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Land Assessment  
Upper Lakes Region

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

**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Avatar Scrub

**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 Avatar tract provides functions to support the District's core mission. This tract is adjacent to District-owned land to the east and north in the Lake Marion Creek Project. The permeable sandy soils and its proximity to the ridge gives the tract significant recharge value. It also has the potential to minimize secondary impacts to the forested wetlands along Lake Marion Creek from the proposed uses, thus protecting the Lake Marion Creek system from further degradation associated with residential development. Many listed scrub plant and animal species occur onsite.

**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?**

Incorporate the tract into the Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area.

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT  
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**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Avatar Scrub

**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 likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements core mission as it is located in the Marion Creek and Lake Marion watersheds as well as the more regional Lake Cypress and Lake Hatchineha watersheds. In addition, the area is in the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Marion, Marion Creek, and Lake Hatchineha as impaired for nutrients. The FDEP also has a draft TMDL for Lake Cypress and is in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoation in the northern Everglades watersheds. The portions of this site that are wetlands/floodplain provide water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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 opinion

**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.**

Not applicable

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
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**Respondent:** Terrie Bates

**Date:** 2-4-13

**Division Name:** WR

**Bureau Name:**

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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 lands in the Munger Tract support all of the District's core mission; however, the checkboard pattern of ownership make the project challenging from a land management perspective. The majority of the lands in this tract were acquired for preservation purposes as mitigation to offset the loss of functional wetlands elsewhere.

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

Given these lands were acquired for mitigation purposes, the functional value of the preserved lands must be maintained. The majority of the Munger Tract falls within the floodplain zone for Shingle Creek and includes a mixture of wetland and upland habitat. An option to consider in order to improve land management capabilities would be an effort to consolidate District ownership to the east through land swaps or other acquisitions and surplus upland properties outside the floodplain to the west.

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

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**Respondent:** Terrie Bates

**Date:** 2/4/13

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**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

Property supports the District's flood control, WQ and natural systems missions. Acquisition of this land for preservation under the Save Our Rivers program was important as it is one the largest undeveloped tracts adjacent to the Tibet-Butler Chain of Lakes - an Outstanding Florida Water.

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

While the resource values of the property support its continued and permanent preservation, it is such an isolated property that it could be a candidate for donating or exchanging ownership with Orange County with appropriate land restrictions. The County is already actively engaged in public use / education management of the property.

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**Respondent:** Steven Memberg

**Date:** 1/24/13

**Division Name:** Regulation

**Bureau Name:** Water Use

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - 6 acre parcel south of US 17

**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?**

From a consumptive use permitting standpoint, District use of the property reduces the potential for competition between existing and future water users by preventing additional or more intensive water use.

**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 for consumptive use

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**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

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**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

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**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger Tract

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**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre parcel

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**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management Area

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**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - ALL

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**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Huckleberry Island / Snell 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?**

This site likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements core mission as it is located in the Marion Creek and Lake Marion watersheds as well as the more regional Lake Cypress and Lake Hatchineha watersheds. In addition, the area is in the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Marion, Marion Creek, and Lake Hatchineha as impaired for nutrients. The FDEP also has a draft TMDL for Lake Cypress and is in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the Northern Everglades boundary under the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. Since this site is mainly floodplain it provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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.**

Not applicable

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<b>Division Name:</b> State Policy and Coordination	<b>Bureau Name:</b> Everglades Policy and Coordination	
<b>Region Being Reviewed:</b> Upper Lakes Region		
<b>Select Area Name:</b> Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17		

**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 contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration core missions. It is located in the Marion Creek and Lake Marion watersheds as well as the more regional Lake Cypress and Lake Hatchineha watersheds. In addition, the area is in the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Marion, Marion Creek, and Lake Hatchineha as impaired for nutrients. The FDEP also has a draft TMDL for Lake Cypress and is in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

This area also falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. Since this site is mainly forested wetland it provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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 opinion

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Not applicable

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**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 it current condition, this parcel is cleared and highlyt distrubed, and likely does not contribute to the core missions of the District.

