

SFWMD

Land Assessment

East Coast Region

SME (Subject Matter Expert) Comments

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-51 and L-8 Reservoir- All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

These parcels/facilities provide important water storage capability that is critical to the District core mission of water quality protection/improvement and can contribute to flood control, water supply and natural systems protection and restoration. The L-8 reservoir will be used as a Flow Equalization Basin to capture and then attenuate flows to STA 1E and STA 1W from the EAA C-51 basin, furthering the efficiency and nutrient removal capability for these features. Additionally, if water is available from the FEB it can be used to supplement flows eastward to help support the Loxahatchee River restoration.

No DWM activities planned

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The planned use for this property is the best use.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - Hungryland WEA**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As part of CERP, Hungryland WEA clearly supports the District's core mission of natural systems protection as it is a large contiguous area that provides important water storage and wildlife habitat. The area also provides important connectivity to other natural areas and allows important public use that furthers environmental education.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The functional value of these lands is very high, and this is the best use of this property to support the District's core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **10 Mile Creek - 10 Mile Creek Oxbow**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property, in it's current state, is basically an Oak Hammock Flood Plain Forest for 10 Mile Creek providing flood control, water quality protection and natural systems protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Possibly, the property is more or less in a "natural" state. If and when the 10 Mile Creek Reservoir/STA comes on line, the floodplain will enhance the operational flexibility of the project and provide additional restoration opportunities.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Possibly, as well as providing water quality and natural system protection, the property could be managed to support public access and recreational use.

If the agreement with the adjacent Community Development District is terminated or expires, there may be an opportunity with St. Lucie County. The County currently manages the Gordy Road Recreation Area just west of the STA. They also manage the 10 Mile Creek Preserve, an 8-acres site downstream of the oxbow and adjacent to the Gordy Road Structure. This site includes interpretive trail guides through the floodplain forest and oxbows.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Perhaps the property could be donated or exchanged to another public entity to fulfill core mission needs in other areas of the County.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As part of CERP, this property has been incorporated into the IRL-S CERP as one of the natural area components and well supports the valuable core missions of Natural System and water quality protection. Some of the property lies adjacent to the South Fork of the St. Lucie River and as such protects and preserves the unique character of the upper St. Lucie, as well as the areas downstream.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The functional value of these lands is very high; however, some parcels do not have adequate access and therefore cannot be accessed by the public and are difficult to manage.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (SOR) - Blind Creek**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property, as it is currently managed by the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District, provides water quality protection/improvements, natural systems protection and restoration, and some flood control benefits.

These properties support the District's core mission of water quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration. They are located on the Indian River Lagoon in St. Lucie County and include mosquito impoundments that have been reconnected to the lagoon via culverts and pump stations, providing valuable recirculation of previously stagnant areas and improving water quality directly to the lagoon. This clearly enhances the value of the area as a nursery for aquatic species. The sites include many endemic plants and animals and some cultural resources. Additionally, the areas provide public access for a multitude of activities. Blind Creek also includes beachfront access.

No DWM activities planned at this time for the project areas.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the property is incorporated into St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District's Impoundment #19B. It is primarily managed for mosquito control, but St. Lucie County uses current Best Management Practices (BMPs) based on improved Block Rotational Impoundment Management, modified open marsh water management, draw-downs, and wetland restoration, which allows for multi-functional benefits including mosquito and sandfly control, improved fish access and utilization, better foraging opportunities for wading birds, and general improvement in native plant and animal populations, while controlling exotic plants and pest mosquitoes with minimal pesticides.

The functional value of this land is very high; the use of this parcel is appropriate with the uniqueness of the land.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, as well as providing mosquito control, water quality and natural system protection and restoration, the property is also designated as a park and open to the public. Public facilities on the property include: three miles of rails, two observation platforms and an elevated observation deck.

The property was purchased through a multi-entity effort utilizing funds from several different programs.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Since the property is currently managed by St. Lucie County, perhaps it could be donated to the County or exchanged for other County lands to fulfill core mission needs in other areas of the County.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (SOR) - Queen's Island**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property, as it is currently managed by the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District, provides water quality protection/improvements, natural systems protection and restoration, and some flood control benefits.

The Queen's Island property supports the District's core mission of water quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration. They are located on the Indian River Lagoon in St. Lucie County and include mosquito impoundments that have been reconnected to the lagoon via culverts and pump stations, providing valuable recirculation of previously stagnant areas and improving water quality directly to the lagoon. This clearly enhances the value of the area as a nursery for aquatic species. The sites include many endemic plants and animals and some cultural resources. Additionally, this area provides public access for a multitude of water and land based activities.

No DWM activities planned at this time for the project areas.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the property, is incorporated into St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District's Impoundments #5 & 6. It is primarily managed for mosquito control, but St. Lucie County uses current Best Management Practices (BMPs) based on improved Block Rotational Impoundment Management, modified open marsh water management, draw-downs, and wetland restoration, which allows for multi-functional benefits including mosquito and sandfly control, improved fish access and utilization, better foraging opportunities for wading birds, and general improvement in native plant and animal populations, while controlling exotic plants and pest mosquitoes with minimal pesticides.

