



Conservation Management Plan

This management plan form is intended for Board of Trustees leases and subleases of conservation properties that are 160 acres or less. It is intended to address the requirements of Chapter 253.034, 259.032, 259.105, and rule 18-2.021. Attachments to, or expansion of this form are welcome, if the space provided below is not sufficient. Please answer all of the items below and number all attachments and reference them in the appropriate location below. You are under no obligation to use this form. Any plan format is acceptable, provided it includes all of the appropriate items from the above mentioned statutes and rule. This form is available in electronic format upon request. For additional information pertaining to management plans, please visit the Division of State Lands Stewardship page on the web at <https://floridadep.gov/lands/environmental-services/content/land-stewardship>.

A. General Information

1. Common Name of the Property: Chauncy Howard Park (formerly Venice Beach Access Park)

2. Lease Number: City of Venice, Beach Access Agreement 4019

3. Acres: 0.65

4. Managing Agency: City of Venice as of 10/1/26.

5. Provide an executive summary/description of this property that includes a brief description of the resources, uses and proposed uses, outstanding features etc.

Chauncy Howard Park (formerly known as Venice Beach Access Park and the Hanshaw property) is located at 601 The Esplanade North, Venice, FL 34285, PID 0175-11-0002. The park is within the City of Venice limits and located in the County of Sarasota. The park was originally owned by George, Martha, and Georgia Hanshaw. The park was acquired by the City of Venice on 4/12/1993, OR 2508/241, then corrected to include the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida on 6/10/1993, OR 2520/1015. The park was officially designated by the City as Chauncy Howard Park on 10/14/1997. The park was rezoned to Government Use on 8/24/2005 and rezoned again to Recreation Use on 5/3/2022. It was given a Future Land Use Designation of Open Space Functional on 11/28/2017. Sarasota County maintains the park until 9/30/26, after which the City will maintain the park.

The property is bounded by residential and multi-family development to the north and east, privately owned open space to the south, and the Gulf to the west. The Erosion Control Line runs along the property line on the west. The park primarily consists of an ADA-accessible boardwalk providing beach access for visitors, along with a protected dune habitat that is not accessible to the public. The dune system provides important coastal protection by reducing wave impacts and storm surge. Municipal water, wastewater, and stormwater drainage services are available at the property. Park amenities include benches, a drinking fountain, an outdoor shower, trash receptacles, and a bicycle rack. There is no designated parking lot at the site, but there is a drop-loading zone. The nearest public parking lot is located at 740 Barcelona Avenue. At this time, no future improvements or changes in use are proposed beyond the continued management and maintenance of the existing infrastructure and natural areas.

This management plan is an update to the original 1995 and 2015 plans. In 2026 the parcel lines were adjusted by Sarasota County to match the current Erosion Control Line. Before the change to the parcel line the park was 0.88 acres, but it is now 0.65 acres (Appendix 1). See photos in Appendix 10.

6. Attach a map showing the location and boundaries of the property including:
- a) The location and type of structures or improvements currently on the property.
 - b) The location and type of proposed improvements. Appendix 1
7. Attach a map showing the proximity of this managed area to other conservation areas within 10 miles. Appendix 2
8. Please attach a legal description of the property. Appendix 3
9. Provide a physical description of the land including a quantitative data description of the land which includes an inventory of forest and other natural resource, exotic and invasive plants, hydrologic features, infrastructure including recreational facilities, and other significant land, cultural or historical features.

The natural area system of Chauncy Howard Park entirely consists of a beach dune system. It is estimated that approximately 90% of the Park consists of native plant species.

Tree species include Sabal Palmetto, Tabebuia Aurea, and Sereona Repens. See Appendix 5.

Existing public amenities within and immediately adjacent to the Park include a loading/unloading zone that can accommodate two vehicles, sidewalk, boardwalk (approximately 185 feet) over the dune system, outdoor shower, bench, water fountain, entrance sign, bike rack and direct access to Venice Beach and the Gulf.

In 1993 the Division of Historical Resources reviewed this site through information in the Florida Site File to determine whether any historic resources have been recorded for this site. The review outlined that a known archaeological site, 8S026 The Higel Site, is situated within the Park boundaries. The Division of Historical Resources reviewed the site before any ground disturbing activities were commenced.

10. A brief description of soil types, attaching USDA maps when available.

The soil types for this location are non-hydric in nature, Appendix 4. The United States Department of Agriculture's current website lists beaches and canaveral fine sands as the classifications for this site. The beaches classification is characterized as nearly level to sloping, narrow strips of tide and surf washed sandy material and shell fragments along the Gulf shoreline. Canaveral fine sands are nearly level and gently sloping fine sands that are somewhat poorly drained or moderately well drained soil is on low, dune-like ridges and on side slopes bordering sloughs and mangrove swamps.

11. Is the property adjacent to an aquatic preserve or designated area of critical state concern? YES _____ NO x

If YES, please identify:

N/A

12. Was the property acquired by a conservation land acquisition program? If YES, please identify.

The City of Venice was awarded a funding request from the Florida Coastal Management Program through the Florida Department of Community Affairs for the development of what is now known as Chauncy Howard Park.

13. Do any agency-specific statute requirements or legislative/executive directives constrain the use of the property? (These restrictions can frequently be found in the lease) YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES, please identify

Chapters 161 and 259 of the State Code, Sections 18-2 and 18-4 of the Florida Administrative Code

14. Are there any reservations or encumbrances on the property?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, please identify:

N/A

B. Natural and Cultural Resources

15. Are there any archeological or historical sites on this property? YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES,

A) How do you plan to locate, protect and preserve these resources?

Past records and aerial photographs indicate that prior to the acquisition of this Park by the City of Venice it was vacant land not utilized for commercial or residential uses. The Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources reviewed this site through information in the Florida Site File to determine whether any historic properties are recorded. The report lists the following statement: "The Florida Site File indicates that a known archaeological site, 8SO26, the Higel Site, is situated within the park boundaries. Our file indicated that this is a midden site that contains human remains." Appropriate precautions were taken and authorizations received for the construction of the existing public use infrastructure. See Appendix 6.

B) Please describe the actions the agency plans to take to locate and identify unknown Resources such as surveys of unknown archeological or historical sites.

No additional actions will be taken at this time.

16. Are there any buildings on the property that are fifty or more years old?

YES _____ NO ☒ _____ If YES,

A) Please Identify: N/A

B) Have these buildings been evaluated by a historian or historic architect to determine their historical and/or architectural significance. If YES, please identify both the building(s) and the evaluators(s):

N/A

C) Please state whether any such buildings are listed in the Florida Master Site File, National Register of Historic Places or a local register of historic places and identify such buildings.

N/A

By law, the managing agency must consult with the Division of Historical Resources with regard to any proposed land clearing or ground disturbing activities or with regard to any proposed rehabilitation, restoration or demolition of structures 50 or more years old. Please contact the Division of Historic Resources if you would like to obtain information on archeological/historical sites.

