# PINECRAFT PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## PARK AT A GLANCE

Size	Pinecraft Park 15 acres (5.5 acres is managed natural area)	
Location	1420 Gilbert Avenue, Sarasota	
Management Priority	preserving historical ecosystem and biological diversity	
Management Challenge	invasive exotic plant management	
Primary habitats	bottomland forests	
	mesic hammocks	
	Phillippi Creek	
Imperiled species	Florida sandhill crane	
	little blue heron	
	osprey	
	roseate spoonbill	
	southeastern American kestrel	
	wood stork	
	American alligator	
Cultural Resources	Unknown pending professional survey	
Land Uses	Passive, nature-based public recreation	

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Significance, size, location

Pinecraft Park is a 15-acre park, which includes a 10-acre 1992 addition. This management plan focuses on the 5.5-acre natural area of the addition located adjacent to the south of Pinecraft Park proper and east of Phillippi Creek, hereafter called the natural area. The entrance to Pinecraft Park and the natural area is at 1420 Gilbert Avenue, Sarasota, just south of Bahia Vista St. The ecologically important natural area serves as an environmental buffer in the Phillippi Creek watershed. The topography and landscape in Pinecraft Park natural area offers unique views not often seen in Florida.

### Acquisition history

Pinecraft Park natural area was acquired in 1992 as a ten-acre site located adjacent to the south of Pinecraft Park. A stormwater pond was created on the portion of the property west of Phillippi Creek and is managed by Sarasota County Public Works Stormwater. Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, Natural Areas and Trails manages the 5.5-acre natural area east of Phillippi Creek and assists as needed with the management of the stormwater pond.

### Natural and cultural resource management goals

The natural area consists of bottomland forest, prairie mesic hammock, blackwater stream, and developed land. These natural community types provide habitat for a diverse array of fauna and flora and provide important foraging areas for migratory birds. Current land management practices protect the park's resources from vandalism, degradation, and invasive exotic species proliferation. Benefits include the reduction of invasive and exotic vegetation, increase in native ground cover, and wildlife protection. All management activities focus on preserving this ecosystem and biological diversity in perpetuity.

### Historical and current uses and facilities

In the early 1920s, the area around the park was known as the Sarasota National Tourist Camp where Amish and Mennonite visitors farmed and established churches. During that time, land was set aside for the park. Today, the Pinecraft community is still a popular location for many Amish and Mennonite visitors and residents. Those who visit the park often partake in nature-based recreation including hiking, birding, and paddling.

### Use and facilities management goals

All current and future activities and construction of public amenities will be planned in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize impacts to native habitats and their communities. As of December 2020, there are no use alterations or additional amenities planned.

### Purpose of plan

The purpose of this plan is to preserve the health and function of natural systems, protect historical and cultural resources that are part of Sarasota County's heritage, and provide nature-based recreational

opportunities for the public. The management strategies outlined herein are intended to be used as guidelines to address the complex management needs of the park. This plan will be updated in 10 years to incorporate applicable new management methodologies. Costs are estimated for current conditions, assuming cost escalations for salary and some known funding opportunities, but not based on future optimal conditions or optimal staffing.

## MANAGEMENT STRATEGY OVERVIEW

<b>JES</b>	GOAL 1	Restore and maintain native habitats and communities.
ourc	OBJECTIVE 1.1	Establish baseline inventory of native vegetation.
AL RESC	OBJECTIVE 1.2	Eliminate FLEPPC Category I and II plants, or if not possible, reduce populations to levels too low to impact native communities and habitats.
TUR	OBJECTIVE 1.3	Protect imperiled and notable species.
AN AN	OBJECTIVE 1.4	Conduct restoration plantings to provide high-quality habitat for wildlife on the site, as nuisance plants are reduced and eradicated.
<b>RAL</b> RCES	GOAL 2	Protect, preserve, and maintain the cultural resources of the park.
CULTUF	OBJECTIVE 2.1	Determine the presence of cultural resources.
	GOAL 3	Maintain public access and passive recreational opportunities without adverse impacts to native habitats and communities.
	OBJECTIVE 3.1	Provide public pedestrian access to the site.
USES	OBJECTIVE 3.2	Provide and maintain a trail system throughout the natural area.
LAND	GOAL 4	Provide nature based educational and interpretive opportunities.
	OBJECTIVE 4.1	Provide interpretive signs.
	OBJECTIVE 4.2	Provide interpretive programming focused on unique aspects of the site.
IONS	GOAL 5	Provide administrative and fiscal support for all park functions.
OPERAT	OBJECTIVE 5.1	Continue day-to-day administrative support at current levels.

## **1** INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 LOCATION AND SETTING

Pinecraft Park is a 15-acre park, which includes a 10-acre addition purchased in 1992 (Exhibit 1). A 5-acre stormwater pond was created on the portion of the property west of Phillippi Creek and is managed by Sarasota County Public Works Stormwater with assistance as needed from Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources (PRNR). PRNR manages the 10-acre addition east of Phillippi Creek, including the 5-acre recreational area managed by the Parks and Recreation Division and the 5.5-acre natural area located adjacent to the south managed by the Natural Areas and Trails Division (Exhibit 9). This management plan focuses on the 5.5-acre natural area of the addition, hereafter called the natural area. The entrance to Pinecraft Park and the natural area is at 1420 Gilbert Avenue, Sarasota, just south of Bahia Vista St. The ecologically important natural area serves as an environmental buffer in the Phillippi Creek watershed. The topography and landscape in Pinecraft Park natural area offers hills and hollows where park visitors can enjoy a variety of wildlife and scenic landscapes. A hilly path also winds along Phillippi creek providing views of Phillippi Creek and its many aquatic residents.

### 1.2 SITE SIGNIFICANCE AND PROTECTION PRIORITY

This ecologically important landscape serves as an important environmental buffer in the Phillippi Creek watershed (Exhibit 2). Management activities focus on preserving the ecosystem and biological diversity in perpetuity.

The natural area within Pinecraft Park is considered rare habitat in Sarasota County, and serves as an ecologically important ecotone for a variety of wildlife species. The habitats provide resting, forage, nesting retreats, and refuge for a wide variety of migratory birds. The topography and community composition provide a unique landscape in the region.

The intent of the natural area acquisition was to preserve, protect, and restore one of the last remaining tracts of natural area along the Phillippi Creek corridor. The acquisition serves to conserve rare and diverse native flora and fauna, while providing nature-based recreation for residents and visitors.

## **1.3** ACQUISITION HISTORY

Pinecraft Park natural area was acquired in 1992 as a ten-acre site located adjacent to the south of Pinecraft Park and became part of the park at that time. See Appendix A for acquisition documents.

## 1.4 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Following acquisition, a stormwater pond was created on the portion of the natural area west of Phillippi Creek, which is managed by Sarasota County Public Works Stormwater (Exhibit 3). Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, NAT manages the portion of the natural area east of Phillippi Creek and assists with the management of the stormwater pond. Collaboration with other County departments occurs to facilitate management and upkeep. NAT staff will implement this plan and coordinate with staff and outside agencies as required.

### **GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

Management authority is given by the following County Codes and governing documents (see Appendix C):

- 1. The Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan (2016)
- 2. Sarasota County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 90
- 3. Sarasota County Land Management Master Plan (2004)
- 4. Sarasota County Parks, Preserves and Recreation Strategic Master Plan (2019-2012)

## 1.5 FUTURE PLANS FOR THE SITE

As of December 2020, there are no plans to alter the use of the park or make significant alterations to the property. The current use of providing passive, nature-based public recreation without adversely impacting native habitats and communities will continue. All current and future activities will be planned in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize impacts to native habitats and communities.

### NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

Sarasota County's habitat management approach seeks to restore and maintain a natural balance which preserves the quality of these diverse landscapes for the benefit of wildlife and visitors. As part of this effort, Sarasota County's environmental professionals apply a variety of specialized methods, including mechanical treatment of vegetation, prescribed fire, invasive plant and animal management, hydrologic restoration, and restoration of natural communities. Scientific monitoring, often facilitated by volunteers, enables us to gauge our effectiveness and develop responsive, proactive approaches.

