





Attachment 1

OGT-DA0112  
Designation Number

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PROGRAM**

**DESIGNATION AGREEMENT  
Acreage Pines Natural Area**

This Designation Agreement, entered into on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2024, by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS (hereinafter referred to as "Department") and PALM BEACH COUNTY (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Landowner" or "Manager"), by and through the undersigned, formally designates the lands depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter referred to as "designated lands") as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System, as defined in Section 260.014, Florida Statutes.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Department is given authority in Section 260.016, Florida Statutes, to develop and implement a voluntary process for designation of lands or waterways as a part of the statewide system of greenways and trails.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived herefrom, the parties do hereby agree to the following:

1. The Manager:

- a. Shall be responsible for the management, operation and maintenance of the designated lands, in accordance with Exhibit B attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- b. Shall be responsible for notifying the Department of any change in the following: property ownership or management; the condition or extent of natural, recreational, cultural, or historic resources described in the designation application or its attachments; or the expansion or improvement of the project or its amenities and facilities.

- c. Shall submit a Resource Certification, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference, at the request of the Department, every five years from the date of this Designation Agreement, which states that the natural, recreational, cultural, or historical resources identified on the designated lands are being maintained.
- d. Shall erect a permanent sign(s), when available, on public lands depicted in Exhibit A reflecting designation into the Florida Greenways and Trails System in accordance with guidelines provided by the Department.

2. The Department:

- a. Shall provide signs, when available, indicating the property is designated as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System.
- b. Agrees that this Designation Agreement shall have no effect upon the disposition of improvements made to the public lands by the Landowner, the Department, or others, whether existing at the time of designation or to be constructed or erected later, unless otherwise agreed herein.

3. The Landowner and Department:

- a. Agree that sufficient information exists and/or field verification has occurred to assure that the characteristics of the public lands meet the criteria contained in Rule 62S-1.400, Florida Administrative Code.
- b. Agree that this Designation Agreement will be subordinate to the interests stated in any existing leases, subleases, management plans, licenses, easements or other agreements or encumbrances previously executed and currently in effect for any portion of the designated lands.

4. Term, Modification and Termination of this Designation Agreement:

- a. The term of this Designation Agreement shall be 20 years.
- b. This Designation Agreement may be modified to encompass additional adjacent public lands owned by the Landowner. Any such modification to this Designation Agreement shall not be valid unless it complies with the requirements set forth in paragraph 5. below.

c. The Department may withdraw from this Designation Agreement at any time or remove the said designated lands from the Florida Greenways and Trails System by action of the Secretary of the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection if:

- (1) the component fails to accomplish or becomes unsuitable for the purposes for which it was designated; or
- (2) there is no longer an ability to manage the designated lands as intended in this Designation Agreement and no replacement manager can be identified.

d. In the event that the ownership of the designated lands changes, this Designation Agreement will be null and void.

e. The Landowner has the statutory right to remove the public lands from designation at any time by providing the Department with a written request that references this Designation Agreement.

5. This Designation Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties. Any alterations, variations, changes, or modifications of this Designation Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly signed by each party hereto and attached to this Designation Agreement.

This Designation Agreement is executed by a duly authorized representative of each party on the day and year first above written.

This Agreement, including the exhibits referenced herein, may be executed in one or more counterparts, through electronic or manual means, all of which shall constitute collectively but one and the same instrument.

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS,  
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS**

By: *Samantha Browne*  
Samantha Browne, Program Administrator/Chief

“DEPARTMENT”

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**

By: *[Signature]*  
DEP Attorney

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of  
the State of Florida, by and through its Board of  
County Commissioners**

By: *Deborah Drum*  
**Deborah Drum, Department Director  
Environmental Resources Management**

