

Parks and Recreation Division

Park Naming Request

January 11, 2022



Presentation Outline

- Purpose
- Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Regulation
- Naming Request
- Board Action



Presentation Outline

- Purpose
- Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Regulation
- Naming Request
- Board Action



Purpose

- Provide an overview of Orange County Administrative Regulation 2.16, The Naming of Orange County Parks, and Related Facilities
- Present three recommendations for Board action



Presentation Outline

- Purpose
- **Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Regulation**
- Name Request
- Board Action



Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Reg.

Background

- **In accordance with Orange County Administrative Regulation 2.16, The Naming of Orange County Parks, and Related Facilities, park naming or renaming must follow protocols instituted in 2006 by the Board of County Commissioners**



Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Reg.

Procedures

- **Proposed names may be submitted in writing to the Manager of the Parks and Recreation Division by individuals, groups or entities**
- **Upon receipt of the written proposal, the Manager of the Parks and Recreation Division will bring the matter to the Parks Advisory Board (PAB), for consideration**
- **If approved by the PAB, the recommendation will be sent to the County Mayor for review and advance the recommendation to the Board for consideration**



Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Reg.

Acceptable Park Names

- **Natural feature, recognizable area, neighborhood, or names of horticultural or historical significance for Orange County Parks and Recreation facilities are preferred**
- **A park or recreation facility may be named in honor of a deceased person who has made a major contribution to the field of parks and recreation or community endeavors after a waiting period of no less than twelve months from death**



Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Reg.

Acceptable Park Names

- A park or recreation facility shall not be named for a living person except when a name is specified as a condition of substantial donation offered to Orange County



Presentation Outline

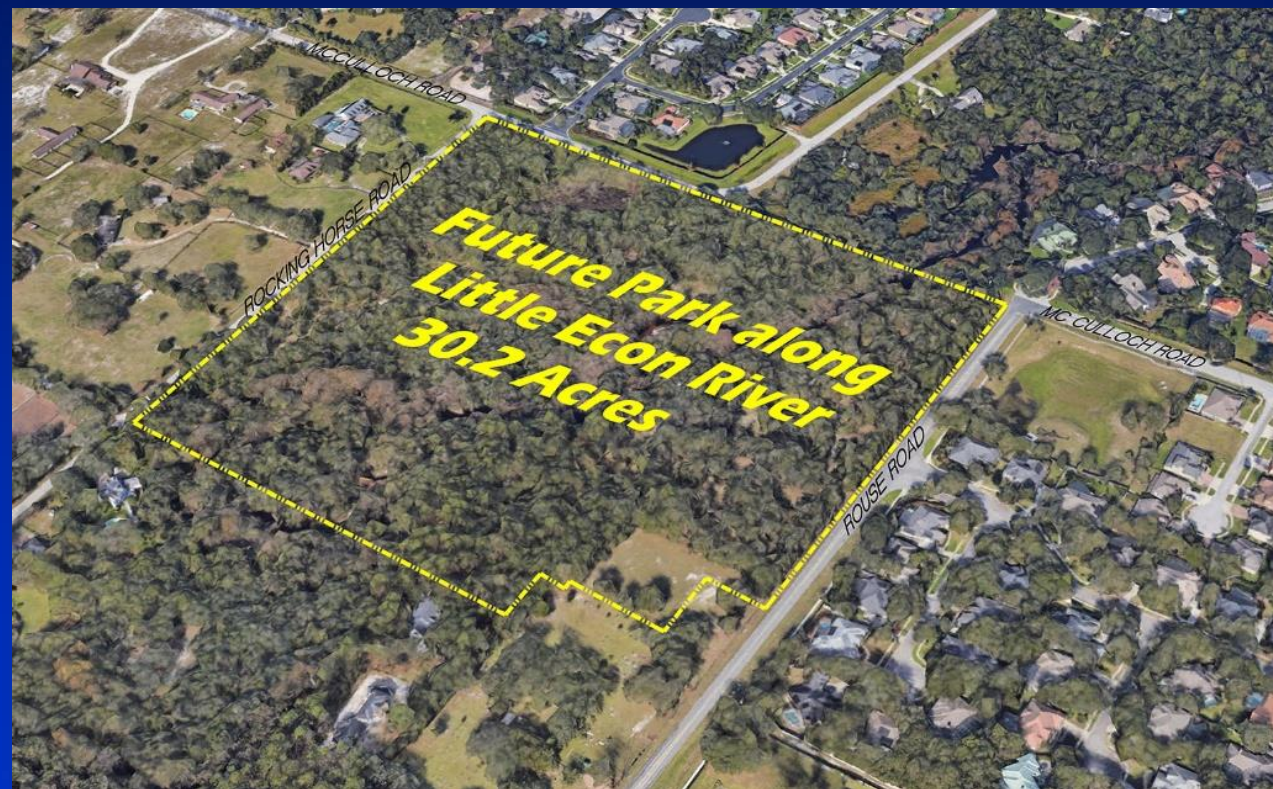
- Purpose
- Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Regulation
- **Park Naming Request**
- Board Action



