



# Trails and Greenways Committee

Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES
4. CONSENT AGENDA

**a. Approve Minutes of 09/19/2023**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 4a

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 4a** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_4a.pdf)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. ACTION ITEMS
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7a

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7a** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7a.pdf)

**b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7b

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7b** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7b.pdf)

**c. Cameron Preserve**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7c

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7c** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7c.pdf)

**d. Eagles Nest Trailhead**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7d

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7d** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7d.pdf)

**e. Next Field Event - TBD**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7e

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 7e** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_7e.pdf)

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Board Member Comments**

**b. Staff Reports**

**c. Next Scheduled Meeting Date - 11/13/2023**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 4.a**

Meeting Date: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Approve Minutes of 9/19/2023

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Summary of Actions at the Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting of 9/19/2023

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Draft Minutes of T&GC Meeting of 9/19/2023

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Request Approval

**MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 PM**

This meeting of the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE:**

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Thompson.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN – Arrived 6:07
BOARD MEMBERS:	ANNELIE HARVEY
	BOB WILBUR
	BARBARA CAMERON
ALTERNATES:	MARK GUNTER
GRANT/VALKARIA LIASON:	CRAIG SMITH
BOARD SECRETARY:	RICHARD KOHLER

**3. Additions/Deletions/Changes- None**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.a. Regular Trails and Greenways Committee Mtg Minutes of 8/14/2023.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended by Cameron/Harvey.**

Discussion: CM Gunter noted that his name is misspelled. Clerk Kohler acknowledges and corrects.

**All Ayes: Carried 5-0.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**6. ACTION ITEMS:** None.

**7. DISCUSSION**

**a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions**

VC Hann states the trails are open and running well. There is one low tree along the EELs path. The BMBA will be hosting a trail day this Saturday. There is potential for a small fence to be built along the super-secret trail. Clerk Kohler informed the committee he has been able to contact Mr. Suggs, who is the area supervisor for the Florida Forest Service. He has been communicating with staff about the possibility of re-cutting the firebreaks in the Cameron Preserve. He will coordinate with Vice Chair Hann to meet with Mr. Suggs on site. He also gave a brief history of the Cogan Grass issues. Chair Thompson states we should keep these steps in mind when we work to rewrite the Management Plan for the Cameron Preserve, including the idea that it be preserved in a natural state, not catered to one specific species. Also, all the requested components for the Bike Repair Stand have been ordered and delivered. Liaison Smith shared an interaction he had with a resident at the Sandhill Trailhead. He met a gentleman who rides 7.5 miles from West Melbourne to Sandhill Trailhead who told him how much he appreciates what this group does.

**b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns**

Chair asked CM Gunter to explain his interaction with FWC about the Eagle's Nest in the MSS. CM Gunter states a FWC Agent met him on site. The agent met him on the boundary canal trail. The agent stated that he was going to take pictures and make a report. He also contacted the FWC Biologist with his information. The bottom line is

that the Bald Eagle nest is part of a separate agency. The biologist informed him that the EELs program had received permission to perform their work. Liaison Smith shared his photos of the area. He also explained that he went to investigate the Eagle's Nest. He was very disappointed in how the area was treated. He feels the area was trimmed at ground level. VC Hann states the program manager for the EELs program stated they would not work within 660 feet of the Eagle's nest. It appears that the first thing they did was mow the area near the nest. CM Gunter states that they received permission from the State due to the fact that the Eagle was not in the nest at the time. He even spoke to Mr. Hall, EELs burn master, to inform him that the Eagle was back at the beginning of September. Unfortunately, the rules for Eagle's nest apply to residents and developers and appear to not be as strictly enforced for government agencies. He fears that the eagles will be forced from their home. VC Hann shared an anecdotal story about an eagle's nest that was removed in the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary. Chair suggests thinking of a new name for the ENT. VC Hann states he feels like the program director lied to the Town Council. The plan presented to Council included a 660-foot buffer around the eagle's nest, and it has been clear cut to the ground right up to the tree. Chair feels that the agreement was made without any sense of accountability. CM Gunter states he also saw a dead gopher tortoise in the burn area. VC Hann states he and his wife saw one that was flipped over and in need of assistance. They flipped it, but he is unsure if it survived. Clerk Kohler states that he noticed that the press release for the controlled burn did not include Malabar FD, but they did respond with at least 3 units. Chair asks if Clerk Kohler can get the response information from our FD.

