



MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS REAL PROPERTY DIVISION HAMM PARCEL ACQUISITION



Project Purpose: To acquire and protect an environmentally sensitive, biologically important native sand pine scrub habitat and provide public access in Hobe Sound.



For over a decade, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners attempted to acquire the HAMM parcel for preservation. The entire HAMM parcel consists of approximately 45.55 acres of which Martin County purchased 27.27± acres. The site hosts numerous species of special concern that add to its biodiversity, including gopher tortoise, indigo snakes, Florida scrub jay, lichens, Tillandsia air plants, Florida rosemary, scrub mint and federally protected four-petal pawpaw. This parcel is situated contiguous to other preserve areas owned and maintained by US Fish and Wildlife, Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and is in close proximity to the regionally significant Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem.

The 2017 Florida Legislature appropriated a grant in the amount of \$1,169,265 to reimburse Martin County, a portion of the purchase price of this property. The remaining purchase price came from the exchange of three County owned properties, with an agreed value of \$211,000, that are no longer needed for County purposes and \$10,000 from District 3 funding.



Four-petal pawpaw



Florida scrub jay



Florida rosemary

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