INTRODUCTION

Land use planning and park development decisions for the state park system are based on the dual responsibilities of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP). These responsibilities are to preserve representative examples of original natural Florida and its cultural heritage, and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for Florida's citizens and visitors. As changes occur to the park environment due to natural forces or land acquisitions, or as conservation and recreation interests evolve, the conceptual land use plan may be amended to address new conditions or needs. This amendment to the 2012 ARC-approved unit management plan for Jonathan Dickinson State Park includes the addition of facilities to meet demand for new and expanded recreation opportunities. Design details and precise location of proposed facilities will be determined and developed according to conceptual land use elements described below and are contingent on funding and concession agreements.

CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLAN

Golf Complexes East and West

Objective: Provide opportunities for golfing.

Action:

- Design and develop two 18-hole golf courses.
- Design and develop one 9-hole golf course.

This concept proposes development of an 18-hole golf course and a separate 9-hole golf course between the Brightline intercity rail and US Highway 1 transportation corridors and the development of a second 18-hole golf course in the northeastern portion of the park on the westside of the Brightline rail corridor. The concept includes a supporting clubhouse and ancillary facilities.

Golf course development between the Brightline intercity rail and the US Highway 1 transportation corridors necessitates the relocation and re-development of existing park support facilities including staff residences, a training center, and the DRP District 5 office complex. Given existing utilities and road proximities, these facilities should be reconstructed in remaining available space east of the Brightline corridor. Additionally, the Hobe Mountain observation tower and a non-operational radar facility will need to be removed.

Avoidance of sensitive habitat will be priority in the design of the proposed golf courses.





