

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 8, 2006
Attendance List**

RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Bob Champaigne
Murray Hann
Mark Nathan
Eve Owens
Beverly Pinyerd
Paul Saia**

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Barbara Meyer, Brevard County, Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Program Coordinator
Paul Schmalzer, Selection and Management Committee**

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

**Sandy Carnival
Laura Clark
Brad Manley
Katrina Morrell**

GUESTS

Susan Gosselin, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office

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Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER:

Murray Hann called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

No minutes were presented for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

Brad reviewed the Administrative Review. Brad Manley introduced Sandy Carnival, the EEL Program's new Support Services Manager, and Katrina Morrell, who replaces Kit Van Wagner as Education Specialist.

OLD BUSINESS:

EEL Field Trip

The group discussed the next REAC field trip which is tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2006. The Committee will visit Coconut Point, Maritime Hammock and the Barrier Island Center Sanctuaries in the South Beach Region. Ray Mojica, Land Manager for the South Beach region will present a draft public access plan for these three sanctuaries at the next REAC meeting. A Public Meeting Notice will be distributed for this trip.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Status of REAC Motions

Brad explained that he would be doing a review of each of the REAC action item motions since the Committee was formed in July of 2005 in an effort to provide additional feedback to Committee members regarding the status of their recommendations.

He reviewed the Management Plan Development process, which can be very lengthy. Clarification was provided that many EEL Program acquisitions were acquired in partnership with the State of Florida. Although the State holds title to the land, the EEL Program is named the managing entity in the State's lease agreements. State partnership Management Plans are submitted for approval to the Acquisition and Restoration Council in Tallahassee, as a requirement of these lease agreements. Each type of funding partnership that the EEL Program has participated in has its own partnership and management agreement terms.

The following information was provided:

July 2005 – first meeting of REAC Committee

August 2005

Enchanted Forest Trails – REAC motion reviewed by the Selection and Management Committee (SMC) and will be incorporated into Management Plan with slight revision to the path of the hiking trail loop so that it does not cross, or run directly adjacent to, the entrance road.

AI Tuttle Trail Project – Project will be submitted to SMC when concerns identified at August 2005 meeting are resolved. Staff will continue to work with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

EEL Program Education Levels – Work continues on plans for four Category I EEL Program sites. The Enchanted Forest and Barrier Island Center will be larger Centers than what is being planned for the Central and South Regions.

September 2005

Enchanted Forest Welcome Point – Has been on hold due to staff changes at Enchanted Forest. There are plans to construct a kiosk that could stand alone, or provide seating for one or two people, while providing visitors with Sanctuary informational brochures and trail information.

Kaboord Public Access Plan – Issues with public access points and parking have delayed additional work on this plan. A trail that would run from Kings Park to the Kaboord Sanctuary is also in the planning stages. Has not yet been presented to the SMC.

October 2005 – No REAC Meeting

November 2005

Jordan Scrub Public Access Plan – Draft Management Plan is under preliminary review by SMC, but has not yet been formally presented for approval. Plan is currently in public review.

December 2005

Pine Island Conservation Area Public Access Plan (PICA) – Plan was approved by REAC to include a request for public access to the top of the berms around the lakes once the storm water project has been completed. Brevard County Storm Water Department is in charge of the timeframe for this project. Access to the top of the berms will be requested as the project gets underway. Additional public access plans will be dependent on water levels at the site. The salt marsh restoration and Sams House restoration at PICA are going very well.

January 2006

Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary Public Access Plan – Presently in peer review. Will be submitted to SMC in future.

Micco Scrub Sanctuary Public Access Plan – Draft Management Plan is under preliminary review by SMC, but has not yet been formerly presented for approval. The simplification of the trail system has been completed.

February 2006

Malabar Scrub Sanctuary Public Access Plan – Plan is currently in public review.

March 2006

AI Tuttle Trail – The AI Tuttle Trail project triggered further discussions and meetings on how to better approach projects of this kind and improve communications between the various entities involved.

April 2006 – No REAC Meeting

May 2006

Grant Flatwoods Public Access Plan – Plan is still being written.

Additional Discussion

The following points were also noted:

- ❖ Monthly updates on REAC meetings will be provided to the SMC at future meetings on a continuing basis.
- ❖ All REAC motions have been incorporated into Sanctuary Management Plans, even if the work described in the motion has not yet been completed.
- ❖ Concern was expressed regarding possible adverse effects that the PICA storm water project might have on the bird rookery at the sanctuary.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held August 10, 2006. Location to be determined.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

- No motions.