

Appendix A
Part 1

Environmentally Sensitive Lands

**Protection Priority Site
Maps and Updates**

Ainger Creek

Description:

The 420-acre site is adjacent to the western boundary of Myakka State Forest. The site contains riverine wetlands, hammock, and pine flatwoods and supports a variety of wading birds.

Importance:

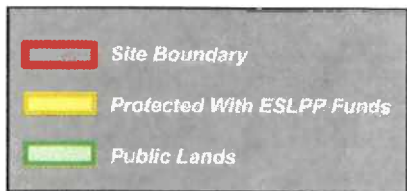
Protection of this site would help buffer the State Forest and Charlotte Harbor State Buffer Preserve and protect the water quality of Lemon Bay.

Status:

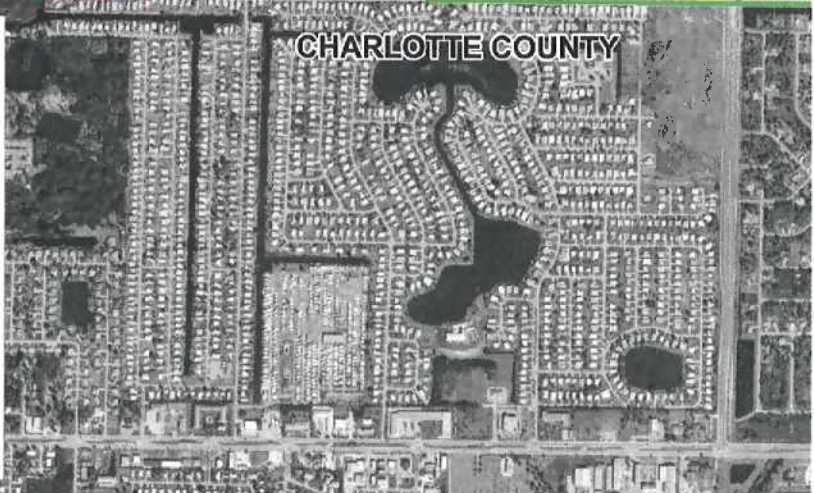
Sarasota County has acquired a 61-acre tract adjacent to the State Forest. The Florida Division of Forestry (DOF) purchased an adjacent 60-acre tract at no cost to the County. An 80-acre parcel was acquired in 2006 that protects quality habitat directly along the creek.



**AINGER CREEK
PROTECTION PRIORITY
SITE**



0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet



Bayonne

Description:

The 11.3-acre site consists of pine flatwoods and scrubby flatwoods. Due to a lack of fire, Florida scrub-jays no longer inhabit the site.

Importance:

This is one of the last undeveloped areas of coastal scrub habitat north of Osprey in Sarasota County. The surrounding areas have been or are proposed to be developed as commercial and high-density residential areas.

Status:

Acquisition of this Protection Priority Site is complete. Fire buffers have been cleared in cooperation with DOF and the County's Firewise program to help prevent wildfires. There is an active bald eagle's nest on site.

