#### **ITEM 5:**

Consider whether amending an existing easement to add approximately 1.876-acres for access to benefit an underground electrical utility easement within the J.R. Alford Greenway is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

#### LOCATION:

Leon County Section 30 / Township 1N / Range 2E

#### **APPLICANT:**

The City of Tallahassee

#### **DSL STAFF REMARKS:**

This request is a component of the Applicant's project that is intended construct, operate and maintain a new underground electrical utility easement within the J.R. Alford Greenway (Greenway). ARC consented to the original electrical utility easement request with an associated temporary construction easement with a term of one year at the April 2017 meeting. As the result of not having sufficient access, the utility easement has not been constructed. The Applicant has requested the additional access area to be included in the electrical utility easement. The temporary construction easement has since expired and a new temporary easement with a term of five years is being requested to replace it.

The Greenway is managed by Leon County (County) under Lease Number 4766. The requested easement area was acquired by the Board of Trustees in 2000 with P2000 funds for conservation and recreation purposes. The County provided a letter of no objection for the addition of the access area on January 10, 2023.

The Division of Historical Resources (DHR) reviewed the project, and in a letter dated April 21, 2023, advised that this project is unlikely to affect historic proprieties. A special condition will be added to the easement that requires the Applicant to cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of any prehistoric or historic artifacts that are discovered and contact DHR, Compliance Review Section.

#### Avoidance:

There are no other practical alternatives.

#### Minimizing Impacts:

The Applicant met with County representatives to discuss possible options to reduce impacts to the conservation land and to avoid tree clearing as much as possible resulting in the irregular shape of the requested easement area. The Applicant has identified trees that will be impacted by the requested easement area and will be required to replace any natural vegetation, groundcover, topography and plants that are damaged.

#### Compensation:

The easement fee is waived for Public Agencies. The Applicant will provide the County additional compensation in the amount of 1.5 times the market value of the requested access area to be amended into the easement area to offset the cost of impacts to state conservation land. The

Applicant will satisfy the additional compensation prior to final execution of the easement by the Board of Trustees.

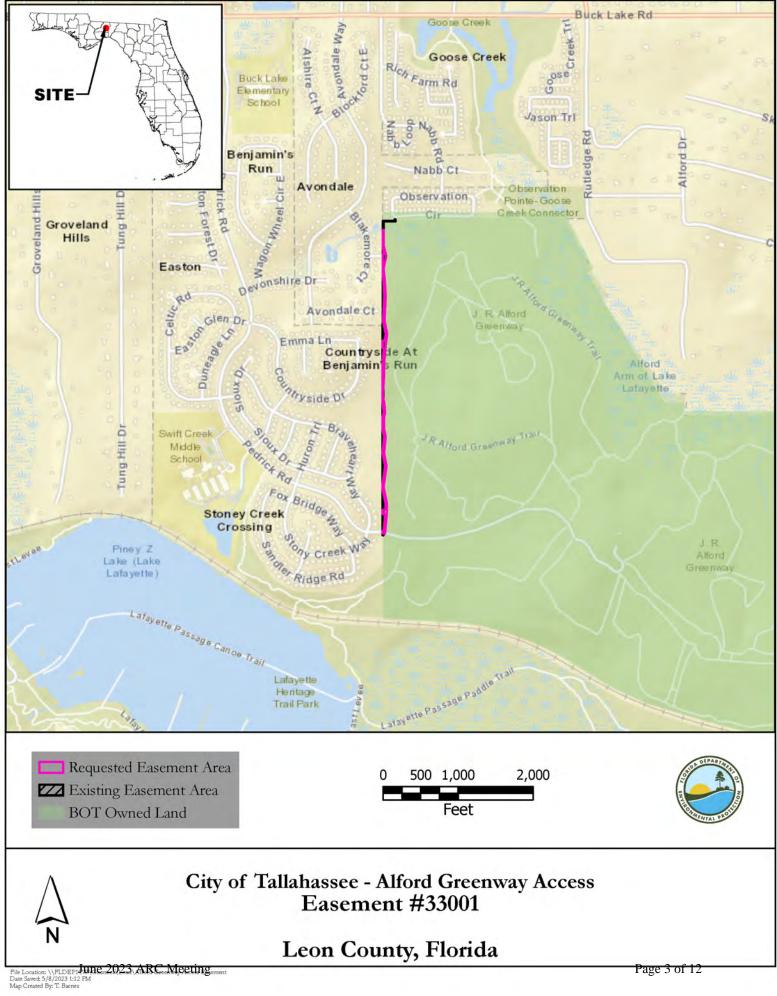
#### **DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the easement.

