



University of Florida

CALM Plans Kick Off Meeting

Listening to: *Here Comes the Sun*

By: The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQetemT1sWc>

*This meeting is being recorded



February 25th, 2022

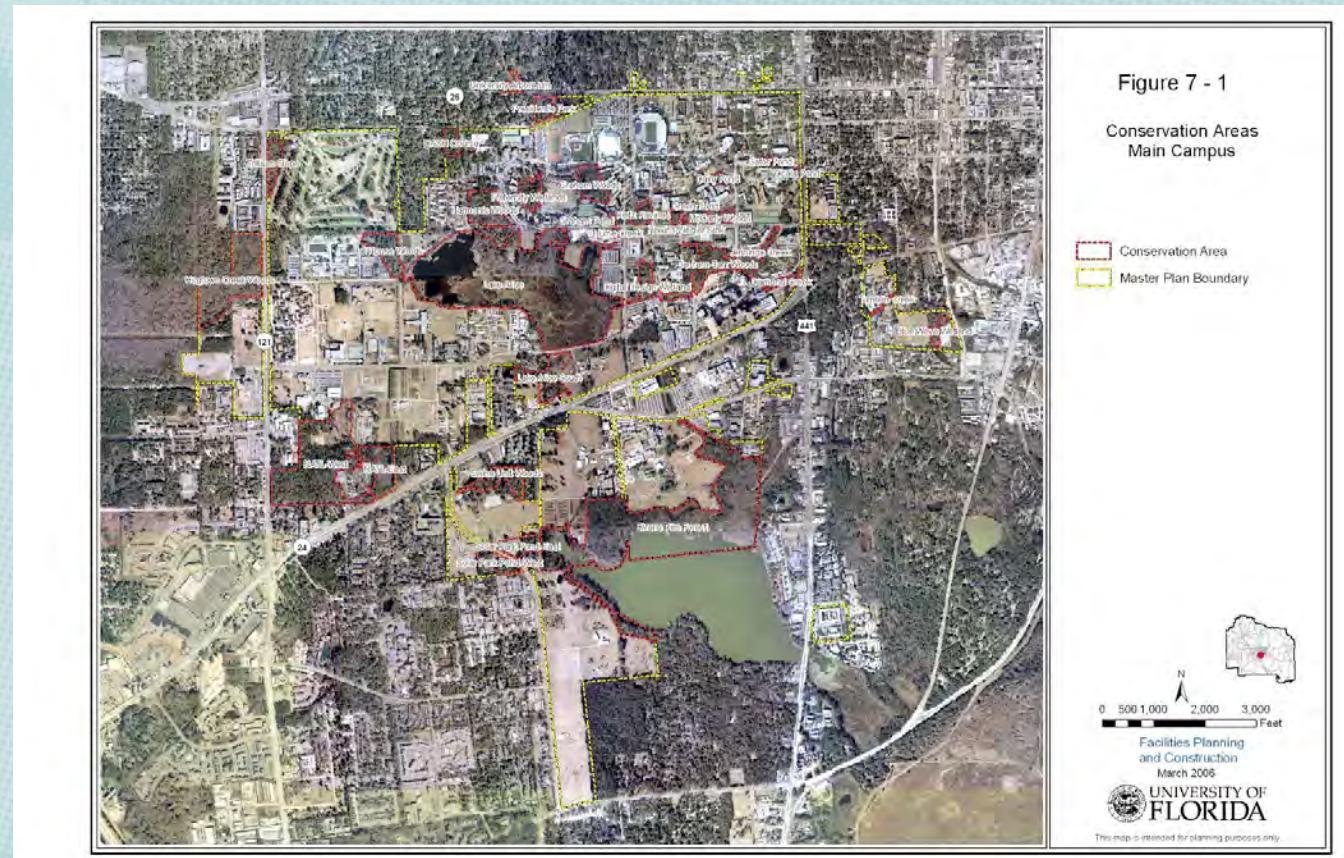


Today's Meeting:

- Introduction to the CALM Plans
- Steering Committee Timeline
- Campus Biodiversity Inventories Timeline
- Project Goals
- Project Values
- Site Visit Schedule
- Site Visit Preparation
- Biodiversity Inventory Discussion
- Q&A

Introduction

- UF has **31 Conservation Areas** on the main campus that are covered in 23 specific area plans that fall under the umbrella of the **Conservation Area Land Management Plan (CALM)**.
 - The **CALM** plans document existing conditions and specifies management activities for Conservation Areas on the University of Florida Campus.



