

**CATALINA AT WINKLER PRESERVE
(SFWMD PERMIT NO. 36-04616-P)
PRESERVE AREA LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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Catalina at Winkler Preserve contains 17.60 acres of wetland preserve area, 16.91 acres of which is subject to a conservation easement for the benefit of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and is required to be maintained in perpetuity by the entity responsible for operation and maintenance of SFWMD Permit No. 36-04616-P. The following long term management plan has been prepared to assist the operating entity in maintaining the preserve areas and remaining in compliance with the permit:

- The SFWMD permit requires that maintenance be conducted in perpetuity to ensure that the conservation area is maintained free of Category 1 exotic vegetation immediately following a maintenance activity and that exotic species do not exceed five percent of total cover between maintenance activities. Semi-annual maintenance activities are recommended, however more frequent visits may be necessary to comply with the SFWMD permit requirements. If detected, exotic and nuisance vegetation species located within the preserve areas should be treated by a licensed herbicide applicator and/or cut. Vines and other weedy vegetation must be controlled so that they do not become a nuisance.
- An inspection of the conservation area will be conducted annually, at a minimum, to ensure that exotic and nuisance plant species have not encroached into the conservation area.
- No use of heavy machinery is allowed in the conservation area. Exotic and nuisance species shall be cut with a machete, chainsaw, or similar hand tool. The trimming or removal of living or dead native trees should only be conducted to prevent injury to people or damage to structures. The SFWMD shall be contacted prior to any trimming or removal of native trees located within the conservation area.
- The only activities that should be conducted within the conservation area are those described in the conservation easement. The conservation areas will not be disturbed by dredging, filling, land clearing, yard waste dumping, agricultural activities, or other construction work unless first approved by the SFWMD.
- No trimming of native vegetation is authorized within the conservation easement area. Should such activity become necessary, modification of the SFWMD permit will be required.

- Permanent physical markers designating the conservation status of the wetland preservation areas and buffer zones shall be maintained in perpetuity at the intersection of the buffer and each lot line.
- The perimeter buffer should be routinely treated to ensure the installed buffer hedge plantings are maintained and so that sod encroachment into the buffer or conservation area does not occur.