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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

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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