The functional value of this land is very high; the use of this parcel is appropriate to the uniqueness and value of the land.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, as well as providing mosquito control, water quality and natural system protection and restoration, the property is also designated as a preserve and open to the public. Public facilities on the property include a boardwalk/fishing pier and kayak/canoe access.

The property was purchased through a multi-entity effort utilizing funds from several different programs.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Since the property is currently managed by St. Lucie County, perhaps it could be donated to the County or exchanged for other County lands to fulfill core mission needs in other areas of the County.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: 10 Mile Creek - Reservoir / STA

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

A project at the site was constructed that contributes to the District's core mission but due to deficiencies the project in its current state is closed and inoperable.

No additional DWM activities are planned within the footprint of the project areas.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Ten Mile Creek was acquired as a joint District-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to provide seasonal and temporary storage of peak stormwater flows from the Ten Mile Creek basin and to slowly release those flows back into the creek to moderate the salinity levels and reduce sediment loads in the downstream St. Lucie River and Estuary; which, if completed, will support the District's Water Quality, Flood Control, Water Supply, and Natural Systems Restoration core missions.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The District and the Army Corps are evaluating future alternatives for the main project, which could support the District's core missions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply and natural systems protection and restoration.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

This is not recommended for donation, exchange or surplus because it is part of a project with an executed project cooperative agreement between the USACE and the SFWMD.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **10 Mile Creek - Gordy Road Recreation Area**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property currently supports natural systems protection and restoration and indirectly supports the District's mission through public use, recreation and wildlife utilization.

This parcel is located near the Ten Mile Creek facility and is managed by St. Lucie County, under agreement with the SFWMD. Though the parcel does include some scrubby flatwoods and scrub and a small lake, and many recreational amenities, it does not further the District's core missions of flood control, water quality, water supply.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The property is managed by St. Lucie County and is used by the general public.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, this tract lies outside of the reservoir/STA footprint. St. Lucie County manages it as a recreation area and has constructed several recreational amenities on it including a half-mile interpretive trail through a 44-acre scrub forest of oak and pine, compost restrooms, picnic pavilion, fishing pier and a 9-hole disc golf course. The nine-acre lake is designated "catch and release."

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The parcel is managed for public use by St. Lucie County and has been by agreement with SFWMD for a number of years. A donation to the county may be appropriate.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - Allapattah Complex**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Restoration is underway on the parcel north of Martin Highway, and the parcel along Beeline Highway. The portion west of Fox Brown Road is under District and Private ownership. One of the privately owned parcels has undergone hydrologic restoration through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Wetland Reserve Program. These improvements along with the improvements on adjacent lands, further the District's core missions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply, and natural systems protection and restoration.

As part of CERP, the Allapattah complex is an important component of the IRL-S CERP and is important to meet the District core missions of water quality protection/improvement, and natural systems protection and restoration. The District has acquired approximately 1/2 of the property identified in the PIR and has initiated restoration activities that are resulting in habitat improvement and increased water storage on the property. These activities reduce flows to the C-23 canal and ultimately to the St. Lucie estuary and provide important habitat for a multitude of species, including caracara, eastern indigo snakes, bald eagles, white pelicans and many varieties of wading birds. Active restoration with funding and support from NRCS is ongoing. Interim use of the property for cattle grazing is also ongoing, providing a small source of revenue and a property presence for on site management and to discourage illegal activities.

Parcels A, B, Turnpike Dairy & Williamson Ranch are co-owned by SFWMD & Martin Co. and are currently under contract with USDA-NRCS (WRP) for hydrologic restoration and is 100% reimbursed by NRCS. Parcel C is a planned DWM activity working with the lessee. The entire Allapattah Complex supports the overall goals and objectives of the SFWMD and the DWM program.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the property is being restored in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Restoration of this property will provide additional freshwater storage, contribute to water quality improvements, increase natural wetlands and upland habitat for wildlife and recharge the surficial aquifer.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, the property contains several cultural resource sites and historic home sites. Most of the area east of Fox Brown Road will be restored to short hydroperiod prairie and wet flatwoods and will create one of the largest contiguous areas of these valuable plant communities in Florida. One of the parcels west of Fox Brown Road has been designated for use as a gopher tortoise recipient site for tortoises that had to be removed from lands used by District and Martin County projects.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

**Subject Matter Expert (SME)
Comment Submission Form**

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-23/C-24 Component**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As part of CERP, these properties are intended to become water storage and treatment features to attenuate and treat water from the C-23 and C-24 basins to reduce freshwater flows from the watershed to the St. Lucie River and Estuary. The C-24 STA will also allow for diverting water to the North Fork St. Lucie consistent with the MFL that has been established for that water body. In addition, the proposed features will assist in meeting established TMDLs for the region. This use would allow the properties to better address the District's core missions by attenuating flows on site that currently are discharged to the primary canal system. Various parcels within the footprint for the C-23/24 IRLS components are leased for cattle, citrus or other purposes.

