

Conservation Collier September 2006 Management Update

**OTTER MOUND**

1. Planted 340 plants and unearthed several historic artifacts in the process. – June / July 06
2. Installed post and rope fence along trail
3. Began drafting interpretive signs and entrance sign
4. Began solicitation of contractors for sidewalk, parking area, bench and sidewalk installation.

**COCOATCHEE CREEK PRESERVE**

1. GRAND OPENING!!! – March 9, 2006
2. Ongoing management –
  - a. Monthly inspection and stocking of brochures in 2 brochure holders
  - b. Weekly inspection and trash removal by Veterans Park staff
  - c. Intermittent spraying of trail for weeds
3. Quarterly exotics maintenance inspections and treatments beginning September 2006
4. Scheduled creek treatment for exotic weeds – August 2006

**RAILHEAD SCRUB PRESERVE**

1. Sunrise Fence Company chosen to install field fencing. Currently seeking DEP permit.
2. Received DEP Bureau of Invasive Plant Management Grant for melalueca removal. DEP funded contractors will perform the work. This service will be used as a match for the \$10,000 from the USFWS.
3. Presented Draft Final Management Plan at public meeting 8-25-06 - URS Corporation as consultant

**RED MAPLE SWAMP PRESERVE**

1. Installed temporary “Conservation Land” sign.

**MALT**

1. Invasive exotic plants will be treated by DEP contractors this fiscal year as part of a Collier County/Rookery Bay NERR partner project submitted to the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management.
2. FGCU students conducted research on current hydrological conditions on the property and will give recommendations for management.
3. Installed temporary “Conservation Land” sign

**MCINTOSH**

1. Installed (2) Temporary “Conservation Land” signs on the lot. Then they were later replaced with (2) “Conservation Collier Restoration Site” signs.
2. Estimate received for exotic removal from private contractor for the sake of a grant application and for possible future use.
3. Received grant funding from the Florida DEP’s Bureau of Invasive Plant Management (BIPM) for melaleuca removal. DEP funded contractors will perform the work if awarded.

**SCHOOL BOARD**

1. Sent out an informational letters to surrounding property owners to inform them of program plans for the property. Received several phone calls in response.
2. Installed (1) Temporary “Conservation Land” sign along Blue Sage Drive at access point.
3. Installed (2) no trespassing signs along SW property line behind new construction projects on adjacent parcels.
4. Conducted a one day Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) cavity survey. Observed one RCW however, no cavity trees.
5. An RCW specialist, Roy Delotelle donated consulting hours to survey the property for RCW’s in early June and has offered advice for property management – waiting for written version.
6. Conducted site visit in June 2006 with Parks and Recreation Camp children to propose preserve names.

**WATKINS-JONES**

1. Sunrise Fence Company chosen to install field fencing. Currently seeking USFWS and FFWCC approval to install fence outside eagle nesting season.
2. Received grant funding from the Florida DEP's Bureau of Invasive Plant Management (BIPM) SWFL Working Group. DEP funded contractors will perform the work.
3. Working with Future Citizen's Inc. to receive a USFWS grant for exotic removal on their property that is adjacent to Watkins-Jones.
4. Conducted site visit in June 2006 with Parks and Recreation Camp children to propose preserve names.

**MILANO**

1. No management actions taken