



APPENDIX B

Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) Summaries of Hearings/Meetings January through December 2021

Council Meeting, Friday, February 12, 2021

After hearing announcements and approving the meeting summaries for December 10-11, 2020, the ARC approved the following:

- a 10-year management plan update for West Lake Park (Broward County/Broward);
- a 10-year management plan update for Little Big Econ State Forest (FFS/Seminole);
- a 10-year management plan update for Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve (City of Cape Coral/Lee); and
- an owner requested deletion of 1.27 acres from Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever project boundary (Polk).

No comments were offered during the public comment period.

Public Hearing, Tuesday, March 2, 2021

After hearing announcements, Ms. Susan Carr provided an overview of the Big Pine Preserve project proposal and Mr. Andrew Ketchel provided an overview of the Wilson Ranch project proposal. No comments were offered during the public comment period.

Council Meeting, Friday, April 9, 2021

After hearing announcements and approving the meeting summaries for February 12 and March 2, the ARC approved the following:

- revisions to the Interim Management Guidelines;
- a 10-year management plan update for Julington-Durbin Preserve (City of Jacksonville/Duval);
- a 10-year management plan update for Ichetucknee Springs State Park (DRP/Columbia/Suwannee);
- the Fiscal Year 2021-22 DSL Annual Florida Forever work plan for presentation to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
- a 158-acre addition (Charlotte) and 40-acre removal (Taylor) from the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever project boundary for FWC; and
- a 184-acre addition (Columbia/Sumter) and 91-acre removal (Washington) from the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever project boundary for DRP.

The ARC received public testimony and voted unanimously to approve the project evaluation reports for Big Pine Preserve (Marion) and Wilson Ranch (Polk) Cycle 1 Florida Forever project proposals. Ms. Susan Carr spoke in favor of Big Pine Preserve and Mr. Andrew Ketchel spoke in





favor of Wilson Ranch. During public testimony, Mr. Carmen Rosamonda and Ms. Deborah Shelley spoke in favor of the Wekiva-Ocala Greenway – St. Johns Riverbend South property. The ARC approved Wilson Ranch (450 acres) as a stand-alone project and voted to add Big Pine Preserve (541 acres) to the boundary of the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem project by a unanimous vote.

The ARC reviewed two minor management plan amendments, Canaveral Marshes Conservation Area and Lake Wales Ridge State Forest; one management plan for properties less than 160 acres, Doral Central Park; and two incompatible use requests, Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail and the Mosquito Lagoon Marine Enhancement Center. No comments were offered during the public comment period.

Council Meeting, Friday, June 11, 2021

After hearing announcements (Secretary Valenstein resigned from the department and appointed Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation Shawn Hamilton as Interim Secretary, acreage correction to Item 9) and approving the meeting summary for April 9, the ARC approved the following:

- a 0.57-acre private transmission line easement and 0.31-acre temporary construction easement to Florida Power and Light within Jonathan Dickinson State Park (DRP/Martin)(Linear Facilities Policy[LFP]);
- a 208-acre addition to the Little River Conservation Area Florida Forever project boundary (Gadsden);
- a 15-acre addition to the Annutteliga Hammock Florida Forever project boundary (Hernando);
- a 1.3-acre addition to the Florida Keys Ecosystem Florida Forever project boundary (Monroe);
- a 913.2-acre addition to the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Florida Forever project boundary (Polk); and
- a 47.78-acre addition to the Rainbow River Corridor Florida Forever project boundary (Marion).

Presentations and public comments were heard in support of the Adams Ranch II Cycle 2 proposal. Mr. Keith Fountain on behalf of the applicant, spoke in favor of the Adams Ranch II proposal and Mr. Kent Wimmer (Defenders of Wildlife) submitted a letter in support of the boundary amendment proposals and further evaluation of the Adams Ranch II proposal. ARC unanimously approved further evaluation of the Adams Ranch II Cycle 2 proposal.

The ARC reviewed one management plan amendment, Tate's Hell State Forest; one management plan for properties less than 160 acres, Fish Island Preserve; and two incompatible use requests both across West Orange Trail. No comments were offered during the public comment period.



Regional Hearing and Council Meeting, Friday, August 13, 2021

After hearing announcements, Chair DeHaven called for public comment. No comments were offered.

After a brief recess, the ARC resumed with the Council meeting following announcements. The ARC approved the June 11 meeting summary and the following:

- revision to the project evaluation report for the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever project;
- a 19.26-acre reduction to the Flagler County Blueway Florida Forever project boundary (Flagler);
- a 996-acre addition to the Myakka Ranchlands Florida Forever project boundary (Manatee);
- a 10-year management plan update for Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park (DRP/Martin);
- a 10-year management plan update for Carl Duval Moore State Forest and Park (FFS/Putnam); and
- a 10-year management plan update for Charles H. Bronson State Forest (FFS/Seminole/Orange).

