



Habitat Conservation Plan : Funding Mechanism for the Florida Scrub-Jay HCP

Community Services Department
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County Plan vs. Federal Plan

- 17,976 lots are currently within the scrub-jay review area and require consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 95% of the impacted lots are under 1 acre
- Currently property owners must consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service individually prior to building on any sized lot



Funding Mechanism for the Habitat Conservation Plan

Approved Option : Fixed Fee

This option would be a standard fee for all 17,976 lots impacted.

Tiered Fee Scale based on Lot Size			
<u>Lot Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Number of Affected Parcels</u>	<u>Total Acres in Category</u>
0.00-0.22 acres	\$1,100	5,239	630
0.23-.49 acres	\$2,200	12,120	2,965
.50-1.00 acres	\$5,500	209	129
1.01-3.00 acres	\$12,800	321	461
3.01-5.00 acres	\$34,100	22	84
5.01-20.00 acres	\$76,700	60	517
20.01-99.99 acres	\$320,000	9	323
100+ acres	\$1,240,000	4	557



HCP Development Fee: Fee Components

<u>Fee Component</u>	<u>Percent of Fee</u>
Land Acquisition	44.0%
Habitat Assessment, Planning and Enhancement	7.3%
Habitat Management and Maintenance	36.3%
Monitoring and Adaptive Management	2.1%
Changed Circumstances	3.3%
Plan Administration	7.0%
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT FEE	100.0%
<i>Fixed Costs (Permit Term)</i>	78.4%
<i>Endowment Contribution (Post-Permit)</i>	21.6%



Requirements of the HCP: Biological Objectives 1-4

- Objective 1:** Maintain and manage existing County owned scrub; primarily with fire to meet optimal conditions
- Objective 2:** Acquire a minimum of 1300 acres as identified in the Reserve
- Objective 3:** Coordinate with other public lands; work with other public conservation entities to ensure proper management, and monitoring
- Objective 4:** Increase the baseline population of scrub-jays within the Reserve; maintain 30 groups by year 15 and 60 groups by year 30



Requirements of the HCP: Biological Objectives 5-8

- Objective 5:** Conduct scrub-jay translocations as appropriate; translocation will not absolve the landowners of their responsibility to pay required monies
- Objective 6:** Conduct scrub-jay population monitoring
- Objective 7:** Implement vegetation monitoring program; to assess restoration and management success (Objective 1)
- Objective 8:** Implement Long-Term Management Plan for all lands existing and acquired within the Reserve



Requirements of the HCP: Reporting, Tracking and Updates

- Annual habitat/vegetation monitoring by staff
- Annual scrub-jay population surveys on existing lands
- Annual tracking and reporting of building permits issued
- Acquisition review with the Service at year 2, 4, 6 and every five years after
 - Acquisition needs to keep pace with building permits being issued at 25%, 50% and 75%
- The proposed HCP fees will be automatically adjusted for inflation each year based on Home Price Index (HPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI)
- Comprehensive fee audit would be completed by March 15 at least every 5 years for the duration of the permit term (i.e., years 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25)