**c. Cameron Preserve**

Chair began by stating in the future, he hopes to rewrite the Management Plan for the Cameron Preserve. He would like to add a water feature eventually. VC Hann states we should plan to have a meeting with St. Johns before we change the water area. He believes they will be agreeable to improving the drainage of the area. Creating a baffle box or retention pond would allow additional time for the water to be treated. Chair states his hope to have the future zig-zag trail flow around a water feature. VC Hann states he believes the trail should go west of the Corey Road ROW. Chair states he would also like to have an additional trail shelter built in the next fiscal year. He hopes to move the roof materials to the PW yard soon. VC Hann informed the Committee that he installed a few of the recently purchased signs. He installed a map under the Welcome sign along Briar Creek Blvd. He is hoping to install one on the eastern side of the sanctuary where the trail enters Cameron Preserve from EELs. He also plans to remove some of the kiosk maps and install the new metal sign maps. Chair asks CM Harvey is she was able to put together an inventory of our supplies? CM Harvey stated she has not yet but will continue working towards it. Chair suggests working towards getting a pavilion installed over the weekend. He would like to lower the inventory by completing a few projects. He feels we have enough wood for 2 structures.

**d. Eagles Nest Trailhead**

VC Hann suggests installing the fence line at ENT first. Chair reminds the committee they also would like to install a horse stall there. He feels we will likely need a lot of wood in the upcoming fiscal year. He would like to get these projects moving so we can effectively spend our allotted fund in the upcoming year. He feels having a coral would be important to opening the site. CM Harvey states that might not be an important amenity in the beginning. Once you develop other amenities, it would be nice to have. VC Hann states he knows a friend who rides his horses at North Corey and doesn't need a coral. CM Harvey states having running water for the horses should be one of the first steps. Chair asks if this Committee should plan to fund a fire well? VC Hann states a 4 inch well will be about 20k. CM Wilbur states we should work with the fire department to get the specs required for a fire well, and then shop

for a bid. Chair suggests staff seek quotes for the drilling of a fire well at ENT. He asks the committee for their opinion. Consensus is to find the specifications from the fire department and seek quotes before the next meeting. VC Hann suggests having the fire department involved to ensure we have what they need. We will also need a 1.5-inch pipe we can access for water. Hopefully it would be an artesian well. With out electricity, it will have to be artesian and free flowing. CM Harvey asks if we should pose a fire well and a drinking well? Provide Council an option. VC Hann states that just bringing electricity to the site could exponentially increase the cost. Chair reiterates the idea of proposing 2 options together. Clerk Kohler states he will research this proposal for the next meeting. Chair states the next project at ENT is to install the fence. VC Hann asks why we need to have elevations and planned stormwater out there? Clerk Kohler informed them that the plan is to eventually run the major stormwater system down Marie Street. CM Wilbur states before we install the fence, the vegetation on the wall should be mowed. He suggests asking a contractor to volunteer their time to clear the vegetation as a precondition to installing the fence. Chair asks what should we put there after it is removed? CM Wilbur suggests just clearing it and moving from there.

**e. BPTAC Meeting Review**

Chair states that at last nights BPTAC meeting, the Committee was able to continue its existence. VC Hann states it seems like the Staff's goal was to get ride of the Committee. He was disappointed in how it was presented. The Committee voted unanimously to remain as is, with minor improvements. The Committee would become more of a receiver of public comments and ideas. Chair also discussed the South Brevard Trail Master Plan. The core of the plan are seven ideas originating from Malabar. The consulting firm has begun its process of planning the master plan. Included in the plan are extending Marie Street to Grant, connecting to Indian River County, and expanding west. VC Hann states the plan was originally a feasibility study for the seven proposals. He fears it will deviate away from the intended goals as the costs go up. Chair states that these are the rules we must work under. The exciting thing is that all seven of projects proposed by Malabar are included, and that Palm Bay appears to be expanding their Trails program as it expands south and west. Hopefully they will form a T&GC as well. He would like to approach Palm Bay to include them in this project going forward. CM Gunter states he feels that there should be a planned trail built along with the expansion of Babcock Street. Chair states that both Volusia and IRC have active BPACs, and we hope to integrate with them in the future. He feels removing the BPTAC will remove a key voice of bicyclists in Brevard County. VC Hann states he plans on contacting Palm Bay's City manager about the meeting and suggesting that Palm Bay get more involved. Chair asks if Malabar TGC should approach Palm Bay? CM Gunter states he feels any involvement will be minimal. VC Hann explained that the South Brevard DOT management plan does not work to increase the safety for bicyclists. Chair states that the consultant should be done with their plan by December 2024.

