

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 27, 2007 – Field Trip to South Beaches Region
Attendance List**

RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Champaigne
Karen Hill
Paul Saia

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

Brad Manley
Ray Mojica
Nicole Strickler

GUESTS

Frank and Helen Thomas, Citizens

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The group met at Ponce De Leon Landing Park in Melbourne Beach, and began the tour at 9:00 am. Ray and Nicole led the group on hikes through Coconut Point Sanctuary, Barrier Island Center Trail, and then Maritime Hammock Sanctuary Trail. The group also visited the Barrier Island Center construction site. As the group hiked, Ray and Nicole talked about the habitats and species on the sites, land management activities, the various agencies that manage adjacent and nearby sites, management issues encountered, and future plans for the sites. At Coconut Point Sanctuary, the group saw the effects of last year's wildfire and the subsequent re-growth. At Barrier Island Center Trail, the group saw the results of salt marsh restoration, exotics removal and native plantings. At the Barrier Island Center Construction site, the group saw that building has commenced and that the pilings, foundation and walls had been completed. At Maritime Hammock Sanctuary, the group was fortunate to see a multitude of wading birds, including roseate spoonbills, from the marsh pond overlook. The tour concluded at maritime Hammock Sanctuary at 1:30 pm.