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

This parcel has a potential for restoration. If restored this site would support the core mission of water quality protection/improvements and natural systems restoration. It is located in the Marion Creek and Lake Marion watersheds as well as the more regional Lake Cypress and Lake Hatchineha watersheds. In addition, the area is in the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Marion, Marion Creek, and Lake Hatchineha as impaired for nutrients. The FDEP also has a draft TMDL for Lake Cypress and is in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan.

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**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 opinion

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Not applicable

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**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/8/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Avatar Scrub

**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 my opinion, this property does further the District's 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?**

I have no suggestions for alternative uses 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?**

Because much of this property has been developed the remaining scrub should be protected due to the numerous rare plants and endangered animal species. Public access is likely acceptable.

**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.**

I believe this property does contribute to the core mission of Natural Systems protection; however, this parcel may be a candidate for donation or exchange as long as it remains in its natural state to protect endemic plant and animal communities.

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**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Huckleberry Island / Snell 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?**

In my opinion, the properties are being well used for furthering the core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality and Natural System protection.

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

I have no suggestions for alternative uses for either 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?**

I believe the properties are being well used for natural resource protection. Both properties are in their natural state and the rare and endangered species that occur on these tracts should continue to be protected. There is good public access.

**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.**

I believe these properties are valuable for Flood Control, Water Quality and Natural Systems protection and should be retained by the District.

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**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 Intercession City parcel is important for flood control and water quality improvement. It is also important for native wildlife and there is some public access. In my opinion this tract is being well used and meets the District's needs for Flood Protection, Water Quality, and Natural Systems protection. In my opinion, the pond parcel and 16 acre strip contribute little, if any, to the District's core missions.

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

In my opinion, restoration of the pond parcel and 16 acre strip may provide some flood control and water quality benefits while providing improved wildlife habitat.

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

Again, restoration of the pond parcel and 16 acre strip could provide some benefits to wildlife. Considerable effort would be necessary to provide further public access.

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In my opinion, the Intercession City parcel does contribute to the District's core missions of Flood Control and Water Quality. To a lesser extent, it provides important habitat for native wildlife. I believe this tract should be retained by the District. The pond tract and 16 acre strip currently are of little importance to the District's core missions and may be considered for donation, exchange or surplus.

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**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/8/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lake Marion

**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 my opinion, this property are being well used for furthering the core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality and Natural System protection.

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

I have no suggestions for alternative uses for either 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?**

I believe this property are being well used for natural resource protection and there is good public access. This property is in its natural state and contains several rare species that should continue to be protected. This land is a high priority for habitat and rare species conservation and protection. There are also significant cultural resources that should be protected.

**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.**

I believe these properties are valuable for Flood Control, Water Quality and Natural Systems protection and should be retained by the District.

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

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

**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/8/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

**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 my opinion, the properties are being well used for furthering the core missions of Water Quality and Natural System protection. In particular, the Poinciana tract filters runoff into Reddy Creek.

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

I have no suggestions for alternative uses for either 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?**

I believe the properties are being well used for natural resource protection. Both properties are in their natural state and the rare and endangered species that occur on these tracts should continue to be protected. Both properties appear to be high-priority candidates for habitat conservation.

**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.**

I believe these properties are valuable for Water Quality and Natural Systems protection and should be retained by the District.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
**Subject Matter Expert (SME)**  
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**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/8/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre 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?**

In my opinion, this property is not critical for furthering any of the District's core missions. Although the property is in its natural state and is a wildlife corridor, there are no rare or endangered communities or species 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?**

I have no suggestions for alternative uses of this tract of 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?**

Because this parcel is isolated from any access it does not seem reasonable to open it up for public use and it does not appear to be an important natural resource.

**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.**

In my opinion, this is a small parcel of land that does not further any of the District's core missions. It is not open for public access and does not support any rare or endangered species. There also does not appear to be any District monitoring equipment on the property. I believe this property is a candidate for donation, exchange or surplus.

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

**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/6/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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?**

In my opinion, the current use of this property is an excellent example of how to manage and protect District lands for the purpose of Flood Control, Water Quality improvements and Natural Systems protection and restoration. This tract also provides numerous opportunities for public use and environmental education and outreach.

