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Pasco Purchases 40 Acres of Land for Conservation

~~ELAMP land will expand Withlacoochee River Park~~

DADE CITY, FL ---- Expanded natural resource-based recreation activities will soon be available at [Withlacoochee River Park](#).

The expanded park amenities are made possible through [Pasco County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources'](#) Environmental Lands Acquisition Program (ELAMP), which purchased 40 acres of land next to the entrance of the county-owned Withlacoochee River Park.

The land, acquired in March, is also partially within the Withlacoochee River Ecological Planning Unit (EPU), and supports several conservation objectives including sustaining buffers to wildlife habitat associated with the Withlacoochee River and the Green Swamp.



The [Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program \(ELAMP\)](#) was created in July, 2004 to purchase environmentally-sensitive lands throughout the County. ELAMP ensures those lands protect the natural community, connect natural tracts of land, conserve native plant and animal populations, enhance recreational opportunities and expand environmental education. Funding is provided through a portion of the Penny for Pasco surtax. To learn more about Pasco County's ELAMP, including a list of properties on the acquisition list, click here: <http://bit.ly/2ntczaM>.

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