#### **ARC RECOMMENDATION:**

- () APPROVE
- ( ) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_
- () **DEFER**
- () WITHDRAW
- () NOT APPROVE
- ( ) **OTHER**\_\_\_\_\_

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This Description is not valid without the attached Sketches, the Signature and the Driginal Raised Seal of the signing Florida Licensed Surveyor and Mapper

### ALFORD GREENWAY PARK ELECTRIC ACCESS EASEMENT

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

An Access Easement over a portion of Tract "A" and Tract "C" as described in Official Record Book 2415, Page 1425 as recorded in the Public Records of Leon County, Florida, said Easement being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Leon County, Florida, being the Northwest corner of Tract "A" as described in Official Record Book 2415, Page 1425 as recorded in the Public Records of Leon County, Florida, lying on the East boundary of Avondale Unit III, a subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 23 of the Public Records of Leon County, Florida and West boundary of an Existing 20 Foot Wide Electric Easement as described in Official Record Book 5219, Page 313 as recorded in the Public Records of Leon County, Florida; thence, South 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds West, along said boundaries, a distance of 458.95 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 45, Block "G" of said Avondale Unit III; thence, leaving said boundaries, South 89 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 20.00 feet intersecting with the East boundary of said Existing 20 Foot Wide Electric Easement, being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING leaving said East boundary, South 89 degrees 42 minutes 54 seconds East, a distance of 17.06 feet; thence, North 14 degrees 29 minutes 01 seconds West, a distance of 67.74 feet intersecting with the East boundary of said Existing 20 Foot Wide Electric Easement; thence, North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds East, along said East boundary, a distance of 251.66 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, South 89 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 11.07 feet; thence, South 00 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 206.40 feet; thence, South 14 degrees 29 minutes 01 seconds East, a distance of 144.52 feet; thence, South 12 degrees 00 minutes 25 seconds West, a distance of 169.96 feet; thence, South 05 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 176.37 feet; thence, South 02 degrees 50 minutes 06 seconds East, a distance of 199.43 feet; thence, South 02 degrees 37 minutes 17 seconds West, a distance of 320.76 feet; thence, South 11 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 181.08 feet; thence, South 08 degrees 00 minutes 11 seconds West, a distance of 151.40 feet; thence, South 04 degrees 52 minutes 38 seconds West, a distance of 239.90 feet; thence, South 00 degrees 44 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 187.20 feet; thence, South 02 degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance of 258.93 feet; thence, South 11 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds East, a distance of 77.75 feet; thence, South 06 degrees 20 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 136.17 feet; thence, South 13 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, a distance of 66.79 feet; thence, South 00 degrees 11 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 1.65 feet; thence, South 00 degrees 05 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 154.28 feet; thence, South 12 degrees 02 minutes 38 seconds East, a distance of 103.58 feet; thence, South 05 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 220.32 feet; thence, South 10 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds East, a distance of 174.88 feet; thence, South 07 degrees 52 minutes 16 seconds West, a distance of 287.12 feet; thence, South 11 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of 217.80 feet; thence, South 00 degrees 21 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 115.00 feet; thence, South 04 degrees 55 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 292.84 feet; thence, North 79 degrees 29 minutes 35 seconds West, a distance of 31.44 feet intersecting with the East boundary of said Existing 20 Foot Wide Electric Easement; thence, North 00 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West, along said East boundary, a distance of 34.24 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, South 79 degrees 29 minutes 35 seconds East, a distance of 14.35 feet; thence, North 04 degrees 55 minutes 47 seconds East, a distance of 224.75 feet; thence, North 89 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 33.69 feet intersecting with said East boundary; thence, North 00 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West, along said East boundary, a distance of 57.79 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, South 89 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 36.64 feet; thence, North 00 degrees 21 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 85.71 feet; thence, North 11 degrees 50 minutes 02 seconds West, a distance of 182.83 feet intersecting with said East boundary; thence, North 00 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West, along said East boundary, a distance of 88.54 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, North 07 degrees 52 minutes 16 seconds East, a distance of 233.83 feet; thence, North 10 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 174.40 feet; thence, North 05 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds East, a distance of 220.05 feet; thence, North 12 degrees 02 minutes 38 seconds West, a distance of 100.48 feet intersecting with said East boundary; thence, North 00 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West, along said East boundary, a distance of 158.51 feet; thence, continue along said East boundary, North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of 4.00 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, North 13 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 65.65 feet; thence, North 06 degrees 27 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 132.03 feet intersecting to said East boundary; thence, North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds East, along said East boundary, a distance of 530.78 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, North 04 degrees 52 minutes 38 seconds East, a distance of 195.18 feet; thence, North 89 degrees 42 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 16.26 feet intersecting with said East boundary; thence, North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds East, along said East boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence, leaving said East boundary, South 89 degrees 42 minutes 54 seconds East, a distance of 27.88 feet; thence, North 08 degrees 00 minutes 11 seconds East, a distance of 88.88 feet; thence, North 11 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 180.12 feet; thence, North 02 degrees 37 minutes 17 seconds East, a distance of 322.26 feet; thence, North 02 degrees 50 minutes 06 seconds West, a distance of 197.96 feet; thence, North 05 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 81.84 feet intersecting with said East boundary; thence, North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds East, along said East boundary, a distance of 291.08 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Containing 81,703 square feet (1.876 of an acre), more or less.