With a focus on natural systems management, primary emphasis is placed on restoring and maintaining the natural processes that formed the structure, function, and species composition of Sarasota County's diverse natural communities as they occurred in pre-development. Single species management for imperiled species is appropriate in County parks and preserves when the maintenance, recovery or restoration of a species or population is difficult due to the requirement of long-term restoration efforts, unnaturally high mortality, or insufficient habitat. Single species management should be compatible with the maintenance and restoration of natural processes and should not imperil other native species or compromise the preserve's values.

Prescribed fire is an essential component in natural systems management in Florida. Prescribed fire is used to mimic natural lightning-set fires, which are one of the primary natural forces that shaped Florida's ecosystems. Prescribed burning increases the abundance and health of many wildlife species. Many of Florida's imperiled plant and animal species are dependent on periodic fire for their continued existence. Fire-dependent natural communities gradually accumulate flammable vegetation; therefore, prescribed fire reduces wildfire hazards by reducing these wild land fuels. NAT makes every effort to return fire to its natural role in fire-dependent natural communities. Sarasota County Fire Mitigation Specialists lead a burn team to restore fire back into the natural system. All prescribed burns in the Florida are conducted with authorization from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Florida Forest Service (FFS).

Invasive exotic plants and animals are a serious concern for the management of natural systems. Due to Florida's warm climate, non-native plants and animals are able to thrive. Many invasive exotic species outcompete, displace, or inhibit growth of native species, altering native habitats. If left unchecked, without natural controls from their native origin, invasive exotic plants and animals alter the character, productivity, and conservation values of the natural areas they infest. The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) supports the management of invasive exotic plants in Florida's natural areas. FLEPPC compiles invasive species lists that are revised every two years. Invasive exotic plants are termed Category I invasives when they alternative plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives. Category II invasive exotics have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species (https://www.fleppc.org/). It is the aim of NAT to eliminate or if not possible, to reduce FLEPPC Category I and II invasive plants to low ecological levels. NAT utilizes the FLEPPC classification system to determine management priorities when managing invasive exotic plants.

Exotic animal species include non-native wildlife species, free-ranging domesticated pets or livestock, and feral animals. Because of the negative impacts to natural systems attributed to exotic animals, NAT actively removes exotic animals from County parks and preserves, with priority being given to those species causing the greatest ecological damage.

## 2 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMPONENT

## 2.1 NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

### 2.1.1 Topography

Phillippi Creek, a fresh and blackwater tidal creek, delineates the western boundary of the Pinecraft Park natural area. The creek has been altered, which is evident in the ridges along the creek banks. A ditch along the north side delineates the recreation area from the natural area and a drainage area meanders within the southern portion of the natural area. The elevation ranges from two feet to 13 feet above sea level in the natural area (Exhibit 4).

### 2.1.2 Soils

Two soil types occur onsite: Felda and Pompano fine sands (Map Unit 13), and Pineda fine sand (Map Unit 31) (Table 1, Exhibit 5). Felda and Pompano fine sands, classified as hydric, occur in bands parallel to and on both sides of Phillippi Creek and throughout the majority of the bottomland forest and mesic hammock in the natural area. Pineda fine sand, another hydric soil, occurs more upland, in the southeast and northeast corners of the natural area. The parent material of all these soils consists of sandy marine deposits.

Table 1. Soil types in the park.

Soil Type	Associated Habitat	Drainage Characteristics
Felda and Pompano	depressions,	poorly drained
fine sands	sloughs, floodplains	
Pineda fine sand	low hammocks and	poorly drained
	poorly designed	
	sloughs	

#### 2.1.3 Hydrology

Phillippi Creek bounds the western side of the natural area and is Sarasota Bay's largest freshwater input. At the natural area, the creek is approximately four miles upstream of its confluence with Roberts Bay. Stormwater enters the creek by way of a drainage ditch extending east to west along the north side of the natural area. A second ditch meanders along the southern property line. Within this tidal system, water levels vary, providing a diverse habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife (Exhibit 6).

Sarasota County Government and many residents and organizations have initiated improvement projects to protect and restore the creek. Water quality trends over time suggest that these efforts have had a positive impact on creek conditions. (https://sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/)

#### 2.1.4 Natural Communities

The natural area of Pinecraft Park is an environmentally sensitive climax forest community with a densely closed canopy and unique microclimate (Exhibits 7a–b).

Three of the four natural area communities in Pinecraft Park are classified with a state element rank of S3 according to FNAI (FNAI, 2010, Table 2). This is indicative of rare habitat or habitat in a restricted range or considered vulnerable to extinction from other factors.

Table 2. Florida Natural Area Inventory (FNAI) Communities present in the natural area.

FNAI Communities	Acres	% of Park
mesic hammocks	3.04	55%
bottomland forests	2.2	40%
blackwater stream	.02	0.5%
developed	.24	4.4%

### 2.1.5 Imperiled Species

#### Flora

Some of the flora in the natural area are protected under State and/or Federal law. Giant airplant (*Tillandsia utriculata*) lives among the tree limbs in hammocks and is listed as Endangered, due to the invasion of the Mexican bromeliad weevil (*Matamasius callizona*). Adult weevils feed on leaves and larvae tunnel into the base of the stem of the bromeliad, killing the plant. The weevil was first documented in Florida in 1989 and has no natural enemies in Florida.

## FLORIDA'S NATURAL COMMUNITIES

The Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) provides a detailed guide to the standard classification system of 81 natural communities. The premise of this system is that physical factors such as climate, geology, soil, hydrology, and fire frequency determine the species configuration of an area. Areas that are similar with respect to those factors will tend to have natural communities with similar species compositions. Differences in species composition can occur, however, despite similar physical conditions and the reverse can occur. Some physical influences, such as fire frequency, may vary from FNAI's descriptions for certain natural communities in this plan.

Coontie (*Zamia pumila*) is a cycad with ancient origins. It typically grows 1–3 feet and occurs in hammocks and pinelands. It is the only cycad native to North America and is listed as Commercially Exploited by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

Observations and occurrences of these and other imperiled plant species will be geolocated using GPS technology. Semi-annual monitoring will be conducted to track and document the persistence and health of these species.

See Appendix D for a full list of documented plant species.

#### Fauna

The natural area of Pinecraft Park is a popular destination for birdwatchers and is a recommended birding hotspot by the Sarasota County Audubon Society. It is also recognized by and included on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation's Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trail. It is a critical spring and fall

stopover for migrant species going to and coming from the tropics. Barred owls and ruby-throated hummingbirds annually nest at Pinecraft Park. Fourteen avian species have been documented utilizing this area as a breeding ground and over 150 avian species have been recorded in total.

Listed animals will be documented and tracked as observations are made (Table 3). Collaboration with the Sarasota County Audubon Society will ensure listed birds are accurately documented and tracked. Protection and preservation of listed species will be maintained by closing sections of the trail when nesting or potential disturbance could occur. Public education, signs, and programs will also be conducted to educate trail visitors about the importance of conserving species in Pinecraft Park.

See Appendix E for a full list of documented animal species.

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Bird	Florida sandhill crane	Antigone canadensis pratensis	Threatened (State)
	little blue heron	Egretta caerulea	Threatened (State)
	osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Species of Special Concern (State)
	roseate spoonbill	Platalea ajaja	Threatened (State)
	Southeastern American kestrel	Falco sparverius paulus	Threatened (State)
	wood stork	Mycteria americana	Threatened (Fed)
Reptile	American alligator	Alligator mississippiensis	Threatened (Fed) due to similarity of appearance
Plant	giant airplant	Tillandsia Utriculata	Endangered
	coontie	Zamia pumila	Commercially exploited

Table 3. Imperiled flora and fauna documented in the Park.

## 2.2 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

This section assesses the current condition of each natural community present in the reserve and describes their desired optimal condition. Once a natural community reaches the desired optimal condition, it is considered to be in a "maintenance condition." Required actions for achieving and sustaining a community's maintenance condition may include ongoing control of non-native plant and animal species, maintaining natural hydrologic functions (including historical water flows and water quality), preserving a community's biodiversity and vegetative structure, protecting viable populations of plant and animal species (including those that are imperiled or endemic), and preserving intact ecotones that link natural communities across the landscape.

### 2.2.1 Bottomland Forests

There are approximately 2.2 acres of bottomland forest in the natural area adjacent to Phillippi Creek (Table 4). This habitat is characterized by mixed deciduous or evergreen closed-canopy forests and is often located in riverine floodplains and shallow depressions. Organic debris from these habitats serve as important nutrient sources for downstream ecosystems.

Table 4. Common plants of bottomland forests.