Date: 5-7-2024

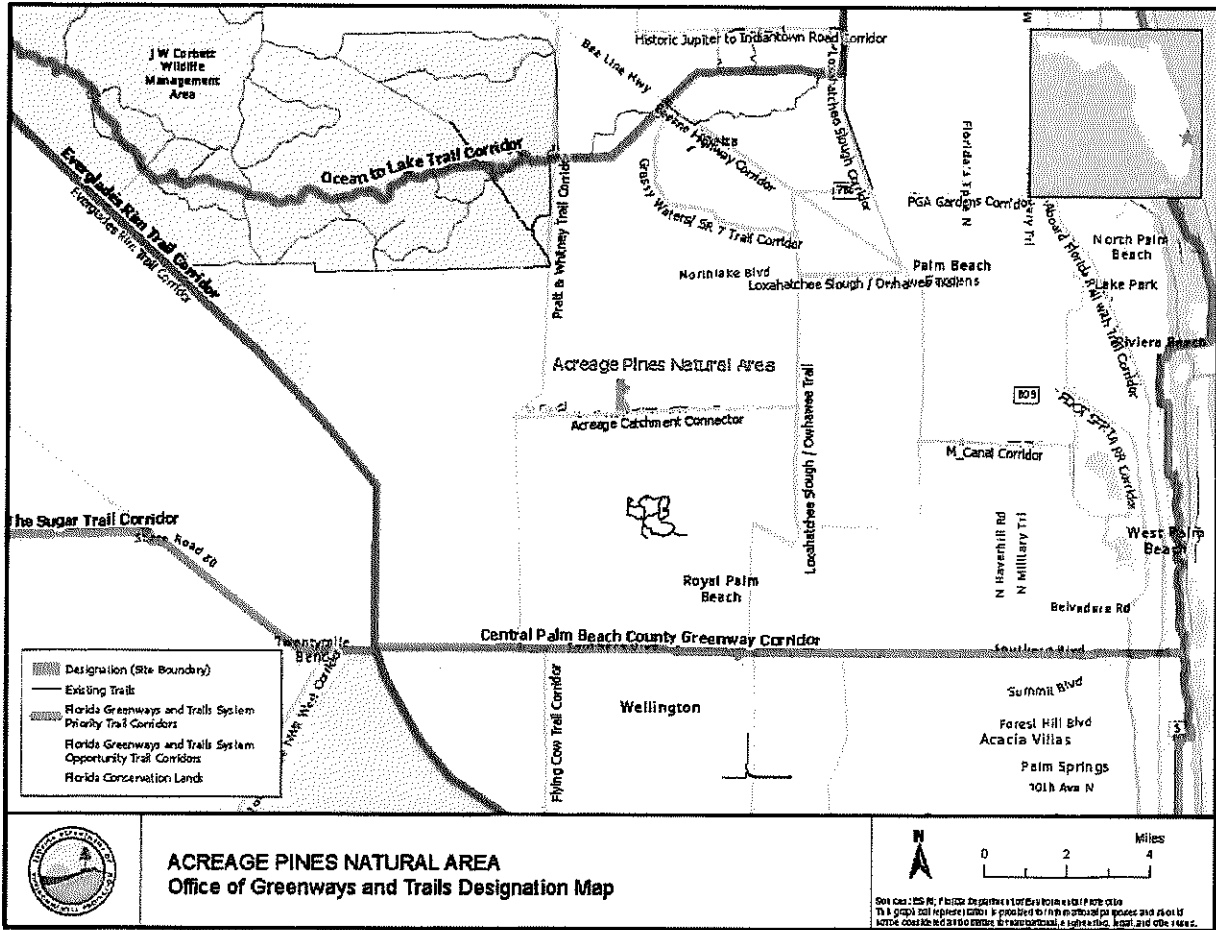
“LANDOWNER/MANAGER”

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: */s/ Scott A. Stone*  
**Assistant County Attorney**

