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July 12, 2023

Rackstraw Gaynam & Alexis 1643 NW Dove CT Stuart, FL 34994

Re:

Preserve Area Management Plan

Record No. GMD2023060395

Parcel Control No.: 343840000039000000

Dear Mr. Rackstraw:

Enclosed please find the recorded Preserve Area Management Plan ("PAMP") and the receipt for the recording fees. If you have any questions regarding the PAMP, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:mgierczak@martin.fl.us">mgierczak@martin.fl.us</a> or (772) 288-5495.

Sincerely,

Maddie Gierczak, Senior Planner Environmental Division

Growth Management Department

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Enclosure

# PRESERVE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN



# MARTIN COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION



**Gaynam and Alexis Rackstraw** 

**Unassigned Address Palm City, 34990** 

34-38-40-000-039-00000-0
PALM CITY FARMS 34-38-40, TRACT 39 less



Approved by/Record number: M. Gierczak / GMD2023060395

# PART I ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## 1. Introduction - Property Description and History

The purpose of this PAMP is to preserve and manage wetlands and a portion of upland on site. The Martin County Property Appraiser lists the property as parcel ID: 34-38-40-000-039-00000-0. The property is located near SW 66th St in Palm City, FL and is a total of 9.41 acres. The property's legal description is the following: Tract 39, Section 34 Township 38 S, Range 40 E as shown on the Plat of Palm City Farms, Platbook 6 Page 42, Palm Beach (Now Martin) County, Florida. Less and Except all that portion of Tract 39 lying North of a line that is 35.00 feet south of and parallel with the East-West quarter (1/4) section line of Section 34 Township 38 S, Range 40 E. Less and Except that part conveyed to Martin County in Warranty Deed recorded O.R. Book 3179, Page 284, Public Records of Martin County, Florida. Its land use code is Ag Ranchette. The preserve area, which includes an herbaceous marsh, is located in the southeast corner of the property. Exotic materials will be removed from the preserve area with restoration and maintenance work as needed in accordance with the attached restoration plan (See Part III).

## 2. Environmental/Ecological Description and Summary

#### a. Soils

Oldsmar fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes - 0.2 acres Pinenda-Riviera fine sands association, 0 to 2 percent slopes - 0.4 acres Malabar fine sand, high, 0 to 2 percent slopes - 8.6 acres Gator and Tequesta mucks - 0.4 acres

## b. Wetland habitat(s)

2120/641 - Herbaceous Marsh 1.39 acres (20% exotic) St. John's Wort (*Hypericum*)

## c. Native Upland habitat(s)

1300/411 - Pine Flatwoods 8.03 acres (30% exotic) Global and State Rank: G4/S4 Slash Pine (*Pinus elliottii*) Saw Palmetto (*Serenoa repens*)

## d. Observed Listed/Protected Species

None Observed

## 3. Property and Habitat Site Data Table

## a. Site Acreage Total: 9.41 acres

1300/411 - Pine Flatwoods 8.03 acres of which 0.63 acres are wetland buffer with an additional 1.39 upland preserve area.

2120/641 - Herbaceous Marsh 1.39 acres to be preserved.

## b. Preserve Area Calculations.

- Wetland Preserve 100% of Herbaceous Marsh = 1.39 acres
- Wetland Buffer (50' wide) Pine Flatwoods = 0.63 acres
- Upland Preserve Required = Total Upland Vegetation Area x 25%

 $= 8.03 \times 25\% = 2.01 \text{ acres}$ 

Upland Preservation Area = 2.01 acres = 0.63 acres wetland buffer +1.39 acres preserve

o Total Preserve Acreage = 3.4 acres

Habitat	Total area (acres)	Preserved (acres)
Wetlands	1.39	1.39
Upland	8.03	1.39
Wetland buffer	N/A	0.63
Other	N/A	N/A
Total:	9.41	3.4

## 4. Additional Activities allowed in Preserve Areas

There are no additional activities allowed in the preserve areas.

