

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

FORUM

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Pinellas County Environmental Science Forum Summary of Findings

Maintenance Building at Brooker Creek Preserve September 7, 2006

At the September 7, 2006 meeting of the Pinellas County Environmental Science Forum, County staff presented plans and rationale for a new maintenance building to be located at Brooker Creek Preserve. Following the procedure developed by the Forum, members asked questions and provided comments, then others in attendance were invited to provide comments (there were no comments from the public in attendance). Following discussion, the ESF developed the following findings:

PRO:

The ESF finds that the construction of the Maintenance Building at Brooker Creek Preserve as proposed by the County is critical to support the maintenance of the Preserve, and that the location proposed is appropriate.

The ESF also finds that the incorporation of sustainable building practices, such as the use of appropriate recycled building materials, green roof design if appropriate, and the use of water-wise and native planting material at the site would enhance the proposed design and provide an example of such building practices to the public.

CON:

The ESF finds that there may be impacts to existing environmental conditions at the site during construction, but that these impacts will likely be minor and of short duration.