Florida Communities Trust Florida Forever Program Parks and Open Space

Application Form FCT-5

Incorporated by reference in Rule 62-818.003(1)

1. PROJECT NAME Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property Acquisition

(Descriptive project name)

2. APPLICANT NAME Pinellas County

(Name of Local Government or Nonprofit Environmental Organization) If Nonprofit Environmental Organization, also provide the required information requested on Exhibits A, B1 and B2.

3. PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION

Is this a Partnership Application between two or more Local Governments or Nonprofit Environmental Organizations? YES X NO ______ If yes, provide the name(s) of the Local Government(s) or Nonprofit Environmental Organization(s). Also, provide an application transmittal letter from the partnering agency. City of Dunedin

4. KEY CONTACT PERSON

Note: The key contact is required to be an employee of the Local Government or designated representative of the Nonprofit Environmental Organization. Identify only **one** key contact person.

Key Contact Name		R		Calvert	
	First	Middle Initial		Last	
Title Senior Grants	s Specialist				
Department/Nonpr	ofit Environmental Organization	Pinellas County Parks	<u>& Con</u>	servation Resources	
Mailing Address <u>12</u>	2520 Ulmerton Road				
City <u>Largo</u>		,	, FL	Zip Code <u>33774</u>	
Phone Number	727-582-2866 or 727-336-417	2			
E-mail Address jcalvert@pinellascounty.org					
Chief Administrator for the Local Government:					
Name Barry Burtor	1	Phone N	umber	727-464-3485	
Note: If the Applicant's principal office address is a post office box, a delivery address is also required. Delivery Address <u>12520 Ulmerton Road</u>					
City Largo		, Fl	L Zip C	Code <u>33774</u>	

5. PROJECT SITE LOCATION

 County Pinellas
 Section 36
 Township 28 South
 Range
 15 East

 Note: Cite only one Section, Township and Range to indicate where all or most of the project acreage is located.
 Include all directional designations (Township either North or South – Range either East or West).

6. TOTAL PROJECT ACREAGE

Indicate the approximate acreage of the Project Site

Acres 44

7. ACQUISITION TYPE

The Applicant must fill out one or more of the following acquisition types, as appropriate.

The use of condemnation or the threat of condemnation is not considered a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction. Parcels acquired under these conditions do not qualify for Acquisition or Reimbursement under the FCT program.

PRE-ACQUIRED

The entire Project Site has been Pre-acquired by the Applicant through a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction within 24 months prior to the application deadline.

PARTIAL PRE-ACQUIRED

A portion of the Project Site has been Pre-acquired by the Applicant through a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction within 24 months prior to the application deadline.

REIMBURSEMENT ACQUISITION

The entire Project Site or the remaining un-acquired parcel(s) in the Project Site will be acquired by the Applicant through a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction and will be reimbursed by FCT after the Acquisition is completed.

JOINT ACQUISITION

The entire Project Site or remaining un-acquired parcel(s) will be a Joint Acquisition with both FCT and the Applicant participating in the Acquisition process.

2 Number of separate ownerships to be acquired within the Project Site.

Note: For a Project Site that consists of eleven or more ownerships, the Applicant will be required to act as the lead party responsible for the Acquisition activities.

8. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

Enter an amount on each line and round to the nearest hundred dollars.

- a. Land purchase price (estimated or actual)
- b. Acquisition costs (estimated oractual) Cost of certified survey(s), appraisal(s), appraisal review(s), title report(s), \$ 500,000.00 title insurance premium(s), environmental audit(s), and Applicant's acquisition agent(s) fees or commission(s).
- Total Project Costs [Add a. and b.] C.

AWARD AMOUNT AND MATCH 9.

		Dollar Amount	Percentage of Award
a.	FCT grant award amount (1)	\$ <u>2,400,000.00</u>	40.00 %(2 decimal places)
b.	Match amount (2)	\$ <u>3,600,000.00</u>	60.00 %(2 decimal places)
c.	Total Project Costs [Add a. and b	.] \$ <u>6,000,000.00</u>	100%

(Should equal 8.c above)

- (1) The total amount of any Award or combination of Awards applied for by any Local Government(s) or Nonprofit Environmental Organization(s) under any Application(s) or Partnership Application(s) for any project(s) shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) during any one cycle.
- (2) A 25% minimum Match is required except for Awards to counties with a population of 75,000 or fewer, municipalities with a population of 10,000 or fewer, and qualified Nonprofit Environmental Organizations. Florida Forever Funds cannot be used as Match.

\$ 5,500,000.00

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10. SOURCE OF MATCH

Check the appropriate response(s) below to indicate eligible source(s) of Match:

- X
 Existing or future cash from the Applicant.

 Value of real property owned by the Applicant in a qualified pre-acquisition.

 Note: Include lands within the Project Site that were Pre-acquired within 24 months prior to the application deadline that are to be used as part of the Match.

 X
 Cash or grant from federal, state, regional, county, municipal, or other agency.

 Cash from a private Donation.
 - Value of real property donated by the landowner in a documented bargain sale or Donation agreement.

Note: If the source of the Match is from a third party, provide documentation indicating source and amount. Label Exhibit C1

11. OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

Have you applied for funding or received other grant funding for Acquisition for this project through another federal, state, regional, county, municipal, or other land acquisition program(s) or agency(s)?

YES _____ NO <u>X</u>

If **yes**, provide the name(s) of the agency(s) or land acquisition program(s) to which you have applied or received funding. Label Exhibit C2

If you have or will receive other grant funds for the Acquisition of the Project Site, please provide a table listing the: Acquisition cost for the Project Site;

Funds the Applicant provided towards the acquisition costs;

Funds from other sources used in the Acquisition; and

The appraised value of the Project Site.

OWNERSHIP AND ACQUISITION PLAN

List all property owners and parcel tax identification numbers for all parcels. If the project has been Pre-acquired, provide the closing date and a copy of the signed closing statement on Exhibit E1.

An Acquisition Plan is required for project sites with multiple parcels or owners to identify the priority parcel(s) and the general acquisition order of other parcels to ensure that, in the event that all parcels cannot be acquired, the purposes of the project can be achieved.

List the specific order in which the parcels in the project will be acquired. Acquisition of the Project Site will begin with the priority 1 parcel(s). Parcels may be grouped by priority and more than one parcel may be categorized as priority 1, 2, 3, etc.

The use of *condemnation* or the *threat of condemnation* is not considered a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction. Parcels acquired under these conditions <u>do not qualify</u> for Acquisition or Reimbursement under the FCT program.

Requirement: Provide a willing owner letter for all parcels listed below (Exhibit D). Owner's Name Priority Parcel Tax ID Number Date of Closing 1 Highland Memorial Gardens C/O Gladys Douglas 36-28-15-00000-230-0100 **Owner's Mailing Address** Phone P.O. Box 1979, Dunedin, FL 34697-1979 Priority **Owner's Name** Parcel Tax ID Number Date of Closing Ann E. Whitley 36-28-15-00000-240-0100 1 **Owner's Mailing Address** Phone 512 Pagan Road, Smithfield, VA 23430 Priority **Owner's Name** Parcel Tax ID Number Date of Closing **Owner's Mailing Address** Phone Parcel Tax ID Number Priority **Owner's Name** Date of Closing **Owner's Mailing Address** Phone

Use additional pages if needed

PROJECT SUMMARY

In the space below: Provide a discussion of the purposes of the project, existing and future uses, existing and proposed physical improvements, natural and historic resources, and resource protection and enhancement activities.

Include the size and proposed use of any existing or proposed buildings. Indicate if any easements, concessions, or leases exist or are proposed.

The project summary is to be no more than one page.

Pinellas County is planning a joint acquisition project with the City of Dunedin for joint ownership, development, and management of the Project Site. The Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property is a 44.01-acre site comprised of two parcels located at 1900 Virginia Avenue in Dunedin, FL. The eastern 10.2-acres are improved with a two-story 4,433-square-foot residence built in 1977, a 2,880-square -foot recreational building, a clay tennis court, two storage sheds, garden and agricultural structures, and fencing. It has shoreline along Jerry Lake and borders land managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The western 33.14 acres are undeveloped but do contain areas of disturbance from past agricultural activities as well as recent developer exploration. The two parcels are bisected by the 1.39-acre old CR36 right-of-way that was previously vacated on a quit claim deed. The old CR36 bisection now forms a single gated driveway from Virginia Avenue running north on the property to a gate at the Dunedin Cemetery.

The site is considered to be a Locally Significant Natural Area (LNA) by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) because the site is located on or near a significant region of scrub habitat, a natural community in decline that provides important habitat for several rare species within a small area. The western parcel contains the last remaining documented Rosemary Bald in Pinellas County. The importance of this rare habitat and supported species are described further in Project Excellence.

Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin are planning to acquire the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property with the intent to protect significant species found in the area and to enhance the property with recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors to Pinellas County. The plan for the Project Site includes developing a recreational hiking trail and a multipurpose trail across both the eastern and western parcels that will incorporate viewing benches, an observation platform, an educational kiosk, and picnic facilities. A fishing pier and canoe/kayak launch will be constructed on the eastern parcel along the shoreline of Jerry Lake which will provide recreational water access that was not available to the public at Jerry Lake previously.

The existing structures will be removed from the property except for the two-story home and the recreational building. The home will be used for maintenance and operations equipment storage, while the recreational building will go through repairs and renovations to be converted into a nature center/museum open to the public that will showcase the natural features of the property, the native flora and fauna, the environmental stewardship occurring on the property, and some of the historical agricultural aspects of the property. There will be year-round staffing at the center to ensure visitors to the new park have access to educational opportunities. The new nature center/museum will also house an office for kayak ecotours into the nearby Jerry Lake. The ecotours will provide valuable education about the rare species that exist in the area as well as conservation efforts to protect resources for future generations.

The new features described above will be supported by the additional construction of two parking areas (one being placed over the existing tennis court to minimize disruption in the area), a restroom facility with a drinking fountain, and a new 425-foot section of sidewalk that will connect the existing entrance on Virginia Avenue to the existing sidewalk along the north side of Virginia Avenue. The existing portion of sidewalk along Virginia Avenue connects to Greenbriar Boulevard and North Hercules Avenue, which surround a large residential community and will provide new park access to the community.