Common Name	Scientific Name
sweetbay	Lauris nobilis
water oak	Quercus nigra
red maple	Acer rubrum
wild coffee	Psychotria nervosa

#### Current Conditions

Bottomland forest is poor to fair. The forest is undergoing succession. Typical tree species in this habitat are not long-lived, so many of the mature trees are dying off. This contributes to a great deal of biomass on the ground and a reduction of understory vegetation. This area, like the rest of the site, is negatively impacted by invasive exotic plants such as Surinam cherry, carrotwood, Brazilian pepper, air potato, and wedelia.

#### **Optimal Conditions**

Ideally bottomland Forest has a sand, clay, or organic substrate, usually connected or adjacent to a riverine community that is occasionally inundated. This habitat should experience rare or no fire. Optimally, these forests have a closed canopy of mixed hardwoods and evergreens, water oak, sweetgum, and red maple. Desired future conditions include having a 95 percent native species composition, protecting viable populations of plant and animal species (including those that are imperiled or endemic), and preserving the historical ecotone of the landscape. Once the natural community reaches the desired optimal condition, it will be considered to be in maintenance condition.

#### Management Guidelines

Survey and treatment of invasive exotic plants is a priority. Follow-up treatments are important. Management may include re-planting with native species.

#### 2.2.2 Mesic Hammocks

There are approximately 3.04 acres of mesic hammock located in the north end and eastern side of the natural area. Habitat signatures include a well-developed evergreen hardwood and palm forest. Closed canopies in these hammocks encompass soils that are rarely inundated and contain an abundance of epiphytes in the oaks and cabbage palms. Mesic hammocks are sensitive to hydrologic alteration (Whitney et al., 2004).

Common Name	Scientific Name
pignut hickory	Carya Glabra
sparkleberry	Vaccinium arboreum
mulberry	Morus rubra
coral bean	Erythrina herbacea

Table 5. Common plants of mesic hammocks.

#### **Current Conditions**

Mesic hammock is in poor to fair condition. The forest is undergoing succession. There are a number of mature pignut hickories that are in decline at the end of their life cycle. Due to an abundance of biomass on the hammock floor, the understory has declined, and several invasive exotic species dominate the area, including Surinam cherry, carrotwood, and air potato. Existing trails were created organically and are not the optimum layout to protect the habitat and its inhabitants.

#### **Optimal Conditions**

Ideally, a mesic hammock has a mix of sand and organic soils. This habitat historically only experiences occasional or rare fires and is not dependent on fire. It should be characterized by a closed evergreen canopy of live oak, cabbage palm, southern magnolia, pignut hickory, and saw palmetto. Achieving optimum conditions depends on effective management of nuisance and invasive exotic plant and animals and restoration of historical hydrology. Other management activities may include an evaluation of the existing trails for potential re-routing or blocking of unnecessary or redundant trails. Desired future conditions include having a 95 percent native species composition, protecting viable populations of plant and animal species (including those that are imperiled or endemic), and preserving the historical ecotone of the landscape. Once the natural community reaches the desired optimal condition, it will be considered to be in maintenance condition.

#### Management Guidelines

Survey and treatment of invasive exotic plants is a priority. Follow-up treatments are important. Management may include re-planting with native species.

#### 2.2.3 Blackwater Streams

Phillippi Creek accounts for 0.02 acres in the natural area, bounds the western side of the natural area and is classified as a blackwater stream habitat. Tannins, particulates, iron, and dissolved organic matter tint these waterways reducing light penetration and inhibiting the growth of submerged aquatic plants. Common characteristics include hydrologic fluctuations, acidic pH levels, and sandy bottoms with organics underlain in limestone. Most blackwater streams originate in swampy or low-lying wetlands.

Table 6. Common plants of Phillippi Creek.

Common Name Scientific Name	
giant leather fern Acrostichum danaeifolium	
pickerel weed	Pontederia cordata

#### **Current Conditions**

Phillippi Creek is impaired according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) implementation of the Impaired Waters Rule (IWR). FDEP evaluates whether waters meet their designated uses, which include aquatic life use support, primary contact and recreation use support, fish, and shellfish consumption use support, and drinking water use support. This evaluation considers the entire 7.26 miles of the natural creek. The freshwater portion of the creek in the park passes three out of four metrics in assessing its health. These metrics include dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, and chlorophyll.

#### **Optimal Conditions**

Sarasota County Water Resources, Southwest Florida Water Management District and FDEP establish metrics by which to assess the health of Phillippi Creek, and are the primary agencies charged with monitoring, managing, and protecting the creek. Desired future conditions include restoring hydrology and water quality, protecting viable populations of aquatic plant and animals (including those that are imperiled or endemic), and preserving the historical vegetative buffer along creek banks. PRNR staff is not involved in the management of the creek or other hydrologic features in the park.

#### Management Guidelines

Management shall include maintaining native vegetation buffers that stabilize the shoreline and minimize the risk of erosion. Vegetated shoreline buffers benefit Phillippi Creek by providing habitat for fish and wildlife and oxygen and by absorbing pollutants that may exist from various non-point sources. Currently, control and prevention of soil erosion along Phillippi Creek is monitored and maintained by Sarasota County Public Utilities Stormwater Management.

#### 2.2.4 Management Zones

To coordinate management efforts and maintain data history pertaining to invasive exotic plant control, the park is divided into management zones (Exhibit 8, Table 7).

Zone	Acres
1	0.96
2	1.04
3	0.95
4	1.02
5	0.98
6	0.55

Table 7. Management zones used to track invasive exotic plant control in the natural area.

Table 8. Annual IPM rotation intervals and targets.

Invasive Plant Management	Acres Surveyed and Treated	2-Year Rotation
Treatment Regions	(where needed)	
region 1: zones 1, 2, and 3	3.0 acres	2021, 2023, 2025, 2027, 2029
region 2: zones 4, 5, and 6	2.5 acres	2022, 2024, 2026, 2028, 2030

#### 2.2.5 Special Considerations

#### Invasive and Exotic Species

The greatest threat to Pinecraft Park natural area is the presence of invasive exotic plant and animal species. Management goals will focus on the control of currently established invading vines, grasses, and trees. Systematic treatment rotations will be conducted to suppress and reduce the impact of invasive

exotic plant and animal species. Large scale mechanical reduction and herbicide application will be conducted during summer months to minimize disturbance of nesting birds. Retreatment and minor herbicide applications will be conducted on a routine basis to target specific areas of regrowth and to limit the need for large scale applications.

Sarasota County has documented breeding populations of invasive exotic iguanas. As of December 2020, no known sightings of these iguanas have occurred at Pinecraft Park natural area. Continued monitoring will occur so that rapid response to sightings can be initiated.

The red bay ambrosia beetle (*Xyleborus glabratus*) has moved into the park, serving as a vector for laurel wilt disease. These insects bore into the bark of red bay trees and transfer a fungal disease that damages and kills red bay trees in the natural area. Little can be done to manage this disease but preventing export to offsite locations can be accomplished by leaving infected lumber and minimizing transfer on clothes and footwear. Saws and equipment used in the park will be cleaned of debris and disinfected before moving to a new site.

### Prescribed Fire

Mesic hammocks often develop naturally in the absence of fire and are not considered fire-adapted communities. Given the maturity of the cabbage palms and oaks in Pinecraft Park, shading and dense litter layers have subsequently reduced the pyrogenic vegetation, allowing for the establishment of other hammock species. Fire is also not a significant factor in the adjacent bottomland forest due to high moisture levels in the dense leaf litter, higher humidity, and its landscape position along the Phillippi Creek corridor. These habitats rarely burn, therefore the Pinecraft Park natural area is not included in Sarasota County government's prescribed fire management program.

#### 2.2.6 Research and Monitoring

No current research projects occur in the park, although Sarasota County is open to future research conducted by college, university, or research organization affiliates. Researchers must apply for a permit to conduct research on County lands and research must be relevant to the site and all findings must be provided to the County.

## **3** CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMPONENT

### 3.1 CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

#### 3.1.1 Archeological Sites

The park has not been surveyed for archeological or historical sites. The site should be surveyed and if archaeological sites are found, these sites should be preserved and protected.

#### 3.1.2 Historical Structures and Uses

There are no structures on the property that are greater than 50 years old.

