

**Appendix 18**  
**Responses to Acquisition and Restoration Council Comments and Suggestions**

Comments and suggestions were received from the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) through e-mail from Mike Wisenbaker dated April 30, 2012 and from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) provided comments and suggestions through e-mail from Michael Hallock-Solomon dated May 14, 2012 (see below).

DHR pointed out that on page 46 the Division of Archives, History and Records Management is the Division of Historical Resources. The correction has been made in the document text.

DHR recommended that the archaeological sites found in the Preserve be listed in the appendices. DHR also suggested that the archaeological sites and historical surveys listed in Appendix 15 be presented as table similar to the ones used by the DEP Division of Recreation and Parks. The archaeological sites listed in the Florida Master Site File and the archaeological surveys have been included in Appendix 15.

FWC recommended specific objectives for management and monitoring of imperiled wildlife species and wildlife habitat be included, and that PCR staff coordinate with FWC in the management of imperiled species. Table 1 of the proposed draft has been modified such that the objectives for Imperiled Species Habitat Maintenance, Enhancement, Restoration, or Population Restoration includes the following text (indicated in underline format):

- Continue to monitor imperiled species and their habitat as encountered in the Preserve.
- Continue to support research and monitoring projects through partnering with agencies and organizations, including FWC, to support informed resource management actions.
- Conduct a prescribed fire in Unit 3 (10 ac) in 2012.
- Document the fate and traits of introduced Florida golden-asters in Unit 3 in November 2012 and November 2013.
- Document recruitment of plants in Unit 3 in November 2012 and November 2013.

FWC recommended the “Imperiled wildlife species that have been documented on the site be identified and discussed in the body of the plan. FWC recommends that this section discuss proposed management actions that address all appropriate fish and wildlife species, including appropriate imperiled species, their habitats, and their sustainability based on site-specific population data.”

While PCR manages Weedon Island Preserve on holistic process rather than species-specific needs, PCR recognizes the need for increased monitoring of imperiled species and their habitats as indicated in the *Future Research Needs* Section. This section has been modified to include the following text (indicated in underline format):

PCR recognizes the need for additional research in the following areas:

- water quality and quantity of the freshwater spring and freshwater lake located on property managed for PEF
- regular monitoring of all taxonomic groups throughout the Preserve including imperiled species and their habitat based on site-specific population data

- historic vegetative mapping and comparison to existing vegetation communities
- archaeological research.

FWC recommended clarification regarding the State Rank of the American Kestrel. In Appendix 13, a question mark regarding the State Rank of the American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) has been removed.

## Leasure, Pamela S

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**From:** Ingram, Catherine [Catherine.Ingram@dep.state.fl.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2012 1:07 PM  
**To:** Leasure, Pamela S  
**Subject:** FW: Weedon Island Preserve Management Plan  
**Attachments:** wisur.xls; wiarc.xls

Pam- Please see the below commentary on the subject land management plan from the Division of Historical Resources.  
Thanks you -- Cat -

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**From:** Wisenbaker, Mike [mailto:Mike.Wisenbaker@DOS.MyFlorida.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2012 1:04 PM  
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**Cc:** Farr, Jim; Glowacki, Mary  
**Subject:** Weedon Island Preserve Management Plan

Good afternoon, Cat

Overall, Pinellas County has done a very good job putting the Weedon Island management plan together. We have no major issues with the plan but do have a few comments and suggestions.

On page 46 (In Section 3) The Division of Archives, History and Records Management is now DHR (Division of Historical Resources) and has been since the mid-1980s.

In Section 5, DHR wishes to commend Pinellas County for developing and maintaining the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center. I had the good fortune of visiting this facility in September of 2010 as part of the land management review of this property. This is an excellent facility and is an outstanding way to educate the citizens of Pinellas County as well as everyone else about the tremendous cultural and natural resources in the preserve.

We are pleased the county is working with the Anthropology Department of the University of South Florida to identify, protect, preserve and interpret the historical resources of Weedon Island.

Although appendices are prolific in this report, the county probably needs to add one for the archaeological sites found within the preserve. According to our records, there are 36 archaeological sites (please see attached Excel File) plus a resource group, which is listed as PI11471. We would suggest making a table of historical resources similar to the ones that DEP's Division of Recreation and Parks uses in their management plans.

Lastly, the plan lists archaeological and historical surveys in Appendix 15 that were conducted from 2003 up to the present. According to our records, some of the surveys listed in this appendix do not seem to be included in our Florida Master Site File. We would strongly recommend adding these reports to the site file as well as for the county to list the six survey reports for Weedon Island that were done before 2003 to its survey appendix. Another Excel spreadsheet on archaeological surveys on file at DHR is attached here to compare and complete the county's records.

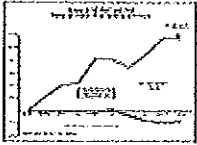
Please let us know if we may be of any further help with this.


Regards,

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**Weedon Island Preserve  
Management Plan Review  
May 14, 2012**

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Conservation Acquisition and Planning



The following are comments and suggested edits prepared by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Conservation Acquisition and Planning, for the Weedon Island Preserve Management Plan (Plan) submitted by Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources to the Acquisition and Restoration Council for consideration and approval at the June 2012 council meeting.

**1. Page 9, Imperiled Species Habitat Maintenance, Enhancement, Restoration, or Population Restoration**

FWC recommends that the Plan include one or more specific objectives relating to the management and monitoring of imperiled wildlife species and wildlife habitat on the site. FWC further recommends that an objective be included to coordinate with FWC in the management of imperiled species.

**2. Page 27, Listed Species**

The Plan states that there are "17 state endangered, threatened, or species of special concern wildlife species."

In addition to being identified in the Appendix, FWC recommends that the imperiled wildlife species that have been documented on the site be identified and discussed in the body of the plan. FWC recommends that this section discuss proposed management actions that address all appropriate fish and wildlife species, including appropriate imperiled species, their habitats, and their sustainability based on site-specific population data.

**3. Appendix 13**

In the wildlife table, Bird List, American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) is listed with a question mark under "State Rank." Unless this is the subspecies Southeastern American kestrel (*Falco sparverius paulus*), it is not a listed species. If it is the Southeastern American kestrel, it should be identified with a State rank of "State threatened."

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the plan. Please direct any questions regarding this document to:

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