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Office of Greenways & Trails
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Bernier:

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF THE 270-
ACRE JUPITER RIDGE NATURAL AREA AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM**

The Palm Beach County (County) Department of Environmental Resources Management is honored to submit the enclosed Florida Greenways and Trails System "Application for Designation" (Application) for the 270-acre Jupiter Ridge Natural Area (designation area). The designation area is located in Jupiter, Florida, approximately 1.3 miles south of Indiantown Road, between U.S. Highway 1 and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Approximately 267 acres of the designation area are owned by the State of Florida and managed by the County pursuant to a 50-year-term lease (Lease No. 4004). The remaining 3 acres are owned by the County. The designation area is comprised of moderate to high quality environmentally-sensitive lands.

Should you have any questions concerning the Application, please contact me at 561-233-2400, or ddrum@pbcgov.org, or Sandy Mann at 561-233-2489, or smann@pbcgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah Drum".

Deborah Drum, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Enclosure
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**FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM
DESIGNATION APPLICATION
FOR
JUPITER RIDGE NATURAL AREA
IN
PALM BEACH COUNTY**



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: **Adobe Signature**

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Public lands and waterways located within the state may be designated by the Department as components of the Florida Greenways and Trails System upon compliance with the requirements of Section 62S-1.400, F.A.C.

CONSENT OF LANDOWNER REQUIRED

Section 260.014, Florida Statutes, provides that “no lands or waterways may be designated as a part of the statewide system of greenways and trails without the specific written consent of the landowner.” Furthermore, if public access is contemplated for any portion of the project, both the owner(s) and the proposed managing entity must provide the Department with written authorization detailing the public access permitted on the project. Accordingly, the sponsor of each project proposed for designation is strongly encouraged to communicate and collaborate with all potentially affected landowners and land managers throughout all stages of the designation process.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All responses on the Application must be typed or legibly printed. If a particular item does not apply to the project, the proper response is “Not Applicable.” Do not leave a response area blank.
2. If additional space is needed for a response, indicate that additional sheets(s) are attached, and identify the information contained within each additional sheet by noting the Application item number to which it relates.
3. All “Required Attachments” listed in the next section of the instructions must be attached to and submitted with the application.
4. Applicants must submit an original Application, one (1) original of each Required Attachment and any other supporting documentation.
5. Do not fax any portion of the Application or attachments to the Office of Greenways and Trails. All faxed information received that relates to a pending application will not be accepted.
6. The Application, together with supporting attachments and documentation, must be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following items must be attached to the Application at the time of submittal:

- A. An "Owner Consent," DRP-097, effective July 10, 2003, signed by each record title owner of the property proposed for designation.
- B. A "Management Certificate," DRP-098, effective July 10, 2003, signed by the managing entity of the property proposed for designation.
- C. If available, photographs of various sites and features within the project that show typical landscape characteristics, labeled with location and orientation and cross-referenced to the location map described in the following paragraph.
- D. An accurate location map of sufficient scale and detail to clearly delineate all project property boundaries in relation to other area greenways or trails, county roadways, major topographic features (such as rivers, lakes and power lines) and local government boundaries (if any). The location map must state the length of trails and total project acreage, and should indicate points of interest or special features. When the project provides for public access to existing or proposed trails, the location map must identify the trail alignment, public access points, trailheads and facilities to accommodate the proposed types of public uses over the extent of the trails.

**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
OF PUBLIC LANDS OR WATERWAYS**

NAME OF PROJECT: Jupiter Ridge Natural Area

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 1800 South U.S. Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477

COUNTY/COUNTIES: Palm Beach County

OWNER OF PROJECT: TIITF of the State of Florida and PBC Board of County Commissioners
PLEASE NOTE: A completed and signed "Owner Consent," DRP-097, effective July 10, 2003, must be attached to this Application at the time of submittal.

CONTACT: Deborah Drum, Director, Environmental Resources Management
ADDRESS: 2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

TELEPHONE: (561) 233-2400 FAX: (561) 233-2414

MANAGING ENTITY OF PROJECT: Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management
PLEASE NOTE: A completed and signed "Management Certificate," DRP-098, effective July 10, 2003, must be attached to this Application at the time of submittal.

