

Secret Woods Buffer

LOCATION

Secret Woods Buffer is located south and west of the existing Secret Woods Nature Center along Marina Mile Boulevard in the City of Dania Beach.

SIZE

24.82 acres.

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned by Broward County and managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. The northeast 2.12 acres and the north 4.81 acres of the buffer were acquired by the County in 1980s. The southern 17.89 acres addition area was purchased with the 1989 Environmentally Sensitive Lands Bond acquisition program for \$1,485,300.

DESCRIPTION

The northern area of the site is prone to the tidal flooding from the New River. Vegetation in this area consists of white, black, and red mangroves tolerant of brackish water. Further south away from the river, more freshwater plants reside including wax myrtle, dahoon holly, coastal plain willow, and pond apple. Laurel oaks and hydric hammock vegetation dominate the central area of the site.

CURRENT STATUS

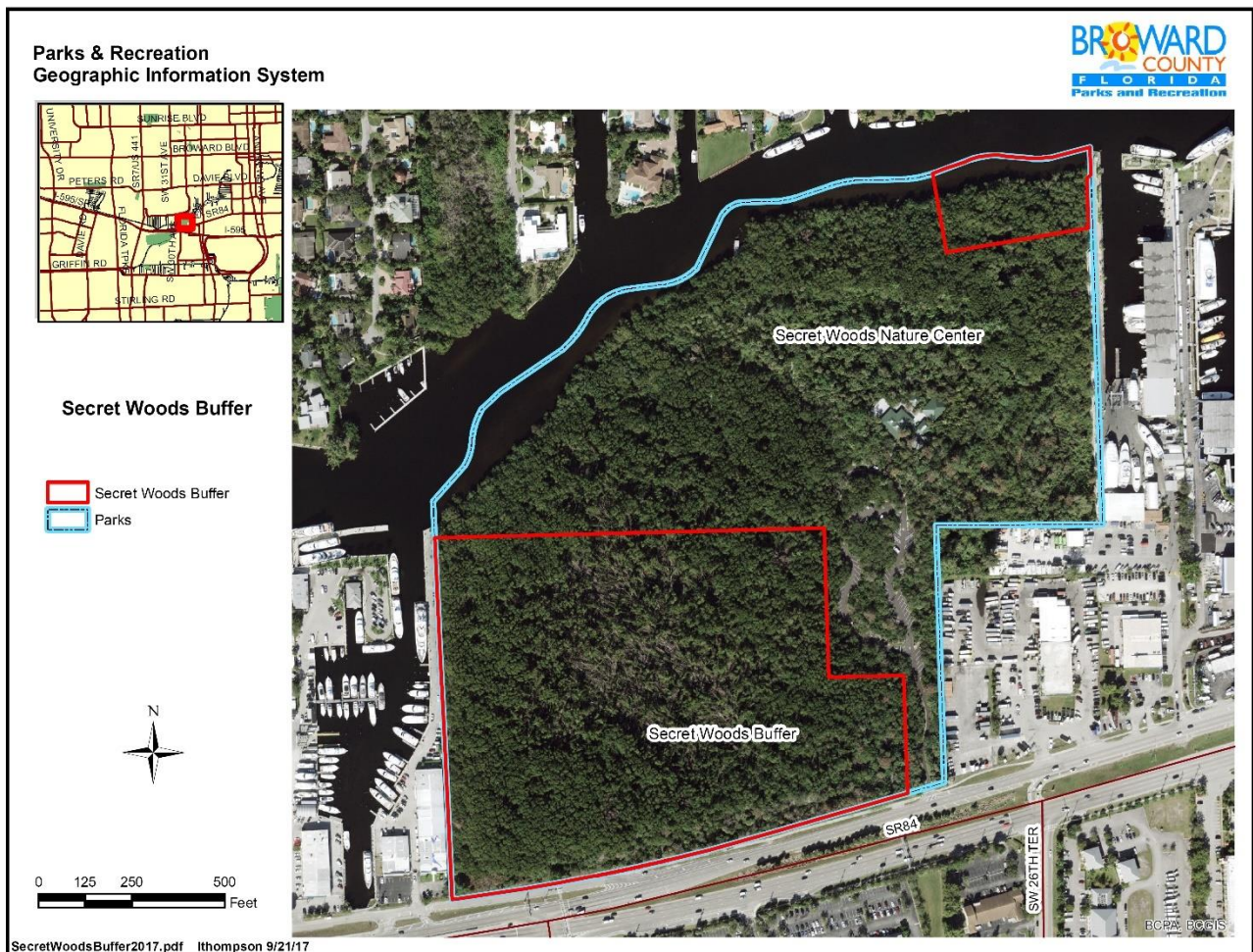
No amenities are planned for the buffer area. The site is monitored and maintained for invasive plant species. A contractor performed invasive plant eradication in a portion of the Buffer and Nature Center in 2017.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan has been completed and added to the Secret Woods Management Plan. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends the Secret Woods Buffer be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

Buffer site is not accessible to the public however it is part of the Secret Woods Nature Center which offers trails including a boardwalk with views of the New River, an interpretive center and rental hall.



Hillsboro Pineland Addition (Site 216)

LOCATION

Hillsboro Pineland Addition (HPA) also known as Pujara is located along east of State Road 7/US 441 just north of Hillsboro Boulevard in the City of Coconut Creek.

SIZE

16.82 acres.

OWNERSHIP

HPA is owned by Broward County and managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. The eastern third of HPA was transferred to the County for impacts with plans to develop the western two-thirds of this parcel. However, the western two-thirds of HPA were never developed and instead were purchased in September 2003 by the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program and Florida Communities Trust (FCT) for \$4,250,000. Two small connecting parcels were transferred to Broward County as part of the Brookstone Cypress Hammocks development in 2012.

DESCRIPTION

The site preserves a pine flatwoods habitat which is becoming increasingly rare in Broward County. The soil at the site primarily is made up of Hallandale fine sand which is associated with flatwood areas. The initial removal of invasive and exotic plants was completed in the 2005. Over 1,400 native plants including slash pine, cypress, saw palmetto, beautyberry, wild coffee, and dahoon holly were planted on this site.