The ARC reviewed one management plan for properties less than 160 acres, Frank Butler Park; and three incompatible use requests, East Central Regional Rail Trail, Mosquito Lagoon Marine Enhancement Center and the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Area. The ARC considered the land management review reports from October 2020 to June 2021 without comment. No comments were offered during the public comment period.

Council Meeting, Friday, October 8, 2021

After hearing announcements (D. Lane Green's service to ARC and impact on Tall Timbers) and approving the meeting summary for August 13, ARC approved the following:

- removal of the Seven Runs Creek Final Phase project from the 2022 Florida Forever Priority List as complete (Walton/Washington);
- a 5-acre exchange for 19 acres of private property in the Babcock/Webb Wildlife Management Area (FWC/Charlotte/Lee);
- a 125-acre addition to the Carr Farm/Price's Scrub Florida Forever project boundary (Marion);
- a 198.51-acre addition to the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever project boundary for RCP (Collier); and
- a 2.86-acre addition to the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever project boundary for DRP (Flagler).

The ARC received public testimony and voted unanimously to approve the project evaluation report for Adams Ranch II (Marion/St. Lucie) Cycle 2 Florida Forever project proposal. Mr. Keith Fountain (for the landowner) and Mr. Kent Wimmer (Defenders of Wildlife) spoke in favor of





Adams Ranch II. The ARC approved the Adams Ranch II proposal and added the proposal to the boundary of the Adams Ranch project by a unanimous vote. ARC also received public testimony in favor of the Pal-Mar project from Ms. Deborah Drum (Palm Beach County), Commissioner Doug Smith (Martin County), Vice Mayor Chip Block (Jupiter Inlet Colony), Ms. Alicia Sanders on behalf of Palm Beach County Commissioner Maria Marino, Mr. Robert Robbins (Sustainable Palm Beach County) and Mr. Drew Martin (Sierra Club, Loxahatchee Group). Mr. Greg Braun (Guardians of Martin County), Mr. Todd McNew (Conservation Fund), and Mr. Charles Barrowclough (Treasured Lands Foundation) spoke in favor of the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem project.

ARC received public comments on the boundary amendment proposals. Ms. Deborah Green (landowner), Ms. Marsha Green (landowner), Ms. Susan Carr (landowner) and Ms. Peggy Carr spoke in favor of the Carr Farm/Price's Scrub boundary amendment. Ms. Heather Nagy (North Florida Land Trust) and Mr. Michael Lagasse (Flagler County) spoke in favor of the Strategic Managed Area Lands List boundary amendment for the Division of Parks and Recreation.

The ARC reviewed two management plan amendments for the Caloosahatchee Regional Park and Blackwater River State Forest; and three management plan amendments for properties less than 160 acres, Cady Way Trail, Camp Milton Historic Preserve and Tree Hill Nature Center. The ARC also received the Fiscal Year 2020-21 conservation easement monitoring program, land management review team findings, the land management uniform accounting council report and an update on the acquisition program. Presentations on updates to the ARC Ranking Tool and Florida Ecological Greenways Network were provided by Mr. Jon Oetting (FNAI) and Mr. Brian Branciforte (FWC) presented Landscape Conservation initiatives by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Mr. Joshua Daskin (Archbold Biological Station) spoke during the public comment period.

Public Hearing, Thursday, December 9, 2021

After hearing announcements (DEP and FWC received an award for \$33 million from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for land acquisition along the Apalachicola River), ARC heard presentations on the Florida Forever 2022 Cycle 1 project proposals for Aucilla Corridor by Mr. Peter Kleinhenz (Tall Timbers [TT]), Foshalee Slough by Mr. Shane Wellendorf (TT), Bar-B Ranch by Mr. John Maehl (Martin County Board of County Commissioners), Eight Mile by Mr. Carl Salafrio (Environmental Consulting & Design), Lake Sampala Timber and Land by Mr. James Hancock (landowner), South Prong of the St. Mary's River by Mr. Ramesh Buch (North Florida Land Trust) and Charlie Creek, Johnson Homestead and River Property all by Mr. Jim Strickland (Florida Conservation Group).

ARC also heard presentations on boundary amendments for Myakka Ranchlands by Mr. Jim Strickland (Florida Conservation Group), Maytown Flatwoods by Mr. Logan Holz (Land Advisors), St. Joe Timberlands by Mr. Jeremiah Thompson (SVN Saunders Ralston Dantzler), and Wolfe Creek Forest by Mr. Doug Hattaway (Trust for Public Land).





