

Pine Hill Forest Strategic Ecosystem

Scope of Work for Special Area Study and Planning Process

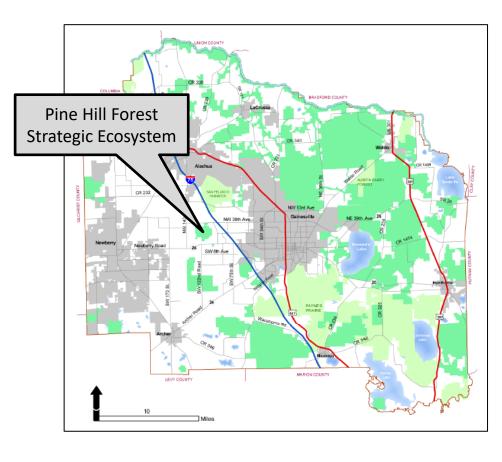
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Board of County Commissioners Meeting

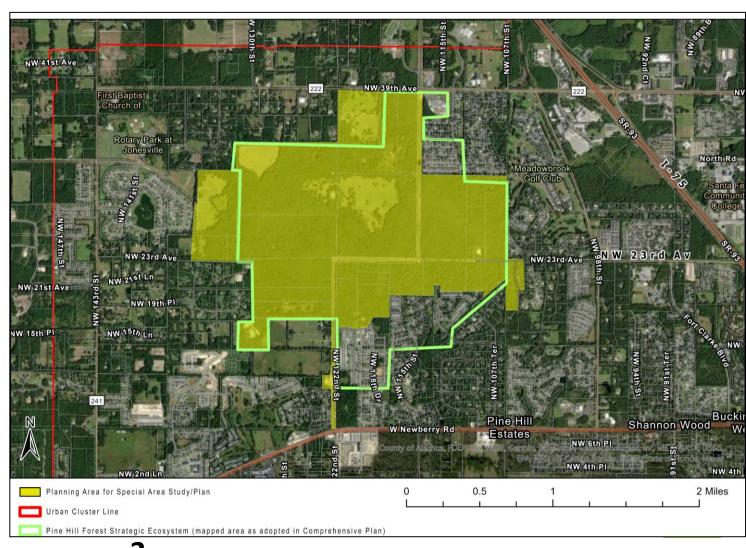
Item Summary

- Request for Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to approve a Scope of Work for the County to initiate the Pine Hill Forest Strategic Ecosystem Special Area Study and Plan in accordance with Alachua County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Section 402.100.
- County Comprehensive Plan calls for Special Area Studies and Plans for areas designated as "Strategic Ecosystems" to ensure that they are evaluated and protected based on the integrity of the ecological unit
- The BoCC may approve, deny, or approve the Scope with modifications

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Planning Area Location





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Special Area Planning Process

Ch. 402, Article 16 Alachua County Unified Land Development Code

Scope of Work

- Identifies area, issues, and process for conducting Special Area Study
- Approval of Scope by BoCC required to proceed with the process

Special Area Study

- Ground-truthing of Strategic Ecosystem Resources Required to be Protected
- Land Use Scenarios and Infrastructure Analysis (roads, utilities, stormwater)
- Acceptance of Study by BoCC required before moving to Special Area Plan

Special Area Plan

- Implements recommendations identified in the Special Area Study
- May include Comprehensive Plan and ULDC amendments, and zoning changes

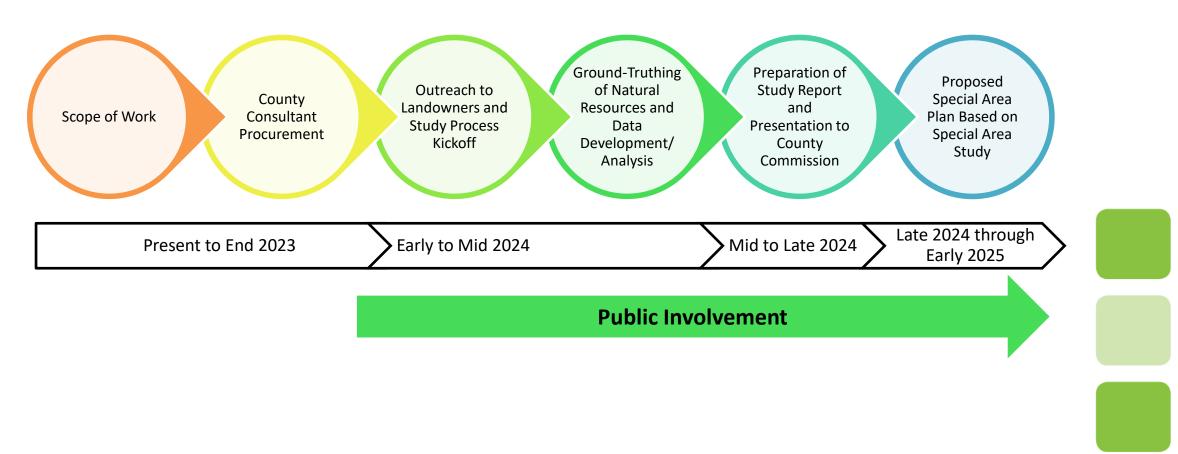
Scope of Work: Key Issues for Study

- Pine Hill Forest Strategic Ecosystem Ground-Truthing and Identification of Required Set-Aside Areas for Protection
- Land Use Scenarios for Non-Set-Aside Areas
- Identification of Conceptual Road Alignments
 - NW 23rd Ave. and NW 122nd St. Extensions
- Utilities and Stormwater Planning

Public Engagement

- Focused coordination and discussions with owners of land within the Planning Area
- Notification to surrounding property owners and homeowner's associations about significant project process steps, updates, and proposals
- Development of stakeholder email list for notification purposes
- Community workshops

Project Timeline



Staff Recommendation

Approve the Scope of Work in accordance with Unified Land Development Code Section 402.100(b).