Currently being utilized or planned for various DWM activities. Areas included in DWM activities include North & South Reservoir and the STA. The entire C-23/C-24 Complex supports the overall goals and objectives of the SFWMD and the DWM program. The Sneed Road, C-24 Rim Road and Highway 70 parcels have potential for DWM projects with minor benefits due to their small size. The Ft. Pierce Field Station parcel is too small for a DWM project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The area is planned for a northern and southern reservoir, and a Stormwater Treatment Area. The reservoirs are intended to reduce the extreme peaks of freshwater discharge to the estuary, and make a preferred source of water available to agriculture, to reduce reliance on well water from the Floridan Aquifer. The Stormwater Treatment Area will reduce sediment, phosphorus and nitrogen that would otherwise be released to the estuary thereby improving estuarine water quality. These improvements to the property will further the District's core missions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply and natural systems protection and restoration.

The project configuration has not yet been finalized by project planners and the construction is not anticipated to begin within the next several years.

These properties will serve the District's core mission more effectively when funding is available to support the design and construction of the IRL-S components that will reduce watershed runoff and provide for natural area function. In the interim, a combination of appropriate leasing and using the properties for dispersed water management could better meet District core missions.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, the future plans for the property as proposed provide a myriad of functions including water quality protection/improvements, water supply, natural resource restoration, wildlife utilization and public access and recreation.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

**Subject Matter Expert (SME)
Comment Submission Form**

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-44 Component**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The area is currently under construction and planned to have a western reservoir, and Stormwater Treatment Area cells on the east side. The reservoirs are intended to capture peak discharges from the C-44 basin to reduce freshwater flows to the St. Lucie Estuary, and make a preferred source of water available to agriculture. These facilities will further the District's core missions of water quality improvements, water supply, and natural systems protection and restoration.

As part of CERP, the C-44 Component includes a 3,400 acre reservoir and 6,300 acres of stormwater treatment areas (STAs). The objective of this Component is to capture and store local stormwater runoff from the C-44 Basin, treat some or all of the runoff, and return it to the C-44 (St. Lucie) Canal when needed. The Component will also attenuate excess water flow to the St. Lucie Estuary; improve water quality by reducing the amounts of phosphorus, pesticides and other pollutants in the runoff entering the Estuary, improving the health of the ecosystem; and increase available water supplies for the environment and human needs. This project is currently under construction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the District. The USACE's first contract is due for completion in 2014 (Intake Canal) and the construction of the reservoir and pump station is scheduled to begin in late 2014. The District has completed construction of most of the Relocations, currently has a 300 foot communications tower under construction, and intends to complete all Relocation construction efforts by 2015. These properties are currently serving the District's core missions.

The acquired properties for the C-44 Component also included a 1,072 acre outparcel that is currently listed as surplus. This parcel was removed from the footprint in order to comply with voluntary Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines relative to a neighboring private airport located to the west of the C-44 Intake Canal. The outparcel is located east of the Intake Canal, south and west of the future stormwater treatment area cells, and north of Citrus Boulevard. Removing the parcel from the footprint meets the requirements of the FAA guidelines not to construct a wildlife attractant (STAs) within a 5,000 foot buffer of the airport.

Project phased construction underway, additional DWM activities are being evaluated based on current construction activities and planned activities to determine availability of lands associated with the planned construction schedules. The C-44 1,072 acre outparcel has potential for DWM projects, but is limited by FAA guidance due to the potential to attract birds in the flight paths of the Indiantown airport.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The 3,400 acre reservoir and 6,300 acres of STA are components of the Indian River Lagoon South Project designed to restore large landscape-scale natural wetlands systems in St. Lucie and Martin counties to reduce nutrient loads and retain basin water in the natural landscape; create large impoundments and reservoirs to reduce the freshwater sent to tide and make it available for other uses; create thousands of acres of stormwater treatment wetlands to significantly reduce the nutrient loads to the estuary; and revitalize riverine and estuary habitats.

However, the 1072 acre outparcel has limited use due to FAA guidelines and should be surplus.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

**Subject Matter Expert (SME)
Comment Submission Form**

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The 1,072 acre outparcel is currently listed as surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - Cypress Creek**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As part of CERP, these properties currently support the district's core mission of natural systems protection by providing a buffer to the Loxahatchee River from adjacent agricultural and suburban areas; however, additional improvement to hold more water on site will be critical to these properties furthering the core mission of water supply (to natural areas) as well as improvement to wetland communities on adjacent properties.

