

# CALM Plan Update Working Session

## Site Visit 1 - Content

Reitz Ravine, Liberty Pond, Newins-Ziegler Sink & McCarty Woods

7/20/2022 | 1:00 pm

### PARTICIPATION

**BOLD** = Attended

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### REVIEW AGENDA, GOALS, and VALUES

#### MEETING GOALS:

- Review Common Themes from Site Visit 1
- Create bulleted content lists for the conservation areas visited during Site Visit 1

#### AGENDA:

- Introductions
- Revisit Site Visit 1
- Overview of Common Themes Identified on Site Visit 1
- Groupings in the first CALM Plans
- Working Session Tasks
  - Expand on the line items in the Site Specific CALM Plan outline for each location visited on Site Visit 1
  - Working Group Engagement
    - BioGator Logo Feedback
- Next Steps
- Feedback

## 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!

## INTRODUCTIONS

Please introduce yourself to the group:

- Name
- Affiliation
- What is your favorite way to connect with nature?

## WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU?

### → Finalizing Outlines

- ◆ Using the feedback collected during our first working session, we were able to finalize the CALM Plan outlines.
- ◆ We are now tasked with “filling in the blanks.”
- ◆ Review the Overall CALM Plan Outline [here](#).
- ◆ Review the Site-Specific CALM Plan Outline [here](#).

### → Identified Priority Projects

- ◆ The Priority Project activity from our last working session provided data on what the steering committee views as top priorities.
- ◆ Using this information, we will be able to strategize an implementation plan.

### → Conservation ID Sign Survey Results

- ◆ From our last working session, [Option B](#) was the steering committee's favorite.

### → Field Verification of Conservation Boundaries Continued

- ◆ Sites Field Verified Since our Last Working Session:
  - Reitz Ravine, Liberty Pond, Newins-Ziegler Sink & Graham Woods.
- ◆ Please use the [interactive map](#) to view those boundaries.

### → Biodiversity Inventory Update

- ◆ Datasets are being ingested into the BioGator portal to create our Biodiversity Inventories. To create a useful tool for the UF campus and other UF properties in Florida, all Florida biodiversity records are being ingested. There are currently **1.4M records** representing **>15,000 species** for Florida from museums and community science projects (e.g., iNaturalist).
- ◆ Checklists of species found in each conservation area are being created. For example, the checklist for McCarty Woods now contains 178 species.
- ◆ The site is expected to be functional by **September 1, 2022**.
- ◆ The [BioGator logo](#) is done and ready for circulation among stakeholders.

## REVIEW OF SITE VISIT 1

Please explore these photo albums of Reitz Ravine, Liberty Pond, Newins-Ziegler Sink & McCarty Woods.

- [Reitz Ravine](#)
- [Liberty Pond](#)
- [Newins-Ziegler Sink](#)
- [McCarty Woods](#)

## COMMON THEMES BROKEN DOWN BY SITE

Reitz Ravine:

- Presence of Invasive Species
- Increase Lighting
- Accessibility of Trails
- Steep Walkways
- Lacks Educational Engagement
- Erosion
- Update educational signage
- Provide Wayfinding Information
- Brush Management
- Unclear Boundaries
- Increase Community Engagement
- Trash
- Roadway Noise
- Many Permeable Surfaces
- Used to Practice Mindfulness

Liberty Pond:

- Increase Lighting
- Incorporate Low Impact Development Practices
- Used to Practice Mindfulness
- Used for Teaching
- Steep Walkways
- Dangerous Temporary Paths
- Poor Water Quality
- Brush Management
- Bank Erosion
- Noise from Bus Hub
- Many Permeable Surfaces
- Direct Sunlight
- Replant Native Perennials
- Buildings & Nature Interactions
- Exhaust from Bus Hub

Newins-Ziegler Sink:

- Replant Herbaceous Perennials
- Create Transitional Buffers
- Unclear Tree Signage
- Connector to Campus
- Urban Park
- Bird Watching
- Used for Teaching
- Create No-Mow Zones
- Used to Practice Mindfulness
- Actively Maintained
- Unclear Boundaries
- Bank Erosion
- Water Pollution
- Used for Tailgating