Pinellas County is dedicated to preserving the rare and threatened species that exist on the property and will plan all construction as to have the most minimal impact possible to the native landscape and existing wildlife. Natural trail materials will be utilized on the hiking trails through sensitive areas and low border fencing will further protect the habitat from foot traffic. Pinellas County has committed to removing invasive species found on the property and replanting native species in a minimum 10 acres of disturbed habitat. In addition, the creation of a stormwater retention pond placed near the parking areas will protect the nearby water sources.

Pinellas County is dedicated to collaborating and working alongside The City of Dunedin Parks and Recreation Department for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the park to ensure its sustainability for many generations. The City of Dunedin has committed to providing at least six educational presentations per year to summer camps that will visit the property, and in addition, will provide guided nature tours throughout the year to special interest groups and the community. Park staff from both organizations will provide upkeep to facilities, invasive species removal, habitat monitoring, and educational outreach activities as to be detailed in an Interlocal Agreement.

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Answer the following questions, as applicable to the proposed project. Where requested, provide references to the Local Comprehensive Plan, support documentation or attached Exhibits.

Note: Provide a response to each of the following criteria, either yes or no. If the answer to a criterion is checked no, move to the next question. If the answer to a criterion is checked yes, provide a response as appropriate and limit your response to **no more than** ½ **page.** Any criterion that is not addressed or is left blank will not be evaluated and no points will be awarded.

Documentation Provided: The Applicant shall check either **Yes** or **No** to whether the required documentation is provided. If **Yes**, the Applicant shall identify in which Exhibit the documentation is located. **If documentation is not provided, no points shall be awarded.**

(1) GENERAL CRITERIA SECTION

 (a) Pre-acquired project: Has the entire Project Site been Pre-acquired by the Applicant within 24 months prior to the application deadline? (10 points);

YES <u>NO X</u> If yes, provide a copy of the closing statement in Exhibit E1.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit E1

NO_____ If a copy of the closing statement is not provided, no points will be awarded

(b) The Project Site has <u>not</u> been the subject of a land use or zoning change that would allow an increase of either allowable density or intensity within the last three (3) years prior to the application deadline. (5 points) YES X NO _____

If **yes**, provide a letter from the local government planning department stating that the Project Site has not been the subject of a land use or zoning change that would allow an increase of either allowable density or intensity within the last three (3) years prior to the application deadline **Exhibit F1 and F2**.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_X Documented in Exhibit F1 and F2

NO______If a copy of the required letter from the planning department is not provided, no points will be awarded

The Project Site has not been the subject of a land use or zoning change that would allow an increase of either allowable density or intensity within the last three (3) years. A letter from Glenn Bailey, Zoning Manager for the Pinellas County Planning and Zoning Division, confirms this in Exhibit F1. In addition, Glenn Bailey has also provided a letter that verifies the proposed uses of the Project Site are in compliance with the future land use designation and local zoning regulations in Exhibit F2.

(c) Is the Project Site part of a Phased Project and is adjacent (or adjacent through public ownership) to a park or conservation lands that were previously acquired with FCT funds? (5 points)

YES ____ NO _X

If **yes**, identify the project number of the previously funded FCT project and describe the phased nature of the project **Exhibit F3**. Provide an exhibit that shows the Project Site and the parcel(s) that were previously acquired with FCT funds in **Exhibit G**

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES Documented in Exhibit G and Exhibit F3

NO_____If a copy of the map showing the Project Site and the previously acquired FCT parcel is not provided, no points will be awarded

(d) The Applicant is committed to providing:Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.

- (1) Local Government (medium to large): Counties with a population of more than 75,000, municipalities with a population of more than 10,000.
 - a. A Match of 40 to 49% of the total Project Costs. (10 points)

YES _____ NO ____

- b. A Match of 50 to 59% of the total Project Costs. (20 points) YES _____ NO ____
- c. A Match of 60% or more of the total Project Costs. (25 points) YES X NO

A match of 60% of the total Project Costs will be provide by the Applicant through funding provided by Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin. The anticipated total project cost is \$6,000,000.00 with \$2,400,000.00 being requested in grant funding and \$3,600,000.00 being provided in matching funds.

- (2) Small Local Government or Nonprofit Environmental Organization: Counties with a population of 75,000 or less, municipalities with a population of 10,000 or less.
 - a. A Match of 10 to 19% of the total Project Costs. (10 points) YES _____ NO _____
 - A Match of 20 to 29% of the total Project Costs. (20 points)
 YES _____ NO _____
 - c. A Match of 30% or more of the total Project Costs. (25 points) YES _____ NO ____
- (e) The grant award amount requested is within the following thresholds Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.
 - (1) The Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$1,500,000.00 (8 points); YES _____ NO _____
 - (2) The Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$2,500,000.00 (4 points);
 YES X NO _____

The Applicant, Pinellas County, is requesting \$2,400,000.00 in a grant award, which is below the stated \$2,500,000.00.

(3) The Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$3,500,000.00 (2 points). YES _____ NO ____

Note: FCT will not participate in project costs that exceed the grant award amount.

- (f) Is this the Applicant's first Application to FCT, or has the Applicant previously submitted an Application that was either not funded or was funded but not acquired? (5 points)
 Note: In the case of a partnership application, if any of the partners have received funding and the Project Site was acquired, then no points will be awarded.
 YES _____ NO _X___
- (g) Will the Project Site provide an alternative to the fee simple acquisition of land by acquiring a conservation easement over at least 25 percent of the Project Site, with a minimum of at least five acres placed in a conservation easement? (5 points).

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, locate the proposed area to be acquired in less than fee on **Exhibit G**, discuss the purpose of the conservation easement, and provide a letter in **Exhibit D** from the owner expressing their willingness to sell a conservation easement over that parcel.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G and D

NO_____If the required willing seller letter and a map showing the proposed conservation easement area(s) are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(2) OUTDOOR RECREATION, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES SECTION

This section identifies whether Acquisition of the Project Site furthers the provision of Outdoor Recreation facilities and open space and the preservation of natural and cultural resources. All proposed recreation facilities are required to be designed with as minimal disturbance as possible to natural resources on the Project Site.

(a) Providing Outdoor Recreation or Open Space

- 1. The Project Site provides functional land-based walking, nature, bike, equestrian or multi-use trails:
 - a. Will the Project Site contain a functional walking, nature, bike, equestrian or multi-use trail? (2 points) YES X NO _____

If yes, show the proposed trail on the conceptual site plan, Exhibit G.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit G.

NO_____If the proposed trail is not shown on the conceptual site plan, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site will contain two different loop trails and an access trail to Jerry Lake. See section d below for detailed description.

b. Will the Project Site contain a functional trail that is at least one-half mile in length? (5 points)

YES X NO ____

If **yes**, show the proposed trail on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**. Provide a scale that clearly shows that the trail is at least one-half mile in length.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit G.

NO_____ If the proposed trail is not shown on the conceptual site plan to be at least one-half mile long, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site will contain approximately 0.6 miles of functional trail. See section d below for detailed description.

c. Will benches be provided along the trail? (2 points) YES X NO

The Project Site will contain several benches along the functional trail. The locations of the benches are marked in Exhibit G1. See section d below for detailed description.

d. Will a water fountain be provided at the trailhead or along the trail? (1 point)

YES	Х	NO	

The trails to be constructed will be approximately 0.6 miles in length and will contain two different loop sections as well as an access trail to Jerry Lake. The first portion of the trail will extend west from the northern proposed parking area to the fishing pier, canoe/kayak launch facility, and viewing bench and then extend south in a loop around the current home, tennis court that is to be converted to a second larger parking area, and recreational building which is to be converted into a nature center/museum and kayak ecotour rental location. This first trail loop as well as the trail access to Jerry Lake will be a multi-use trail that can accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and wheelchairs. This section of trail will also contain a picnic shelter and a restroom facility with a water fountain. A second hiking trail loop, one that will be left more natural, will extend west from the restroom facility into the undeveloped areas of the Project Site where a viewing bench, observation platform, and educational kiosk will be stationed.

To minimize disturbances to the natural systems, the trails will be constructed along routes on either developed property or currently disturbed habitat. Recently, a developer cleared some trails through the property to access the habitat and potential use of the property. GIS mapping of these disturbed areas are shown as new trail development on the Conceptual Site Plan in Exhibit G1. Portions of the trail that are near significant species and habitat will have protections in place to prohibit public access such as raised observation platforms and low-lying fencing. The habitat will be viewable to the public from the observation platform but will also remain protected from further disturbance.

- 2. The Project Site provides Outdoor Recreation Facilities such as a picnic pavilion, fishing pier, boat ramp, wildlife observation platform, playground, basketball courts, or volleyball courts. Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.
 - a. Will the Project Site provide two different types of recreational facilities? (7 points) YES NO If yes, describe what facilities will be provided. Show the proposed facilities on the conceptual site plan, Exhibit G.

Was documentation provided in the grant application? YES

Documented in Exhibit G.

NO If the proposed facilities are not shown on the conceptual site plan, no points will be awarded.

b. Will the Project Site provide three different types of recreational facilities? (8 points) NO

YES

If yes, describe what facilities will be provided. Show the proposed facilities on the conceptual site plan, Exhibit G.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES Documented in Exhibit G.

NO If the proposed facilities are not shown on the conceptual site plan, no points will be awarded.

c. Will the Project Site provide four or more different types of recreational facilities? (9 points)

YES X NO

If yes, describe what facilities will be provided. Show the proposed facilities on the conceptual site plan, Exhibit G.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit G.

NO If the proposed facilities are not shown on the conceptual site plan, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site will contain four or more different types of recreational facilities including a fishing pier, a canoe/kayak launch, a picnic shelter, an observation platform, and a nature center/museum. The recreational facilities will be placed at varying locations along the loop trails and the shoreline of Jerry Lake. These recreational facilities will be supported by two different parking areas, several benches along the trail, and a restroom facility with a water fountain. Trash and recycling receptacles will also be provided where appropriate and serviced by park staff.

3. Will the Project Site provide public access facilities to an existing open water shoreline or beach, such as a fishing pier, boat ramp, canoe/kayak launching facility, observation platform, dock or dune walkover? (10 points) YES X NO

If yes, describe what shoreline access facility will be provided. Show the proposed facility on the conceptual site plan, Exhibit G.

