



# Trails and Greenways Committee

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE
2. ROLL CALL
3. SWEAR IN RETURNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Murray Hann

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 3.a

#### Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 3.a** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_3a.pdf)

4. APPOINT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES
6. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Approval of Minutes of 10/09/2023

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 6.a

#### Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 6.a** (Agenda\_Report\_6.a.pdf)

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS
8. ACTION ITEMS
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 9.a

#### Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 9.a** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_9a.pdf)

- b. MSS Restoration Plan Observations and Concerns

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 9.b

#### Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 9.b** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_9b.pdf)

- c. Cameron Preserve

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 9.c

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 9.c** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_9.c.pdf)

**d. Eagles Nest Trailhead**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 9.d

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 9.d** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_9.d.pdf)

**e. Next Field Event - TBD**

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 9.e

**Attachments:**

- **Agenda Report Number 9.e** (Agenda\_Report\_Number\_9.e.pdf)

**10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Board Member Comments**

**b. Staff Reports - Memo from Town Attorney**

**Attachments:**

- **TC Memo 2023-06** (TC\_Memo\_2023.6.pdf)

**c. Next Scheduled Meeting Date - 12.11.23**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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Contact: Richard W. Kohler (rkohler@townofmalabar.org 321-727-7764) | Agenda published on 11/08/2023 at 12:39 PM

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: **3.a**  
Meeting Date: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Swear in Returning Committee Member

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- a. Council passed Resolution 13-2023 by unanimous vote on 11/06/2023, to reappoint Mr. Murray Hann to the Trails and Greenways Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Oath of Office.
- b. Resolution 13-2023
- c. Application

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None.



## *OATH OF OFFICE*


"I, Murray Hann, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States, the State of Florida and the Town of Malabar; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State; and that I will faithfully perform the duties of Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee Member on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

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Murray Hann  
Malabar Trails & Greenways  
Committee  
November 13, 2023

Town Seal



  
Richard W. Kohler,  
Town Clerk  
Town of Malabar

RESOLUTION 13-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MURRAY HANN TO THE MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE AS A REGULAR MEMBER; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Malabar Town Council has been notified of completed terms on the Trails and Greenways Committee; and

WHEREAS, Malabar Town Council desires to fill this opening by appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

**Section 1.** The Town Council of Malabar, Brevard County, Florida, hereby approves the appointment of Murray Hann as a regular member of the Trails and Greenways Committee for a three-year term.

**Section 2.** The Town Council of Malabar, Brevard County, Florida, hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to notify the members, the Board Chair and the Board Secretary of this appointment.

**Section 3.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Vail and seconded by Council Member Hofmeister and the vote was as follows:

Council Member Marisa Acquaviva	<u>Excused</u>
Council Member Brian Vail	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Jim Clevenger	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member David Scardino	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Mary Hofmeister	<u>Aye</u>

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

TOWN OF MALABAR

(Seal)

By: Patrick T. Reilly

Mayor Patrick T. Reilly, Council Chair



ATTEST:

Richard W. Kohler

Richard W. Kohler  
Town Clerk

Approved as to form and content:

Karl W. Bohne, Jr.

Karl W. Bohne, Jr., Town Attorney

Trails & Greenways (T&G) Committee Application

The T&G Committee is hereby established and shall consist of five (5) seats and two (2) alternate-seats. The Committee is established to deal with the specific subject of trails and greenways within Malabar and how they connect to the South Brevard Linear Trail system. The Committee shall gather information and present it to the Park and Recreation Board for referral to the Town Council. The Committee is advisory in nature but consults with trail groups from other agencies on trail related issues and forwards their recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Board for their consideration and recommendation to Council.

1. Name: MURRAY HANN Phone: (321) 223-3265
2. Home Address: 1365 COREY RD, MALABAR, FL.
3. Email Address: MURRAY.HANN@L3HARRIS.COM
4. Are you a resident of the Town: Yes  No
5. How long have you been a resident of the Town of Malabar: 30 YEARS
6. Are you currently involved with any other organization of the Town: Yes  No   
If yes, which organization: (NOT SURE IF BMBA COUNTS AS "IN TOWN")

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Website: [www.townofmalabar.org](http://www.townofmalabar.org)

TOWN OF MALABAR

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

NOTE: Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes states, "It is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records shall at all times be open for a personal inspection by any person." Your application when filed will become a public record and subject to the above statute. In addition, any appointed member of a board of any political subdivision (except members of solely advisory bodies) and all members of bodies exercising planning, zoning or natural resources responsibilities are required to file a financial disclosure form within 30 days after appointment and annually thereafter for the duration of the appointment as required by F.S. Chap. 112.