#### "NOT A SURVEY

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1.	Bearing	are	based	on	the	Warranty	Deed	05	recorded	In	DR.	2415,	PG.	1425
	In the Public Records of Leon County, Florida.													

2. No improvements located except as shown.

3. See Sheet 2 of 3 for "Dverview" and Sheet 3 of 3 for "Detall".

Information for this survey is based on deed instruments and Map or Plat as recorded in Public Records of Leon County, Florida. And Survey data by the City of Tallahassee.

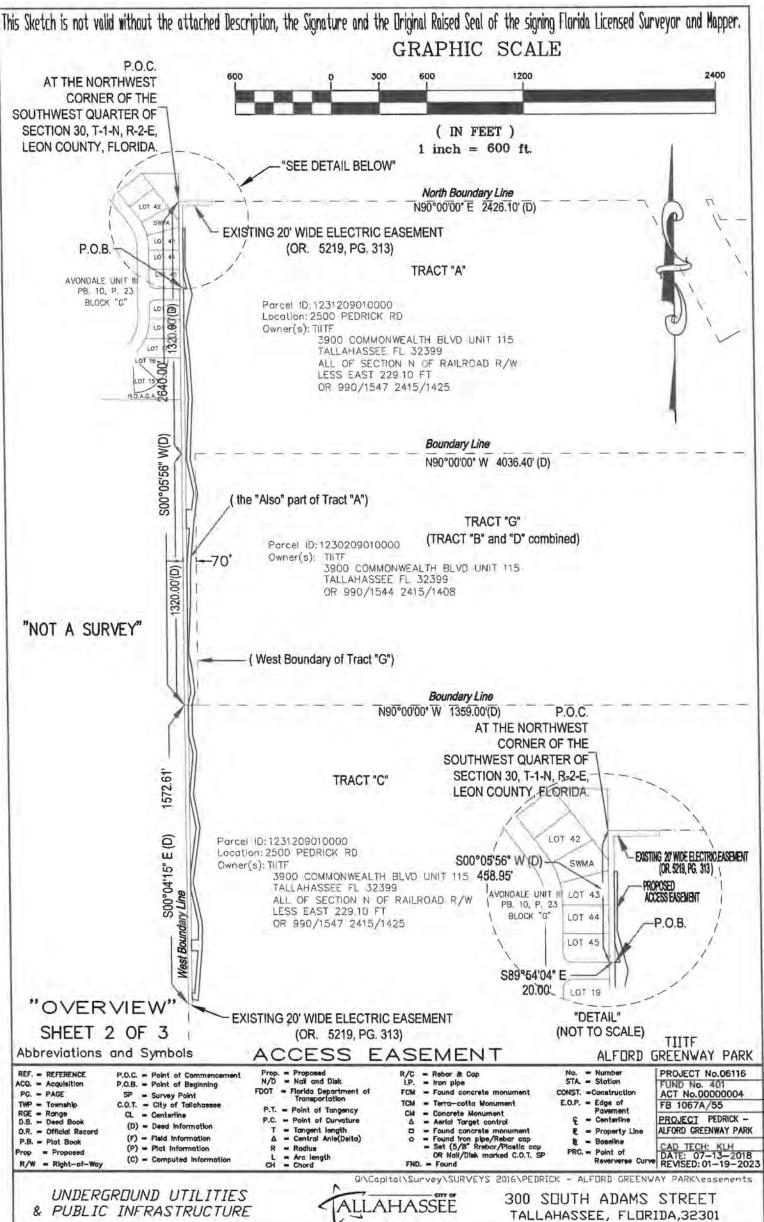
 This Access Easement being contingent on the Existing Electric Easement as recorded in DR. 5219, PG. 313 in the Public Records of Leon County, Florida. SHEET 1 OF 3