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

I have no suggestions for alternative uses of this tract of 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?**

I believe this area is being well managed to maximize public use and protect water quality and natural resources.

**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 parcel does contribute to numerous of the District's core missions and should be retained.

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

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

**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/6/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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?**

Since many of the properties on this parcel were acquired to protect wetlands and satisfy regulatory requirements for several construction projects, this property best fits into the District's mission of Water Quality protection and Natural Systems protection. The adjunct community of pond pines located on one of the islands is unique to this area of central Florida and should be protected.

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

I have no suggestions for alternative uses of this tract of 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?**

Apparently, the non-contiguous nature of the properties on this parcel severely limits its use.

**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.**

In my opinion, this tract does contribute to the District's core missions of Water Quality and Natural Systems protection and should be retained by the District. Specifically, the unique stand of pond pines should be protected from development.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
**Subject Matter Expert (SME)**  
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**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/8/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** SUMICA

**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 my opinion, this property does further the District's 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?**

I have no suggestions for alternative uses 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.**

Because this property is currently managed by Polk County, I see no reason why it should not be considered for donation to Polk County.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
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**Respondent:** Joseph Koebel

**Date:** 2/6/13

**Division Name:** Lake & River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

Although this is a small tract, this property supports nearly pristine uplands and wetlands that support several endangered species including the gopher tortoise, bald eagle, and indigo snake. In my opinion, ownership and management of this land clearly falls under the District's core mission of Natural Systems protection. Additionally, the environmental center located on the property provides great opportunities for environmental education and outreach.

**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 my opinion the property is being well-used for the District's core mission of Natural Systems protection.

**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, in my opinion the property offers many public use opportunities among numerous upland and wetland habitat types.

**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 parcel should be retained, as is, by the District.

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Me and a couple staff looked at your properties in this area this week as part of the assessment process. Beautiful country and impressed at what your staff gets done with so few resources. In my view, hope they don't dispose of any of it. Serving a good public service with present use. Told same to Ayouna and Vince when I saw them today.

Taking my wife for a bike ride in Shingle Creek this weekend. Didn't know you could do that there.

***Lawrence W. Russell***

***Superintendent, St. Cloud Field Station***

***Operations, Maintenance & Construction Division***

***South Florida Water Management District***

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

**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lake Marion

**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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. The forested wetlands provide flood attenuation, water supply, and water filtration for the surrounding area and basin. The uplands serve as a buffer by minimizing secondary impacts to the wetlands and provide some water recharge benefits.

**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?**

Continue the public use program..

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
**Subject Matter Expert (SME)**  
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**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

**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 contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration core missions. This site likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements core mission as it is located in the Marion Creek and Lake Marion watersheds as well as the more regional Lake Cypress and Lake Hatchineha watersheds. In addition, the area is in the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Marion, Marion Creek, and Lake Hatchineha as impaired for nutrients. The FDEP also has a draft TMDL for Lake Cypress and is in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

This area also falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. Since this site is mainly floodplain it provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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.**

Not applicable

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

**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Huckleberry Island / Snell 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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. The forested wetlands provide flood attenuation, water supply, and water filtration for the surrounding area and basin. The uplands serve as a buffer by minimizing secondary impacts to the wetlands and provide some water recharge benefits.

**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?**

Continue the public use program..

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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Ray, our comments remain that if any SFWMD parcel that has monitoring sites is sold, exchanged or donated to another entity, the District should retain rights of entries to the monitoring sites in question, as well as mean to safely access these sites (access roads, gates...etc). If these parcels contain USGS monitoring sites, USGS should be contacted prior to any land parcel transactions.

The other major concern I have is if these (or part of these) lands provide some incidental flood control benefits (buffer zones for lack of better terms), is anyone evaluating this? Would the District retain these incidental benefits if these land parcels are sold, exchanged, or donated to another entity?

