

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 17, 2010
REAC Committee Field Trip to Jordan Scrub Sanctuary
Attendance List**

RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jim Durocher
Murray Hann
Jim Heath
Mark Nathan
Doug Sphar

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Schmalzer, EEL Selection and Management Committee
Kim Zarillo, EEL Selection and Management Committee

EEL PROGRAM/BREVARD COUNTY STAFF

Chris O'Hara
Brad Manley

CITIZENS

Gary Zarillo

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Minutes**

The Recreation and Education Advisory Committee (REAC) met at the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary in Malabar at 6:00 PM on Friday, September 17, 2010. This trip was scheduled so that Committee members could tour the site prior to considering a revision of the proposed public access plan at an upcoming REAC meeting.

The group met in the parking area at Malabar Scrub Sanctuary. The EEL South Region Land Manager, Chris O'Hara, distributed maps showing the sanctuary boundary, including the recently added parcels, Coastal Jewel and Cochran. The map showed a proposed trail system which had been modified to incorporate the expansion of the sanctuary.

At approximately 6:15 PM, the group traveled to Jordan Scrub Sanctuary. The first stop was at the northwest corner of the property on Marie Street, where the pavement ends. This location had been identified as a potential trailhead location. Chris O'Hara provided information about site conditions as they pertained to creating a parking area in this area.

The group continued by truck and entered the site through the current trailhead at the gate near the southwest corner of the Town of Malabar's storage yard. There was some discussion about the suitability of this location as a trailhead.

The group drove though the site along Jordan Blvd. This road is a Right of Way, and currently serves as a fire break and trail segment. The group stopped at a point north of the lakes to view a dual-use firebreak trail, and a segment of single track trail. The proposed public access plan would utilize the single track trail, rather than the firebreak.

The next stop was a point along the northwestern shore of the southern lake. This area is proposed be the location for a trail segment and an observation deck.

The last stop was at the eastern side of the sanctuary near the Harris Corporation facility. The group viewed an area with potential to be developed as a trailhead parking area. From this location, a trail with a boardwalk across the sawgrass marsh could lead to the observation deck on the southern lake. The group talked about the benefits and drawbacks of the boardwalk, including cost.

The field trip was concluded at approximately 7:30 PM.