Park Naming Request

Park Location

- Park property located along the Little Econ River and Rouse Rd.
- The Little Econ River traverses the 30-acre property
- Previously referred to as the Harrod Property

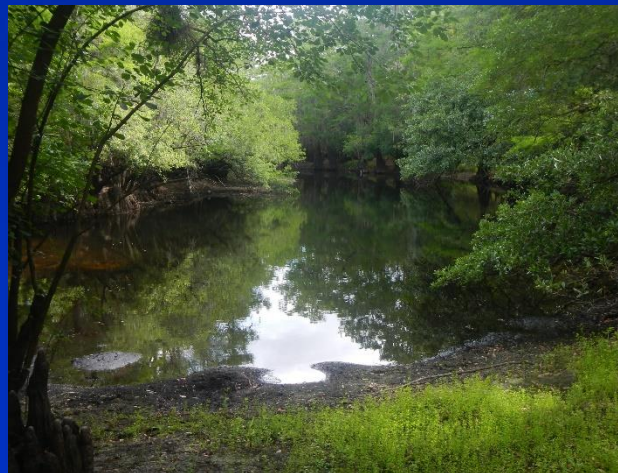




Park Naming Request

Park Location

- Acquired in June, 2020
- Partially funded by FDEP
- The 30 acre parcel is currently in design and funded for development to include:
 - Hiking trails
 - Picnic Pavilions
 - Boardwalk
 - Interpretive signage

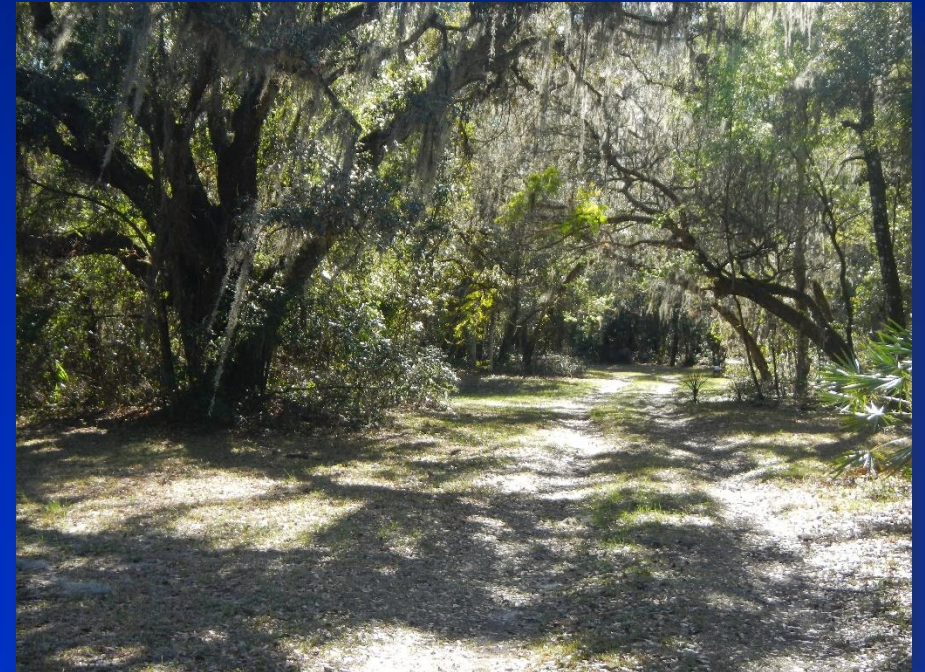




Park Naming Request

Naming Requests

- Three recommendations by the Parks Advisory Board
 - Timber Bridge Preserve
 - Willis Rouse Park
 - Willis Rouse/Timber Bridge Preserve





