

**Florida Communities  
Trust  
Grant Agreement  
Amendment Proposal**

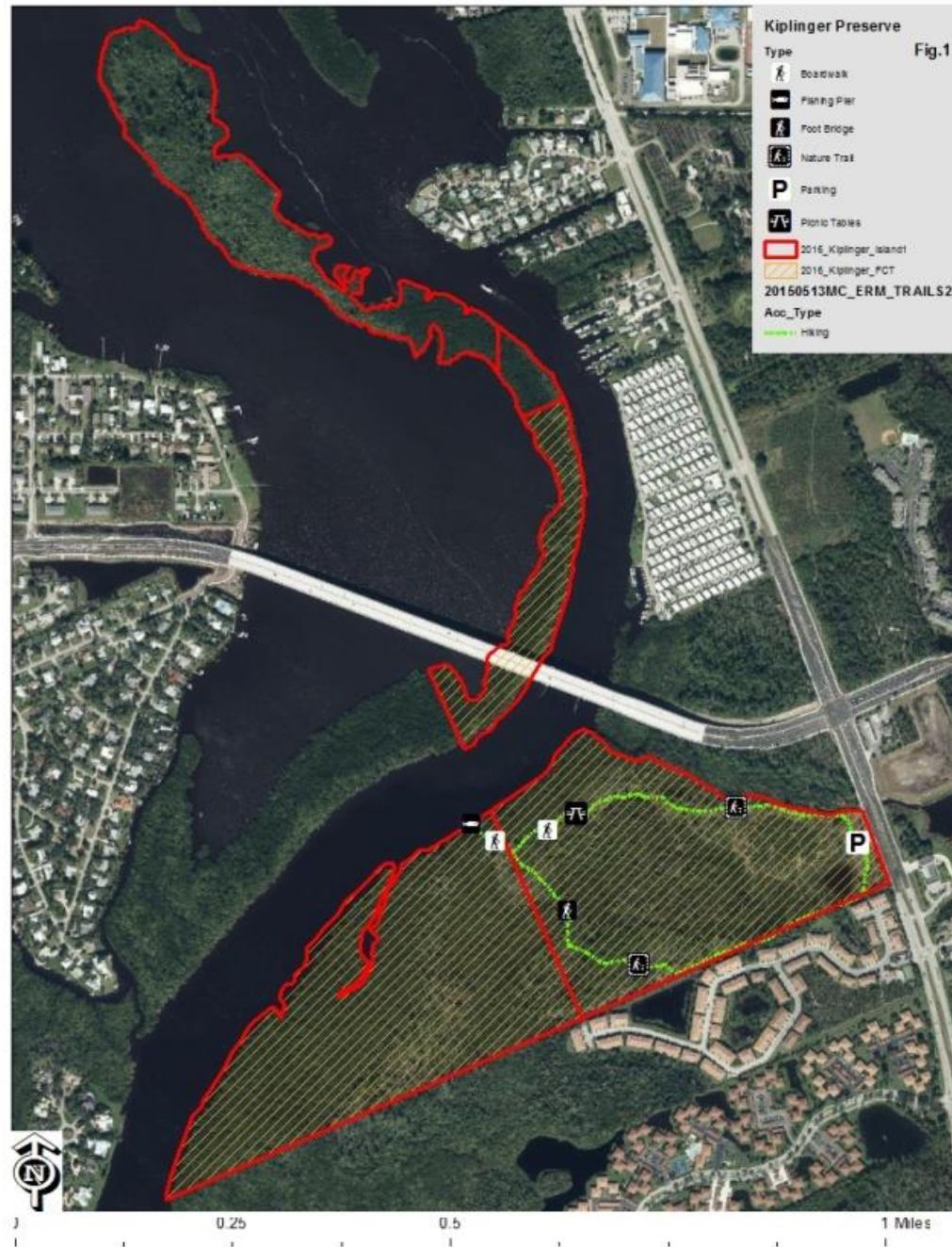
Ecosystem and Restoration Division

# Kiplinger Preserve





# Site Map



# Kiplinger Remaining Obligations

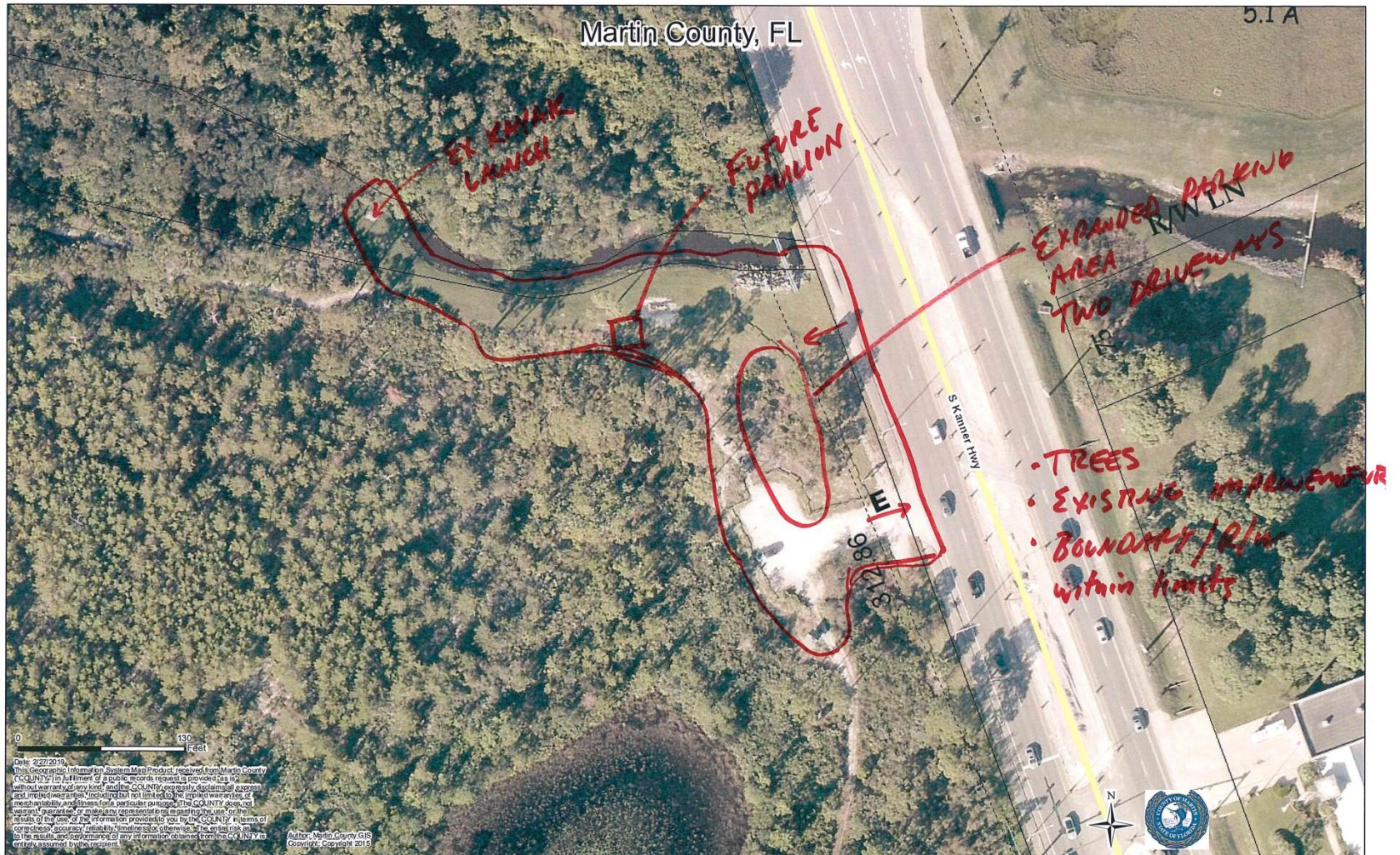
- Wildlife Hospital and adjacent caretaker housing facility
  - Reasons for removal from the agreement:
    - A new Location of the Treasure Coast Animal Hospital was developed post GAA
    - Such development would negatively impact critical native habitat and decrease recreational opportunity in the county
    - Cost of building such a development would be significant(\$1.35 million)
    - Martin County BOCC has an agreement to financially support the Treasure Coast Animal Hospital (\$40,000/yearly)

# Proposed alternative to Wildlife Hospital

- Improve existing parking area with new entrance and increased capacity.
- Construct a picnic pavilion onsite
- Create a new canoe/kayak launch that will connect to the St. Lucie river and Martin County Paddle trail



# Conceptual Plan





# Bob Graham Beach Addition



# Site Map





# Bob Graham Beach Addition Remaining Obligations

- Parking Area
- Canoe/Kayak Dock
- Recognition Sign
- Interpretive Signage
- Bike Racks
- Dune Crossover
- Pavilion
- Shower

# Proposed alternative to Agreement

- Modify FCT Boundary to include existing Martin County Conservation lands to fulfill agreement obligations;
- Properties would include:
  - Beachwalk Pasley
