

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 2, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
modified Environmentally
Endangered Lands Acquisition
List and the associated
property boundaries

Resolution No. R-1042-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



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To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
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From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Approving the Modified Environmentally Endangered Lands Acquisition List
and the Associated Boundary Maps

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached resolution approving the modified Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Acquisition List and the associated boundary maps as recommended by the Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC), except as noted herein. The modified EEL Acquisition List is included as Attachment A to the resolution. The associated parcel boundary maps are included as Attachments B-1 through B-11 to the resolution.

Scope

The EEL Program is Countywide in nature. The modified EEL Acquisition List includes Acquisition Projects located in 11 of the 13 Commission Districts, including District 1, represented by Vice Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III; District 2, represented by Commissioner Jean Monestime; District 3, represented by Commissioner Keon Hardemon; District 4, represented by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman; District 6, represented by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa; District 7, represented by Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado; District 8, represented by Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins; District 9, represented by Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee; District 10, represented by Commissioner Javier D. Souto; District 11, represented by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez; and District 13, represented by Commissioner René Garcia.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Approving the modified EEL Acquisition List and the associated boundary maps is expected to have no fiscal impact to the County. Once a property is on the EEL Acquisition List, the County negotiates with willing sellers to enter into purchase contracts. Negotiated contracts for purchase of approved EEL properties require additional Board approval, except for contracts under \$15,000.00 pursuant to Resolution No. R-1619-95. As of March 31, 2021, the balance of the EEL Trust Fund is \$22,706,319.00, of which \$11,857,459.00 is reserved for acquisition and \$10,848,860.00 is reserved for management. As of March 31, 2021, the remaining balance under the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program for allocations towards EEL acquisitions is \$2,563,448.00.

Track Record / Monitor

The EEL Program Manager within the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management (RER-DERM), Janet Gil, will monitor the activities related to conservation lands acquisition and management.

Background

The historic loss, fragmentation, and degradation of native wetland and forest communities in Miami-Dade County has been well recognized. In May 1990, with the knowledge that remaining wetland and forest communities were endangered, the electorate of Miami-Dade County authorized the County to levy an ad valorem tax for two years to create the EEL Program and Trust Fund. The purpose of the

EEL Program is to acquire, preserve, enhance, restore, conserve, and maintain environmentally endangered lands for the benefit of present and future generations. The County, in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District, the State of Florida, and other funding partners, has acquired approximately 23,535 acres of land in Miami-Dade County since the inception of the EEL Program through April 30, 2021.

In order to prioritize acquisition of environmentally endangered lands, the EEL Program maintains the EEL Acquisition List which guides the purchase of these environmentally sensitive lands. Most purchases of environmentally endangered lands must be approved by the Board prior to purchase; however, certain purchases can be made administratively pursuant to prior resolutions of the Board.

The EEL Acquisition List consists of Priority A and Priority B lists which are used to prioritize land purchases. According to the Code, the Priority A List shall contain no more than ten projects which shall be selected by the Board from those acquisition proposals which receive the highest evaluations in accordance with the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code and for which acquisition is feasible. The Code further states that the Priority B list shall contain acquisition proposals which are also deemed worthy of acquisition based upon the evaluation criteria provided in Section 24-50.8, and which may feasibly be acquired, but have not been assigned to the Priority A List. The Code also provides that the County may not actively pursue acquisition of Priority B parcels unless the share of the purchase price paid from the EEL Acquisition Trust Fund is no more than 50 percent of the total purchase price of the property or unless the seller donates 50 percent or more of the value of the property, as estimated in an appraisal report by an independent fee appraiser and accepted by the County.

As mentioned above, the Code limits the Priority A List to no more than ten acquisition projects. The Code defines an “acquisition project” for EEL as “(a) parcel(s) of land approved by the Board for acquisition by the County in accordance with the procedures provided herein below”. Historically, each of the projects on the Priority A Acquisition List has consisted of numerous contiguous and non-contiguous parcels having similar natural features and plant communities. The last Priority A List approved by the Board consisted of eight acquisition projects. These eight acquisition projects have been approved by the Board multiple times over the years.

Section 24-50.10(1) of the Code allows for members of the public and government agencies to submit applications to nominate properties for acquisition by the County through the EEL Program. Section 24-50.2 of the Code defines acquisition proposals as parcels of land which are nominated or recommended for acquisition in accordance with Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 3. The acquisition proposals are evaluated by staff using specific considerations based upon the criteria provided in the applicable provisions of the Code.

Upon completion of the staff evaluation process, the EEL Project Review Committee (PRC) reviews the evaluations and defines preliminary boundaries for each acquisition proposal to assist with the County Mayor’s recommendation to the Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC). The Miami-Dade County LASC was established pursuant to Section 24-50.6 of the Code with the primary responsibility to make recommendations to the Board as to the original EEL Acquisition List and subsequent updates thereto. Board approval is required to make changes to the EEL Acquisition List.

After holding the required public hearing, the LASC met on August 5, 2020 and made recommendations that the Board approve a modified EEL Acquisition List and associated boundary maps. In making the recommendation to the Board, the LASC considered the last Board-approved EEL Acquisition List. If approved by the Board, the LASC’s recommendations would result in multiple changes to the Priority A List and two changes to the Priority B List. The two changes proposed to the Priority B List include the addition of one acquisition proposal and the removal of one acquisition proposal for which acquisition is no longer feasible because it has been developed with single family homes. The multiple changes proposed to the Priority A List consist of the following: updates to the acreage remaining to be purchased because the County has purchased some parcels since the Board’s approval of the last EEL Acquisition List; the addition of six new acquisition proposals, all of which would be added to existing acquisition projects that are already on the Priority A Acquisition List; one name change; one boundary change; and the removal of one existing acquisition proposal for which acquisition is no longer feasible because it has been developed with single family homes. The LASC also recommended changes to the Priority B List, as indicated after description of the Priority A List changes.

