

South Lido
PID# 2016-10-0021

Fiscal Year: 2017	Rank: 4
Parcel Size: 153.49 acres	County: Sarasota
Project Size: 31.53 acres	Landowner: City of Sarasota

Location: 2201 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	9.15	Natural
	Open Land	190	5.88	Disturbed
	Upland Hardwood Forests	420	26.00	Natural
Wetland	Bays and Estuaries	540	40.74	Natural
	Mangrove Swamps	612	71.72	Disturbed

Summary

The South Lido site is approximately 153 acres and is owned by the City of Sarasota and operated by the Sarasota County Parks and Natural Lands Department. It is on Lido Key and is bordered by Big Pass, Sarasota Bay, and developed beachfront. The park provides a mosaic of habitat and foraging opportunities to wildlife. Several successful habitat restoration, enhancement, and creation projects have been completed here since 2001. The remaining project phases included high and low marsh creation, tidal creek creation, exotic removal, and dune restoration. This final phase of the project includes the removal of N/E vegetation (primarily Australian pine), excavation of spoil within the mangrove swamps, and the creation of coastal hammock near the park entrance (see attached Figure – Potential Restoration Options). Spoil material was originally generated by historic dredging and filling associated with the mosquito ditch. This material will be removed either by hand or by hydroblasting techniques. This project would reduce the seed source of N/E species, improve hydrology within the mangrove swamps, increase the habitat value for wildlife, and enhance a popular recreational amenity for the community.