

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM

**SITE EVALUATION FORM**

ASSIGN A POINT VALUE FROM 0-5 FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN CATEGORIES:

	Cone Ranch 1998		Cone Ranch 2009
<b>I. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE</b>			
Land containing native, relatively unaltered flora and fauna, including wetlands, uplands and transitional systems, representing a natural habitat unique to, or scarce within the State of Florida or Hillsborough County	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	3
Land that provides or could provide a habitat important to the support or protection of state or federally listed species.	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	4
Land containing an unusual, outstanding, or unique geologic feature.	0 1 2 3 4 5	0	0
Land which plays a vital role in the enhancement and protection of water quality and quantity, including ground water resources, or which provides protection for fish and wildlife habitat but which cannot be adequately protected through local, state, and federal regulatory programs.	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	4
Land that provides valuable access, urban/rural land links, protection zones, or additions to existing environmentally sensitive lands or which forms part of a natural greenway system which functions as a habitat corridor associated with such lands, and which is essential for protection and management of those environmentally sensitive lands.	0 1 2 3 4 5	5	5
Land containing significant archaeological sites.	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	2
Degree to which site's natural resources would suffer degradation due to development.	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	4
Degree to which adjacent natural areas would suffer degradation due to the development of site	0 1 2 3 4 5	4	4
Site's value for long term protection and management of the resources.	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	5
Site's value for educational and scientific uses.	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	5
Site's value for resource-based or passive recreation	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	5

<b>II. ENDANGERMENT DUE TO DEVELOPMENT - point scale 1 to 10</b>			
High potential for development within five years including but not limited to:		7 to 10	
a) Regulatory approvals for development or preliminary subdivision plan			
b) Within Urban services area		4 to 6	
Moderate potential for development within five to eight years			
Low potential for development within ten years such as sites that are at least 80% preserved through existing regulations.		1 to 3	3
<b>III. EASE OF ACQUISITION - point scale 1 to 10</b>			
80% or more of the project is comprised of one or two ownerships who has/have either stated they are willing to work with the County or have not objected to being in the program		7 to 10	9
80% or more of the project is in/under four ownerships who have either stated they are willing to work with the County or have not objected		4 to 6	
80% of the project is in more than five ownerships.		1 to 3	
<b>IV. COST AND SIZE OF SITE - point scale 1 to 10</b>			
Low cost per acre compared to other properties in proximity to site.		7 to 10	9
Moderate cost per acre compared to other properties in proximity to site.		4 to 6	
High cost per acre compared to other properties in proximity to site.		1 to 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bonus points for joint funding</b></li> <li>Potential for joint funding</li> <li>Very high potential for joint funding</li> <li>Currently approved for funding under another program</li> </ul>			
<b>V. PUBLIC INTEREST - point scale 1 to 10</b>			
Strong		7 to 10	10
Moderate		4 to 6	
Minimal		1 to 3	
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>			54
			73

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICIAL RECORD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 9/15/09 \_\_\_\_\_

## ELAPP PROCESS TIME LINE

1. Each year, site nominations are accepted through December 31.
2. The Site Assessment Team usually meets sometime in late February early March and reviews each of the nominations to determine if enough information has been provided, assigns a project name to the site, determines the actual site boundaries, estimates the total acreage, and determines if the site meets at least one of the qualifying criteria. The team then prepares a Preliminary Site Assessment report summarizing all information gathered and makes a recommendation on whether or not the site qualifies for the ELAP Program. The Preliminary Site Assessment Report is due by April 1.
3. By May 1 the Site Review Team meets to review and comment on the Preliminary Site Assessment Report and to determine project eligibility. They then request a Full Site Assessment report for all eligible projects to be forwarded to the Site Selection Team by August 1.
4. By August 15, the Site Selection Team will meet with staff to discuss the projects and ask questions. At that meeting they also schedule the Public Meeting, **prior to October 1**, for all nominators, site owners, local environmental groups, and all interested parties to provide input, both for or against, regarding the nominated sites. Usually after the public meeting, the Site Selection Team meets to review the public meeting information and rank each of the qualified sites.
5. Staff presents the ELAPP Annual Report to the Parks Advisory Board at their regularly scheduled meeting in November.
6. In December, the final report is presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

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