Division of Historical Resources
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building, MS-8
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(850) 245-6312

17. Please identify natural resources on the property that are listed in the Florida Natural Areas Inventory.

Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) performed a search of their maps and database that included the review of the vicinity of the study area (the park) to identify an "Element Occurrence Record" of animals, birds and plants within that geographical area. Their data indicate federally listed species are present on or very near this site, specifically Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) and Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) (see enclosed map and tables for details). See appendix 8 and 7. The property serves as a transient area for wildlife including sea turtles are known to frequent the area during nesting season.

18. Are any imperiled natural communities, unique natural features, or any State and federally listed endangered or threatened plant or animal species, on site?

YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES, please provide a specific description of how you plan to identify, locate, protect and preserve these species.

People are not permitted to enter the dunes areas, and the boardwalk that runs through the park from east to west has railings on both sides.

If you would like further information regarding natural resources or endangered species please contact the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI).

Florida Natural Areas Inventory
1018 Thomasville Road, Suite 200-C
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 224-8207

19. Please identify the water resources including swamps, marshes or other wetlands, on the property including the water quality classification for each water body and if the water body has been designated "Outstanding Florida Waters".

No water resources are located on the property.

20. Are any known mineral resources, such as oil, gas and phosphates, or any unique natural features, such as coral reefs, beaches, dunes, natural springs, caverns, large sinkholes, virgin timber stands, scenic vistas, and natural rivers and streams, and outstanding native landscapes containing relatively unaltered flora, fauna, and geological features on site? YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES, Please identify and provide locations of these resources on a map.

Appendix

There is a natural dune. See appendix 11.

21. Are there fish or wildlife resources (both game and non-game) on the property?

YES _____ NO ☒ _____ If YES, please describe:

C. Use of the Property

22. Please provide a statement of the purpose for which the lands were acquired, the projected use or uses as defined in Chapter 253.034, Florida Statutes, and the statutory authority you have for such uses.

Chauncy Howard Park was acquired for the purpose of providing public access to the beach through the dune area without causing a negative impact to the dune vegetation. This park is being managed to provide natural resource protection and preservation as well as public recreation and enjoyment. These multiple uses are managed in way that the public and the natural resources benefit from public ownership. The statutory authority for these uses is found in the City of Venice Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2025, amended by ordinances 2026-04, 2025-38, 2026-09, 2026-13, and 2026-06.

23. Please state the desired outcome for this property, and key management activities necessary to achieve the desired outcome, including public access.

The site will continue to be managed as a beach access park with no additional public amenities planned at this time. Natural resources will be monitored during regular inspections and invasive exotic plant species will be managed as they encroach. See appendix 6 for a map of amenities.

24. Please state the single or multiple uses currently made of the property and if the property is single use, please provide an analysis of its potential for multiple-use.

Single ☒ _____ Multiple _____ use/s is/are:

The single use of this site is public recreation. The existing boardwalk provides access to Venice Beach and the Gulf waters. Short-term parking, benches, water fountain and shower are resources that can be utilized by the public. The dune system functions as a protected natural area for flora and fauna as well as mitigating the impacts of weather related events.

25. Were multiple uses considered but not adopted? YES _____ NO ☒ _____

If YES, please describe why:

26. Please provide an analysis of the potential use of private land managers to facilitate the restoration or management of these lands.

Restoration of Chauncy Howard Park by private land managers is not necessary. Current activities include the maintenance and management of the existing natural resources. Restoration of this site is not needed.

27. Please provide an analysis of the potential of the property to generate revenues to enhance the management of the property.

Chauncy Howard Park is less than one acre in size with a boardwalk for beach access constructed in a sensitive dune habitat system. Protection of natural resources and beach access provide a balanced use of the site. Due to the size and limited access, no parking, revenue generating opportunities are not being considered. This site is managed as a place for the residents in close proximity to visit and enjoy. Additional public beach access sites that provide parking, restrooms, recreational activities and picnicking exist within the City of Venice.

28. Describe the projected, current and recent past uses of the property, and any unauthorized uses, if known.

The projected, current and recent past uses of the site are consistent with each other. The site will be managed as a beach access park with limited access to the natural areas. No change to public access or natural resource management is expected in the near future.

29. Do the planned uses impact renewable and non-renewable resources on the property?

YES _____ NO x _____

If YES, please describe what specific activities will be taken to protect or enhance and conserve those resources and to compensate/mitigate the damage that is caused by the impacting use.

30. Should any parcels of land within or adjacent to the property be purchased because they are essential to management of the property? YES _____ NO x _____

If YES, please attach a map of this area. Appendix _____

31. Are there any portions of this property no longer needed for your use?

YES _____ NO x _____

If YES, please attach a map of this area.

32. Please describe what public uses and public access that would be consistent with the purpose for which this property was acquired.

No additional public use or access is planned.

33. Assess the feasibility of managing the lands >40 contiguous acres as a recipient site for gopher tortoises consistent with rules of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, as prepared by the agency or cooperatively with a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wildlife biologist.

Specifically with regard to Chauncy Howard Park, the City has considered the Park habitat for its suitability to support a small Gopher tortoise population (the Park measures 0.65 acre) and for a number of environmental and biological reasons believes that Chauncy Park cannot provide a safe and responsible Gopher Tortoise habitat. The Park is small, mainly dedicated to a boardwalk that connects a major local connector (the Esplanade) to Venice Beach. The parcel is situated between two multi-family parcels and bordered on its East side by The Esplanade. Tree cover on the parcel is limited to palms that buffer the Esplanade, and the vegetative cover is inconsistent and lacks biological diversity. Also, the long-range Management Plan for the area includes the necessity of repairing and possibly replacing the elevated boardwalk, and the land disturbance associated with the construction. Further, Venice Beach is cyclically subject to large-scale beach renourishment by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (in fact one of the pictures in this report captures just one piece of the Corps' equipment involved in the current beach renourishment project. The City is concerned that the de minimis scale of the Chauncy Howard Park is not ideal for relocation of a Gopher tortoise colony. Also, while the species requires an open canopy, there is no canopy at all on this parcel. Coupled with rising temperatures, this could very well create a habitat that suppresses fertility of the females in Gopher Tortoise populations. Also, the vegetation of the parcel would have to be largely re-established for a wide diversity of low-lying scrub and plants necessary for the food and hydration needs of the Gopher tortoise. Further, the human and vehicular traffic in this area is very active, and we share deep concerns that this would introduce an unacceptable level of peril to any Gopher tortoises relocated to this parcel.

34. Economic feasibility of establishing a gopher tortoise recipient site, including the initial cost, recurring management costs and the revenue projections.

For the biological and conservation reasons cited in our response to Question 33, we have not conducted an economic feasibility study for establishing a Gopher tortoise colony on this Park site. We will deploy biological and economic feasibility studies, however, on other parks that indicate strong biological potential for thriving Gopher tortoise colonies.

D. Management Activities

35. If more than one agency manages this property, describe the management responsibilities of each agency and how such responsibilities will be coordinated.

As of 10/1/26, the boardwalk and dunes will be maintained by the City.

