

## **George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park**

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**Planning Region:** Atlantic Coast

**County:** Duval and Nassau

**Lease/Management Agreement Number:** 4562

### **Overview**

The George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier provides equal access to one of the most productive and diverse fishing areas in Northeast Florida and has historically supported local subsistence fishing in the deep waters of the Nassau Sound.

**Total Acreage:** 110.50

<b>Natural Communities</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Beach Dune	0.40
Coastal Grassland	8.95
Coastal Strand	7.68
Salt Marsh	60.03
Estuarine Composite Substrate	35.86

  

<b>Altered Landcover</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Developed	6.72

**Acquisition:** George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park was initially acquired on July 21, 2003, from the Florida Department of Transportation. Currently, the park comprises 110.50 acres. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Trustees) hold fee simple title to the park and on September 14, 2007, the Trustees leased (Lease Number 4562) the property to DRP under a 50-year lease. The current lease will expire on September 13, 2057.

### **Resource Management Component Objectives**

#### **Hydrology**

- Conduct an assessment the park's hydrological restoration needs.
- Restore hydrological conditions to approximately 25 acres of Maritime Hammock and Coastal Interdunal Swale natural communities.
- Continue to assist federal, state and local agencies with active monitoring of erosion and accretion cycles and assessment of beach and shoreline conditions following natural disasters.
- Continue to partner with federal, state and local agencies to fund, design, permit, improve and maintain coastal and beach management programs consistent with the DRP mission.

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### **Imperiled Species**

- Update baseline imperiled species occurrence list.
- Continue existing monitoring protocols for 10 imperiled animal species (2 marine turtle species, piping plover, red knot, Wilson's plover, least tern, black skimmer, American oystercatcher, Worthington's marsh wren, and MacGillivray's seaside sparrow).
- Continue monitoring of diamondback terrapin nesting in cooperation with the Turtle Survival Alliance.

### **Invasive and Nuisance Species**

- Annually treat 23 gross acres equaling 0.24 infested acres of invasive plant species with a focus on treatment of golden bamboo and skunkvine.
- Implement control measures on 1 nuisance species.

### **Cultural Resources**

- Assess and evaluate 3 of 8 recorded cultural resources in the park (Sawpit Creek (DU08097), Entrance Redeposit (NA01091), and Beach Road Redeposit (NA01092)).
- Compile reliable documentation for all recorded historic and archaeological resources.
- Bring 3 of 8 recorded cultural resources into good condition.

## **Land Use Component Objectives**

### **Conceptual Land Use**

#### George Crady Bridge

- Coordinate with stakeholders to gain consensus on the future management of the fishing bridge/pier.
- Develop effective alternative(s) as feasible.

### **Optimum Boundary**

This unit is surrounded by development to the north and conservation lands to the south and serves the purpose of providing accessible recreation along the historic decommissioned bridge. For these reasons, no optimum boundary parcels are recommended.