**f. Next Field Event – TBD**

Chair states we have 2 areas that need attention. ENT needs a fence, and the Cameron Preserve needs the new signs and a bike repair stand installed. VC Hann suggests doing the Cameron Preserve projects first. He would like to focus on getting the "Cameron Preserve Boundary" signs up along the west edge of the preserve. Chair asks if the sign installation would be a one-day group project? VC Hann states he can put up a few on his own, but the group can be of assistance. He would suggests placing the signs at 6 feet high on the trunks of trees. He suggests using 3-inch deck screws. Chair suggests working with CM Gunter to install the boundary signs, while VC Hann and Liaison Smith work on the other signs. The signs will be placed with the bottom at 6 feet.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Board Member Comments:** CM Gunter reports that the small bridge crossing the Sotillie Canal in Grant Flatwoods is broken. He also noted that he has seen a lot more people out in the sanctuaries. VC Hann states he cleaned out a bunch of debris left in the woods. CM Wilbur suggests requesting the Sheriff's mounted posse patrol the area. VC Hann states he is more worried about the homeless people invading the area.
- b. **Staff Reports:** None
- c. **New Business:**
  - Next Regular Meeting- October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION: GUNTER/CAMERON to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes.** The meeting adjourned 8:24 PM.

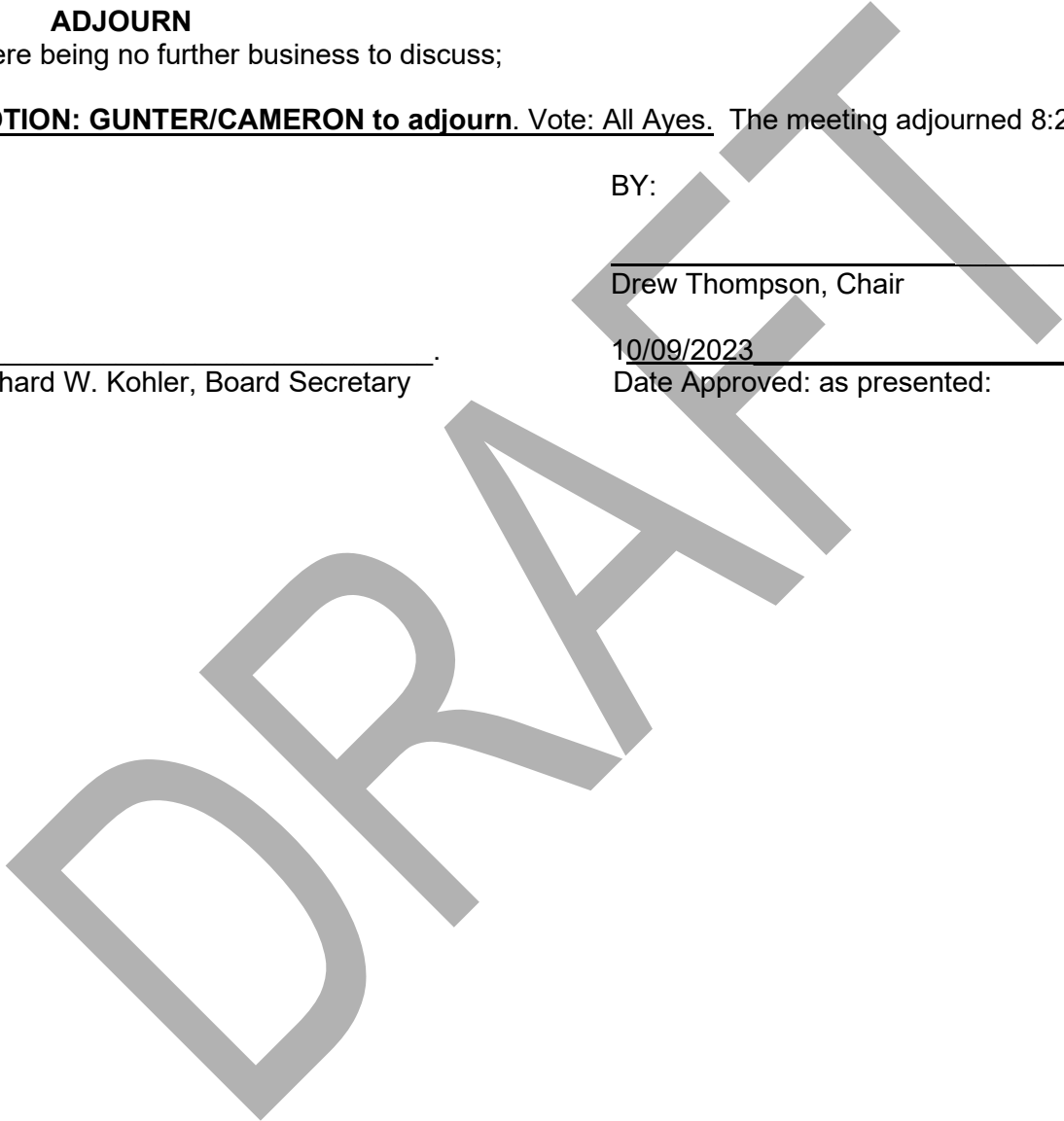
BY:

