

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Tommy Strowd, Deputy Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance

DATE: November 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Five year management plan update for the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek Management Area

Background:

Section 373.591, Florida Statutes, directs the District to develop a General Management Plan that follows a designated format and provides recommended management actions for each Land Stewardship management area. The District updates these plans every five (5) years in conjunction with a multi-party land management review of the subject property. The management plan describes the historical, physical, and ecological aspects of the property as well as the land stewardship activities necessary to properly manage the area. The purpose of the management plan is to provide guidance to District land managers for the implementation of appropriate and consistent land management practices, to identify goals and objectives for the management of the property, and to present and address the findings of the review team.

How this helps meet the District's Mission:

Each of the goals and objectives outlined in the management plan furthers one or more of the strategies in the 10-year strategic plan including maximizing appropriate nature-based recreation, utilizing prescribed fire to mimic natural fire-return intervals, maintaining facilities and infrastructure, and providing effective management of the natural resources located on the area.

Funding Source:

Not applicable

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:

The Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek Management Area, located in Polk and Osceola counties, is managed by the Land Stewardship Division within the Operations and Maintenance resource area.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan:

The completion and updating of General Management Plans are specifically identified as deliverables in the District's 10-year strategic plan.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This action furthers the Land Stewardship Division's goals, the District's mission as defined in the 10-year strategic plan, and satisfies a statutory requirement to prepare and periodically update management plans for District conservation lands.