Park Naming Request

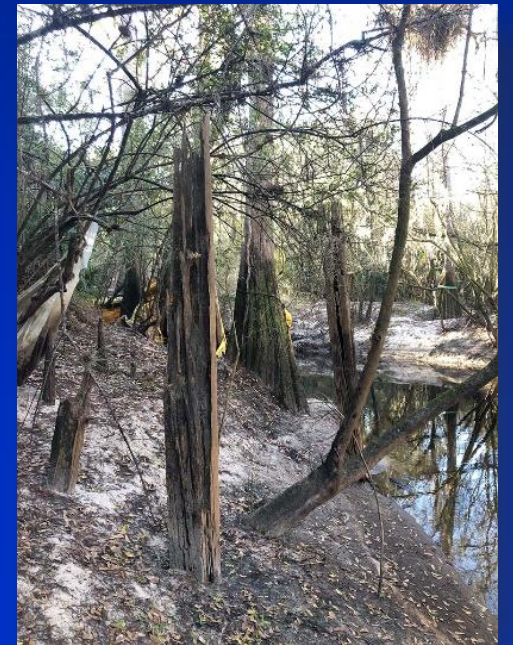
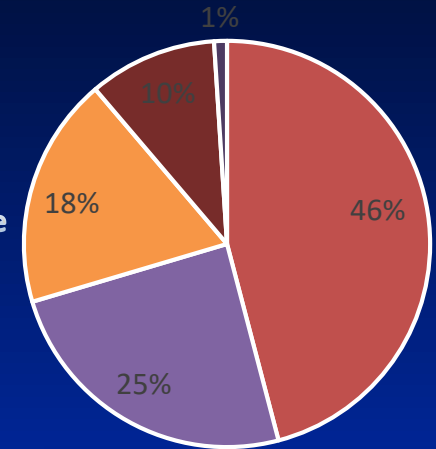
Naming Requests

■ Recommendation 1

—Timber Bridge Preserve

- Commissioner Bonilla requested this name
- Commission districtwide survey completed with five naming options
- 309 of 693 respondents chose Timber Bridge Preserve
- The remains of a cypress timber bridge, dating back to the 1730-1780 can be found on the property

- Timber Bridge Preserve
- Iron Bridge Preserve
- Little Earth-Mound Preserve
- Cypress Knee Preserve
- Palustrine Preserve





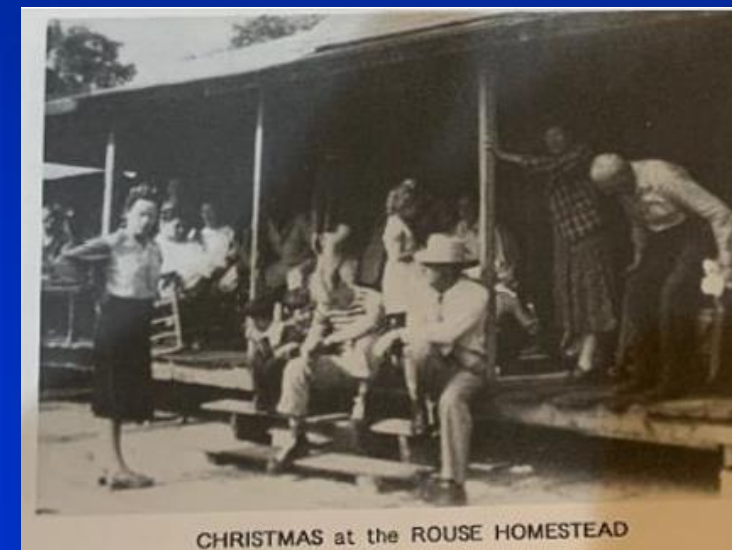
Park Naming Request

Naming Requests

▪ Recommendation 2

—Willis Rouse Park

- Rouse family submitted request to name the park
- Willis A. Rouse homesteaded land in East Orange County
- Portion of Land eventually became Rouse Rd.
- Rouse family cemetery is adjacent to park
- Donated approx. 30 land easements to Orange County to include a portion of Rouse Rd. and Edgewood Boys Ranch
- Rouse family presented multiple times to the Parks Advisory Board



CHRISTMAS at the ROUSE HOMESTEAD



Park Naming Request

Naming Requests

▪ Recommendation 3

—Willis Rouse/Timber Bridge Preserve

- Parks Advisory Board did not select either request
- Submitted as a third option





Presentation Outline

- Purpose
- Naming of Parks and Facilities Admin. Regulation
- Park Naming Request
- **Board Action**



Board Action

Action Requested

- Select a name for park property along the Little Econ River and Rouse Rd. in East Orange County
- Parks Advisory Board Recommendations:
 - Timber Bridge Preserve
 - Willis Rouse Park
 - Willis Rouse/Timber Bridge Preserve

Parks and Recreation Division

Park Naming Request

January 11, 2022