



City of North Port
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

THRU: A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, City Manager

THRU: Jason Yarborough, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager

THRU: Alaina Ray, AICP, Development Services Department, Director

THRU: Lori Barnes, AICP, Development Services Department, Assistant Director

FROM: Jeremy Rogus, Arborist, Staff Liaison to the Environmental Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Advisement to Create Conservation Easements on Specific City Owned Properties

DATE: October 10, 2023

Honorable Mayor and Members of the North Port Commission,

Code of the City of North Port Chapter 4, Boards and Committees – Article IX, Environmental Advisory Board – Section 4-182, states that The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) shall advise the City Commission on matters pertaining to preserving and promoting wildlife, habitat protection, trees, the City’s natural and environmental resources, its flora and fauna, tree planting and care, beautification of public spaces, and safeguarding environmental quality for the future.

On September 11, 2023, during their regular meeting, the EAB discussed and made motion to approve the attached advisement to City Commission to create conservation easements on specific City owned properties.

Attachments:

A. EAB Conservation Easement Advisement

Attachment A

Dear City Commissioners,

This correspondence is to share the recommendation of The Environmental Conservancy of North Port and Surrounding Areas with the City of North Port that the following properties currently owned or planned to be owned by the City of North Port or North Port Road and Drainage should have permanent Conservation Easements placed upon them to insure their permanent conservation in perpetuity:

1. The Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park;
2. Oaks Park;
3. The Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway (Tiers 1, 2, and 3)
4. Any properties acquired by use of funds from the City's Tree Fund for use by any department such as Public Works or Parks & Recreation;
5. All properties currently owned by North Port Road & Drainage adjacent to the Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park.

Thank you,

Environmental Advisory Board:

Desiree Holland
William English
Jessica Eik
Erin Hall
Casey McGowan
Lola Robinson