NAME: MURRAY HANN TELEPHONE: 321 223-3265  
ADDRESS: 1365 COREY RD, MALABAR, FL.  
EMAIL: MURRAY.HANN@LBHARRIS.COM

RESIDENT OF TOWN FOR 12 MONTHS OR LONGER:  YES  NO

OCCUPATION: (If retired, please indicate former occupation or profession.)

ENGINEER

PROFESSIONAL AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

BREVARD MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOC BOB, BREV COUNTY  
BPTAC MEMBER & EELS REAC MEMBER

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REFERENCES:

Please select the Board that you would like to serve on by indicating first choice & second choice:

- Board of Adjustment
- Planning & Zoning
- Parks & Recreation
- Trails & Greenways

Per Town Code, Council shall require removal of members after 3 successive absences.

Murray Hann  
Signature of Applicant

11/01/2023  
Date

Please return this form to: Town Clerk  
Town of Malabar  
2725 Malabar Road  
Malabar, FL 32950-4427  
Email: townclerk@townofmalabar.org

Note: If you need more information concerning the duties of these Boards, please contact the Town Clerk. Please attach a copy of your resume to this application. You will be notified of the date of the Town Council Meeting that your application will be considered for appointment. You will need to plan to attend the Council Meeting.

(Rev. 12/2007)



Applicant Certification

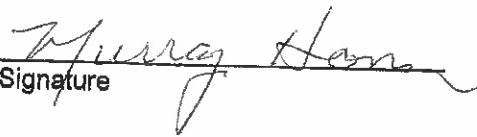
By completing this application with the Town of Malabar and placing my signature below, I do hereby acknowledge the following:

- This application, when completed and filed with the Office of the Town Clerk, is a PUBLIC RECORD UNDER Chapter 119, Florida Statute, and is open to public inspection.
- I am responsible for keeping the information on this form current and that any changes or updates will be provided to the Office of the Town Clerk.
- I acknowledge that I am a resident of the Town of Malabar.
- I consent to filing the Statement of Financial Interest as required by Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.
- If appointed to a Committee or Board, I acknowledge that it is my obligation and duty to comply with the following:
  - Malabar Code of Conduct
  - Code of Ethics for Public Officials (F.S., Chapter 112, Part III)
  - Florida Sunshine Law (F.S., Chapter 286)

I understand the responsibilities associated with being a Committee or Board member and I will have adequate time to serve on this Committee or Board.

The information provided on this form is true and correct and consent is hereby given to the Town Council or its designated representative to verify any and/or all the information provided.

Signature



Date

11/01/2023

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## Town of Malabar Board Member Code of Conduct

*(Malabar Code Chap 2. – Code of Conduct) In addition to adhering to the requirements of State Law, any person appointed to serve as a Member of a Town Board or Committee shall commit to the following Code of Conduct by written affirmation, which shall remain on file with the Town Clerk, as follows:*

I affirm that the proper Statutory and Town Charter role of Members of appointed Town Boards and Committees, as with any Member of an appointed government body, is to act collectively, not individually, to apply the Town's governing policies, and that the Town Administrator and Staff administer such policies.

I understand that an appointed Board or Committee Member does not manage the affairs of the Town. I will not intrude into daily operations or spheres of responsibility designated by Florida Statutes, Town Code, and Town Charter to the Town Administrator as the Chief Executive Officer; or undermine the Town Administrator's lawful authority. Further, I understand that the Town Administrator is responsible for administering the policy direction established by a majority vote of the Town Council and not the individual wishes of Board or Committee Members.

I will represent the interests of the entire Town when making decisions and will rely upon available facts and my independent judgment. In my capacity as an appointed Board or Committee Member, I will avoid conflicts of interest and avoid using my official position for personal, professional, or partisan gain.

I will demonstrate dignity, respect, and courtesy toward those whom I am in contact with in my capacity as an appointed Board or Committee Member. I will refrain from intimidation and ridicule of fellow Board or Committee Members, Town Council Members, Town Administrator, Town Attorney, Staff, citizens of the Town, and those conducting business with the Town.

In my capacity as an appointed Board or Committee Member, I will refrain from inappropriate language including statements that are malicious, threatening, slanderous, disparaging, mean-spirited, vulgar or abusive. All disagreements, concerns or criticisms shall be framed in language that is in keeping with the dignity and professionalism of an appointed official and the honor of my respective Town Board or Committee.

I will focus on solving problems. I will maintain appropriate decorum and professional demeanor in the conduct of Town business and work cooperatively and conscientiously with others as I request or receive information, examine data or weigh alternatives in the decision-making process.

