

North Lido
PID# 0012-05-0001

Fiscal Year: 2020	Rank: 12
Parcel Size: 60.77 acres	County: Sarasota
Project Size: 2.0 acres	Landowner: City of Sarasota

Location: Benjamin Franklin Drive , Sarasota County

Owner/Contact Information: Sarasota County Parks & Natural Lands, (941) 861-5000

Existing Land Use Description

	FLUCFCS Type	Code	Acreage	Condition
Upland	Recreational	180	4.79	Natural
	Shrub and Brushland	320	26.27	Natural
	Upland Hardwood Forests	420	20.45	Disturbed
Wetland	Mangrove Swamps	612	9.26	Natural

Summary

The North Lido site is owned by the City of Sarasota and operated by the Sarasota County Parks Department. It is on Lido Key, bordered on one side by the Gulf of Mexico and on the other by Pansy Bayou within Sarasota Bay. The site contains a myriad of different habitat types such as sand beach, dunes, mangrove swamp, and upland coastal hammock. North Lido is a popular birding spot with reports of nesting snowy plovers, mangrove cuckoos, great horned owls, and a variety of migratory songbirds.

Phase I of the habitat improvement and enhancement project was completed in 2010 and included the removal of N/E species, the creation of a tidal creek with associated high and low marsh wetlands, and the restoration of upland coastal hammock. This project proposes the completion of the habitat restoration efforts (Phase II) which consist of removing a dense stand of Australian pines and excavating and connecting that area to the tidal lagoon; this will create an open water area with low and high marsh estuarine habitat. The project plans to selectively remove Australian pine from the western edge of the park to create a beach dune system (see attached Figure – Potential Restoration Options). The maintenance of the Brazilian pepper removal area from Phase I is also planned. Completion of Phase II will improve habitat value for wildlife, provide recreational opportunities for the public, and complete the restoration effort that began in 2009.