36. Please discuss management needs and problems on the property including conservation of soil and water resources and control and prevention of soil erosion and water and soil contamination.

Natural occurrences, the encroachment of invasive exotic plant species, and public access are the primary management issues associated with Chauncy Howard Park. The dune system is ever changing but no unexpected issues have arisen. Public access is focused on the boardwalk for beach access. This limits the ability of the public to access sensitive habitats. No parking exists so most visitors are neighbors which limits the number of visitors. Red tide occurrences are not common but impact the visitor experience. Depending on the severity of the occurrence removal and management of dead fish becomes a priority. The updated storm surge and sea level rise tools from FEMA and NOAA indicate higher impact levels that previously projected, increasing the vulnerability of the full length of Venice Beach, including erosion and salt-water intrusion. Under these forecasts, vulnerability and sensitivity experiences acute escalation around 2070. Currently, the City of Venice has an Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for decadal beach renourishment through 2050; although extreme storm/hurricane cycles such as 2023-24 may require interstitial beach and dune management.

37. Identify adjacent land uses that will conflict with the planned use of this property, if any.

No adjacent land uses conflict with this property.

38. Please describe measures used to prevent/control invasive, non-native plants.

Currently, there are no exotic plants within the project site. The City will develop a monitoring and control program for invasive vegetation including exotic (non-native) and nuisance plant species. The objective of the control program will be the prevention of the establishment of invasive exotic plant species and the maintenance of a diverse association of native vegetation.

39. As required by Chapter 253.034, please describe the public or local government involvement/participation in the development of this plan. Please provide the location and date of this public hearing. Please provide a meeting summary/minutes as an appendix.

A public hearing was held on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Notices were sent out two weeks prior to the meeting, but no members of the public attended. See appendix 13.

40. If an arthropod control plan has been established for this property, please include it as an attachment. (Attachment¹²) If one does not exist, provide a statement as to what arrangement exists between the local mosquito control district and the managing agency. See Chapter 388.4111 regarding mosquito control on public lands.

Sarasota County regularly inspects the park for mosquitoes and sprays only when needed. There are no water sources in the park. See Appendix 12.

41. Management Goals – **The following 8 goals may not all be applicable to your site. Write N/A where appropriate. Also, please add as many goals, objectives, and measures as you wish.**

Core Objectives	Measure	Timeframe 2 yrs = Short Term 10 yrs = Long Term	Expenses and Manpower Budget
1.	Habitat restoration and improvement (Description): The dunes will continue in their natural state without human interruption.		
	Prescribe burn <u>N/A</u> acres per year	<u>N/A</u> acres burned per year Within 2 yrs <u>N/A</u> Within 10 yrs <u>N/A</u>	Expense <u>N/A</u> \$ <u>N/A</u> Personnel <u>N/A</u> \$ <u>N/A</u>
	Maintain <u>N/A</u> acres per year within target fire return interval.	<u>N/A</u> acres within fire return interval target Within 2 yrs <u>N/A</u> Within 10 yrs <u>N/A</u>	Expense <u>N/A</u> \$ <u>N/A</u> Personnel <u>N/A</u> \$ <u>N/A</u>
	Conduct habitat/natural community improvement on <u>n/a</u> acres	<u>n/a</u> acres with restoration underway Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense <u>n/a</u> \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel <u>n/a</u> \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Conduct habitat/natural community restoration activities on <u>n/a</u> acres.	<u>n/a</u> acres restored Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense <u>n/a</u> \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel <u>n/a</u> \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Conduct timber harvest for the purposes of habitat restoration on <u>N/A</u> acres	<u>N/A</u> acres harvested Within 2 yrs <u>N/A</u> Within 10 yrs <u>N/A</u>	Expense <u>N/A</u> \$ <u>N/A</u> Personnel <u>N/A</u> \$ <u>N/A</u>

2	Public access and recreational opportunities (Description):			
	Handicap accessible boardwalk, shower, water fountain, park signs, a bike rack and a bench.			
	Maintain public access and recreational opportunities to allow for a recreational carrying capacity of <u>>50</u> visitors per day	<u>>50</u> visitor opportunities/day	Within 2 yrs <u>N/A</u> Within 10 yrs <u>N/A</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Develop additional public access and recreational opportunities to allow for a carrying capacity of <u>N/A</u> visitors/day	<u>N/A</u> visitor opportunities/day	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Continue to provide park signs for interpretive/education programs	<u>park signs</u> interpretive/education programs	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Develop <u>0</u> new interpretive/education programs	<u>0</u> interpretive/education programs	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
3	Hydrological preservation and restoration (Description):			
	No plans have been made for hydrological preservation or restoration.			
	Conduct or obtain a site assessment/study to identify potential hydrology restoration needs	Assessment conducted? Y <u> </u> N <u>x</u> <u> </u>	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Restore natural hydrologic condition and functions to <u>n/a</u> acres on site	<u>n/a</u> acres for which hydrologic restoration is underway (planning, grant writing, earth moving, etc.)	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>

		n/a acres for which natural hydrologic conditions and function are restored	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
4	<u>Sustainable forest management (Description):</u> GIS databases are updated city-wide as needed.			
	Prepare& implement a silviculture management plan including reforestation, harvesting, prescribed burning, restoration, and timber stand improvement activities and goals.	Silviculture management plan complete? Y___N <u>x</u> n/a acres treated	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Develop and implement a process for conducting stand descriptions and forest inventory including a GIS database containing forest stands, roads & other attributes (including but not limited to: threatened & endangered species, archeological resources, exotic species locations, historical areas)	Complete GIS database and re-inventory all attributes every 3-5 years or as needed.	Within 2 yrs <u>x</u> Within 10 yrs <u>x</u>	Expense \$ <u>0.00</u> Personnel \$ <u>0.00</u>
		n/a acres of forest inventoried annually	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
5	<u>Exotic and invasive species maintenance and control (Description):</u> As of 10/1/26 when the City takes over the park, public works will develop a monitoring control program for invasive vegetation, including exotic (non-native) and nuisance plant species. The objective of the control program will be the prevention of the establishment of invasive exotic plant species and the maintenance of a diverse association of native vegetation.			