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ADDRESS: 2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

TELEPHONE: (561) 233-2400 FAX: (561) 233-2414

PROJECT SUBMITTED BY (Check one): ☐ OWNER ☒ MANAGING ENTITY

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check One):

- ☐ National park, forest or trail, preserve, seashore, wildlife refuge, wild scenic river, military reservation, Native American Lands, or other (describe):
- ☐ State park unit, forest, recreation area, submerged land, wildlife management area, historical or archaeological site, ornamental or botanical garden, university system property, museum or other special feature site, public game area, preserve, or other (describe):
- ☐ Lands owned by a port authority, flood control district, water management district, navigation district or other agency created by general or special law (describe):
- ☒ Local government conservation or recreation land, urban open space area or other (describe):
The project area includes 270 acres of conservation land which preserves native Florida ecosystems, and provides for passive recreation, environmental education and scientific research.

Please attach a location map and general description of the lands and/or waterways proposed for designation, including the length of trails, total acreage and points of interest or special features. If trails will be available for public access, please identify the trail alignment, public access points, trailheads, and facilities to accommodate the proposed types of public uses over the length of the trail(s). Photographs and printed brochures or other information may also be attached, if available.

The undersigned hereby certify that the Project consists solely of Public Conservation or Recreation Lands or Waterways, as that term is defined in Section 62S-1.100(19), F.A.C., and that the undersigned will negotiate with the Office of Greenways and Trails to formulate and thereafter enter into a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern the Project's participation in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

SIGNATURES OF SUBMITTING PARTY(IES):



DATE: 12-2-2019

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

☐ OWNER ☒ MANAGING ENTITY (CHECK ONE)

Return Completed and Signed Application To:

Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
Telephone: (850) 245-2052

ATTACHMENT A

OWNER CONSENT FORMS



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

OWNER CONSENT

TO DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Jupiter Ridge Natural Area (3 acres)

Name of Project
1800 South U.S. Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477

Address or Location of Project

FROM: Deborah Drum, Director, PBC Department of Environmental Resources Management

Name of Owner(s)

2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Address, City, State and Zip Code of Owner(s)

(561) 233-2400

Telephone No.

(561) 233-2414

Facsimile No.

The undersigned Owners(s) of fee simple title in and to the lands and/or waterways described on the attached Exhibit "A," all of which lie within the project boundary of the above-named greenways and trails project, hereby consents to designation of said lands and/or waterways as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. By execution of this consent, the undersigned confirms said Owner(s)' willingness to negotiate with representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection to formulate a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern participation of the Owner(s)' lands and/or waterways in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

DATE: 12-2-2019

Deborah Drum, Director

[Printed Name of Owner]

[Printed Name of Owner]

OWNER(S) OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS:



[Signature of Owner]

[Signature of Owner]



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

OWNER CONSENT

TO DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: **Adobe Signature**

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Jupiter Ridge Natural Area (267 acres)
Name of Project
1800 South U.S. Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477
Address or Location of Project

FROM: Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of Florida

Name of Owner(s)
3800 Commonwealth Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Address, City, State and Zip Code of Owner(s)

(850) 245-2555

Telephone No.

(850) 245-2572

Facsimile No.

The undersigned Owners(s) of fee simple title in and to the lands and/or waterways described on the attached Exhibit "A," all of which lie within the project boundary of the above-named greenways and trails project, hereby consents to designation of said lands and/or waterways as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. By execution of this consent, the undersigned confirms said Owner(s)' willingness to negotiate with representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection to formulate a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern participation of the Owner(s)' lands and/or waterways in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

DATE: November 18, 2019

Board of Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Trust Fund of Florida
[Printed Name of Owner]

[Printed Name of Owner]

OWNER(S) OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS:

[Signature of Owner]

Division of State Lands, FDEP
for and on behalf of BOT

[Signature of Owner]

ATTACHMENT B

MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: **Adobe Signature**

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Jupiter Ridge Natural Area (267 acres)
Name of Project
1800 South U.S. Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477

Address or Location of Project

FROM: Palm Beach County (PBC) Department of Environmental Resources Management

Name of Managing Entity

Deborah Drum

Name of Contact/Representative

2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor

Address of Managing Entity

West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

City, State and Zip Code

(561) 233-2400

Telephone Number

(561) 233-2414

Facsimile Number

Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of Florida

Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation**

3800 Commonwealth Boulevard

Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation

Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

City, State and Zip Code

(850) 245-2555

Telephone Number

(850) 245-2572

Facsimile Number

** Attach additional sheet(s) if more than one owner



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF
THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