ARC received public comments on the Florida Forever 2022 Cycle 1 project proposals, boundary amendments and other Florida Forever projects. Ms. Melissa Hill (National Wildlife Federation) spoke in favor of the Aucilla Corridor proposal, Mr. Greg Keith (The Nature Conservancy) and Mr. Hershel Vinyard (Adams & Reese) spoke in favor of the Bar-B Ranch proposal, and Mr. Jody Walthall (Apalachee Audubon Society) spoke in favor of the Foshalee Slough proposal. Ms. Rebecca Perry (The Conservation Fund) spoke in favor of the Coastal Headwaters project. Mr. Willy the Losen (Putnam Land Conservancy) spoke in favor of the Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway project. Mr. Greg Braun (Guardians of Martin County) and Mr. F. Anthony Zunio spoke in favor of the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem project. Mr. Bryan Flagg (Alachua Conservation Trust), Ms. Peggy Carr (landowner), and Ms. Linda Duever (Mockernut Hill Botanical Garden) spoke in favor of the Carr Farm/Price's Scrub project. Ms. Carrie Sekerak (USDA Forest Service) spoke in favor of the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem project. Ms. Natalie Fausel (Palm Beach County), Mr. Chip Block (Jupiter Inlet Colony), Mr. Matthew Gitkin (Jupiter Farms Residents), Mr. Drew Martin (Sierra Club, Loxahatchee Group), Mr. Jon Meyer, and Mr. Robert Robbins (Sustainable Palm Beach County) spoke in favor of the Pal-Mar project. Mr. Jim Adamski (Friends of the Wekiva River) spoke in favor of the Wekiva to Ocala Greenway. Ms. Lily Andersen-Messecc (Florida Native Plant Society) spoke in favor of the Wolfe Creek Forest project.

ARC received correspondence in favor of the new project proposals from Mr. Kent Wimmer (Defenders of Wildlife). Mr. Hugh Thomas (Suwannee River Water Management District), Ms. Kathleen Carr (Apalachee Audubon Society), Mr. Kent Wimmer (Defenders of Wildlife), and Mr. Grant Gelhardt (Big Bend Group Sierra Club) sent correspondence in favor of the Aucilla Corridor proposal. Mr. Greg Knecht (The Nature Conservancy) and Ms. Julie Wraithmell (Audubon Florida) sent correspondence in favor of the Bar-B Ranch proposal. Mr. Anthony T. Grossman (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) sent correspondence in favor of the South Prong of the St. Mary's River proposal. Mayor Eula R. Clarke (City of Stuart), Ms. Ivy Almada (The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park), Mr. Duane De Freese (Indian River Lagoon Council), Mr. Christopher Smith (Jupiter Island Residents Association), Ms. Jennifer Banks (Jupiter Island Garden Club), Ms. Joyce Vicenzi (Jupiter Island Historical Society), Mr. John Sedwitz (Hobe Sound Concerned Citizen's Coalition and Hobe Sound Golf Club), Mr. John A. Nelson (Audubon of Martin County), Commissioner Stacey Hetherington (Martin County), Ms. Linda K. Eastman (Florida Native Plant Society), Mr. Mark Perry (Rivers Coalition), Ms. Patti Sousa (The Arbors), Mayor Whitney Pidot (Town of Jupiter Island) and Mayor Kaija Mayfield (Town of Sewall's Point) sent correspondence in favor of the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative (Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem). Mr. Tom Kay (Alachua Conservation Trust) sent correspondence in favor of the Carr Farm/Price's Scrub and Longleaf Pine Ecosystem projects. Mr. Steven Provost (Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society) sent correspondence in favor of the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem project. Ms. Deborah Drum (Palm Beach County) and Commissioner Doug Smith (Martin County) sent correspondence in favor of the Pal-Mar project. Mr. James C. Adamski and Mr. Jay H. Exum (Friends of the Wekiva River) sent correspondence in favor of the Wekiva to Ocala Greenway project.

Council Meeting, Friday, December 10, 2021





After hearing announcements (corrections to items 7, 11, and 14) and approving the meeting summary for October 8, 2021, ARC approved the following:

- 2022 ARC meeting calendar;
- 2022 Florida Forever Priority List;
- by seven yes votes to further evaluate Aucilla Corridor (Jefferson, Madison, Taylor), Bar-B Ranch (Martin), Charlie Creek (Hardee), Eight Mile (Dixie), Foshalee Slough (Leon), Johnson Homestead (DeSoto), Lake Sampala Timber and Land (Madison), River Property (Highlands), and the South Prong of the St. Mary's River (Baker) 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever project proposals;
- a 576-acre addition to the Myakka Ranchlands Florida Forever project boundary (Manatee);
- a 554.75-acre addition to the Maytown Flatwoods Florida Forever project boundary (Volusia);
- a 388-acre addition to the St. Joe Timberlands Florida Forever project boundary (Franklin);
- a 757-acre addition to the Wolfe Creek Forest Florida Forever project boundary (Santa Rosa);
- a 10-year management plan update for the Fort Pierce Inlet State Park (DRP, St. Lucie);
- a 10-year management plan update for the Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area (FWC, Osceola);
- a 10-year management plan update for the Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area (FWC, Marion/Putnam);
- a 10-year management plan update for the Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area (FWC, Lafayette); and
- a management plan amendment for Honeymoon Island State Park (DRP, Pinellas).

ARC reviewed one incompatible use request for an easement across the Cross Seminole Trail approved via the negative response process. ARC also reviewed the first quarter Land Management Review reports.

