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I have been retained by a campaign in Volusia County for a machine and manual recount on a Fla. State House election currently being conducted. As a result, please excuse my absence from the meeting.

Additionally, I wanted to pass along the following information for the commission's consideration:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) announcing that, together with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and their partners, \$28.9 million in new grants for the restoration or expansion of natural features such as coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, mangroves, forests, coastal rivers, and barrier islands that help minimize the impacts of storms, rising sea levels and other extreme events on nearby communities and infrastructure in 22 states and Puerto Rico. <https://www.noaa.gov/media-release/nfwf-noaa-announce-289-million-in-grants-for-2018-national-coastal-resilience-fund>

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On Nov 9, 2018, at 2:52 PM, Maguire Segui, Adri <ASegui@coj.net> wrote:

Also, please review bill 2018-782 attached to this email. The Commission will be taking action on this item during this meeting.

Adri S. Maguire Segui



Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Lori Boyer, Chair

JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
City Council Chamber
9:30 a.m.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Jacksonville Waterways Commission at its next meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission was called to order on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 9:31, in the Council Chamber, by the Vice Chair, Council Member Al Ferraro.

In attendance: Council Members Al Ferraro (Vice Chair), Bill Gulliford and Jim Love; Council Member Lori Boyer (Chair) was excused; Commissioners Garrett N. Barket, Robert Birtalan, Jed Davis, Steven Davis, Jill D. Haskell, Raymond S. Pringle, Jr., Steve Swann, Marshall Adkison (Ex-Officio); Commissioner Lindsey Brock was excused; Assistant General Counsel Susan Grandin; Dr. Quinton White, Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University; Captain Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator/Dock Master; Jessica Matthews, Legislative Supervisor, Adri Maguire Segui, Legislative Assistant; John J. Jackson, Council Research Division.

The Commission voted to approve the minutes for the Commission's September 12, 2018 meeting.

Legislation

Edward Lukacovic, City Planner III, Planning and Development Department, made a PowerPoint presentation on two land use amendments. Paul Hardin and T.R. Hainline, agents for the respective developers, were present to answer questions.

Ordinance 2018-605, Adopt Small Scale FLUM Amend to 2030 Comp Plan at San Jose Blvd btwn Loretto Rd and Marbon Rd (1.7± Acres) – RPI to BP – M&C Real Ventures, Inc....

The site is located on San Jose Boulevard, on the east side of San Jose Boulevard, north of Orange Picker Road. The site is 1.7 acres in size. Its current and proposed land use: RPI (Residential, Professional, Institutional) to BP (Business Professional) Sub-drainage Basin: Cormorant Creek to Julington Creek to the St. Johns River.

On local matters, Dr. White reported that water temperatures in the river are warm. Salinity in the river remains low, a factor that he attributes to an influx of fresh water. He reported that rainfall totals in September were below normal by 5 inches after a very wet summer.

In an update on the status of artificial reefs, Dr. White reported that the artificial reefs deployed in the St. Johns River (San Marco), are recovering from Hurricane Irma. He noted that the Holt reef is yielding slightly more fish than the CAA (Conservation Association of America) reef but the difference is not significant.

Dr. White reported that the shark research vessel Ocearch has been operating off the coast of Nova Scotia. Jacksonville University students have been a part of the operation. The Ocearch was able to tag six great white sharks. The vessel is expected to return to Brunswick, GA in late October.

On the status of manatees, Dr. Gerard Pinto reported that there are not many manatee in the area now. He reported that there were two manatee deaths in September: a perinatal death at Pablo Creek and a human-related fatality in the Talleyrand area. There have been a total of eight (8) non-watercraft related deaths reported this year.

Brian Burket, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, Natural and Maritime Resources Division, provided an update on the use of the City's docking facilities by commercial and industrial contractors for loading and unloading. Mr. Burket indicated that this presentation was a follow-up to a previous update that Council Member Lori Boyer, Chair, Waterways Commission, had requested.