The recommended additions to the Priority A List occur in three of the existing eight acquisition projects. These three existing acquisition projects—the Coastal Wetlands Acquisition Project, the South Dade Wetlands Acquisition Project, and the Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project—are described in detail below.

Coastal Wetlands Acquisition Project

The Coastal Wetlands Acquisition Project is mostly saltwater and mangrove-dominated wetlands along the coast of the County, comprised of multiple, contiguous and non-contiguous parcels. The Board first placed the Coastal Wetlands Acquisition Project on the EEL Priority A Acquisition List in 1996. These habitats fuel both terrestrial and aquatic food chains. Wetlands contribute to water quality by removing excess nutrients and pollutants that originate in the uplands before reaching the estuary. Wetlands also offer important habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals that rely on the area as a nursery ground and provide protection against coastal erosion.

South Dade Wetlands Acquisition Project

The South Dade Wetlands Acquisition Project is an important wetland system in the southern part of the County, comprised of multiple, contiguous and non-contiguous parcels. The Board first placed the South Dade Wetlands Acquisition Project on the EEL Priority A List in 1993 and the Board has expanded the boundary several times to increase the project area. Land in this area is critical for acquisition because of its strategic location between two national parks (Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park) and within the watersheds of Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay, and Card and Barnes Sounds. Preserving and maintaining these wetlands is important to protect against saltwater intrusion of the Biscayne Aquifer. These wetlands are also important to the endangered and threatened species of the region. Acquiring parcels within the South Dade Wetlands Acquisition Project is consistent with the Sea Level Rise Task Force Recommendations for the continued strategic implementation of the EEL Program and is also consistent with the purposes of the EEL Program.

Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project

The Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project consists of multiple, contiguous and non-contiguous properties throughout Miami-Dade County comprised of pine rockland habitat. The Board

first placed the Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project on the EEL Priority A Acquisition List in 1996. Pine rockland habitat is designated a Globally Critically Imperiled Natural Community by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) and is rich with rare and endangered flora and fauna. Numerous species endemic to South Florida are found in pine rocklands. Pine rocklands, like other upland forests in South Florida, serve as important stops on the Atlantic Flyway for migratory birds.

Priority A List changes

Church of Jesus Christ and Parsons Pineland

The acquisition proposal (see Attachment B-1) is located in Section 24, Township 56 South, Range 39 and is bounded by SW 127 Avenue on the west and SW 236 Street on the north and is approximately 5 acres in size. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project.

The acquisition proposal was evaluated as environmental land. The staff evaluation determined that the biological value and viability of the environmental land is high. Management of the acquisition proposal area is estimated to be \$460,500.00 over a 10-year period, at an average cost of approximately \$46,500.00 per year. Management requirements are typically high in upland forests because they are located within urban areas. The RER-Planning Division determined that the vulnerability of the acquisition proposal area to development is high.

Based on staff analysis, this acquisition proposal received the highest evaluation pursuant to the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code. There are two property owners: East Coast Properties, LLC and the State of Florida Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Board of Trustees). The representative of East Coast Properties, LLC, desires to sell its properties to the County for conservation purposes, and the acquisition of these properties is therefore feasible.

For the property owned by the Board of Trustees, the State has stated its interest in entering into a long-term lease with the County to manage this property for conservation purposes. Therefore, we do not recommend placing the Board of Trustees property on the Acquisition List at this time and will be bringing a separate item to the Board to address the lease proposal. The boundaries shown in Attachment B-1 therefore do not show the addition of the Board of Trustees’ property.

Cutler Pit and Mangroves

The acquisition proposal (Attachment B-2) is located in Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 40 East and Section 5, Township 57 South Range 40 East, immediately south of the Princeton (C-102) Canal and east of SW 107 Avenue in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and is approximately 536 acres in size. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing Coastal Mangrove Wetlands Acquisition Project.

This acquisition proposal was evaluated as both environmental lands and buffer land. Approximately 160 acres of the acquisition proposal area is environmental land, and the remaining approximately 376 acres is buffer land. The staff evaluation determined that the biological value and viability of the environmental land is high. Management of the acquisition proposal area is estimated to be approximately \$2,473,000.00 over a 10-year period, at an average cost of \$247,300.00 per year. These costs could be offset by grant funding or management partnerships with other agencies as a part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

The RER-Planning Division determined that the vulnerability of the acquisition proposal area to development is low because it is located outside the UDB. The vulnerability of the environmental land to degradation or destruction is also considered low. Conservation of this property is nevertheless important because of its proximity to other environmental lands. In addition, the staff evaluation determined that the existing and potential impact to the adjacent environmental lands if the buffer land is not acquired is high. If this area were not acquired, it could inhibit the use of essential management techniques, such as controlled burning, on the adjacent environmental lands.

Based on staff analysis, the acquisition proposal received the highest evaluation based on the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code. The property owner, Cemex, desires to sell their properties to the County for conservation purposes, and the acquisition of these properties is therefore feasible.

Cutler Pit and Mangroves Addition

The acquisition proposal (Attachment B-3) is located in Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 40 East and Section 5, Township 57 South Range 40 East, immediately south of the Princeton (C-102) Canal and east of an FPL transmission line corridor in unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The acquisition proposal area is 5 acres in size. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing Coastal Mangrove Wetlands Acquisition Project.