YES X Documented in Exhibit G.

NO If the proposed water access facility is not shown on the conceptual site plan, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site will provide public access facilities to the existing shoreline acreage of the property that borders Jerry Lake. The facilities will consist of a fishing pier, canoe/kayak launch, and a viewing bench. Pinellas County will contract with a local vendor through a Qualified Management Agreement/Contract to provide year-round educational opportunities though kayak ecotours at Jerry Lake.

Jerry Lake is currently a private lake surrounded by land owned by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), with the exception of a small piece of shoreline that is part of the current Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property. This land purchased by SWFWMD was originally part of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property and the current contract states that Jerry Lake must remain private until the sale of the remaining Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property. The acquisition of the two Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property parcels by Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin will open Jerry Lake for public access and provide valuable water recreation opportunities for the community.

- 4. Furthers Outdoor Recreation, public water access or open space within an Urban Area. Points may be awarded based on the following criteria:
 - a. Is the Project Site located within an Urban Service Area? (5 points) YES X NO _____

If **yes**, describe the existing Urban Service Area. Provide a copy of the future land use map **Exhibit H1** and an aerial photograph that clearly identifies the Project Site **Exhibit J (Label as Exhibit H1)** and the surrounding area.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit H1 and Exhibit J

NO______If the required future land use map and aerial photograph identifying the Project Site and the surrounding area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site is located in unincorporated Pinellas County but lies within the Urban Service Area of the City of Dunedin. The property is anticipated to be annexed into the City of Dunedin after acquisition. Although the current home has a private septic and well system, the City of Dunedin has a 12-inch water line that runs along the northern boundary at the Dunedin Cemetery and an 8-inch sewer force main that runs along the north side of Virginia Avenue. Both have available capacity to support development of the Project Site. All other utilities such as electric, telephone, cable, and internet services are already active on the Property Site.

b. Is the Project Site located within an Urban Service Area and also within one-half mile of a built-up commercial or industrial Urban Area? (5points)

YES X NO

If **yes**, describe the existing Urban Service Area. Provide a copy of the future land use map **Exhibit H2** that clearly identifies the Project Site, an aerial photograph of the Project Site and the surrounding area, and photographs of the surrounding built- up commercial or industrial area. On either the future land use map or the aerial photograph, include a scale that clearly shows that the Project Site is within one half mile of built-up commercial or industrial or industrial Urban Area **Exhibit J (Label as Exhibit H2)**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit H2 and Exhibit J

NO _____ If the required future land use map, aerial photograph that identify the Project Site and surrounding area and photographs of the surrounding built-up commercial or industrial area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site which is part of unincorporated Pinellas County lies in the Urban Service Area of the City of Dunedin. As shown in Exhibit H2, the Project Site has several parcels of commercial existing land use within one-half mile. The first area lies along Achieva Way, which is north of the Project Site. Directly west of the Project Site there is a larger commercial parcel on North Keene Road. Finally, to the southeast of the Project Site, five commercial parcels line North Hercules Avenue.

(b) Connectivity

1. Will the Project Site be connected to adjacent neighborhoods by an existing sidewalk(s) or a proposed sidewalk(s) that is within an existing right-of-way? (5 points)

YES X NO

If yes, show the existing sidewalk on the connectivity map, **Exhibit I1**, and provide photographs of the sidewalk, **Exhibit J (Label as I1)**. If the sidewalk is proposed: provide a right-of-way map that documents that sufficient public right-of-way exists to accommodate the future sidewalk, provide a letter from the Public Works Director that a sidewalk can be constructed within the existing road right-of-way **Exhibit I1**, a letter from the Local Government that the proposed sidewalk will be constructed within five years of the acquisition of the Project Site **Exhibit I1** and a map showing the connection to a sidewalk network in the area **Exhibit I1**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibits I1 and J

NO_____If pictures of the existing sidewalk or documentation for the proposed sidewalk, including right-of-way map of the existing right-of-way, letter from the Public Works Director, a commitment letter from the Local Government, and a map showing the connection to a sidewalk network in the area are not provided, no points will

be awarded.

A 425-foot section of sidewalk will be constructed from the current entrance to the property on Virginia Avenue traveling east on the northern side of Virginia Avenue across the Project Site. This newly constructed stretch of sidewalk will connect with the existing sidewalk on Virginia Avenue that stretches to Greenbriar Boulevard and North Hercules Avenue. These existing sidewalks provide access to many residential subdivisions in the area. A right-of way map that documents that sufficient public right-of way exists to accommodate the proposed section of sidewalk, a letter from the Pinellas County Public Works Director stating that this proposed sidewalk can be constructed here, and a letter from Pinellas County stating the proposed sidewalk will be constructed within five years of acquisition are incorporated into Exhibit 11.

- 2. Provides Outdoor Recreation areas or open space adjacent to other publicly-owned upland areas:
 - a. Is the Project Site adjacent to an existing publicly-owned infrastructure facility, such as a fire station, police station, museum, school or library? (3 points)

If **yes**, show the existing publicly-owned infrastructure facility and its relationship to the Project Site on connectivity map or aerial photograph **Exhibit 12**. Provide photographs of the publicly-owned infrastructure facility **Exhibit J (Label as Exhibit 12)**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit I2 and J

NO ______If the required map or aerial photograph showing the publicly-owned facility's relationship to the Project Site and photographs are not provided, no points will be awarded.

b. Is the Project Site adjacent to existing publicly-owned conservation or recreation lands? (5 points) YES X NO

If **yes**, show the existing publicly-owned open space, such as a park, nature preserve, or conservation land in relationship to the Project Site on **Exhibit I3** and an aerial photograph.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit I3

NO ______If the required map and aerial photograph showing the Project Site's relationship to the adjacent publicly-owned conservation or recreation lands are not provided, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site is adjacent to land owned and managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The parcel owned by SWFWMD is directly northeast of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property. The Project Site has a small area of shoreline along Jerry Lake, but the rest of Jerry Lake and the remaining shoreline were sold to SWFWMD in March of 1986. Acquisition of the Project Site will open up Jerry Lake to public use through the construction of a fishing pier and canoe/kayak launch facility. The adjacent parcel and Jerry Lake are shown in relationship to the project site in Exhibit I3.

3. Is the Project Site adjacent to publicly-owned lands, excluding road right-of-ways, that contain a Recreational Trail that connects to an existing local, regional or statewide land-based Recreational Trail System or lands that are located within the Preferred Routing Corridor of the Florida National Scenic Trail? (5 points)

YES _____ NO <u>X</u>

If **yes**, identify the local, regional or statewide trail system and discuss how the project will enhance the system. Provide a map of the adjacent publicly-owned lands, **Exhibit 14**, and the trail system on those lands and identify the location of the Project Site.

Note: A Recreational Trail does not include canoe trails, sidewalks, or bike lanes on the road.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit I4

NO______If the trail system map identifying the adjacent publicly-owned lands, the trail system, and Project Site is not provided, no points will be awarded.

4. Is the Project Site adjacent to publicly-owned lands that expand a local, regional or statewide Ecological Corridor? (5 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, show the local, regional or statewide Ecological Corridor and its relationship to the Project Site on **Exhibit 15**. Discuss how the Project Site will expand the Ecological Corridor.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit I5

NO______If the required Ecological Corridor map that includes the adjacent publicly-owned lands and the Project Site is not provided, no points will be awarded.

5. Does the Project Site enhance a State Designated Paddling Trail by providing facilities, including a paddling trail sign, canoe/kayak launch, and restrooms? (5points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, include a commitment to provide paddling trail sign, canoe/kayak launch, and restrooms on the Project Site and show the facilities on Exhibit I6. Provide a map of the State Designated Paddling Trail and identify the location of the Project Site. Provide documentation that the trail has been designated by the Office of Greenways and Trails **Exhibit I6**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit I6

NO______If the required paddling trail map and letter from the Office of Greenways and Trails and the conceptual site plan are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(c) Educational Opportunities

- 1. Will the Project Site include an interpretive kiosk intended to educate visitors about the natural environment or unique history of the area? (5 points)
 - YES X NO

If yes, describe the interpretive educational kiosk to be provided.

The Project Site will host an interpretive kiosk stationed at the observation platform on the natural hiking trail that extends in a western loop from the bathroom facility. The kiosk will educate visitors about the natural habitat and the rare species supported on the property. Special interest will be paid to the Rosemary Scrub in the educational signage since the property contains the last known documented tract of this species in Pinellas County. The location of the educational kiosk at the observation platform is designated in the Conceptual Site Plan in Exhibit G1.

Additional educational kiosks and displays will be provided inside the nature center/museum that will be retrofitted into the existing recreational building on the site. This will give visitors access to education on both the natural hiking trail as well as the multi-use trail. These displays will highlight the natural ecosystems present, showcase rare and important species, and also provide some history of the property and its previous agricultural use.

2. Will the Applicant provide at least six (6) environmental or historical education classes or programs per year at the Project Site conducted by trained educator(s) or resource professional(s)? (3 points)

YES X NO

If **yes**, identify who will be conducting the classes or programs; describe the classes or programs to be provided, and the frequency of the planned programs.

Educational classes will be offered by the City of Dunedin Parks & Recreation Department. Dozens of different summer camps, with 10 week-long sessions each are offered by the Department including the Nature Camp and Hammock Wilderness Camp. Camps will visit the site for nature education conducted by City staff and guest speakers. Classes educate the participants about the natural features of the park, native flora and fauna, and environmental stewardship. In addition, several guided nature tours may be held in the fall and spring throughout the park with expert guides including arborists and birding. These educational duties are to be incorporated into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dunedin and Pinellas County.

3. Will the Project Site include a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming? Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.

Note: The building should be a minimum of 1,000 square feet and no larger than 15,000 square feet.

a. Will the Applicant construct a new building of at least 1,000 square feet to house a staffed Neighborhood

Recreation Center, nature center or museum that provides year-round educational classes or programming? (2 points)

YES _____ NO <u>X</u>

If **yes**, describe the proposed building, the size of the proposed building, what type of programs will be conducted and who will provide the programming. Locate the proposed new building on **Exhibit G**, the conceptual site plan. Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to the construction of the building **Exhibit K1**.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_____Documented in Exhibit G and K1.