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Drew Thompson, Chair

10/09/2023

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Date Approved: as presented:

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Richard W. Kohler, Board Secretary



# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.a

Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Traditionally, members of the Committee share their recent experiences from the trails and at the trailheads.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Discussion



# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.b**  
Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT: MSS Restoration Project Observations and Concerns**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Chair Thompson requested this item be added to the monthly reviewed items on the T&GC Agenda. He states his hope is that this will provide a basis for some historical record of the project's impact on T&GC infrastructure as otherwise there exists no permits active to which progress / problems would be recognized by and/or acted upon by TOM.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Requested Malabar FD Report of response to 8.22.23 incident .

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None.



**INCIDENT**

Incident Number <b>2023-00000365</b>	Incident Date <b>08/22/2023</b>	NFIRS Number <b>0000383</b>	Incident Type <b>(141) - Forest, woods or wildland fire</b>	
FDID <b>19111</b>	Station <b>Malabar Fire Department</b>	Shift <b>A Shift</b>	District <b>Malabar</b>	
Initial Dispatch Code <b>67B03U - Outside Fire</b>				
Alarms <b>1</b>	Working Fire? <b>Yes</b>	COVID-19 was a factor <b>No, COVID-19 was not a factor</b>	Critical Incident	Critical Incident Team
Temporary Resident Involvement				
Hazardous Materials Released				
Action Taken 1 <b>(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel</b>				

**AID**

Aid Given/Received <b>(2) - Automatic aid received</b>	
Aided Agency	Their Incident Number
Aiding Agencies <b>Brevard County Fire Rescue, Palm Bay Fire Rescue</b>	

**LOCATION**

Location Type <b>(1) - Street address</b>			
Address <b>1501 MALABAR WOODS Boulevard, Malabar, Florida, 32950</b>			
Cross Street, USNG, or Directions	Latitude <b>0.00000000</b>	Longitude <b>0.00000000</b>	Census Tract
Detector Alerted Occupant			
Property Use <b>(669) - Forest, timberland, woodland</b>	Mixed Use		

**TIMES**

PSAP Received <b>11:57:58, 08/22/2023</b>	Dispatch Notified Time <b>11:58:09, 08/22/2023</b>	Alarm Time <b>11:58:09, 08/22/2023</b>
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### TIMES

Arrival Time 12:15:32, 08/22/2023	Water on Fire Time	At Patient Time
Loss Stop Time	Controlled Time 17:03:00, 08/22/2023	Last Unit Cleared Time 17:03:09, 08/22/2023
Total On Scene Time 4 hrs 47 mins 37 sec	Total Incident Time 5 hrs 5 mins 11 sec	