Current hydrological restoration activities on-going with additional DWM planned activities. Area is co-owned with Martin Co. No DWM activities are planned for Riverbend Park.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Initiation of wetland restoration and water storage capabilities on these parcels would better support the District's core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Yes, these parcels were acquired to support restoration activities associated with the Loxahatchee River and provide important connectivity to other parcels in the watershed (Nine-Gems, Culpepper and PalMar) that will allow both improvement of overall water deliveries to Cypress Creek, tributary to the Loxahatchee Northwest Fork) and ecological connectivity. The properties can aid in flood control for the adjacent areas, as well as providing important overall groundwater level improvement that will positively impact wetland communities on adjacent properties. These parcels also include the historic Moonshine Creek, which is an historic tributary to the Loxahatchee. Rehydrating Moonshine Creek and preventing extensive drainage from the property through previously installed agricultural infrastructure could provide substantial benefit to the Loxahatchee River.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - Cypress Creek (Trail Ridge) Complex**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property in its current state provides minor core mission function through natural systems protection and restoration and secondary functions such as wildlife utilization and public recreation.

The conceptual boundary of this area is 32,696 acres. The District's 1,233-acre parcel is primarily improved pasture, which does not contribute to core missions, and is currently under a cattle lease. But the parcel also contains marsh and oak hammock habitat that is a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area- Priority 3 (Swallowtail Kite).

The St. Lucie County natural areas, and the privately owned Bluefield Ranch Mitigation Bank, occupy an additional 6,000 acres of the area. The District parcel and the County's natural areas are open for public use.

This 1,233 acre parcel is within the proposed 32,696 acre Cypress Creek/Trail Ridge Natural Water Storage and Treatment Area of the IRLS CERP project. It is strategically located directly adjacent to the C-23 canal and along with the other properties identified in the plan, is expected to be restored to provide natural system protection and restoration, as well as natural water storage and water quality protection. Properties to the west of this parcel, also proposed for acquisition, drain to the C-23 canal through a drainage ditch that bisects this property. It is currently leased for cattle grazing.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The proposed restoration of the area would provide additional freshwater storage, contribute to water quality improvements, increase natural wetlands and upland habitat for wildlife and recharge the surficial aquifer. These planned improvements to the property will further the District's core missions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply and natural systems protection and restoration.

Restoration of the area is unfunded at this time.

Though full restoration of this parcel cannot be completed until other properties that drain through it are acquired or alternative drainage is provided, minor restoration activities on the property (ditch plugs or fills) that don't impact drainage for other properties in the basin could improve District core missions of water supply (through retention), natural systems protection and restoration on this parcel.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

If the project can be funded, no. The property lies within the footprint of the Indian River Lagoon South Project of CERP.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Since this site includes part of a mitigation bank, it likely cannot be surplused.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-23/C-24 Component - Ft. Pierce Field Station parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property, in it's current state, does not contribute to the District's core mission.

This is the site of the former Ft. Pierce Field Station. The buildings and land at this site are currently vacant, and do not support the District's core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please see above. This property would be a good candidate for surplus or exchange.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-23/C-24 Component - Highway 70 parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The properties in their current state, do not contribute to the District's core mission.

These parcels were acquired for the eventual construction of the C-23/24 north reservoir. Because actual land acquisition varied slightly from the project described footprint, these parcels are no longer within the feature footprint and as such they do not serve the District's core missions of natural systems protection and restoration, water supply or water quality improvements. The property is currently leased for both citrus and cattle pasture. It is located strategically to the south of the future C-23/24 North reservoir and could provide valuable secondary access point to the project site.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The properties, an active citrus grove and cattle pasture, were originally purchased in anticipation of the C-25 Reservoir/STA project. Since that time, it has been determined that both properties are outside of the planned Stormwater Treatment Area Project Footprint.

This parcel could have value for future construction of the north reservoir in that it could provide alternative access to the project site, or a staging area for equipment and construction trailers that is easily accessed from SR70. Continuance of leasing for revenue and eventual surplus may be the most appropriate use for this property.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Additional analysis is needed to evaluate how the parcel applies to the project partnership agreement and CERP cost share.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - N. Fork of the St. Lucie**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

All of the parcels that make up the North Fork Floodplain Restoration, lie within the footprint of the Indian River Lagoon South (CERP). This project, when complete, is expected to provide significant water-quality improvement benefits to both the IRL and the SLR Estuary by reducing the load of nutrients, pesticides, and suspended materials from basin runoff.

In their current state, these areas are Flood Plain Habitats for the North Fork of the St. Lucie River providing flood control, water quality protection and natural systems protection.

As part of CERP, the North Fork Floodplain Restoration includes acquired parcels and proposed acquisition of floodplain land along the North Fork St. Lucie. These parcels benefit the core mission of water quality protection/improvements as well as Natural System protection and restoration and can improve flood control. Proposed restoration activities within the parcels will reconnect historic oxbow communities, improving flow and function, protect the flood plain and reduce direct urban runoff.

Consists mostly of floodplain restoration, with no additional DWM activities planned at this time

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, these areas are basically in their natural state and all but one property is managed by either St. Lucie County or the Florida State Park Service.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, these areas provide nursery habitat for a number of essential commercial and recreational fish species. These areas are also managed to allow public access and recreational opportunities and the Oxbow Eco-Center is located on a parcel, which provides outreach and educational programs on the St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon and their respective watersheds.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-23/C-24 Component - C-24 Rim Road parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This parcel was acquired for the eventual construction of the C-23/24 north reservoir. Land acquisition varied from the project described footprint, and it is not economically feasible to incorporate this parcel into the reservoir footprint as it would result in the need for a significant increase in levee length in return for limited additional storage.

