

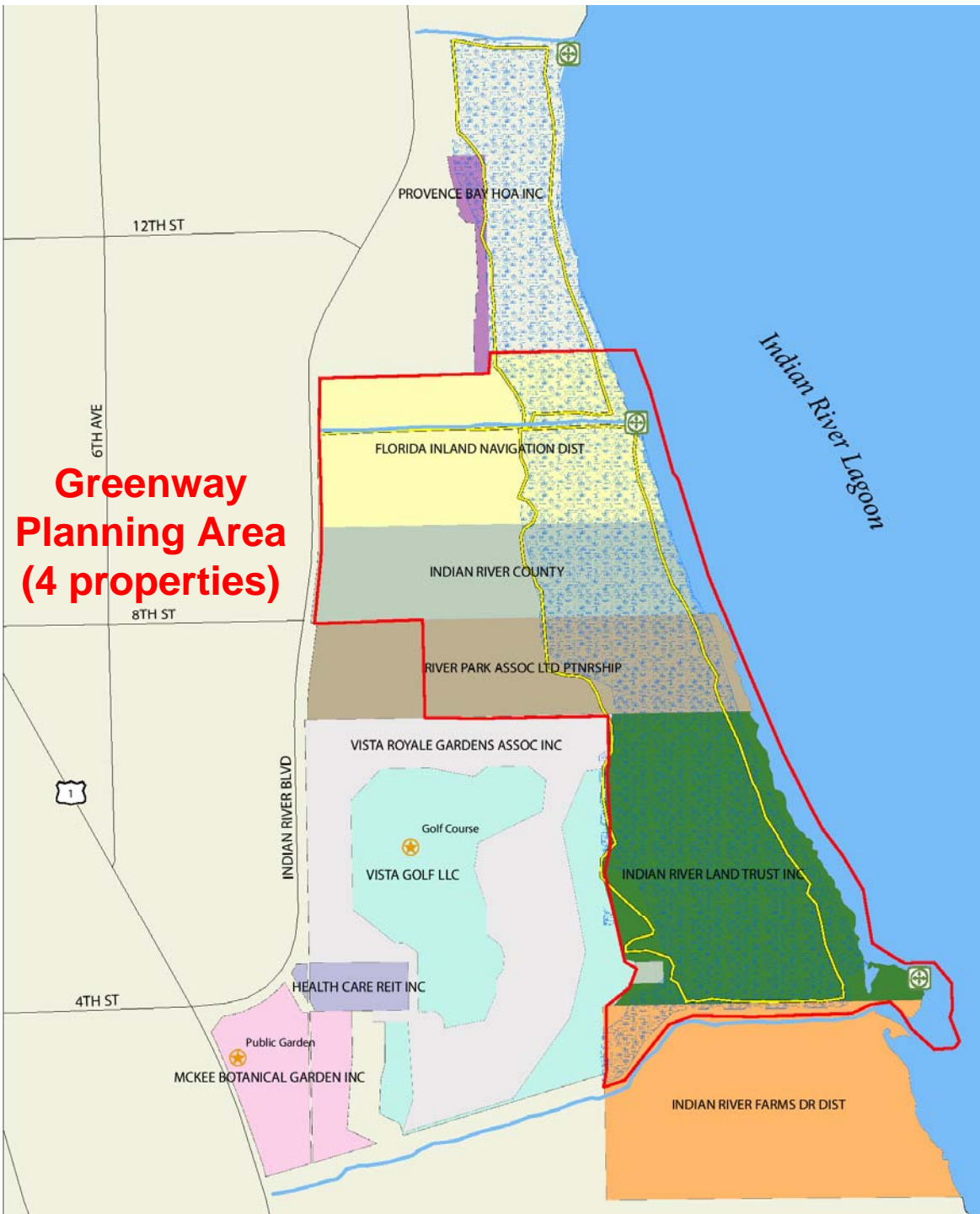


Lagoon Greenway

A Partnership







**Greenway
Planning Area
(4 properties)**

Lagoon Greenway

Purpose:

To create a trail system for public access to the Indian River Lagoon for a variety of recreational and educational uses.