### COUNTS

Counts Include Aid Received?  
No

#### Suppression:

Apparatus	Personnel
4	4

#### EMS:

Apparatus	Personnel
0	0

#### Other:

Apparatus	Personnel
0	0

### LOSS

#### Property:

Estimated Property Losses  
None

Estimated Property Value

#### Content:

Estimated Content Losses  
None

Estimated Content Value

### AUTHORIZATION

#### Report Writer:

Name	Employee Number	Assignment	Authorization Date
HOOKER, JOSEPH	106722	LT/EMT	08/22/2023

#### Officer in Charge:

Name	Employee Number	Assignment	Authorization Date
HOOKER, JOSEPH	106722		08/22/2023

#### Quality Control:

Name	Authorization Date

### INCIDENT NARRATIVE

Dispatched to the above address for a brush fire in the Malabar Scrub Jay sanctuary. Brevard county EELs was performing a prescribed burn, and the fire jumped the fire line. EELs requested help from multiple agencies including Malabar Fire rescue, Brevard County Fire Rescue, and Palm Bay Fire Rescue. Malabar B99, B299, and T99 respond. Fire grew to approx. 100 acres before extinguishment. According to EELS the fire jumped the fire line, however it was still in the contingency area. Fire was contained without incident to life or property.

Created By: HOOKER, JOSEPH

## Unit Reports

### T99

Use	Responding From	Priority	Page 11
(1) - Suppression		Emergent	

**T99**

Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>12:21:48, 08/22/2023</b>	Enroute Time <b>12:21:48, 08/22/2023</b>	Arrival Time <b>12:21:48, 08/22/2023</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>17:03:09, 08/22/2023</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Provide water**

**Person 1: HOOKER, JOSEPH**

Action Taken 1

**(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle**

Fire Products Exposed To

**Smoke**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Coat, Pant, Wildland Helmet**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Dry brush gear**

**Unit Narrative**

**Provided water for the incident**

Created By: HOOKER, JOSEPH

**B99**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>12:12:16, 08/22/2023</b>	Enroute Time <b>12:12:16, 08/22/2023</b>	Arrival Time <b>12:15:45, 08/22/2023</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>17:03:09, 08/22/2023</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Control fire (wildland), Manage prescribed fire (wildland)**

**Person 1: BRAUN, FRITZ**

Action Taken 1

**(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle**

Patient Contact?	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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**Person 1: BRAUN, FRITZ**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Smoke, Heat**

PPE Worn During Incident  
**Pant, Coat, Boots, Wildland Helmet**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed  
**Dry brush gear**

**Unit Narrative**

assisted in extinguishment of the fire

Created By: HOOKER, JOSEPH

**E99**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>12:03:50, 08/22/2023</b>	Enroute Time <b>12:03:53, 08/22/2023</b>	Arrival Time <b>12:57:17, 08/22/2023</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>16:12:06, 08/22/2023</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:  
**Standby**

Personnel  
**JOSEPH HOOKER**

**Unit Narrative**

Staged for the incident.

Created By: HOOKER, JOSEPH

**B299**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>12:02:08, 08/22/2023</b>	Enroute Time <b>12:11:19, 08/22/2023</b>	Arrival Time <b>12:15:32, 08/22/2023</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>16:00:59, 08/22/2023</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:  
**Extinguishment by fire service personnel**

**Person 1: KELLEY, JEREMY**

Action Taken 1

(14) - Contain fire (wildland)

Fire Products Exposed To

Heat, Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

Pant, Coat, Boots, Wildland Helmet

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around  
Nose

No

Black Soot Around  
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Dry brush gear

**Unit Narrative**

Assisted with extinguishment.