This acquisition proposal was evaluated as environmental land. The staff evaluation determined that the biological value and viability of the environmental land is high. Management of the acquisition proposal area is estimated to be approximately \$68,000.00 over a 10-year period, at an average cost of \$6,800.00 per year. The vulnerability of the environmental land to degradation or destruction is considered low. Conservation of this property is nevertheless important because of its proximity to other environmental lands.

Based on staff analysis, the acquisition proposal received the highest evaluation based on the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code. The property owner, Cemex, desires to sell the property to the County for conservation purposes, and the acquisition of the property is therefore feasible.

Richmond Pineland - University of Miami/Coral Reef Retail

This acquisition proposal (see Attachment B-4) is located in Section 26, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, south of SW 152 Street and west of SW 127 Avenue and is approximately 5.5 acres in size. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project. The acquisition proposal was evaluated as environmental land and ancillary land; as discussed below, the environmental land consists of the forested portion of the property, and the ancillary land consists of a private roadway.

The Richmond Pineland Complex, of which this acquisition proposal is a part, is the largest contiguous pine rockland ecosystem outside Everglades National Park, and provides habitat for rare, endemic, and listed species with special microhabitat requirements, such as the federally endangered deltoid spurge (*Chamaesyce deltoidea*), or large open space requirements, such as the federally endangered bonneted bat (*Eumops floridanus*). The staff evaluation determined that the biological value and viability of the environmental land is high. Management of the environmental land portion

of the acquisition proposal area is estimated to be approximately \$176,000.00 for a 10-year period, at an average cost of \$17,600.00 per year. It should be noted that the property owner currently manages the forested parts of the site, as required by federal permitting conditions to preserve and maintain the lands in perpetuity. This area is also subject to a covenant that prohibits development of the land. Therefore, the RER-Planning Division determined that the vulnerability of the environmental land (i.e., the forested portion) to development is low. Conservation of this land is nevertheless important because of its extraordinary biological resources as a component of the Richmond Pineland Complex.

The private roadway was evaluated as ancillary land. Access through the ancillary land is necessary to manage and protect the environmental land, by providing for access of maintenance equipment, firebreak, and fire management activities. However, acquisition of the ancillary land would not be necessary if the environmental lands were not acquired, and even if the environmental land were to be acquired in the future, acquisition of the ancillary land may not be needed if appropriate access were otherwise permitted.

Based on staff analysis, the environmental land received the highest evaluation pursuant to the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code. It should be noted that the placement of these lands on the EEL Acquisition List does not obligate the property owner in any way and does not mean that these lands would be acquired, since these lands are already required to be preserved and maintained in perpetuity. The property owners of the environmental land do not object to having their property on the acquisition list, and therefore acquisition is feasible.

The ancillary land (i.e., private roadway) would only be considered for acquisition if the County ever negotiates acquisition of the environmental lands. However, the property owner of the ancillary land objects to it being included on the Acquisition List on the grounds that the ancillary land parcel consists of an improved access road that is essential for traffic circulation to the adjacent private property. Moreover, the property owner of the ancillary land has opined that, should the County elect to acquire the environmental land, ownership of the access road would not be needed to gain access to the rest of the area because recorded documents already guarantee that the access road will be available for access by all of the owners, tenants, and guests of the overall property. Because of these objections and the possibility that access would be available even without acquisition, placing the ancillary land on the Acquisition List is therefore not recommended at this time. If it were later determined that this land was needed for the EEL Program, staff could address it in a future item to the Board. The boundaries show in Attachment B-4 therefore do not show the addition of this ancillary land (i.e., private roadway).

Richmond Pineland – School Board/ University of Miami

The acquisition proposal (Attachment B-5) is located in Section 26, Township 55 South, and Range 39 East, south of SW 152 Street at theoretical SW 130 Avenue and is approximately 4.8 acres in size. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project.

This acquisition proposal was evaluated as environmental land. The evaluation revealed that the biological value and viability of the environmental land is high. Management of the acquisition proposal area is estimated to be approximately \$291,000.00 over a 10-year period, at an average cost

of \$29,100.00 per year. Vulnerability of the acquisition proposal area to degradation or destruction is considered high.

The Richmond Pineland-School Board/UM EEL acquisition proposal involves two separate parcels of land with different property owners. The eastern parcel is obligated for donation to Miami-Dade County for future construction of a library, and the EEL Program has been in discussions with the Miami-Dade Public Library System to determine whether a portion of the pine rockland on the parcel, if not needed for the library, could be preserved and managed by the EEL Program.

The remainder of the acquisition proposal area is owned by the School Board of Miami-Dade County (School Board). This parcel is intended to be used for educational purposes, and the School Board has informed the EEL Program that, for this reason, it is not willing to sell this portion of the application area to the EEL Program. The EEL Program has nevertheless been in discussions with the School Board to determine whether a portion of the pine rockland on the parcel, if not needed for educational purposes, could be preserved and managed by the EEL Program. It should also be noted that the School Board’s plans for undeveloped properties and the siting of future schools sometime change. As a recent example, the Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of two separate pine rockland parcels from the School Board for preservation and management by the EEL Program under Resolution Nos. R-1236-19 and R-1237-19. These pine rockland parcels, while owned by the School Board for many years, remained vacant and unused, with the School Board being unwilling to sell these parcels to the EEL Program. The School Board’s plans changed, however, and the EEL Program was therefore able to negotiate contracts to purchase these two critically important pine rockland tracts, which include rare and endangered species, and these pine rocklands are now being managed by the EEL Program to preserve these rare species.