Regards,

Matahel Ansar

**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
**Subject Matter Expert (SME)**  
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**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lake Marion

**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 likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration core missions. It is located in the Marion Creek and Lake Marion watersheds as well as the more regional Lake Cypress and Lake Hatchineha watersheds. In addition, the area is in the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Marion, Marion Creek, and Lake Hatchineha as impaired for nutrients. The FDEP also has a draft TMDL for Lake Cypress and is in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. Since this site is mainly floodplain it provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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.**

Not applicable

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

**Respondent:** Terrie Bates

**Date:** 2-4-13

**Division Name:** WR

**Bureau Name:**

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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 lands in the Munger Tract support all of the District's core mission; however, the checkboard pattern of ownership make the project challenging from a land management perspective. The majority of the lands in this tract were acquired for preservation purposes as mitigation to offset the loss of functional wetlands elsewhere.

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

Given these lands were acquired for mitigation purposes, the functional value of the preserved lands must be maintained. The majority of the Munger Tract falls within the floodplain zone for Shingle Creek and includes a mixture of wetland and upland habitat. An option to consider in order to improve land management capabilities would be an effort to consolidate District ownership to the east through land swaps or other acquisitions and surplus upland properties outside the floodplain to the west.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17

**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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. Most of the site is comprised of forested wetlands. These wetlands collect runoff from the adjacent roads and provide some level of filtration and flood attenuation. Water from this site flows south under a bridge into the larger District-owned parcel.

**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?**

The property provides a wooded corridor for wildlife between undeveloped lands to the north and south.

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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

**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
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**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - 6 acre parcel south of US 17

**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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. Despite its disturbed character, it is adjacent to relatively natural habitat and serves as a buffer to further protect the larger natural area from adverse impacts in the surrounding area.

**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?**

The Pond Parcel serves as deep-water refugia for fish and wildlife during the dry season. This is an important feature for many listed species such as wading birds.

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

**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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. The forested wetlands provide flood attenuation, water supply, and water filtration for the surrounding area and basin. The uplands serve as a buffer by minimizing secondary impacts to the wetlands and provide some water recharge benefits.

**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?**

Continue the public use program..

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre 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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. The forested wetlands onsite provide flood attenuation, water supply, and water filtration for the surrounding area and basin.

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

Initiate wetland habitat restoration to maximize the surface water storage on site. Restoration should be coordinated with adjacent property owners and mitigation area.

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

Seek opportunities for public use. Provide access along the Brown's Canal for walking paths and bike trails. In addition, a non-motorized boat launch would be a nice amenity.

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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 Munger tract provides functions to support the District's core mission. This tract contains several large wetlands. These wetlands provide critical flood attenuation, water supply, and water filtration for the surrounding area and basin. The water from the wetlands generally flows east into the Shingle Creek Management Area and eventually into Shingle Creek. Overall, the District-owned and private parcels in Munger are ecologically in good condition despite the lack of active on the ground land management.

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

The District should enter discussions with private landowners in Munger to either acquire or swap isolated parcels to consolidate its ownership with the large parcel to the east.

**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 tract is in a prime location to provide numerous recreational opportunities for area residents and visitors. With sufficient acquisition, the area could serve as a regional 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.**

The property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
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**Respondent:** Ayounga Riddick

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** Land Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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 provides many fundamental functions that support the District's core missions. The forested wetlands provide flood attenuation, water supply, and water filtration for the surrounding area and basin. The uplands serve as a buffer by minimizing secondary impacts to the wetlands and provide some water recharge benefits.

**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?**

Continue the public use program..

**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 property contributes to the District's core mission.

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**LAND ASSESSMENT  
Subject Matter Expert (SME)  
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**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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?**

This site contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration core mission as it is located in the Shingle Creek and Lake Toho watersheds as well as the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has coordinated a Lake Toho Nutrient Reduction plan with local stakeholders and is also in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. This is part of the flood plain for Shingle Creek and provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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 site is a significant feature of the Everglades Headwaters.

**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.**

Not applicable

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**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre 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 site likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration core missions. It is located in the Shingle Creek and Lake Toho watersheds as well as the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has coordinated a Lake Toho Nutrient Reduction plan with local stakeholders and is also in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. This is part of the flood plain for Shingle Creek and provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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 site is a significant feature of the Everglades Headwaters.