McCarty Woods:

- Bird Strike Concerns
- Presence of Invasive Species
- Increase Impermeable Surfaces
- Used for Research
- Used for Teaching
- Connection to Campus
- Update Educational Signage
- Provide Wayfinding Information
- Create No-Mow Zones
- Used to Practice Mindfulness
- Invasive Management
- Provide Trail Maintenance
- Increase Permeable Surfaces
- Unclear Boundaries
- Roadway Noise
- Plant Natives

## GROUPINGS FROM THE 2004 CALM PLAN

### → Three 'Management Approach' Groupings

- ◆ The 2004 Conservation Area Land Management Plan placed each conservation area into one of three groupings which determined its Management Approach.
  - **Nature Park**
    - Public use is encouraged.
    - Physical improvements should enhance the visitation experience.
  - **Academic Preserve**
    - The focus for conservation areas in this category is the research of natural processes.
    - Teaching and research are encouraged and public use is prohibited or discouraged.
    - Improvements should be dependent on the types of research conducted.
  - **Nature Preserve**
    - Reserved for wetland areas, areas of steep slope and areas with known or probably listed protected species.
    - Physical improvements will be limited to habitat and hydrologic restoration.
    - Public use is discouraged.

### → Something to consider as we move forward

- Are these three groupings applicable to the holistic vision of the updated CALM Plans?
- As we continue to draft the CALM plans, we may find that grouping areas into a particular management approach could be useful.
  - We don't have to replicate the 2004 CALM Plan Groupings.
- More information on these groupings can be found on page 25 of the [2004 CALM Plan](#).

## “FILLING IN THE BLANKS” OF THE OUTLINE

*Breakout Rooms - Facilitated by Rachel Mandell & Kaylee August*

- Please use the [form](#) to jot down your own ideas, as well as take notes during the breakout room.
- Read through the site-specific outlines which we have started to fill in using the feedback from your collected site visit packets and follow-up Friday serial testimonies.
  - [Reitz Ravine](#)
  - [Liberty Pond](#)
  - [Newins-Ziegler Sink](#)
  - [McCarty Woods](#)
- Please **do not** submit the form until after the breakout sessions.

**Once placed in a breakout room, please click on the link below that corresponds with your room number to see feedback during your discussion.**

- [Breakout Room #1: Rachel](#)
- [Breakout Room #2: Kaylee](#)

## BIOGATOR REFRESHER AND LOGO



Please review the [BioGator logo](#) and provide feedback using this [form](#).

## NEXT STEPS & FEEDBACK

### Next Steps:

- Keep an eye out for a Doodle Poll to help us maximize participation at the next meeting.
- Continue to encourage data collection and feedback.
- Draft plans, following the working sessions, will be provided and uploaded to the [CALM Plan Update Document Hub](#).

### Your Homework:

- Reflect on Site Visit 2- Jennings Creek, Bartram Carr Woods & Digital Design Wetland.

**Thank you for your time!** We welcome feedback on today's session.

STRENGTHS (what worked?)	IMPROVABLES (what could be improved?)

### Important Links:

Conservation Boundary Tool -

<https://gis.ufl.edu/portal/apps/dashboards/18f85a813b34432784c3f9aa05e772dd>

CALM Update Document Hub

<https://facilities.ufl.edu/campus-planning/campus-master-plan/calm-plan-update/>

Conservation Area Map

<https://facilities.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ConsMap.pdf>

Finalized Overall CALM Plan Outline

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mS4Y59qTM2h7HczUHvfuk4U6nkgcBf0K9cBS2G0a6Og/edit?usp=sharing>

Finalized Site Specific CALM Plan Outline

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rI0-9JOQKcg1wUHVeuiqZaPe\\_IpmG1DGs8hjkAh8VLA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rI0-9JOQKcg1wUHVeuiqZaPe_IpmG1DGs8hjkAh8VLA/edit?usp=sharing)