Based on staff analysis, the acquisition proposal received the highest evaluation based on the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code. The placement of these lands on the EEL Acquisition List does not obligate the property owner in any way and does not mean that these lands would be acquired without a willing seller. For the reasons stated in the paragraphs above and based on County staff experience in continuing to negotiate with initially unwilling private property owners, acquisition of the School Board property is feasible. For the reasons explained above, acquisition of the “library” property is also feasible.

South Dade Wetlands - Peterson et al Addition

The acquisition proposal (Attachment B-6) is located in Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 40 immediately east of the Atlas Homestead landfill at the intersection of SW 328 Street and SW 117 Avenue and is approximately 62 acres in size. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing South Dade Wetlands (SDW) Acquisition Project, which is the largest contiguous project currently on the Priority A Acquisition List.

This acquisition proposal was evaluated as both environmental land and buffer land. Approximately 50 acres of the acquisition proposal area is environmental land, and the remaining approximately 10 acres is buffer land. The staff evaluation determined that the biological value and viability of the environmental land in this application is moderate. However, the overall biological value and viability of the environmental land in the SDW Project as a whole has been determined to be high. The entire acquisition proposal area, including the buffer land, is directly adjacent to the SDW Project. The

addition of the acquisition proposal area to the SDW Project could further protect these seasonally flooded freshwater wetlands, which directly connect to other lands in this Project. In addition, adding the acquisition proposal area to the SDW Project area would incorporate some of the last remaining wetland properties south of Mowry canal and east of SW 117 Avenue into the SDW Project area. It should be noted that a portion of one parcel is already located in the existing SDW Project footprint. The entire acquisition proposal area is critical for acquisition because of its strategic location for regional restoration and because it is within the watershed of Biscayne Bay. Furthermore, the existing and potential impact to the environmental land if the buffer land is not acquired is high. Management of the acquisition proposal area is estimated to be approximately \$876,000.00 over a 10-year period, at an average cost of \$87,600.00 per year. These costs could be offset by grant funding or management partnerships with other agencies as a part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

The staff evaluation revealed that portions of the application area are comparable in vegetation composition, including degree of infestation from invasive or nuisance plants, to the portions already within the SDW Project. The RER-Planning Division determined that the vulnerability of the acquisition proposal area to development is low because it is located outside the Urban Development Boundary. However, the vulnerability of the environmental land to degradation or destruction from other impacts is considered high. Based on staff analysis, the acquisition proposal received the highest evaluation based on the criteria provided for in Section 24-50.8 of the Code.

The representative for the Peters family, Tom Rieder, has indicated that the Peters family desires to sell their portions of the acquisition proposal area to the County for conservation purposes, and the acquisition of these properties is therefore feasible. In addition, the other property owners do not object to having their property on the acquisition list and therefore acquisition of the remaining properties is also feasible.

Ned Glenn Preserve

For the purposes of clarification, the LASC recommended that Whispering Pines Pineland, within the Other Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Project, be renamed as Ned Glenn Nature Preserve. In addition, the LASC recommended that a scrivener’s error in the acreage previously approved by the Board be corrected from 24 acres to 10 acres. The attached map (Attachment B-7) reflects the current EEL Acquisition List boundary, which is approximately 10 acres in size.

Calderon Pineland

The LASC recommended that the Board modify the boundary of Calderon Pineland (Attachment B-8), which the Board previously placed on the Priority A List, to exclude the portions of the pineland that have been developed, as well as lands that have already been acquired. Pursuant to this resolution, the acreage on the EEL Acquisition List for Calderon Pineland will be updated as shown on Attachment B-8 to remove the developed portion and the 15 acres that were recently acquired by the EEL Program.

Big George Hammock Addition

Big George Hammock Addition, within the Tropical Hammocks Acquisition Project, was recommended to be removed from the list because all the parcels within the current Big George Addition Acquisition List boundaries have been developed with single-family homes (Attachment B-9).

Priority B List changes

Cutler Bay Properties

This acquisition proposal (Attachment B-10) is located east of Old Cutler Road south of SW 184 Street in the Town of Cutler Bay and is approximately 10 acres. This acquisition proposal would be added to the existing Priority B Acquisition list.

The acquisition proposal was evaluated as buffer land. The biological value and viability of the adjacent environmental land is high. The RER-Planning Division staff determined that the vulnerability of the acquisition proposal area to development is high. The existing and potential impact to the adjacent environmental land if the buffer land is not acquired is high. The property is currently covered by exotic vegetation, which may invade and actively degrade the adjacent environmental land.

This acquisition proposal was not assigned to the Priority A List, and based on staff analysis, it is worthy of acquisition under the Priority B Acquisition List as proposed, in accordance with the evaluation criteria provided in section 24-50.8 of the Code. The current property owner, the Town of Cutler Bay, desires to sell the property to the County for conservation purposes, and the acquisition of this property is therefore feasible. The Water and Sewer Department of Miami-Dade County has been holding its property, which is also located in this proposed acquisition site, in reserve in coordination with RER-DERM to support the restoration of the adjacent environmental lands.

Pino Pineland

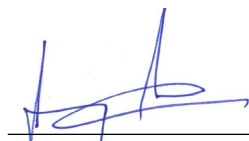
Pino Pineland was recommended to be removed from the Priority B List because all the parcels within the current Pino Pineland Acquisition List boundaries have been developed with single-family homes (Attachment B-11).

Conclusion

Pursuant to Section 24-50.9 of the Code, changes to the EEL Acquisition List require approval by the Board. Based on the above, the attached resolution is recommended for approval.

