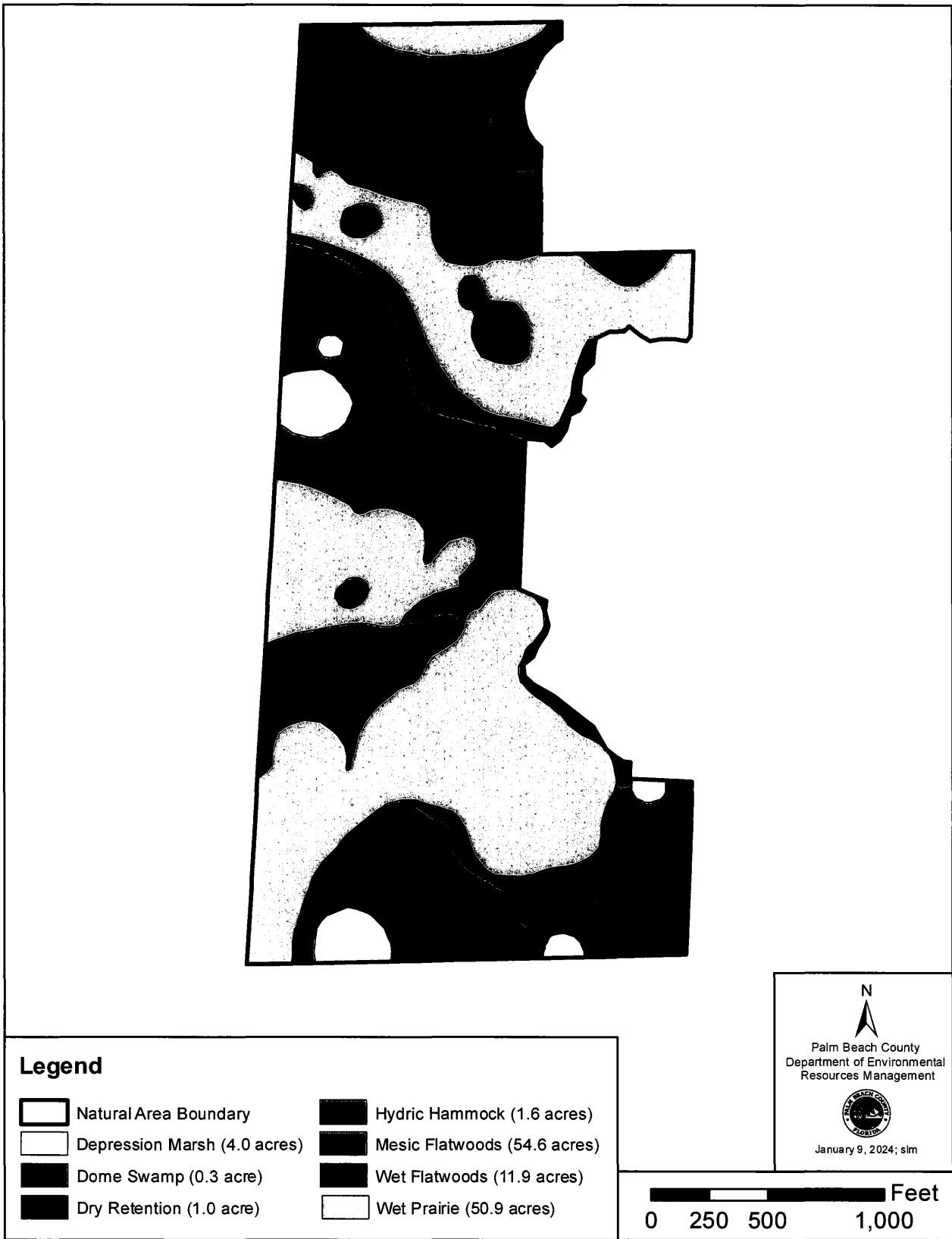


Figure 2.
Acreage Pines Natural Area Vegetation Communities Map

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PROGRAM**

**DESIGNATION AGREEMENT
NAME OF PROJECT**

This Designation Agreement, entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS (hereinafter referred to as "Department") and AGENCY NAME (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Landowner" or "Manager"), by and through the undersigned, formally designates the lands depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter referred to as "designated lands") as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System, as defined in Section 260.014, Florida Statutes.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Department is given authority in Section 260.016, Florida Statutes, to develop and implement a voluntary process for designation of lands or waterways as a part of the statewide system of greenways and trails.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived herefrom, the parties do hereby agree to the following:

1. The Manager:

- a. Shall be responsible for the management, operation and maintenance of the designated lands, in accordance with Exhibit B attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- b. Shall be responsible for notifying the Department of any change in the following: property ownership or management; the condition or extent of natural, recreational, cultural or historic resources described in the designation application or its attachments; or the expansion or improvement of the project or its amenities and facilities.

- c. Shall submit a Resource Certification, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference, at the request of the Department, every five years from the date of this Designation Agreement, which states that the natural, recreational, cultural or historical resources identified on the designated lands are being maintained.
- d. Shall erect a permanent sign(s), when available, on public lands depicted in Exhibit A reflecting designation into the Florida Greenways and Trails System in accordance with guidelines provided by the Department.

2. The Department:

- a. Shall provide signs, when available, indicating the property is designated as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System.
- b. Agrees that this Designation Agreement shall have no effect upon the disposition of improvements made to the public lands by the Landowner, the Department, or others, whether existing at the time of designation or to be constructed or erected later, unless otherwise agreed herein.

3. The Landowner and Department:

- a. Agree that sufficient information exists and/or field verification has occurred to assure that the characteristics of the public lands meet the criteria contained in Rule 62S-1.400, Florida Administrative Code.
