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Pasco County Purchases 127.20 Acres of Land for Conservation

~ The Environmental Lands Acquisition Program Acquires Land in Ecological Corridor ~

PASCO COUNTY, FL- The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department recently purchased 127.20 acres of land for conservation through Pasco County's Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program (ELAMP). The land was previously owned by Black Oak Land Trust and Ms. Arlen Black and was nominated for acquisition through the ELAMP. The property is located in North Central Pasco; north of SR 52, east of the Suncoast Parkway, and north of the ELAMP's Jumping Gully Conservation Area; and is positioned in the North Pasco to Crossbar Ecological Corridor. The real estate closing was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

The ELAMP was created in July of 2004 when Pasco County adopted Referendum No. 04-233. It is responsible for purchasing environmentally sensitive lands throughout Pasco County by either fee title or less-than-fee methods. Funding is provided through a portion of the Penny for Pasco surtax.

To learn more about Pasco County's ELAMP visit <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/parks>.

The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department enhances the quality of life for all residents by providing parks and recreation facilities; managing, preserving, and protecting Pasco County's environmental lands; offering educational activities; conducting community outreach; and developing programs and opportunities for everyone to enjoy. The administrative office is located at 4111 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Suite 202, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639, and can be reached by phone at (813) 929-2760. To learn more about Pasco County's beautiful parks, environmental lands, and recreation opportunities or to reserve park facilities, visit the official web page at <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/parks>.

