

# FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST

PROJECTS UNOPEN

ASSESSMENT

REPORT



Division of State Lands

Land and Recreation Grants

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During the summer of 2023, FCT Staff conducted a survey of 547 project sites – individual units acquired with the assistance of FCT grant funds. Some sites include multiple grant awards due to phased acquisition projects.

The purpose of this survey was to determine grantee compliance with the conditions of their management plans and special management conditions. Two indicators were evaluated using the survey, whether project sites were open to the public and the extent to which the project sites have been developed per the approved management plans.

The survey results were acquired via Alchemer Survey program, email, and direct phone call. During the course of the survey, Staff has updated contact information, provided technical assistance regarding post-completion stewardship responsibilities and identified additional resources for management plan completion and compliance needs.

The questions posed for this survey were as follows:

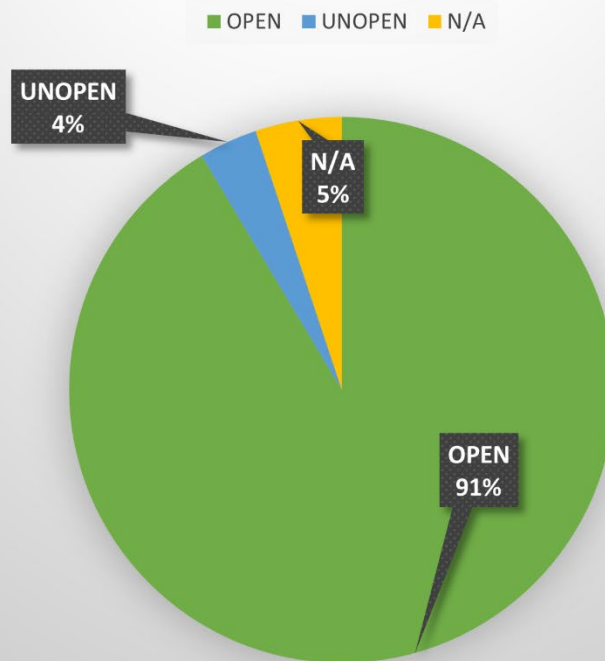
1. Is your project currently open to the public? (Yes/No)
2. On a scale from 0-100%, what percentage has been developed pursuant to your approved management plan?
3. (Optional) Provide any relevant comments on the completion of the project(s).

Results to the optional third question provided FCT Staff with a general idea of project compliance issues in meeting management requirements. This feedback allowed FCT Staff to better prioritize their time and efforts in responding to grantees. FCT Staff also received positive feedback regarding both project site success, as well as words of gratitude for FCT.

In the following charts, the term “Parks” refers to FCT project sites. Some sites include multiple grant awards due to phased acquisition projects.

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## SITES BY PARK: OPEN/UNOPEN TO THE PUBLIC



This pie chart represents a summary of the responses with regard to FCT sites being open or unopen to the public.

Of the 547 sites: Approximately

91% have been stated Open to the public,

4% have been stated Unopen to the public.

5% of projects are not applicable due to the intent for conservation only status.

Of these sites that are not open, one is recorded as having sustained damage by Hurricane Idalia, and two are still recovering from Hurricane Michael.

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County	Recipient	Individual Project Name	Project Number(s)	Development %	Status
BAY	Panama City	Sweetbay Wetlands	93-026-P3A	0-25%	Sustained damage from Hurricane Michael.
BROWARD	Davie (Town of)	Davie's Wetlands Restoration	02-088-FF2	0-25%	Anticipated for completion in 2026.
BROWARD	Davie (Town of)	Governor LeRoy Collins Park (Davie Farm Park)	05-048-FF5	0-25%	100% designed; currently in permitting; funding has been allocated for development of FCT project elements.
BROWARD	Pembroke Pines (City of)	Academic, Environmental and Outdoor Village	99-036-P9A	100.00%	Temporarily closed for repairs.
DIXIE	Dixie County	Spurgeon Cheek Trailhead Camp	08-062-FF8	100.00%	Working with road department to finish clearing debris.
DUVAL	Jacksonville (City of)	Yellow Water Creek Preserve	02-086-FF2	0-25%	Preserve is currently closed to the public. Development of trailhead scheduled for early 2024.
FRANKLIN	Apalachicola (City of)	Apalachicola Boat Works	08-006-WW1	0-25%	The SMWW award site is currently closed to the public. The Apalachicola Boat Works property was badly damaged by Hurricane Michael.
LEE	Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast	Pine Island Preserve at Matlacha Pass	07-047-FF7	26-50%	Received permits from Army Corp and SFWMD. Working with Lee County to complete permit.
LEE	Ft. Myers Beach (Town of)	Mound House Cultural and Environmental Learning Center	96-046-P7A	26-50%	Sustained hurricane damage from Idalia.

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LEON	Tallahassee (City of)	Timberlane Ravine Ph II	05-075-FF5	0-25%	Phase II is currently closed to the public. Private ownership blocks public access.
Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program	Deering Estate North Addition	91-001-P1A	51-75%	Funding needed for site development.
Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department	West End District Park fka West Kendall District Park Addition	03-019-FF3	0-25%	Funding needed for site development.
NASSAU	Nassau County	American Beach Historic Park	04-026-FF4	26-50%	Repairs to existing facilities funded for completion in 2024.
SEMINOLE	Seminole County	Jetta Point Property	03-055-FF3	0-25%	Pending Jetta Point conveyance to Rolling Hills Community Park.
ST. LUCIE	St Lucie County	Cypress Creek Preserve	16-013-UA17	0-25%	Park Impact Fee funding has been identified recently to assist and will be implemented over the next 5 years bring the project site into compliance
ST. LUCIE	St Lucie County	Harbor Branch Preserve	07-027-FF7	0-25%	Park is under construction with completion planned in winter 2023.
ST. LUCIE	St Lucie County	Myers Stickel Property	16-012-UA17	0-25%	Park Impact Fee funding has been identified recently to assist and will be implemented over the next 5 years bring the project site into compliance.
ST. LUCIE	St Lucie County	Pinelands Preserve	96-017-P7A	76-99%	Pending resolution of access issue, funding has been identified to bring project site into compliance.