I will demonstrate patience and refrain from demanding, interruptive access to Staff or immediate responses or services when requesting information that requires significant Staff time in research, preparation or analysis or that will result in Staff neglect of urgent duties. Such requests will be made through the Town Administrator for scheduling and prioritizing through consensus of my respective Town Board or Committee.

I will devote adequate time for preparation prior to my respective Town Board or Committee meetings and as much as possible, I will be in attendance at such meetings and all other scheduled events where my participation is required.

I will respect diversity and encourage the open expression of divergent ideas and opinions from fellow Board or Committee Members, Town Council Members, Town Administrator, Town Attorney, Staff, citizens of Malabar. I will listen actively and objectively to others' concerns or constructive criticisms.

I will refrain from any individual action that could compromise lawfully authorized decisions of the Town or the integrity of the Town and my fellow Board or Committee Members. I will delineate clearly for any audience whether I am acting or speaking as an individual citizen or in my capacity as a Town Board or Committee Member.

I will maintain the confidentiality of privileged information and will abide by all laws of the State applicable to my conduct as a Board or Committee Member, including but not limited to the Government in the Sunshine Law, the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers, and Town Rules of Procedure and Codes of Conduct.

I will promote constructive relations in a positive climate with all Members of the Town Council, Town employees, Town Attorney, and Town contractors and consultants consistent with my role as a Board or Committee Member, as a means to enhance the productivity and morale of the Town. I will support the Town Administrator's decision to employ the most qualified persons for Staff positions. I will recognize the bona fide achievements of the Town Council, Town Administrator, Staff, Town Attorney, Town contractors and consultants, business partners, and others sharing in, and striving to achieve, the Town's mission.

I will enhance my knowledge and ability to contribute value to the Town as a Board or Committee Member by keeping abreast of issues and trends that could affect the Town through reading, continuing education and training. I will study policies and issues affecting the Town, and will attend training programs if required by the Town. My continuing goal will be to improve my performance as a Board or Committee Member.

I will value and assist my fellow Board or Committee Members by exchanging ideas, concerns, and knowledge through lawful means of communication. I will help build positive community support for the Town's mission and the policies established by the Town Council.

I will support and advocate for my beliefs, but will remain open to understanding the views of others. I recognize that I share in the responsibility for all Town decisions that my respective Board makes and will accept the will of the majority.

As a Board or Committee Member, I will always hold the best interests of the citizens of the Town and the public health, safety and welfare of the community in the highest regard. I will seek to provide appropriate leadership that nurtures and motivates Town citizens to be stakeholders in the affairs and achievements of the Town.

I will be accountable to the Town Council for violations of this Code of Conduct.

Murray Hann  
Signature

MURRAY HANN  
Print Name

11/01/2023  
Date

Frank W. Koller  
Witness

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA ITEM NO: 6.a

Meeting Date: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

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SUBJECT: Approve Minutes of 10/9/2023

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#### BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. Summary of Actions at the Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting of 10/9/2023

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Draft Minutes of T&GC Meeting of 10/9/2023

#### ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Request Approval

**MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 9<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 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Thompson.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN
BOARD MEMBERS:	ANNELIE HARVEY - Excused
	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 9/19/2023.**

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

Discussion: Chair noted a correction in Cameron Preserve. Amended as directed.

**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 wet. Liaison Smith states he went through the area and found it drier than expected. VC Hann states the bridges of the Secret Trail was flooded. They survived well. The area looked beautiful with the increase of water. He states the bridges are above the waterline again. Cameron Preserve trails are in great condition. The work performed at the last trail day removed a lot of toe catchers, and trimmed all of the Cameron trails. He estimates that 6 or 7 miles of trails were trimmed. He gave a special thanks to BMBA member Jimmy Karp for his hard work in trimming poison ivy from the trails. CM Gunter asks if there is still a tree down across the bridge? VC Hann states it has already been removed. CM Gunter states he rode the area after the rains and has never seen it this wet. VC Hann states he has recently seen a family of Scrub Jays in the Cameron Preserve. He believes they have moved there due to the prescribed burn recently performed by the EELs program. He contests that Fish and Wildlife suggests not burning more than 10% of a property, and the program regularly exceeds that. He fears that they will be removing the Oak trees by Malabar Community Park soon. CM Gunter states he has not seen them working in the west and believes they will finish the work in the east first. VC Hann expresses his frustration that the program removed the trees along the median of Malabar Woods Blvd. He also expresses concern that all the mulch and trimmings are flowing towards the Lagoon.