## 5. Authorized Impacts through Environmental Waivers (if applicable)

There are no authorized impacts through environmental waivers.

## 6. Proposed Exotics Removal and Maintenance Plan

Prior to CO request and final preserve inspection all exotic materials will be treated and removed if necessary. Maintenance of the preserve area shall be done in compliance with the MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES Section as found in Part II (L) of this PAMP.

## 7. Concluding Statement/Summary

The property is a total of 9.41 acres. The intent of this PAMP is to establish a preserve on site that will include the 1.39 acres of herbaceous marsh in the southeast, 0.63 acres of wetland buffer, and additional 1.39 acres of pine flatwoods beyond the buffer. The area will be managed in its natural state as required by this PAMP.

ARE, Inc.

Drew Gatewood, MS, PWS Project Manager/Sr. Biologist

# PART II CONDITIONS

#### A. RECORDING

This Preserve Area Management Plan (PAMP) will be recorded by the Martin County Clerk of Courts and labeled with the appropriate O.R. Book and Page Number. This PAMP may be altered or amended only with the agreement of the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator and the owner/developer and with the approval of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. If the PAMP is altered or amended, the revised document will be recorded by the Martin County Clerk of Courts.

## **B. COMPLIANCE**

The owner(s) of the lands to be preserved/maintained by this Preserve Area Management Plan and the developer(s) of the property described in this PAMP, their successors and assigns, and their environmental consultants and contractors, will implement and comply with all portions of this PAMP.

#### C. INSPECTION OF PRESERVE AREA

Compliance with the terms of this PAMP includes inspections by county staff to ensure PAMP compliance. For any required restoration, the preserve area will be inspected after replanting to verify compliance with the planting plan included as part of this PAMP.

The Preserve Area may be subject to further inspections to ensure environmental integrity and consistency with the provisions of the PAMP.

#### D. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

The Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator shall be notified in writing within thirty (30) days of transfer of ownership of any lands preserved by this PAMP. Failure to notify will be considered as a non-compliance with the terms of this PAMP.

## E. PRESERVE AREA SURVEYING REQUIREMENTS

All Preserve Areas will be surveyed and marked with permanent monuments at each corner and at other sites necessary for locating the boundary of the Preserve Area. These permanent monuments will be constructed under the supervision of a Registered Land Surveyor and will be shown on the Site Plan. The surveyed locations of Preserve Areas will be provided to the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator in a form compatible for use in the County's GIS mapping system.

## F. PRESERVE AREA SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS

Preserve Area Signs. Preserve areas will be posted with permanent signs. These signs shall be at least  $11 \times 14$  inches in size, be posted in conspicuous locations precisely along the Preserve Area boundary, at a frequency of no less than one (1) sign per 500 feet.

Designs for preserve signs shall be approved by the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator prior to installation and must be in place prior to the issuance of a building permit for construction on the site.

#### G. SITE PLAN

The Site Plan included as an appendix to this PAMP illustrates all preserve areas, right-of-ways and easements and the locations of permanent preserve area signs. Any proposed structures and fill/grade elevations with distances to on and off-site upland preserves, wetlands and wetland buffers shall be shown, as applicable.

Included on the Site Plan will be a summary of the following (as applicable):

- 1. Total acreage of the site
- 2. Acreage of wetland habitats under preservation
- 3. Acreage of wetland buffers to wetlands on and off-site
- 4. Acreage of on-site wetland mitigation areas
- 5. Acreage of common upland habitats under preservation
- 6. Acreage of rare upland habitats under preservation
- 7. Total acreage under preservation

The following notation shall be provided on the Site Plan:

"PRESERVE AREAS ARE NOT TO BE ALTERED WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS."