Delegation of Authority

This item does not provide for delegation of authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee. However, as discussed above, a prior resolution of this Board already authorizes the County to acquire certain properties on the EEL acquisition list, provided that certain criteria are met. Accordingly, for properties added to the EEL acquisition list by this resolution, the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee will be able to exercise the delegation of authority granted in that prior resolution.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 2, 2021

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- _____ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- _____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- _____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- _____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- _____ Budget required
- _____ Statement of fiscal impact required
- _____ Statement of social equity required
- _____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- _____ No committee review
- _____ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- _____ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)
11-2-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1042-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MODIFIED
ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS
ACQUISITION LIST AND THE ASSOCIATED
PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the
accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

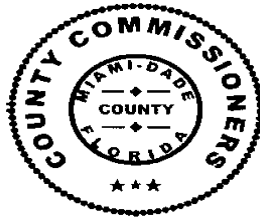
Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board hereby approves the modified Environmentally Endangered
Lands Acquisition List, attached hereto as Attachment A, and the associated property boundaries,
attached as Attachments B-1 through B-11.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime absent
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of November, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ASR", is written over a horizontal line.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

ATTACHMENT A

Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Acquisition List

Attachment A

EEL ACQUISITION PROJECTS: Priority A List

PROJECT # /	Project Name / Preserve Name	Habitat	Partially Acquired	Acres Unacquired	Location
1	Bird Key	A List		38	NW 79 St. & Bisc. Bay
2	Black Creek Forest	A List	xxx	45	SW 214 St. & 112 Ave.
3	Coastal Wetlands:	A List			
	Biscayne Wetland (FCT)			445	SW 280 St. & 107 Ave.
	Black Point Wetlands (FCT)		xxx	192	SW 248 St. & 97 Ave.
	Cutler Pit and Mangroves			536	C-102 (SW 268 St.) & SW 107 Ave.
	Cutler Pit and Mangroves Addition			5	C-102 (SW 268 St.) & SW 97 Ave.
	Cutler Wetlands (FCT)		xxx	780	SW 216 St. & 85 Ave.
	R. Hardy Matheson Preserve Add'n		xxx	21	Old Cutler Rd. & SW 108 St.
4	Miami Rockridge Pinelands: (CARL)	A List			
	Goulds Addition (CARL)		xxx	28.8	SW 232 St. & 120 Ave.
	Kings Highway (CARL 14)			31.1	SW 304 St. & 202 Ave.
	Navy Wells 23 (CARL)		xxx	2	SW 352 St. & 182 Ave.
	Navy Wells 39 (CARL)		xxx	1	SW 354 St. & 210 Ave.
	West Biscayne (CARL 13)		xxx	2	SW 288 St. & 190 Ave.
	Wilkins-Pierson (CARL)		xxx	10	SW 184 St. & 164 Ave.
5	Other Rockridge Pinelands:	A List			
	Andrew Dodge New Pines Preserve		xxx	1	SW 248 St. & 127 Ave.
	Bowers Pineland			10	SW 296 St. & 197 Ave.
	Calderon Pineland		xxx	1	SW 192 St. & 140 Ave.
	Church of Jesus Christ and Parsons Pineland			5	SW 236 St. & SW 127 Ave.
	Federal Richmond Pinelands		xxx	212	SW 152 St. & 130 Ave.
	Hattie Bauer Pineland			5	SW 266 St. & 157 Ave.
	Ned Glenn Nature Preserve		xxx	10	SW 188 St. & 87 Ave.
	Pine Ridge Sanctuary			14	SW 300 St. & 211 Ave.
	Richmond Pineland-School Board/University of Miami			4.8	SW 152 St. & SW 130 Ave.
	Richmond Pineland-University of Miami/Coral Reef Retail			5.5	SW 152 St. & SW 127 Ave.
6	Oleta River Corridor:	A List			
	Tract A			3	NE 171 St. & US-1
	Tract B (FCT)			8	NE 165 St. & US-1
	Tract D			8	NE 191 St. & 24 Ave.
7	South Dade Wetlands (SAMP, SOR)	A List			
	C-111 & Model Land Basin		xxx	21,182	South Miami-Dade County
	Model Land Addition		xxx	6,379	South of SW 344 St.
	Friends-of-the-Everglades Addition		xxx	3,461	SW 344 St. & 137 Ave.
	Peters et al. Addition			62	SW 328 St. & SW 117 Ave.
	Stern-Alpert Addition			10	SW 376 St. & SW 182 Ave.
	Keyhole Wetlands Addition		xxx	153	US 1 & Card Sound Road
	Wink Eye Slough Addition			57	SW 344 St. & 167 Ave.
8	Tropical Hammocks:	A List			
	Castellow 31 (CARL)			10	SW 218 St. & 157 Ave.
	Owaissa Bauer Addition #2			10	SW 264 St. & 176 Ave.
	Holiday Hammock (CARL)		xxx	17	SW 400 St. & 209 Ave.
	Round Hammock (CARL)			32.6	SW 408 St. & 220 Ave.
	SW Island Hammock (CARL 4)			12.5	SW 392 St. & 207 Ave.
	Silver Palm Hammock Addition			19	SW 228 St. & 149 Ave.
	Vizcaya Hammock Addition			2	3300 South Miami Ave.