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

Chair thanked Clerk Kohler for providing the incident report from the Prescribed burn in the MSS. He feels having this included in the agenda is important. He is concerned that the next fire will burn the Cameron Preserve. He asks if Malabar FD has the authority to deny a prescribed burn in Malabar? CM Wilbur suggests requesting from forestry a notification whenever an application is submitted for a burn in Malabar. Chair suggests Town Staff pursue this. Clerk Kohler states he will investigate the possibilities of advanced notice for prescribed burns. CM Gunter states he spoke with Evan Hall, Brevard EELs Burn Master, and was informed that the winds were favorable, so they burned extra. He is unsure what parameters are laid out in the burn permit. CM Wilbur states that much more information is considered, such as transport winds and ground saturation. He is concerned that the EELs program is not being honest. Chair feels the EELs program took advantage of the favorable winds to burn additional land. He feels the burn limits should have been set by the Scrub Jay sites, not how much land can be burned. He feels Malabar would be smart to request additional information before a burn.

**c. Cameron Preserve**

Chair began by stating that he has not received any signs yet. VC Hann states he has not had time to drill the signs but expects to have time this week. Chair states he is looking forward to installing them with the bottom of the sign being 6 feet off the ground. Chair thanked staff for planning the FCT walkthrough. Clerk Kohler states he and TM Stinnett will perform a walkthrough. Chair suggests highlighting the new signs, Impala Trail, and the Eschenberg Park plan. Clerk Kohler stated that CM Harvey delivered the hardware she had on hand for the inventory. She stated that she also had two 6"x6"x16' sections of wood left. CM Gunter states that when entering the Cameron Preserve, there are no trash cans. He has picked up trash while walking in the area and has had to carry it all the way out. He is unsure of where one would be most useful but wanted to bring it up. Can we make the Sherrif aware of the increased activity out there? CM Cameron explains that she had requested the BCSO mounted posse patrolled the Cameron Preserve. Clerk Kohler explains that the BCSO Ag/Marine unit came to patrol the area the day after she spoke to them. CM Wilbur explains that the increased development of US 1 will push some homeless towards our area. Clerk Kohler also explained that he is trying to communicate with Mr. Suggs of Forestry in regards to recutting the firebreaks. VC Hann expressed his excitement in beginning that process.

**d. Eagles Nest Trailhead**

Chair states that the dirt is all in place and level. Do we need more fill? CM Wilbur states he believes so. Chair would like to give the ENT some attention this fall. Clerk Kohler states he has begun researching wells for the Trailhead. He has contacted three local well drillers, Heidi Kruger, Florida Well Drillers, and Aqua Source Well Drillers. Currently, only Heidi Kruger has responded. They stated they a traditional Fire Well is 6-8 inches in diameter. They are not certified or qualified to install them. They did provide three other options:

1. 4" well (\$8,600)
2. 2" well (\$4,000)
3. Shallow well with hand pump and pitcher (\$2,425 (well) + \$175 (pump/pitcher))

Staff will continue to pursue quotes from the other two companies, as well as seek Fire Department input on the size of the well for the next meeting. Chair states he believes that Malabar FD was interested in participating in this concept. He hopes to work towards that goal. He is working on a proposal for funding. He also suggests contacting the County for a partnership on this project. CM Wilbur suggests requesting a member of the Fire Department at our next meeting. VC Hann requests a sketch of the ports and pipes they will require. Chair states he feels this should be a major project for this group and hopes for Council support. He feels it would be a

major win for many facets of the Town. VC Hann suggests having the pump set up so that two or more trucks can refill at any time. Chair suggests a new name for the ENT since the eagle's nest is gone. He proposes the new name become Empty Nest Trailhead. It remains ENT but is more appropriate. VC Hann suggests also including an Osprey nest in the future.

**e. Next Field Event – TBD**

Chair states that aside from the installation of the signs, the ENT needs assistance. CM Wilbur states he believes there should be more fill brought in. He also believes we can expand further east if needed. Chair then gave a broad overview of the ENT project. VC Hann suggests Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for the next trail day.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Board Member Comments:** CM Cameron reported on a webinar she attended on Seniors exercising. She found that Malabar is right on track with all of the points they discussed. She did learn that a lot of the seniors are using E-Bikes. Discussion on e-bikes and potential limitations ensued. Chair states he would like to upload a video to the site in future. Chair also informs the Committee that he uploaded the SCTPO Master Plan to the TGC site. He also informed the Committee that the BPTAC meeting has been canceled with no rescheduled date. CM Wilbur suggests pursuing the Trail Crossing at Malabar and Marie Street, as well as the line of sight cleaning at the same intersection. CM Gunter suggests including a new trash can at the Briar Creek Blvd entrance. VC Hann also suggests getting an additional Trail Crossing sign along Briar Creek Blvd.
- b. Staff Reports:** None
- c. New Business:**
- Next Regular Meeting- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION: HANN/CAMERON to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes.** The meeting adjourned 7:57 PM.

