

# **San Mateo Site – City of North Port Work Plan**

## **Site Location and Description**

This is a 5.7-acre site is located within the mid-eastern portion of the City of North Port and has been identified among the City's priority acquisitions for properties nominated to the Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program. The property is composed of four parcels located between San Mateo Drive and the Atwater Waterway. Atwater Park is located directly opposite the site on the east side of the waterway. The property is undeveloped and previously cleared and is surrounded by residential areas.

## **Importance and Relevance**

The City of North Port has identified this site as being among its top priorities for acquisition. The City submitted fourteen nominations for consideration that were selected and submitted for consideration based upon their potential to enhance existing park facilities or to provide parks where currently there are none. The City noted that this site is envisioned to serve as a neighborhood park that also serves as a secondary access to the City's Atwater Park complex via a potential future pedestrian bridge across the Atwater Waterway. It could serve as a main access point for the community on the west side of the waterway, enabling neighbors to access the park complex without having to travel on Price or Hillsborough Boulevards to reach the park.

## **Potential Uses**

The City indicated that this site is envisioned to serve as a neighborhood park providing active recreational functions and also as an access to the overall Atwater Park complex. Potential amenities/improvements for the site itself include a small playground, open play field, picnic shelters and benches. A canoe/kayak launch also may be a possible amenity for this site.

## **Management Goals/Challenges**

Potential development of public facilities will need to consider compatibility with adjacent residential properties. There will be permitting considerations for the bridge connector between the subject property and Atwater Park. The Parks Advisory and Recreation Council recommended optimization of the boundary where possible for future expansion.

## **Status**

The owners of the subject property are willing sellers.

## **Potential Acquisition Funding**

Parks and Recreation – Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program funds

## **Other Potential Partners**

City of North Port, Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, Friends of Sarasota County Parks.



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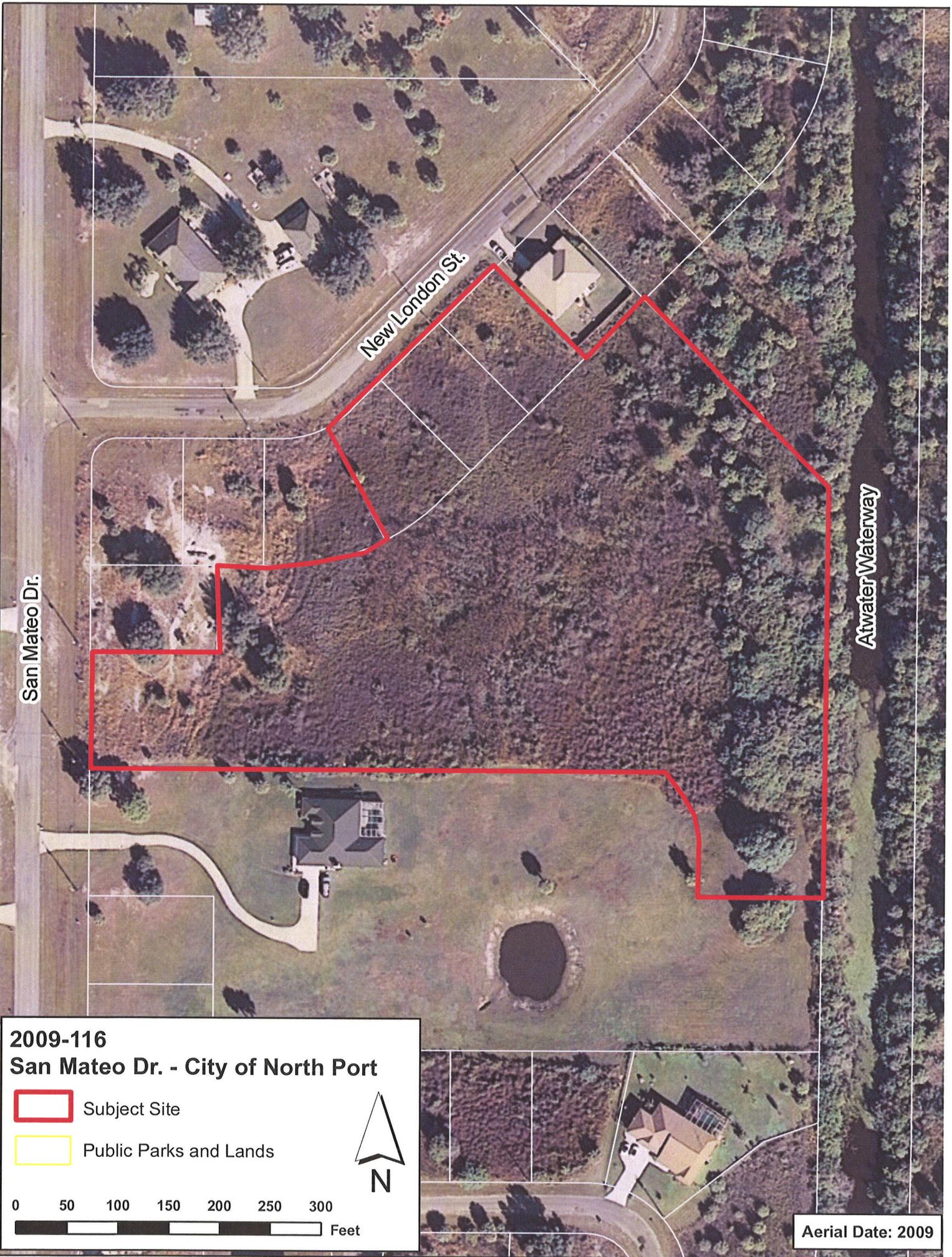
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Atwater Waterway

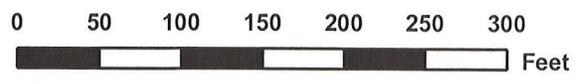
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