Date: 5/7/24

# EXHIBIT A MAP



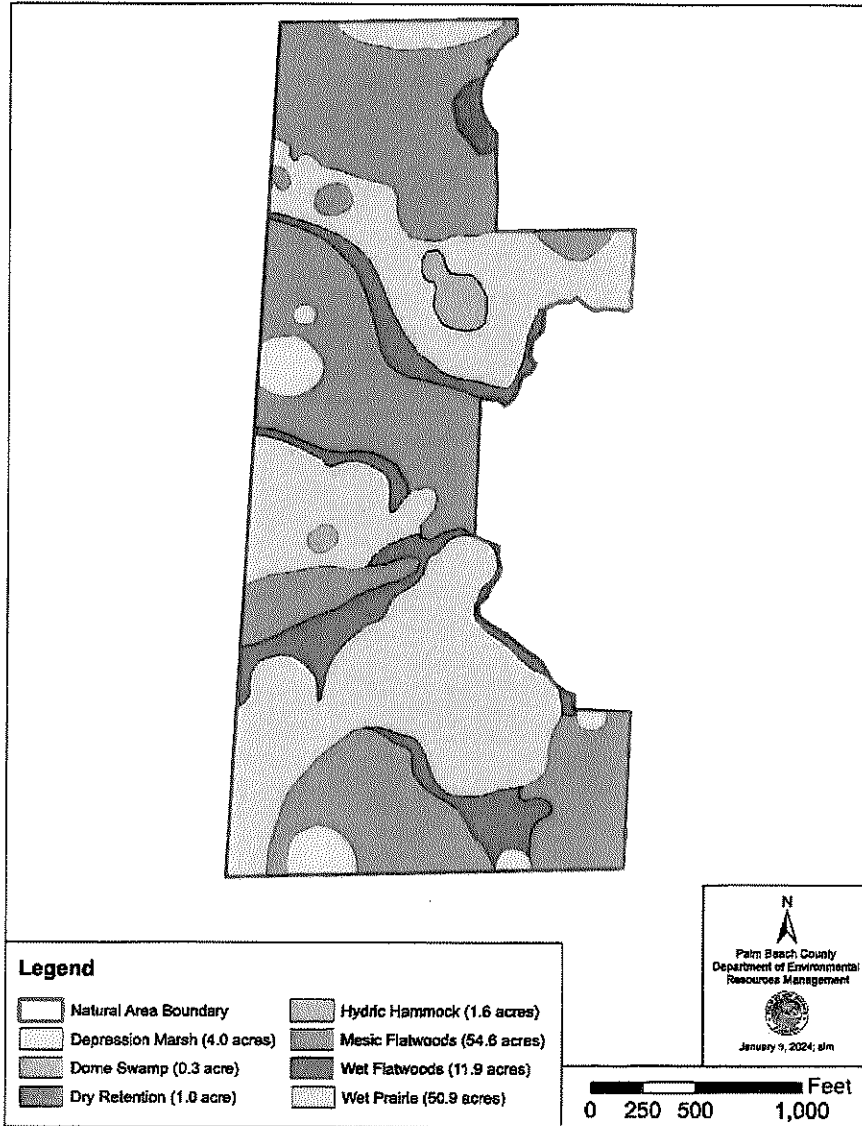


# EXHIBIT A MAP



**Acreage Pines Natural Area Public Use Facilities Map**

# EXHIBIT A MAP



**Acreage Pines Natural Area Vegetation Communities Map**

## EXHIBIT B Use Plan

The 124.3-acre Acreage Pines Natural Area ("Natural Area", Exhibit A) is the subject of this Designation Agreement. The adjacent connected parks - Acreage Community Park North and Acreage Community Park South (Exhibit A) - are not part of this Designation Agreement. The Natural Area opened to the public in November 2012, but closed in January 2017 when construction activities associated with the expansion of Acreage Community Park South began. The Natural Area reopened on December 5, 2020. Existing public use facilities within the Natural Area include an uncovered wooden observation platform with benches; two natural-surfaced pedestrian trails totaling approximately 1,372.8 feet; portions of two wooden boardwalk/concrete trails totaling approximately 1,109 feet; and a 1,365.5-foot-long connecting equestrian/pedestrian trail segment (Exhibit A). [Note: The equestrian/pedestrian trail is currently closed to the public. It will open once construction of Acreage Community Park South is complete.] The primary purpose of the Natural Area is to preserve important remnants of Florida's native vegetation communities (Exhibit A), their associated plant and wildlife populations, and local groundwater resources. Its secondary purpose is to provide for passive, resource-based recreation, environmental education and scientific research. The Natural Area is open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset.