  - Bob Graham Addition
  - Joe River Park



# Reason for amendment to Agreement

- Martin county has already invested in adjacent lands that would fulfill requirements.
- Environmental impacts to beach dune coastal strand and tidal swamp would be negative and significant.
- There would be a direct loss of habitat to native flora and fauna. (including significant mangrove removal)
- Recreational access already exists through adjacent Martin County managed lands.
- Overall need for new access is not needed as per Parks and Recreation department.
- The cost to Martin county would be significant (\$1.4 million).

## Bob Graham Addition FCT Property



Joes River Park  
Canoe/Kayak Launch  
Pavilion Obligations

Bob Graham Beach  
Dune Crossover/Parking Area Obligation

Bob Graham Addition Parcel

Beachwalk Pasley  
Recognition/Interpretative signage  
Bike Rack Obligations

### Legend

- MC\_ERM\_Trails\_Master
- Parcels\_Owner
- Roads





# Next Steps:

- The ecosystem and restoration project manager in coordination with the FCT planner will update and modify existing management plans for the Kiplinger Preserve and Bob Graham Beach addition.
- Once management plans are approved by FCT, the Ecosystem and Restoration division will come back to the board for final approval.

# Staff Recommendation:

Recommend that the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Florida Community Trust Grant Award Agreements for Kiplinger Preserve and Bob Graham Beach Addition