

### **Cone Park Conservation Area**

- Largely wetlands and creeks. A portion already owned by the City, additional 75 acres purchased with 2008 WSPP funds to improve environmentally sensitive lands, to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

### **Morningside Nature Center**

- On Registry of Protected Public Places (Property may not be sold or converted to a use that will result in a loss of value for which the property was placed on the Registry, except by a majority vote of the electors).
- Exceptionally diverse--~600 species of plants (more than Paynes Prairie and other much larger conservation areas)
- ~30 listed and rare species
- Two ongoing habitat restoration projects (city has planted 7200 trees and 98,000 grasses; partially funded by tree mitigation funds)
- Regular field trip site for numerous UF classes due to uniqueness and diversity of natural areas.
- Hosts City-run nature-based day camps during summer and school breaks

### **Sugarfoot Prairie Conservation Area**

- On Registry of Protected Public Places
- Acquired with Florida Communities Trust grant acquisition funds as part of Hogtown Creek Greenway
- Grant award agreement stipulates providing recreation *compatible with protection of natural resources*
- Mostly wetlands
- Relatively inaccessible—no current public access due to hydrology

### **Boulware Springs Nature Park**

- Contains Boulware Springs, Historic buildings, and spring run stream, classified as globally rare
- Globally rare Sandhill community
- Habitat for Gopher Tortoise and other rare & listed species
- Strategic location next to other conservation lands and rail trail enhance its value for conservation and for education about conservation/restoration
- Multi-party informal partnership with Alachua County, State of Florida and private landowners
- Ongoing habitat restoration project began in 2004
  - City has planted 17,250 trees, 151K wiregrass plants
  - Funding from USFWS grant (constraint – may need to pay back the grant if the site is developed)
  - Funding from tree mitigation funds