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# Priorities for Conservation Land Acquisition Update

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs  
Nature Operations Division



# Summary Information

- LABINS 2010 aerial photography
- NRCS Alachua County soils data and FNAI natural communities
- FNAI element occurrences
- City staff evaluations



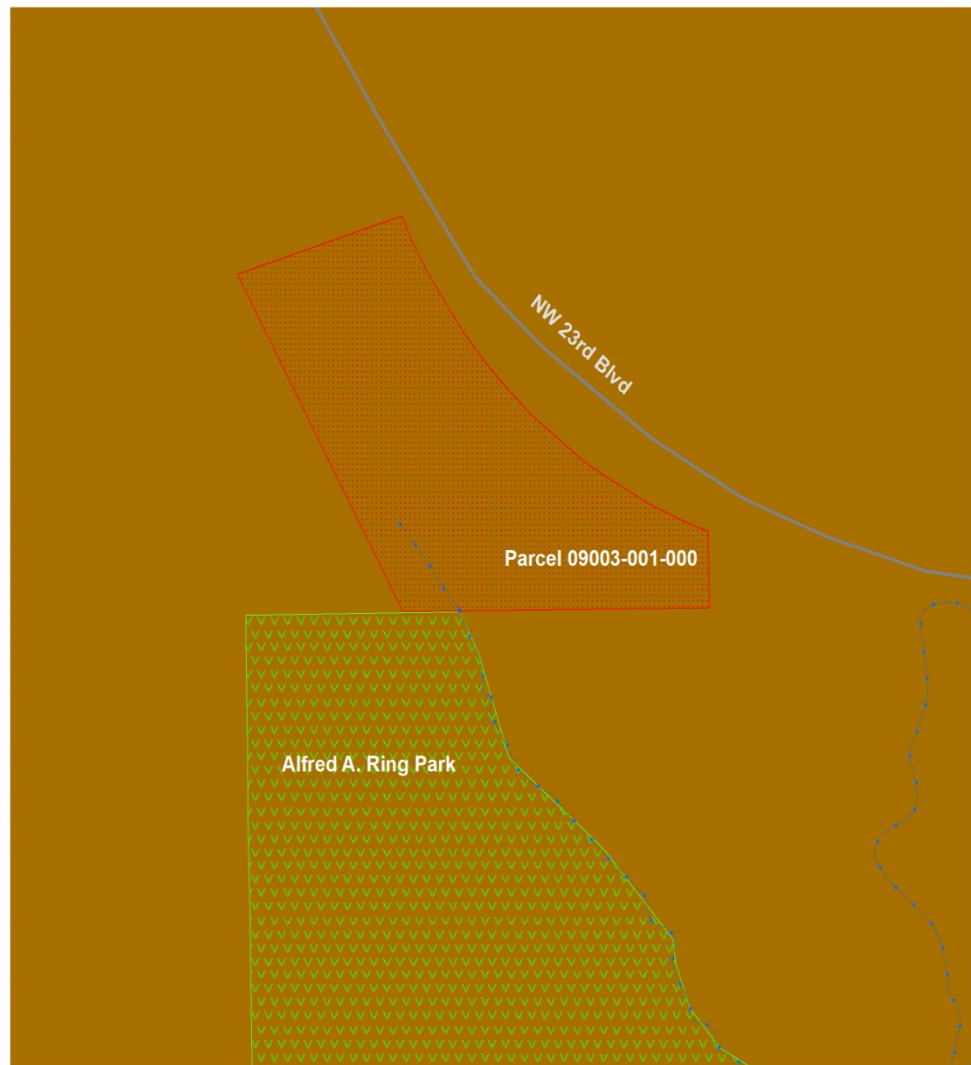
# Parcel Priorities

- Tiered
  - Top priority
  - Second priority
  - Less-than-fee
  - ACT recommended
  - **City Commission recommended**



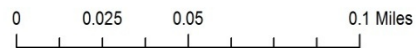
# City Commission Recommended

- Elks Lodge Property

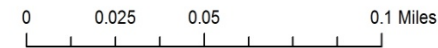


## Elks Lodge Property

-  Park Boundary
  -  Creeks
  -  Major Roads
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- Elks Lodge Property
- Natural Communities  Park Boundary
- FNAI
-  SA/XH/UPF
  -  UMF
  -  WF/MF/SCF
  -  WP/DM/BM
  -  BF/HH
  -  BS/DS
  -  BS/DS/FS
  -  FS
  -  WA
  -  BP
  -  RU
-  Creeks
  -  Major Roads





# Evaluation Summary

- 2 buildings – 9,500 square feet
- 1.6 acres of upland hardwood forest
- 5<sup>th</sup> magnitude concrete-lined spring
- 150 feet spring run
- Paved parking



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# Listed Species

- Angle pod (*Gonolobus suberosus*) – State Threatened
- Needle palm (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*) – State Commercially Exploited





# Connectivity/ Access

- The only public parking for Alfred A. Ring Park
  - Currently leased from Elks Lodge since 1997
- Acquisition would provide City-ownership of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Gainesville's springs
- Acquisition would provide protection of the spring run benefiting downstream habitat



# Other Considerations

- Management Issues
  - Stormwater Erosion
  - Water Quality and Quantity
    - Not under PRCA control – basin wide issue
  - Non-native invasive plant species
    - Cat's claw vine, bamboo, sword fern and other ornamentals
  - Solid waste removal
    - Tree debris, dump piles, tires and concrete



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# Other Considerations

- Recreation
  - None available on upland slopes due to size of property
  - Buildings need inspection to determine rehabilitation needs and costs
  - Engineer needed to determine spring restoration or enhancement needs and costs
  - DOH regulations for visitor use of spring and maintenance needs and costs



# Other Considerations

- Facilities
  - Building inspections needed to determine rehabilitation needs and costs
  - Staff observations:
    - Roof damage to garage
    - Exterior clubhouse siding in disrepair
    - Exterior hardscaping in disrepair
    - Spring pools in disrepair





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