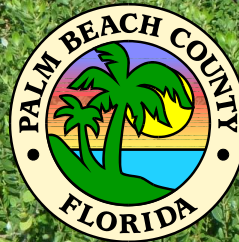




# Lake Park Scrub Natural Area Management Plan Amendments

Town of Lake Park Commissioners Meeting  
December 18, 2024



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# Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management

## Our Programs

### Finance and Support Services

Financial  
Management

Support  
Services

Public Outreach

Contracts &  
Data  
Management

### Environmental Enhancement & Restoration

Habitat  
Enhancement  
and Restoration

Coastal  
Resources  
Management

Ecosystem and  
Endangered  
Species  
Management

Engineering  
Services

### Natural Resources Stewardship

Database  
Management  
and Support

Planning and  
Support

Land  
Management  
and Monitoring

Resource  
Maintenance

Prescribed Fire  
& Fuels  
Management

### Mosquito Control

Ground Control  
Operations

Aquatics,  
Research &  
Logistics

### Resources Protection

Petroleum  
Storage Tank  
Compliance

Natural  
Resources  
Protection

Surface Water  
Protection

Contamination  
Cleanup &  
Monitoring





# **Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management**

## **Natural Resources Stewardship**

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**38 Palm Beach County Natural Areas  
31,800 acres  
Over \$500 million investment  
Close to 500,000 visitors per year**



PALM BEACH COUNTY  
**NATURAL  
AREAS**



# Location Map of PBC Natural Areas North of Southern Blvd



- Acreage Pines 1
- Cypress Creek 2
- Delaware Scrub 3
- Frenchman's Forest 4
- Hungryland Slough 5
- Jackson Riverfront Pines 6
- Juno Dunes 7
- Jupiter Inlet @ JILONA 8
- Jupiter Mangroves 9
- Jupiter Ridge 10
- J.W. Corbett to Lox NWR Connector 11
- Lake Okeechobee Connector 12
- Lake Park Scrub 13**
- Limestone Creek 14
- Loxahatchee Slough 15
- North Jupiter Flatwoods 16
- Pawpaw 17
- Pine Glades 18
- Pond Cypress 19
- Royal Palm Beach Pines 20
- Sandhill Crane Wetlands 21
- South Cove 22
- Sweetbay 23
- Winding Waters 24



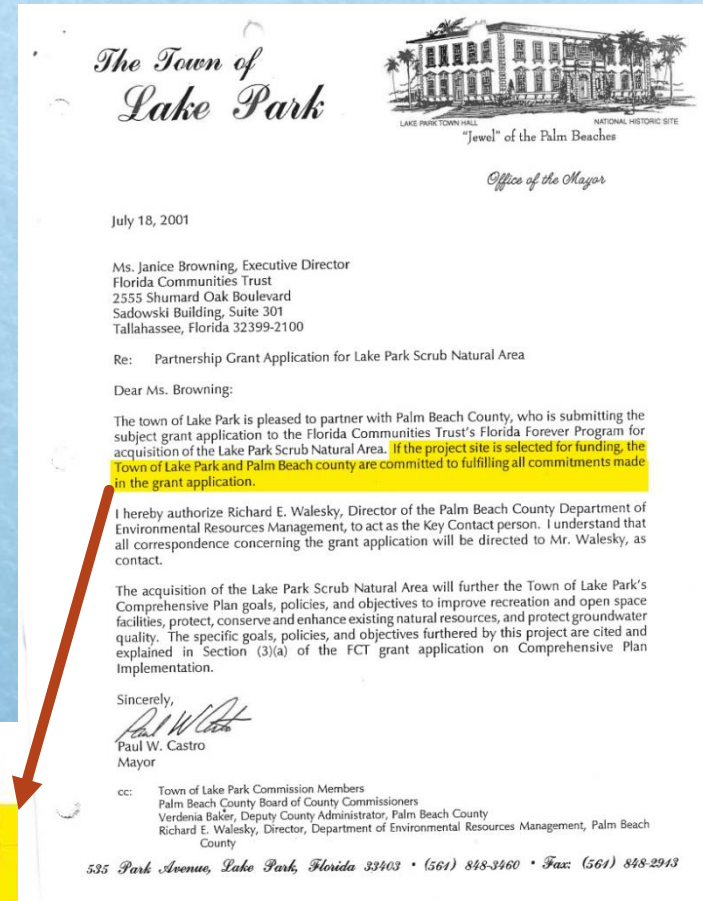
Insert: Canal Point Area

Southern Blvd

# History of Town of Lake Park's (Town) Collaboration with Palm Beach County (County) on Lake Park Scrub Natural Area

- In July 2001, the Town partnered with the County to submit an application to Florida Communities Trust (FCT) for funding to help pay for the acquisition of a 50.1-acre portion of the 54.8-acre Lake Park Scrub Natural Area.
- As part of the application process, the Town committed to fulfilling all commitments made in the grant application, including installation of the required public use facilities.