BY:

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Drew Thompson, Chair

11/13/2023

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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: 9.a

Meeting Date: November 13, 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: 9.b

Meeting Date: November 13, 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. None.

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None.

# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA ITEM NO: 9.C

Meeting Date: November 13, 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.
  - a. Town Staff met with the FCT Administrator for our area to perform a site visit at Cameron Preserve, Eschenberg Preserve, and the Disc Golf Sanctuary.
  - b. Mr. MacMahon indicated that the FCT would like to see an updated management plan for the properties.
  - c. Staff informed him that the Committee plans to amend the existing plan to give the Town more autonomy over its land, and to incorporate a regular burn cycle in the scrub area.
  - d. Staff also expressed the Committee's wish to maintain the western portion of the property as a Deep Woods or Old Forest section. Mr. MacMahon stated he understood and tentatively approves of our continuing in that direction.
- 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. 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. On 11.01, Staff and CM Hann met with 3 members of the Florida Forestry Division.
    - i. They indicated an influx of funding will allow them to assist in cutting of firebreaks, mechanical vegetation reduction, and controlled burns.
    - ii. They also indicated that any area the Committee wishes to burn must be bordered on all sides by an effective fire line.
    - iii. Staff has developed a rough draft of proposed fire lines which would integrate the scrub habitat restoration cycle previously discussed.
    - iv. Staff has also communicated to Malabar FD about maintaining the firebreaks once they have been refurbished. If the Town procures the proper equipment, they would be willing to assist regularly.
- 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. Emails between Town Clerk, Interim Chief Giantonio, and Lt. Hooker of Malabar FD.

#### **ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. Discussion

## Richard Kohler

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**From:** Anthony Gianantonio  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 10:39 AM  
**To:** Richard Kohler; Joseph Hooker  
**Subject:** Re: Cameron Preserve Firebreaks

Richard,

I concur with Lt. Hooker. As long as we can get the training on utilizing the equipment, I am sure we will have personnel wanting to assist in maintaining the trails in the Cameron Preserve.

Thanks to both of you.

**Anthony Gianantonio**  
*Driver/Engineer - Interim Fire Chief*  
Malabar Fire Department



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**From:** Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 8:41 AM  
**To:** Joseph Hooker <jhooker@malabarfd.org>; Anthony Gianantonio <agianantonio@malabarfd.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Cameron Preserve Firebreaks

Thanks Lt! I appreciate the willingness to assist. It is still a ways out from reality, but good to know where everyone stands going in.

***Richard W. Kohler***

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**From:** Joseph Hooker <jhooker@malabarfd.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 6:17 AM  
**To:** Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>; Anthony Gianantonio <agianantonio@malabarfd.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Cameron Preserve Firebreaks

I am willing to do it as I am sure others will be as well.

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**From:** Richard Kohler <[townclerk@townofmalabar.org](mailto:townclerk@townofmalabar.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 2:07 PM  
**To:** Anthony Gianantonio <[agianantonio@malabarfd.org](mailto:agianantonio@malabarfd.org)>  
**Cc:** Joseph Hooker <[jhooker@malabarfd.org](mailto:jhooker@malabarfd.org)>  
**Subject:** Cameron Preserve Firebreaks

Good Afternoon Guys,

This morning, I met with a Mr. Jamie Aimes (former Malabar FD Volunteer) and 2 other members of the Florida Forestry service to discuss the firebreaks in the Cameron Preserve. We discussed at length the recutting and future maintenance of the firebreaks in the Cameron Preserve.

The goal is to create 5 distinct areas or zones to the preserve, each bound by a complete firebreak. I have attached a few maps that should help you visualize the proposal. Map 1 shows the proposed zones, and map 2 shows the proposed firebreaks we would like to have established. We hope to keep the western most area of the preserve as is, as a deep woods old growth forest (Zone 1). The eastern area will hopefully be divided by firebreaks into 4 zones which will be reduced, burned, and maintained in a circular pattern (Zones 2-5).

Forestry informed me that they have received considerable funding from the State to accomplish projects like these, so we will be working towards that goal. If Forestry were to cut the firebreaks, it would be the responsibility of the Town to maintain them. If we were to purchase a disc, do you think a member of the FD could run a tractor to recut the firebreaks in the future? It should only take a day or two each year, and we would provide training for whoever runs the machine.