NO_____If the proposed building is not located on the conceptual site plan and the commitment letter is not provided, no points will be awarded.

- b. Will the Applicant construct a new building of at least 1,000 square feet designed and constructed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED[™]) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2, to house a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming? (3 points)
 - YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, describe the proposed facility, the size of the proposed facility, what type of programs will be conducted and who will provide the programming. Locate the proposed new building on **Exhibit G**, the conceptual site plan. Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to construct the building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDTM) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version2.2 **Exhibit K2**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G and K2.

NO_____If the proposed building is not located on the conceptual site plan and the commitment letter is not provided, no points will be awarded.

c. Will the Applicant use an existing building, that contains at least 1,000 square feet of enclosed area, for a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming? (6 points)

YES X NO

If **yes**, describe the existing facility, the size of the facility, what type of programs will be conducted and who will provide the programming. Locate the existing building on the conceptual site plan **Exhibit G**. Provide photographs of the building **Exhibit J (Label as K3)**. Discuss any needed repairs or renovations. Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to the needed repairs or renovations **Exhibit K3**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit G, J, and K3.

NO _____ If the existing structure is not shown on the conceptual site plan, photographs (Label K3) of the existing building, and commitment letter (if required) are not provided, no points will be awarded.

Pinellas County has committed to providing all necessary repairs and renovations of the current recreational building that exists on the property to convert the building into an active nature center/museum. This commitment is documented in a letter from the Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources Director, Paul Cozzie, in Exhibit K3.

The current recreational building lies south of the existing home and directly east of the tennis court. The building is approximately 2,880-square-feet with nearly half of the building containing air conditioning. Photos of the existing building are labeled as Exhibit K3 in Exhibit J. The existing tennis court will be converted into a large parking area, so the location of the recreational building makes access to park visitors very convenient and provides valuable park information at trail heads. The new proposed nature center/museum that will be converted from the existing recreational building will contain educational kiosks and displays that highlight the environmental significance and historical agricultural usage of the property. The center will be staffed year-round and house an office for an ecotourism company to provide educational kayak tours on Jerry Lake. A Qualified Management Agreement/Contract will be entered into with the vendor to ensure proper credentials, insurance, and duties are provided. The Qualified Management Agreement Agreement Agreement Agreement and education and educational duties. An example of a similar current kayak tour contract is present in Exhibit R10.

d. The Applicant will use of an existing building, that contains at least 1,000 square feet of enclosed area, for a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming and will retrofit the building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED[™]) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2. (7 points)

YES ____ NO X

If **yes**, describe the existing facility, the size of the facility, what type of programs will be conducted and who will provide the programming. Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to retrofit the building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED[™]) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2 **Exhibit K4**. Locate the building on the conceptual site plan **Exhibit G**. Discuss any needed repairs or renovations. Provide photographs of the building **Exhibit J (Label as K4)**.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G, J, and K4.

NO ______If the proposed building is not located on the conceptual site plan, photographs (label K4) of the existing building and the commitment letter are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(d) Natural and Biological Resources

1. Does seventy percent of the Project Site contain predominantly Natural Communities that have not been impacted by human disturbance or alteration? (5 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, describe the various Natural Communities on the Project Site, including the quality of the communities, and the approximate acreage of each community. Describe the extent and acreage of the disturbances or alterations on the Project Site. Show the natural communities and disturbed areas on **Exhibit L1**. Provide photographs **Exhibit J (Label as L1)** of the natural communities. Discuss how the project site will be developed with minimal impact to the Natural Communities on the site.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit L1 and J.

NO______If documentation that the Project Site contains at least seventy percent Natural Communities and photographs of the Natural Communities area not provided, no points will be awarded.

2. Does the Project Site contain Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species? (5 points)

YES X NO ____

If **yes**, describe the Habitat on the Project Site, including the size in acres and the present condition of the Habitat. Identify any listed species that may use the site as Habitat. Discuss how the listed species Habitat will be protected and managed. Show the listed species habitat on **Exhibit L2**. Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label as L2)** of the listed species habitat.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit L2 and J.

NO_____ If documentation that the Project Site contains Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one of more Listed Animal Species is not provided, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site contains approximately 2.7 acres of Rosemary Scrub (Rosemary Bald) and 12 acres of Sand Pine Scrub which are Global and State Ranked G2/S2. This habitat is recognized as typically suitable for one or more listed animal species. Several active gopher tortoise burrows were observed on the Project Site. In the most densely populated County in Florida the Project Site is likely to be the site of the last remaining rosemary scrub in Pinellas County.

To protect these sensitive habitats trails will be limited in the natural areas and an observation platform will be placed on the edge of the Rosemary Scrub so the public can observe this rare habitat while preventing damage from foot traffic. An interpretive kiosk will be installed on the observation platform to explain the importance of this natural community and why there is limited public access. Signs will also be placed where the hiking trail leaves the disturbed areas and enters the sand pine scrub stating the importance of staying on the marked trail to preserve this rare habitat.

Prescribed burning in the scrub areas will be evaluated as well as thinning of sand pines to prevent crown fires and to open up the canopy of the rosemary scrub (bald). Recommendations from the Lake Wales Ridge TNC and Archbold Biological Station staff will likely be sought on how to best manage these two scrub communities as both these entities have long-term management experience of these natural communities.

The disturbed areas on the west side of the Project Site will also be restored back to sandhill community which will allow for expansion of suitable habitat for the gopher tortoise.

3. Does the Project Site contain a Locally Significant Natural Area as identified by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory? (3 points)

YES X NO

If **yes**, provide a map and letter from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory that the Project Site contains a Locally Significant Natural Area **Exhibit L3**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit L3

NO______If the required letter and map from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory stating that the Project Site contains a Locally Significant Natural Area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

The FNAI letter states that the Project Site appears to be located on or very near a significant region of scrub habitat. The letter further states that scrub is a natural community in decline that provides important habitat for several rare species within a small area. County and City staff site visits confirm that the site does indeed contain rosemary scrub and sand pine scrub.

4. Does the Project Site contain critical habitat typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and is the site located in a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission?

Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.

a. The Project Site contains Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and less than twenty-five percent of the Project Site is currently located in, or was located in at the time of acquisition, a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. (2 points)

YES NO X

If **yes**, provide a map and letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area **Exhibit L4.**

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit L4

NO______If the required letter and map from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

 The Project Site contains Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and twenty-five to forty-nine percent of the Project Site is currently located in, or was located in at the time of acquisition, a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. (4 points)

YES NO X

If **yes**, provide a map and letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area **Exhibit L4**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit L4

NO ______If the required letter and map from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

c. The Project Site contains Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and fifty percent or more of the Project Site is currently located in, or was located in at the time of acquisition, a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. (7 points).

YES _____ NO __X__

If **yes**, provide a map and letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area **Exhibit L4**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit L4

NO ______If the required letter and map from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

5. Does the Project Site contain land that will be managed in cooperation with Florida Forest Service's Forest Stewardship Program? (3 points)

YES ____ NO __X

If **yes**, provide a letter from the Florida Forest Service that the Project Site will be managed in cooperation with the Forest Stewardship Program **Exhibit L5**.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit L5

NO ______If the required letter from the Florida Forest Service stating that the Project Site will be managed in cooperation with the Forest Stewardship Program is not provided, no points will be awarded.

6. Does the Project Site contain priority habitat as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and managed in cooperation with FWCC's Landowner Assistance Program? (5 points)

YES NO X

If **yes**, provide a letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains priority habitat and will be managed in cooperation with the Landowner Assistance Program **Exhibit L6**.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit L6

NO______If the required letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains priority habitat and will be managed in cooperation with the Landowner Assistance Program is not provided, no points will be awarded.

(e) Vegetative Enhancement

1. Planting disturbed uplands with native vegetation.

Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.

a. At least 1 acre of the disturbed upland area on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation. (2 points) YES _____ NO __X

If **yes**, discuss that at least one (1) acre of disturbed uplands on the Project Site will be planted and discuss the types of native plants and the approximate number to be planted. Show the approximate area to be planted on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**. Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label Native Vegetation area)** of the disturbed area to be planted.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G and J

NO______If the proposed planting area is not shown on the conceptual site plan and photos of the disturbed area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

At least 5 acres of the disturbed upland area on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation. (5 points)
 YES _____ NO _X___

If yes, state that at least five (5) acres of disturbed uplands on the Project Site will be planted and discuss the types of native plants and the approximate number to be planted. Show the approximate area to be planted on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**. Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label Native Vegetation area)** of the disturbed area to be planted.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G and J

NO ______If the proposed planting area is not shown on the conceptual site plan and photos of the disturbed area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

c. At least 10 acres of the disturbed upland area on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation. (7 points)

YES X NO

If yes, state that at least ten (10) acres of disturbed uplands on the Project Site will be planted and discuss the types of native plants and the approximate number to be planted. Show the approximate area to be planted on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G.** Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label Native Vegetation area)** of the disturbed area to be planted.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit G and J

NO______If the proposed planting area is not shown on the conceptual site plan and photos of the disturbed area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

At least 10 acres in the west area of the property that was previously planted as an orange grove will be planted with native vegetation. Since the time the area was used as an orange grove some native species such as sand-live oak and sabal palm have recruited. Several exotic species including but not limited to Brazilian pepper, Camphor, Chinaberry, lantana, caesarweed, balsam apple, and rosary pea dominate the area. Exotic vegetation will be treated and removed prior to the planting. This part of the property consists of Tavares soils so the area will be planted with Florida sandhill species. Approximately 200 turkey oak, 300 longleaf pine, 1000 beautyberry, and a mix of 45,000 individuals of representative groundcover species will be planted. Some of the groundcover species include wiregrass, gopher apple, *Pityopsis graminifolia*, liatris, Florida greeneyes, Elephantsfoot, and lopsided Indiangrass. At the time of planting, if other sandhill species are commercially available, they will be added to the planting list.

