

# **Alachua County, FL**

12 SE 1st Street  
Gainesville, Florida



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

### **Policy Discussion**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**  
**1:30 PM**  
**Grace Knight Conference Room**

### **Special Meeting**

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**Approval of Agenda**

1. [20-0006](#) Approval of Agenda

**Items for Discussion**

2. [19-0810](#) Potential Site Locations for an Aquatics Center

*Fiscal Consideration:* N/A

*Recommended Action:* Provide staff with direction for further action to identify a site for an aquatics center.

[Aquatic Center Siting Map](#)

[Wacahoota Tract Map with Gator Bowmen Licensed Area](#)

[Diamond Sports Park Map](#)

[Community Engagement Survey - Aquatics Center Siting.pdf](#)

**Closing Comments**

3. [20-0007](#) Public Comment
4. [20-0008](#) Commission Comment

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**Agenda Item Name:**

Potential Site Locations for an Aquatics Center

**Presenter:**

Charlie Houder, 264-6804

**Description:**

Staff is presenting information about publicly owned lands that may be suitable for the development of an aquatics center as alternatives to Camp McConnell.

**Recommended Action:**

Provide staff with direction for further action to identify a site for an aquatics center.

**Prior Board Motions:**

9/10/2019

The Board requested staff to develop a scope for footprint for aquatic center, based on space needs (i.e. 30 acres near I-75 south, per Mr. Huelsman); provide a preliminary inventory of potential public lands (not limited to County-owned property) where facility could be placed, but first back to BoCC for policy review discussion; propose process for partners/tenants to build an aquatic center and how uses would benefit private/public uses.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

N/A

**Background:**

Concurrent with the Board's consideration of a purchase and sale agreement Camp McConnell, David Huelsman submitted the Camp Florida proposal for the redevelopment and operation of the property as a camp and aquatics center. Upon the approval of the agreement to sell the property, the Board directed staff to look at potential alternatives for realizing a facility as described in the Camp Florida proposal.

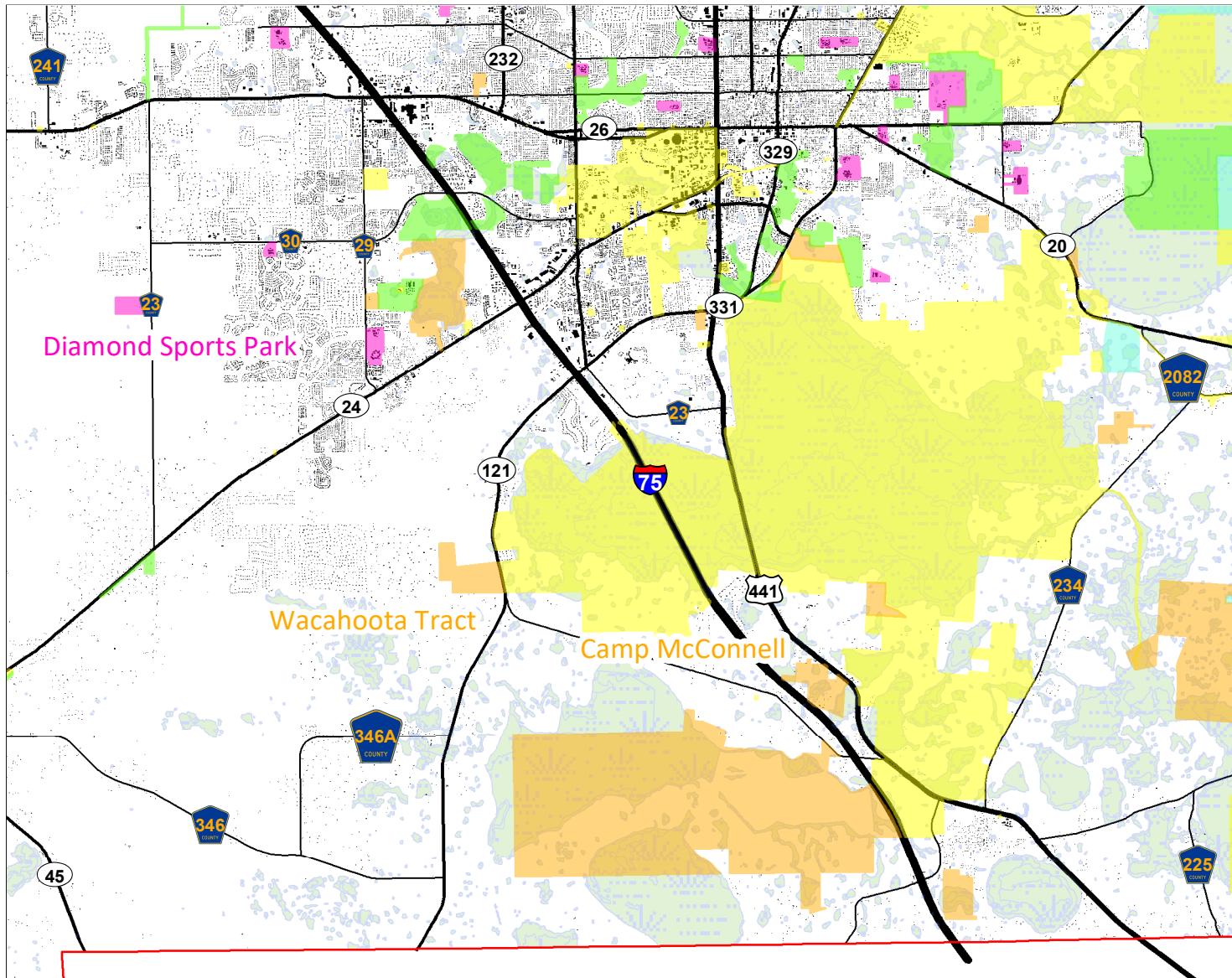
Staff has conducted a preliminary review to identify properties currently in public ownership where such a facility could be built. After considering the various legal, environmental, and practical constraints, two sites in addition to Camp McConnell seem to meet the criteria of 30 acres on the south side of Gainesville in close proximity to I-75: the Wacahoota Tract owned by Alachua County, and Diamond Sports Park owned by the School Board of Alachua County.