I hope to bring this proposal to the Trails and Greenways Committee on Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or concerns before then.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you both to provide a safe environment for our residents and visitors to enjoy.

Thank you!

***Richard W. Kohler***

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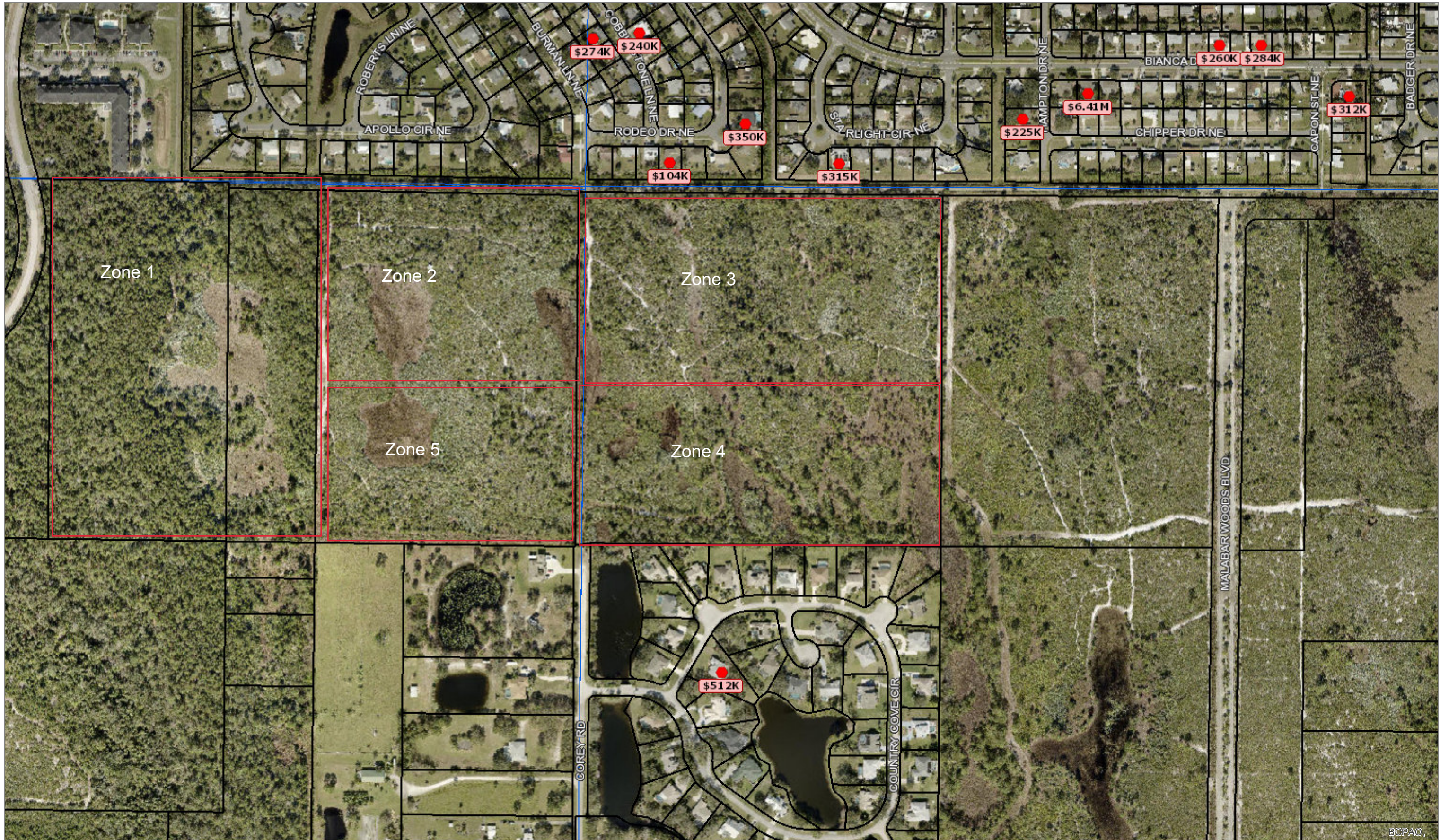


