

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:**           **Real Estate & Transportation Committee**  
Commissioner Mike Musick, Chairman  
Commissioner Bill Read  
Commissioner Chad McLeod

**FROM:**       City Attorney's Office

**DATE:**       April 1, 2024

**RE:**           **Acceptance of Holloway Park Land Donation**

The Holloway Park Foundation, Inc. has agreed to donate 379.11 acres of land to the City of Lakeland for use as a City park. The property to be donated is bounded by Lakeland Highlands Road to the west, the Polk Parkway to the south, Edgewood Drive South to the north and U.S. Highway 98 South to the east. Holloway Park abuts John McGee Park, an existing City park, to the north, and is also contiguous to the Florida Southern College athletic complex on Lakeland Highlands Road and undeveloped Southeastern College property. Currently, the Park contains an eighteen-hole disk golf course, a 10K (6.2 miles) cross county running trail, multiple miles of walking trails, and will eventually connect to Fort Fraser Trail.

A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment of the property was completed by ACT Environmental & Infrastructure, which found no evidence of environmental contamination on the property. The Holloway Park Foundation has conditioned the donation of the land upon deed restrictions requiring that the property be used solely for park and recreational purposes for the use and benefit of the residents of the City of Lakeland and the public at large, and that the park continue to be known by the name "Holloway Park," each of which conditions shall be irrevocable and perpetual.

The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will operate and maintain the park. The existing park amenities will remain for public use. Future plans for the park may be developed as partnerships and collaborations materialize.

It is recommended that the City Commission accept the donation of Holloway Park for ownership by the City of Lakeland in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth above.

Attachments