Lagoon Greenway

Primary Goals:

1. Provide pathways for non-motorized use with access to Lagoon.
2. Create a variety of recreational opportunities.
3. Conserve the natural resources of the Lagoon and adjoining habitats.
4. Establish educational facilities and programs about local natural and historic resources.

(see pages 1-2 of Lagoon Greenway Plan for details)

Background – 1990s:

- Public and private parcels along Lagoon protected from development to conserve native wetland habitat.
- IR County acquired 50% ownership in 38-acre Greenway access parcel (Flinn Tract) purchased with bond funds. Florida Inland Navigation District (F.I.N.D.) & SJRWMD each hold a 25% interest.
- Indian River Land Trust (IRLT) acquired 66-acre parcel south of Flinn Tract as part of McKee Garden project.
- Approx. 85% of Greenway area is mangrove swamps ringed by impoundment roads managed by IR Mosquito Control District. County parcel contains upland hammocks.



One view of Lagoon from eastern impoundment road

Lagoon Greenway Timeline (to-date):

- Fall 2007: citizens group approaches IRLT with idea to open land for trails and recreation
- Spring 2008: initial meeting with County staff in support of Greenway project concept
- Fall 2008: Lagoon Greenway Plan begins with IRLT and Advisory Committee support
- Spring 2009:
Management Plan draft completed for County's 38-acre Flinn Tract.

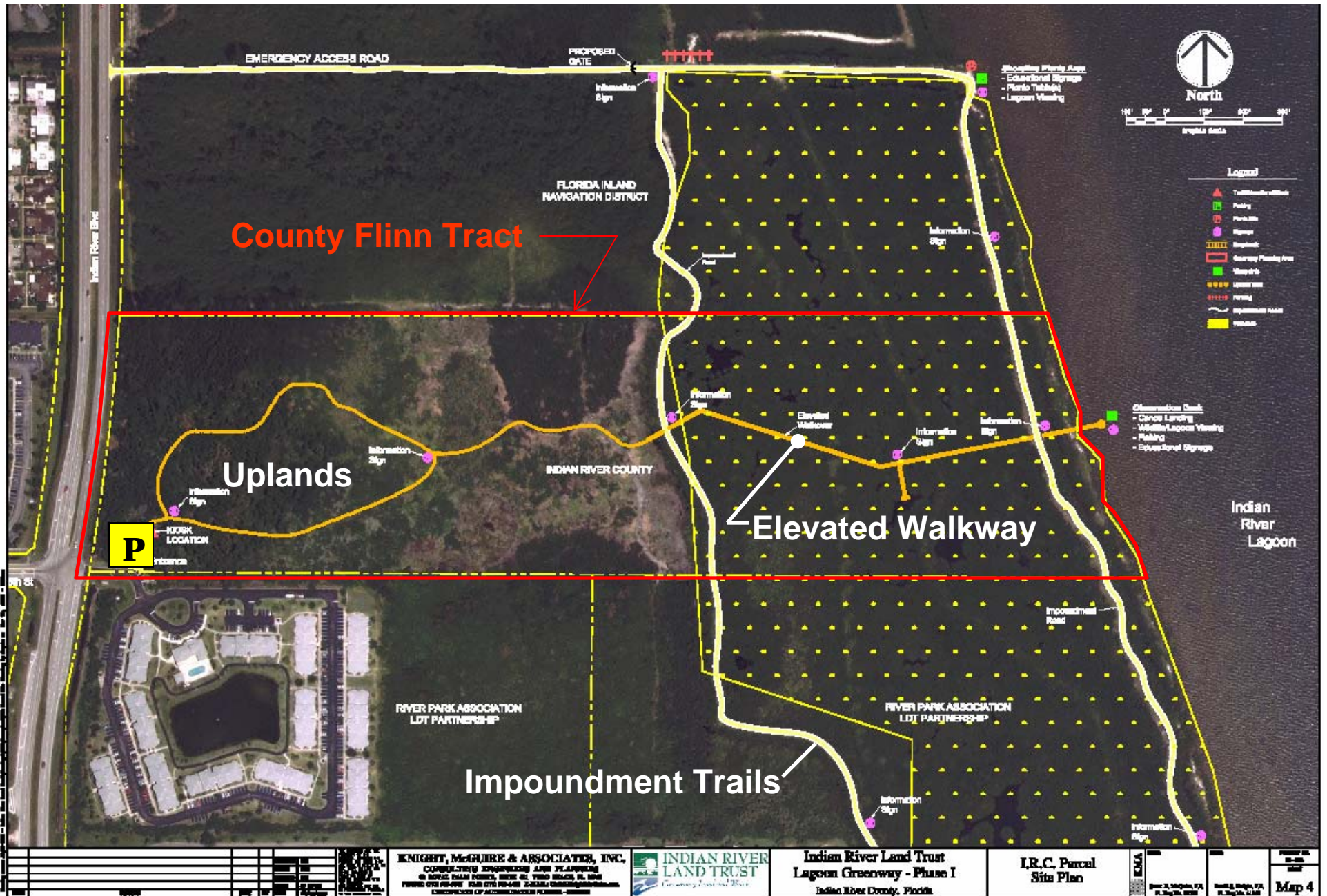
Lagoon Greenway Plan completed.

