

Alachua County, FL

Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00898 Agenda Date: 10/8/2024

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Request Approval to allow the Union Sportsmen's Alliance to contribute labor and supplies for the purpose of creating or improving fishing access on County property

Presenter:

Jason Maurer, Parks and Open Space Director

Description:

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Recommended Action:

Approve the Union Sportsmen's Alliance request to contribute labor and supplies for the purpose of creating or improving fishing access on County property.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no financial impact for this project other than de minimis in kind services.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

In 2023, a neighbor suggested the installation of a dock on County owned land at the end of East University extending into Newnan's Lake. This project was not included in our prior Board approved Wild Spaces Public Places list, nor was it included in our recently approved 10-Year Parks Master Plan. Therefore, staff included it as a potential future park's project pending grant/other funding.

Earlier this year, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance contacted the County to install a handicap accessible dock featuring both fishing and kayak launch at a County facility to facilitate fishing programs for underserved communities. The Newnan's Lake project was the mutually agreed upon location for their project, but other County properties may be considered. They have offered to purchase, construct, and install a dock and are hosting a fundraiser for the project this December. In exchange, the County will provide in-kind project support for requirements such as permitting, project management, coordination, etc.