It is listed as surplus and does not well serve the District core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The property, a former citrus grove, was originally purchased in anticipation of the C-25 Reservoir/STA project. Since that time, it has been determined that the property is outside of the planned Stormwater Treatment Area Project Footprint.

This parcel could have value for future construction of the storm water treatment area in that it could provide a staging area for equipment and construction trailers, or possibly as a source of fill material. However, the current value is limited. Leasing revenue and eventual surplus may be the most appropriate for this property.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Additional analysis is needed to evaluate how the parcel applies to the project partnership agreement and CERP cost share.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-23/C-24 Component - Snead Road parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As part of CERP, this parcel was acquired for the eventual construction of the C-23/24 storm water treatment area. Because land acquisition varied slightly from the project described footprint, this ½ section parcel will no longer be located within the STA footprint. It is currently leased for cattle and listed for surplus and does not well serve the District core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The property, a former citrus grove, was originally purchased in anticipation of the C-25 Reservoir/STA project. Since that time, it has been determined that the property is outside of the planned Stormwater Treatment Area Project Footprint.

This parcel could have value for future construction of the storm water treatment area in that it could provide a staging area for equipment and construction trailers, or a source of fill material that may be needed for ensuring a level STA. However, the current value is limited. Leasing revenue and eventual surplus may be the most appropriate use for this property.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Additional analysis is needed to evaluate how the parcel applies to the project partnership agreement and CERP cost share.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property in its current state provides core mission functions of flood control, water storage, water quality protection/improvements, natural systems protection and restoration.

As part of CERP and since this contains large areas of marshes and pine flatwoods, between the St. Lucie flood plain and the eastern ridge, it furthers the District's core missions of maintaining and restoring natural systems and water quality protection, as well as flood control through the ability of the property to store ground and surface water. The unique location of the property also preserves a rare habitat of scrubby flatwoods and is host to many endemic species.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, eleven distinct natural communities provide habitats for threatened and endangered species of plants and animals. The most dominant natural community in the park is the wet prairie, an important foraging area for herons and egrets, as well as the Florida sandhill crane and wood stork. This park is being developed for recreation and will eventually offer visitors a variety of opportunities, including hiking, fishing, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. Currently, there are no facilities.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, the property is currently managed by the Florida Park Service and provides a myriad of functions including natural resource restoration, wildlife utilization and public access and recreation.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

May want to consider transfer to TIITF.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - Medalist Tract**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property in its current state provides substantial water quality benefits by reducing direct urban runoff into the Loxahatchee River. Furthering the District's core mission functions of water quality protection/improvements, natural systems protection and restoration.

This property supports the valuable core missions of Natural System and water quality protection. The parcel is located east of the greater Atlantic Ridge Property and rather than draining to the St. Lucie, water leaving this property flows south to the North Fork of the Loxahatchee River. This parcel is located on the landward slope of the Atlantic Ridge, in an area that has a fair amount of urban development. It's location at the wetland/upland transition of this sandy slope is key to providing substantial water quality benefits, as it reduces direct urban runoff to the Loxahatchee River. There is legal access to the property, but it is not practical as it is between two existing single family homes, therefore the property is not open to the public

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Possibly, the area has poor practical access. Legal access, for District use only, is between two single-family home lots, which are vacant now but may soon have homes on them. The site was formerly managed by the Florida Park Service under an agreement with the District, but they returned management to the District due to the lack of public access.

The functional value of this property is very high; however, it is somewhat over drained. The functional value could be improved if minor restoration activities were to be undertaken. Additionally, public use of the property could be improved if a more practical access could be acquired.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Possibly, the property contains scrubby flatwoods-rare in South Florida. Scrubby flatwoods contain many of the same rare and endemic plants that may be found within the coastal scrub. The area is not currently open to the public because there is no public access available.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - S. Fork of the St. Lucie**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property in its current state provides core mission functions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, natural systems protection and restoration. It also provides secondary benefits such as wildlife utilization and public recreation.

This property has been purchased as part of "Save Our Rivers" and supports the valuable core missions of Natural System and water quality protection. The parcels lie adjacent to the South Fork of the St. Lucie River and protect the character of the upper St. Lucie, as well as the areas downstream. The property is managed in coordination with the Halpatiokee Park and also provides important public use and recreational opportunities.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The on-going restoration/management of the area provides freshwater storage, improvements to water quality, an increase in natural wetland vegetation and upland habitat for wildlife as well as recharge to the surficial aquifer. These improvements to the property will further the District's core missions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply and natural systems protection and restoration.