Mr. Burket reported that FIND (Florida Inland Navigation District) had contracted consultants to assess where access is currently available for commercial and industrial vendors to dock at publicly owned facilities and where there is potential access. The consultants looked at twelve (12) counties up and down Florida's east coast. The FIND consultants initially thought there were 28 potential sites in Duval County. At the end of a public meeting, the number of potential sites identified was reduced to 16. (Council Member Boyer and Waterways Commissioner Lindsey Brock were participants in the public meeting that reviewed the issues). The contractors' loading and unloading operations at any of the public facilities could not in any way interfere with the recreational uses of facilities.

There were four (4) facilities in Duval County that were considered feasible for contractors' access. None of the four would interfere with the facilities' recreational use:

- (1) Jim King Park & Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek
- (2) Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp on the Trout River
Bert Maxwell could accommodate a barge and crane.

could permanently berth.

In addition, Mayport could be economically revitalized and developed as a destination for tourists with shops, restaurants, bed and breakfasts and a hotel.

Ex-Officio Waterways Commissioner Marshall Adkison (Planning Commission) provided the Commission with an update on plans to re-open oyster beds in the Timucuan Preserve.

Commissioner Adkison reported that the State Agriculture and Consumer Services Division, Department of Agriculture has been undertaking an extensive study of the water quality of the bodies of water designated for the restoration of oyster beds. It was the health hazardous conditions of the water quality that had the State shut down oyster beds from harvesting years ago. So far, as of September 21, 2018, the water quality reportedly is looking pretty good. The study now must evaluate rainwater variables. The scientists must come up with a reliable mechanism to assess the rainwater effect on the water quality. The Agriculture and Consumer Services scientists are working with NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration).

There was no New Business.

In Old Business, Commissioner Burket inquired about the speed boat and safety zone issue for boaters at Fort George River that had been raised at the previous Waterways Commission meeting by Commissioner Jill Haskell. Commissioner Marshall Adkison indicated that he remained wary of any new regulations for recreational boaters at Fort George. He implored those advocating for regulatory measures to provide documentation on accident reports. Commissioner Steve Swann suggested that a noticed meeting be arranged to provide all the stakeholders in the issue an opportunity to air their views.

The Chair, Council Member Ferraro, announced that at the next Waterways Commission meeting, he would be reporting on meetings that he has had on facilitating the permitting process for vendors in pursuit of contracts to repair the City's docks that are in disrepair.

In Public Comment, John Nooney announced that he was making an additional donation to the Clay Roberts Memorial Artificial Reef Fund. On the agenda item regarding dockage for commercial loading and unloading, Mr. Nooney suggested that the Ship Yards be considered as a dockage site. He referenced Ordinance 2007-451-E on temporary docking at designated sites.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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October 12, 2018

Posted: 4:00 P.M.

Tape: Jacksonville Waterways Commission Meeting, 10.10.18
(Legislative Services).

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2018-782**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CONTINUATION GRANT;
6 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS
7 DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE
8 AND DELIVER THE FIND PROJECT AGREEMENT
9 AMENDMENTS (THE "AMENDMENTS") EXTENDING THE
10 AGREEMENTS FOR ONE YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING
11 PROJECTS: 1) CHARLES REESE FISHING PIER PHASE
12 2; 2) HALF MOON ISLAND PARK & BOAT RAMP PHASE
13 2A; 3) NORTHSORE KAYAK LAUNCH PHASE 2; AND,
14 4) SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY ADA KAYAK LAUNCH
15 PHASE 1; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE PARKS,
16 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT;
17 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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19 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

20 **Section 1. FIND project agreement amendments approved and**
21 **execution authorized.** There are hereby approved, and the Mayor, or
22 his designee, and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
23 execute and deliver, the FIND project agreement amendments (the
24 "Amendments") extending the agreements for one year for the
25 following projects: i) Charles Reese Fishing Pier Phase 2; ii) Half
26 Moon Island Park & Boat Ramp Phase 2A; iii) Northshore Kayak Launch
27 Phase 2; and, iv) School Board Property ADA Kayak Launch Phase 1.
28 The respective Amendments are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
29 incorporated herein by this reference. Ordinance 2017-100-E
30 appropriated funds and authorized execution of the grant project
31 agreements. The FIND grant projects require an amendment for one

