

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: _____ **Telephone No:** () _____

Address: _____ **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 Address of Property (if available): _____

Location of Property (please be specific):

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 type="checkbox"/> Access to water (Gulf of Mexico, bay, river, or creek frontage) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to existing public lands / trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing structure(s) | <input 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.)

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 long-term 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; 5th Floor
Sarasota, FL 34236

E-MAIL: LandNominations@scgov.net

QUESTIONS? Please contact:

Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources at
941-861-5000