CURRENT STATUS

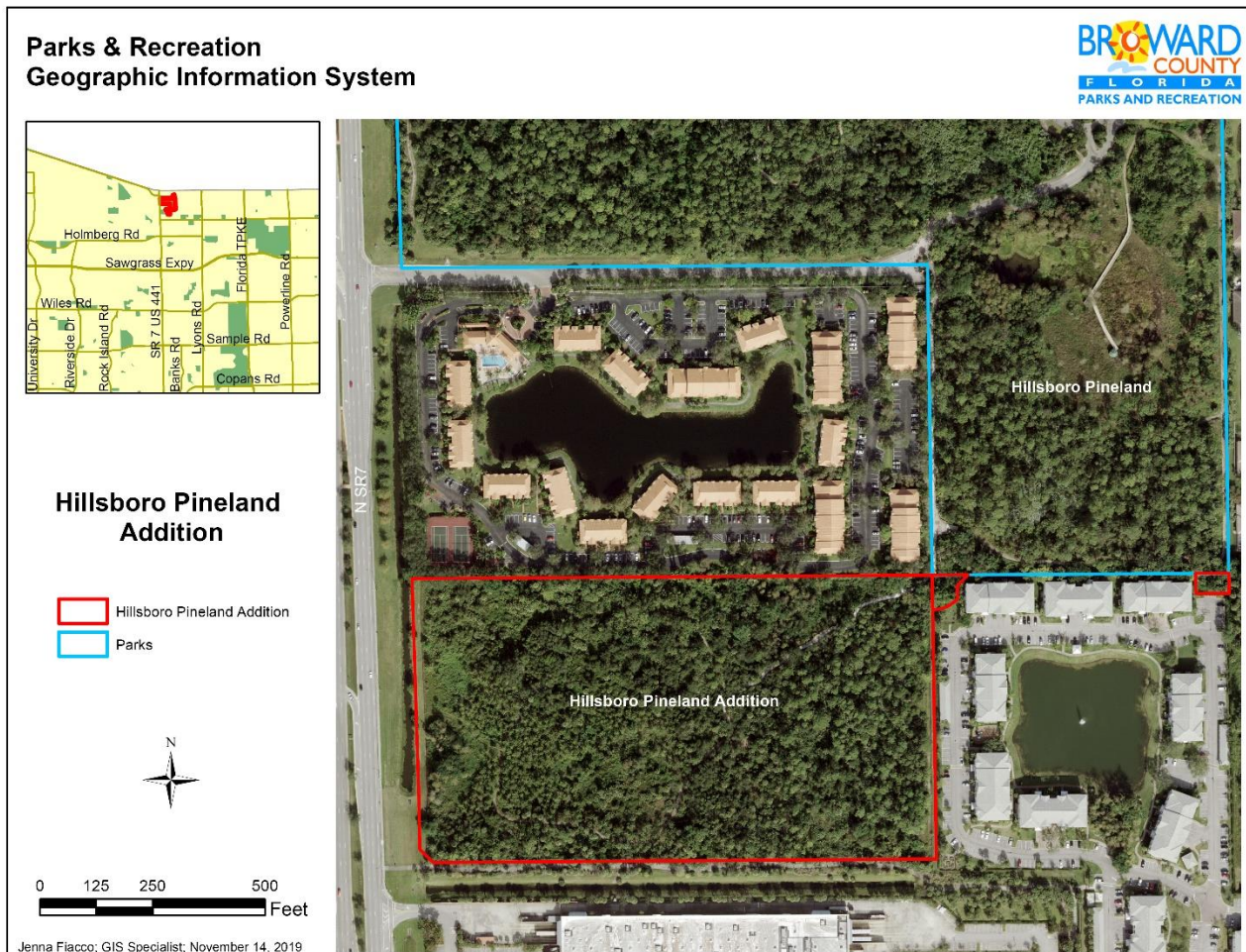
Eradication of invasive plants is on-going. All amenities planned for Hillsboro Pineland Addition, a pathway, elevated overlook, and interpretive signs, are completed. A wetland rehydration project is in the planning stages to restore water to the impacted cypress wetland in the north portion of this addition.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan was completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Hillsboro Pineland Addition be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The addition site is open to the public. The amenities that provide public access were completed in 2018.



Sheridan Street Addition (Site 365)

LOCATION

Sheridan Street Addition is located on the southeast corner of Sheridan Street and North 14th Avenue in the City of Hollywood.

SIZE

5.37 acres.

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned by Broward County and managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. The addition area was purchased as a green space with funds from the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Board and Florida Communities Trust for \$2,093,000 in 2001.

DESCRIPTION

Two projects conducted on site returned wetlands characteristics to an area that was dominated with fill and Australian pines. The southern portion of the site is a wet retention area constructed by the City of Hollywood in 2011 to receive stormwater and allow for pretreatment before the water enters West Lake. In 2015, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began a project using the north half of the site for wetland mitigation. This project included removal of exotic plants, fill excavation, and regrading the site to the appropriate elevations to support mangrove wetlands. Native plants including black mangrove, red mangrove, buttonwood, cordgrasses, and cocoplum were installed within the mitigation area.

CURRENT STATUS

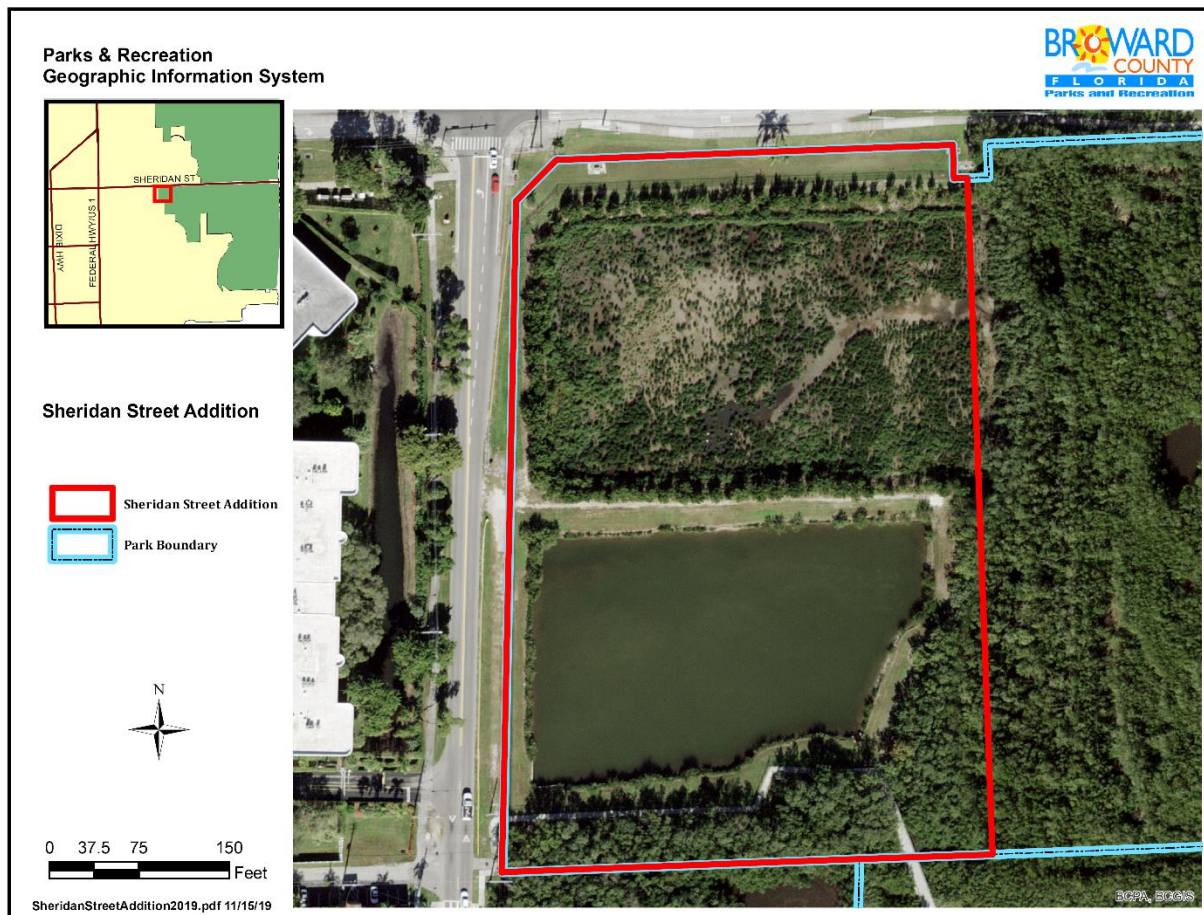
FDOT's Wetland mitigation of the northern portion began in 2015 and monitoring is underway with permitting agencies. The plantings have been successful. A trail and footbridge were completed in 2014 that allows access to West Lake Regional Park from the neighborhoods to the west.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan has been completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends the Sheridan Street Addition be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

Site includes a trail and footbridge connecting the neighborhoods along North 14th Avenue into West Lake Regional Park.



