

**RESOLUTION NO. 24- 01 \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN COMMITTEE NAMED THE MICCOSUKEE CANOPY ROAD GREENWAYS CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL OPERATE AND FUNCTION AS A DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE.**

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, in May 1998, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (“Trustees”) acquired 501.9 acres of land from the Trust for Public Land for the project named the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway;

WHEREAS, Leon County, Florida (the “County”) entered into a lease agreement with the Trustees in January 1999, to manage the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway. The Trustees released the lease agreement with the County in February 2000. Subsequently, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways & Trails (the “State”) entered into a fifty-year sublease with the County for the management of the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway in February 2000, which is still in effect today.

WHEREAS, Section 253.034(5), Florida Statutes, and the lease with the State, require that individual land management plans for state-owned conservation land parcels over 160 acres, shall be developed with input from an advisory group and updated every 10 years;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 259.032, Florida Statutes, in 2002, the first Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan was authored by the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department with input from the Friends of the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway and an Advisory Group;

WHEREAS, the first Management Plan was approved by the Board and adopted by the State in 2002;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida Statutes, on August 17, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the “Board”) adopted Resolution No. 10-74, establishing the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen’s Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-02, which extended the date of dissolution of the first Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen’s

1 Advisory Committee to no later than December 31, 2012;

2 WHEREAS, the first updated Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan  
3 adopted by the State in 2013;

4 WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of updating the  
5 Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan to continue the County’s goal to conserve  
6 and protect environmentally sensitive lands and our natural ecosystems, and fulfill the County’s  
7 agreement with the State and requirement under Section 253.034, Florida Statutes, to update the  
8 Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan every 10 years;

9 WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public  
10 involvement and input in County government;

11 WHEREAS, under Resolution 23-31, the Board established a focus group to assist staff to  
12 create the 2024 updated Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan;

13 WHEREAS, in order for the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen’s Advisory  
14 Committee to properly consider the input of the public and make recommendations to staff in the  
15 preparation of the 2024 update of the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan, the  
16 Board establishes this committee as a decision-making committee to function and operate in  
17 accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, “Board-Appointed Citizen Committees;”

18 WHEREAS, this Resolution replaces and supersedes Resolution 23-31;

19 WHEREAS, Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida Statutes, requires members of this advisory  
20 group shall include, at a minimum, representatives of the lead land managing agency, co-managing  
21 entities, local private property owners, the appropriate soil and water conservation district, a local  
22 conservation organization, and a local elected official. If habitat or potentially restorable habitat  
23 for imperiled species is located on state lands, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
24 and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be included on any advisory  
25 group, to provide input into the management plan (for parcels over 160 acres); and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to the membership required by Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida  
27 Statutes, the Board wishes to include members in the Committee that represent three specifically  
28 selected local organizations due to their historic involvement and expertise with the Greenway: a  
29 representative of bike trail users, a representative of equestrian trail users, and a representative of  
30 running trail users.

31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**

1 **COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, that:**

2 1. The Recitals to this Resolution are incorporated herein and made a part hereon as  
3 if fully set forth below.

4 2. This Resolution replaces and supersedes Resolution 23-31;

5 3. The Board hereby establishes a decision-making committee, to be named the  
6 Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen’s Committee, for the purpose of giving input to staff  
7 on the future goals and objectives for the updated ten-year management plan.

8 4. The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen’s Committee shall function and  
9 operate as a decision-making committee in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-  
10 Appointed Citizen Committees.”

11 5. The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen’s Committee shall be charged  
12 with the responsibility of collecting public input and making recommendations to staff regarding  
13 the ten-year management plan goals and objectives for submittal to the State for final approval.

14 6. The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's Committee shall have fourteen  
15 (14) members, including members as required by Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida Statutes, as well  
16 as a representative from local constituent/trail user groups, and shall be appointed by the following  
17 entities:

18 a) Director of the Leon County Parks & Recreation Department, or designee, to serve  
19 as the statutorily required representative of the lead land managing agency;

20 b) Director of the Leon County Cooperative Extension, or designee, to serve as the  
21 statutorily required representative of the co-managing entities;

22 c) Director of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Greenways and  
23 Trails Program, or designee, to serve as the statutorily required representative of  
24 the co-managing entities;

25 d) Director of the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, or designee, to  
26 serve as the statutorily required representative of the co-managing entities;

27 e) President of the Friends of the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway, or other  
28 designated board member, to serve as the statutorily required representative of a  
29 local conservation organization;

30 f) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Chief, or designee, to  
31 serve as the statutorily required representative for habitat or potentially restorable

1 habitat for imperiled species located on state lands;

2 g) The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Director of the  
3 Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, or designee, to serve as the  
4 statutorily required representative for habitat or potentially restorable habitat for  
5 imperiled species located on state lands;

6 h) One member of the Leon County Soil & Water Conservation District, to serve as  
7 the statutorily required representative of the appropriate soil and water conservation  
8 district;

9 i) One County Commissioner, to be appointed by the full Board, to serve as the  
10 statutorily required local elected official;

11 j) The Executive Director of the Westminster Oaks Neighborhood to serve as the  
12 statutorily required local private property owner;

13 k) The President of the Hillwood Homeowners Association, or other designated board  
14 member, to serve as the statutorily required local private property owner.

15 l) The President of Capital City Cyclists, or other board member designee, to serve as  
16 a representative of bike trail users;

17 m) The President of the Southern Trailriders Association, or other board member  
18 designee, to serve as a representative of equestrian trail users;

19 n) The President of the Gulf Winds Track Club, or other board member designee, to  
20 serve as a representative of running trail users;

21 7. 7. The members of the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's  
22 Committee shall not be subject to full and public disclosure of financial interests.

23 8. The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's Committee shall be staffed by  
24 the Division of Parks & Recreation.

25 9. The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's Committee shall be dissolved  
26 only as follows: upon completion of the 2024 Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management  
27 Plan and its acceptance by the Board, and submittal to the State.

28 10. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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**DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 23rd day of January, 2024.

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