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### City of Gainesville Registry of Protected Public Places Phase II-B Listing (B)

**This item is regarding the potential listing of four properties to the Registry of Protected Public Places as per Ordinance #080576.**

On December 18, 2008, the City Commission passed and adopted an amendment to Ordinance #080576. On March 24, 2009, the citizens of Gainesville voted in favor of the amendment. This ordinance pertains to the protection of City-owned lands acquired or used for conservation, recreation, or cultural purposes. The amendment specifically refers to the sale or conversion of City-owned lands used or acquired for conservation, recreation, or cultural purposes and states that a registry will be created for the purpose of identifying fee simple properties owned by the City of Gainesville that are deemed to be worthy of the highest level of protection. It further states that properties placed on this registry 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 in a city-wide election.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) staff reviewed all fee-simple City-owned properties purchased for the purpose of conservation and/or passive recreation and identified properties that could be potentially listed on the registry. Of those properties, eleven were previously listed in March 2011, four were previously listed in March 2013 as Phase II-A.

On September 23, 2013, staff gave a presentation on the Registry of Protected Public Places to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee. The ordinance states that the registry is created to identify the property owned by the City of Gainesville worthy of the highest level of protection and when listed, the property cannot be sold or converted to a use that creates a loss of value except by majority vote of the electors. Four additional nature parks are proposed for Phase II-B: NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Property, Colclough Pond Nature Park, Loblolly Woods Nature Park and Terwilliger Pond Conservation Area. The listing notice has been reviewed by other City departments, the City Attorney's Office and GRU. The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approved the Phase II-B list to move forward to the City Commission.

The property listing document provides legal descriptions, a location map, and acquisition plans for the four properties to be listed on the Registry of Protected Public Places and exhibits for a draft ordinance have been provided as per direction from the City Attorney.

There is no cost to the City to list properties on the Registry of Protected Public Places.

The City Commission direct the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance placing the recommended Phase II-B properties in the City of Gainesville Registry of Protected Places.