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## Flagler County receives 2000 acres for a passive park

**May 9, 2017** – U.S. Capital Alliance, the current developer of Hunter’s Ridge, has given nearly 2,000 acres to Flagler County that will become a passive park in the future.

The property is located on the west side of Hunter’s Ridge, north of State Road 40 and west of Interstate 95 within the Flagler County portion of the development that straddles both Volusia and Flagler counties. Allan Feker, president of U.S. Capital Alliance, expedited the transfer to facilitate building within the development.

“This property is encumbered by permit to St. Johns River Water Management District, because it was used as wetland mitigation by the developer,” said Flagler County Public Lands and Natural Resource Manager Tim Telfer. “There has been a long-standing agreement that we would do several things before opening the property up for public use.”

Flagler County will manage invasive species, perform prescribed fire when the weather conditions are appropriate as it does with other passive parks such as Princess Place.

“The property will be in a much more natural state once that is done,” Telfer said.

Additional property management measures include installing gates at strategic locations and hiring a security firm to conduct regular, random patrols to ensure there is no poaching or unauthorized access.

The master plan for the Hunter’s Ridge development was created in 1991.

“It’s taken a couple of decades for this to happen, so we are glad to see everything finally coming together,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “It will be nice to have another passive park in our community when we are able to open this property up to the public.”

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