

Appendix K Accomplished Management Actions

Previous Action 1.1 - DRP shall adopt a rule to establish standards for regulating activities in the river area.

Previous Action 1.2 - The Legislature should amend 258.501, Florida Statutes, to: 1) establish the wild and scenic protection zone, 2) require local governments to amend their comprehensive plans as may be necessary to be in conformance with or more stringent than the act, this plan and management guidelines and performance standards to be developed and adopted by State-local agreements involving DRP and DCA with Sarasota County, the City of North Port and other local governments which have jurisdiction (through annexation) of the river area and protection zone, and 3) require local governments to adopt any necessary ordinances and regulations to carry out the purposes of the act, this plan, and the guidelines and performance standards.

Previous Action 1.3 - DRP, DCA, and other appropriate agencies should monitor and review Sarasota County's land use, zoning, and all pertinent regulatory activities to ensure that policies contained in *Apoxsee* are carried out consistently with the management plan guidelines and criteria.

Previous Action 1.4 - DRP should determine the boundaries of the river area by delineating the landward extent of wetland vegetation as provided in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 62-340, Florida Administrative Code.

Previous Action 1.5 - DRP and FWC should conduct a study to determine the use of the river area and wild and scenic protection zone by wildlife and to determine measures that may be necessary to better protect and manage wildlife in the river area and the wild and scenic protection zone.

Previous Action 1.6 - The applicable management and acquisition authorities should acquire headwater wetlands, tributaries, and lands bordering the Myakka River through willing-seller purchase, donation, or exchange. Areas that should be considered include the following: the wild and scenic protection zone, lands adjacent to Myakka River State Park, the Pinelands Reserve Pinelands Reserve, the Carlton Reserve, Tatum Sawgrass, portions of Vanderipe Slough, Flatford Swamp, and Myakkahatchee Creek. DRP shall coordinate with applicable management agencies to identify the proposed land area boundaries for acquisition. The applicable management agencies should attempt acquiring these areas through fee-simple purchase and through purchase of easements or development rights. The efforts of others, such as Sarasota County, Manatee County, the Nature Conservancy, Myakka Conservancy, and the Trust for Public Land, will also be needed to accomplish these acquisitions.

Previous Action 1.7 - Applicable management and acquisition agencies should coordinate to establish a local land trust to facilitate willing-seller/donor land and easement acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the Myakka River watershed.

Previous Action 1.8 - Sarasota County should revise its habitat-based regulatory programs to include protection of wetlands and hammock vegetation specifically along the Myakka River. The county should revise language in *Apoxsee* to provide for regulation of existing upland vegetation at a minimum of 220 feet wide to be required around all wetlands/surface waters that are contiguous to the designated Myakka River area. *Apoxsee* should also be revised with language that provides for special protection to wetland-fringing hammocks that are contiguous to the wetlands and/or surface waters along the designated Myakka River area from river mile 7.5 to river mile 41.5.

Previous Management Action 1.19 - DRP, Sarasota County, and other applicable management agencies should develop incentives in trying to accomplish the preservation of the natural resource values along the river.

Previous Action 2.3 - Manatee County should revise Ordinance No. 81-22, Mining and Reclamation, to include language for the Myakka River watershed similar to that for the Manatee River watershed. This language requires best possible technology for mining in the watershed.

Previous Action 2.5 - DRP shall coordinate the removal of trash and debris within the river and along the river shoreline and sponsor a "Myakka River Cleanup Day" at least once per year.

Previous Action 2.12

DRP shall prohibit mining of resources in the river area. DRP and applicable management agencies shall establish recommended guidelines and design criteria for prohibiting mining in the wild and scenic protection zone and regulate mining discharges to ensure post mining runoff meets pre-mining runoff for water quality and quantity. Mining permitting should place particular emphasis on protection of the Myakka River and mine reclamation plans should enhance the ecological resources adjacent to the river protection zone.

Previous Action 3.4 - DRP shall periodically remove derelict crab traps and fishing gear from the river to enhance aquatic resources.

Previous Action 3.5 - DRP shall implement a manatee management plan that incorporates the appropriate findings and recommendations of the Nabor and Patton study (1989) and newly proposed boat speed limits. The plan should include idle speed zones as well as no-wake zones upriver of the Interstate 75 Bridge to Downs' Dam.

Previous Action 4.3 - Permitting agencies including the Department of Environmental Protection, USCOE, SWFWMD, U.S. Coast Guard, each county's planning, natural resources, building and zoning, and transportation departments, and the City of North Port, should notify the DRP's designated permit review officer of all permits/development applications within the Myakka River watershed and enter into

memorandums of understanding or similar agreements to facilitate coordination of review of such applications.

Previous Action 4.6 - Sarasota County, City of Venice, and the City of North Port should develop and implement land use design standards for development within the wild and scenic protection zone. These regulations should include setbacks behind bluffs and native landscaping and xeriscaping to provide for visual uniformity, a screen from the river and a habitat for wildlife. The regulations should provide for transfer of density, agricultural bonuses, or tax abatements to compensate landowners for wild and scenic protection zone buffer requirements. Landowners along the river should be encouraged to plant appropriate native trees and shrubs within and adjacent to the protection zone.

Previous Action 6.3 - DRP, DOF, SWFWMD, and Sarasota County should establish pedestrian-only nature trails on publicly owned land in an area of the wild and scenic protection zone to promote nature study and research.

Previous Action 7.2 - DRP shall enact by rule, a slow/minimum wake speed for the Myakka River from the Sarasota/Manatee County line to the Sarasota/Charlotte County line except in the main channel downstream of U.S. Highway 41 and except for the official government agency use of watercraft.

Previous Action 7.5 - DRP shall establish idle speed/no-wake zones in the vicinity of marinas, boat ramps, and structures near navigable channels and in other locations where the river is too narrow to safely accommodate two-way traffic.

Previous Action 7.6 - Applicable management agencies should assign additional law enforcement personnel to enforce existing and adopted regulations on and adjacent to the Myakka River. Personnel should be assigned from the Florida Park Patrol (FPP), FWC, Sarasota County, and City of North Port.

Previous Action 8.1 - State executive branch agencies shall preserve archaeological and historical sites on state-owned or administered lands. The water management district and local governments should preserve archaeological and historical sites on their lands.

Previous Action 8.3 - State and local agencies should enforce existing laws and coordinate with police authorities to protect archaeological/historical sites and educate law enforcement officials and the general public of these laws and regulations.