The Wacahoota Tract contains 194 acres managed by the Conservation Lands Division as a preserve. The property has not yet been added to the Registry of Protected Public Places. Gator

Bowmen, Inc. operate an archery range on 70 acres of the property under a license agreement that runs through September 30, 2023. There are approximately 50 acres in the northeast portion of the property with frontage on SR 121 that are outside the licensed area.

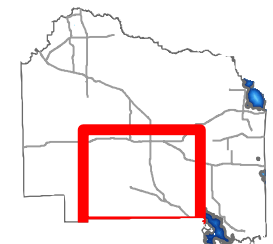
Diamond Sports Park on Parker Road contains approximately 67 acres. Ball fields occupy the eastern 40 acres of the property, but the western 27 acres are undeveloped. This property was slated as the location for a new high school. Staff contacted Suzanne Wynn, Director of Community Planning, to determine the potential availability of the property, but we have not yet received a definitive statement in that regard.

# Public Ownership for Aquatic Center Siting



## Legend

- City > 20 ac.
- County > 20 ac.
- School\_Board > 20 ac.
- SRWMD
- SJRWMD
- State > 20 ac.
- BuildingFootprint
- NWI Wetlands



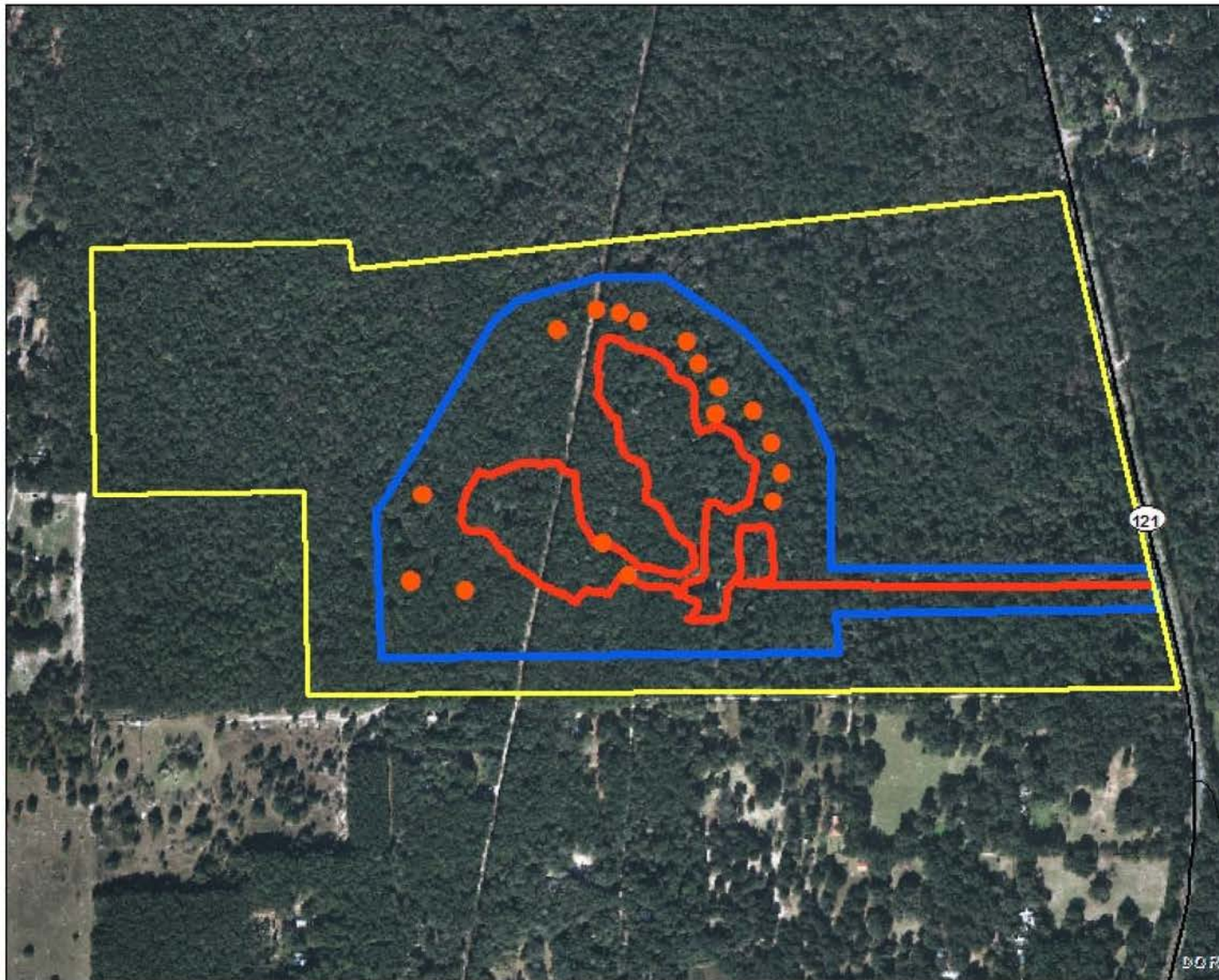
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# Gator Bowmen, Inc. Licensed Property

## Exhibit A



### Legend

- Licensed Property, 70 acres
- Archery Range Trails
- Portable Targets
- Wachoota Road Property

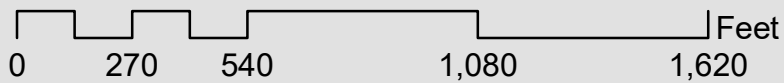
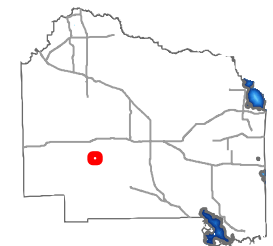


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# Diamond Sports Park



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### Engagement Survey

1. In regard to this item being submitted to the agenda, has County staff engaged with the stakeholders in a way that allowed input/ feedback to be shared?

- ☐ Yes, please fill out the remainder of this form
- ☐ No, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If no, there is no need to continue filling out this form)

2. Please provide the following information for each method of engagement used by County staff.  
(Please write N/A for any items that are not applicable)

<u>Engagement Activity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Was community input recorded?</u>
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Hosted by County

Hosted with stakeholders

Surveys

Interviews

Focus Groups

Other:

2. Please indicate what communication/ outreach was used to inform the public about your engagement activities. (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Letter from Chair/ Commission
- ☐ Mailers
- ☐ Phone calls
- ☐ Print media (flyers, posters)
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Other:

3. How has stakeholder input/ feedback been incorporated into the recommendations being presented to the County Commission?



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