The town of Lake Park is pleased to partner with Palm Beach County, who is submitting the subject grant application to the Florida Communities Trust's Florida Forever Program for acquisition of the Lake Park Scrub Natural Area. If the project site is selected for funding, the Town of Lake Park and Palm Beach county are committed to fulfilling all commitments made in the grant application.





# History of Town of Lake Park's Collaboration with the County on Lake Park Scrub Natural Area (Continued)

- In August 2003, the Town, County and FCT entered into FCT Grant Award Agreement #01-036-FF1, which requires the Town and County to construct a wildlife observation area, nature trail, parking lot, kiosk and bike rack within the 50.1-acre portion of the Natural Area funded by FCT.
- If the required public use facilities are not constructed, FCT can legally require ownership of the FCT-funded portion of the Natural Area to be conveyed to the State.

R2003 1086  
JUL 15 2003

FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST  
FF1 AWARD #01-036-FF1  
FCT Contract# 04-65-6A-01-FI-J1-036

**GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 27 day of August, 2003, by and between the **FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST (FCT)**, a nonregulatory agency within the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs, and **PALM BEACH COUNTY** and the **TOWN OF LAKE PARK**, local governments of the State of Florida (Recipient), in order to impose terms, conditions, and restrictions on the use of the proceeds of certain bonds, hereinafter described, and the lands acquired with such proceeds and as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Project Site"), as shall be necessary to ensure compliance with applicable Florida Law and federal income tax law and to otherwise implement provisions of Sections 259.105, 259.1051, and Chapter 380, Florida Statutes.

**II. PROJECT SITE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY CHAPTER 259, CHAPTER 375, AND CHAPTER 380, PART III, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

1. If any essential term or condition of this grant agreement is violated by the FCT Recipient or by some third party with the knowledge of the FCT Recipient and the FCT Recipient does not correct the violation within 30 days of notice of the violation, fee simple title to all interest in the Project Site shall be conveyed to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The FCT shall treat such property in accordance with Section 380.508(4)(e), Florida Statutes.





# History of Town of Lake Park's Collaboration with the County on Lake Park Scrub Natural Area (Continued)

- In August/September 2003, the Town and County entered into an Interlocal Agreement to cooperatively manage the Natural Area in a manner that protects the ecosystems and populations of listed species within the Natural Area, and does not cause harm to the natural resources.

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SEP 23 2003

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this 6th day of August, 2003 by and between the Town of Lake Park, a Florida municipal corporation, (the "Town"), and Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (the "County")

2. The County and the Town agree that the County has acquired, and shall manage, in cooperation with the Town and, in coordination with the management of all natural areas acquired by the County, in a manner to protect ecosystems and populations of listed species throughout the County, the real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, hereinafter known as the "Lake Park Scrub Natural Area". This real property is more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Natural Area").

7. The Natural Area shall be open to the public. Facilities shall be developed and operated in a manner that allows the general public reasonable access for observation and appreciation of the significant natural resources within the Natural Area without causing harm to those resources.



# County's and State's Financial Investment in Lake Park Scrub Natural Area

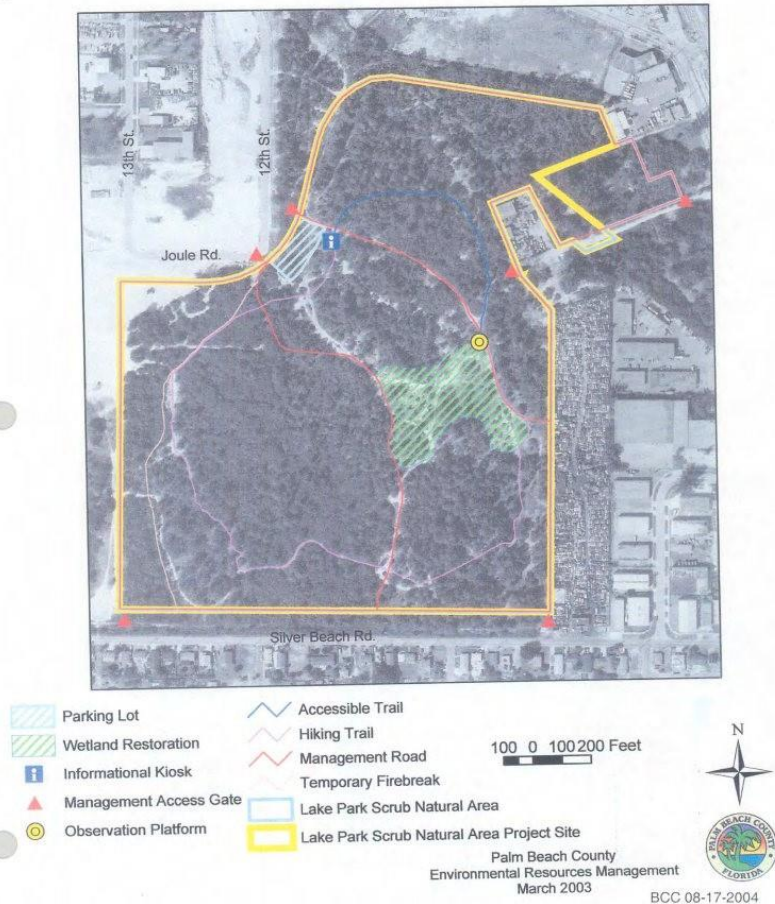
	Palm Beach County	State of Florida (FCT or RTP Grant)
Land Acquisition (FCT Grant for 50.1 acres)	\$1,377,045*	\$1,255,345*
Restoration and Management (does not include staff costs)	1,268,000**	\$0
Design of Proposed Public Use Facilities	103,000**	\$0
Construction of Proposed Public Use Facilities (if RTP Grant is Obtained)	\$350,000**	\$350,000**
Total (Actual* and Estimated**)	3,098,000**	\$1,605,345**





