

# LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

Please use this nomination form to nominate property for consideration for acquisition by Sarasota County through purchase, donation or conservation easements in accordance with the terms set forth in the acquisition program and associated criteria. This form may also be used by a citizen wishing to nominate any property in the county for acquisition, whether owned by that person or not.

ARE YOU THE PROPERTY OWNER? Yes ☐ No ☐ (If not, please be aware that this is a willing seller program.)					
YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION					
Name:		Telep	Telephone No: ( )		
Address:		Emai	Email (optional):		
City:	State:	ZIP:			
I am nominating this property for consideration as: (Please select one or more of the choices below.)					
☐ Neighborhood Parkland ☐ Environmentally Sensitive Land ☐ Other (please explain below)					
Parcel Identification No. (if known):		Street Ad	Street Address of Property (if available):		
Location of Property (please be specific):					
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The nominated property has the following features (select <u>all</u> that are applicable):					
☐ Historical / Archaeological Value			☐ High quality / unaltered habitat		
Rare habitat and/or listed species			☐ Open space		
☐ Located more than 5 miles from an existing park or prese					
Access to water (Gulf of Mexico, bay, river, or creek front					
☐ Existing structure(s)			☐ Other (please explain below)		
<b>Description of property / resources:</b> (Briefly describe this property's features, including any existing structures on the site; please be specific.)					
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List the reasons you believe this property should be acquired: (Please review and consider the program criteria below.)					

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED

- Map with actual or approximate location of property indicated (required).
- Representative photographs of the property (optional).
- Any additional information may be included for consideration (optional).

In November 2005, Sarasota County citizens approved a referendum authorizing the extension of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program and the expansion of the County's land acquisition program to include Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition. The Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee and the Parks Advisory and Recreation Council are the two citizen's advisory committees authorized by the Board of County Commissioners to review nominated properties for possible acquisition pursuant to the criteria listed below (from Resolution No. 92-272, Criteria for Evaluating Environmentally Sensitive Lands; and, Ordinance No. 2005-062, Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition). All proposed acquisitions must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners prior to initiating a contract purchase.

# **Environmentally Sensitive Lands Criteria**

#### RARITY

Sites containing rare community types, listed species, or other special features.

#### CONNECTEDNESS

Sites adjacent to existing public lands or waterways.

#### QUALITY

Sites of high ecological quality with species diversity and ecosystem integrity.

#### WATER RESOURCES

Sites that maintain water quality in either a natural stream system, recharge area, or estuarine environment.

#### MANAGEABILITY

Sites that have the potential to provide longterm viability and maintaining habitat functions.

# Neighborhood Parkland Criteria

# BROAD COMMUNITY ACCESS

Sites that provide and anticipate public access and use, or common space for civic engagement, while minimizing or avoiding adverse impacts to existing neighborhoods.

#### PROXIMITY AND CONNECTEDNESS

Sites adjacent to existing parks and public lands or providing connections to trails, beaches, waterways, or other public amenities.

#### NATURAL FEATURES

Sites with remnant native habitat or wildlife, shoreline or waterways, or that preserve existing floodplain.

# CULTURAL FEATURES

Sites that protect historical or archaeological resources, or other sites valued by the community for the preservation of its heritage.

#### COMPATIBLE COMMUNITY NEEDS

Sites that provide public benefits such as neighborhood play areas, nature-based recreation, or horticultural resources.

# WATER ACCESS

Sites bordering the Gulf of Mexico, bays, creeks, rivers, or lakes that provide for water dependent recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, canoeing or boating opportunities.

# LOCATION

Site locations that fill a community need by enhancing the distribution of existing accessible public lands throughout the County.

# **Please Return Completed Nomination Form and Attachments to:**

# **Mailing Address:**

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Attn: Land Nominations 1660 Ringling Blvd; 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Sarasota, FL 34236

# E-MAIL: LandNominations@scgov.net

**QUESTIONS? Please contact:**Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources at 941-861-5000