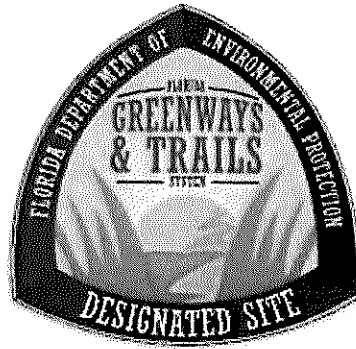
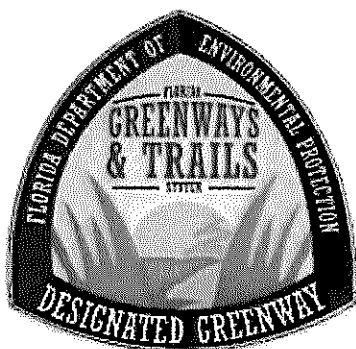
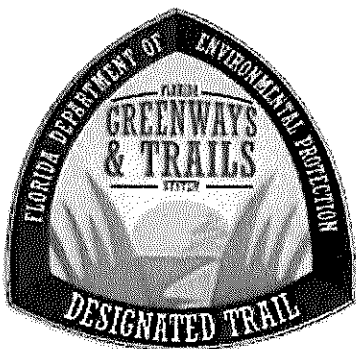
**Access/Directions:** Vehicular public access is provided from 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue North via two paved driveways and a parking lot that is part of Acreage Community Park South (Exhibit A). Pedestrian access is provided at six locations where the Natural Area connects to the adjacent parks. Pedestrian access also is provided from 143<sup>rd</sup> Drive North (Exhibit A). Equestrian/pedestrian access will be provided from 143<sup>rd</sup> Drive North to Acreage Community Park South once that portion of the park has been completed. A bicycle rack has been installed near the entrance to the southern boardwalk/concrete trail to encourage the use of alternative transportation to the Natural Area and Acreage Community Park South.

**Management:** Palm Beach County (County) owns the 124.3-acre Natural Area. The County's Department of Environmental Resources Management is responsible for managing and maintaining the Natural Area with assistance from County-hired invasive/nonnative vegetation removal contractors.

Natural Area entrance signage is located at the entrance to Acreage Community Park North. Signs directing visitors to the southern boardwalk/concrete trail are located adjacent to the access road that connects the north and south parks. Natural areas welcome, access hours and rules signs have been installed near the entrance to the southern boardwalk trail; natural area welcome signs also have been installed adjacent to the other public access points. A trail map and general information about the Natural Area are provided in the kiosk located near the entrance to the southern boardwalk/concrete trail. Regulatory signs are located adjacent the Natural Area's boundaries at intervals of no greater than 500 feet.

**Security:** The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) has the primary responsibility for public safety and law enforcement at the Natural Area. The County also has contracted with PBSO to have Wildlands Task Force deputies conduct extra patrols of the Natural Area when needed. The Wildlands Task Force is a specially-trained and specially-equipped unit that was formed to prevent illegal activities, such as dumping, on natural areas managed by the County and to enforce the provisions of the County's Natural Areas Ordinance.

EXHIBIT C



**PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS  
DESIGNATION RESOURCE CERTIFICATION**

By signing this document, the Manager does hereby certify that the natural, recreational, cultural, or historic resources identified on the public lands or waterways designated as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System in Designation Agreement Number OGT-DA0112, are being maintained in a manner consistent with the terms of the agreement.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print/Type Name

Attachment 2



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM  
Palm Beach County  
Environmental Resources Management

DATE: April 18, 2024  
TO: Verdenia C. Baker  
County Administrator  
THROUGH: Patrick Rutter Patrick Rutter  
Deputy County Administrator Patrick Rutter (Apr 18, 2024 16:30 EDT)  
FROM: Deborah Drum, Director  
Environmental Resources Management

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DELEGATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORITY:  
A 20-year term, FDEP Florida Greenways and Trails Program  
Designation Agreement (Agreement) for Acreage Pines Natural  
Area, and sign a Resource Certification required under the  
Agreement every five years during the term of the Agreement.

On March 5, 2024, agenda item 3L-1 (R2024-0258), the Board of County Commissioners approved the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement and sign a Resource Certification required under the Agreement every five years during the term of the Agreement.

This memorandum is my request for delegation of signatory authority for the Director or Deputy Director of Environmental Resources Management (ERM), to execute the Agreement and sign a Resource Certification required under the Agreement every five years during the term of the Agreement. If you agree, please sign below and return this memorandum. I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning this request. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

APPROVED: VC Baker DATE: 4/19/24  
Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator

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