EEL ACQUISITION PROJECTS: Priority B List

Preserve Name	Habitat	Partially Acquired	Acres Unacquired	Location
1 Barnacle Addition (CARL and City of Miami)	B List		6	Main Highway
2 Cutler Bay Properties	B List		9.9	SW 184 St. & Old Cutler Rd.
3 Cutler Wetlands North Addition Hammock	B List		37	SW 184 St. & Old Cutler Rd.
4 Dixie Heights Pineland	B List		27	SW 268 St. & 130 Ave.
5 Hammock Island	B List		100	SW 360 St. & L-31 W.
6 Homestead General Aviation Hammock	B List		4	SW 296 St. & 217 Ave.
7 Maddens (CARL 10)	B List		60	NW 154 St. & 87 Ave.
8 Notre Dame Pineland	B List		32	SW 280 St. & 132 Ave.
9 Railroad Pineland	B List		18	SW 184 St. & 147 Ave.
TOTAL A List Acres			33,834	
TOTAL B List Acres			293.9	

Attachment B-1

Church of Jesus Christ & Parsons Pineland



Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List

SW 236TH ST

SW 127TH AVE

SW 125TH AVE

SW 240TH ST



0 40 80 160 240 320 Feet

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Attachment B-2 Cutler Pit & Mangroves



Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List

SW 107 AVE DITCH WEST

L-31 CANAL

PRINCETON CANAL

SW 268 ST

SW 107 AVE DITCH WEST

L-31 CANAL



0 170 340 680 1,020 1,360 Feet

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Attachment B-3 Cutler Pit & Mangroves Addition



Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List

Princeton Canal

L-31 Canal

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0 215430 860 1,290 1,720 Feet

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Attachment B-4
Richmond Pineland
University of Miami/ Coral Reef Retail



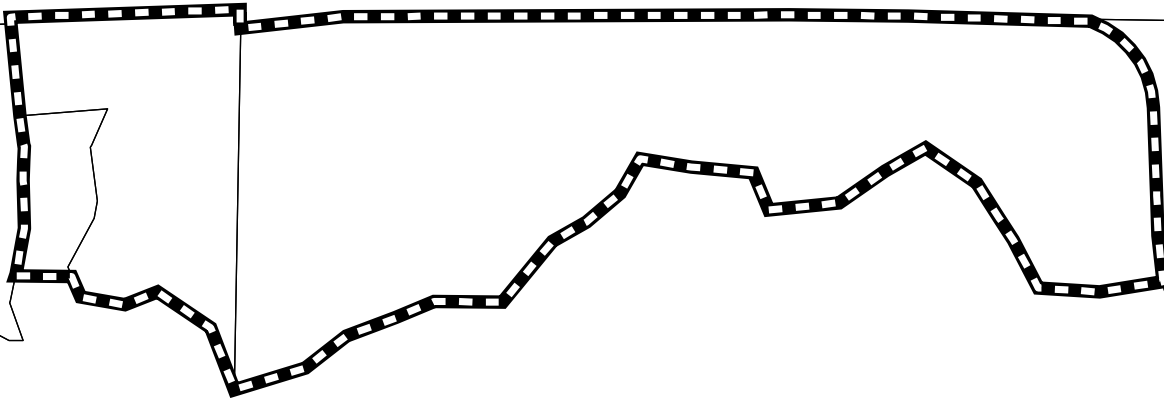
Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List

SW 129TH PL

151ST LN

SW 128TH AVE

SW 152ND ST



SW 127TH AVE

Attachment B-5
Richmond Pineland
School Board / University of Miami



Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List

SW 130TH PL

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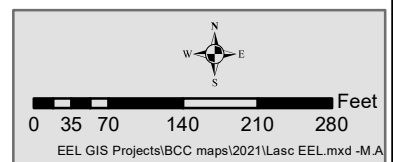
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SW 129TH CT