Miramar Pineland Addition (Site 257)

LOCATION

Miramar Pineland Addition is located west of University Drive, east of Douglas Road, and north of the Miramar exit of Florida Turnpike's Homestead extension in the City of Miramar.

SIZE

59.32 acres.

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned by Broward County and managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. The addition area was purchased in 2001 with the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond and Florida Communities Trust for \$13,810,000.

DESCRIPTION

Distinct and diverse habitats can be found on site including scrubby flatwoods, historic prairie, and a recreated wetland area.

CURRENT STATUS

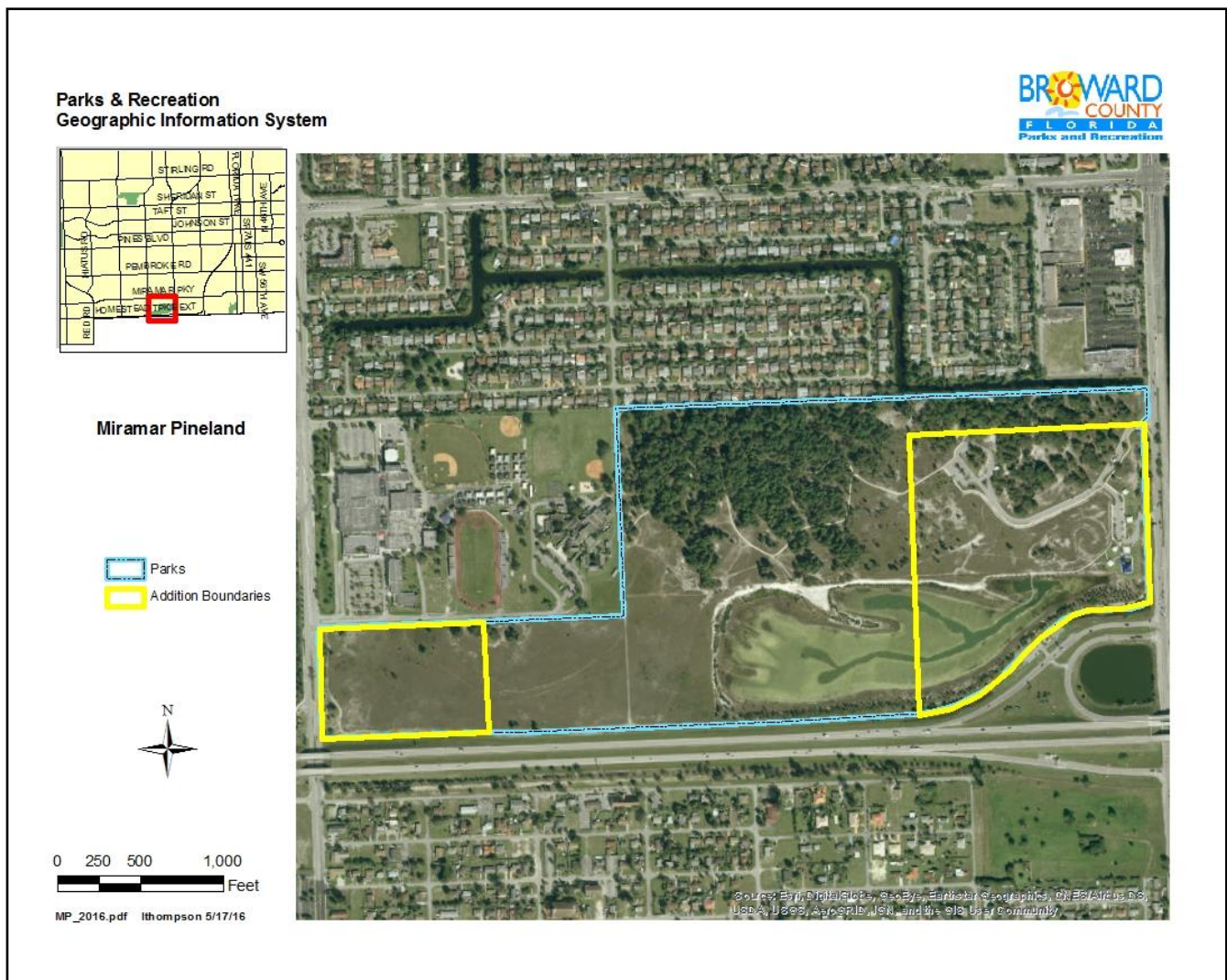
In 2012, invasive plant management and Phase I of project site construction were completed. This construction included a nature trail, boardwalk, overlook, picnic shelters, a playground, splash pad play area, bathrooms, and a gate house. In 2013, interpretive signs were posted and the site was opened to the public. Construction of the nature center building is in the planning stage and anticipated to be constructed in 2020.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan has been completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Miramar Pineland Addition be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

Amenities including a parking lot, nature trails, picnic shelters, splash pad and playground are open to the public.



Carpenter House (Site 447)

LOCATION

The Carpenter House (Hollywood North Beach Addition/Site 447) is located on North Surf Road, east of North State Road A1A between Cody Street and Greene Street in the City of Hollywood.

SIZE

0.54 acres.

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned and managed by Broward County. It was purchased under the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program and Florida Communities Trust as an addition to the 62-acre State-owned Hollywood North Beach Park in 2004 for \$3,700,000.

DESCRIPTION

The property contains a house built in the 1940s and a small area of dune ecosystem that transitions from coastal strand into impacted maritime hammock with low species diversity. A 30-foot right-of-way located on the east side of the project site is managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation, and this area completes the transition of the dune ecosystem to the beach.

CURRENT STATUS

The removal of Australian pines, trash, and debris have been completed. In 2010, the interior and exterior restoration and renovation of the Carpenter House was completed. In 2015, the conversion of the pool on site to a sea turtle pool was completed and now houses a green sea turtle. Nova Southeastern University partnered with Broward County Parks to operate Marine Environmental Education Center (MEEC) on site which opened to the public in 2017.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan has been completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends the Carpenter House be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The masterplan was approved by the County Commission in 2008. Construction of amenities has been completed. MEEC opened in March 2017 and provides educational programs to school groups and access for the general public.