In 1925, the surrounding community known as Pinecraft, was home to the Sarasota National Tourist Camp. In 1926, Earl S. and Mary K. Craft platted this area and reserved land along the creek for the park. Around this time, Amish and Mennonite visitors began farming and several churches were established. Major housing construction began in the 1940s and roads were paved around 1950. Today, the Pinecraft community is a popular location for many Amish and Mennonite visitors and residents. The community is transient in nature, and many of the residents are seasonal.

### 3.2 CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

There are no cultural resources in the Pinecraft Park natural area. If an archaeological survey indicates cultural resources on the site, protective measures will be taken.

## 4 LAND USE COMPONENT

### 4.1 CURRENT LAND USES, AMENITIES, AND FACILITIES

#### 4.1.1 Agriculture

Not applicable

#### 4.1.2 Public Access and Recreational Uses

Passive recreational activities, such as walking and birding, provide outdoor educational opportunities with minimal impacts to native habitats and communities (Exhibit 9).

Table 9. Current condition and maintenance requirements of onsite facilities and amenities. NAT does not manage the areas in the park where these amenities exist, with the exception of the walking trail.

Туре	Improvement	Condition Assessment	Maintenance Goal
public	unpaved walking trail	fair	trimming and debris removal
public	pedestrian bridge	good	pressure wash as needed
public	signs	good	clean, repair and replace as needed

Potential or known unauthorized uses include unauthorized camping, bicycling and creation of bike ramps, walking dogs, and trespassing (Table 10). While these are not typically a concern, routine monitoring and signs ensure these uses do not become a problem.

Table 10. Potential or known unauthorized uses. Potential unauthorized uses and activities are set forth in the County Facility Rules, in addition to applicable rules in Chapter 90 of the Sarasota County Code of Ordinances.

Unauthorized Use	Potential	Known
Camping		X
Bicycle use		X
Dogs		X
Trespassing	X	

#### 4.1.3 Outreach and Education

Pinecraft Park natural area offers opportunities to promote outdoor education. Signs are used to educate the public about some of the avian species at the park. Staff have conducted nature walks and hosted community activities designed to raise awareness of native and exotic species in the natural area. The Sarasota Audubon Society also conducts regular walks at the site to showcase the wide variety of birds, especially during seasonal migrations.

### 4.1.4 Land Use on Adjacent Lands

Adjacent land use includes low, medium, and high-density residential properties (Exhibit 3). Management will include monitoring adjacent properties for instances of trespassing, encroachment, camping, yard waste, and exotic vegetation introduction. Infrequent management conflicts occur due to proximity to residential communities. Consideration and recognition are given to the concerns of neighbors and neighborhoods adjacent to the park, as well as to the communities and cultural groups that have historically used the park.

### 4.2 PROPOSED LAND USES, AMENITIES, AND FACILITIES

There are no plans as of December 2020 to implement changes to current land uses for the natural area.

## 4.3 CURRENT AND PROPOSED ADA COMPONENTS

The trails are natural substrate with occasional steep terrain and are subject to ground disturbance from erosion, wildlife activity, and use. Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources is conducting accessibility surveys at parks and preserves. Pinecraft Park natural area has not been evaluated as of December 2020. The County will continue to look for opportunities to provide reasonable accessibility while balancing the need for security and maintaining the integrity of the natural environment.

## 4.4 VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT AND CARRYING CAPACITY

Carrying capacity has not been identified. Pedestrian and birding activities have presented no adverse impacts to the natural area; however, there is the potential for negative impacts. Complaints and issues will be addressed as they arise. If a specific use or activity has a negative effect on native habitats and communities or the experience of other park visitors, that use or activity will be reviewed and may be deemed inappropriate for the park. If this occurs, there may be limitations placed on the use or activity or it may no longer be permitted in the park.

## **5 OPERATIONS COMPONENT**

Land management activities are accomplished using a combination of County staff, County resources, and outside contractors. Sarasota County will be responsible for all property maintenance activities on the project site. Key activities include administration, trail maintenance, and habitat management. PRNR NAT staff or their designee will provide these activities on a weekly basis.

## 5.1 CURRENT STAFF

PRNR NAT is responsible for the management of the 5.5-acre natural area. Currently NAT assigns responsibility for the natural area to one full time employee (FTE) with assistance from one contractual Trades Worker, who are both responsible for managing five additional parks, including three high use parks.

## 5.2 OPTIMAL STAFF

Ideally, staff assigned to Pinecraft Park natural area would have fewer other responsibilities thus allowing for greater attention to the natural area. To ensure optimal management capability, five to ten hours per week would be spent on nuisance plant management and one hour per week would be spent on outreach and education. Time is also required for trail maintenance, administration, and other concerns.

## 5.3 AGENCY AND NGO PARTNERS

Due to the quality of the habitat for birds, the Sarasota Audubon Society conducts regular walks at the site and has assisted with community clean-ups and nuisance plant management activities.

## 5.4 VOLUNTEERS

Pinecraft Park benefits from additional assistance from the Sarasota County Volunteer Program. Among other tasks, volunteer opportunities exist for wildlife monitoring, public education and outreach, nuisance and invasive exotic plant management, and trail maintenance.

## 5.5 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY

Sarasota County is responsible for providing security at Pinecraft Park. It is hoped that vandalism is deterred by providing a visible presence during the course of visits and activities. The public are informed of the hours of operation and County ordinances governing appropriate use and behavior for the park through signs. All illegal activities are immediately reported to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office which is the entity responsible for providing regular patrols and enforcing trespass ordinances.

## 5.6 FUNDING

Funding for site maintenance of Pinecraft Park natural area comes from Sarasota County's general fund. Approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 is available annually for all aspects of natural area maintenance.

## 5.7 Costs

The costs listed in the tables below are rough estimates taken from current actual expenditures in August 2020 (see Appendix F). In all but the salaries, costs were slightly increased to account for inflation, but escalators were not applied. Salaries are fully loaded, and escalators are built in for the 10year estimates. Site managers estimated the amount of time each staff position would spend on the natural area and divided annual salary accordingly to determine salary costs for given natural areas. See Appendix F for the annualized cost schedule for NAT.

	ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED 10-YR COST (\$)
	prescribed fire preparation	N/A
ES	prescribed fire	N/A
URC	prescribed fire monitoring	N/A
(ESO	integrated pest management surveying	187
AL R	integrated pest management treatment	1650
ТЛВ	hydrologic restoration	N/A
NA	mechanical vegetation management	N/A
	TOTAL COSTS	1837
AL CES	surveying	3000
ULTUR ESOUR	monitoring	0
C RI	TOTAL COSTS	
	Maintenance	
	fencing	N/A
	trail markers	N/A
6	benches	N/A
JSE	tools	200
ם ר	parking lots	N/A
AN	road repairs	N/A
	restrooms	N/A
	portable toilets	N/A
	grills	N/A
	tables	N/A

	pavilions	N/A
	camp sites	N/A
	grounds mowing	N/A
	power washing	N/A
	building maintenance	N/A
	trails	N/A
	Recreation and Visitor Services	
	kiosks	N/A
	brochures	N/A
	maps	N/A
	programs, guided and self-guided	940
	events	N/A
	playgrounds	N/A
	nature center	N/A
	trails	20800
	TOTAL COSTS	21940
	salary of land manager	24440
	salary of supervisor	6000
	salary of administrative assistant	3600
SN	office equipment	N/A
TIOL	utilities	N/A
ERA	offices	N/A
OF	security	N/A
	alarm monitoring	N/A
	fleet	3600
	TOTAL COSTS	37640

#### Notes:

- 1. Current loaded salary is based on FY 21.
- 2. Salary multiplier is 2.5%.
- 3. Average hourly rate for salary is based on 2080 total hours per year.