# Management Plan Figure Amendment – the figure on the left will be replaced with the figure on the right

Figure 3  
Master Site Plan for the Lake Park Scrub Natural Area



2004

Figure 3  
Conceptual Site Plan for Lake Park Scrub Natural Area

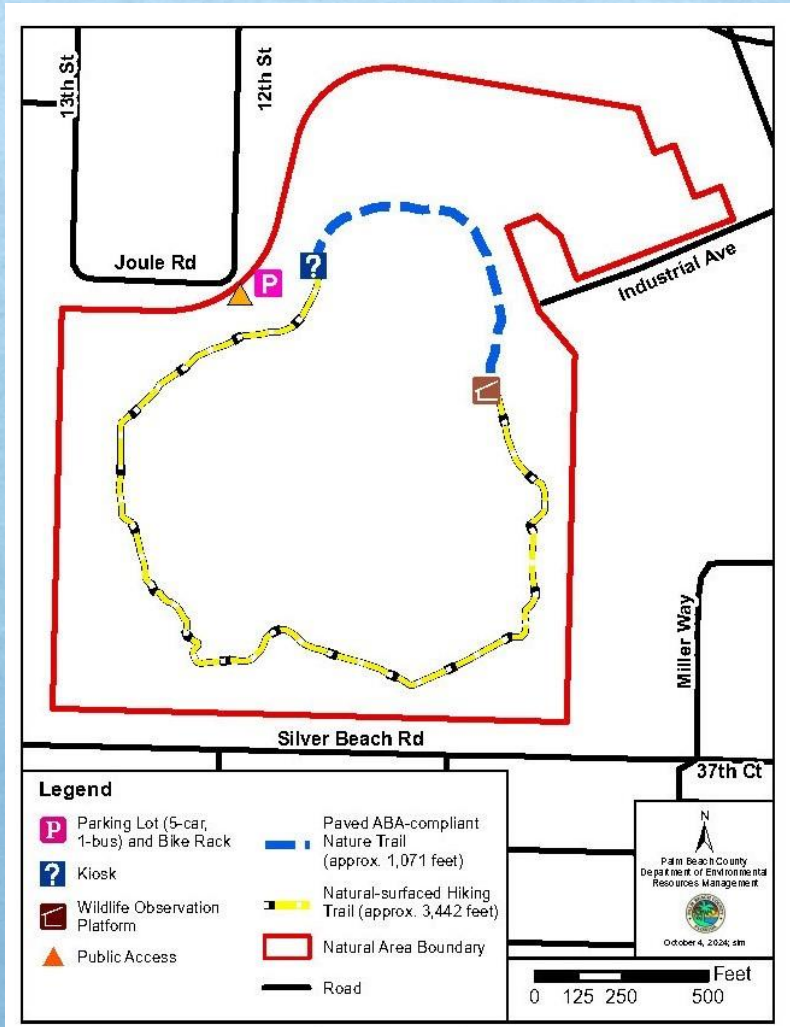


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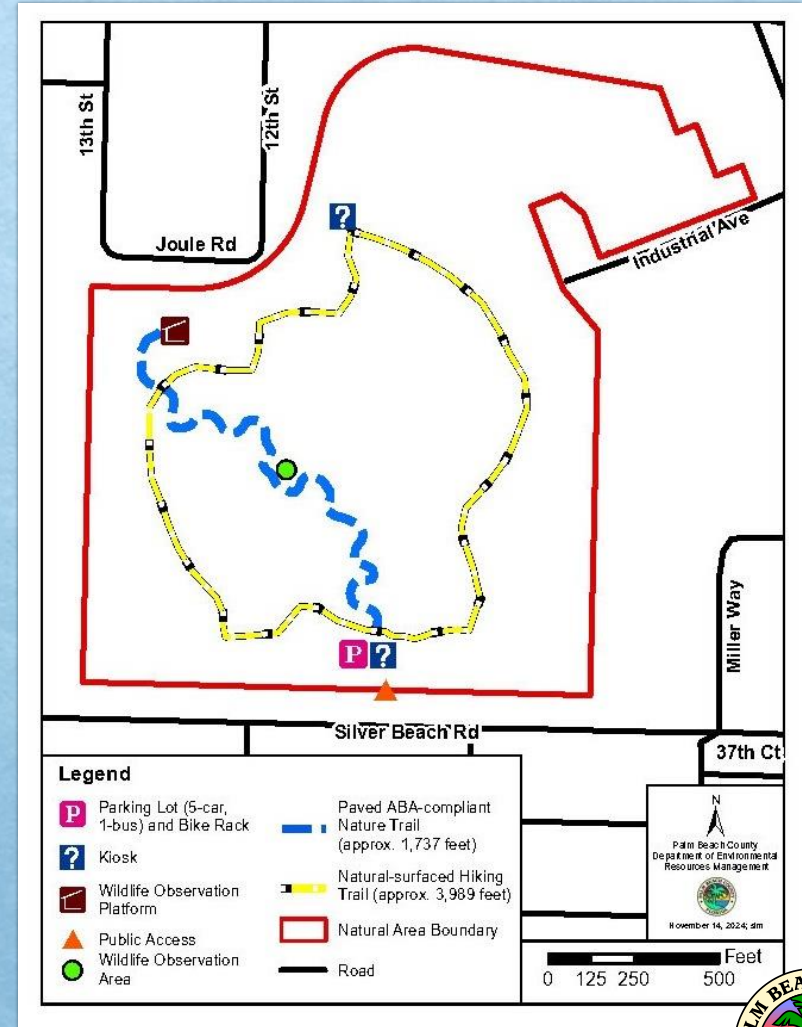




# Approved 2004 Master Site Plan and 2025 Proposed Conceptual Site Plan for Lake Park Scrub Natural Area (shown without the aerial photograph to more clearly depict the conceptual public use facilities)



2004



2025





# Management Plan Text Amendments

Proposed changes to the management plan text include:

- Relocate the parking lot from the northwest portion of the site to the south-central portion
- Reduce the size of the parking lot from a 10-car, 2-bus parking lot to a 5-car, 1 bus parking lot to reduced impacts to endangered habitat
- Add a kiosk at the northernmost point of the hiking trail to provide information on the historical features of the site





# Management Plan Text Amendments (Cont.)

- Add an uncovered wildlife observation area along the nature trail to meet Florida Communities Trust Grant Award Agreement requirements and provide a resting area for people with mobility disabilities
- Relocate the covered wildlife observation platform to an area with a higher elevation to improve visitor experience
- Increase the length of the paved, accessible nature trail and natural-surfaced hiking trail by approximately 737 and 293 feet, respectively, to improve visitor experience