Crescent Trail Natural Area (Site 39)

LOCATION

Crescent Trail Natural Area is located in the City of Coconut Creek in Broward County, Florida, on the northwest corner of West Hillsboro Boulevard and North West 39th Avenue.

SIZE

7.09 acres.

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned and managed by Broward County. It was purchased under the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program in 2005 for \$2,208,000.

DESCRIPTION

This site is a mix of oak and pine trees with a healthy cypress dome. A number of large exotic species including Australian pine and Brazilian pepper were removed, and the site is being managed to prevent re-growth.

CURRENT STATUS

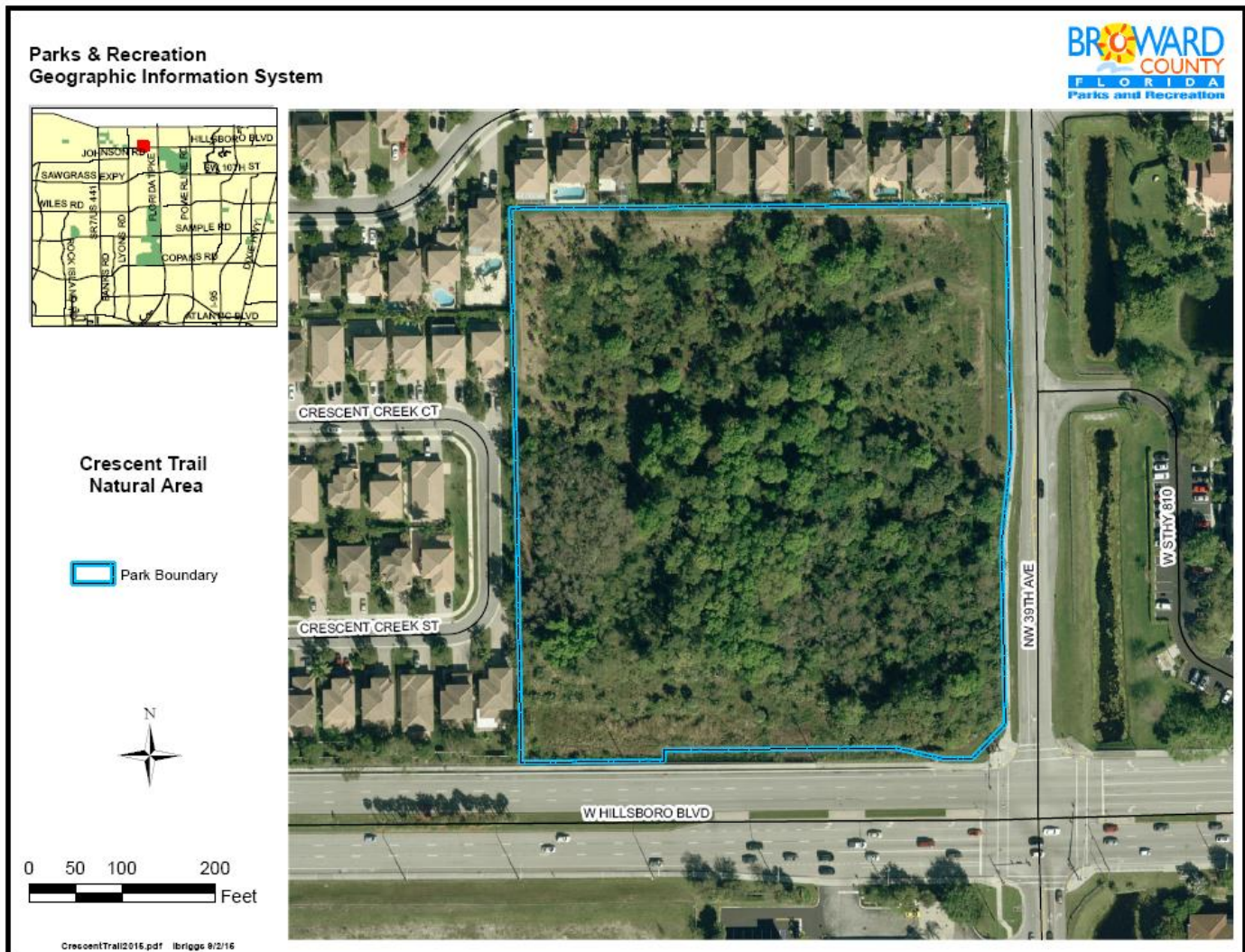
The Australian pines and other exotic vegetation throughout the site were removed in September 2006 for protection of neighbors during hurricane season. Staff began the remaining exotic plant removal in 2007. Protective fencing was installed.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan has been completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Crescent Trail Natural Area be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The masterplan was approved by the County Commission in 2008. Construction will begin when funding is available.



Deerfield Highlands Nature Preserve (Site 456)

LOCATION

Deerfield Highlands Nature Preserve (Helwig/Site 456) is located in the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, on the west side of Dixie Highway just north of Sample Road.

SIZE

9.97 acres

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned and managed by Broward County. It was purchased under the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program for \$1,325,000.

DESCRIPTION

This site is classified as a disturbed sand pine scrub community with restoration potential. The site has a scattering of sand pines, small oak clusters, and a number of pawpaw shrubs. Scrub is situated in dry sandy areas that are often located on ancient sand dune formations and some scrub represents the oldest natural plant communities in Florida. This scrub habitat contains a high number of plant and animal species which are endemic, meaning they are only found in Florida scrub habitats.

