



Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee & Procedure Committee Annual Joint Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Introductions and Roll Call
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Minutes – 1/15/24 SMC, 2/14/25 PC
- ❖ Administrative Review
- ❖ Committee Member Reports
- ❖ Land Acquisition Report
 - Land acquisition contractor RFQ
- ❖ Agenda Items
 - Annual Report Presentation
 - Procedures Committee Member Appointments
 - Korpi Family Trust Donation Request
 - Sasso Corporation Donation Request
 - Land Acquisition Priorities
 - Florida Scrub Jay Translocation request

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❖ Public Comment

❖ Schedule Next Meeting – July 16, 2025

Administrative Review

Welcome to new members / Meeting schedule / Attendance

During the recent SMC appointment process, the Board made a decision to appoint all applicants that were not formally appointed as members, as alternates. It has also been determined that alternates must meet the same attendance requirements as other members. Currently meetings are scheduled quarterly in January, April, July, and October. It is anticipated that once the acquisition consultant has been selected, staff will be making a request of the County Manager to allow for a more frequent monthly or as-needed meeting schedule.

State Management Plan Review

The State of Florida Division of State Lands completed their five-year management review for the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem Florida Forever Project which primarily includes the south region properties (Malabar, Jordan, Micco, and Grant Flatwoods) but also includes the Dicerandra Scrub and Hellen and Allan Cruickshank sites. The review was very favorable and is included as a handout in your packets. Staff will be providing responses to the findings in early May.

Sykes Creek Duck Hunting

The State of Florida has provided a determination that the Sykes Creek Conservation Area up to the mean high waterline of Sykes Creek is still classified as Sovereign Submerged Lands. Since this is the case, the County does not have the authority to prohibit public hunting. The EEL Program hunting prohibition will continue to apply to the upland portions of the property.

Waterway Value Benefit Question

At the last SMC meeting, there was an inquiry about the status of the County Commission decision related to the proposed process for determining the net benefit of a potential property acquisition on the Indian River Lagoon and / or St. Johns River.

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The plan as proposed was approved by the BOCC on October 22, 2024. A copy of the agenda package is included in the meeting packet.

Attendance Guidelines

Any appointee who is absent fifty percent of any the first four consecutive advisory board meetings that take place after their appointment shall be dismissed from their appointment to the advisory board unless excused by the Board of County Commissioners.

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