#### H. SITE CLEARING

Where clearing of vegetation is permitted (i.e. building envelope, utilities, drainage, road right-of-way, etc.), the developer will ensure that all Preserve Areas are protected with construction barricades and erosion control devices in accordance with the following guidelines.

Construction barricades will be placed at least 5 feet outside of all upland Preserve Areas, or at the dripline of the canopy trees, whichever is greater. Barricades will be inspected by County Environmental Division staff prior to work approval. Barricades will consist of high-visibility orange safety fence extending from the ground to a height of at least 4 feet and will not be attached to vegetation. Removal of the barricades will be approved only after the completion of construction and prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Wetlands will be protected from possible surface water and sediment runoff by the placement of erosion control devices (e.g., silt screens, hay bales or other turbidity control measures) at least 5 feet outside the perimeter of the wetland buffer.

All barricades, silt screens and other erosion control devices will be upright and maintained intact for the duration of construction.

The owner/developer is required to inform all contractors of site clearing requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements will be considered a violation of the Site Plan approval. Work on the project may be stopped until compliance is achieved.

## I. ACTIVITIES ALLOWED IN PRESERVE AREAS

Property owners are encouraged to enjoy the natural beauty of their Preserve Areas. Although development of Preserve Areas is not allowed, passive recreational uses, such as bird-watching and other non-destructive uses of natural areas are encouraged, as long as they do not negatively affect the hydrology, soils, or vegetative cover of a Preserve Area.

## J. ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN PRESERVE AREAS

Activities prohibited in Preserve Areas or easements within Preserve Areas include, but are not limited to: construction; dumping or placing building materials, soil, garbage, trash, or dead vegetation on or above the ground; removal or destruction of native trees, shrubs or other native vegetation; excavation or dredging of soil; diking or fencing; vehicular traffic including use by non-motorized vehicles, recreational vehicles and off-road vehicles; permanent irrigation; trimming, pruning, or fertilization; and any other activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control or fish and wildlife conservation and preservation.

No hazardous material other than fuel for refueling on-site equipment may be stored during construction. On-site fuel tanks may not be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any Preserve Areas and will be removed upon completion of construction work.

Buildings proposed to be located adjacent to Preserve Areas will be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet to allow for construction and maintenance without encroaching into the Preserve Area. All other structures (e.g. pools, sheds, decks, fences) shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from the Preserve Area boundary.

#### K. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Except for approved restoration, exotic removal, and maintenance activities, Preserve Areas will be left undisturbed. All maintenance of Preserve Areas will be in accordance with this PAMP. Maintenance and management activities will be performed by or under the supervision of a qualified environmental professional and must be conducted in accordance with this PAMP or as approved by the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator. A description of all proposed restoration and maintenance activities to be conducted on the site will be included in the Restoration/Mitigation Plan prepared as part of this PAMP. The following maintenance activities may be allowed within Preserve Areas with prior written approval from the Environmental Planning Administrator: mechanical exotic plant removal; revegetation with native plants and other activities required for habitat restoration; removal of plant material that is dead or-diseased, or considered to be a safety hazard; and prescribed burns.

#### **Exotic Plant Removal**

Exotic vegetation shall be removed from Preserve Areas by the least ecologically-damaging method available. Such methods include hand pulling, hand spading, cutting with hand or chain saws and in-situ treatment with appropriate herbicides. Mechanical removal shall be allowed only if specifically approved as part of a Restoration/Mitigation Plan. No debris, including dead plants, plant clippings or wood scraps, shall be allowed in Preserve Areas, unless specified in the Restoration/Mitigation Plan. In addition, all dead plant material and exotic plant debris removed from Preserve Areas shall be disposed of in a County-approved recycling facility.

## Revegetation

Any revegetation which might be necessary as a result of exotic vegetation removal or site construction activities shall consist of native plant species representative of the existing native plant community. This will ensure that the Preserve Areas maintain indigenous plant associations. Revegetation plans shall be included in the Restoration/Mitigation Plan prepared as part of this PAMP.

