Priorities for Conservation Land Acquisition Update

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs

Nature Operations Division

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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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N
W E
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0 0.025 0.05 0.1 Miles

Elks Lodge Property

Natural Communities

FNAI

SA/XH/UPF
UMF
WF/MF/SCF
WP/DM/BM
BF/HH
BS/DS
BS/DS/FS
FS
WA
BP
RU

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Evaluation Summary

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

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Elk
990

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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 2nd 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

Parking
Kitchen Manager
Only
Parking
Bar Manager
Only
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Questions
Comments