

CALM Plan Update Working Session

Site Visit 3 - Content

Graham Woods & Fraternity Wetland

8/18/2022 | 1:00 pm

PARTICIPATION

BOLD = Attended

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Guests:

Facilitated by: Rachel Mandell & Kaylee August

REVIEW AGENDA, GOALS, and VALUES

MEETING GOALS:

- Review Common Themes from Site Visit 3
- Create bulleted content lists for the conservation areas visited during Site Visit 3

AGENDA:

- Introductions
- Revisit Site Visit 3
- Overview of Common Themes Identified on Site Visit 3
- Overview of Lake Alice Trails Plan for Graham Woods & Fraternity Wetland
- Working Session Tasks
 - Expand on the line items in the Site Specific CALM Plan outline for each location visited on Site Visit 3
- Reimagine Conservation Area Signage Activity
- Maximizing Participation & Reintroducing "Follow Up Fridays" Discussion
- 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 was your first job?

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU?

→ Updated Site Visit 2 Outlines

- ◆ Using the feedback collected during our third working session, we were able to continue working on the CALM Plan outlines for Site Visit 2.
 - Review the Outline for [Jennings Creek](#)
 - Review the Outline for [Bartram Carr Woods](#)
 - Review the Outline for [Digital Design Wetlands](#)

→ Field Verification of Conservation Boundaries Continued

- ◆ Sites Field Verified Since our Last Working Session:
 - Fraternity Wetlands
 - Bat House Woods
- ◆ Please use the [interactive map](#) to view those boundaries as they become available.

→ Conducted Site Walk with Disability Resource Center

- ◆ Following the ADA concerns expressed from our previous working session for Digital Design Wetlands, Bartram Carr Woods and Jennings Creek, we conducted a site visit of these areas with a representative from DRC, a differently abled (chair restricted) and walker dependent student, for feedback and recommendations. The main takeaways from this stakeholder meeting were considering sight lines in boardwalk/overlook infrastructure, providing shaded benches/opportunities for rest along our longer, shared use paths and considering turn-around areas/appropriate widths for chair users, specifically those with service animals.

REVIEW OF SITE VISIT 3

Please explore these photo albums of Graham Woods and Fraternity Wetlands

- [Graham Woods](#)
- [Fraternity Wetlands](#)

COMMON THEMES BROKEN DOWN BY SITE

Graham Woods:

- Wildlife present
- Osprey nesting site
- Space has potential
- Dumping sites within the woods
- Litter present
- Stormwater pipe erosion in many places
- Sinkholes from stormwater erosion
- Safety concerns within the woods
- Impacts of feral cat populations
- Potential for better utilization
- Lack of educational signage
- Invasive species present
- Permitted/prohibited uses unclear
- Tree felling within the woods
- Erosion from foot traffic and cart paths
- Steep and uneven paths

Fraternity Wetlands:

- Inaccessible to users outside of fraternity
- Light/noise pollution from Fraternity Row
- Dumping sites within and around the site
- High volume of litter and trash
- Steep and uneven paths
- Limited designated trails
- Impervious surfaces surrounding the site
- Visually unappealing
- Permitted/prohibited uses unclear
- Lack of maintenance
- Fat, oil, and grease receptacles placed along perimeter of site with no containment
- Unsafe area between conservation and back of fraternity houses
- Stormwater pollution present
- Unsafe structures built over stormwater infrastructure

LAKE ALICE TRAILS PLAN

Please take a moment to review the proposed trails near Graham Woods and Fraternity Wetlands on this [Lake Alice Trails Map](#). This [image](#) provides the proposed materials. For more information on proposed trail improvements on campus, please see the [Lake Alice Trails Plan](#).

While reviewing these sources, try to remember what infrastructural and trail changes the committee discussed during the site visits.

Example: Limiting access to the path on the east side of Graham Woods heading into the service drive.

“FILLING IN THE BLANKS” OF THE OUTLINE

Breakout Rooms - Facilitated by Rachel Mandell & Kaylee August

- Please use [this 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.
 - [Graham Woods](#)
 - [Fraternity Wetlands](#)
- 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](#)

REIMAGINE CONVERSATION AREA SIGNAGE - ACTIVITY

Now that we've all seen the wide array of **safety signage** within and around our conservation areas, let's **reimagine** what that could look like! We encourage you to **think creatively and redesign** some of the signs on our campus, perhaps with a more positive approach.

Current Sign Examples:

[Alligator/Snake Sign at Digital Design Wetlands](#)

[Do Not Use This Path After Dark at Bartram Carr Woods](#)

Activity: Pretend you have been asked to redesign one of the safety signs for the conservation area(s). Use this [drawing tool](#) to create your sign. Consider these questions before you begin:

- What are the positives and negatives of the current conservation area safety signage?
- Does the language/graphics effectively convey the message to users of the space?
- How can the sign be redesigned to educate users or portray a more holistic concept?
- How will users interact with or respond to the sign?

Please be ready to share your sign design with the group!

PARTICIPATION

As we head into the Fall semester, we know that schedules will become much busier and attendance at the CALM working sessions will likely be impacted. Maximizing attendance and incorporating the feedback from our steering committee and volunteers is a top priority. We would like to take a few minutes to discuss opportunities for increasing engagement!

- Reintroducing our 'Follow Up Fridays' for those who are unable to attend working sessions.
 - We will not provide a formal presentation. Instead, we will use the engagement platforms as a guide for these meetings.
 - These will be held at noon on the Friday following a working session.
- Conducting more than one working session for each site visit.
 - We currently host one working session biweekly specific to a site visit. Should we increase this to weekly, or twice in one week, to provide two dates for our site visit working sessions?
- Send out video recordings of our working sessions.
 - **Reminder:** Using the engagement platform provided prior to each working session, steering committee members and volunteers can still provide feedback, complete the Google Forms and participate in the activities.
- Any other ideas or recommendations?

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.

Your Homework:

- Reflect on Site Visit 4 - Law School Woods & Harmonic Woods

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

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>