

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
SELECTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SMC)
January 31, 2005
Attendance List**

SELECTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Breininger
Ron Hight
Randy Parkinson
Paul Schmalzer
Kim Zarillo

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

Laura Clark
Mike Knight

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Keith Fountain

GUESTS

Liz Alward, Brevard County, Parks and Recreation
E. Spaulding, citizen

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Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER:

Randy Parkinson, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. Ross Hinkle and Mark Bush provided advance notice they would not be able to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one desired to provide comment at that time.

MINUTES:

The October, November, and December minutes are pending approval. All outstanding minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

The Administrative Review was distributed and reviewed.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY:

Keith Fountain provided a verbal update on acquisition progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

**Review of January 13th EEL Workshop
Identification of Acquisition Priorities**

At the January 13th EEL Workshop, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to bring back for Board approval a summary of the Board direction given to the EEL Program during the workshop. On January 25th the Board approved the summary. Mike Knight provided the summary to the SMC for their review. The SMC requested staff assistance on several items that were beyond the scope of the SMC. The SMC focused on proposed and future land acquisitions and began prioritizing the list for a follow up February 24th Commission Workshop.

General guidelines for determining priorities were identified as:

- Consolidating boundaries
- Properties directly adjacent to existing EEL conservation areas
- Properties which provide connectivity between existing EEL conservation areas
- Properties that border the Indian River Lagoon
- The group discussed additional information on acquisition criteria, which is located in the Land Acquisition Manual (LAM) beginning on page 3-22.

SMC members stated all of the acquisition areas shown on the map for the EEL Workshop were of equal overall importance. Mike informed the group that both of the existing EEL

project areas, Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem (BCSE) and Indian River Lagoon Blueway (NIRL) had been kept on the Group "A" list by the State during the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) ranking in Tallahassee on January 25th. The SMC prioritized both the BCSE and the Blueway projects. Consideration was given to other areas that have been identified as having important ecological value, but have not yet been actively pursued in the past due to limited funding. Further consideration will be given to new areas at the next meeting.

A GIS map of the County was provided as reference during the discussion. Areas determined to be of highest conservation priority were indicated on the map. Clarification was provided that determination of priorities would be an adaptive process because of the changing availability of land and willing sellers.

Information from the map and from the discussion will be consolidated with the most recent willing seller information.

Pedestrian Trails

Mike informed the SMC that he recently met with Barbara Meyer from the Metropolitan Planning Office to discuss continuation of the cooperative effort between the EEL Program and the Greenways and Trails Program. Staff will provide an overlay of the trails identified for the SMC to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one desired to provide comment at that time.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2005.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

- No motions