CURRENT STATUS

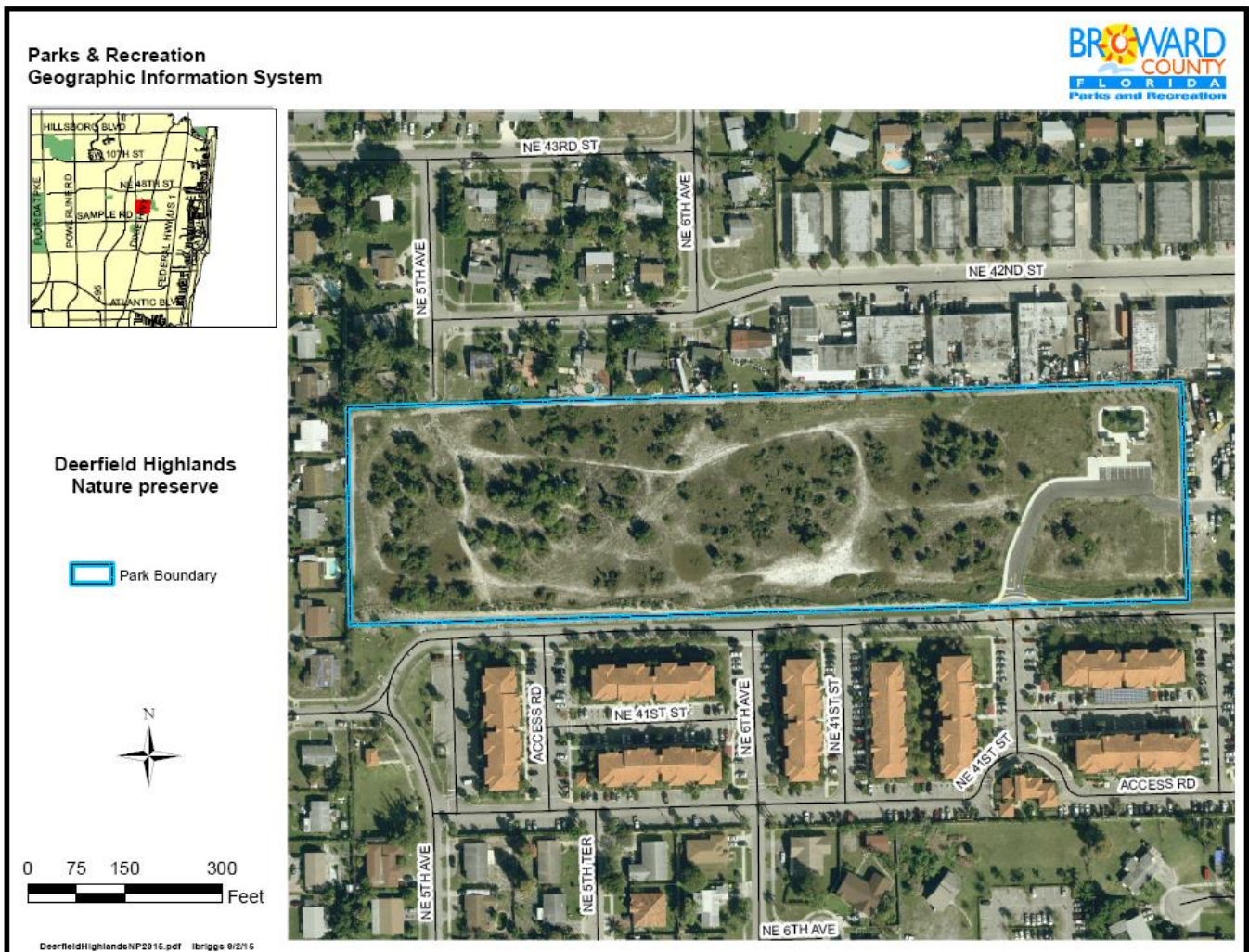
Protective fencing has been installed. The site amenities (parking lot, picnic tables, and playground) have been completed. The initial exotic plant removal work began in 2017.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan is completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Deerfield Highlands Nature Preserve be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The site amenities including a parking lot, picnic tables, and playground are complete and open to the public.



The Herman and Dorothy Shooster Preserve

LOCATION

The Herman and Dorothy Shooster Preserve is located within the City of Margate in Broward County, Florida. The property is located on the south side of SW 7th Court, between US 441/State Road 7 and SW 64th Terrace.

SIZE

19.78 acres

OWNERSHIP

This site is owned and managed by Broward County. The site was purchased under the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program for a total cost of \$4,150,000.

DESCRIPTION

The Herman and Dorothy Shooster Preserve is a mix of wetland and upland. The site contains a mature cypress wetland with large pond apples. Mesic flatwood vegetation is found on the northern edge including South Florida slash pines and laurel oak. The site is composed of both conservation land and green space.

CURRENT STATUS

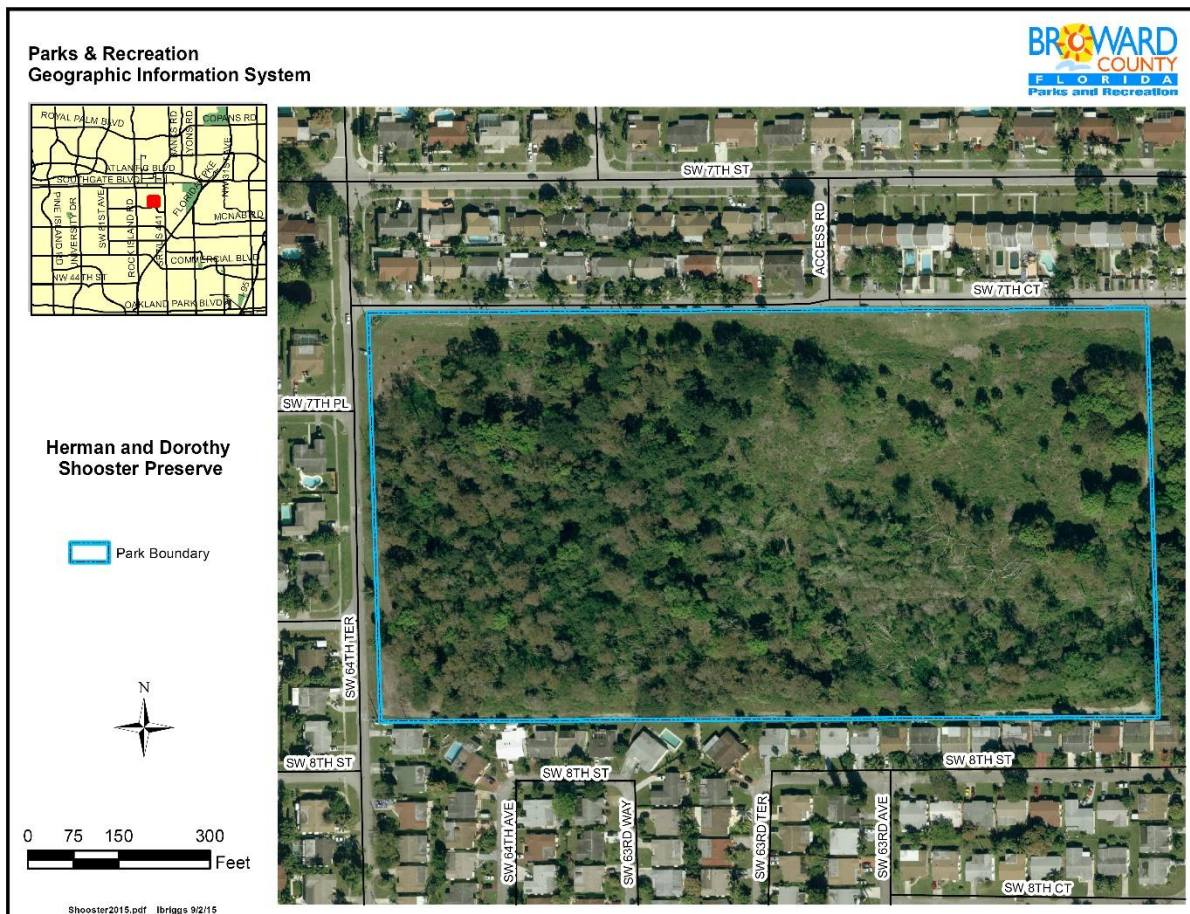
Protective fencing is installed. Invasive plant management began in 2013 and is ongoing. Some restoration plantings were installed in 2011 and 2013. A wetland rehydration pump was installed in 2018. Construction of the nature trail, boardwalk, and parking were completed in 2019. Interpretive signs and more restoration plantings are planned within the next two years.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan was completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends the Herman and Dorothy Shooster Preserve be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The masterplan for this site was approved by the Urban Wilderness Advisory Board and the Parks Advisory Board. Site development includes a nature trail, elevated walkway, and a parking area along SW 6th Terrace.