	Annually treat <u>n/a</u> acres of EPPC Category I and Category II invasive exotic plant species.	<u>n/a</u> acres treated	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Implement control measures on exotic and nuisance animal species	Unknown nuisance and exotic species for which control measures are implemented	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
6	Capital facilities and infrastructure (Description:			
	The existing facility is one boardwalk spanning the length of the property from The Esplanade N to Venice Beach. The park boardwalk will be replaced in FY 2031.			
	To maintain <u>0</u> facilities, <u>0</u> miles of roads, and <u>0</u> miles of trails existing on site (as applicable)	<u>1</u> facilities, <u>0</u> miles roads, <u>0</u> miles trails maintained	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	To construct <u>n/a</u> facilities. <u>n/a</u> miles of roads, and <u>n/a</u> miles of trails (as applicable)	<u>n/a</u> facilities, <u>n/a</u> miles roads, <u>n/a</u> miles trails constructed	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	To improve or repair <u>boardwalk</u> facilities. <u>0</u> miles of roads, and <u>0</u> miles of trails existing on site (as applicable)	<u>boardwalk</u> facilities, <u>0</u> miles roads, <u>0</u> miles trails improved or repaired	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>x</u>	Expense \$ <u>100,000</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
7	Cultural and Historical resources (Description:			
	The Florida Site File indicates that a known archaeological site, 8SO26, the Higel Site, is situated within the park boundaries. Our file indicated that this is a midden site that contains human remains.			
	Ensure all known sites are recorded in the FL Division of Historical Resources Master Site file	<u>1</u> of recorded sites	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Monitor <u>0</u> recorded sites and send updates to DHR Master Site file as needed	<u>0</u> of sites monitored	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>

	Bring <u>0</u> of <u>0</u> recorded sites/cultural resources into good condition	<u>0</u> of sites in good condition	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
8	<u>Imperiled species habitat maintenance, enhancement, restoration, or population restoration</u> <u>(Description:</u> There are no imperiled species in the park.			
	Develop baseline imperiled species occurrence inventory list	Baseline imperiled species occurrence inventory list complete Y <u> </u> N <u>x</u>	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Develop monitoring protocols for <u>0</u> selected imperiled species	<u>n/a</u> imperiled species for which monitoring protocols are developed	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	Implement monitoring protocols for <u>0</u> imperiled species	<u>n/a</u> species for which monitoring is ongoing	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>
	[If applicable, provide additional measurable objective(s) for new or ongoing species-specific management activities for each of the priority species such as population augmentation, translocations, nest box projects, etc.]	Examples: Project-specific quantity, <u>n/a</u> of nest boxes, # of individuals introduced or trans-located, etc.	Within 2 yrs <u>n/a</u> Within 10 yrs <u>n/a</u>	Expense \$ <u>n/a</u> Personnel \$ <u>n/a</u>

42. Costs

Activity	Yearly Estimated Cost		
	Priority Cost	Other Management Cost	Cost Effective Methods
<u>Resource Management</u>	0	0	
<u>Administration</u>	0	0	
<u>Support</u>	0	0	

<u>Capital Improvements</u>	\$100,000	0	
<u>Recreation Visitor Services</u>	0	0	
<u>Law Enforcement Activities</u>	(area patrolled regularly)	0	

43. A finding regarding whether each planned use conforms to the appropriate policies and guidelines of the State Lands Management Plan is required. The Plan can be found at <https://floridadep.gov/lands/environmental-services/content/land-stewardship>, by writing to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands, Office of Environmental Services, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 140, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or by calling (850) 245-2784. Does this plan conform to the State Lands Management Plan?

YES ☒ NO ☐

44. Please provide the following contact information below:

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Managing Agency:	City of Venice
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Email Address:	crimes@venicefl.gov

Date Management Plan Prepared: 9/1/26

Please send this completed form
and attachments to:

james.parker@dep.state.fl.us, Or
to: Division of State Lands
D.E.P. M.S. 140
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Tallahassee Fl. 32399-3000
850-245-3045

Appendix 1

Former Park
Lands Seaward
of the Erosion
Control Line
0.23 Acres

Current Size 0.65 Acres

Original Size 0.88 Acres

Legend

- Erosion Control Line
- Current Parcel Lines
- Streets
- Old Parcel Line

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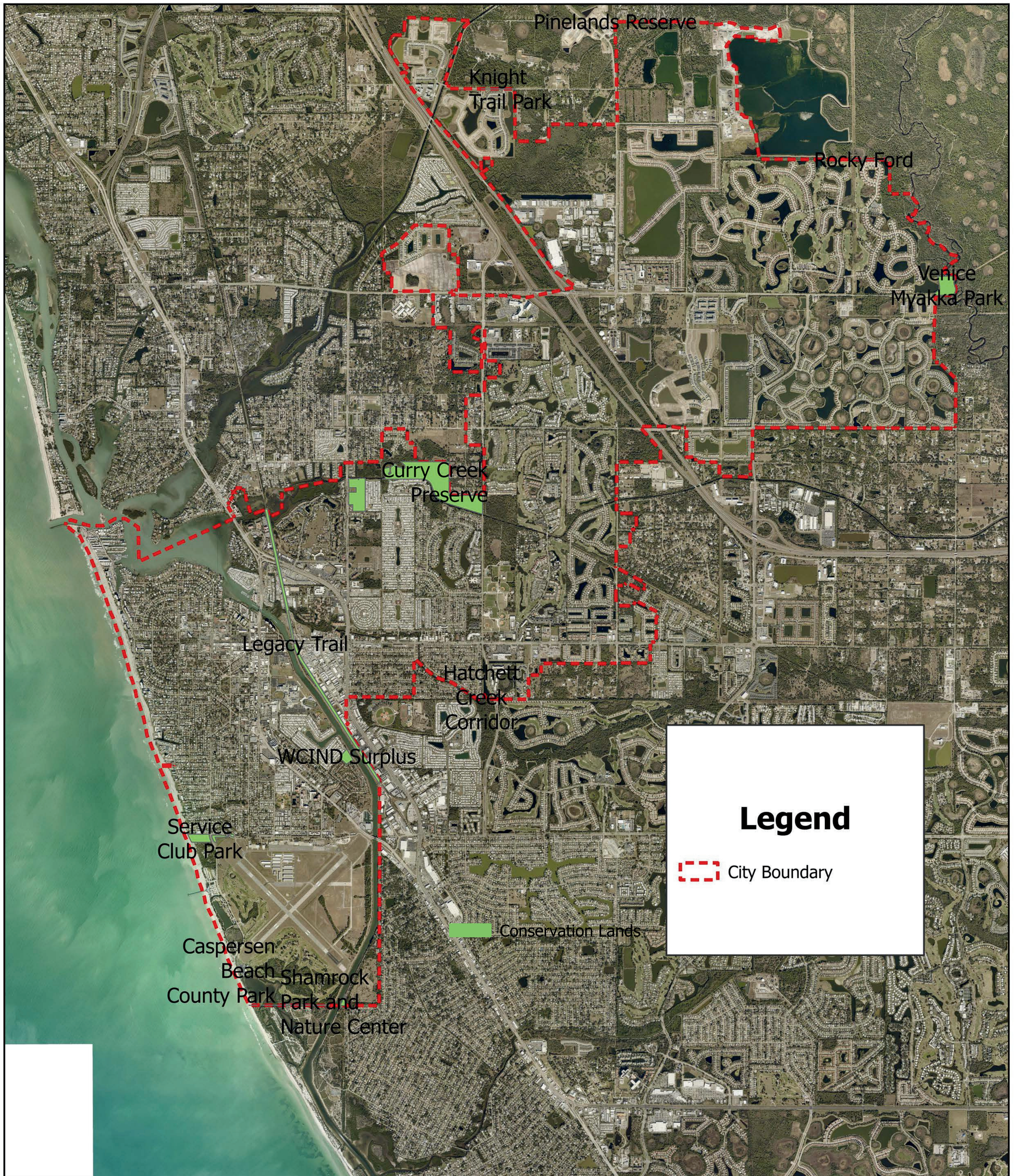