**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 opinion

**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.**

Not applicable

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

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

**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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?**

This site likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements and natural systems protection and restoration core missions. It is located in the Shingle Creek and Lake Toho watersheds as well as the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has coordinated a Lake Toho Nutrient Reduction plan with local stakeholders and is also in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. This is part of the flood plain for Shingle Creek and provides water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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 site is a significant feature of the Everglades Headwaters. It is part of a larger wildlife corridor with connections to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes to the south.

**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.**

Not applicable

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

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

**Respondent:** Saint Cloud Field Station

**Date:** 2/6/2013

**Division Name:** Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**Bureau Name:** Field Operations North

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - 6 acre parcel south of US 17

**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?**

We believe that the existing use of the property is conducive with all contributing factors.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

**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.**

We believe that the District's core mission is being met.

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

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

**Respondent:** Saint Cloud Field Station

**Date:** 2/6/2013

**Division Name:** Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**Bureau Name:** Field Operations North

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17

**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?**

We believe that the existing use of the property is conducive with all contributing factors.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

**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.**

We believe that the District's core mission is being met.

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

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

**Respondent:** Saint Cloud Field Station

**Date:** 2/6/2013

**Division Name:** Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**Bureau Name:** Field Operations North

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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?**

We believe that the existing use of the property is conducive with all contributing factors.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

**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.**

We believe that the District's core mission is being met.

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

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

**Respondent:** Saint Cloud Field Station

**Date:** 2/6/2013

**Division Name:** Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**Bureau Name:** Field Operations North

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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?**

We believe that the existing use of the property is conducive with all contributing factors.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

**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.**

We believe that the District's core mission is being met.

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

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

**Respondent:** Saint Cloud Field Station

**Date:** 2/6/2013

**Division Name:** Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**Bureau Name:** Field Operations North

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre 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?**

We believe that the existing use of the property is conducive with all contributing factors.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

**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.**

We believe that the District's core mission is being met.

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

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-15-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Avatar Scrub

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

This tract's greatest value appears to be the fact that it serves as habitat for species dependent on scrub environments in central Florida. This property contains a diverse group of fauna indicative of Florida scrub habitats including many protected species such as federally endangered Florida scrub jay (Florida's only totally endemic bird species), threatened eastern indigo snakes, gopher frogs, threatened gopher tortoises, numerous species of mammals, and a multitude of other migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the property too. Many species that exist within scrub habitats have great difficulty existing in other surrounding habitats and much of the scrub habitat within Florida has been disappearing for decades due to development. One of the best uses for the property is for it to remain intact and be maintained for wildlife dependant on scrub habitat.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-15-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Huckleberry Island / Snell 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?**

N/A

**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?**

The numerous habitat types on these properties attract a diverse group of fauna including several potential protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, Florida sandhill cranes, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There is a significant likelihood that other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the properties too. There is at least one eagle nest on these properties and the eagles likely use it as a foraging area. Both of these pieces of land fall within the core-foraging areas for multiple wood stork nesting colonies. One of the best uses for these properties is for them to remain as preserves for the numerous species within this area.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-15-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

The potential for this small tract of land to be a wildlife corridor is important even though the proximity of this property is between two roads.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-15-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - 6 acre parcel south of US 17

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

This open area is probably important to multiple species of wildlife as an ecotonal habitat (edge habitat) for foraging and hunting. Beyond that fact, due to its small size this property is unlikely critical to the existence of wildlife species. The pond on this property falls within the core foraging area of multiple wood stork nesting colonies.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-15-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lake Marion

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

The numerous habitat types on this property attract a diverse group of fauna including several potential protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, Florida sandhill cranes, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There is a significant likelihood that other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the property too. There are multiple eagle nests on this property and the eagles likely use it as a foraging area. This property falls within the core-foraging areas of multiple wood stork nesting colonies. One of the best uses for this property is for it to remain as a preserve for the numerous species within this area.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-15-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