## 6 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIONS IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

	GOALS / OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS MEASURE		MEASURE		Т	ARGET	rs		
			,	(metric)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	GOAL 1		Restore and maintain native habitats and co	ommunities of the park.					
	OBJECTIV	'E 1.1	Establish baseline inventory of native vegetation						
ES		Action	Survey plant community annually.	Survey completed annually	х	х	х	х	х
RESOURC	OBJECTIVE 1.2		Eliminate FLEPPC Category I and II plants, or if not possible, reduce populations to levels too low to impact native habitats and communities.						
NATURAL R		Action	Survey at least 50 percent of the natural area based on treatment regions annually.	# of zones surveyed annually	3	3	3	3	3
		Action	Treat at a minimum 20 percent of known infestation sites in the survey area annually.	% of known infestations treated per treatment region	20	20	20	20	20
		Action	Update the park's invasive exotic plant management work plan annually.	Annual IPM Plan	х	х	х	х	х
		Action	Write scopes of work and manage outside contractors as needed for larger infestations and difficult access.	# of acres treated by outside contractor	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

	OBJECTIV	/E 1.3	Protect imperiled and notable species.						
		Action	Survey to document presence and nesting sites of imperiled and notable species annually.	Annual survey completed	x	1	1	1	1
		Action	Enact protective measures to educate the public.	Post educational signs	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	OBJECTIV	/E 1.4	Conduct restoration plantings to provide high-qu on the site, as nuisance plants are reduced and e	ality habitat for wildlife radicated.					
		Action	Restore native plant communities.	How many plants were planted	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	GOAL 2		Protect, preserve, and maintain the cultural res	ources of the park.					
URCES	OBJECTIVE 2.1		Determine the presence of cultural resources.						
AL RESOL		Action	Obtain a cultural resource survey.	Obtain survey		х			
CULTUF		Action	Ensure all known sites are recorded in the Sarasota Historical Resources Master Site file.	TBD					
		Action	Follow Sarasota County History Center protocol when ground disturbance is possible.	TBD					
LAND	GOAL3		Maintain public access and provide passive recr without adversely impacting native habitats an	eational opportunities d communities.					

OBJECTIVE 3.1		Provide public pedestrian access to the site.						
Actio		Maintenance Services will inspect bridge annually.	Bridge inspected annually	х	х	х	х	х
	Action	Provide a clean and safe environment for the visitor.	Weekly inspections by site manager or designee	52	52	52	52	52
	Action	Assess the impact of recreational activities to ensure the health of native habitats and communities.	Monitor trail conditions bi-weekly	26	26	26	26	26
OBJECTIVE 3.2		Provide and maintain a trail system throughout	the natural area.					
	Action	Keep trails trimmed of impeding vegetations.	Clear trail from any vegetative debris	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Action	Monitor and manage for unauthorized trail alterations.	Bi-weekly inspections by site manager or designee	26	26	26	26	26
GOAL4		Provide nature based educational and interpre	tive opportunities.					
OBJECTI	/E 4.1	Provide interpretive signs.						
	Action	Survey repair needs for current interpretive signs.	# of signs surveyed	2	2	2	2	2
	Action	Install additional informational and interpretive signs.	# of interpretive signs installed	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

	OBJECTIVE 4.2 Provide interpretive programming focused on unique aspects of the site.								
		Action	Develop new interpretive education programs.	Number of programs	1		1		
		Action	Monitor and document outside groups and agencies doing interpretive programming at the site.	Obtain program information and participation numbers on an annual basis	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
PERATIONS	GOAL5 Provide administrative and fiscal support for all park functions.								
	OBJECTIVE 5.1		Continue day-to-day administrative support at c	urrent levels.					
ō		Action	Process purchase orders, pay invoices, and complete other administrative tasks.	Administrative support	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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## 8 EXHIBITS

## EXHIBIT 1 - LOCATION MAP



## EXHIBIT 2 - BOUNDARY MAP





EXHIBIT 3 – ZONING MAP



### EXHIBIT 4 – ELEVATION MAP

## EXHIBIT 5 - SOILS MAP



## EXHIBIT 6 - FLOOD MAP





## EXHIBIT 7A – NATURAL COMMUNITIES MAP

## EXHIBIT 7B – HISTORICAL AERIAL









EXHIBIT 9 – FACILITIES, IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC ACCESS AMENITIES MAP

## **9 APPENDICES**

## **APPENDIX A – ACQUISITION DOCUMENTS**

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# APPENDIX B – LAND USE AGREEMENTS AND EASEMENTS None

## APPENDIX C – GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND ORDINANCES

- The Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan (2016) to provide for the protection and management of the county's native habitats balanced with the need for public resource-based, ecologically benign, and nonconsumptive recreation. <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/planning/">https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/planning/</a>
- 2. Sarasota County Code of Ordinances. Chapter 90 <u>https://library.municode.com/fl/sarasota\_county/codes/code\_of\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\_CH90PA</u> <u>REPULA</u>
- Sarasota County Land Management Master Plan (2004) to provide guidelines to those managing natural areas for conservation or preservation in Sarasota County. <u>https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=1306</u>
- 4. Sarasota County Parks, Preserves and Recreation Strategic Master Plan <u>https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=1328</u>

## APPENDIX D – LIST OF PLANT SPECIES

A preliminary plant list has been compiled for the park as a partial listing of currently known species. As new species are discovered, their identification will be confirmed according to Wunderlin (1998) and added to the species list. Survey information on the occurrence of listed plant species will be forwarded to the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) in accordance with their procedures.

FAMILY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME(S)	STATUS
Acanthaceae	Ruellia simplex	Mexican petunia	EPPC (1)
Adoxaceae	Sambucus canadensis	elderberry	
Amaryllidaceae	Crinum americanum	string-lily	OBL
Anacardiaceae	Schinus terebinthifolia	Brazilian pepper	EPPC(1)
Anacardiaceae	Toxicodendron radicans	eastern poison ivy	FAC, AD
Araceae	Colocasia esculenta	wild taro	EPPC(1)
Araceae	Pistia stratiotes	water-lettuce	EPPC(1)
Araceae	Syngonium podophyllum	arrowhead vine	EPPC(1)
Araliaceae	Schefflera actinophylla	Australia umbrella tree; schefflera	EPPC (1)
ARECACEAE	Sabal palmetto	cabbage palm; sabal palm	
Arecaceae	Sabal palmetto	cabbage palm	
Arecaceae	Serenoa repens	saw palmetto	FACU
Asparagaceae	Asparagus aethiopicus	Sprenger's asparagus-fern	EPPC(1)
Asparagaceae	Sanseveria hyacinthoides	snake plant; bowstring hemp; mother-in-law tongue	EPPC (1)
Asteraceae	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	common ragweed	FACU, U
Asteraceae	Bidens alba	beggarticks	FAC, FACW
Asteraceae	Chromolaena odorata	Christmas bush, Jack in the bush	
Asteraceae	Conyza canadensis	dwarf horseweed	
Asteraceae	Emilia sonchifolia	lilac tasselflower	exotic
Asteraceae	Erechtites hieraciifolius	fireweed	FAC, AD
Asteraceae	Eupatorium cappilifolium	dog fennel	

Asteraceae	Lactuca graminifolia	wild lettuce	UPL
Asteraceae	Sphagneticola triolobata	creeping oxeye	EPPC(2)
Asteraceae	Tridax procumbens	coatbuttons	exotic
Bignoniaceae	Campsis radicans	trumpet creeper	FAC, T
Brassicaceae	Lepidium virginicum	Virginia pepperweed	UPL
Bromeliaceae	Tillandsia recurvata	ballmoss	
Bromeliaceae	Tillandsia setacea	grass-leaved air plant	
Bromeliaceae	Tillandsia usneoides	Spanish moss	FAC
Bromeliaceae	Tillandsia utriculata	giant airplant	Endangered
Cannabaceae	Celtis laevigata	sugarberry	FACW, T
Caricaceae	Carica papaya	рарауа	
Caryophyllaceae	Drymaria cordata	West Indian chickweed; drymary	exotic
Commelinaceae	Callisia fragrans	basketplant; inch plant	EPPC(2)
Commelinaceae	Commelina diffusa	common dayflower	Non native
Commelinaceae	Commelina erecta	whitemouth dayflower	FACU
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea alba	moonflower	FAC
Crassulaceae	Bryophyllum pinnatum	life plant; cathedral bells	EPPC (2)
Cucurbitaceae	Momordica charantia	balsam apple	EPPC(2)
Cupressaceae	Juniperus virginiana	eastern red cedar	
Cyperaceae	Cyperus sp.	nut sedge	
Cyperaceae	Scleria triglomerata	tall nutgrass	FACW
Dioscoreaceae	Dioscorea bulbifera	air-potato	EPPC(1)
Ericaceae	Vaccinium arboreum	sparkleberry	FACU
Ericaceae	Vaccinium myrsinites	shiny blueberry	FACU, U
Ericaceae	Vaccinium sp.	wild blueberry	

Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia cyathophora	paintedleaf	FACU
Euphorbiaceae	Ricinus communis	castor bean	EPPC (2)
Euphorbiaceae	Triadica sebifera	Chinese tallowtree	EPPC(1)
Fabaceae	Abrus precatorius	rosary pea	EPPC(1)
Fabaceae	Desmodium incanum	beggarticks	exotic
Fabaceae	Erythrina herbacea	coral bean	
Fagaceae	Quercus laurifolia	laurel oak	
Fagaceae	Quercus myrtifolia	myrtle oak	
Fagaceae	Quercus virginiana	southern live oak	
Juglandaceae	Carya glabra	pignut hickory	
Lamiaceae	Callicarpa americana	American beautyberry	
Lamiaceae	Clerodendron indicum	sky rocket, tubeflower	exotic
Lamiaceae	Salvia misella	river sage	
Lamiaceae	Trichostema dichotomum	forked bluecurls	UPL
Lauraceae	Cinnamomum camphora	camphor tree	EPPC(1)
Lauraceae	Persea borbonia	red bay	
Magnoliaceae	Magnolia grandiflora	southern magnolia	
Magnoliaceae	Magnolia virgininian	sweetbay magnolia	
Malvaceae	Sida sp.	fanpetals	exotic
Malvaceae	Urena lobata	caesarweed	EPPC(1)
Meliaceae	Melia azedarach	chinaberry tree	EPPC(2)
Moraceae	Morus rubra	red mulberry	FAC, FACU
Myricaceae	Morella cerifera	wax myrtle	FAC, AD
Myrsinaceae	Ardisia escallonioides	marlberry	FAC
Myrtaceae	Eugenia uniflora	Surinam cherry	EPPC(1)

Myrtaceae	Syzygium cumini	java plum	EPPC(1)
Nephrolepidaceae	Nephrolepis cordifolia	tuberous sword fern	EPPC(1)
Nephrolepidaceae	Nephrolepis exaltata	sword fern	FAC
Oleaceae	Chionanthus virginicus	fringe tree	
Onagraceae	Ludwigia peruviana	Peruvian primrosewillow	EPPC(1)
Onagraceae	Oenothera laciniata	evening primrose	FACU
Onagraceae	Oenothera simulans	southern beeblossom	
Orchidaceae	Dendrophylax porrectus	threadroot orchid	Threatened
Oxalidaceae	Oxalis debilis	pink woodsorrel	exotic
Passifloraceae	Passiflora suberosa	corkystem passionflower	UPL
Petiveriaceae	Rivina humilis	rougeplant	UPL
Phyllanthaceae	Bischofia javanica	javanese bishopwood	EPPC(1)
Phytolaccaeae	Phytolacca americana	American pokeweed	FACU, U
Pinaceae	Pinus elliottii	slash pine	
Plumbaginaceae	Plumbago zeylanica	wild leadwort; wild plumbago	
Poaceae	Cynodon dactylon	bermuda grass	exotic
Poaceae	Eustachys floridana	twospike fingergrass	
Poaceae	Hymenachne amplexicaulis	West Indian marshgrass	EPPC (1)
Poaceae	Oplismenus burmannii	Burnmann's basketgrass	exotic
Poaceae	Setaria faberi	japanese bristlegrass	exotic
Poaceae	Spartina bakeri	sand cordgrass	FACW
Poaceae	Urochloa maxima	guineagrass	EPPC(2)
Poaceae	Urochloa mutica	paragrass	EPPC(1)
Polypodiaceae	Phlebodium aureum	golden polypody	
Polypodiaceae	Pleopeltis michauxiana	resurrection fern	FAC

Pontederiaceae	Eichhornia crassipes	common water-hyacinth	EPPC(1)
Pontederiaceae	Pontederia cordata	pickerelweed	OBL
Portulacaceae	Portulaca grandiflora	rose moss	exotic
Portulacaceae	Portulaca pilosa	pink purslane	FACU
Proteaceae	Grevillea robusta	silkoak	exotic
Pteridaceae	Acrostichum danaeifolium	giant leather fern	
Rosaceae	Prunus caroliniana	Carolina laurel cherry	FACU
Rubiaceae	Cephalanthus occidentalis	common buttonbush	OBL, D
Rubiaceae	Hamelia patens	firebush	FACU
Rubiaceae	Ixora coccinea	scarlet jungleflame	exotic
Rubiaceae	Psychotria nervosa	wild coffee	FAC
Rubiaceae	Richardia brasiliensis	tropical Medican clover	exotic
Rubiaceae	Richardia grandiflora	mexican clover	EPPC (2)
Rutaceae	Citrus medica	citron	exotic
Sapindaceae	Cupaniopsis anacardioides	carrotwood	EPPC(1)
Sapindaceae	Koulreuteria elegans subsp. formosana	golden rain tree	EPPC (2)
Smilacaceae	Smilax pumila	sarsaparilla vine	UPL
Smilacaceae	Smilax rotundifolia	common greenbrier	
Solanaceae	Solanum sp.	american nightshade	
Solanaceae	Solaum diphyllum	twoleaf nightshade	EPPC(2)
Ulmaceae	Ulmus americana	American elm	
Urticaceae	Boehmeria cylindrica	false nettle	
Verbenaceae	Lantana strigocamara	lantana	EPPC(1)
Verbenaceae	Lippia nodiflora	turkey tangle frogfruit	FAC, AD
Vitaceae	Nekemias arborea	peppervine	FAC, AD

Vitaceae	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	virginia creeper	FACU
Vitaceae	Vitis rotundifolia	muscadine	FAC, AD
Ximeniaceae	Ximenia americana	hog plum	FACU
Zamiaceae	Zamia pumila	coontie	commercially- exploited

## APPENDIX E – LIST OF WILDLIFE SPECIES

The preliminary animal list has been compiled for the park as a partial listing of currently known species.

	FAMILY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	STATUS
CRUSTACE	ANS	·		
	Astacoidea	Procambarus alleni	Florida crayfish	
	Cambaridae	Procambarus fallax	pond crayfish	
	Palaemonidae	Palaemonetes spp.	grass shrimp	
	Penaeidae	Farfantepenaeus duorarum	pink shrimp	
INSECTS		·		
	Asilidae	Laphria spp.	bee-like robber fly	
	Erebidae	Ascalapha odorata	black witch moth	
	Formicidae	Solenopsis invicta	red imported fire ant	exotic
	Hesperiidae	Erynnis horatius	Horace's duskywing	
	Hesperiidae	Cymaenes tripunctus	three-spotted skipper	
	Nymphalidae	Agraulis vanillae	gulf fritillary	
	Nymphalidae	Heliconius charithonia	zebra heliconian	
	Nymphalidae	Junonia coenia	common buckeye	
	Nymphalidae	Danaus plexippus	monarch butterfly	
	Nymphalidae	Vanessa atalanta	red admiral	
	Nymphalidae	Limenitis archippus	viceroy	
	Nymphalidae	Polygonia interrogationis	question mark	
	Papilionidae	Papilio palamedes	palamedes swallowtail	
	Papilionidae	Eurytides marcellus	zebra swallowtail	
	Papilionidae	Papilio glaucus	eastern tiger swallowtail	
	Papilionidae	Papilio cresphontes	giant swallowtail	
	Papilionidae	Papilio polyxenes	black swallowtail	
	Pieridae	Eurema daira	barred sulphur	
	Pieridae	Phoebis sennae	cloudless sulphur	
	Pieridae	Phoebis philiea	orange-barred sulphur	
FISH				
	Atherinopsidae	Menidia beryllina	inland silverside	
	Atherinopsidae	Labidesthes sicculus	brook silverside	
	Callichthyidae	Hoplosternum littorale	brown hoplo	exotic
	Centrarchidae	Lepomis gulosus	warmouth	
	Centrarchidae	Lepomis punctatus	spotted sunfish	
	Centrarchidae	Lepomis macrochirus	bluegill	
	Centrarchidae	Micropterus salmoides	largemouth bass	
	Centrarchidae	Lepomis microlophus	redear sunfish	
	Centrarchidae	Pomoxis nigromaculatus	black crappie	
	Centropomidae	Centropomus undecimalis	common snook	
	Cichlidae	Cichlasoma urophthalmus	Mayan cichlid	exotic