# **Reasons for Changes to Parking Lot**

## Parking Lot Relocation and Size Reduction:

- Improves Traffic Safety – Old plan had driveway located along a curve with significant grade change (drops off into site); new plan has no curve and only gradual grade change
- Minimizes Impacts to Natural Resources - Size reduction from 10-car/2-bus to 5-car/1 bus parking lot reduces clearing and filling in endangered scrub habitat





# Approximate Location of Old Proposed Parking Lot



Google Earth Image showing elevation (2x factor) facing west





# Approximate Location of New Proposed Parking Lot



Google Earth Image showing elevation (2x factor) facing west





# Approval Process / Next Steps

- Approval recommended by Natural Areas Management Advisory Council on November 15, 2024 – Motion was “Recommend Board Approval of the Proposed Amendment to the Lake Park Scrub Management Plan
- At Town of Lake Park Commission --today
- Request for the County Board of County Commissioners to Approve the Proposed Amendment to the Lake Park Scrub Management Plan—scheduled for January 7, 2025
- Request for Florida Communities Trust to Approve the Proposed Amendment to the Lake Park Scrub Management Plan -- pending





# Requested Motion

- Move to accept Palm Beach County's request to proceed with the proposed text amendments to the Lake Park Scrub Area Management Plan and the public use improvements as presented





# Thank you for your continued collaboration on Lake Park Scrub Natural Area