2. Planting disturbed shorelines with native vegetation.

Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.

a. At least 150 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation. (1 point)

If yes, state that at least 150 linear feet of disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted and discuss the types of native plants and the approximate number to be planted. Show the approximate area that will be planted on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**. Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label Native Vegetation area)** of the disturbed area to be planted.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G and J

NO______If the proposed planting area is not shown on the conceptual site plan and photos of the disturbed area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

At least 300 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation.
 (2 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If yes, state that at least 300 linear feet of disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted and discuss the types of native plants and the approximate number to be planted. Show the approximate area that will be planted on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**. Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label Native Vegetation area)** of the disturbed area to be planted.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_____Documented in Exhibit G and J

NO_____If the proposed planting area is not shown on the conceptual site plan and photos of the disturbed area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

c. At least 600 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation. (4 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, state that at least 600 linear feet of disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted and discuss the types of native plants and the approximate number to be planted. Show the approximate area that will be planted on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**. Provide photos **Exhibit J (Label Native Vegetation area)** of the disturbed area to be planted.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit G and J

NO ______If the proposed planting area is not shown on the conceptual site plan and photos of the disturbed area are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(f) Water Quality

1. Will the Project Site improve the quality of surface waters or address current flooding problems occurring on, adjacent or in close proximity to the Project Site in a park-like or natural setting? (3 points)

YES X NO

If **yes**, discuss existing water quality or flooding problems. Describe what activities on the Project Site will significantly improve surface water quality or address current flooding problems in a park-like or natural setting. Identify the proposed improvements or activity on the conceptual site plan, **Exhibit G**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit G

NO_____If the proposed improvements or activity area is not shown on the conceptual site plan, no points will be awarded.

The Project Site will improve the quality of surface waters through the addition of a native planted stormwater treatment area located between the largest parking area and the small inlet canal leading to Jerry Lake. The native planted stormwater treatment area will help to slow any surge flooding that may cause erosion into Jerry Lake and will also help to filter contaminant before reaching Jerry Lake. The location of the stormwater treatment area is shown on the Conceptual Site Plan in Exhibit G1.

In addition to the native planted stormwater treatment area, the Project Site will have all trash and debris removed from the site to prevent any further contamination of nearby water sources. Currently rusting farm equipment and large storage tanks are open to the elements and causing polluted run-off to Jerry Lake. Removal of this debris will stop further contamination.

A minimum of 10 acres of the property that is disturbed and littered with invasive and exotic species will be managed so as to remove the exotic and invasive plants and replant with native vegetation. This native vegetation will help to protect natural drainage ways in the area and allow for further flooding control which will help protect against run-off pollution.

2. Will acquiring the Project Site protect an adjacent Outstanding Florida Water, as designated by the Department of Environmental Protection? (5 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map showing that the boundary of the Project Site is located adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water. Provide a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection verifying that the project is located adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water **Exhibit M2**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit M2

NO_____If the required letter from the Department of Environmental Protection and map showing that the boundary of the Project Site is located adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water are not provided, no points will be awarded.

3. Will acquiring the Project Site protect adjacent Class I Waters, as identified by the Department of Environmental Protection? (3 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map showing that the boundary of the Project Site is located adjacent to a Class I Water. Provide a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection verifying that the project is located adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water **Exhibit M3**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_____Documented in Exhibit M3.

NO______If the required letter from the Department of Environmental Protection and map showing that the boundary of the Project Site is located adjacent to a Class I Water are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(g) Historic Resources

1. Does the Project Site contain a site listed in the Florida Master Site File maintained by the Division of Historical Resources? (2 points)

YES ____ NO _X

If **yes**, identify the resource, provide a map showing its location on the Project Site **Exhibit G**, and provide documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the resource is listed in the Florida Master Site File **Exhibit N1**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibits G and N1

NO_____If the required map showing the resource on the Project Site and documentation from the Division of Historical Resources are not provided, no points will be awarded.

 Does the Project Site contain a resource that is listed in the Florida Master Site File and has been evaluated by the Division of Historical Resources as meeting the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places? (5 points)

YES NO X

If **yes**, identify the resource, provide a map showing its location on the Project Site **Exhibit G**, and provide documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the resource meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places **Exhibit N2**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibits G and N2

NO_____If the required map showing the resource on the Project Site and documentation from the Division of Historical Resources that the Project Site contains a resource that meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are not provided, no points will be awarded.

3. Will acquiring the Project Site protect a resource that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service? (7 points)

YES _____ NO <u>X</u>

If **yes**, identify the resource, provide a map showing its location on the Project Site **Exhibit G**, and provide documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the resource is listed on the National Register of Historic Places **Exhibit N3**.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibits G and N3

NO_____If the required map showing the resource on the Project Site and documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the Project Site contains a resource that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(3) COMMUNITY PLANNING SECTION

(a) Comprehensive Plan Implementation

For each of the following criteria that are furthered by the Local Comprehensive Plan, cite no more than five (5) relevant objectives or policies in each response.

If the response to a criterion is no, move to the next question. If the response to a criterion is yes, cite the objective or policy number and paraphrase the plan directive, provide a brief discussion of how acquiring the site will further the cited objective or policy, and include a copy of the objective or policy in Exhibit O or the proposed objectives or polices in Exhibit O. If a criterion addresses specific resources (they must be present on the site) or facilities (they must be existing or proposed for the site) in order for points to be awarded.

If the Project Site is located entirely in one Local Government jurisdiction, the Local Comprehensive Plan of the jurisdiction within which the Project Site is located shall be evaluated for scoring purposes. If the Project Site is located in two or more jurisdictions, the Local Comprehensive Plan of either jurisdiction shall be compared for compatibility and evaluated for scoring purposes. If either jurisdiction's Local Comprehensive Plan is furthered then points will be awarded.

1. Will the project provide acreage or outdoor recreational facilities necessary to maintain or improve adopted levels of service standards established in the comprehensive plan for recreation or open space? (5 points)

YES X NO

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 1.1.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 1.1.1.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 1.2.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 1.2.2.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 1.3.

Each of these objectives and policies revolve around acquiring land for conservation and recreation efforts. Pinellas County designates a level of service standard of 14 acres of parks and environmental lands for every 1,000 residents through the Year 2025. Pinellas County strives to work alongside other governments and funding sources to acquire these lands to maintain levels of service. (Please see Exhibit O1 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies:

The current population of Pinellas County is approximately 974,996 residents and continues to grow. According to levels of service standards for providing parks and environmental lands, Pinellas County needs to maximize every effort to acquire new lands for these purposes to maintain standards. Much of Pinellas County is developed and very few parcels with adequate acreage remain for converting into environmental lands and parks. The Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property is a crucial piece of land with over 40 acres of potential park and environmental land use. The addition of the two parcels would meet requirements of service level standards for over 3,000 residents. Pinellas County is dedicated to working alongside the City of Dunedin as well as other governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations to acquire the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property for conversion into environmental and park lands.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit O1

NO_____If copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

2. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives that promote public Acquisition of natural areas or open space? (5 points)

YES X NO _____

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.7.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.11.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.12.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 3.1.5.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 1.3.

The objectives and policies listed above highlight how Pinellas County will pursue the acquisition of properties to help "fill in the gaps" of ecological corridors and to protect important and isolated lands. The County focuses on acquisition, protection, enhancement, and restoration of natural areas and open space. There is also a focus on connecting natural areas and open spaces. (Please see Exhibit O2 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies:

The acquisition of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property Site, which contains a large amount of natural areas and open space in a highly urbanized and developed county, directly aligns with the objectives and policies of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan. Being that there are very few parcels of open space and natural areas left in Pinellas County it is of great importance that every effort to acquire these parcels be made before development occurs. The Project Site borders nearby Jerry Lake as well as property owned and managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Acquiring the two parcels will provide a connection between all of the properties and features mentioned and will further enhance the ecosystem while providing opportunities for recreation in the community. Acquisition of these parcels will help to protect their natural value for future generations.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit O2

NO_____ If copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

3. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives to provide new or enhanced public access to existing water bodies or saltwater beaches? (5points)

YES X NO _____

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 1.6.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 1.6.1.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 3.1.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 3.1.2.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 3.4

Striving to work alongside other governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations, Pinellas County describes in their Comprehensive Plan how it will make every effort to enhance physical access to park and recreation areas. A special emphasis has been placed on beach, marine, and shoreline access. In addition, objectives and policies describe strengthening the public's connections to the water through expansion or water dependent recreation. (Please see Exhibit O3 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies, show the location of the new or enhanced public access to existing water bodies or saltwater beaches on **Exhibit G**:

A portion of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property Site has shoreline along the southwest portion of Jerry Lake. Jerry Lake is currently under private control because of contract language from the sale of an older portion of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Estate that encompasses Jerry Lake and the remaining portion of shoreline. Acquisition of the Project Site will release the private restrictions upon Jerry Lake and allow the water body to be used for public water recreation purposes, thus improving the public's access to an existing water body.

In addition, Pinellas County has committed to furthering access by providing a sidewalk, new access points, parking lots, trails, a fishing pier, and a canoe/kayak launch facility. An onsite ecotourism kayak rental vendor will provide opportunities for those without their own watercraft to view and enjoy Jerry Lake. The fishing, wildlife viewing, and canoe and kayak adventures are all water recreation activities that have not been available to the community at this location before.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_X__Documented in Exhibits G and O3

NO_____If the proposed facilities are not shown on the conceptual site plan and copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

4. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives that provide for creating new or enhanced Greenways, Ecological Corridors or Recreational Trail Systems, including but not limited to the Florida National Scenic Trail system? (5 points)

YES X NO _____

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.7.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.12.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 3.1.6.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 1.7.2.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 1.7.3.

Pinellas County has very specific objectives and policies that define the creation of new or enhanced Greenways, Ecological Corridors, and Recreational Trail Systems. The County focuses on acquisition, intergovernmental coordination, and responsible planning and development of these features. The creation of unique recreational opportunities is balanced with the need for proper preservation and conservation efforts. Land management plans have been developed to help guide development in a suitable manner to protect fragile ecosystems. An emphasis has been placed on interconnectivity with natural lands, ecological corridors, and trail systems. (Please see Exhibit O4 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies, show the location of the Greenways, Ecological Corridors or Recreational Trail Systems on **Exhibit O4**

The acquisition and development of the Project Site will provide approximately 0.6 miles of new trail systems within Pinellas County. The trails will have natural areas that minimize impacts to sensitive habitats as well as multi-use trails that accommodate a wider range of participants and modes of transportation. The Project Site will also link the park to the existing community and other park locations through the addition of a new segment of sidewalk.