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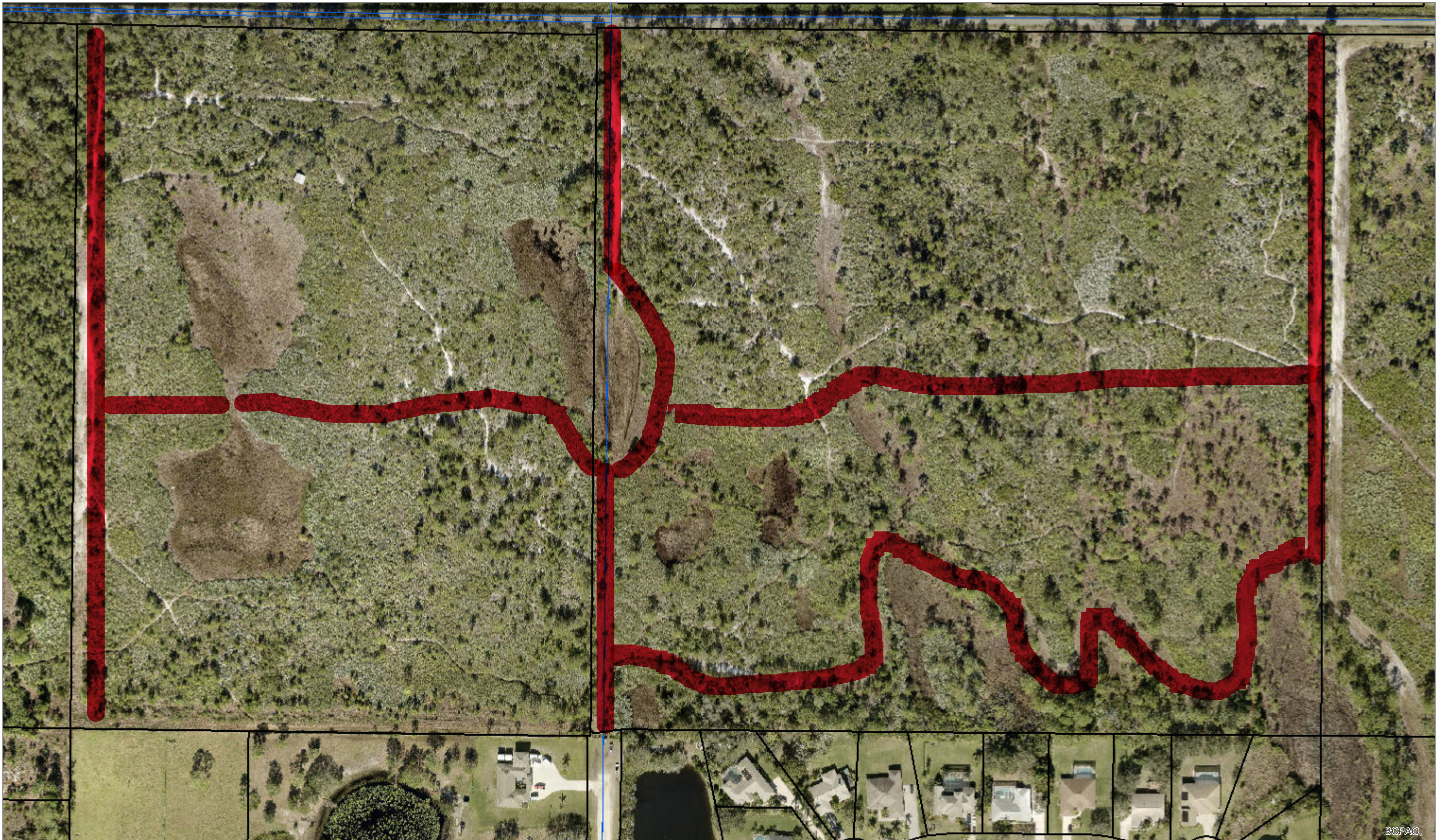
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# TOWN OF MALABAR

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 9.d**  
Meeting Date: November 13, 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 – Quote Attached.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Aqua Source Well Drilling Proposal.
- b. Email from Interim Chief Giantonio stating 4" would be sufficient.

**ACTION OPTIONS:**

- a. None

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# Aqua Source Well Drilling, LLC

License # 7204

PO Box 100107  
Palm Bay, FL 32910  
(321) 722-5080 phone  
Sherri@aquasourcewelldrilling.com

