



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Department of Environmental Resources Management

## NAMAC

### History

The Palm Beach County Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) was initially established on August 16, 1994 by the Board of County Commissioners, which also appoints the members of the committee. NAMAC was reestablished on February 24, 2009 to consolidate all resolutions related to the committee into one resolution and to update the membership, duties and functions of the committee.

### Membership

NAMAC has seven regular members:

- One member with experience in the management of natural areas.
- One biological scientist.
- One professional educator with knowledge of South Florida ecosystems.
- One representative of a local municipal government parks and recreation program.
- One member of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department staff.
- Two citizens having an interest in preservation and conservation of natural areas.

### Duties and Functions

The duties and functions of NAMAC are:

- To review and comment on initial and revised management plans developed by staff for natural areas and conservation lands managed by ERM, in accordance with the requirements of the Palm Beach County Natural Areas Ordinance (No. 94-13), as may be amended from time to time.
- To hold a public hearing on each management plan, as required, to solicit input from the public.
- To consider oral and written public comments at hearings and at NAMAC business meetings.
- To make a recommendation to the Board regarding the approval of each management plan reviewed by NAMAC.
- To review and comment on conceptual site plans prepared by staff as part of grant applications for funding for acquisition and/or management of natural areas.
- To review and comment on staff-proposed interim changes to management plans.
- To review the results of ongoing monitoring of natural areas to determine whether management goals are being met.
- To make recommendations to staff regarding policies related to the management of the natural areas.
- To periodically review management plans for possible modification.

### Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings of NAMAC are generally held on the third Friday of each month. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. and are held in the Vista Center at 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. NAMAC also schedules field trips to sites for which management plans are being prepared and public hearings to obtain comments on the draft management plan. All meetings and field trips are open to the public.