The numerous habitat types on these properties attract a diverse group of fauna including several protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, gopher tortoises, Florida sandhill cranes, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There is a significant likelihood that other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the property too. There are eagle nests on these properties and the eagles likely use the properties as foraging areas. Both of these pieces of land fall within the core-foraging area for a wood stork nesting colony. One the best uses for the properties is to remain as preserves for the numerous species within this area.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-14-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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?**

N/A

**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?**

The habitat within these disjunct properties attracts a diverse group of fauna including some protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, Florida sandhill cranes, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There is an existing eagle nest on the tract of land although it is difficult to tell if the nest is on one of the District land parcels. A great portion of this tract falls within the core-foraging area for a wood stork nesting colony. The consolidation of public ownership within the areawould benefit wildlife and resource protection.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-14-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre 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?**

N/A

**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?**

The wildlife habitat this property provides has potential to attract a diverse group of fauna including protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, numerous species of mammals, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There is some likelihood that other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the property too. This tract's greatest value appears to be the fact that it potentially serves as a north-south corridor for regional and migratory fauna. Regardless of whether the property remains under the ownership of the SFWMD, the best use for the property is for it to remain intact as a wildlife corridor.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-14-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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?**

N/A

**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?**

The habitat within these properties attract a diverse group of fauna including some protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, Florida sandhill cranes, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. A great portion of this tract falls within the core-foraging areas for multiple wood storking nesting colonies. The best uses for the property is for it to remain as a preserve for the numerous species contained within it that use it for foraging and breeding.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2-14-13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** SUMICA

**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?**

N/A

**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?**

The habitat within this properties attracts a diverse group of fauna including some protected species such as bald eagles, other raptors, eastern indigo snakes, Florida sandhill cranes, several mammalian species, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There are two existing eagle nests on the property. All of this tract falls within the core-foraging areas for multiple wood stork nesting colonies. Snail kites likely forage and nest along the lake edge on this property. There is some likelihood that other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the property too. Regardless of whether the property remains under the ownership of the SFWMD, the best use for the property is for it to remain as a preserve for the numerous species within this area as well as serving as a wildlife corridor between surrounding lakes and creeks in the region.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Brian Garrett

**Date:** 2/14/13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Management

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

N/A

**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?**

The numerous habitat types on this property attract a diverse group of fauna including several protected species such as bald eagles, eastern indigo snakes, gopher tortoises, Florida sandhill cranes, scrub jays, many species of wading birds, and a multitude of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There is a significant likelihood that other less conspicuous species such as federally threatened sand-skinks and blue-tailed skinks are present on the property too. There is also an existing eagle nest on the property. Regardless of whether the property remains under the ownership of the SFWMD, the best use for the property is for it to remain a preserve for the numerous species within this area.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Jim Laing

**Date:** 2/14/2013

**Division Name:** Dispersed Water Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources Bureau

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17

**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 comment covers all Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17 tracts. These areas fall completely under all the above missions and should be assessed for DWM opportunities to meet these core mission goals.

**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.**

No

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

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

**Respondent:** Jim Laing

**Date:** 2/14/2013

**Division Name:** Dispersed Water Management

**Bureau Name:** Land Resource Bureau

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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?**

This comment covers all Shingle Creek tracts. These areas fall completely under all the above missions and should be assessed for DWM opportunities to meet these core mission goals.

**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.**

No

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

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

**Respondent:** Patricia Burke

**Date:** 2/12/13

**Division Name:** Water Resources

**Bureau Name:** Water Quality

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Huckleberry Island / Snell 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?**

Yes, this parcel has been critical in buffering the water quality impacts of urbanization to the downstream receiving waters of the Marion Creek watershed. Marion Creek feeds into Lake Hatchinehas and the water quality data collected within the lake indicate stable levels of nutrients entering the lake over time. This tract also protects a natural system under extreme development pressure. These parcels are strategic areas for conservation and also support restoration efforts for wetland priority listed 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, the continued preservation of the natural system's hydro-period and ecosystem community are fulfilling several missions. This tract provides critical aquifer recharge and has enabled the water quality within this watershed to remain stable over time.