Required Signatures: **Adobe Signature**

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
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Name of Project
1800 South U.S. Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477

Address or Location of Project

FROM: Palm Beach County (PBC) Department of Environmental Resources Management

Name of Managing Entity

Deborah Drum

Name of Contact/Representative

2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor

Address of Managing Entity

West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

City, State and Zip Code

(561) 233-2400

Telephone Number

(561) 233-2414

Facsimile Number

PBC Board of County Commissioners

Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation**

301 N. Olive Ave, 12th Floor

Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

City, State and Zip Code

(561) 355-2001

Telephone Number

(561) 355-3990

Facsimile Number

** Attach additional sheet(s) if more than one owner

The undersigned Managing Entity hereby ratifies and confirms:

- (1) That it is willing to manage the Project following its designation by the Department of Environmental Protection as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System;
- (2) That management of the project will be based on and proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the following:
 - (a) Existing leases, subleases, management plans, licenses, easements or other agreements or encumbrances previously executed and currently in effect for any portion of the lands or waterways located within the Project; and
 - (b) A designation agreement to be negotiated among and executed by the undersigned Managing Entity, the Owner(s) of the lands or waterways proposed for designation and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, which designation agreement shall be subordinate to any existing leases, agreements or other encumbrances described in paragraph (a) above.
- (3) That in the event the undersigned ceases to be the Managing Entity of the Project or if the aforementioned designation agreement is amended, rescinded or otherwise terminated for any reason, the undersigned will notify the Department's Office of Greenways and Trails within five (5) business days following the occurrence of any such event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be signed as of the date set forth below.

MANAGING ENTITY

PBC Environmental Resources Management

[Print Name of Managing Entity]

By: 

Print Name: Deborah Drum

Title: Director

Date: 12-2-2019

ATTACHMENT C

PHOTO LOCATION MAP AND SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

ATTACHMENT C





Photo 1 - Parking lot with ten car spaces (on left), including one designated handicapped space, and two bus spaces (on right). Looking south.



Photo 2 - Bike rack, interpretative kiosk and entrance to accessible nature trail (to right of kiosk), just west of the parking lot. Looking west.



Photo 3 - View of recovering and intact scrub habitat from southwest portion of parking lot. Looking southwest.



Photo 4 – Eastern connection between the concrete portion of the nature trail and the boardwalk that spans a freshwater depression marsh. Looking west-northwest.



Photo 5 - View of the freshwater depression marsh from the boardwalk. Looking northwest.



Photo 6 - Western portion of the boardwalk. Looking southwest.



Photo 7 - View of mechanically-reduced scrub vegetation north of the concrete nature trail and northwest of the boardwalk. Looking north.

Photo 8 - Natural-surfaced hiking trail near the connection with concrete nature trail. Looking west.