	Cichlidae	Oreochromis/Sarotherodon spp.	tilapia	
	Cichlidae	Hemichromis bimaculatus	African jewelfish	exotic
	Clarridae	Clarias batrachus	walking catfish	exotic
	Clupeidae	Brevoortia spp.	herring	
	Clupeidae	Dorosoma petenense	threadfin shad	
	Clupeidae	Dorosoma cepedianum	gizzard shad	
	Cyprinidae	Notropis petersoni	coastal shiner	
	Cyprinidae	Notropis maculatus	Taillight shiner	
	Cyprinidae	Notemigonus crysoleucas	golden shiner	
	Cyprinodontidae	Jordanella floridae	American flagfish	
	Eleotridae	Dormitator maculatus	fat sleeper	
	Elopidae	Elops saurus	ladyfish	
	Engraulidae	Anchoa mitchilli	bay anchovy	
	Fundulidae	Fundulus chrysotus	golden topminnow	
	Fundulidae	Fundulus seminolis	Seminole killifish	
	Fundulidae	Fundulus heteroclitus	marsh killifish	
	Fundulidae	Lucania goodei	bluefin killifish	
	Fundulidae	Lucania parva	rainwater killifish	
	Gerreidae	Diapterus auratus	Irish pompano	
	Gerreidae	Eugerres plumieri	striped mojarra	
	Gerreidae	Eucinostomus harengulus	tidewater mojarra	
	Gobiidae	Microgobius gulosus	clown goby	
	Ictaluridae	Ameiurus natalis	yellow bullhead	
	Ictaluridae	Ameiurus nebulosus	brown bullhead	
	Ictaluridae	Noturus gyrinus	tadpole madtom	
	Lepisosteidae	Lepisosteus platyrhincus	Florida gar	
	Loricariidae	Pterygoplichthys multiradiatus	sailfin catfish	exotic
	Percidae	Etheostoma fusiforme	swamp darter	
	Poeciliidae	Gambusia holbrooki	eastern mosquitofish	
	Poeciliidae	Heterandria formosa	least killifish	
	Poeciliidae	Poecilia latipinna	sailfin molly	
	Soleidae	Trinectes maculatus	hogchoker	
AMPHIBIA	NS			
	Hylidae	Hyla cinerea	green treefrog	
	Hylidae	Hyla squirella	squirrel tree frog	
	Hylidae	Osteopilus septentrionalis	Cuban treefrog	exotic
REPTILES				
	Alligatoridae	Alligator mississippiensis	American alligator	T (USFWS)
	Chelydridae	Chelydra serpentina	common snapper	
	Colubridae	Coluber constrictor priapus	southern black racer	
	Colubridae	Pantherophis obsoleta	yellow rat snake	

	Colubridae	Thamnohis sirtalis	eastern garter snake	
	Colubridae	Nerodia fasciata	southern banded watersnake	
	Dipsadidae	Diadophis punctatus	ringneck snake	
	Emydidae	Trachemys scripta elegans	red-eared slider	exotic
	Emydidae	Pseudemys floridana	Florida cooter	
	Natricidae	Nerodia taxispilota	brown water snake	
	Polychrotidae	Anolis sagrei sagrei	Cuban brown anole	exotic
	Polychrotidae	Anolis carolinensis	green anole	
BIRDS				
	Accipitridae	Accipiter cooperi	Cooper's hawk	
	Accipitridae	Buteo jamaicensis	red-tailed hawk	
	Accipitridae	Buteo lineatus	red-shouldered hawk	
	Accipitridae	Circus cyaneus	northern harrier	
	Accipitridae	Elanoides forficatus	swallow-tailed kite	S2 (FNAI)
	Accipitridae	Haliaeetus leucocephalus leucocephalus	Southern bald eagle	
	Alcedinidae	Magaceryle alcyon	belted kingfisher	
	Anatidae	Aix sponsa	wood duck	
	Anatidae	Anas fulvigula	mottled duck	
	Anatidae	Anas platyrhynchos	mallard	
	Anatidae	Aythya collaris	ring-necked duck	
	Anatidae	Lophodytes cucullatus	hooded merganser	
	Anatidae	Anas discors	blue-winged teal	
	Anatidae	Dendrocygna autumnalis	black-bellied whistling duck	natural expansion
	Anhingidae	Anhinga anhinga	anhinga	
	Apodidae	Chaetura pelagica	chimney swift	
	Aramidae	Aramus guarauna	limpkin	SSC 1 (FWC)
	Ardeidae	Ardea alba	great egret	
	Ardeidae	Ardea herodias	great blue heron	
	Ardeidae	Bubulcus ibis	cattle egret	natural expansion
	Ardeidae	Egretta caerulea	little blue heron	T (FWC)
	Ardeidae	Nycticorax nycticorax	black-crowned night heron	
	Ardeidae	Botaurus lentiginosus	American bittern	
	Ardeidae	Butorides virescens	green heron	
	Ardeidae	Egretta thula	snowy egret	SSC 1 (FWC)
	Ardeidae	Egretta tricolor	tricolored heron	SSC 1,4 (FWC)
	Ardeidae	Nyctanassa violacea	yellow-crowned night heron	

Rombycillidae	Pombucilla codrorum	codar waxwing	
Cardinalidae	Cardinalis cardinalis	Northern cardinal	
Cardinalidae	Passerina caerulea	hlue grosbeak	
Cardinalidae	Passerina ciris	nainted hunting	
Cardinalidae		indigo hunting	
Cardinalidae	Phoneticus Indovicianus		
Cathartidae	Cathartas aura	turkov vulturo	
Cathartidae	Corregins stratus	black wilture	
Charadriidaa	Charadrius vaciforus		
Citardulliude		Killueel	
Ciconiidae	Mycteria americana		T (USFVVS)
Columbidae			naturalized
Columbidae		Eurasian collared-dove	naturalized
Columbidae	Zenaida asiatica	white-winged dove	
Columbidae	Zenaida macroura	mourning dove	
Corvidae	Corvus brachyrhynchos	American crow	
Corvidae	Corvus ossifragus	fish crow	
Corvidae	Cyanocitta cristata	blue jay	
Cuculidae	Coccyzus americanus	yellow-billed cuckoo	
Cuculidae	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	black-billed cuckoo	
Cuculidae	Coccyzus minor	mangrove cuckoo	
Emberizidae	Melospiza lincolnii	Lincoln's sparrow	
Emberizidae	Passerculus sandwichensis	savannah sparrow	
Emberizidae	Spizella passerina	chipping sparrow	
Falconidae	Falco sparverius	American kestrel	FWC (T)
Falconidae	Falco sparverius paulus	southeastern American kestrel	T (FWC)
Fringillidae	Carduelis tristis	American goldfinch	
Fringillidae	Haemorhous mexicanus	House finch	
Gruidae	Antigone canadensis pratensis	Florida sandhill crane	T (FWC)
Gruidae	Grus canadensis	sandhill crane	
Hirundinidae	Hirundo rustica	barn swallow	
Hirundinidae	Progne subis	purple martin	
Hirundinidae	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	northern rough-winged swallow	
Hirundinidae	Tachycineta bicolor	tree swallow	
Ictaluridae	Agelaius phoeniceus	red-winged blackbird	
Icteridae	Icterus galbula	Baltimore oriole	
Icteridae	lcterus spurius	orchard oriole	
Icteridae	Molothrus ater	brown-headed cowbird	
Icteridae	Quiscalus major	boat-tailed grackle	
Icteridae	Quiscalus quiscula	common grackle	
Laniidae	Lanius ludovicianus	loggerhead shrike	