Chauncy Howard
Boundary & Park Size History

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Appendix 2



Appendix 3

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

S 5 FT OF N 40 FT OF LOT 4, BLK 4, REPLAT OF PORTION OF GULFVIEW SECTION OF VENICE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 97-100 & N 120 FT OF LOT 4, BLK 4, VENICE AMENDED REPLAT OF PORTION OF GULFVIEW SECTION, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 30

Appendix 4

THE ESPLANADE N

Canaveral fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes

Beaches

Legend

Soil Types

-  Beaches
-  Canaveral fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes
-  Parcels
-  Streets

Chauncy Howard Park Soil Types



0 0 0 0.01 Miles



Appendix 5



Legend

-  Bicycle Rack
-  Bench
-  Accessible Boardwalk
-  Water Fountain
-  Outdoor Shower
-  Park Signs
-  Tree inventory
-  Parcels
-  Streets

Appendix 7

Legend

-  Parcels
-  Bird Habitat
-  Green Sea Turtle

Chauncy Howard Park
Endangered Species Map

0 0 0 0.01 Miles





Appendix 8

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September 8, 2026

Christina Rimes
City of Venice
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Dear Ms. Rimes,

Thank you for requesting information from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI). At your request we have produced the following report for your project area.

The purpose of this Standard Data Report is to provide objective scientific information on natural resources located in the vicinity of a site of interest, in order to inform those involved in project planning and evaluation. This Report makes no determination of the suitability of a proposed project for this location, or the potential impacts of the project on natural resources in the area.

Project: Chauncy Howard Park

Date Received: 9/4/2026

Location: Sarasota County

Element Occurrences

A search of our maps and database indicates that we currently have a few element occurrences mapped in the vicinity of the study area (see enclosed map and element occurrence table). Please be advised that a lack of element occurrences in the FNAI database is not a sufficient indication of the absence of rare or endangered species on a site.

Federally Listed Species

Our data indicate federally listed species are present on or very near this site, specifically Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) and Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) (see enclosed map and tables for details). This statement should not be interpreted as a legal determination of presence or absence of federally listed species on a property.

The element occurrences data layer includes occurrences of rare species and natural communities. The map legend indicates that some element occurrences occur in the general vicinity of the label point. This may be due to lack of precision of the source data, or an element that occurs over an extended area (such as a wide ranging species or large natural community). For animals and plants, element occurrences generally refer to more than a casual sighting; they usually indicate a viable population of the species. Note that some element occurrences represent historically documented observations which may no longer be extant. Extirpated element occurrences will be marked with an 'X' following the occurrence label on the enclosed map.



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Likely and Potential Rare Species

In addition to documented occurrences, other rare species and natural communities may be identified on or near the site based on habitat models and species range models (see enclosed Biodiversity

Tracking Florida's Biodiversity

Matrix Report). These species should be taken into consideration in field surveys, land management, and impact avoidance and mitigation.

FNAI habitat models indicate areas, which based on land cover type, offer suitable habitat for one or more rare species that is known to occur in the vicinity. Habitat models have been developed for approximately 300 of the rarest species tracked by the Inventory, including all federally listed species.

FNAI species range models indicate areas that are within the known or predicted range of a species, based on climate variables, soils, vegetation, and/or slope. Species range models have been developed for approximately 340 species, including all federally listed species.

The FNAI Biodiversity Matrix Geodatabase compiles Documented, Likely, and Potential species and natural communities for each square mile Matrix Unit statewide.

CLIP

The enclosed map shows natural resource conservation priorities based on the Critical Lands and Waters Identification Project. CLIP is based on many of the same natural resource data developed for the Florida Forever Conservation Needs Assessment, but provides an overall picture of conservation priorities across different resource categories, including biodiversity, landscapes, surface waters, and aggregated CLIP priorities (that combine the individual resource categories). CLIP is also based primarily on remote sensed data and is not intended to be the definitive authority on natural resources on a site.

For more information on CLIP, visit <https://www.fnai.org/services/clip>.

The Inventory always recommends that professionals familiar with Florida's flora and fauna conduct a site-specific survey to determine the current presence or absence of rare, threatened, or endangered species.

Please visit www.fnai.org/species-communities/tracking-main for county or statewide element occurrence distributions and links to more element information.

The database maintained by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory is the single most comprehensive source of information available on the locations of rare species and other significant ecological resources. However, the data are not always based on comprehensive or site-specific field surveys. Therefore this information should not be regarded as a final statement on the biological resources of the site being considered, nor should it be substituted for on-site surveys. Inventory data are designed for the purposes of conservation planning and scientific research, and are not intended for use as the primary criteria for regulatory decisions.

Information provided by this database may not be published without prior written notification to the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and the Inventory must be credited as an information source in these publications. **The maps contain sensitive environmental information, please do not distribute or publish without prior consent from FNAI.** FNAI data may not be resold for profit.

Thank you for your use of FNAI services. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (850) 224-8207 or at kbrinegar@fnai.fsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Kerri Brinegar

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Element Occurrences

- Animals
- Plants
- Communities
- Other
- Data Sensitive



Point Indicates General
Vicinity of Element

Conservation Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private
- State Aquatic Preserves