Created By: HOOKER, JOSEPH

 **Wildland**

 **LOCATION**

Area Type

(1) - Rural, including farms > 50 acres

Type of Right-of-Way

Distance from Right-of-Way

Township

Range

Section

Subsection

Meridian

 **CAUSE AND FACTORS**

Wildland Fire Cause

(5) - Debris, vegetation burn

Heat Source

(80) - Heat spread from another fire, other

Factor Contributing to Ignition 1

(75) - Agriculture or land management burns

Human Factors Contributing

(N) - None

 **ACREAGE**

Total

100 acres

Property Management Ownership

Federal Agency Code

**Percentage Burned for Ownership Types**

Private - Tax Paying

Private - Non Taxed

Undetermined

Municipal

 **ACREAGE**

County or Parish

State or Parish

Federal

Foreign

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Military

Other

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# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.C

Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT: Cameron Preserve Update**

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#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Cameron Preserve with additional signage and potentially updating the Management Plan.
- b. Town Staff scheduled ECOR Pest Control to spray the Cogan Grass identified by VC Hann on the firebreak immediately north of the Country Cove Subdivision. They sprayed the affected area on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. The area will be safe to disc 14 days after application of the pesticide.
  - b. Town Hall staff is coordinating with the FD to contact Forestry to complete the firebreak discing.
  - c. On 9.19, Staff was able to contact a Mr. Suggs with the State Forest Service, and provided him a map of the area we hope to be disced, as well as VC Hann's communication information.
- c. The signs requested at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting have been procured and are awaiting instillation. Signs received include:
  - a. 25 "Cameron Preserve Boundary" signs (6"x12")
  - b. 8 "Kiosk Map" signs (36"x36")
  - c. 8 "On-Trail Map" signs (24"x24")
- d. The Bike repair stand has also been received and is awaiting instillation.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Email and attachment sent to Mr. Suggs of Forestry.

#### **ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Discussion



**From:** [Richard Kohler](#)  
**To:** [Suggs, Tommie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fire line project  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 9:36:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Cameron Preserve Firebreaks.pdf](#)  
[image005.png](#)

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Good Morning Mr. Suggs,

Thank you for following up! I have attached a map for your reference. The first page is an overview of the whole preserve, located at the north end of Corey Road. The second page is a more detailed map, with the areas we hope to have recut highlighted. The Vice-Chair of our Trails and Greenways Committee, Murray Hann, has offered to make himself available to meet with or talk to you to provide any more detail. Feel free to contact him at (321)-223-3265.

I appreciate your responsiveness, and look forward to working with you!

***Richard W. Kohler***

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**From:** Suggs, Tommie <Tommie.Suggs@fdacs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>  
**Subject:** Fire line project

Good Morning Richard,

Can you see my map of the line work we discussed last Thursday? I would like to get an idea of what we need to do and what equipment we will need. The map does not have to be in great detail just something simple.