Highlands Scrub Natural Area

LOCATION

Highlands Scrub Natural Area is located along and stretching east of Dixie Highway, north of Sample Road in the City of Pompano Beach.

SIZE

34.02 acres.

OWNERSHIP

The site is owned by Broward County and managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. The original site of 29.1 acres was purchased by Broward County through the 1989 Environmentally Sensitive Lands Bond Issue acquisition program for \$1,849,032. The additional 4.92 acres was purchased for \$1,427,250 through the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program and Florida Communities Trust.

DESCRIPTION

The site preserves scrub habitat which is very rare within Broward County and Florida. Some of the listed plant species include scrub mint (*Conradina grandiflora*), nodding pinweed (*Lechea cernua*), and several species of bromeliads (*Tillandsia* spp.) commonly known as "wild pines". The gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), a listed species, Southeastern five-lined skinks (*Plestiodon inexpectatus*) and six-lined racerunners (*Aspidoscelis sexlineata*) are also found onsite.

CURRENT STATUS

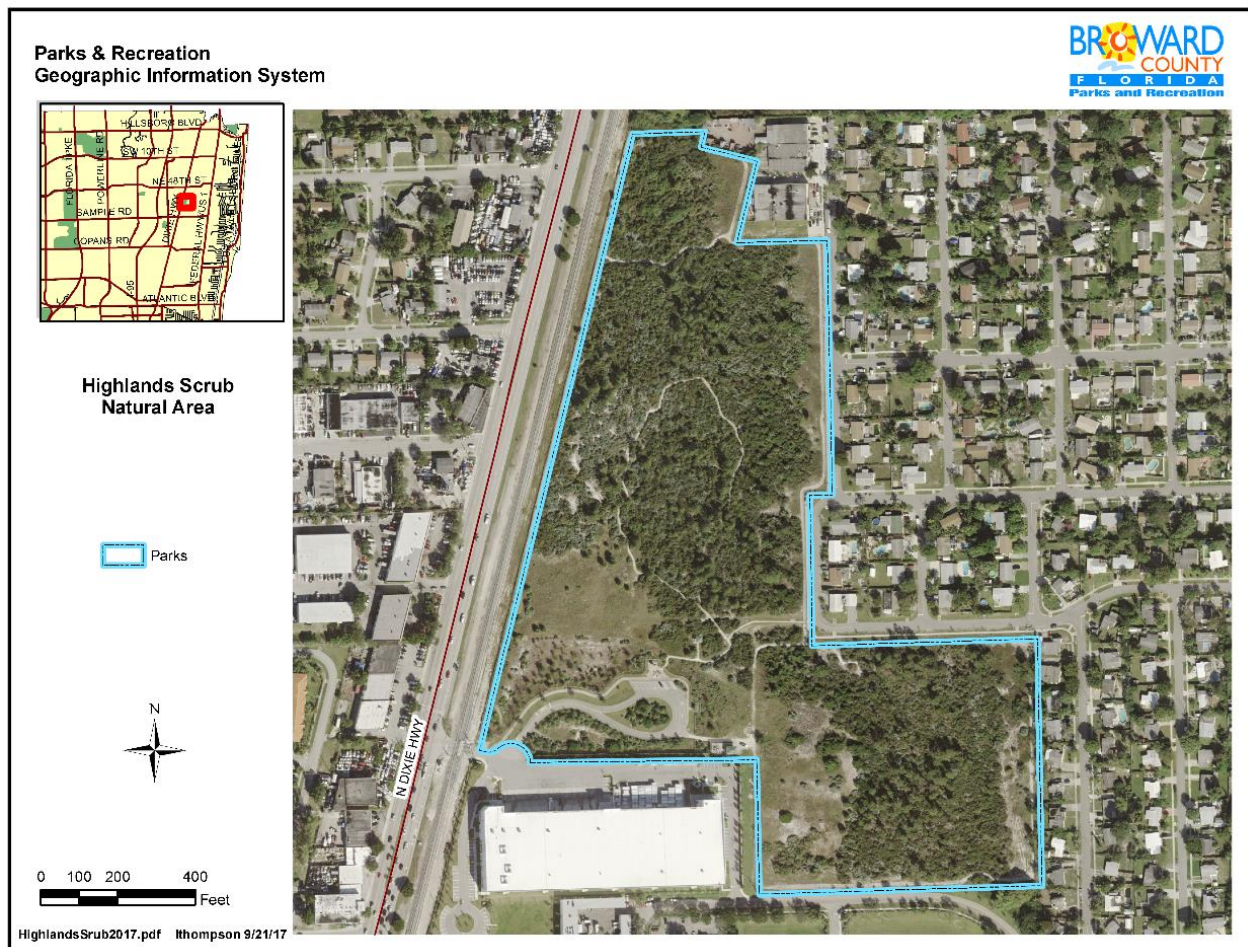
Invasive plants have been actively monitored and removed by Broward County. Naturalist-led educational programs are offered on site.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan has been completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Highlands Scrub Natural Area be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Aesthetic.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

Amenities such as a concrete walking trail, a covered picnic table, interpretive signs, and an information kiosk are available for public use.



Pine Island Ridge Additions I & II (Site 403A&B)

LOCATION

The properties are located within the City of Davie in Broward County, Florida, east of Nob Hill Road, west of SW 98th Terrace, and north of Pine Island Ridge on both sides of SW 23rd Street.

SIZE

0.95 acres and 1.24 acres

OWNERSHIP

The sites are owned and managed by Broward County. Addition I was purchased in 2003 under the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program for a total cost of \$160,600. Addition II was purchased in 2015 as part of a land swap with Rolly Marine Service Company.

DESCRIPTION

The ridge area was once the home site for both the Tequesta Native Americans over 2000 years ago and the more recent Seminole Tribe. Numerous archaeological sites exist on the ridge. The Pine Island Ridge was the setting for many historical events during the Seminole wars. The ridge is the point of highest natural elevation in Broward County at 29 feet above sea level. The plant community includes a tall live oak canopy with an understory of wild coffee and ferns. Many butterflies, birds, and mammals utilize the ridge. The parcels add two of the few remaining private parcels of the oak-covered ridge into public ownership.