Land Acquisition Projects

- Florida Forever
- Board of Trustees Projects

- FNAI Rare Species
Habitat
- FNAI Biodiversity Matrix
Square Mile Units

- County Boundary

- Roads

- Water



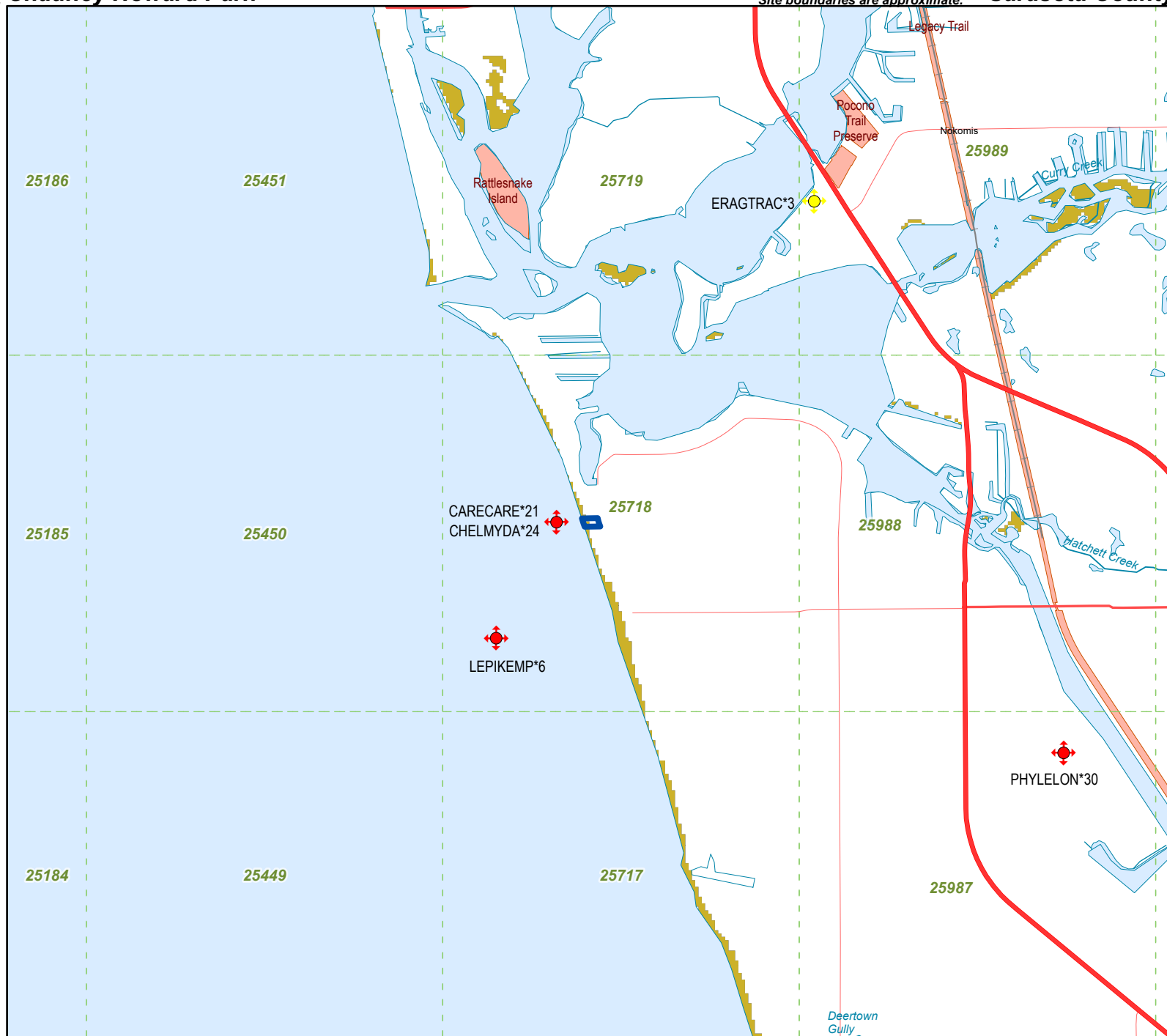
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Chauncy Howard Park

Site boundaries are approximate.

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CLIP v4.0 Resource Priorities

Biodiversity Resource Category

- Priority 1 - highest
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Priority 4
- Priority 5

Landscape Resource Category

- Priority 1 - highest
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Priority 4
- Priority 5

Surface Water Resource Category

- Priority 1 - highest
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Priority 4
- Priority 5

Aggregated CLIP Priorities

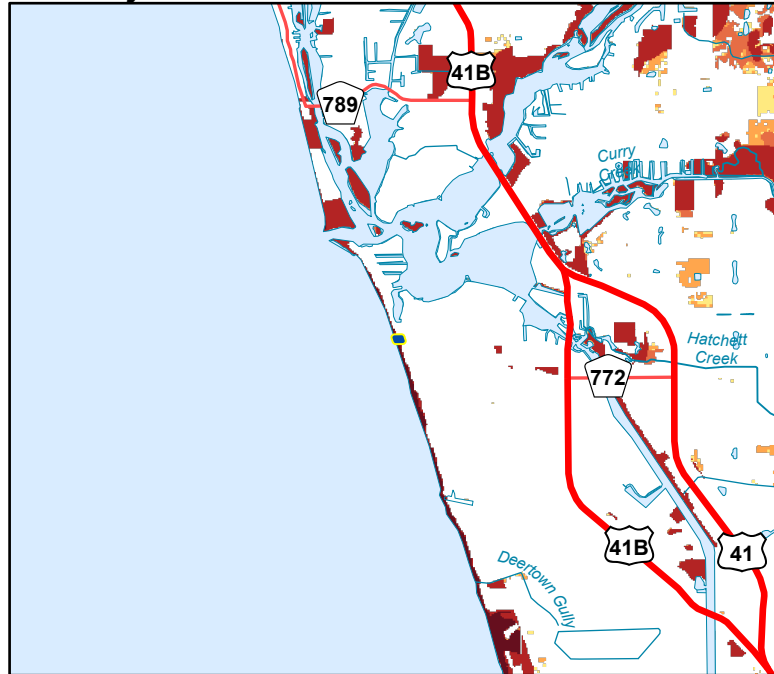
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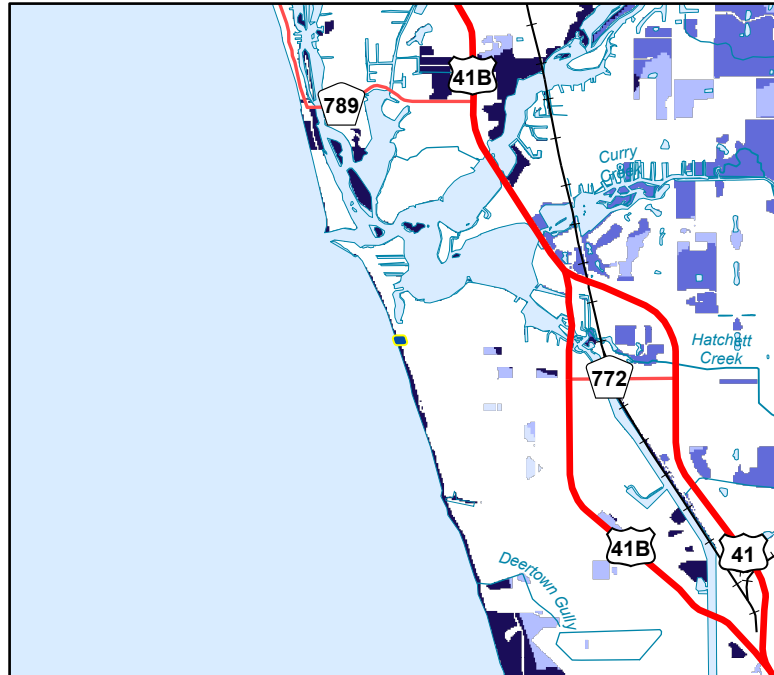
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Critical Lands and Waters Identification Project
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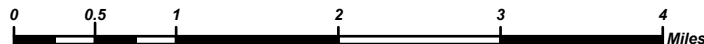
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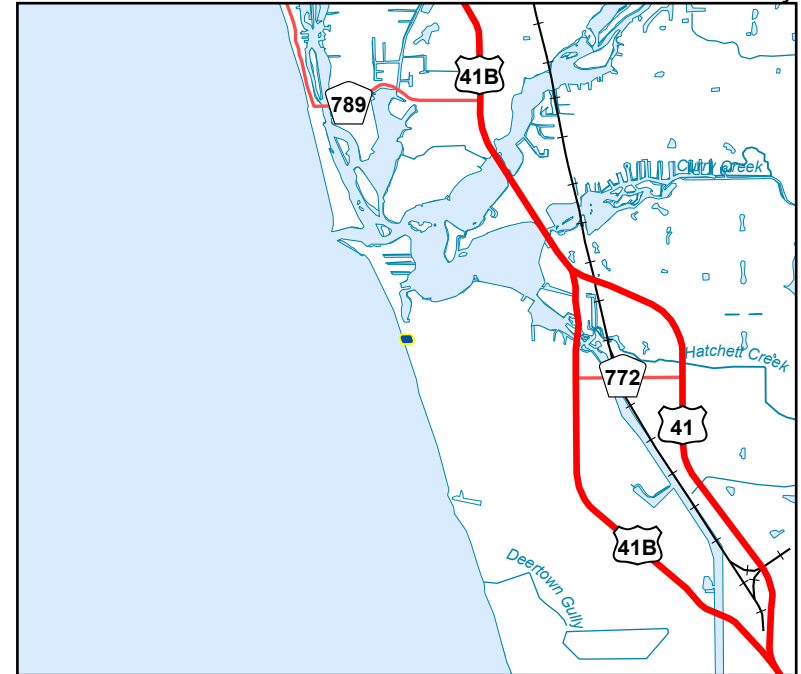