Thanks,

**Tommie H. Suggs**  
Forest Area Supervisor

Florida Forest Service  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

(321) 690-6466 Office  
(407) 702-8269 Cell

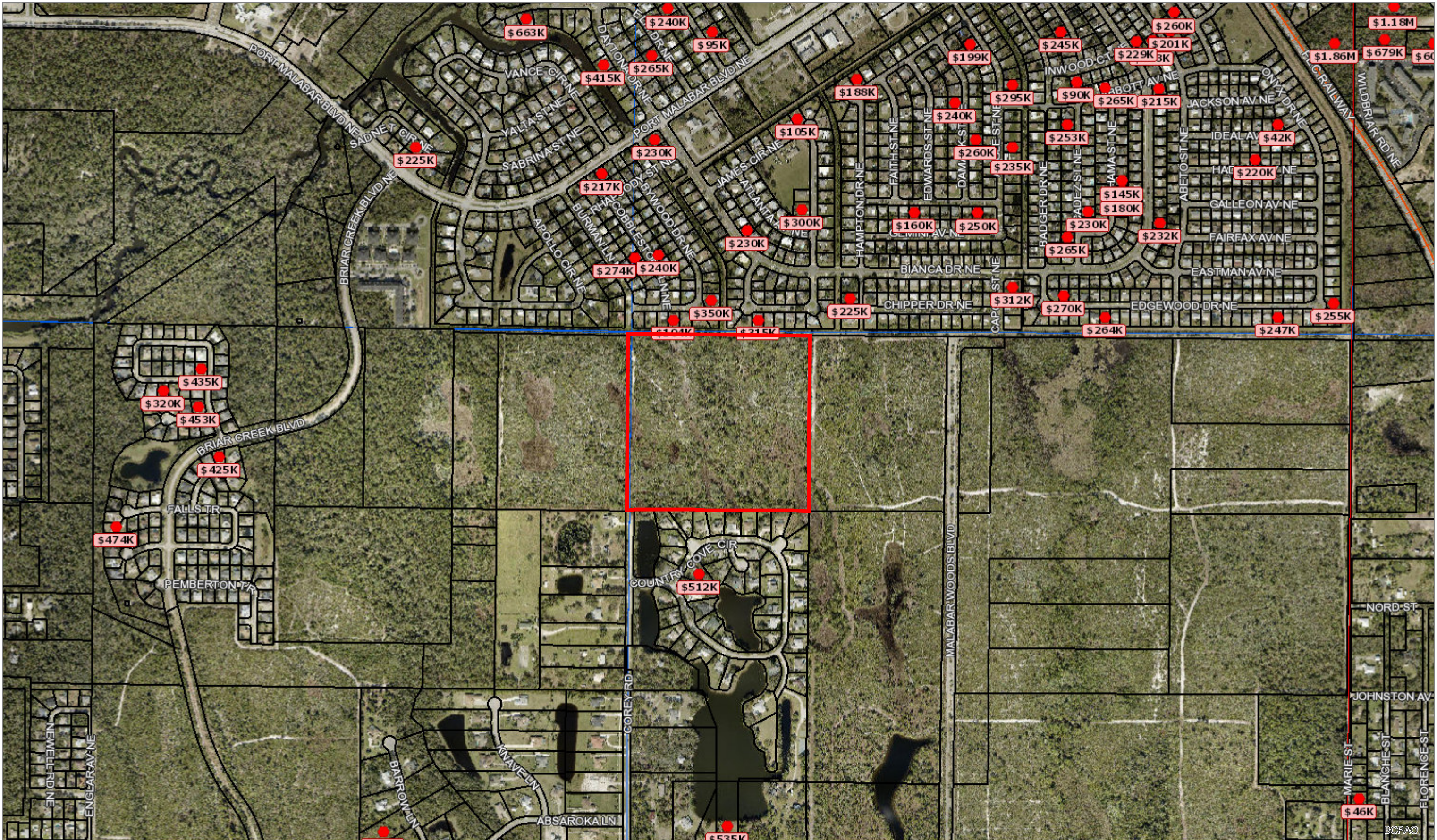
[Tommie.Suggs@fdacs.gov](mailto:Tommie.Suggs@fdacs.gov)