The functional value of these lands is very high; and its use is appropriate with the uniqueness of the parcels

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, the property is included as a restoration component of CERP, providing a myriad of functions including natural resource restoration, wildlife utilization and public access and recreation.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - S. Fork Spoil Site #1 - Orchid Island**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Though this parcel is small, was acquired for spoil disposal and is no longer needed for that purpose, it does further the District's core mission of water quality protection and Natural Systems protection and restoration. The parcel is located within the flood plain, in a bend of the South Fork St. Lucie River and is managed by Martin County along with an additional parcel to the north.

Due to the relevant small size of these parcels, no additional DWM activities are planned at this time.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Preservation and management by Martin County is an appropriate use of this property.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

See above.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As components of the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration CERP, these properties currently support the district's core mission of natural systems protection by providing a buffer to the Loxahatchee River from adjacent agricultural and suburban areas; however, additional improvement to hold more water on site will be critical to these properties furthering the core mission of water supply (to natural areas) as well as improvement to wetland communities on adjacent properties.

Previous DWM activities were evaluated for the SFWMD owned portions. It was determined that on-site hydrology/drainage did not provide significant DWM activities beyond existing conditions. Much of the conceptual boundary is not in public ownership. There has been discussion of a public/private project on the Sunshine Boys Grove portion of the Cypress Creek parcel (northern triangular piece west of the Turnpike) that would result in construction of a flow-way to accept water from the Nine Gems property and to construct other structures.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Initiation of wetland restoration and water storage capabilities on these parcels would better support the District's core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Yes, these parcels were acquired to support restoration activities associated with the Loxahatchee River and provide important connectivity to other parcels in the watershed (Nine-Gems, Culpepper and PalMar) that will allow both improvement of overall water deliveries to Cypress Creek (tributary to the Loxahatchee Northwest Fork) and ecological connectivity. The properties can aid in flood control for the adjacent areas, as well as providing important overall groundwater level improvement that will positively impact wetland communities on adjacent properties. These parcels also include the historic Moonshine Creek, which is an historic tributary to the Loxahatchee. Rehydrating Moonshine Creek and preventing extensive drainage from the property through previously installed agricultural infrastructure could provide substantial benefit to the Loxahatchee River.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -S. Fork Spoil Site #2 - Whippoorwill Ave**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This nearly 8 acre site is small, and primarily of upland character. It is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired (spoil disposal) and has no legal access from the land side. It does not well further the District core missions.

Due to the relevant small size of these parcels, no additional DWM activities are planned at this time.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Though the property can provide some modicum of buffer for the river from the adjacent residential communities, it is not large enough to have any real impact.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The parcel is not needed for its intended purpose, and it provides limited benefit to the South Fork St. Lucie River. It is currently listed as surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -S. Fork Spoil Site #3 - Mapp Road**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This site was acquired as a spoil disposal site and is no longer needed for that purpose. It is currently and unused and unmanaged parcel of slightly less than 40 acres. The site has access from the South Fork St. Lucie and from Mapp Road. A portion of the access from the river side is within the flood plain. The site does not currently well support the District's core mission.

Due to the relevant small size of these parcels, no additional DWM activities are planned at this time.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

This parcel is located in a relatively developed area of Palm City, where public access to this portion of the South Fork St. Lucie is limited because of private land interests.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Consider for surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -S. Fork Spoil Site #4 - Kanner Highway**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This nearly 20 acre site is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired (spoil disposal) and does not well further the District core missions.
Due to the relevant small size of these parcels, no additional DWM activities are planned at this time.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The parcel is not needed for its intended purpose, and it provides limited benefit to the South Fork St. Lucie River. It is currently listed as surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -S. Fork Spoil Site #5 - Pendarvis Cove**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 40+ acre site is actively managed by Martin County, and active restoration has occurred. The current use of the property supports the District core mission for natural systems protection and restoration. The county manages the site as a recreational facility, which includes a boat ramp.

Due to the relevant small size of these parcels, no additional DWM activities are planned at this time.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The property does provide important public use with picnic facilities and a boat ramp for access to the St. Lucie River. These are valuable functions for the property, and continued management by the county for these purposes is appropriate.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Consider donation to Martin County.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **DuPuis - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As one of the first large tracts of land acquired under the SOR program, the Dupuis property has been in District ownership for nearly three decades. The site is very diverse and clearly supports the District's core functions of Natural Systems protection and restoration as well as water quality protection and water supply. It is a very diverse natural system that provides habitat for a number of important floral and faunal species, including a recently reintroduced and functional red-cockaded woodpecker population. The property connects with the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area and together the properties provide the large expanses of natural land in Martin and Palm Beach Counties. Additionally, the property has a high public use value and is used by hikers, equestrians, hunters, campers and many other user groups.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The property is effectively supporting the District's core missions.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - Riverbend Park**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Riverbend Park significantly supports the District's core mission of Natural Systems protection and restoration. Significant restoration of the parcel has occurred, through the extensive treatment of exotic species and reconnection of important water ways, and as such the parcel provides important benefits to the Loxahatchee River. Additionally, the park provides important access to the Loxahatchee River, and furthers public education of water resources and natural communities.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Consider exchange or donation to the County.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee Slough - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

As part of CERP, these parcels are critical to the support of the District's core mission of natural systems protection as well as providing storage capability that is important to flood control. They provide attenuation in the natural system that can be meted slowly to aid in meeting both MFL and restoration flows to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River. The parcels contain the historic Loxahatchee slough as well as environmental sensitive hammock and wetland communities, hydric flatwoods and deep water marshes that support a variety of wading birds and other wildlife. In addition, the parcels provide important connectivity for wildlife and people.

