

APPENDIX “A”

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA/NOMINATION FORM

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM
SITE NOMINATION FORM**

PLEASE RETURN TO:

**ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.
1101 E. RIVER COVE AVENUE
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33604**

Please complete this form to the greatest extent possible utilizing the information available to you as the nominator.

1. Site Name (*if known*):

2. Site Location (*Attach a highway map or aerial map delineating the site*):

3. Acres (*Attach a legal description and survey if available*):

4. Estimated Value of Land (*if known*):

5. Describe why you think this site is a good environmental land nomination. Use the qualifying criteria on page two of this form. If a planned restoration effort is proposed, such information must be provided. (*Please continue on extra pages if necessary*).

NOMINATOR'S NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL LAND ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM
QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Environmental lands are those lands, which shall have as their purpose the conservation and protection of environmentally unique, irreplaceable and valued ecological resources. The primary purpose of acquiring such lands shall be for resource protection, but all lands shall be open for public use and enjoyment to the extent that Hillsborough County finds such use compatible with the conservation and protection of these lands. Each environmental land project shall be qualified by satisfying one or more of the following criteria:

- I. 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.
- II. Land that provides or could provide a significant habitat important to the support of protection of endangered or threatened plants or animals.
- III. Land containing an unusual, outstanding, or unique geologic feature.
- IV. 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.
- V. Land that provides valuable access, land links, buffer 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.
- VI. Land containing significant archaeological sites.
- VII. Any project which has been approved to receive at least 50% acquisition funding through a Preservation 2000 or related preservation program such as: Southwest Florida Water Management District/Save Our Rivers, Department of Environmental Protection, State Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, or State Department of Environmental Protection Florida Communities Trust, provided their qualifying criteria remains consistent with ELAPP.