“The premise behind this CALM plan was to create a plan that documents existing conditions on campus natural areas and makes recommendations that enhance these special places. Additionally, the plan is intended to demonstrate the University’s commitment to preserving and improving campus natural areas.”

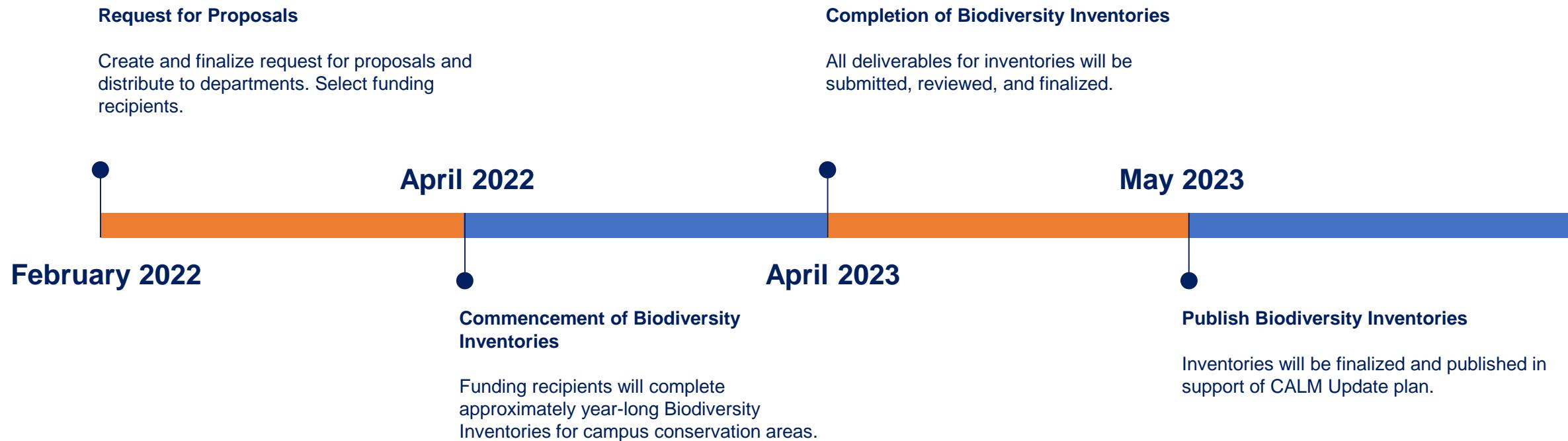
Timeline

Steering Committee Timeline



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Campus Biodiversity Inventories Timeline



2005 Goals

- Public Participation
- Reduce runoff and improve water quality in campus natural areas
- Fire management (**BMP**)
- Adoption of strategic mowing (**BMP**)
- Habitat enhancement (**BMP**)
- Identify and prioritize Conservation Areas that need improvements

[Conservation Area Land Management Plan](#)

[November 2004](#)



Pre-SEEP (looking north) – Cattail dominated



SEEP (looking south) – Variety of plant species

[Conservation Area Land Management Plan](#)

[November 2004](#)



Mowed to the water's edge



Fenced off natural area – no mow area

Current Goals

- Update the Conservation Area Land Management Plan.
- Shared understanding of roles, responsibilities, and guidelines for management of campus conservation areas.
- Create an implementation structure for management of campus conservation areas.
- Gather a wide range of perspectives/feedback from faculty, staff, and students regarding the management and use of campus conservation areas.
- Update biodiversity inventories for campus conservation areas.
- Create interactive online mapping tools for campus conservation areas.
- Additional and/or modified goals will be developed as we move through the process.