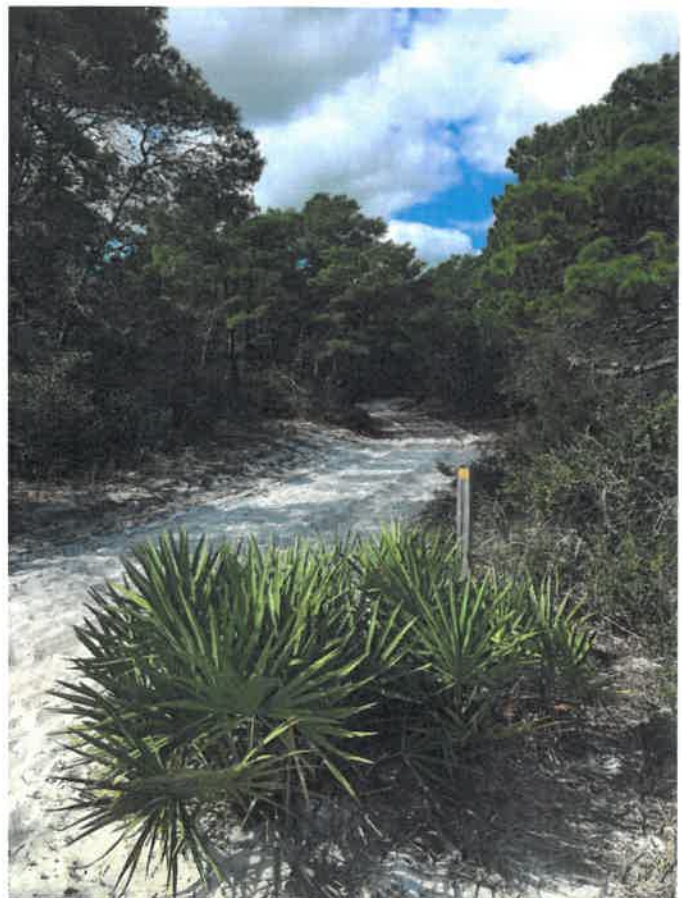


Photo 9 - Concrete portion of the nature trail, southeast of the wildlife observation platform. Looking southeast.



Photo 10 – Connection of the concrete nature trail with the covered wildlife observation platform. Looking northwest.



Photo 11 - Wildlife observation platform and access boardwalk. Looking north-northwest.



Photo 12 - View of mangrove lagoon from wildlife observation platform. Looking northeast.



Photo 13 - View of mangrove lagoon from wildlife observation platform. Looking west.



Photo 14 - Natural-surfaced hiking trail just inside the pedestrian gate at the intersection of the northern hiking trail and Jupiter's Riverwalk/East Coast Greenway Trail. Looking south.



Photo 15 - Pedestrian gate and bike rack at the intersection of the northern hiking trail with Jupiter's Riverwalk/East Coast Greenway Trail (paved area in foreground). Looking southwest.



Photo 16 - View of Jupiter's Riverwalk (part of the East Coast Greenway Trail) near the pedestrian entrance into Jupiter Ridge Natural Area. Looking north-northwest.

Photo 17 - Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at sandy beach area that provides small boat access to the natural area. Looking north.



Photo 18 - Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at sandy beach area that provides small boat access to the natural area. Looking south.



Photo 19 - Natural-surfaced hiking trail and management accessway through scrub habitat. Looking west-northwest.



Photo 20 - Hiking trail and management accessway (curving to the right of the photo) through scrub habitat. Looking northeast.

ATTACHMENT D

**USE PLAN,
LOCATION MAP
AND
PUBLIC USE FACILITIES MAP**

Use Plan

The entire 270-acre Jupiter Ridge Natural Area (Designation Area, Figure 1) is the subject of this Florida Greenways and Trails System Designation Application. The Designation Area opened to the public in 2001. It is open 7 days a week, from sunrise to sunset. Existing public use facilities include a 10-car, 2-bus, paved parking lot; two informational kiosks; an approximate 1,290-foot-long accessible concrete/boardwalk nature trail; 2.2-miles of natural-surfaced hiking trails; covered wildlife observation platform with benches; and a sandy beach area that provides small boat access to the site from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (Figure 2). The Designation Area also includes a 300-foot-long portion of the “Jupiter Riverwalk” – part of the East Coast Greenway Corridor (Figure 3). Additional public use facilities under consideration for the Designation Area include a designated canoe/kayak tie up area and/or a designated shore fishing area, a picnic area and a natural-surface connector trail to link the hiking trail system to U.S. Highway 1. The primary purposes of the Designation Area are to preserve, restore/enhance, manage and maintain important remnants of Florida’s native vegetation communities, their associated plant and wildlife populations, and local groundwater resources. Its secondary purposes are to provide for passive, resource-based recreation, environmental education and scientific research.

Access/Directions: The designation area is located in Jupiter, Florida, approximately 1.3 miles south of Indiantown Road, between U.S. Highway 1 and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Public vehicular access to the Designation Area is provided via U.S. Highway 1 (Figure 2). Pedestrian access is provided via the Jupiter Riverwalk, from U.S. Highway 1 at the entrance to the parking lot and from an unimproved beach that allows boaters to access the site. Bicycle racks are located within the parking lot and near the pedestrian entrance from the Riverwalk to encourage the use of alternative transportation to the site.

Management: The County manages the 267-acre state-owned portion of the Designation Area in accordance with a 50-year-term state lease (Lease No. 4004); the County owns the remaining 3 acres (Figure 4). The County’s Department of Environmental Resources Management is responsible for managing and maintaining the Designation Area, with assistance from county contractors and community volunteers.