## Proposal

**Prepared For:**  
Town of Malabar

**Date:**  
October 17, 2023

**Job Name:**  
Town of Malabar  
2345 Marie St.  
Malabar, FL

**Contact numbers:**  
(321) 768-9123  
jschultz@townofmalabar.org

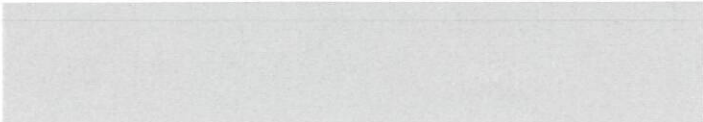
<b>2 1/2 inch PVC Irrigation Deep Well</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well will be drilled to the aquifer.</li> <li>Includes all necessary casing and PVC ball valve.</li> <li>Schedule 40.</li> <li>Well will be finished at least 12" above grade before the 1<sup>st</sup> fitting.</li> <li>Although unlikely, a total depth beyond 400 ft will accrue a charge of \$18/ft</li> </ul>	
<b>3 inch PVC Irrigation Deep Well</b>	<b>\$10,360.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well will be drilled to the aquifer.</li> <li>Includes all necessary casing and PVC ball valve.</li> <li>Schedule 40.</li> <li>Well will be finished at least 12" above grade before the 1<sup>st</sup> fitting.</li> <li>Although unlikely, a total depth beyond 400 ft will accrue a charge of \$23/ft</li> </ul>	
<b>4 inch PVC Irrigation Deep Well</b>	<b>\$14,800.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well will be drilled to the aquifer.</li> <li>Includes all necessary casing and ball valve.</li> <li>Schedule 40.</li> <li>Well will be finished at least 12" above grade before the 1<sup>st</sup> fitting.</li> <li>Although unlikely, a total depth beyond 400 ft will accrue a charge of \$30/ft</li> </ul>	
<b>County Irrigation Well Permit Fee</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>

**\*\*DOES NOT INCLUDE PUMP or HOOKUP TO EXISTING PUMP**  
**\*\* Not responsible for cutting way of concrete, replacement of concrete, tree trimming, fence removal or removal of shrubs.**  
**If work area is not accessible, this may delay start of the job and result in additional charges.**

**Terms and Conditions:**

10 year limited warranty on well. Well will remain at least 12 inches above grade. **Not responsible for: infliction to landscape, salt content, damage to sprinkler lines, damage to driveways or sidewalks, free flow rate, natural drop in flow, any damage to new well by anyone other than Aqua Source, any change/damage to neighboring wells on/off job site, performance of existing sprinkler system or additional usage permits.** All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon request and may become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements are contingent upon delays beyond our control.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_





## Richard Kohler

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**From:** Anthony Gianantonio  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023 10:43 AM  
**To:** Richard Kohler  
**Cc:** Carmen Colon  
**Subject:** Re: Eagles Nest Trailhead Fire Well

Richard,

This sounds great. I am not too familiar with the exact requirements, but as Mr. Hann stated, the 4" diameter delivering 20k is sufficient for firefighting operations. If possible, we would need at least a 2.5" discharge pipe for filling apparatus or our portable storage tank. I believe the site access discussed at a prior meeting was perfect for our apparatus to access the proposed filling site. If there is anything else needed, I would be glad to assist as best as I can.

Thank you, Richard.

**Anthony Gianantonio**  
*Driver/Engineer - Interim Fire Chief*  
Malabar Fire Department



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**From:** Richard Kohler <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:20 AM  
**To:** Anthony Gianantonio <agianantonio@malabarfd.org>  
**Cc:** Carmen Colon <ccolon@malabarfd.org>  
**Subject:** Eagles Nest Trailhead Fire Well

Good Morning Chief!

At last night's Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting, the committee once again discussed the possibility of having a fire well at the Eagles Nest Trailhead. I have included a portion of the draft minutes for your review below:

*"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."*

What specifications would an ideal fire well have? I am mostly unfamiliar with these types of projects, but I'd imagine that well/pipe diameter and gallons per second or minute would be important factors. As grant funding has been ruled out, we have an interesting opportunity to build this to our exact specifications free from outside influence. Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide you to assist in this process. I look forward to working with you to complete this project!

Thanks for the help!

***Richard W. Kohler***

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## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 9.e**  
**Meeting Date: November 13, 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 instillation.
- b. The Town also received the components for the Bike Repair Station. It is ready for instillation 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

**TOWN OF MALABAR**  
**MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 2023-TC-6

**To:** All Town Boards and Committees

**CC** Denine Sherear, Board Secretary of Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment; and Richard Kohler, Board Secretary for the Parks and recreation Board and the Trails and Greenways Committee

**From:** Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

**Ref:** Attorney Bohne Reminder to only Discuss Items Listed on the Agenda

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At the November 6<sup>th</sup> RTCM, Town Attorney Bohne reported to Council that he had been advised about an instance where a Board/Committee member spoke at a public meeting about an item that was not listed on the meeting agenda. Attorney Bohne wishes to caution against speaking about items not listed on the agenda, particularly items regarding land use, site plans, and zoning changes. By only discussing items listed on the agenda, we can ensure a fair and honest proceeding for all members of the public. Thank you!