**<u>CERTIFICATION:</u>** I hereby certify that this Description and attached Sketches hereon meets the Standards of Practice for Land Surveying in the State of Florida (F.A.C. 5J-17).

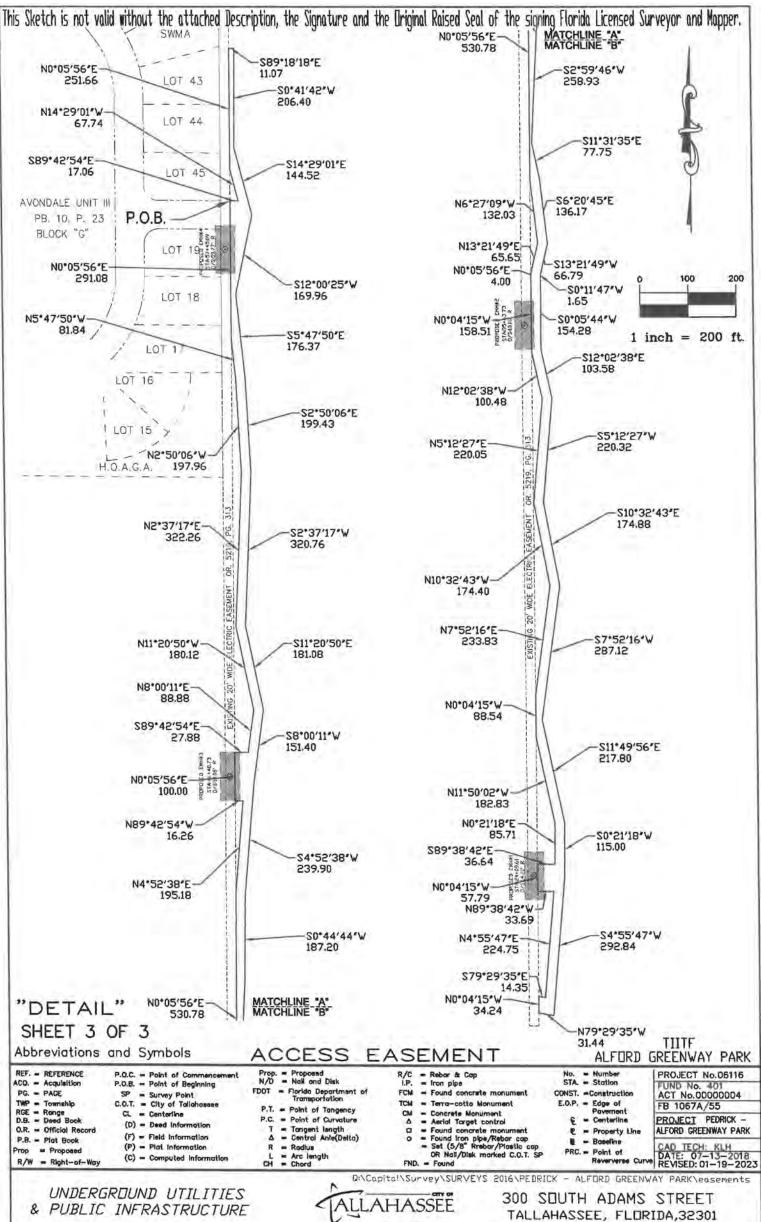
The undersigned surveyor was not provided a current title opinion or abstract of matters affecting title or boundary to the subject property. It is possible there are deeds of record, uprecorded deeds, resempts or other instruments which could affect the boundaries.