CURRENT STATUS

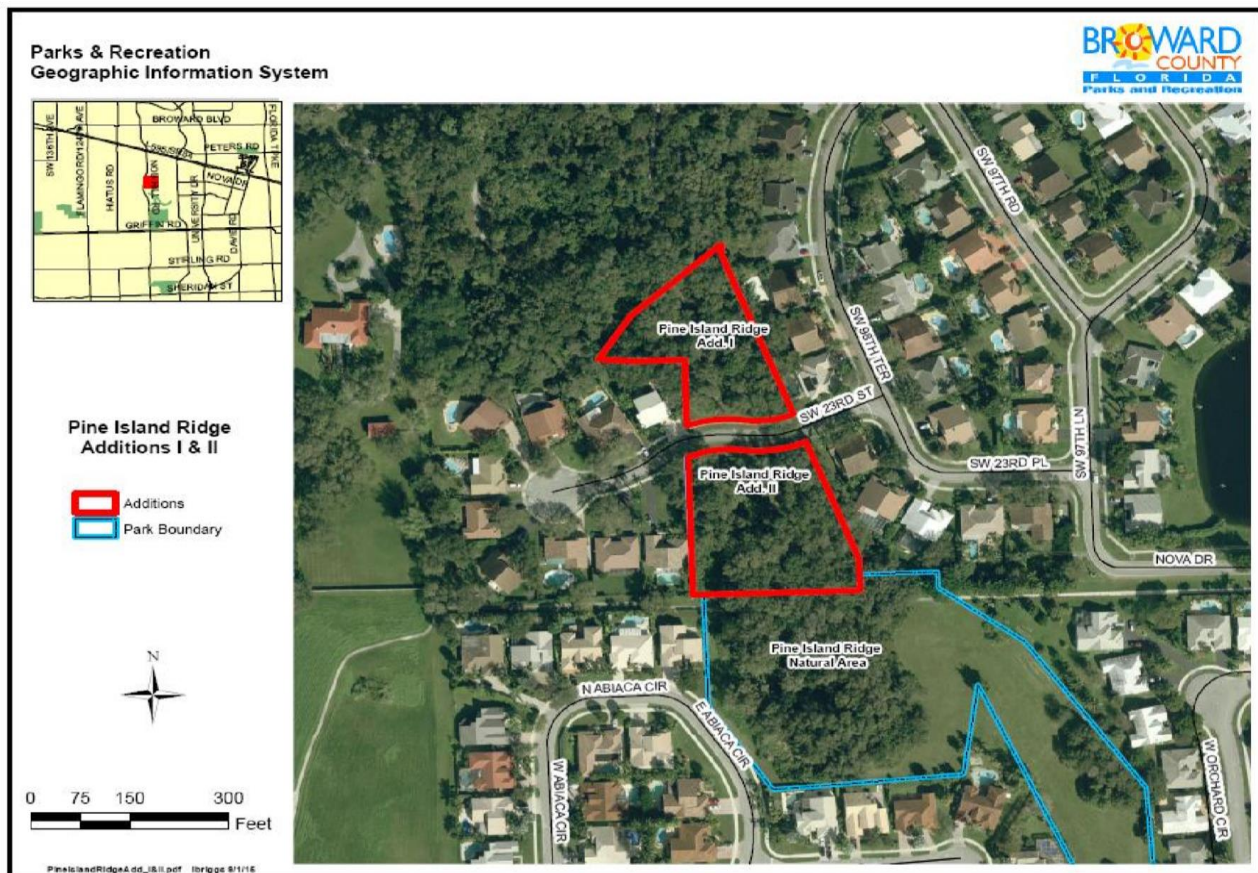
Exotic species are treated regularly.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

These sites will be incorporated into the existing Pine Island Ridge resource management plan. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Pine Island Ridge Additions I & II be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

Neighborhood access is available off of SW 23rd Street.



Sands Parcel (Site 278)

LOCATION

The property is located within the City of Dania Beach in Broward County, Florida, on the east side of the intersection of Gulf Stream Road and NE 1st Street, approximately 1/10 mile north of Dania Beach Boulevard.

SIZE

2.26 acres

OWNERSHIP

The Sands Parcel was purchased by Broward County in December 2003 for \$384,000, and was funded through the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond.

DESCRIPTION

The site is vegetated with black mangrove, buttonwood, white mangrove, and red mangrove. A wetland restoration was completed on site in 2009 to mitigate impacts to mangroves at Ocean Park at Dania Beach, a nearby development project southeast of the site. As part of the restoration, several tons of fill were removed, and mangrove and mudflat habitat was created. Natural recruitment of mangrove is ongoing within the site.

CURRENT STATUS

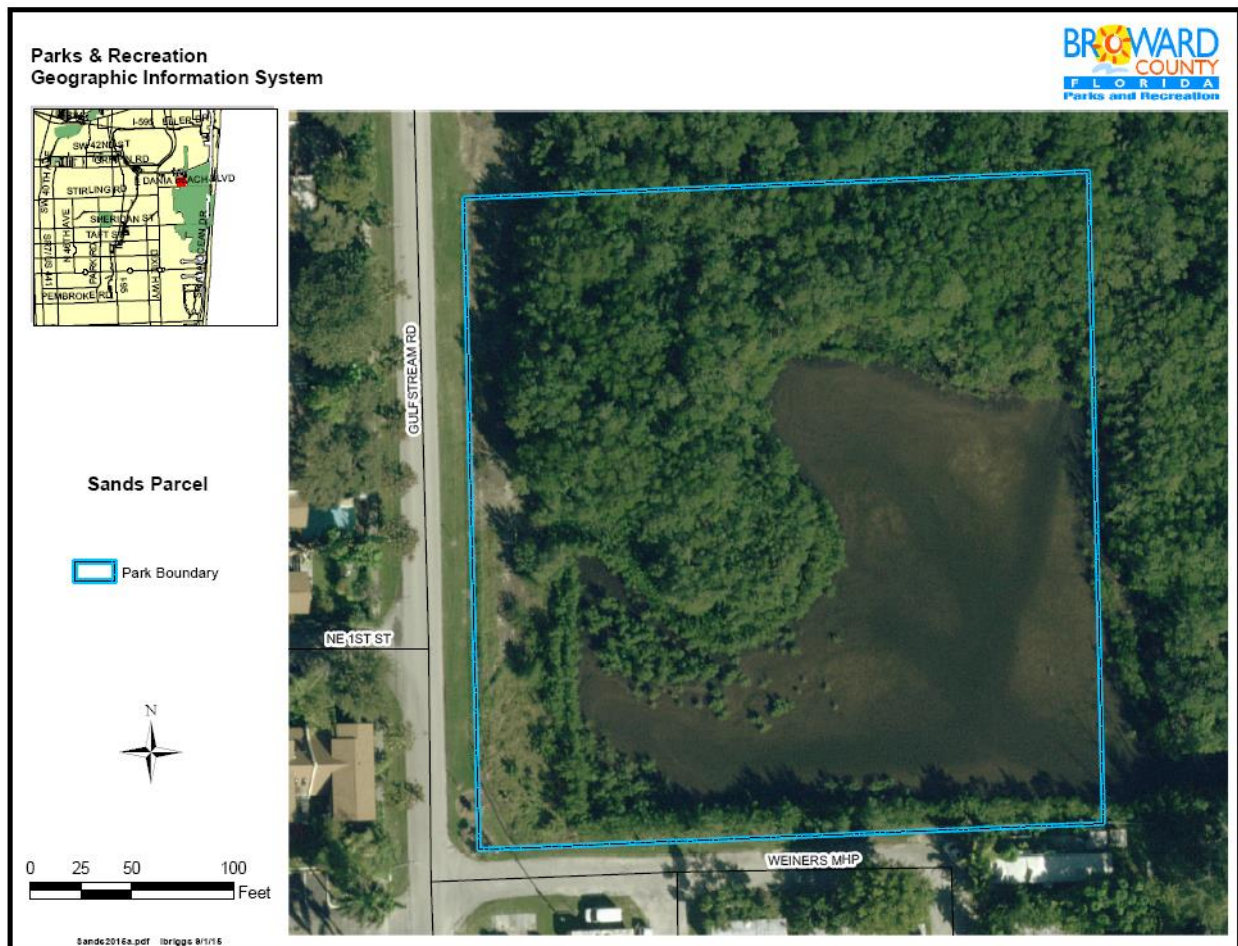
The site is fenced-in, and County staff treats invading exotic plants as needed. Native plantings installed in 2016 along the west fence line including seashore paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*), cordgrass (*Spartina* sp.), and seaside goldenrod (*Solidago sempervirens*).

