



## Interoffice Memorandum

June 29, 2023

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
–AND–  
County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: August 8, 2023 – Consent Item  
Green PLACE Advisory Board Recommendation for Naming of  
a Green PLACE Property

On September 28, 2021, the Board approved a resolution providing for creation of the Green PLACE Advisory Board. In accordance with that resolution, one of the duties and responsibilities of the Green PLACE Advisory Board is to “Recommend names for Green PLACE parcels using the procedure outlined in Administrative Regulation 2.16 (Naming of Orange County Parks and Related Facilities).” During their meeting on April 12, 2023, the Green PLACE Advisory Board approved a motion to recommend naming the site informally known as Pine Plantation (Parcel ID:08-20-28-0000-00-007) as Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve. Mayor Demings has reviewed the recommendation, and in accordance with Administrative Regulation 2.16, the proposed name is being advanced to the Board for consideration

The name is in recognition of a plant species (Florida Greeneyes or *Berlandiera subacaulis*) that can be observed on the property. Florida Greeneyes is a perennial wildflower endemic to Florida that occurs naturally in sandhills, dry pine flatwoods and mixed upland forests. It is only native to Florida. Florida Greeneyes is characterized by vibrant yellow florets surrounding a green center. Its bright blooms typically appear in spring and attract a variety of bees and butterflies.

The property is located at 951 West Kelly Park Rd, Apopka, FL 32712 and was purchased in June 2009. It comprises 40 acres of planted pines and scrub habitat and will be opened in the future for nature-based recreation. Historically, the site contained the natural community of sandhill habitat. Some of the other plant species known to occur in Sandhill habitat can be observed on the site, including Butterflyweed milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Florida Alicia (*Chapmannia floridana*), and Blazing star (*Liatris spicata*). The site also provides habitat for the threatened gopher tortoise, American black bear, and many species of birds such as the Pileated woodpecker and American kestrel.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**    **Approval of the Green PLACE Advisory Board recommendation to name the property informally known as Pine Plantation as Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve. District 2**




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Attachments

# Pine Plantation Location



## Legend

-  Pine Plantation 08-20-28-0000-00-007 [40 acres]
-  FNAI Florida Managed Areas
-  County Boundary


0 0.5 1 2 Miles



# Pine Plantation 2021 Aerial



## Legend

 Pine Plantation 08-20-28-0000-00-007 [40 acres]

0 112.5 225 450 Feet



Florida Greeneyes (*Berlandiera subcaulis*)



Photograph taken by EPD Staff on the subject parcel