

SUNCOAST EXOTIC PLANT WORKING GROUP

Ranking Criteria

The Suncoast Exotic Plant Working Group will evaluate exotic plant removal projects utilizing the following weighted criteria. Please complete a narrative explanation of each project you propose. The narrative evaluation should not exceed 3 type written pages. The board of the Working Group will do the scoring, but please consider these criteria when completing your application.

_____ (Score 0-10) Are there currently matching funds available for this project?
Project should be scored according to the following scale 1=10% match, 2=20% match, 3=30% match 4=40% match, 5=50% match, 6=60% match, 7=70% match, 8=80% match, 9=90% match, 10=100% match Volunteer labor rate is to be calculated at the current minimum wage rate of \$5.15 per hour.

_____ (Score 0-10) Is there a management and/or restoration plan established for the site? And/or has there been a demonstrated commitment by the management agency on this or other sites to control exotics to facilitate natural resource restoration? 0= No plan, 5= Commitment, 10= Plan in place

_____ (Score 0-5) Is there an existing/ongoing invasive exotic plant control program?

_____ (Score 0-10) Is the exotic plant control program capable of long-term maintenance and follow-up at this project site?

_____ (Score 0-10) Is completion/control of target species close at hand? (Base score on percentage of infestation initially treated or controlled. 1=10%, 2=20%, 3=30% etc.)

_____ (Score 0-5) Are other inexpensive sources of labor available to be used at the site (e.g. DOC, Americorps, Wages, Volunteers)?

_____ (Score 0-5) Are there qualified staff or contractors available to oversee the project?

_____ (Score 0-5) Does this project area contain a high ratio of natives to exotics? (Explain method of determination). If there is a higher ratio of exotics, are there plans for native planting?

_____ (Score 0-5) Is there connectivity with other conservation lands?

_____ (Score 0-5) Are any partners involved in this project? (Explain role of partners)

_____ (Score 0-10) Is there an education or public awareness component to the project

(Explain)? _____

_____ (Score 0-5) Will this project benefit listed species? Describe species.

_____ (Score 0-10) Will this project improve rare habitats and/or increase species diversity?

_____ (Score 0-5) Explain other possible benefits to exotic removal on this project.

_____ Total