**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 property is functioning to its full potential in its current managed state.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Patricia Burke

**Date:** 2/12/13

**Division Name:** Water Resources

**Bureau Name:** Water Quality

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17

**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?**

Yes, this parcel has been critical in buffering the water quality impacts of urbanization to the downstream receiving waters. Water quality data collected downstream from this parcel indicate stable water quality over the past 28 years and protection of a natural system under extreme development pressure to the east and west. These parcels are strategic areas for conservation and also support restoration efforts for wetland priority listed 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, the continued preservation of the natural system's hydro-period and ecosystem community are fulfilling several 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, this property is functioning to its full potential in its current managed state.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Patricia Burke

**Date:** 2/12/13

**Division Name:** Water Resources

**Bureau Name:** Water Quality

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

**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?**

Yes, this parcel has been critical in buffering the water quality impacts of urbanization to the downstream receiving waters. Water quality data collected within this parcel indicate stable water quality over the past 28 years and protection of a natural system under extreme development pressure to the east and west. These parcels are strategic areas for conservation and also support restoration efforts for wetland priority listed 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, the continued preservation of the natural system's hydro-period and ecosystem community are fulfilling several 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, this property is functioning to its full potential in its current managed state.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Patricia Burke

**Date:** 2/12/13

**Division Name:** Water Resources

**Bureau Name:** Water Quality

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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?**

Yes, this parcel has been critical in buffering the water quality impacts of urbanization to the Lake Toho. Shingle Creek is a significant inflow to the lake and water quality data collected within thi parcel indicate improvements in the levels of nutrients entering the lake over time from this source. Impacts to Lake Toho continue to be addressed and the preservation of this management area is critical to enhance the efforts to reduce nutrient loads to Lake Toho. This tract also protects a natural system under extreme development pressure.

**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 continued preservation of the natural system's hydro-period and ecosystem community are fulfilling several missions. This tract provides critical aquifer recharge and has enabled the water quality entering Lake Toho to improve over time.

**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 property is functioning to its full potential in its current managed state.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Patricia Burke

**Date:** 2/12/13

**Division Name:** Water Resources

**Bureau Name:** Water Quality

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

Yes, this parcel has been critical in buffering the water quality impacts of urbanization to Lake Tibit and protects a regionally significant tract of wetlands. This protected area also provides outstanding environmental education opportunities through the County's management of the center located on the property. This tract protects a natural system located in an area with extreme development pressure and also supports restoration and protection efforts for wetland priority listed 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, the continued preservation of the natural system's hydro-period and ecosystem community are fulfilling several missions. This tract provides critical aquifer recharge and provides water quality benefits to Lake Tibit.

**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 property is functioning to its full potential in its current managed state.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Dan Cotter - Public Use Section

**Date:** 2/13/13

**Division Name:** OM&C

**Bureau Name:** Land Resources

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Choose an item.

**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?**

Current public use and recreation in the entire Upper Lakes Region is consistent with District policy, statutory requirements, and the purposes for which the property were acquired including the requirements under the Save Our Rivers program.

**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?**

The existing public use and recreation in the region should continue to be supported. Additionally, this region provides excellent opportunities for recreation blueways and primitive camping due to the creek and river frontage of many of these properties.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Jim Laing

**Date:** 2/6/13

**Division Name:** Dispersed Water

**Bureau Name:** Regulation

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** SUMICA

**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 meet the District's core missions of natural systems protection and restoration completely. The Dispersed water project on the site provides an estimated 281 acre-ft of additional storage. The property is managed by Polk county, hence maintenance costs are covered through an agreement with the District.

**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.*

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

**Respondent:** Jim Laing

**Date:** 2/6/13

**Division Name:** Dispersed Water

**Bureau Name:** Regulation

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

This property meets the District core mission of Natural Systems protection completely based on the protection of this wetland system from development. This property is managed by Orange county under a lease with the District, hence maintenance costs are covered by another entity.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Saint Cloud Field Station

**Date:** 2/6/2013

**Division Name:** Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**Bureau Name:** Field Operations North

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

We believe that the existing use of the property is conducive with all contributing factors.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

**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.**

We believe that the District's core mission is being met.