The two parcels that comprise the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property are adjacent to nearby Southwest Florida Water Management District lands and Jerry Lake. The acquisition and development of the Project Site will link all three of these locations and provide further opportunities for recreation and ecological corridors. The south side of the Project Site also contains wetland areas that drain into nearby water bodies. The preservation of this crucial habitat will protect and provide ecological corridors for many species dependent upon water bodies.

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_X Documented in Exhibit O4

NO_____If the required Ecological Corridor, Recreation Trail System, or Greenway map and copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

5. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives that ensure the preservation of Natural Communities or Listed Animal Species Habitat? (5 points)

YES <u>X</u> NO _____

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Objective 2.1.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.1.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.2.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.7.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.11.

The objectives and policies listed above describe the management programs for the preservation and conservation of Natural Communities and Listed Animal Species Habitat within Pinellas County. The County follows an active program of identification, protection, conservation, and restoration for species of concern. Many of the Natural Communities and Listed Animal Species Habitat occur in isolated pockets within Pinellas County due to the highly developed and urbanized nature of the region. The County has placed an emphasis on acquiring these rare and isolated lands. (Please see Exhibit O5 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies, show the location of the Natural Communities or Listed Animal Species Habitat on **Exhibit G**:

The Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property contains approximately 12.1 acres of Sand Pine Scrub and approximately 2.69 acres of Rosemary Scrub, both of which are areas of concern for Pinellas County. The existing rosemary scrub on the property is the last known documented system of this type in Pinellas County. Seeing as how the habitat is so rare and valuable, Pinellas County is making every effort to preserve these communities. Developers within Pinellas County have already caused disturbances in the area and if acquisition does not occur swiftly there is a fear of these communities being destroyed.

Should the Project Site be acquired, Pinellas County will design a comprehensive management plan as well as responsible development plan for the parcels. Areas of Natural Communities and Listed Animals Species Habitat will have protections placed on them to guard against any further deterioration. In addition, invasive species will be removed and replanted with native vegetation to encourage further growth of the desirable communities. Pinellas County promotes environmental education and will provide educational kiosks and an observation platform near crucial habitat, but also fence off sensitive areas to the public. This management plan will preserve the ecosystem while still providing for outdoor recreation and education opportunities to park visitors.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibits G and O5

NO_____If the required Natural Communities Map and copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

6. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives that provide for restoring or enhancing degraded natural areas such as restoration of Natural Communities, restoration of natural hydrology or removal of non-native vegetation? (5 points)

YES	Х	NO	

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.4.

Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element: Policy 2.1.13.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 2.1.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Policy 2.1.3.

Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element: Objective 2.2.

The Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan objectives and policies require that development of a site require maintenance or improvement of existing native vegetative communities and shall continue to require the removal of ecologically undesirable non-native vegetation. The County focuses on restoring areas of special concern and providing an appropriate balance of recreational activities and environmental stewardship. Carefully designed recovery programs are implemented in natural areas, parks, and open spaces throughout the County. (Please see Exhibit O6 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies, show the location of the degraded natural area on the Natural Communities Map, **Exhibit G**:

Of the approximate 44-acre Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property, approximately 24 acres are in disturbed habitat due to residential dwellings, previous agricultural uses, and developer activities. The disturbed homestead region is nearly 7 acres in size while the disturbed agricultural lands and developer intrusion encompasses about 17 acres. Pinellas County has made a commitment to restore a minimum of 10-acres of the disturbed agricultural/developer intrusion lands through the removal of invasive species and replanting of native vegetation. The entire property will be fenced to protect sensitive areas from any non-park allowed activities. In addition, on the disturbed homestead property, Pinellas County will be removing old sheds and agricultural structures to allow the natural ecosystem to thrive. The recreational building will be converted to a nature center/museum open to the public to highlight the native flora and fauna and species of concern.

Was documentation provided in the grant application? YES X Documented in Exhibits G and O6 NO_____If the required Natural Communities Map and copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

7. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives that ensure the protection or enhancement of surface water quality? (5 points)

YES X NO

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Surface Water Management Element: Objective 1.5.

Surface Water Management Element: Policy 1.5.5.

Surface Water Management Element: Policy 1.6.6.

Surface Water Management Element: Policy 1.6.7.

Surface Water Management Element: Objective 1.8.

Pinellas County has an entire section devoted to surface water management in their Comprehensive Plan. The above listed objectives and policies call for measurable improvements in water quality. Standards are set for watershed management plans and any development must be consistent with the plan in place for the impacted watershed. Properties that currently have septic systems but are available to hook into County utilities must do so within a defined time range. The main goal of the surface water management section is to preserve, enhance, and protect the surface waters of Pinellas County. (Please see Exhibit O7 for full Policies and Objectives)

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies:

The Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property has shoreline along Jerry Lake and is adjacent to Southwest Florida Water Management District lands that encompass Jerry Lake. Currently there are no measure being taken to protect surface waters at the location, and further development or intrusion would provide greater run-off and pollution to nearby water bodies. Pinellas County plans to construct a native planted stormwater treatment area on the property to help slow run-off and allow for settling of sediment and possible contaminants before the water reaches nearby Jerry Lake. All future development that will occur on the Project Site will have to remain consistent with the watershed management plan implemented by Pinellas County in the designated area.

In addition to the creation of the native planted stormwater treatment area, Pinellas County has committed to restoring a minimum of 10 acres of habitat by removing invasive species and replanting native species. This management will allow the natural hydrology of the area to be restored. Possible contaminants such as old agricultural structures, rusting equipment, tanks, and trash and debris will be removed from the property to further prevent any contamination of surface waters.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit O7

NO_____If copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

8. Will the project further comprehensive plan directives that ensure the preservation of historical, cultural or archaeological features? (5 points)

Note: The site must contain a feature or have a high probability that a feature is present on the site. YES _____ NO __X__

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies, provide documentation that site contains a feature or has a high probability that a feature is present on the site:

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit O8

NO_____If documentation of historical features and copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

 Is the Project Site located in an area that has been identified for redevelopment in the comprehensive plan and has been locally designated as an urban infill, urban redevelopment or downtown revitalization area as defined in Section 163.3164, F.S.? (5 points)

YES _____ NO _X___

Numeric citation and summary of objectives or policies:

Summary of how the project furthers the objectives or policies, provide an exhibit map showing the boundary of the locally designated as an urban infill, urban redevelopment or downtown revitalization area:

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibits G and O9

NO_____If the required map showing the boundary of the locally designated as an urban infill, urban redevelopment or downtown revitalization area and copies of the required objectives and policies are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(b) Hazard Mitigation

- 1. Is all or portion of the Project Site located in a Coastal High Hazard Area or a 100-year flood plain **Check yes to <u>only one</u> of the following, if applicable.**
 - a. Up to 25 percent of the Project Site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area. (2 points)
 YES X NO _____

If **yes**, provide a map in **Exhibit P1** verifying that up to 25 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES X Documented in Exhibit P1.

NO_____If the required map verifying that up to 25 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

Exhibit P1 indicates that the eastern parcel of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property has portions located in the Special Flood Hazard Areas Inundated by 100-Year Flood in Zone AE as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map.

b. At least 25 percent but less than 50 percent of the Project Site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area. (3 points)

YES ____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map in **Exhibit P1** verifying that at least 25 percent but less than 50 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit P1.

NO ______If the required map verifying that at least 25 percent but less than 50 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

c. At least 50 percent but less than 75 percent of the Project Site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area. (4 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map in **Exhibit P1** verifying that at least 50 percent but less than 75 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_____Documented in Exhibit P1.

NO ______If the required map verifying that at least 50 percent but less than 75 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

d. Over 75 percent of the Project Site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area. (5 points)
 YES _____ NO __X

If yes, provide a map in Exhibit P1 verifying that over 75 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year

flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit P1.

NO ______If the required map verifying that over 75 percent of the Project Site is located in the 100-year flood plain or Coastal High Hazard Area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

2. Designated Brownfield Area: Will the Project Site provide recreational opportunities or open space within a state designated brownfield area? (5 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map from the Department of Environmental Protection showing the designated brownfield area and locate the Project Site in relationship to the designated area. If the Project Site has known contaminants, discuss

how site contamination will be remediated to allow for the provision of open space or Outdoor Recreation activities **Exhibit P2.**

Was the documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit P2

NO______If the required map showing the Project Site's located within a designated brownfield area is not provided, no points will be awarded.

- 3. Military Base Buffering: Will the Project Site buffer a Major Military Installation while providing land-use compatible recreational and open space opportunity to the public? Check yes to only one of the following, if applicable.
 - a. The Project Site is adjacent to a Major Military Installation (12 points).

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map showing the Project Site in relationship to the Major Military Installation and a letter from the base commander stating that the Project Site is located adjacent to the Major Military Installation and the proposed conceptual site plan is an acceptable land use to buffer the base **Exhibit P3**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit P3

NO_____If the required map and letter from the base commander are not provided, no points will be awarded.

b. Is the Project Site located within one mile of a Major Military Installation? (7 points) YES _____ NO _X___

If **yes**, provide a map showing the Project Site in relationship to the Major Military Installation and a letter from the base commander stating that the Project Site is located within 1 mile of the Major Military Installation and the proposed conceptual site plan is an acceptable land use to buffer the base **Exhibit P3**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit P3

NO_____If the required map and letter from the base commander are not provided, no points will be awarded.

c. Is the Project Site is located within two miles of a Major Military Installation? (2 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map showing the Project Site in relationship to the Major Military Installation and a letter from the base commander stating that the Project Site is located within 2 miles of the Major Military Installation and the proposed conceptual site plan is an acceptable land use to buffer the base **Exhibit P3**.

Was documentation provided in the grant application?

YES_____Documented in Exhibit P3

NO ______If the required map and letter from the base commander are not provided, no points will be awarded.

(c) Priority Investment Areas

Will the Project Site provide new or enhanced Outdoor Recreation or open space within one or more the following areas?

Front Porch Community: Is the Project Site located within a designated Front Porch Community? (10 points)
 YES _____ NO __X___

If **yes**, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated Front Porch Community **Exhibit Q1**.

