

San Mateo Dr.

New London St.

Atwater Waterway

2009-116

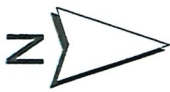
San Mateo Dr. - City of North Port



Subject Site



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# **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.



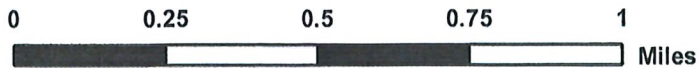
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# LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

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: City of North Port          |           | Telephone No: (941) 429-7094                   |
| Address: 4970 City Hall Boulevard |           | Email (optional): cpingree@cityofnorthport.com |
| City: North Port                  | State: FL | ZIP: 34286                                     |

I am nominating this property for consideration as:

- Neighborhood Parkland    
 Environmentally Sensitive Land    
 Other (please explain below)

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| Parcel Identification No. (if known):<br>1135-08-6639<br>Garden Dreams LLC / Others | Street Address of Property (if available):<br>San Mateo Drive |
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**Location of Property (please be specific):**  
This is a 5.7 acre site located on San Mateo Drive in the mid-eastern section of the City. It abuts the west bank of the Atwater Waterway. Access to the site is via San Mateo Drive from East Price Boulevard to the north and Hillsborough Boulevard and U.S. Highway 41 (Tamiami Trail) to the south.

**The nominated property has the following features (select all that are applicable):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical / Archaeological Value  | <input type="checkbox"/> High quality / unaltered habitat                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare habitat and/or listed species   | <input type="checkbox"/> Open space  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Located more than 5 miles from an existing park or preserve                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to water (Gulf of Mexico, bay, river, or creek frontage) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to existing public lands / trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing structure(s)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below)               |


**Description of property / resources:**  
(Briefly describe this property's features, including any existing structures on the site; please be specific)  
This is a 5.7 acre site located on the west bank of the Atwater Waterway. Comprised of a primary 5.0 acre tract and three small platted lots, the site is improved partially wooded upland. It abuts improved residential properties to its north and south and San Mateo Boulevard to the west.

**List the reasons you believe this property should be acquired:**  
This site is envisioned to become the principle secondary means of access to the City's Atwater Park complex. That complex, comprised of two locations directly abutting the new elementary school, will provide a mix of athletic facilities and semi-passive recreational uses along the Atwater Waterway. It is the City's intent to use the site as an active recreational setting connecting to the main Atwater site via a foot bridge over the waterway. Complimenting that use, the site will also serve as the main access point to the Park Complex for citizens in the immediate neighborhood to the west without having to travel on either Price Boulevard or Hillsborough Boulevard, two of the City's principal east-west connector routes.

Site 11  
San Mateo Drive  
Primary: Garden Dreams, LLC  
PID No, 1135-08-6639  
Lots 5, 6, and 7 - Various Owners - See Attached  
PID Nos. - Various - See Attached  
Southeast Quadrant



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