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Robert D. Roddenberry	
Professional Surveyor and Mapper	
Florida registration No.6307	
City Land Surveyor,	THITE

Abbreviations	and Symbols	ACCESS E	ASEMENT	ALFORD (	GREENWAY PARK	
REF. = REFERENCE ACD. = Acquisition PG. = PAGE TWP = Township RGE = Range	P.O.C. = Point of Commencement P.O.B. = Point of Beginning SP = Survey Point C.O.T. = City of Tollohonsem CL = Centerline	Prop. = Proposed N/D = NoR and Disk FDDT = Florida Department of Transportation P.T. = Point of Tangency	R/C = Rebor & Cop LP, = Iron pipe FCM = Found concrete monument TCM = Terro-cotta Monument CM = Concrete Monument	No. = Number STA. = Station CONST. =Construction E.D.P. = Edge of Pavement	PROJECT No.05116 FUND No. 401 ACT No.00000004 FB 1067A/55	
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Item 5: City of Tallahassee Easement No. 33001





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1/10/2023

Mr. Jay Sircy Bureau of Public Land Administration, M.S. 130 DEP – Division of State Lands 3900 Commonwealth Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000 Jay.sircy@dep.state.fl.us

Re: J.R. Alford Greenway, Lease No. 4766 - Two Easements (#33001 and #33002) for the City of Tallahassee for an Underground Electric Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Sircy:

This letter is to express Leon County's "no objection" to the easement request made by the City of Tallahassee based on the revised plan set that was submitted on April 24, 2019 and attached here as well. The "no objection" is issued presuming all Special Conditions initially proposed still apply.

Please let us know if County staff can be of any further assistance as this request moves through the State's process.

Sincerely,

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Amanda Heidecker Director of Parks & Recreation

cc: Alvin Williams, Project Manager, City of Tallahassee



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

**RON DESANTIS** 

Governor

**CORD BYRD** Secretary of State

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Design & Construction 3900 Commonwealth Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 April 21, 2023

Re: DHR No.: 2016-5170 Project: Easements J.R. Alford Greenway

To Whom It May Concern:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

It is the opinion of this office that the proposed project is unlikely to affect historic properties. However, unexpected finds may occur during ground disturbing activities, and we request that the project include the following special condition regarding inadvertent discoveries:

• If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, *Florida Statutes*.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tobias, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at *Jennifer.Tobias@dos.myflorida.com*.

Sincerely,

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Alissa S. Lotane Director, Division of Historical Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer

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June 2023 ARC Meeting

#### ARC Questionnaire

1. Description of when and under what program or fund the parcel under consideration was acquired (EEL, LATF, CARL, P-2000, Florida Forever, etc) or donated. Acquired on 9/8/2000 with P2000 Funds.

2. Description of the purpose for the parcel's acquisition (P-2000 or Florida Forever goals and criteria or similar purpose descriptions) or donation and any restrictions or conditions of use that apply to the parcel, if any. Purchased for the conservation and protection of natural resources and resource based outdoor recreational activities. No restrictions apply on this parcel.

3. Description of the current level of public recreational use or public access of the parcel. As per the Land Management Plan, the current level of public recreational use includes hiking, biking, running, birdwatching, horseback riding, nature study, kite flying, and picnicking (2013 Land Management Plan, Table 4 – Uses, page 38). The property currently has one main trail head located at 2500 Pedrick Rd. There is additional pedestrian/user access provided through the City of Tallahassee's trail bridge connection tying into the southwest corner of the property and through the County's Goose Creek connector located north of the property.

4. Description of the natural resources, land cover, vegetation, habitat or natural community, if any, that are currently present on the parcel. Appendix F of the 2013 Land Management Plan provides a detailed description of the Landscape; Wildlife Habitat; Natural Communities; Listed Species; Topographic, Geological, Hydrologic, Archaeological, and Historical Features; and Biological Communities. It is provided here as an attachment.

