

## **Myakka Wild and Scenic River Management Summary**

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### **History**

**1975** – Sarasota County Commission's resolution to have Representative Bafalis introduce legislation to add the Myakka to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

**1978** – bill to study the Myakka River for inclusion in the National W&S System was introduced

**1984** – final Myakka Wild and Scenic River Study was published

**1985** – Florida Legislature designates Myakka as a state W&S river (258.501 F.S.)

**1990** – *Myakka Wild and Scenic River Management Plan* was adopted

**1991** – River Rule adopted (62D-15, F.A.C)

**1998** – Memorandum of Agreement for administering the Myakka River Wild and Scenic River Protection Zone between Sarasota Co., DEP, and DCA signed

**1998** – Sarasota County's Myakka River Protection Ordinance and Protection Plan adopted

**2003** – Sarasota County's Tree Protection Ordinance and Land Development Regulations amended and adopted (Nov.); Earth Moving Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance (Dec.3, Public Hearing)

**2007** – Memorandum of Agreement for administering the Myakka River Wild and Scenic River Protection Zone between the City of North Port, DEP, and DCA signed.

**2008** – Sarasota County consolidated the Myakka River Protection Zone Ordinance

**2008** – Myakka River Task Force is formed between DEP, FWC, state park police, Sarasota County Sheriffs Office, and municipal police departments from North Port and Venice.

**2012** – *Myakka Wild and Scenic River Management Plan* was updated.

### **Progress in Protection**

Conservation land acquisition (i.e., Sarasota County's ESLPP, etc.)

County Regulations

*Manatee Protection Plan* adoption by Sarasota County

Potential for additional floodplain protection

### **Threats**

Land use changes in the watershed

Water issues/changes in hydrology

Water quality degradation

Increase or decrease in flows

Invasive non-native species

### **Other Information**

Myakka River Management Coordinating Council website  
*Invasive Plant Guide* distributed to Myakka property owners