- b. Agree that this Designation Agreement will be subordinate to the interests stated in any existing leases, subleases, management plans, licenses, easements or other agreements or encumbrances previously executed and currently in effect for any portion of the designated lands.

4. Term, Modification and Termination of this Designation Agreement:

- a. The term of this Designation Agreement shall be 20 years.
- b. This Designation Agreement may be modified to encompass additional adjacent public lands owned by the Landowner. Any such modification to this Designation Agreement shall not be valid unless it complies with the requirements set forth in paragraph 5. below.

c. The Department may withdraw from this Designation Agreement at any time or remove the said designated lands from the Florida Greenways and Trails System by action of the Secretary of the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection if:

(1) the component fails to accomplish or becomes unsuitable for the purposes for which it was designated; or

(2) there is no longer an ability to manage the designated lands as intended in this Designation Agreement and no replacement manager can be identified.

d. In the event that the ownership of the designated lands changes, this Designation Agreement will be null and void.

e. The Landowner has the statutory right to remove the public lands from designation at any time by providing the Department with a written request that references this Designation Agreement.

5. This Designation Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties. Any alterations, variations, changes, or modifications of this Designation Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly signed by each party hereto and attached to this Designation Agreement.

This Designation Agreement is executed by a duly authorized representative of each party on the day and year first above written.

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS,
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS**

By: _____
Samantha Browne, Program Administrator/Chief

“DEPARTMENT”

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

By: _____
DEP Attorney

NAME OF AGENCY

By: _____

Date: _____

“LANDOWNER/MANAGER”

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIEINCY:**

By: _____

Date: _____

**APPROVED AS TO TERMS
AND CONDITIONS:**

By: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A
MAP

EXHIBIT B
Use Plan

EXHIBIT C



PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS DESIGNATION RESOURCE CERTIFICATION

By signing this document, the Manager does hereby certify that the natural, recreational, cultural or historic resources identified on the public lands or waterways designated as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System in Designation Agreement Number OGT-DA, are being maintained in a manner consistent with the terms of the agreement.

AGENCY NAME

By: _____

Print/Type Name