Petition PB-14-13 LUC February 27, 2014

Appendix B Supplemental Documents

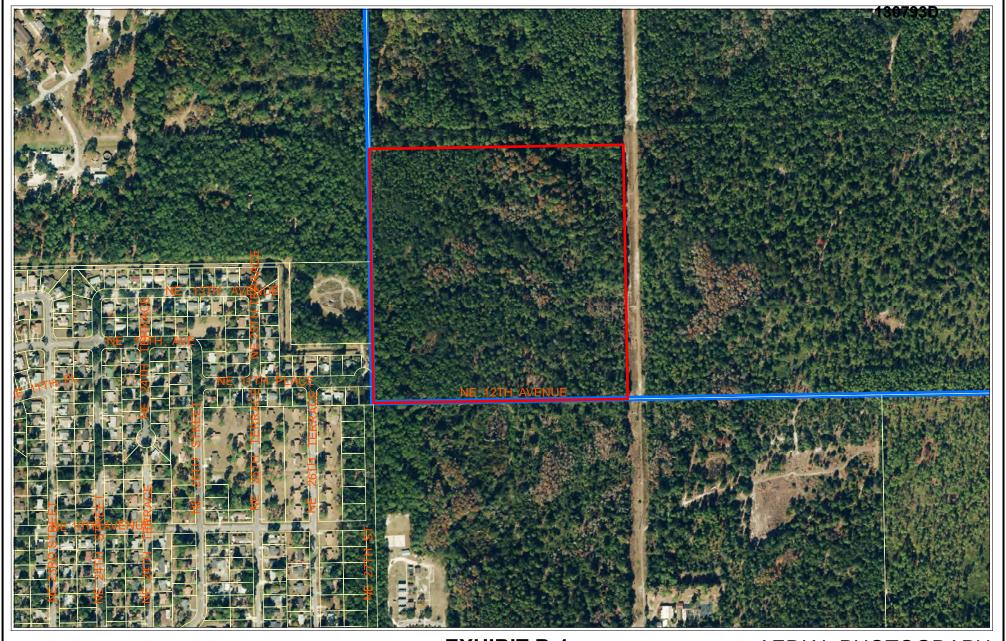


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Memo

To:

Dean Mimms, AICP, Lead Planner

From:

Senda Denetroponlos Linda Demetropoulos, Nature and Cultural Manager

Date:

February 6, 2014

Subject:

Annexed properties NW of Morningside and S of Cone Park

North of Morningside, Ordinance No.130339

Parcel NW of Morningside Nature Center (Crawford Property)

(Crawford property, parcel number 10860-000-000, consists of 40 acres located in Township 9S, Range 20E, Section 35) N. of Loften School, at end of NE 11th Place.

The City acquired this forty-acre property in April, 2012, as part of the Wild Spaces Public Places land acquisitions. At least 5 natural communities, in varying condition, exist on the property. The southwestern corner of the property is traversed by a perennial seepage stream, a tributary of Lake Forest Creek. The purpose of the acquisition is for conservation and passive recreation compatible with the protection of natural resources. There is a potential for trails through dry areas and/or boardwalks over wet areas to provide public access and recreation. Acquisition of this parcel contributes to protection of wildlife and water quality at Morningside Nature Center. The property lies just west of 98 acres acquired by the City in December, 2012, just north of Morningside Nature Center, thus expanding Morningside Nature Center by 138 acres total. Together with the new State Forest lands just north of Morningside Nature Center, the properties will be better able to be jointly managed for conservation and appropriate public use. The Crawford property is therefore functionally connected to Morningside Nature Center, and at present, to a network of undeveloped land that extends east to Newnan's Lake and south to Payne's Prairie.

South of Fred Cone Park, Ordinance No. 130340, 31.7 acres

Cone Park Southwest acquisitions (total 75 acres)

Parcel number 16146-005-000 is just south of the City-owned natural and undeveloped portion of Cone Park

The City acquired this property (and other adjacent parcels) that lie between SR 26 and SR 20, East of SE 24th Street in October, 2012 as part of the Wild Spaces Public Places land acquisitions. This undeveloped parcel and adjacent parcels contain the convergence of Lake Forest Creek tributaries. They contain degraded but remnant flatwoods and forested wetland. Benefits of these properties include increased green-space and passive recreation on the east side of Gainesville, which is currently not as extensive as compared to the west side of the city. Maintaining a forested ecosystem in this area sustains improved water quality in Lake Forest Creek (which runs through Fred Cone Park, the subject properties, and ultimately to Newnan's Lake) by allowing the natural system to filter upland runoff.

These parcels are immediately adjacent to one of Alachua County's designated Strategic Ecosystems (East Side Greenway). The Strategic Ecosystems have combinations of resources that serve important ecological functions such as species habitat and hydrologic functions. The subject property enhances conservation efforts to expand the East Side Greenway corridor which, if completed, will connect large conservation tracts to the northeast owned and managed by the St. John's River Water Management District, and Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park to the south. The current natural corridor, in a mosaic of protected and unprotected ownerships, still supports wildlife and facilitates movement. In April, 2012, a Florida Black Bear was reported in the vicinity, very close to the subject property. Deer and turkey are regularly seen on the site.

The purpose of the acquisition is for conservation and passive recreation compatible with the protection of natural resources. Staff foresees the opportunity to tie in environmental education opportunities with the active recreational amenities at Cone Park, providing educational brochures and signage at the library and community center, with the intent of enticing some park visitors to visit adjacent nature trails developed on the subject property. The inclusion of interpretive nature-based signage along the nature trail also benefits community education regarding forested land and the function of urban creeks.