PROJECT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

In consideration of the continuing mutual promises and covenants contained in PROJECT AGREEMENT #DU-JA-16-148, Charles Reese Fishing Pier, PH 2, between the FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT hereafter known as the DISTRICT and the City of Jacksonville hereafter known as the PROJECT SPONSOR, the parties hereby agree that Paragraph 2 of said certain PROJECT AGREEMENT shall be deleted and the following be substituted therefore:

2. **TERM** - The PROJECT SPONSOR shall not commence work on the PROJECT prior to the execution of this Agreement unless specifically authorized by the DISTRICT Board and shall complete the PROJECT and submit all required payment reimbursement information on or before September 30, 2019. Pursuant to law, the PROJECT period cannot extend beyond three (3) years from October 1, 2016 and therefore this PROJECT must be completed by September 30, 2019, unless the completion of the PROJECT has been delayed by a declared natural disaster and the DISTRICT Board authorizes an extension of the completion date based upon this delay.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ of _____, 20__.

Attest:

F.I.N.D.

DIRECTOR

Attest:

PROJECT SPONSOR

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

PROJECT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

In consideration of the continuing mutual promises and covenants contained in PROJECT AGREEMENT #DU-JA-16-153, School Board Property ADA Kayak Launch Ph I, between the FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT hereafter known as the DISTRICT and the City of Jacksonville hereafter known as the PROJECT SPONSOR, the parties hereby agree that Paragraph 2 of said certain PROJECT AGREEMENT shall be deleted and the following be substituted therefore:

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**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-782

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 13, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS; F; JWW

Date of Analysis: November 16, 2018

Type of Action: Approval of Agreement Amendments

Bill Summary: The ordinance concerns a continuation grant. The ordinance approves and authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver the F.I.N.D. Project Agreement Amendments (the "amendments") extending the agreements for one year for the following projects: 1) Charles Reese Fishing Pier Phase; 2) Half Moon Island Park & Boat Ramp Phase 2A; 3) Northshore Kayak Launch Phase 2; and, 4) School Board Property ADA Kayak Launch Phase 1; oversight is to be provided by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Background Information: On an annual basis, the City applies to FIND (Florida Inland Navigation District) for funding for specified waterways-related projects through FIND's Waterways Assistance Program. There is funding for the design process and for the construction phase of projects. The costs of the projects are shared by both FIND and the City. The Administration brings the projects before the Jacksonville Waterways Commission and the Commission reviews and prioritizes projects for funding applications. The Waterways Commission, in turn, makes a recommendation to the City Council.

The FIND projects in this legislation require an amendment to extend their terms for one additional year.

Resolution 2016-18-A authorized the Mayor to apply to FIND for 2016-2017 grants for specified waterways-related projects including Charles Reece Memorial Park Fishing Pier, Half Moon Island Park development Phase 2A, Northshore Kayak Launch Phase 2 and School Board Kayak Launch Design. By enacting Ordinance 2017-100-E, the City Council appropriated funds and authorized executive of these projects.

Policy Impact: Boating and waterways facilities' improvements.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal; extends existing grant agreements for an additional year.

Analyst: Jackson

St. Johns River Alliance

Status 11/14/18

Mark Middlebrook
Timucuan Parks Foundation Inc.