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

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - 6 acre parcel south of US 17

**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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. This site also has same benefits as those listed for the Shingle Creek properties. Site provides significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Avatar Scrub

**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?**

Site contains priority 2 rare species imperiled habitat for the Florida Scrub Jay. It is adjacent to extensive tracts of underdeveloped natural lands improving its natural systems value. Scrub sites with deep sand, such as occur on this site, offer high recharge potential to the surficial aquifer because rainfall rapidly infiltrates the soil.

**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?**

Area should be improved for recreational activities compatible with scrub jay nesting and foraging.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Huckleberry Island / Snell 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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. This site also has same benefits as those listed for the Shingle Creek properties. Site provides significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lake Marion

**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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. This site also has same benefits as those listed for the Shingle Creek properties. Site provides significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Lk Russell and Poinciana Blvd tracts

**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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. This site also has same benefits as those listed for the Shingle Creek properties. Site provides significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Lk Marion Crk/Reedy Crk - Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 16 acre strip between Old Tampa Hwy and US 17

**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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. This site also has same benefits as those listed for the Shingle Creek properties. Site provides significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. In addition, it provides an important buffer between the adjacent highways and Reedy Creek's pristine bottomland swamp. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Osceola County 70 acre 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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. Shingle Creek and the associated wetlands provide significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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**LAND ASSESSMENT**  
**Subject Matter Expert (SME)**  
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**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Shingle Creek Management 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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. Shingle Creek and the associated wetlands provide significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Shingle Creek - Munger 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?**

Agree with benefits listed in the site overview. Shingle Creek and the associated wetlands provide significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat richness perspective. Additional land and/or interest acquisition should be considered as part of the Dispersed Storage program from both a Lake Okeechobee and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** SUMICA

**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?**

Site has same benefits as those listed for the Shingle Creek properties. Site provides significant water storage and retention as well as groundwater recharge benefits to the region. Area is important from a continuity and habitat and species richness perspective. Important from a Lake Okeechobee dispersed storage and Central Florida Water Initiative perspective.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Christine Carlson

**Date:** 2/8/2013

**Division Name:** Lake and River Ecosystems

**Bureau Name:** Applied Sciences

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

Property is an extension of the Shingle Creek wetland slough and lake habitat mosaic. It is in an urban area and captures, stores and cleans storm water runoff, allows groundwater recharge, and provides imperiled rare and priority 2 habitat for species conservation. One of many SFWMD groundwater hydraulic head wells are located within the property. Property is important from a LO water quantity and quality perspective. It is part of the natural system water storage and treatment system within the Basin and should be retained for that purpose.

**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.**

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

**Respondent:** Temperince Morgan/Lesley Bertolotti/Kevin Carter

**Date:** 02/18/2013

**Division Name:** State Policy and Coordination

**Bureau Name:** Everglades Policy and Coordination

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** SUMICA

**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 likely contributes to the District's Water Quality protection/improvements core mission as it is located in the Lake Weohyakapka watershed as well as the larger, regional Lake Okeechobee watershed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has listed Lake Weohyakapka as impaired for nutrients and is also in the planning phases of the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has no required actions in those efforts to date but the current land use likely promotes water quality protection.

Additionally, this area falls under the Northern Everglades boundary of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (373.4595 F.S.) which has the goals of improving water quality, water storage and habitat restoration in the northern Everglades watersheds. The portions of this site that are wetlands provide water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation and contributes towards the overall goals of NEEPP.

**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.**

Not applicable

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

**Respondent:** Terrie Bates

**Date:** 2/4/13

**Division Name:** WR

**Bureau Name:**

**Region Being Reviewed:** Upper Lakes Region

**Select Area Name:** Tibet-Butler Preserve - 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?**

Property supports the District's flood control, WQ and natural systems missions. Acquisition of this land for preservation under the Save Our Rivers program was important as it is one the largest undeveloped tracts adjacent to the Tibet-Butler Chain of Lakes - an Outstanding Florida Water.

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

While the resource values of the property support its continued and permanent preservation, it is such an isolated property that it could be a candidate for donating or exchanging ownership with Orange County with appropriate land restrictions. The County is already actively engaged in public use / education management of the 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?**

**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.**

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