No DWM activities planned at this time for the project areas.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

There is no better use for this property.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The lands within PalMar support the District's core mission of flood control by providing valuable regional storage within natural wetland communities. The large amount of small ponds, depression marshes and seasonal flow ways significantly support the core mission of Natural Systems protection.

PalMar East (9 Gems) is under a NRCS-WRP easement and work has been completed for hydrologic restoration of the site. The remainder of PalMar provides additional opportunities for DWM activities, although none are planned at this time.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The functional value of these lands is very high, improving management capability by acquiring or consolidating land parcels could more effectively support the District's core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

This area should be subjected to more detailed evaluation.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 04/19/2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - Northern PalMar and Chimney**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

These "Save Our Rivers" lands within Northern PalMar and the Chimney strongly support the District's core mission of flood control by providing valuable regional storage within natural wetland communities. The large amount of small ponds, depression marshes and seasonal flow ways significantly support the core mission of Natural Systems protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The functional value of these lands is very high, improving management capability by acquiring or consolidating land parcels could more effectively support the District's core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

This area should be subjected to more detailed evaluation.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Patricia Gorman

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Applied Science

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The properties purchased for CERP/IRLS are critical to implementation of this CERP project that has congressional authorization. Although the reservoirs and STA's have not been completed and the landuse is currently in an interim use the longterm use is aligned with all of the above missions.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

NO

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Patti Gorman

Date: 4/17/13

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Applied Science

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (SOR) - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

These properties along the Indian River Lagoon were brought cooperatively under the SWIM program. They provide for both water quality improvements (most mosquito impoundment improvements) and provide enhanced natural systems protection and restoration. These impoundments are actively managed by the county and exotic control is on-going.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

NO

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

NO

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **10 Mile Creek - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS only has interest in those parcels encompassing the STA/Res

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-51 and L-8 Reservoir- All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS has no interest

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **DuPuis - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS has no interest

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) – All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS only has interest on those parcels bordering C-23/24 for canal maintenance purposes and the protions of the parcels encompassing the c-44 res. project

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (SOR) - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS has no interest

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS has no interest

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS has no interest

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Chesser/Ball

Date: 04/08/2013

Division Name: Okeechobee Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Ops

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -ALL**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

OFS has no interest in any of these parcels

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **10 Mile Creek - Reservoir / STA**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

When the 10 Mile Creek Reservoir is repaired, the area will be able to meet multiple core District Missions.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Future planned restoration activities in these areas will further the District's core mission of natural systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: 4/22/2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (SOR) - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property use meets the District core mission for natural systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **DuPuis - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use meets the District's core mission for natural system protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-51 and L-8 Reservoir- All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The proposed use of the L8 Reservoir as a Flow Equilization Basin for the Eastern STA Flow-way is a critical component for the Everglades Restoration Program. The goal of the project includes both natural systems restoration and water quality improvement. It will also supplement water supply for the Eastern STA flow-way, enabling more effective management of the STA.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use meets the District's core mission for natural system protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use meets the District's core mission for natural system protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-51 and L-8 Reservoir- All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station has an ongoing interest in this property based on the new Pump Station project currently under construction as well as L-8 right-of-way maintenance activities

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-51 and L-8 Reservoir- All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station has an ongoing interest in this property based on the new Pump Station project currently under construction as well as L-8 right-of-way maintenance activities

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **DuPuis - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station uses south western portions of this property for right-of-way maintenance activities on the L-8 Canal.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - Riverbend Park**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station uses this property to gain access to Lainhart Dam to perform maintenance and other activities. The southern portions of Riverbend Park are used for right-of-way maintenance activities on the C-18 Canal.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee Slough - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station operates Project Culvert PC-13 which is located at the eastern end of this property. An operational right-of-way is required in this location only.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - Hungryland WEA**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and has no future interests.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - Hungryland WEA**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and has no future interests.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: April 22, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use meets the District's core mission for natural system protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Dan Cotter, Public Use Section

Date: 4/2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Mgt. Div.

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **DuPuis - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

DuPuis is an outstanding resource for providing nature-based recreation including hiking, hunting, equestrian use, and camping. The management partnership with FWC, and the current allowable public use and recreation on the DuPuis property should continue and is consistent with District policy, statutory requirements, and the purposes for which the property were acquired.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Dan Cotter, Public Use Section

Date: 4/2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Mgt. Div.