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit Q1

NO______If the required map locating the Project Site within the boundary of a designated Front Porch Community is not provided, no points will be awarded.

2. Florida Main Street Community: Is the Project Site located within an active Florida Main Street Community? (5 points)

YES _____ NO _X

If **yes**, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated Florida Main Street Community. Provide a letter from the Department of State verifying that the project is located in an active Florida Main Street Community **Exhibit Q2**.

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit Q2

NO______If the required letter from the Department of State and map locating the Project Site within the boundary of an active Florida Main Street Community are not provided, no points will be awarded.

3. Waterfront Florida Community: Is the Project Site located within a current or previously designated Waterfront Florida Community? (5 points)

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YES _____ NO _X
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If **yes**, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated Waterfront Florida Community. Provide a letter from the Department of Economic Opportunity, Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program verifying that the Project Site is located within a "Waterfronts Florida Partnership Community" **Exhibit Q3**.

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit Q3

NO_____If the required letter from the Department of Economic Opportunity, Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program and map locating the Project Site within the boundary of a Waterfront Florida Partnership Community are not provided, no points will be awarded.

Low-income Community: Is the Project Site located within a designated Low-income Community? (10points)
 YES _____ NO _X___

If **yes**, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of a U.S. Census tract in which the median family income is less than half that of the state median family income. Provide documentation that locates the Project Site is within the boundary of a U.S. Census tract in which the median family income is less than half that of the state median family income family income is less than half that of the state median family income i

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit Q4

NO_____If the required low-income documentation and map locating the Project Site within the boundary of a low-income census tract are not provided, no points will be awarded.

5. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern: Is the Project Site located within a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern? (10 points)

YES ____ NO _X

If yes, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated area Exhibit Q5.

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES _____ Documented in Exhibit Q5

NO_____If the required map locating the Project Site within the boundary of a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern is not provided, no points will be awarded.

 Urban Redevelopment: Is the Project Site located within a locally designated Community Redevelopment Area, as defined in Section 163.340, F.S., and furthers the adopted redevelopment plan? (5 points)
 YES NO X

If **yes**, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated Community Redevelopment Area. Provide a copy of the adopted community redevelopment plan. Discuss how the acquisition of the Project Site will further the adopted community redevelopment plan **Exhibit Q6**.

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES ____ Documented in Exhibit Q6

NO_____If the required map locating the Project Site within a locally designated Community Redevelopment Area, a copy of the adopted community redevelopment plan and documentation that the Project Site furthers an adopted redevelopment plan are not provided, no points will be awarded.

7. Area of Critical State Concern: Is the Project Site located within a current or previously designated Area of Critical State Concern, pursuant to Section 380.05, F.S.? (5 points)

YES ____ NO <u>X</u>

If yes, provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated area Exhibit Q7.

Were the documents provided in the grant application?

YES____Documented in Exhibit Q7

NO______If the required map locating the Project Site within the boundary of a designated Area of Critical State Concern is not provided, no points will be awarded.

(4) PROJECT EXCELLENCE SECTION

Does the proposed project exemplify project excellence based on issues not adequately addressed by the evaluation criteria, such as whether the proposed project exhibits strong community-based support, possesses exemplary characteristics, highlights regional coordination in the protection of natural resources, assists an otherwise disadvantaged community, or voluntarily helps resolve land use conflicts? (Up to 10 points)

YES X NO

If yes, describe how the project provides for other community needs in a manner that was not adequately evaluated by the criteria established elsewhere in this Application. Include documentation, if needed. Label Exhibit R

A Project Excellence summary, letters of support, a report from the Florida Academy of Sciences, and a sample of a current ecotour kayak vendor contract is included in Exhibit R for review.

REQUIRED EXHIBITS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Each of the following exhibits is required to be submitted with the grant Application. Provide a label and tab for each exhibit and please ensure that all exhibits are legible and of an appropriate scale. If two or more exhibits are consolidated, make sure this is reflected on the exhibit label. If a specific exhibit is not applicable, include an exhibit page with a statement that it is "Not Applicable." Locate the exhibits behind the project evaluation criteria section of the Application.

Cover Letter – Front Cover, Required

A cover letter on local government or nonprofit letterhead signed by the appropriate official or administrator. The cover letter must include the following information:

- 1. Key contact person including contact number and email address.
- 2. The address and driving directions to the project site.
- 3. A statement binding the applicant to fulfill all the commitments made in the application.
- 4. Applicant's FEID Number.
- 5. Mailing Address for reimbursement; this address must match active account in My Florida Market Place. <u>https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/vms-web/spring/login?execution=e1s1</u>

Exhibits

A. Nonprofit Environmental Organization Status – Tab Exhibit A, if applicable

If the Applicant is a Non-profit Environmental Organization, provide evidence of status of the organization, including documentation from the Internal Revenue Service that the organization is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization, a copy of the Bylaws, and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation. The required documentation is available online from the Department of State, Division of Corporationshttp://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/.

B. Nonprofit Environmental Organization Management Commitment - Tab Exhibit B, if applicable

- If the Applicant is a Non-profit Environmental Organization which anticipates being designated as the management entity, the Non-profit Environmental Organization shall provide documentation that they have funds on hand, or letters of commitment to provide the funds prior to closing on the Project Site. The amount equal to ten percent of the Project Cost to be set aside as a management endowment fund for the Project Site. Label Exhibit B1
- 2. The Non-profit Environmental Organization shall provide a guaranty or pledge by a Local Government, the Water Management District, the Florida Division of Forestry, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to act as a backup manager to take over the responsibility for management of the Project Site in the event the Non-profit Environmental Organization is unable to manage. <u>Label Exhibit B2</u>

C. Source of Match – Tab Exhibit C, if applicable

- 1. Third Party; Application question #10, page 3. Label Exhibit C1
- 2. Other Sources; Application question #11, page 3. Label Exhibit C2

D. Willing Owner Letter(s) – Tab Exhibit D, Required

Letter from the owner(s) of each parcel(s), as identified in the Application, indicating their willingness to consider an offer. If a portion of the property is proposed for acquisition under a conservation easement, provide a letter from the owner stating their willingness to consider an offer for a sale of a conservation easement.

If the Project Site is being acquired via less-than-fee or through a donation, the willing owner letter should state so clearly and should include a percentage and amount.

E. Due Diligence Products – Tab Exhibit E, as applicable

- 1. Copy of all closing statements. Label Exhibit E1
- 2. Copy of all recorded deeds. Label Exhibit E2
- 3. Copy of all title insurance commitments, including supporting documents; and title insurance policies, including any endorsements. Label Exhibit E3
- 4. Copy of a Certified Survey for each parcel, dated within ninety (90) days of the date of acquisition of the parcel. See https://www.fsms.org/?page=ConsumerInfo for additional information. Label Exhibit E4
- 5. Copy of all appraisals (or two appraisals if the value is over \$1 million). Appraisals must be completed by a DEP Division of State Lands' approved appraiser. The Approved Appraiser List can be found at http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/DSL/BAWeb/Current%20Approved%20Appraiser%20List.pdf. Label http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/DSL/BAWeb/Current%20Approved%20Appraiser%20List.pdf. Label http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl/.
- Copy of an environmental site assessment of the parcel certified to the Recipient, dated within ninety (90) days of the date of acquisition of the parcel. <u>Label Exhibit E6</u>
- 7. Provide a statement that neither condemnation nor the threat of condemnation was used in the purchase of the property. Label Exhibit E7

F. General Criteria (Land Use and Zoning) – Tab Exhibit F, Required

- Provide a letter from the local government planning department stating that the Project Site has not been the subject of a land use or zoning change that would allow an increase of either allowable density or intensity within the last three (3) years prior to the application deadline. <u>Label Exhibit F1</u>
- 2. A letter from the local planning department that verifies the proposed uses of the Project Site are in compliance with the future land use designation and local zoning regulations. <u>Label Exhibit F2</u>
- Identify the project number of the previously funded FCT project and describe the phased nature of the project. Provide an exhibit that shows the Project Site and the parcel(s) that were previously acquired with FCT funds. Indicate parcels on Conceptual Site Plan to include FCT project number. <u>Label Exhibit</u> <u>F3</u>

G. Conceptual Site Plan – Tab Exhibit G, Required

- Physical improvements map of an appropriate scale that clearly delineates all existing physical improvements, alterations, or disturbances occurring on the Project Site; including but not limited to all cleared areas, buildings, roads, fences, docks, power lines, billboards, boat ramps, parking areas and known easements and rights-of-ways, and the approximate acreage of the foregoing. <u>Label Exhibit G1</u>
 Map may be as large as necessary. Include following elements:
 - Approximate location of all proposed facilities and improvements. Clearly indicate as proposed improvements.
 - Approximate location of connections indicated under (2) OUTDOOR RECREATION, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES SECTION (b) Connectivity, as applicable. Label as indicated. (e.g. Exhibit K1, K2, etc.)
 - Approximate location of elements indicated under (3) COMMUNITY PLANNINGSECTION (a) Comprehensive Plan Implementation, as applicable. Label as indicated. (e.g. Exhibit Q3, Q5, etc.)
- Aerial photograph (1 inch = 2,000 feet or greater detail) with the Project Site boundary clearly delineated. Maximum size 11x17. <u>Label Exhibit G2</u>
- 3. United States Geological Survey 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map with the boundary of the Project Site clearly delineated. Maximum size 11x17. Label Exhibit G3
- 4. A map that identifies lands within a three-mile radius of the Project Site that are used for natural resource conservation and Outdoor Recreation, such as parks, preserves, wildlife management areas, Greenways, recreational Trail Systems, etc. Clearly delineate the location of the Project Site on the map. <u>Label Exhibit G4</u>
- County Property Appraiser's Tax Map Clearly delineate the Project Site boundary, easements, access points, and names of property owners, parcel tax identification numbers, road names and ownership boundaries using an appropriate scale. <u>Label Exhibit G5, Required</u>