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan for this site is completed and was approved by the Urban Wilderness Advisory Board on December 1, 2010. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends the Sands Parcel be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The site is not conducive to public use.



Saw Palmetto Natural Area (Site 18 and a portion of Site 451)

LOCATION

The property is located within the City of Coconut Creek in Broward County, Florida, on the north side of Hillsboro Boulevard, between Lyons Road and US 441/State Road 7.

SIZE

11.08 acres

OWNERSHIP

Site 18 was acquired in 2002 for \$1,775,000 through the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Acquisition Bond (2000 Bond) program and Florida Communities Trust. The northern section of Site 451 was purchased in January 2005 for \$742,500 and was funded through the 2000 Bond.

DESCRIPTION

The parcel previously known as Site 18 is a small section of what was once part of a large expanse of pine flatwoods typical of north central Broward County. The parcel previously known as Site 451 was a disturbed area, cleared and filled through past development. South Florida slash pines (*Pinus elliotii* var. *densa*) and saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) dominate Site 18. Shrubs documented here include beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) and saltbush (*Baccharis halimifolia*), and understory plants include snowberry (*Chiococca alba*), rabbit bells (*Crotalaria rotundifolia*), cypress witchgrass (*Dichantherium dichotomum*), and blackroot (*Pterocaulon pycnostachyum*). The parking lot, covered picnic tables, trailhead kiosk, storage building, and interpretive signage were constructed. The area around the parking lot (disturbed from previous development) has been extensively planted with native flatwoods vegetation: slash pine, saw palmetto, gallberry (*Ilex glabra*), shiny blueberry (*Vaccinium myrsinites*), gopher apple (*Geobalanus oblongifolius*), and tickseed (*Coreopsis leavenworthii*) in 2014.

CURRENT STATUS

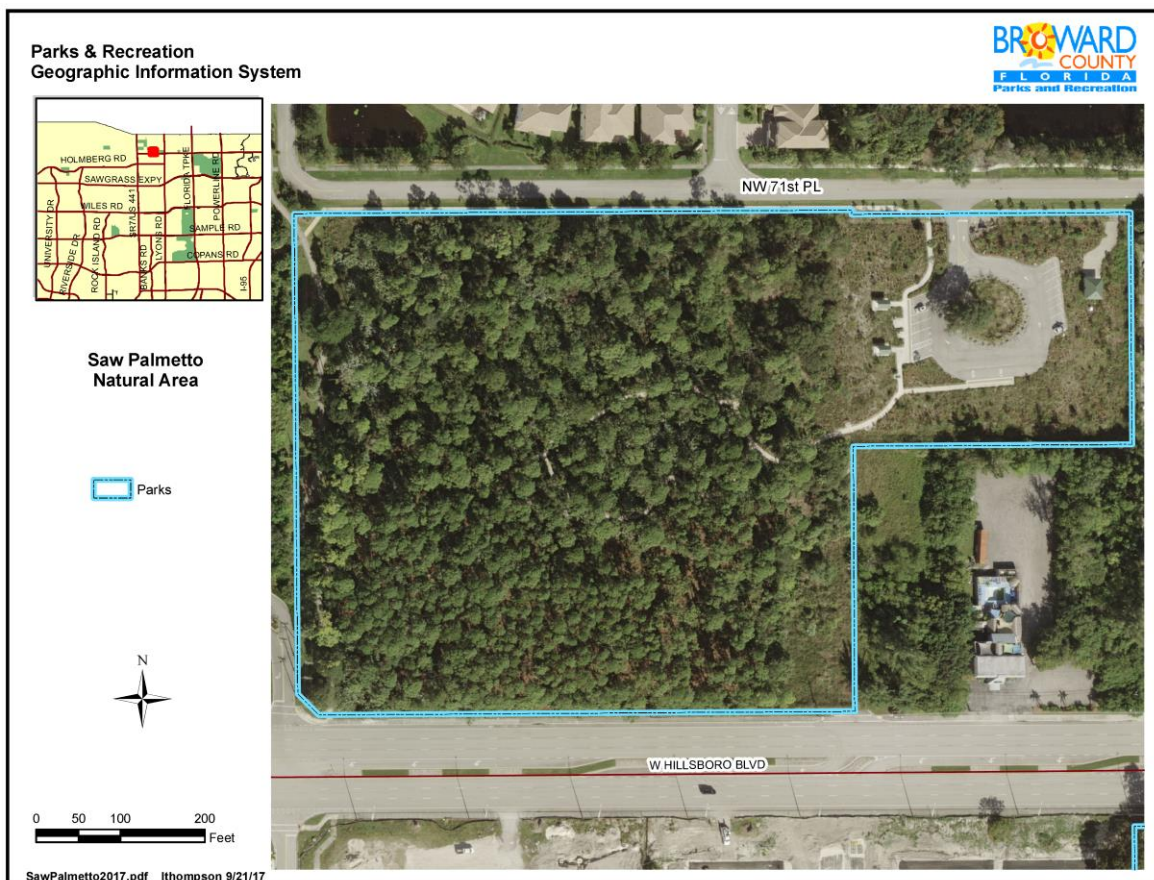
The construction is complete. Native landscaping has been installed and may be supplemented in future plantings.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan for this site is completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends Saw Palmetto Natural Area be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The masterplan for this site was approved by the Urban Wilderness Advisory Board, Parks Advisory Board, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The site amenities, including parking, picnic tables, kiosk, a trail, and overlook have been constructed. The site has been open to the public since 2014.



West Creek Pineland Natural Area (33A)

LOCATION

West Creek Pineland Natural Area is located in the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, on the south side of Hillsboro Boulevard between Lyons Road and State Road 7.

SIZE

7.43 acres

OWNERSHIP

Owned and managed by Broward County. Purchased under the Broward County 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program for \$1,227,500.

DESCRIPTION

The site is classified as mesic flatwoods with slash pine and saw palmetto associations. Common shrubby species include beauty berry, gallberry, wild coffee, staggerbush, and fetterbush. The C5 canal bisects the site.

CURRENT STATUS

Protective fencing is installed on the east and west sides of the site. The trail, bridge, benches, and interpretive signs are installed on site.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resource management plan is completed. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for maintenance of this site. The Urban Wilderness Advisory Board recommends West Creek Pineland Natural Area be granted the following types of Wilderness Designation: Biological, Aesthetic, and Scientific.

SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The masterplan for this site was approved by the Urban Wilderness Advisory Board. Public access is provided via a concrete path along the southern edge of the site connecting to the City of Coconut Creek West Creek Trailway System. A bridge crosses the canal connecting the two portions.