## Native Vegetation Removal

Dead trees generally shall be retained in preserve areas as a natural function of habitat succession. Diseased and dead trees and vegetation considered to be a safety hazard may be altered or removed upon approval by the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator. Other dead or diseased plant material may be removed from Preserve Areas. upon approval by the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator. Plant removal shall be conducted so that no debris, including dead plants, plant clippings or wood scraps, shall be retained in Preserve Areas. All dead plant material and debris removed from Preserve Areas shall be disposed of in a County-approved recycling facility. Revegetation may be required for any removed plant material.

#### **Planting Plan**

The preserve area shall be replanted in accordance with the standards established with a planting plan included with this PAMP. Planting plans may be provided to the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator for approval to address any current or future required habitat management requirements.

#### **Prescribed Burns**

Martin County considers prescribed burns an acceptable habitat management tool. When approved by the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator, prescribed burns may be conducted by a certified burn manager who will be responsible for obtaining all appropriate permits from State and local agencies.

## Other Restoration and Maintenance Activities

Alternative and innovative management techniques, which may provide for the long-term viability and habitat value of the Preserve Areas and for protection against imminent threats to public health and safety, may be approved by the Martin County Environmental Planning Administrator.

#### L. SITE HYDROLOGY

Previous or potential drainage impacts will be corrected to the extent technically feasible. Water quality and the rate, timing, and volume of run-off shall recreate natural conditions for the benefit of onsite wetlands and other waterbodies.

#### M. PROTECTED SPECIES

If a protected species survey conducted as part of the Environmental Assessment of the project site indicates the presence of protected plant or animal species, the Environmental Assessment will include a Protected Species Management Plan. This Plan will include the results of the protected species survey; a listing and description of protected species occurring on, or utilizing, the site; documentation of the protection status of each species; a map of active and inactive burrows, nests,

cavity trees, etc. found as part of the survey; a description of the protective measures being provided for each listed species found on the site; and copies of all correspondence with applicable state and federal agencies regarding the protection of listed species.

#### N. INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Martin County is authorized to inspect any County regulated site or appurtenance. Duly authorized representatives of Martin County may, at any time, upon presenting proper identification, enter upon and shall be given access to any premises for the purpose of such inspection. Martin County shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this PAMP through any available administrative or civil proceeding, which may result in penalties. Restoration of habitat and other remedies, such as fines and fees covering staff time, may be required of any person, corporation or other entity found in violation of any of the provisions of this PAMP or of Article 10 of the Martin County Land Development Regulations.

# **PAMP APPENDICES**

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Aerial Photo
- 3. Soils Map
- 4. Habitat(s) Map
- 5. Report(s) of Potential Listed Species\*
- 6. Wildlife Site Survey / Map of Listed Species
- 7. Property / Boundary Survey
- 8. Site Plan
- 9. SFWMD/FDEP Wetland Jurisdictional Determination letter (as required)\*
- 10. Preserve Area Restoration and Maintenance Plan (as required)

<sup>\*</sup> Documents to be saved on file with the Martin County Growth Management Department in lieu of recordation.

# **PART III**

## APPENDICES & ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Environmental Assessment\* including date of on-site visit and:
  - a. Location Map
  - b. Aerial Photo
  - c. Soils Map
  - d. Florida Land Cover Classification System Map
  - e. Report(s) of Potential Listed Species
  - f. Wildlife Site Survey / Map of Listed Species
- 2. Boundary Survey certified by licensed surveyor\*
- 3. Site Plan See PART II (H) of this PAMP for requirements
- 4. SFWMD/FDEP Wetland Jurisdictional Determination letter (as applicable)\*
- 5. Exotics Removal and Maintenance Plan (as applicable)\*
- 6. Example of Preserve Area Signage (if different from one currently used by Martin County)
- 7. Restoration Plan (as applicable for previous impacts and/or enforcement)\*

<sup>\*</sup>Documents required for review that may be reformatted prior to recording and/or may not be included in the recorded PAMP; these documents will be retained on file with the Martin County Growth Management Department.