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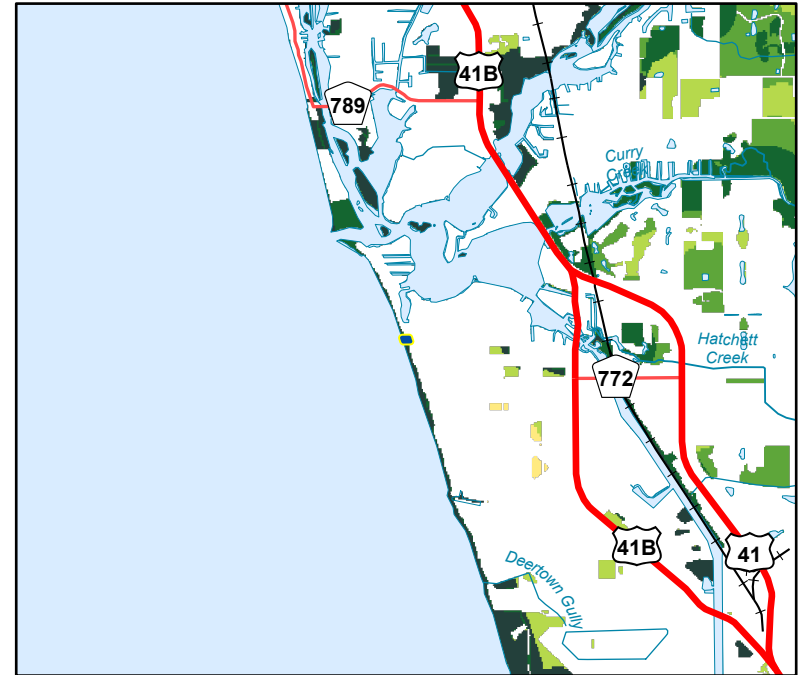


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CLIP Landscape Resource Priorities



CLIP Aggregated Resource Priorities

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FNAI ELEMENT OCCURRENCE REPORT on or near Chauncy Howard Park



Map Label	Scientific Name	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	State Listing	Observation Date	Description	EO Comments
CARECARE*21	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Sea Turtle	G2G4	S3	T	FT	2012	Gulf Coast beaches and dunes. Some beaches are bordered by dense development whereas others are protected within natural areas.	Nesting beaches of the central-west Florida genetic subunit as defined by Shamblin et al. (2011) (A11SHA01FLUS; see Directions). 2008-2012: annual nesting density ranged from 0.34 to 133.56 nests per km; density generally increased from north to south, with the highest being observed on Manasota Key (Charlotte County) (U13FWC01FLUS). 2006-2011, Pinellas County: Dellert et al. (2014) showed that clutches relocated to renourished beaches (to avoid flooding) hatched at normal rates, with reduced incidence of drowning (A14DEL01FLUS).
CHELMYDA*24	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Sea Turtle	G4	S2S3	T	FT	2012	Gulf Coast beaches and dunes. Many of the beaches are bordered by dense development, although some are adjacent to protected natural areas.	Observed and likely nesting beaches from Pinellas County to Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge. From 2008-2012, the surveyed beaches had annual nesting densities ranging from 0.01 to 1.12 nests per km; the highest nesting density was on Manasota Key (U13FWC01FLUS).
ERAGTRAC*3	<i>Eragrostis tracyi</i>	Sanibel lovegrass	G5T1	S1	N	E	1971-03-10	ON SHELLY SAND FILL CA. 5 YEARS OLD (1971)	HUGE POPULATION, SPECIMEN OF DEAD PLANT 1971-03-10
LEPIKEMP*6	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle	G2	S1	E	FE	2013	Gulf Coastal waters along west-central and southwest Florida; broad continental shelf (90-110 km) slopes gently, supports mosaic of benthic communities with many bottom types; beaches (A15SER01FLUS,).	Based on > 70 captures and strandings from 2005-2013, this is an important foraging area especially for juveniles and subadults. A few (< 10) isolated nests annually in southwest Florida (A15SER01FLUS).
PHYLELON*30	<i>Phyllophaga elongata</i>	Elongate June Beetle	G2G3	S2S3	N	N	1961-05-09	1961-05-09: No description given (B89WOO01FLUS).	1961-05-09: One specimen was collected using a Japanese beetle trap by E.H. Frederic (B89WOO01FLUS).



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Biodiversity Matrix Report



Scientific Name	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	State Listing
Matrix Unit ID: 25718					
Likely					
<i>Anarhynchus nivosus</i>	Snowy Plover	G3	S1	N	ST
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Sea Turtle	G2G4	S3	T	FT
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Sea Turtle	G4	S2S3	T	FT
<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle	G2	S1	E	FE
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Wood Stork	G4	S2	DL	FT
Potential					
<i>Calopogon multiflorus</i>	many-flowered grass-pink	G3	S2S3	N	T
<i>DATASENSITIVE_15279</i>	<i>DATASENSITIVE_15279</i>	G1	S1	E	E
<i>DATASENSITIVE_22649</i>	<i>DATASENSITIVE_22649</i>	G2G3	S3	UR	N
<i>DATASENSITIVE_22857</i>	<i>DATASENSITIVE_22857</i>	G2G3	S2?	T	FT
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Sea Turtle	G2G3	S2	E	FE
<i>Eragrostis tracyi</i>	Sanibel lovegrass	G5T1	S1	N	E
<i>Glandularia tampensis</i>	Tampa vervain	G2	S2	N	E
<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	Gopher Tortoise	G3	S3	N	ST
<i>Helianthus debilis ssp. vestitus</i>	hairy beach sunflower	G5T2	S2	N	N
<i>Lechea cernua</i>	nodding pinweed	G3	S3	N	T
<i>Phyllophaga elongata</i>	Elongate June Beetle	G2G3	S2S3	N	N

Definitions: Documented - Rare species and natural communities documented on or near this site.
 Documented-Historic - Rare species and natural communities documented, but not observed/reported within the last twenty years.
 Likely - Rare species and natural communities likely to occur on this site based on suitable habitat and/or known occurrences in the vicinity.
 Potential - This site lies within the known or predicted range of the species listed.