SW 129TH AVE

SW 152ND ST

SW 130TH AVE



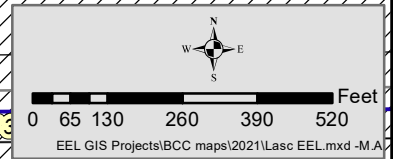
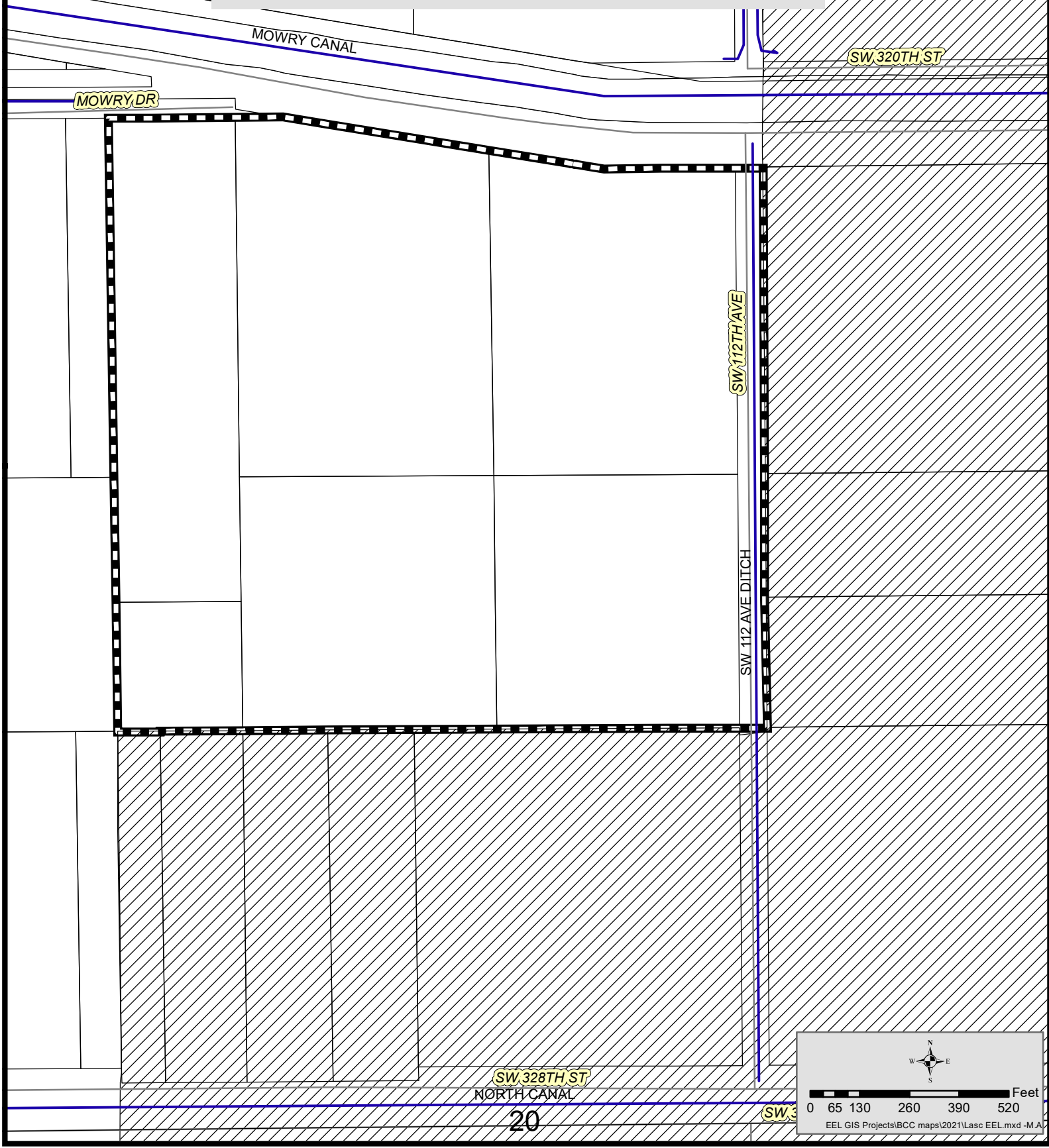
Attachment B-6 South Dade Wetlands Peters et al. Addition



Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List



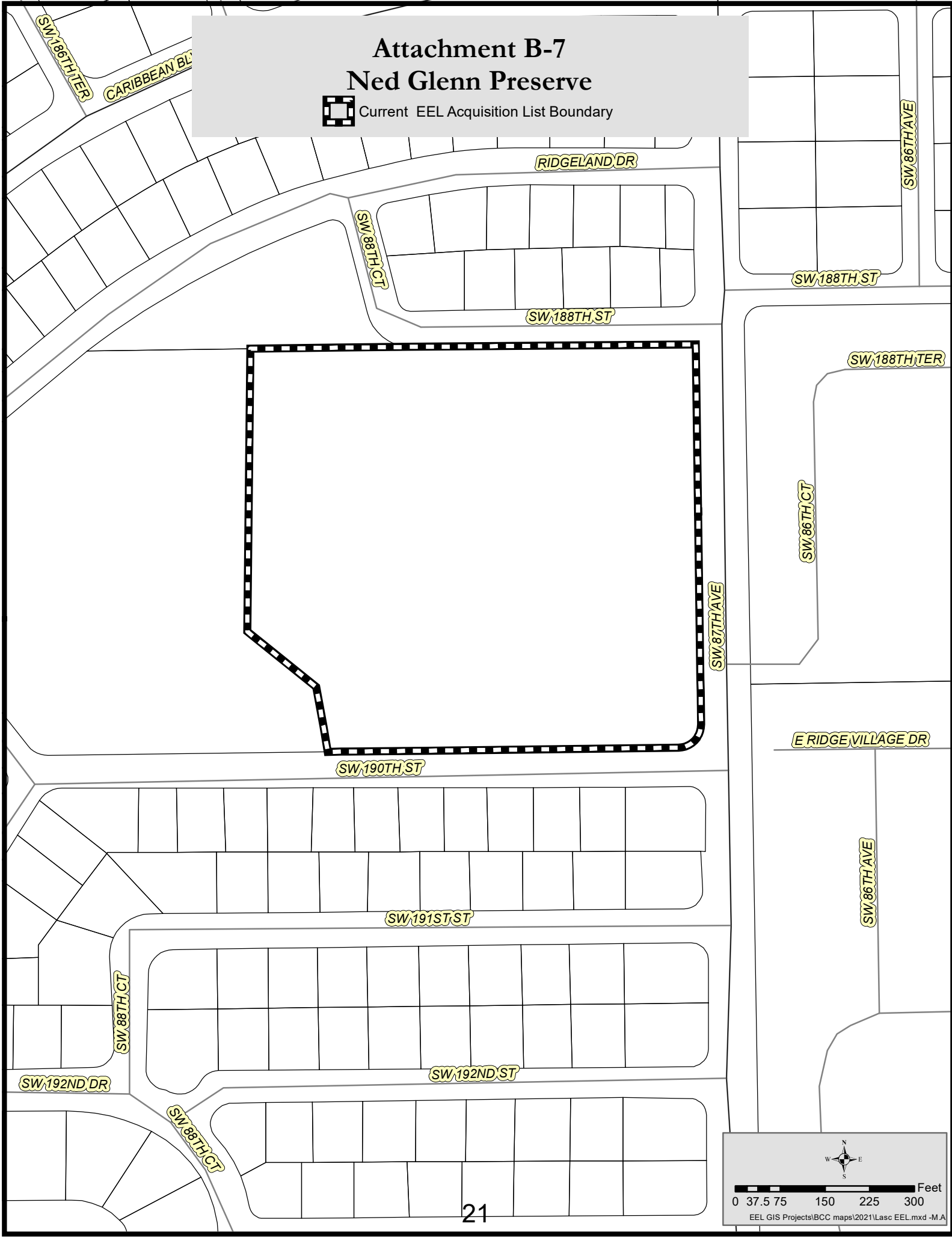
Current EEL Acquisition List SDW Project Boundary