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Loxahatchee River is a designated National Wild and Scenic River and provides an outstanding resource for canoeing and kayaking. The site also provides a trail link to the Palm Beach County managed Riverbend Park. Cypress Creek currently provides hiking, biking, and equestrian trail use and supports the multi-agency Ocean to Lake trail. These uses should continue and be incorporated into the project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 4-15-13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance, and Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee Slough - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The habitats provided on this property attract some faunal species including many species of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. This property falls within the core foraging range of one wood stork nesting colony. It also serves as a wildlife connector between wetland habitats and is likely utilized as a corridor for threatened and endangered species such as snail kites and crested caracara.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 4-15-13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance, and Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -S. Fork Spoil Site #3 - Mapp Road**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

This property may attract faunal species including some species of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The amount of habitat this property provides may be limited due to the size of the property; however, it may serve as an important refuge or corridor to many species of wildlife in South Florida.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 4-15-13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance, and Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - S. Fork Spoil Site #1 - Orchid Island**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

This property may attract faunal species including some species of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The amount of habitat this property provides may be limited due to the size of the property; however, it may serve as an important refuge or corridor to many species of wildlife in South Florida.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 4-15-13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance, and Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **PalMar - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The habitats provided on these properties attract many faunal species including numerous species of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. This property falls within the core foraging range of multiple wood stork nesting colonies. It also serves as an important wildlife connector and corridor between several upland and wetland habitats.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 4-15-13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance, and Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The habitats provided on these properties attract many faunal species including numerous species of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. These properties fall within the core foraging range of multiple wood stork nesting colonies. There is a known bald eagle nest on north side of Atlantic Ridge State Park.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 4-15-13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance, and Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels -S. Fork Spoil Site #2 - Whippoorwill Ave**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

This property may attract faunal species including some species of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The amount of habitat this property provides may be limited due to the size of the property; however, it may serve as an important refuge or corridor to many species of wildlife in South Florida.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jim Laing

Date: 4/15/2013

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance & Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - C-23/C-24 Component**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Land Stewardship and the DWM program are assessing multiple parcels in this area for wetland restoration and water retention by working with lessees on developing and implementing NRCS conservation plans.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jim Laing

Date: 4/15/2013

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance & Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Land Stewardship and the DWM program are investigating wetland restoration and water retention opportunities on these properties.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jim Laing

Date: 4/15/2013

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance & Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **DuPuis - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Land Stewardship and the DWM program are investigating wetland restoration and water retention opportunities on this property.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Dan Cotter, Public Use Section

Date: 4/2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Mgt. Div.

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Managed in partnership with Martin County and FWC, the current public use and recreation on the Allapattah property should continue and is consistent with District policy and legislative requirements.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Additional project areas within the IRL when completed should provide project compatible recreation which is consistent with the purposes for which the property was acquired. State and local government partners should be sought for the management of the public use. Partnerships with state and local governments, who manage recreation in the area of the North Fork parcels, may provide opportunities for blueway recreation.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Dan Cotter, Public Use Section

Date: 4/2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Mgt. Div.

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current recreation management partnerships for these parcels with both the County and State parks departments should continue.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Dan Cotter, Public Use Section

Date: 4/2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Mgt. Div.

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **10 Mile Creek - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Gordy Road Recreation area within the Ten Mile Creek project, managed in partnership with St. Lucie County, is currently providing public use that should continue and this site will support a future public use link to the entire project area.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

When completed the future project area should provide compatible recreation similar to the public use provided at other District STAs. Opportunities for hiking, biking, and equestrian trails may be suitable on the project perimeter.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 4/16/13

Division Name: Operations, Maintenance & Construction

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **IRL-S (CERP) - N. Fork of the St. Lucie**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

There is a 7.0 acre mitigation site that is located directly on the river within the CERP North Fork Floodplain Restoration project. This site was donated to SFWMD along with a management fund for its perpetual care. The preservation and protection of this parcel is required as a condition of the permit (56-00615-S-03).

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Protection of a portion of this parcel, as mitigation, is required in order to maintain compliance with the permit, however, management of the property may be more efficiently handled by the adjacent land manager (Audubon) if they are willing, rather than the SFWMD land management staff.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EAST COAST ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Patricia Gorman

Date: 4/5/13

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Applied Sciences

Region Being Reviewed: C-51 and L-8, Loxahatchee slough, Loxahatchee River / Cypress Creek, PalMar, S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic ridge, DuPuis, Indian River Lagoon South (CERP), Indian River Lagoon (Save Our Rivers), 10 Mile Creek, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **S. Fork of the St. Lucie and Atlantic Ridge - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Some of the properties that have been purchased have not yet been fully restored. Under the CERP/SIRL these properties were identified as part of the natural lands complex which under the PIR includes ~90K acres of agricultural (mostly pasture) land that with hydrologic restoration of the historic wetlands on these sites would result in ~30K acre/ft of water storage and WQ cleanup. These lands also fulfill the overall goal of CERP to restore the spatial extent of wetlands in south florida.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Hydrologic restoration needs to be completed on these properties in order for the full benefits of these natural lands to be realized.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.