Cocoa Forestry Station  
3200 Grissom Parkway  
Cocoa, Fl. 32926

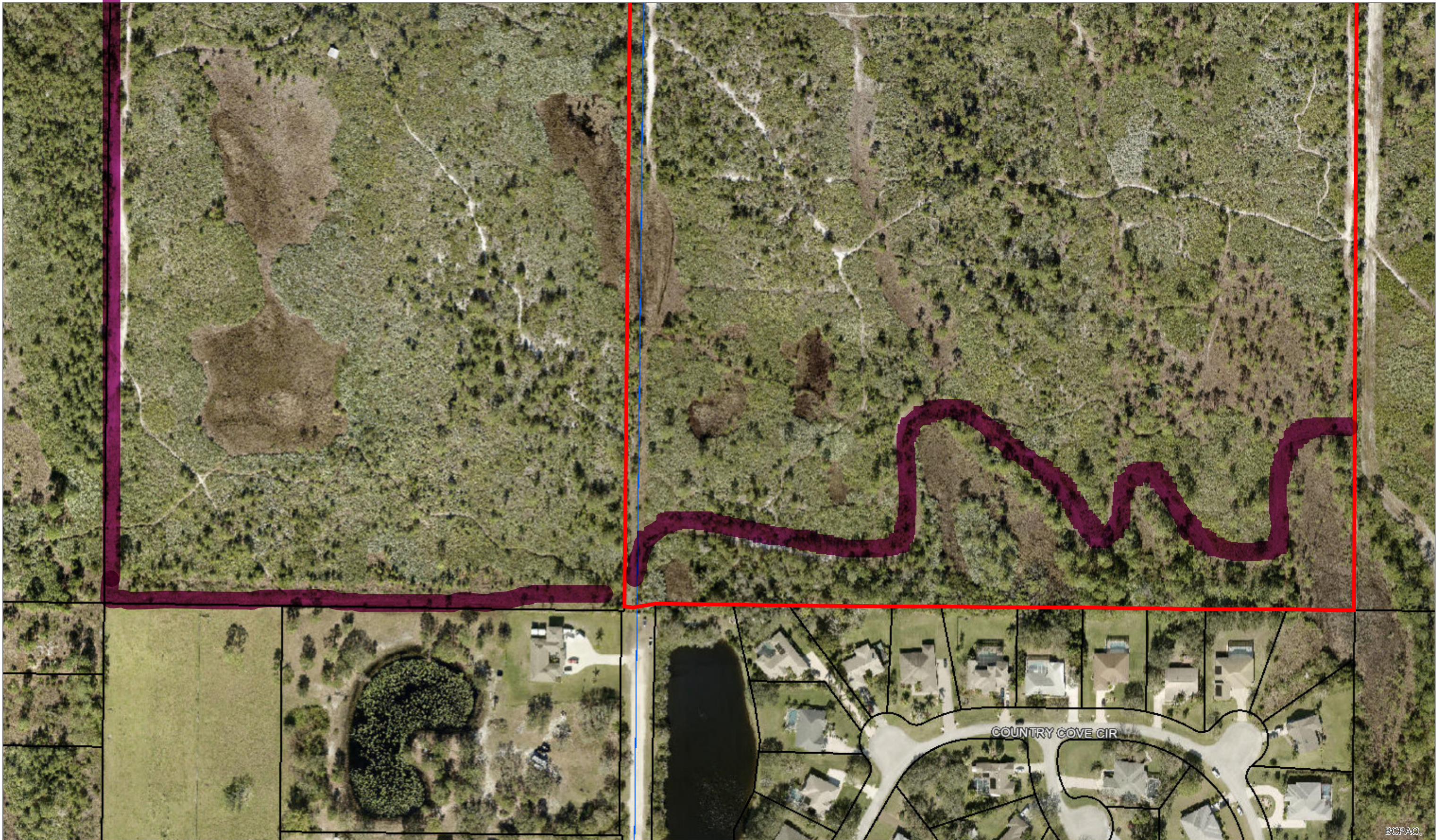
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# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.d

Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT: Eagles Nest Trailhead**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Eagles Nest Trailhead.
- b. The Committee has indicated it wishes to install the fence line next.
- c. The Malabar Public Works Department has been tasked with bringing in additional fill dirt. A PO for 150 additional tons has been opened.
- d. The Malabar PW Department has successfully brought in several loads of fill dirt. TM Stinnett is coordinating with CM Vail to grade the dirt on site as more is brought in.
- e. The Committee has expressed interest in installing a temporary culvert at the northern exit. TM Stinnett has indicated he will coordinate with a contractor to complete this task.
- f. CM Vail has stated he wishes to develop a drainage swale on the Northern edge of the property, running from east to west, along the whole boundary of the property. He plans to leave a 10-foot vegetative buffer, add a 10-foot-wide swale area to include drainage and a maintenance path.
- g. Staff has requested an engineer reviewed drainage plan and filing a permit for the drainage work.
- h. Interim Chief Giantonio of Malabar FD attended the July meeting to discuss the possibility and applicability of a Fire Well at the Trailhead.
  - a. Interim Chief Giantonio provided staff with the response he received about the Fire Well Grant.
  - b. Staff contacted 3 well drillers seeking quotes for a fire well at ENT.
    - i. Heidi Kruger Well Drillers
      1. Not qualified or certified to install Fire Well. Fire Well traditional 6–8-inch pipe.
      2. Can drill 4 inch well. This is what was originally discussed. Quoted at \$8,600.00.
      3. Can also drill a 2 inch well. Stated this is standard for Equestrian Trailheads. Quoted at \$4,000.00.
    - ii. Florida Well Drillers – Spoke to representative, took my information but never responded.
    - iii. Aqua Source Well Drillers – Called and Emailed, no response yet.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None.

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.e**

Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT: Next Field Event – TBD**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. The signs requested for the Cameron Preserve has been procured. If the Committee wishes, they could schedule the Cameron Preserve sign installation.
- b. The Town also received the components for the Bike Repair Station. It is ready for installation at the CTS on our next workday.
- c. The fence line at Ent could also be a planned work day.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. None

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Discussion