Discussion Point

Does the current set of goals encompass the full approach, outcome, and scope that we should be considering for this CALM update?

Core Values

- Committing to full participation
- Sharing collective wisdom for inclusive solutions
- Accepting shared responsibility
- Embracing creativity and a “what if?” mindset
- Supporting open & equitable discussion
- **Have Fun!**



Site Visits Schedule

- Draft schedule for site visits
 - Steering committee members will be notified of any changes
- Packets will be provided prior to the site visits with site details and meet-up specifications
- Follow Up Fridays
- Commit to attending what you can. Feedback can still be provided if a site visit is missed, but in-person collaboration is pertinent for this process.

Site Visits Schedule

All site visits will begin at 2pm

Date	Site	Meet At	Notes
3/3/22	Reitz Ravine	Reitz Union Driveway Circle	Potential sidewalk closures on Museum Rd.
3/3/22	Newins-Ziegler Sink/Liberty Pond		
3/3/22	McCarty Woods		
3/16/22	Jennings Creek	Corner of Jennings Hall A & Museum Road	
3/16/22	Bartram Carr Woods		
3/16/22	Digital Design Wetland		
3/24/22	Graham Woods	Gator Band Shell	
3/24/22	Fraternity Wetland		
3/30/22	Law School Woods (formerly DASH Course)	Scooter parking lot west of Village Dr across from Bruton-Geer Hall	
3/30/22	Harmonic Woods		
4/7/22	Bat House Woods	Bat House Parking Lot	
4/7/22	Lake Alice		
4/13/22	President's Park	University House	Parking will be permitted in front driveway loop
4/13/22	University Park Arboretum		
4/21/22	Lake Alice South	TBD	
4/21/22	Solar Park		
4/27/22	Bivens Rim Forest	TBD	
4/27/22	Swine Unit Woods		
5/5/22	Trillium Slope	TBD	
5/5/22	Hogtown Creek Woods		
5/11/22	Diamond Creek	TBD	
5/11/22	Blue Wave Wetland		

Notes: No site visits the week of Spring Break (3/6/22). There are no site visits for NATL, Gator Pond, Ocala Pond and Dairy Pond.

Please direct any questions to Rachel Mandell (r.mandell@ufl.edu) or Kaylee August (k.august@ufl.edu)

Dedicated Website

CALM Plan Update Dedicated Website – Up and Running!

Meeting recordings, presentations, site visit packets, site visit schedule, and other relevant documents will be uploaded here.

Link will be sent out along with site visit schedule and calendar invites not later than Monday, February 28th.

Homepage > Campus Planning > Conservation Area Land Management (CALM) Plans

CONSERVATION AREA LAND MANAGEMENT (CALM) PLANS

CALM PLAN UPDATE - HERE!

This website hosts materials associated with the [Conservation Element \(PDF\)](#) of the Campus Master Plan.



UF has [31 Conservation Areas](#) on the main campus that are covered in [23 specific area plans](#) that fall under the umbrella of the [Conservation Area Land Management plan \(CALM\)](#). These plans provided the framework for the Conservation Element of the Campus Master Plan. They also help to fulfill the University's role as Pilot for the [Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary \(University or College\) Program](#). The University of Florida, as guided by the ECOS Committee, was the first university in the country to set university wide environmental planning standards with this nonprofit organization.

Conservation at UF

- CALM Home
- Plans
- Clean Water Campaign
- Natural Area Teaching Lab
- Great Invader Raider

Site Visits: What to Expect?

- Dress appropriately for weather conditions and walking in the woods (water, bug spray, sunscreen, etc.).
- Congregate at the sites designated meeting area.
- Receive packets and discuss potential hazards.
- Bring a clipboard if you have one.
- Perform the site visits as a group.
- Participate in open dialogue and discussion.
- Discuss information/questions outlined in the site packets.
- Alternate accommodations will be made for those unable to attend site visits.

Discussion Point

**How can we make the site visits easier, more
enjoyable and effective for you?**

Biodiversity Inventory Discussion

Any Questions?



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