

Meeting Summary
ESF – Brooker Creek Preserve Management Plan Subcommittee

Date & Time: March 17, 2008, 3:00-4:45 pm

Location: Conference Room, Weedon Island Preserve Cultural & Natural History Center

ESF Members Attending: Bruce Hasbrouck, Barbara Hoffman (chair), Ann Paul, Jake Stowers

County Staff Attending: Liz Freeman, Andy Squires

Purpose: To develop recommendations for ESF consideration concerning the *County Staff Consideration of, and Ideas Building upon the Friends of Brooker Creek Proposal to PROTECT THE BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE (As of March 4, 2008)*

Consideration 1

We were concerned that the definitions and descriptions of the PWR-1 and PWR-2 overlays allowed for potential private uses/abuses of Brooker Creek water. We strived to come up with language that would ensure that water pumped from Brooker Creek would be placed into the public water supply system.

Recommendation: Throughout the document, replace the words *facilitate provision of high quality potable water and/or reduce potable water demand* with the phrase *facilitate provision of the public water supply*.

Consideration 2

The land that is the northeastern section of the proposed PWR-2 overlay is one of the more unspoiled areas of the entire preserve. Other than being logged early in this century, it has not been farmed or ranched, and contains upland habitat found nowhere else in the Preserve.

Recommendation: Change the PWR-2 overlay for this area to PWR-1 (see proposed map).

Consideration 3

The area north of Trinity Blvd. is relatively untouched and appears to be too small for vertical structures.

Recommendation: Change the PWR-2 overlay for this area to PWR-1 (see proposed map).

Consideration 4

The “Uses” section of the P-RM Category and PWR overlays (page 1) lists a variety of uses for the lands they depict. Even though these uses are not hierarchical, and every use listed holds the same weight, we were concerned that because wellfield uses were listed first, the perception may be that wellfield uses supercede those for wildlife, management, and passive recreation.

Recommendation: Change the order of uses so that management and passive recreation uses are first and wellfield uses are last.

Consideration 5

Page 2, 2nd bullet, the word *improvements* is used to describe parking and other site plan related developments. Although the word *improvements* in this case may be a planning term, we did not see these activities as improvements, but as developments.

Recommendation: If possible, replace the term *improvements* with the word *developments*.