Appendix 9



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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jim Smith
Secretary of State

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December 15, 1993

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In Reply Refer To:
Susan M. Herring
Historic Preservation
Planner
(904) 487-2333
Project File No. 933952

RE: Request for Land Management Plan Information
Venice Beach Access Park (Hanshaw Property)
Sarasota County, Florida

Dear Mr. Caillouette:

In accordance with this agency's responsibilities under Section 253.034(4), Florida Statutes, we have reviewed the information in the Florida Site File to determine whether any historic properties are recorded in the referenced management area, and also to determine the potential for such resources which are presently unrecorded to be located within it. A review of the Florida Site File indicates that a known archaeological site, 8S026, the Higel Site, is situated within the park boundaries. Our files indicate that this is a midden site that contains human remains. The site location is shown on the enclosed map.

As human remains may be disturbed by the proposed dune walk-over, it is the recommendation of this agency that a professional archaeologist be present on site to monitor all ground disturbing activities associated with the proposed dune walk-over. The purpose of this monitoring will be to enable the archaeologist to direct construction activities to shift away from any human remains should they be encountered, as the disturbance of such remains is a felony per Chapter 872.05 Florida Statutes (see enclosed brochure). The archaeologist will also notify the State Archaeologist should any such remains be encountered.

In addition, we have enclosed for your use a copy of *Management Procedures for Archaeological and Historic Sites and Properties on State-Owned or Controlled Lands*. This document should be referenced where appropriate in your land management plan, and attached to it.

Mr. Caillouette
December 15, 1993
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If you have any questions concerning our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your interest in protecting Florida's archaeological and historic resources is appreciated.

Sincerely,

 *Laura R. Kammner*
George W. Percy, Director
Division of Historical Resources

GWP/Hsh
Enclosure (3)
cc: Dawn Griffin, DNR

Appendix 10

Park Signs – facing west



Facing southwest



Facing northwest



Facing southeast



Facing northeast



Facing north



Facing east



Facing west



Facing south



Facing south



Facing north



Facing west



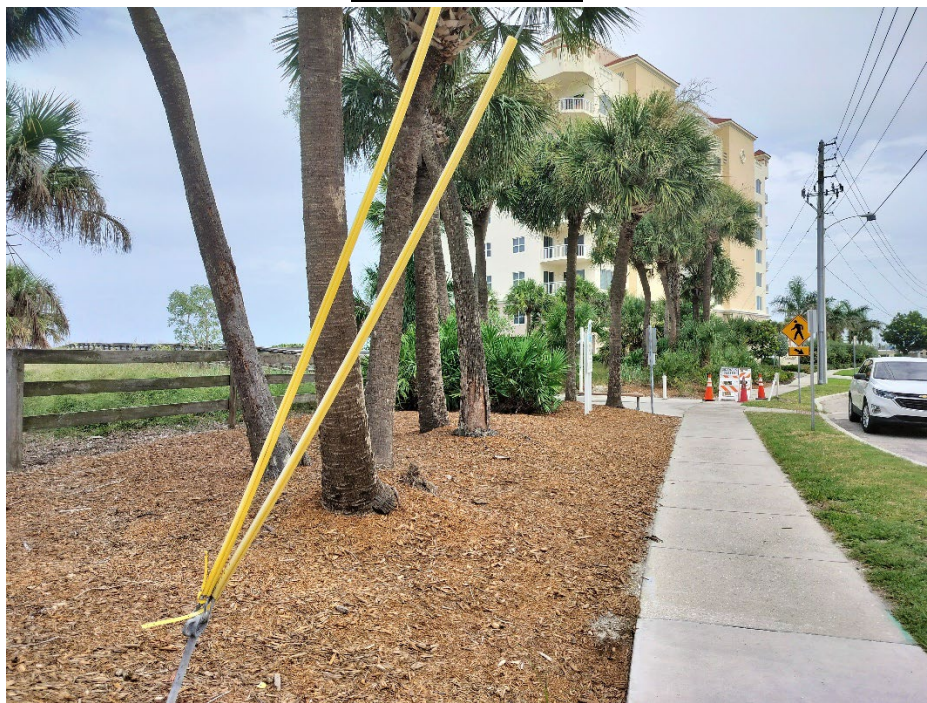
Ormond St. Facing east



Facing south



Facing north



Facing east



Ormond St. – facing west



Appendix 11

Transportation

High Density
Residential

Beach Dune

Chauncy Howard Park
Dune System

0 0 0 0.01 Miles
[Scale bar]



Appendix 12

Christina Rimes

Subject: RE: Mosquito Control

From: Carly Dufficy <cdufficy@scgov.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 2:31 PM
To: Christina Rimes <CRimes@Venicefl.gov>
Cc: Demetra McBride <demetra.mcbride@venicefl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Mosquito Control

Good afternoon Christina,

I've been working to compile the data requested and spoke with the technician who works in the area of these three locations for a personal account of his experiences at these parks.

For the data I was able to pull for treatment histories, please see the attached workbook. Please note there are two tabs to this workbook, to include overall data as well as specific history for Legacy Park.

Given that there were no documented sources at the other parks (and thus no separate tabs for them), I consulted the technician who described his familiarity with the three locations. He has served as the technician for the Venice area for several years and is very knowledgeable about that area.

- He noted that the Legacy Park/Train Depot area is regularly treated for larval prevention due to multiple habitats on and near the area. There are spots that flood intermittently, as well as catch basins that hold water.
- The two other parks however have historically had no or very few areas that are capable of breeding mosquitoes. He noted they have been well maintained and historically have not had tidal pools or other low lying areas that would hold water.
- If there are reports of mosquito issues in the area, more than likely they would be coming from either containers around homes or bromeliads, which he is noted there are bromeliad gardens along Heritage Park.
- While all of these parks are regularly inspected, we only treat for mosquitoes when justified by scientific criteria found during inspections. If there is not enough evidence, we cannot apply treatments.

We hope that this provides you with the information you requested, but if you have questions or would like to know more about what we would suggest for mosquito prevention in the area, please feel free to let us know.

Thank you,



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CITY OF VENICE – CHAUNCY HOWARD PARK

Greetings Residents:

The City of Venice will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the update of the Chauncy Howard Park Conservation Management Plan. When the Park was built, the City received grant funding from the Florida Communities Trust. As part of the agreement, the Park Conservation Management Plan must be updated periodically. **There are no plans to change Chauncy Howard Park or any of its ammenities.** The draft plan can be viewed by scanning the qr code.



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