H. Future Land Use – Tab Exhibit H, Required

- Provide a map covering the Project Site and surrounding area that indicates future land use designations and clearly delineates the Project Site boundaries. Indicate the designated Urban Service Area, if applicable. If the Future Land Use Map is color, please provide a color copy with the application. <u>Label</u> <u>Exhibit H1</u>
- Provide a copy of the future land use map that clearly identifies the Project Site, an aerial photograph of the Project Site and the surrounding area, and photographs of the surrounding built- up commercial or industrial area. On either the future land use map or the aerial photograph, include a scale that clearly shows that the Project Site is within one half mile of built-up commercial or industrial Urban Area. <u>Label</u> <u>Exhibit H2</u>
- 3. A letter from the local planning department that verifies the proposed uses of the Project Site are in compliance with the future land use designation and local zoning regulations. <u>Label Exhibit H3</u>

I. Connectivity – Tab Exhibit I, if applicable

Submit one map showing the following elements, if applicable:

- 1. Show on the map the connection to a sidewalk network area. Also, submit pictures of the existing sidewalk or a letter from local government confirming that has proposed sidewalk that will be constructed within 5 years of the acquisition of the Project Site. Label Exhibit 11
- 2. Show on the map or aerial photograph the publicly owned infrastructure facility and submit photograph of the facility. <u>Label Exhibit 12</u>
- 3. Show on the map the adjacent, publicly owned conservation or recreation lands and submit photos. <u>Label Exhibit I3</u>
- 4. Show on the map the adjacent publicly-owned lands and the trail system on those lands and identify the location of the Project Site. Label Exhibit 14
- 5. Show on the map the local, regional or statewide Ecological Corridor and its relationship to the Project Site. Label Exhibit 15
- Shown on the map of the State Designated Paddling Trail and identify the location of the Project Site. Provide documentation (letter from OGT) that the trail has been designated by the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT). <u>Label Exhibit 16</u>

Above connections must be referenced on Site Plan (Exhibit G). Indicate locations on Site Plan as J1, J2, etc. Please title and clearly label each photograph per each criterion.

J. Photographs – Tab Exhibit J, Required

Ensure all photographs are include in Exhibit J and properly labeled.

Provide one set of labeled photographs of the Project Site, to be included in the original Application that documents on-site features including existing structures, disturbed areas, Natural Communities, and historical or archaeological features. Include a legend that identifies the site location and subject matter of each photograph. Provide sufficient photographs to support all application responses. Consider providing at least 12 photographs for small projects and 24 photographs for medium and large projects. Please provide photographs of all existing structures or facilities, sidewalks, trail connections, disturbed areas, upland/wetland planting areas, etc. When providing photographs for certain criteria please label as such (i.e. J1, B2, etc.).

K. Educational Opportunities – Tab Exhibit K, if applicable

- Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to the construction of the building. Locate the proposed new building on Exhibit G, the Conceptual Site Plan. Provide photographs of the building under Exhibit K. <u>Label Exhibit K1</u>
- Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to construct the building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDTM) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2. Locate the proposed new building on Exhibit G, the Conceptual Site Plan. <u>Label Exhibit K2</u>
- 3. Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to the needed repairs or renovations. Locate the proposed new building on Exhibit G, the Conceptual Site Plan. Provide photographs of the building under Exhibit K. Label Exhibit K3
- 4. Provide a letter from the Applicant's senior administrator committing to retrofit the building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDTM) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2. Locate the proposed new building on Exhibit G, the Conceptual Site Plan. Provide photographs of the building under Exhibit K. Label Exhibit K4

L. Natural and Biological Resources – Tab Exhibit L, if applicable

- 1. Provide map and letter from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) that the Project Site contains a Locally Significant Natural Area. Show location of natural communities and disturbed areas on a map. Include approximate acreage of each area. Label Exhibit L1. http://fnai.org/naturalcommguide.cfm
- 2. Show location of Listed Species Habitat on map. Include approximate acreage. <u>Label Exhibit L2</u>. <u>http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/imperiled/profiles/</u>
- 3. Provide map and letter from Florida Natural Areas Inventory showing Locally Significant Natural Area. Include approximate acreage. <u>Label Exhibit L3</u>. <u>http://fnai.org/contact.cfm</u>
- 4. Provide a map and letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) Commission stating that the Project Site contains a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area. <u>Label Exhibit L4</u>. <u>GISRequests@MyFWC.com</u>
- 5. Provide a letter from the Florida Forest Service that the Project Site will be managed in cooperation with the Forest Stewardship Program. <u>Label Exhibit L5</u>. <u>https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/For-Landowners/Programs/Forest-Stewardship-Program</u>
- Provide a letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that the Project Site contains priority habitat and will be managed in cooperation with the Landowner Assistance Program (LAP). <u>Label Exhibit L6</u>. <u>http://myfwc.com/conservation/special-initiatives/lap/</u>

M. Water Quality – Tab Exhibit M, if applicable

- 1. Identify the proposed improvements or activity that will improve the quality of surface waters or address current flooding problems on the conceptual site plan in Exhibit G.
- 2. Provide a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection verifying that the project is located adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water. Also include reference to a Class I Water, if applicable. https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-standards/content/outstanding-florida-waters_Label Exhibit M2
- Provide a map showing that the boundary of the Project Site is located adjacent to a Class I Water. <u>https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=62-302</u>. Call your local planning office to determine whether the FCT project is located in a wellfield or wellfield protection zone. You may also contact the DEP Water Resource Management Program at (850) 245-8336. <u>Label Exhibit M3</u>

N. Historic Resources – Tab Exhibit N, if applicable

- Identify any archaeological or historical features on the Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit G) and provide documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the resource is listed in the Florida Master Site File. <u>Label Exhibit N1</u>. <u>http://dos.dos.myflorida.com/historical/contact-us/</u>.
- Identify the resource features on the Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit I) and provide documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the resource meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. <u>Label Exhibit N2</u> <u>http://dos.dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/national-register/</u>.
- Identify the resource features on the Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit G) and provide documentation from the Division of Historical Resources verifying that the resource is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. <u>Label Exhibit N3</u>
- **O. Local Comprehensive Plan implementation**: cite the objective or policy number (no more than 5 per response) and paraphrase the plan directive, provide a brief discussion of how acquiring the site will further the cited objective or policy. **Tab Exhibit O, if applicable**
 - 1. Provides acreage or outdoor recreational facilities necessary to maintain or improve adopted levels of service standards. Label Exhibit O1
 - 2. Promotes public Acquisition of natural areas or open space. Label Exhibit O2

- 3. Provides new or enhanced public access to existing water bodies or saltwater beaches. Show facilities on Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit G). Label Exhibit O3
- 4. Provides for creating new or enhanced Greenways, Ecological Corridors or Recreational Trail Systems, including but not limited to the Florida National Scenic Trail system. <u>Label Exhibit O4</u>. Also provide applicable map.
- 5. Ensures the preservation of Natural Communities or Listed Animal Species Habitat. Show communities or habitat on Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit G). <u>Label Exhibit O5</u>
- 6. Provides for restoring or enhancing degraded natural areas such as restoration of Natural Communities, restoration of natural hydrology or removal of non-native vegetation. <u>Label Exhibit O6</u>. Show the degraded natural communities on Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit G)
- 7. Ensures the protection or enhancement of surface water quality. Label Exhibit O7
- 8. Ensures the preservation of historical, cultural or archaeological features. Label Exhibit O8
- 9. Locally designated as an urban infill, urban redevelopment or downtown revitalization area as defined in Section 163.3164, F.S. <u>Label Exhibit O9</u>. Show boundaries on Conceptual Site Plan (Exhibit G)

P. Hazard Mitigation – Tab Exhibit P, if applicable

- 1. Provides a map depicting the 100-year flood plain, the coastal high-hazard area or a wellfield protection zone with the Project Site boundary clearly delineated. Indicate on the map the percentage of the site impacted. Maximum size 11x17. Label Exhibit P1
- Provides recreational opportunities or open space within a state designated brownfield area. Provide a
 map from the Department of Environmental Protection showing the designated brownfield area and
 locate the Project Site in relationship to the designated area. If the Project Site has known contaminants,
 discuss how site contamination will be remediated to allow for the provision of open space or Outdoor
 Recreation activities. Label Exhibit P2
- 3. Show on a map the Project Site in relationship to the Major Military Installation. Provide a letter from the base commander stating distance from the Major Military Installation <u>Label Exhibit P3</u>

Q. Priority Investment Areas- Tab Exhibit Q, if applicable

Project Site will provide new or enhanced Outdoor Recreation or open space within one or more the following areas:

- 1. Project site is located within a designated Front Porch Community. Provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated Front Porch Community. <u>Label Exhibit Q1</u>
- Project Site located within an active Florida Main Street Community. Provide a letter and a map from the Department of State verifying that the project is located in an active Florida Main Street Community. <u>Label Exhibit Q2 http://dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/main-street-program/</u>.
- Project Site located within a current or previously designated Waterfront Florida Community. Provide a letter and a map from the Department of Economic Opportunity, Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program verifying that the Project Site is located within a "Waterfronts Florida Partnership Community". <u>Label Exhibit Q3</u>. <u>http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-anddevelopment/programs/community-planning-table-of-contents/waterfronts-florida-program</u>.
- 4. Project Site located within a designated Low-income Community. Provide a map and documentation that locates the Project Site within the boundary of a U.S. Census tract in which the median family income is less than half that of the state median family income. <u>Label Exhibit Q4</u> <u>https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml?src=bkmk</u>
- 5. Project Site located within a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. Provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated area. Label Exhibit Q5

http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/ruralareas-of-opportunity.

- 6. Project Site located within a locally designated Community Redevelopment Area, as defined in Section 163.340, F.S., and furthers the adopted redevelopment plan. Provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated Community Redevelopment Area. Provide a copy of the adopted community redevelopment plan and discuss how the acquisition of the Project Site will further the adopted plan. Label Exhibit Q6
- 7. Project Site located within a current or previously designated Area of Critical State Concern, pursuant to Section 380.05, F.S. Provide a map that locates the Project Site within the boundary of the designated area. <u>Label Exhibit Q7</u>. <u>http://floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/programs/community-planning-table-of-contents/areas-of-critical-state-concern</u>.

R. Project Excellence – Tab Exhibit R, Optional

Describe how the project provides for other community needs in a manner that was not adequately evaluated by the criteria established elsewhere in this Application and as outlined in Chapter 2018-10, Section 70 Laws of Florida. Include documentation, if needed.