Attachment B-7 Ned Glenn Preserve



Current EEL Acquisition List Boundary



Attachment B-8 Calderon Pineland



Proposed Removal from the EEL Acquisition List Boundary



Current EEL Acquisition List Boundary

SW 142N

SW 188TH ST

SW 140TH AVE

SW 139TH AVE

SW 192ND ST

SW 142ND AVE

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0 45 90 180 270 360 Feet

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SW 137TH ST

Attachment B-9 Big George Hammock Addition



*Proposed Removal from the EEL Acquisition List Boundary

SW 150TH CT

SW 140TH TER

SW 149TH PL

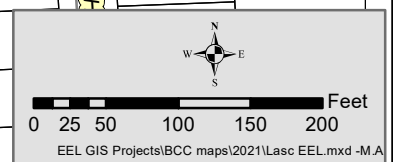
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SW 141ST TER

SW 149TH CT

SW 149TH

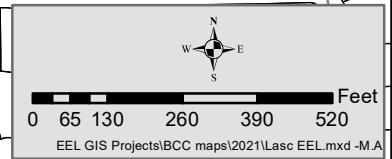
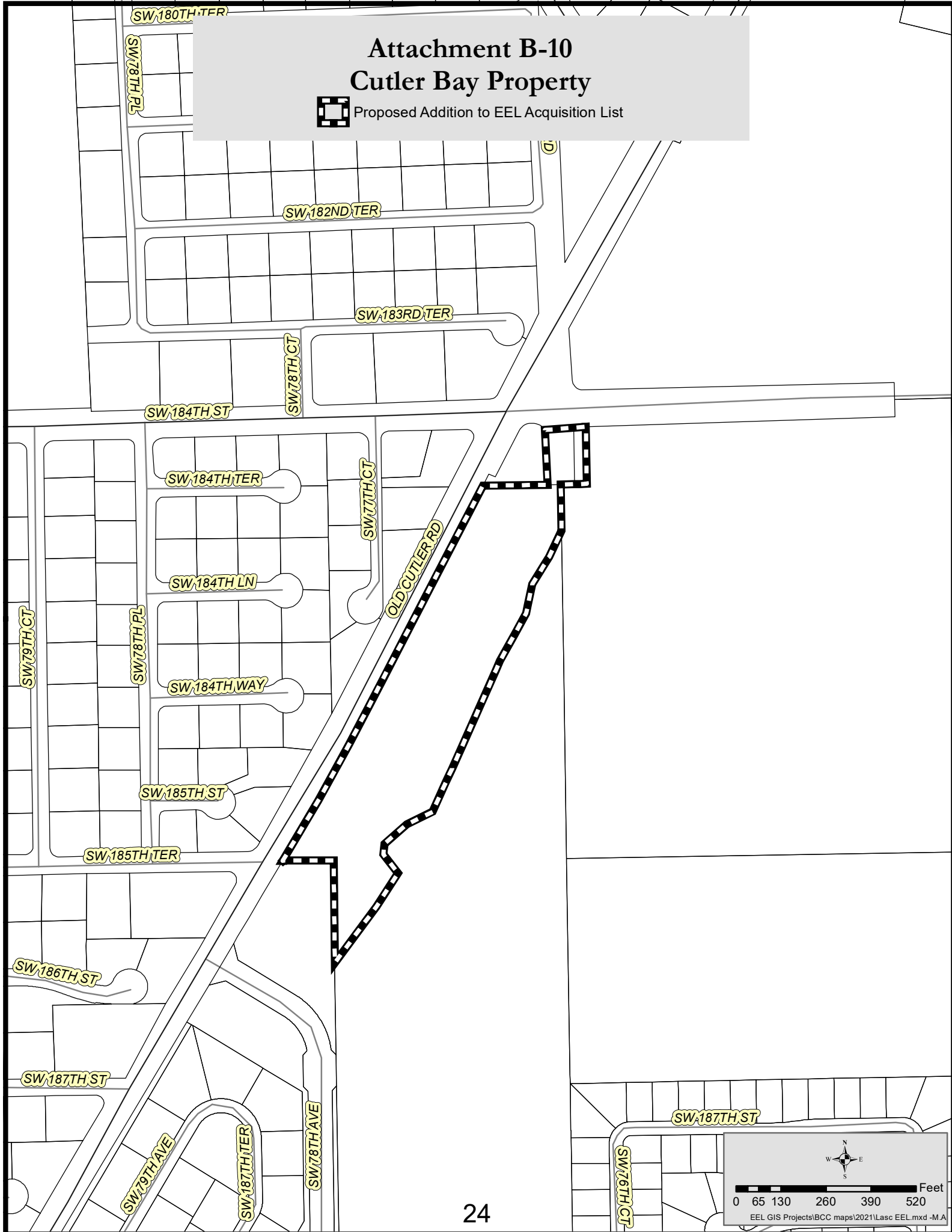
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Attachment B-10 Cutler Bay Property



Proposed Addition to EEL Acquisition List



Attachment B-11

Pino Pineland



Proposed Removal from the EEL Acquisition List

