

1. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Preservation and Conservation

- i. Enhance protection for rare, imperiled, threatened and endangered species and plant communities.
- ii. Develop a program that lists the top (10) rare and imperiled species and how to preserve them.
- iii. Coordinate and promote the Conservation Grant program.
- iv. Provide expert guidance to government agencies, and various private organizations regarding the conservation of native plants and native plant communities.
- v. Support and encourage projects that conserve native plants and native plant communities.
- vi. Work with other organizations and agencies to secure grant funding for large scale conservation projects.
- vii. Become apprised of issues related to major transportation and growth management initiatives and provide input when such initiatives represent a significant threat to native plants and native plant communities. Strive to ensure that input is provided at an early stage in the planning and design process of such initiatives to provide legal standing and maximize the likelihood of influencing decision-making.
- viii. Support and promote the Florida Forever successor, CARL and other local land acquisition and management programs
- ix. Develop a program to assist private land owners to manage their land in ways which preserves and conserves native plant communities.
- x. Support the extension of tax relief for private landowners who preserve environmentally sensitive lands.
- xi. Promote measures (legislation, ordinances, etc.) that will produce more effective control of invasive plants and pro-actively prevent the introduction of potentially invasive plants and invasive insects.
- xii. Promote statutory measures that support the FNPS position on biofuel energy plant uses in coordination with the Science and Policy & Legislative Committees.
- xiii. Provide input to agencies, organizations and the general public regarding the preservation of native plants and native plant communities.
- xiv. Assist in identifying native plants and native plant communities in need of preservation and assist in bringing this information to the attention of appropriate agencies, organizations and the general public.
- xv. Assist FNAI (Florida Natural Areas Inventory) and support their influence.

- xvi. Continue active participation and membership on the Endangered Plant Advisory Council.

2. Restoration

- i. Assess existing guidelines and develop FNPS guidelines to define successful restoration of Florida native plant communities. (Advise agencies, organizations and the general public on the proper native plant species to use in restoration projects).
- ii. Assist agencies and land owners in compiling a list of plants native to the site for public land and large tract private owners.
- iii. Work with other organizations and agencies to ensure grant funding for restoration projects.

3. Invasive plants of Florida

- i. Advocate the control and/or eradication of invasive plants; Identify, publish and disseminate invasive plant control procedures for each invasive plant (regional)
- ii. End the marketing of invasive plant material by Florida nurseries.
- iii. Publish and disseminate the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's plant lists and publications.
- iv. Communicate the problems associated with invasive plants.
- v. Influence public policy.
- vi. Assist FNAI with their invasive plant mapping program (each chapter to report sightings).