Signage with the natural area name, access hours and natural areas rules have been installed adjacent to the parking lot and other public access points. Trail maps and general information about the site are provided in kiosks located near the parking lot and boater access beach. Regulatory signs are located along the site’s boundaries at intervals of no greater than 500 feet.

Security: The Town of Jupiter Police Department has the primary responsibility for public safety and law enforcement at the Designation Area. The County also has contracted with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office to have Wildlands Task Force deputies conduct extra patrols of the Designation Area when needed. The Wildlands Task Force is a specially-trained and specially-equipped unit that was formed to prevent illegal activities, such as dumping, on natural areas managed by the County and to enforce the provisions of the County’s Natural Areas Ordinance.

FIGURE 1

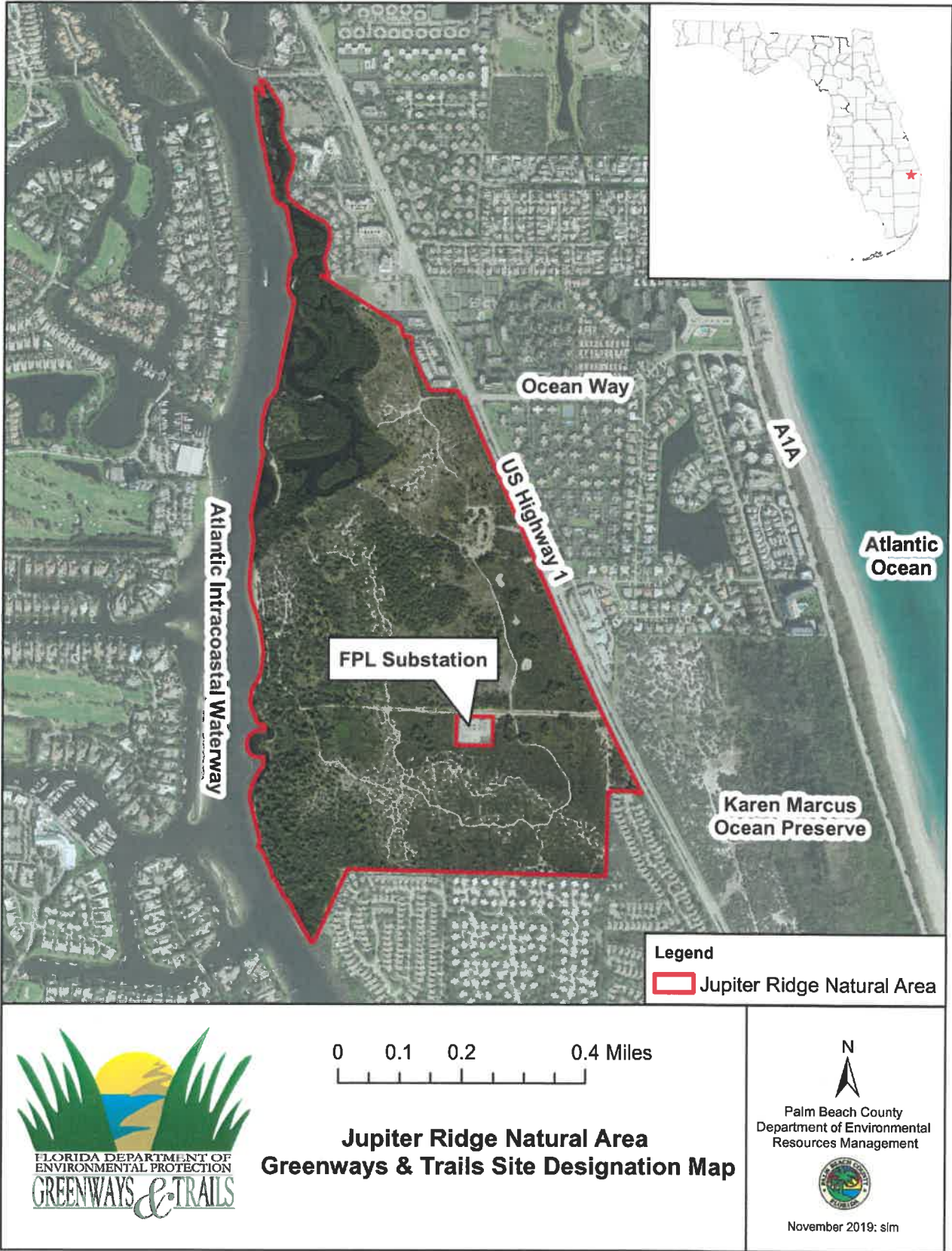
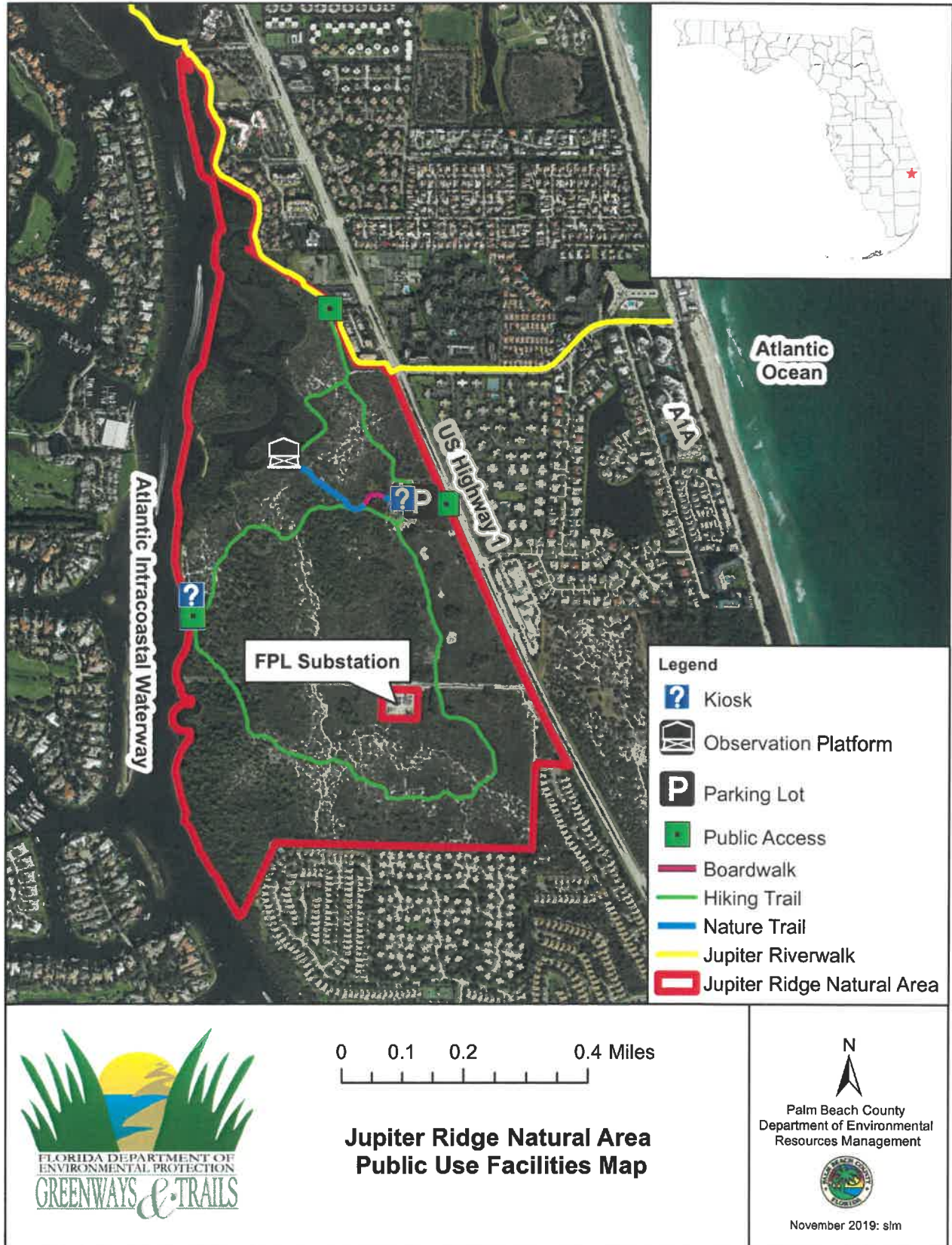


FIGURE 2





East Coast
Greenway.

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Figure 3
East Coast Greenway Map Segment

From: <https://map.greenway.org/?loc=14,26.91694,-80.07330>

FIGURE 4