Laniidae	Larus atricilla	laughing gull	
Laniidae	Sterna antillarum	least tern	T (FWC); E (USFWS)
Laniidae	Sterna forsteri	Forster's tern	
Laridae	Larus delawarensis	ring-billed gull	
Laridae	Sterna maxima	royal tern	
Mimidae	Dumetella carolinensis	gray catbird	
Mimidae	Mimus polyglottos	northern mockingbird	
Mimidae	Toxostoma rufum	brown thrasher	
Pandionidae	Pandion haliaetus	osprey	SSC (FWC)
Paridae	Baeolophus bicolor	tufted titmouse	
Parulidae	Dendroica caerulescens	black-throated blue warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica coronata	yellow-rumped warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica discolor	prairie warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica dominica	yellow-throated warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica fusca	blackburnian warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica magnolia	magnolia warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica palmarum	palm warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica petechia	yellow warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica pinus	pine warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica striata	blackpoll warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica tigrina	Cape May warbler	
Parulidae	Dendroica virens	black-throated green warbler	
Parulidae	Geothlypis trichas	common yellowthroat	
Parulidae	Geothylpis formosa	Kentucky warbler	
Parulidae	Helmitheros vermivorum	worm-eating warbler	S1 (FNAI)
Parulidae	Leithlypis peregrina	Tennessee warbler	
Parulidae	Limnothypis swainsonii	Swainson's warbler	
Parulidae	Mniotilta varia	black-and-white warbler	
Parulidae	Parkesia motacilla	Louisiana waterthrush	S2 (FNAI)
Parulidae	Parula americana	northern parula	
Parulidae	Protonotaria citrea	prothonotary warbler	
Parulidae	Seiurus aurocapillus	ovenbird	
Parulidae	Seiurus motacilla	Louisiana waterthrush	
Parulidae	Seiurus noveboracensis	northern waterthrush	
Parulidae	Setophaga castanea	bay-breasted warbler	
Parulidae	Setophaga cerulea	cerulean warbler	
Parulidae	Setophaga pensylvanica	chestnut-sided warbler	
Parulidae	Setophaga petechia	American yellow warbler	
Parulidae	Setophaga ruticilla	American redstart	S2 (FNAI)

Parulidae	Vermivora chrysoptera	golden-winged warbler	
Parulidae	Vermivora cyanoptera	blue-winged warbler	
Parulidae	Wilsonia citrina	hooded warbler	
Passeridae	Passer domesticus	house sparrow	
Pelecanidae	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	American white pelican	
Pelecanidae	Pelecanus occidentalis	brown pelican	SSC 1 (FWC)
Phalacrocoracidae	Phalacrocorax auritus	double-crested cormorant	
Picidae	Colaptes auratus	northern flicker	
Picidae	Dryocopus pileatus	pileated woodpecker	
Picidae	Melanerpes carolinus	red-bellied woodpecker	
Picidae	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	red-headed woodpecker	
Picidae	Picoides pubescens	downy woodpecker	
Picidae	Sphyrapicus varius	yellow-bellied sapsucker	
Podicipedidae	Podilymbus podiceps	pied-billed grebe	
Psittacidae	Aratinga nenday	nanday parakeet	exotic
Psittacidae	Myiopsitta monachus	monk parakeet	exotic
Rallidae	Fulica americana	American coot	
Rallidae	Gallinula chloropus	common gallinule	
Regulidae	Regulus calendula	ruby-crowned kinglet	
Scolopacidae	Tringa flavipes	lesser yellowlegs	
Scolopacidae	Tringa melanoleuca	greater yellowlegs	
Strigidae	Bubo virginianus	great-horned owl	
Strigidae	Megascops asio	eastern screech-owl	
Strigidae	Strix varia	barred owl	
Sturnidae	Sturnus vulgaris	European starling	naturalized
Sylviidae	Polioptila caerulea	blue-gray gnatcatcher	
Thraupidae	Piranga olivacea	scarlet tanager	
Thraupidae	Piranga rubra	summer tanager	
Threskiornithidae	Eudocimus albus	white ibis	SSC 2 (FWC)
Threskiornithidae	Platalea ajaja	roseate spoonbill	T (FWC)
Threskiornithidae	Plegadis falcinellus	glossy ibis	
Trochilidae	Archilochus colubris	ruby-throated humingbird	
Troglodytidae	Cistothorus palustris	marsh wren	
Troglodytidae	Thryothorus ludovicianus	Carolina wren	
Turdidae	Catharus fuscescens	veery	
Turdidae	Catharus guttatus	hermit thrush	
Turdidae	Catharus minimus	gray-cheeked thrush	
Turdidae	Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's thrush	
Turdidae	Turdus migratorius	American robin	

	Turdidae	Hylocichla mystelina	wood thrush	
	Tyrannidae	Contopus virens	eastern wood-pewee	
	Tyrannidae	Empidonax flaviventris	yellow-bellied flycatcher	
	Tyrannidae	Myiarchus crinitus	great-crested flycatcher	
	Tyrannidae	Sayornis phoebe	eastern phoebe	
	Tyrannidae	Tyrannus tyrannus	eastern kingbird	
	Vireonidae	Vireo altiloquus	black-whiskered vireo	
	Vireonidae	Vireo flavifrons	yellow-throated vireo	
	Vireonidae	Vireo griseus	white-eyed vireo	
	Vireonidae	Vireo olivaceus	red-eyed vireo	
	Vireonidae	Vireo philadelphicus	Philadelphia vireo	
	Vireonidae	Vireo solitarius	blue-headed vireo	
	Vireonidae	Vireo solitarius	blue-headed vireo	
MAMMAL	S			
	Canidae	Canis latrans	covote	natural
				expansion
	Canidae	Urocyon cinereoargenteus	gray fox	
	Dasynodidao	Dasunus novemeinstus	ning handed armadille	natural
	Dasypouldae			expansion
	Didelphidae	Didelphus virginiana	Virginia opossum	
	Felida	Lynx rufus	bobcat	
	Leporidae	Sylvilagus floridanus	eastern cottontail	
	Mustelidae	Lontra canadensis	northern river otter	
	Procyonidae	Procyon lotor	common raccoon	
	Sciuridae	Sciurus carolinensis	eastern gray squirrel	

KEY TO WILDLIFE LISTED STATUS		
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC) DESIGNATIONS	Е	endangered
	Т	threatened
	SSC	species of special concern
	E	endangered
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (USFWS) DESIGNATIONS	Т	threatened
	C2	candidate for listing with some evidence of vulnerability, but for which not enough information exists to justify listing
CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) DESIGNATIONS	I	Appendix I species
	II	Appendix II species
FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY (FNAI) DESIGNATIONS	S2	imperiled within the state because of rarity (6 - 20 occurrences or less than 3000 individuals) or because of vulnerability to extinction due to some natural or man-made factor
	S3	either very rare and local throughout its range (21 - 100 occurrences or less than 10,000 individuals) or found locally in a restricted range or vulnerable to extinction because of other factors
	S4	apparently secure within the state (may be rare in parts of state)

## APPENDIX F – ANNUALIZED COST SCHEDULE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	Units	Cost per unit	
prescribed fire preparation	per mile	\$	250.00
prescribed fire	per acre	\$	40.00
prescribed fire monitoring	per hour	\$	50.00
integrated pest management surveying	avg per acre	\$	30.00
integrated pest management treatment	avg per acre	\$	125.00
hydrologic restoration	per mile	\$	8,000.00
mechanical vegetation management	per acre	\$	150.00
cultural resource management	per site	\$	500.00
ADMINISTRATION and OPERATIONS			
salary of land manager	per hour	\$	47.00
salary of supervisor	per hour	\$	50.00
salary of administrative assistant	per hour	\$	30.00
annual cost of computers, printers, phone	per year		varies
utilities	per year		varies
offices	per year		varies
security	per year	\$	13,000.00
fleet	per year	\$	4,000.00
MAINTENANCE			
fencing - board	1 linear foot	\$	29.00
fencing - wire	1 linear foot	\$	12.00
trail markers	1 marker	\$	16.00
benches	1 bench	\$	160.00
tools	1 site	\$	4,000.00
parking lots - aggregate material	cost per parking spot	\$	60.00
parking lots - grass	cost per parking spot	\$	10.00
road repairs	1/2 mile	\$	20,000.00
restrooms	cost per toilet	\$	750.00
portable toilets	cost per toilet	\$	1,440.00
grills	1 grill	\$	400.00
tables	1 table	\$	250.00
pavilions	square foot	\$	1.00
camp sites	per campsite	\$	300.00
grounds mowing (x12 events per year)	per acre	\$	600.00
power washing	per hour	\$	100.00
building maintenance	per structure	\$	500.00
RECREATION and VISITOR SERVICES		1	
kiosks and signs - replacement costs	per unit	\$	1,000.00
brochures	per brochure	\$	5,000.00

events (Firefest)	per event	\$ 3,500.00
visitors center (staffing and contents)	per year	\$ 4,000.00
camping	per campsite	\$ 200.00
permitted events	per event	\$ 320.00

#### Notes:

- 1. Current loaded salary based on FY 21.
- 2. Assumed 2.5% multiplier for salary.
- 3. Divided salary total hours by 2080 for average hour rate