1997

American Heritage Rivers Protection Program
Executive Order 13061 – President Bill Clinton

Criteria for selection developed by the Council on Environmental Quality

- Natural, cultural and historic resources;
- Scenic, environmental and recreational interests
- Transportation and economic interests

Designated rivers:

- St. Johns River
- Upper and Lower Mississippi Rivers
- Hudson River
- Hanalei River
- New River
- Susquehanna and Lackawanna rivers
- Willamette Rivers
- Rio Grande River
- Detroit River
- Potomac River
- Connecticut River
- Blackstone and Woonasquatucket rivers

Federal agencies:

- Dept. of Agriculture
- Dept. of Commerce
- Dept. of Defense (Corps of Engineers)
- Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
- Dept. of Interior
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Small Business Administration

Meet regularly to discuss requests for information, technical assistance, etc.

Executive Order never rescinded. However, the Initiative never really went forward. There were some notable successes: New River, Cuyahoga

Clay*, Indian River, Putnam*, Flagler - \$2,500

2007

Established a working group – American Heritage River Alliance
St. Johns River – on the working group steering committee
Alliance never incorporated or designated as a not-for-profit
No longer exists

2010

Sen. John Thrasher established the St. Johns River Legislative Caucus

2012

St. Johns River named one of America's Great Waters
SJRA member of America Great Waters Coalition (founded by National Wildlife Federation, National
Parks Conservation Association and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation)

2013

St. Johns River by state Office of Greenways and Trail as a "state paddling trail" – St. Johns River Blueway
SJRA designated manager of the Blueway, covering all 310 miles of the river.

2014 – 2015

Drafted state and federal legislation for 10-year, \$1 billion river restoration program (\$100 million a
year)

2017

State administratively dissolves SJRA corporation
Jim and Linda King Scholarship fund turned over to the University of North Florida
SJRA files currently stored by TPF



Jacksonville INTRACOASTAL SALT MARSH Paddling Guide

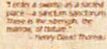
WE MUST ALL HAVE A greater sense of responsibility. JUSTICE IS NOT JUST A word. JUSTICE IS THE ACTION WE TAKE. JUSTICE IS THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. JUSTICE IS THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. JUSTICE IS THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT.

— Rachel Carson



I thought I was alone when you and I were here. I thought I was alone when you and I were here. I thought I was alone when you and I were here.

— John Deere



I enter a swamp, a soggy, sucking swamp. I enter a swamp, a soggy, sucking swamp. I enter a swamp, a soggy, sucking swamp.

— Mary Kay Vaughan



I am the water, the earth, the air. I am the water, the earth, the air. I am the water, the earth, the air.

— Charles Darwin



The swamp is a place where the world is young. The swamp is a place where the world is young. The swamp is a place where the world is young.

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INSPIRATION
Our paddling guide includes the Jacksonville Warmer (JW) and associated creeks from its inception with the St. Johns River south to the Great Lanes line. Fully accessible for half-day or longer trips by paddler of all skills and ages, the distinctive scenery is primarily bordered by extensive prairie, protected salt marsh, pine islands, mangroves and timbered swamps. Five main prairies are found along its path: Duval Island Prairie, Escambia Prairie, Tallahassee Prairie, of Duval Island Prairie, and Oakleaf Prairie.

SAVING SPECIAL PLACES - JACKSONVILLE'S PRESERVATION PROJECT
This project is part of Jacksonville's Preservation Project (JVP) - the framework of its plan. Major John Deere, the Preservation Project began as a land acquisition program designed to restore prairie, wetlands, ecologically sensitive lands and water. The project also sought, for taking maximum land use of fish and wildlife, to improve water quality and create public access to the natural and historically significant areas of its customers. Due to unprecedented pressure with other governmental entities, conservation easements and private landowners, Jacksonville was able to acquire over 42 square miles of prairie. Of Florida, having saving 10,000 acres - 45 the country.

HISTORY OF THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY
Spain's Middle and Tennessee. Spanish arrived in Florida in 1565. For over 10,000 years before John Deere was settled down the St. Johns River, people lived right here. In what would later be called Timucuan territory. The silver towers of the Seminole Indians on the Atlantic coast and the Seminole Indians in the north of Duval Island. Education during the years the site was occupied 5,000 years ago. V-shapes, handprints, crosses, spirals, small crosses, fish and deer. Archaeologists are discovering that people had a much more sophisticated semi-sedentary trading network and spiritual culture than was reported in the past.

