

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Chairman and  
Members of the Board of  
County Commissioners

DATE: 4/2/09 FILE: ENA09-011

THRU: Bipin Parikh, P.E.  
Assistant County Administrator  
(Development Services)

SUBJECT: Environmental Lands Acquisition and  
Management Program (ELAMP) – Reso-  
lution Canceling Taxes; Pasco Palms,  
Inc., Sections 24 and 13, Township 26  
South, Range 15 East; and Section 18,  
Township 26 South, Range 16 East  
(BCC: 5/12/09, 10:00 a.m., DC)

THRU: James Widman, P.E.  
Engineering Services Director/  
County Engineer

FROM: René Wiesner Brown  
Environmental Lands  
Program Manager

REFERENCES: Commission District 3  
BCC Approved Item R-13 on  
6/19/07, Item R-10 on 11/25/08, and  
Addendum to Agenda on 3/10/09.

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It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

We are pleased to report that on March 27, 2009, the Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program (ELAMP) purchased the fourth environmental lands property funded through the Penny for Pasco.

The property, known as Pasco Palms, consists of approximately 116 acres, with Parcel ID Nos. 13-26-15-0000-00200-0010, 18-26-16-0040-05500-0000, 18-26-16-0050-00000-00A0, 24-26-15-0000-00300-0000, and 24-26-15-0010-00300-0000. Please see attached map.

The Pasco Palms Property is located adjacent to the Coastal Marshes Ecological Planning Unit (EPU) as designated by the *Assessment of Measures to Protect Wildlife Habitat in Pasco County* (Glatting Jackson et al., 2002) and serves as significant feeding ground for both wading and migratory birds. The property contains a diversity of habitats including forested wetlands, mangroves, tidal flats, and mixed hardwood conifer forest. It is across Strauber Memorial Parkway from the County's Eagle Point Park and was in the original project between Parks and Recreation and Florida Communities Trust, but the owner chose not to sell at that time.

The ELASC conducted their Initial Review of the Pasco Palms Property on March 14, 2007, the scientific site review of the property on April 17, 2007, and the Full Review on May 9, 2007. The BCC accepted the ELASC and staff recommendation and added the property to the ELAMP Acquisition List on June 19, 2007, and approved the Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Interest in Property on November 25, 2008.

The BCC is requested to adopt the attached Resolution Canceling Taxes for the above-described parcels that have accrued taxes from the date of acquisition. The Environmental Land Program has prepared the appropriate Resolution, which is attached hereto.

ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:

1. To adopt the attached Resolution Canceling Taxes on the Pasco Palms acquisition referenced above.
2. To deny the attached Resolution and allow taxes to continue to accrue for the balance of this year.

RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING:

The Environmental Lands Program Manager recommends that the Board approve alternative No. 1, to adopt the attached Resolution Canceling Taxes on the Pasco Palms acquisition referenced above and to authorize Board Records to forward executed copies of the Resolution to the Environmental Lands Program, and to the Pasco County Tax Collector and the Pasco County Property Appraiser, both in Dade City, for their action.

No additional funding will be required to complete this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Canceling Taxes
2. Legal Description
3. Location Map

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