Martin County, FL

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1300-Pine Flatwoods
2128-Hisding Ways

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CLC/ Species Survey Map

Map Source: Martin County

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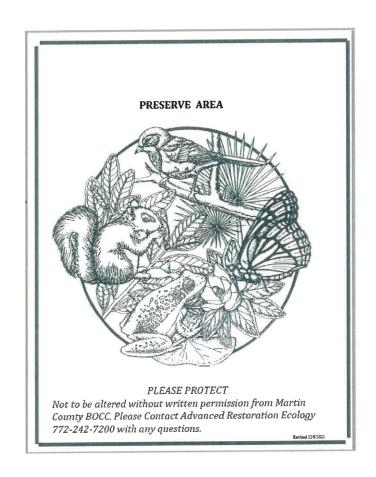


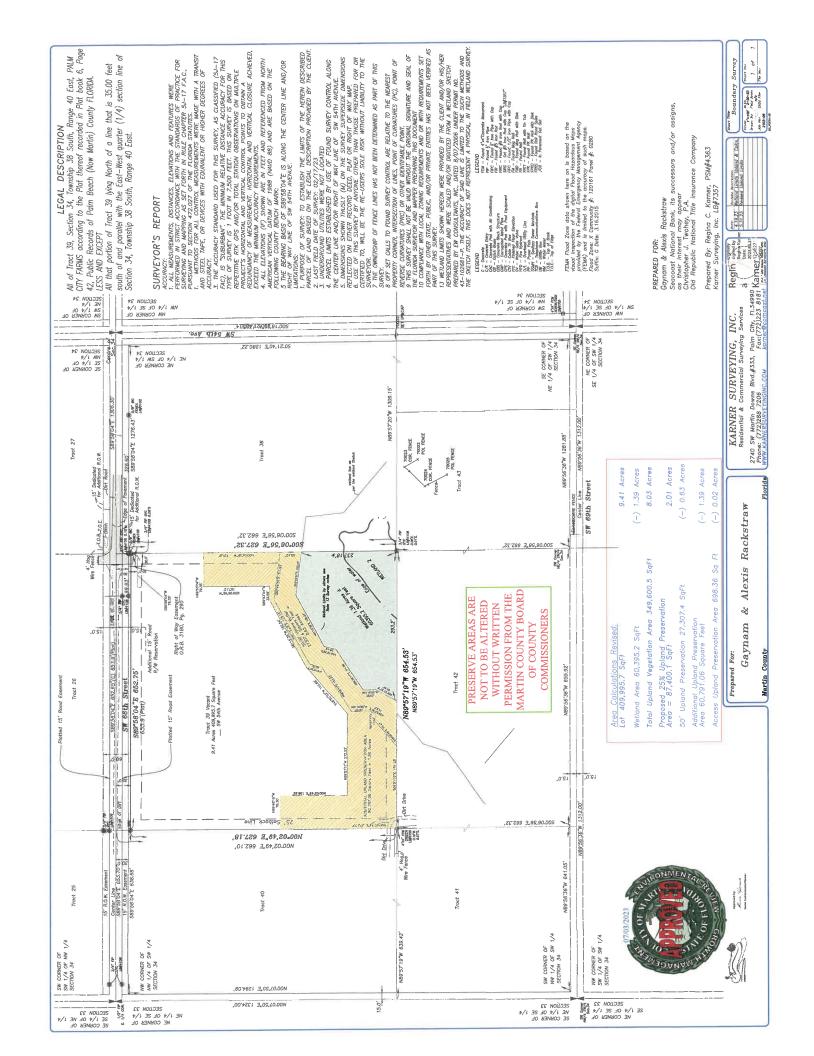


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