Public Canal and the Construction of the JCV
Up until the late 1800s, Florida's Canal network was built from the St. Johns River below meeting with the river. The river was not the St. Johns River. In 1803, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the Florida Canal and Transportation Company to build a canal to connect the St. Johns River to the Atlantic Ocean. The Florida Canal, which runs from Jacksonville to Miami, the Florida Canal, which runs from Jacksonville to Miami. The Florida Canal, which runs from Jacksonville to Miami. The Florida Canal, which runs from Jacksonville to Miami.

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POPULAR SPORT FISH
HARTIAE Channel edges, sandy bottoms, near tidal pools and ditches.
FISHING: Use live shrimp, small fish, cutworms, crickets, and flies.
TIPS: Fly to natural ditches along the berm at low tide.
SEASON: All year.
SIZE: Maximum 12" or less per person per day allowed.

HARTIAE (RED DRUM)
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FISHING: Use live shrimp, small fish, cutworms, crickets, and flies.
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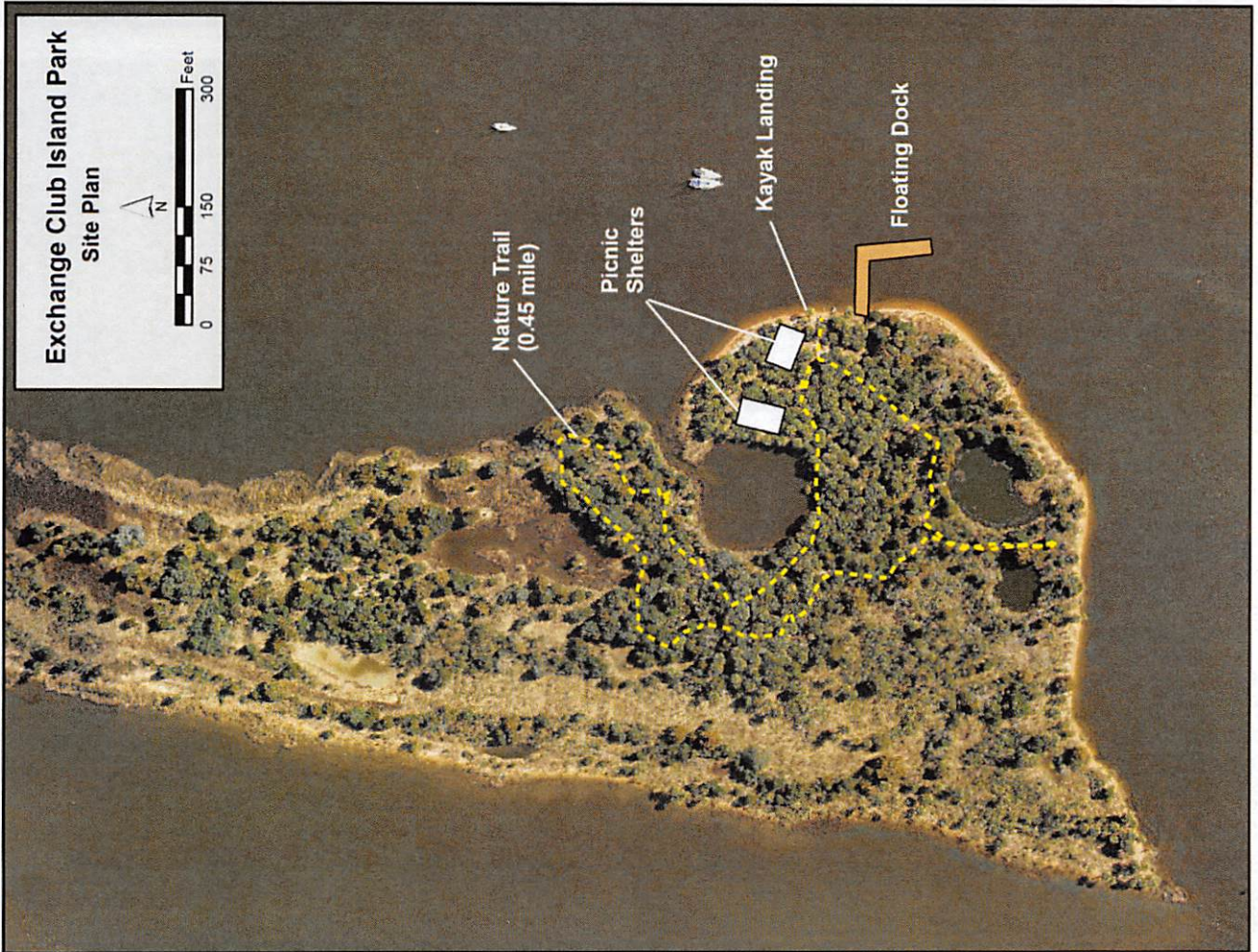
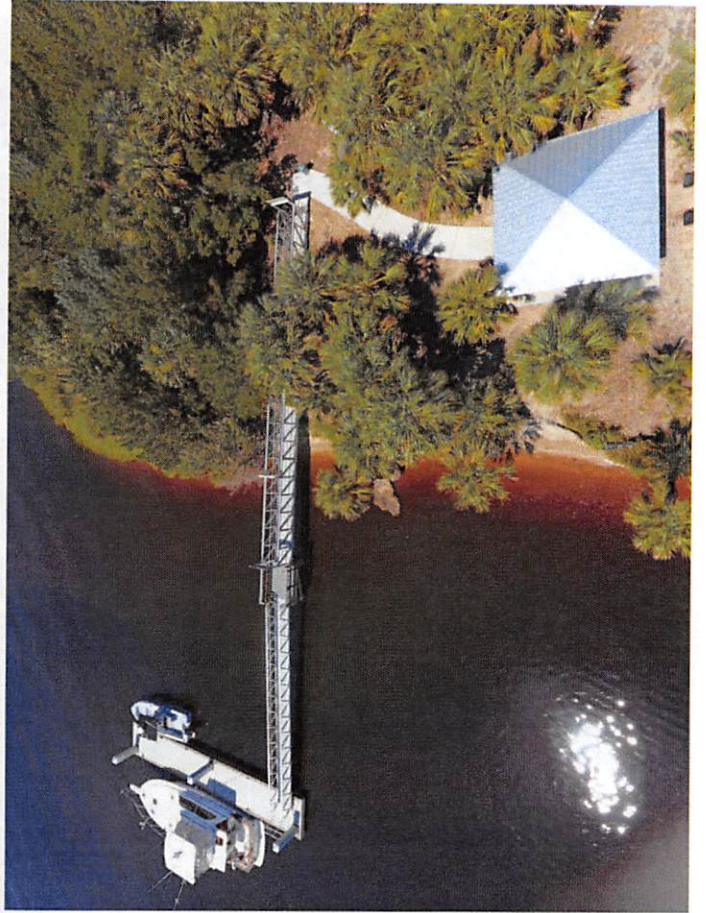
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Current Facilities

- ½ Mile Nature Trail (2015)
- Dock (2017)
- 2 Shelters (2018)



Future Facilities

- More picnicking & trails
- Potential primitive camping



Exchange Club Island Park Master Site Plan



Legend

White Text = Existing Facilities

Yellow Text = Proposed Facilities

Existing Facilities

- Trail, On-grade
- Trail, Elevated
- Picnic Shelters (2)
- Kayak Landing
- Structure

Planned Facilities

- Trail, On-grade
- Trail, Elevated
- Camping Area
- Structure

Mathews Bridge

Nature Trail
Extension

Nature Trail

Elevated Shelter/
Scenic Overlook

Camping Area

Picnic Area
- 2 Shelters
- Tables & Grills

Kayak Landing

Floating Dock

Restroom