5. Description and list of the imperiled and other wildlife species, if any, that occur on or use the parcel. Page 9 of the 2013 Land Management Plan addresses Listed Species in the following manner:

"Although, neither the FNAI report (Appendix B) nor the FWC report (Appendix C) identified any listed plant and animal species within the Greenway boundary both indicated species richness and suitable habitat. As documented in Appendix E, the URS ecological assessment of this property indicated several observed listed species on the greenway, including the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) and the Southern lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*). Several additional listed species are expected to occur on this property, based on existing and potential habitat. These are likely to include:

- Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus)
- Little blue heron (Egretta caerulea)
- Snowy egret (Egretta thula)
- Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)
- White ibis (Eudocimus albus)
- Wood stork (Mycteria americana)
- Gopher tortoises (Gopherus polyphemus)
- Gopher frogs (Lithobates capito)"

6) Description and list of historical or archaeological resources, if any, that occur or have the potential of occurring on the site. Page 10 of the 2013 Land Management Plan addresses Archeological, Historical, and Cultural Resources in the following manner:

"...The FSMF determined that there are fourteen recorded sites on or intersecting the Greenway. Twelve of these are scatter/refuse sites. Two are more significant and merit interpretation. All of the sites are listed in Appendix G. A map of these sites is not provided in this Plan in order to protect them from unauthorized access. Four surveys have been conducted on the Greenway. As indicated in the FSMF report, three of these surveys were conducted as part of proposed projects located upon or affecting a portion of the Greenway, and one was a commissioned in 2002 by Leon County."

7) Formal alternative siting analysis that includes a description and assessment of other potential alternative sites and why they are not feasible or practicable alternatives.

The County began working with the City of Tallahassee Electric Department in June 2003. The first combined meeting with the City, County and State on site was August 2015. The site was walked and different routes were discussed. One route was more on the interior of the property and the other was the proposal for bordering the property. Representatives at the first meeting from the State where Debra Pallone (DEP) and Inman Hartsfield (DEP). Maps were provided of the two options that were discussed at the meeting. After an additional site visit and guidance from the State, it was determined that the best route with the least impact was the alternative to place it along the perimeter. On Dec 1, 2015 that the final decision was made with all being in agreement for the original requested route along the perimeter.

8) Assessment of the impacts the proposed alternative use will have on the natural/historical/archaeological/recreational resources, if any, as well as on the current public use and purpose for the site or parcel. There are no foreseen, long-term adverse impacts to the natural/historical/archaeological/recreational resources or to the public use of the property.

9) Assessment of the potential impacts on the larger area of conservation lands the parcel is located within (park, wildlife management area, forest trail, etc.) and on any surrounding conservation lands, if any. **None.** 

10) Assessment of how the proposed package of consideration and net positive benefit for the requested alternative use of the parcel, such as the generally standard requirement for replacement land (depending on the parcel's size), will offset the impacts and benefit the larger area of conservation lands (park, forest, wildlife management area, trail system, etc.) the parcel is within and particularly how it will offset the impacts or benefit the natural/historical/archaeological resources, habitat and public recreational uses of the public conservation area the parcel is located within. GRANTEE shall satisfy the NET POSITIVE BENEFIT requirement by purchasing an amount to be determined by the GRANTOR in goods and/or services for the benefit of the Greenway to be completed prior to the granting of the easement and the commencement of construction activities. All goods and services to be purchased by the GRANTEE for the purpose of satisfying this obligation must be identified beforehand by the managing agency as an existing management need on Greenway. Depending on the NET POSITIVE BENEFIT amount determined, goods and services for purchase may include: fencing, tree plantings, trail assessment, erosion control, interpretative signage, or any other elements identified in the Land Management Plan.

It will be the responsibility of the managing agency on whose property a non-conservation or non-public recreation use is proposed to have staff at ARC meetings who will be able to answer questions about the effect of that proposed use on the lands that they manage and about their justification for agreeing to allow it. BPLA staff will continue to present the items, but managing agency staff should be ready to answer any questions related to the resources and recreation on the site and the effects of proposed uses.