

Draft Seminole Forever Criteria

Staff have drafted the following criteria to rank potential Natural Lands and Passive Parks acquired through the proposed Seminole Forever program. It is staff's recommendation that ARC further develop and create the associated ranking values for each of these criteria.

Natural Lands:

1. A site's vulnerability to development and the willingness of a seller, (if known).
2. The diversity of species, and the completeness and condition of habitat.
3. The rarity or abundance of a given habitat or identification of significant animal or plant species.
4. The long-range manageability of a site. In other words, can the habitat be maintained or restored to its natural state.
5. The degree to which a site is connected to existing natural systems and may provide a habitat corridor; and
6. The use potential for passive recreation or education.
7. Special Considerations can include sites that demonstrate public interest, strong potential for recharge or other water resource potential, exceptional opportunity for species protection, potential for unique human use, low acquisition costs, or specific local goals.

Passive Parks:

1. The degree to which a site is connected to existing trails, parks, and neighborhoods.
2. The site's location in relation to underserved communities, such as within, adjacent to, or in reasonable walking/biking distance.
3. A site's vulnerability to development, the willingness of a seller, and/or pre-approved development plans
4. The site's landscape diversity, including wetlands, natural viewsheds, variety and/or rareness of habitats, and topography
5. The size and use potential for a variety of passive recreational opportunities
6. Special Considerations can include sites that demonstrate strong public interest, potential for unique human use, low acquisition costs, or specific local goals.