

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lands Committee

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: March 15, 2025

RE: Interlocal Agreement for Conveyance of Suwannee Springs Park, Falmouth Spring Park, and Telford Spring Park to Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize negotiations for the conveyance of Suwannee Springs Park, Falmouth Spring Park, and Telford Spring Park to Suwannee County.

BACKGROUND

In 2024, the District began discussions with Suwannee County regarding a potential conveyance of the District’s Suwannee Springs Park, Falmouth Springs Park, and Telford Springs Park parcels located in Suwannee County.

These parks are considered featured sites and receive a significant amount of public use. The sites contain infrastructure such as paved entrances and parking lots, picnic tables, boardwalks, kiosks and portalets. The District supports a passive recreation approach on its lands. These sites, which are developed and heavily used, are more consistent with the goals of the county. An estimated \$35,000 will be saved per year in management expenses by conveying the properties to the county.

The tracts consist of three parcels totaling 31.42 +/- acres in Suwannee County. Only the property necessary to operate the parks will be conveyed. All properties will be conveyed with a restrictive deed that requires the land be maintained for public access and a reverter that if such use changes, the property will be returned to the District.

Tract	Parcel Number	Acquisition Date	Funding Source	Acreage
Falmouth Springs Park	3201S12E09764000000	March 1993	P-2000	9.28 +/- acres
Suwannee Springs Park	1701S14E01751000000	August 1992	Save Our Rivers	14.34 +/- acres
Telford Spring Park	2504S11E12063000000	July 2022	Springs Grant Funds	7.8 +/- acres

If the parcels are approved for surplus and conveyance, the District will begin negotiations for an interlocal agreement for conveyance, including the management plan and any special conditions. Final conveyance is subject to Governing Board approval.

Maps of the proposed surplus properties are attached.

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Attachments