IRLT Board approval to fund and administer design, permitting and resource inventory.



Lagoon Greenway Plan

(see Map #3 in Lagoon Greenway Plan document)



Site Plan (see Map #4 in Greenway Plan document)

Construction Costs

Lagoon Greenway

Primary Elements:

Parking & Kiosk:	\$ 15,000
Restroom Facilities:	\$ 70,000
Upland Trails:	\$ 20,000
Picnic Area:	\$ 5,000
Elevated Boardwalk:	\$250,000
Observation Deck:	\$ 25,000
Impoundment Trails:	\$ 55,000
Other:	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total Costs:	\$460,000

See pg. 14 of Greenway Plan for identified funding sources



Future Impoundment Trail



**Indian River Lagoon
at Proposed Picnic Area**



County Flinn Tract Uplands

Greenway Roles

Goal: to provide maximum effective service to the public through a public-private partnership.

Indian River Land Trust would work with the County and other agencies to provide overall promotion, coordination and tracking of the Lagoon Greenway's design, development and management.

IR County would coordinate with IRLT and other agencies to secure funding and permits, oversee development, and manage the majority of the Lagoon Greenway trail and facilities.

Specifically, IRLT would:

1. Provide support to coordinate design and development of Greenway.
2. Help secure funds (private and public) to assist with design and construction.
3. Promote & coordinate use of Greenway w/ website, newsletter, press, maps, etc.

(see pg. 12 of Lagoon Greenway Plan for details)

Specifically, IR County would:

1. Work to obtain outside funding in 2010 for development of Lagoon Greenway.
2. Conduct management and maintenance work on Greenway trails and facilities.
3. Explore opportunities to secure press coverage and promote project.

(see pg. 13 of Lagoon Greenway Plan for details)

More on Long-Term Greenway Management

County would:

- Manage constructed facilities on County property
- Manage upland and impoundment trails on County property
- Assist with management of all Greenway parcels
- Communicate with county boards & IRLT as appropriate

IRLT would:

- Manage trails & signage on IRLT property
- Assist with management of other constructed facilities
- Conduct regular volunteer group clean-ups
- Act as primary contact for Greenway inquiries/ concerns
- Keep records & report to County/ other agencies

IRLT and County responsibilities would be detailed in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

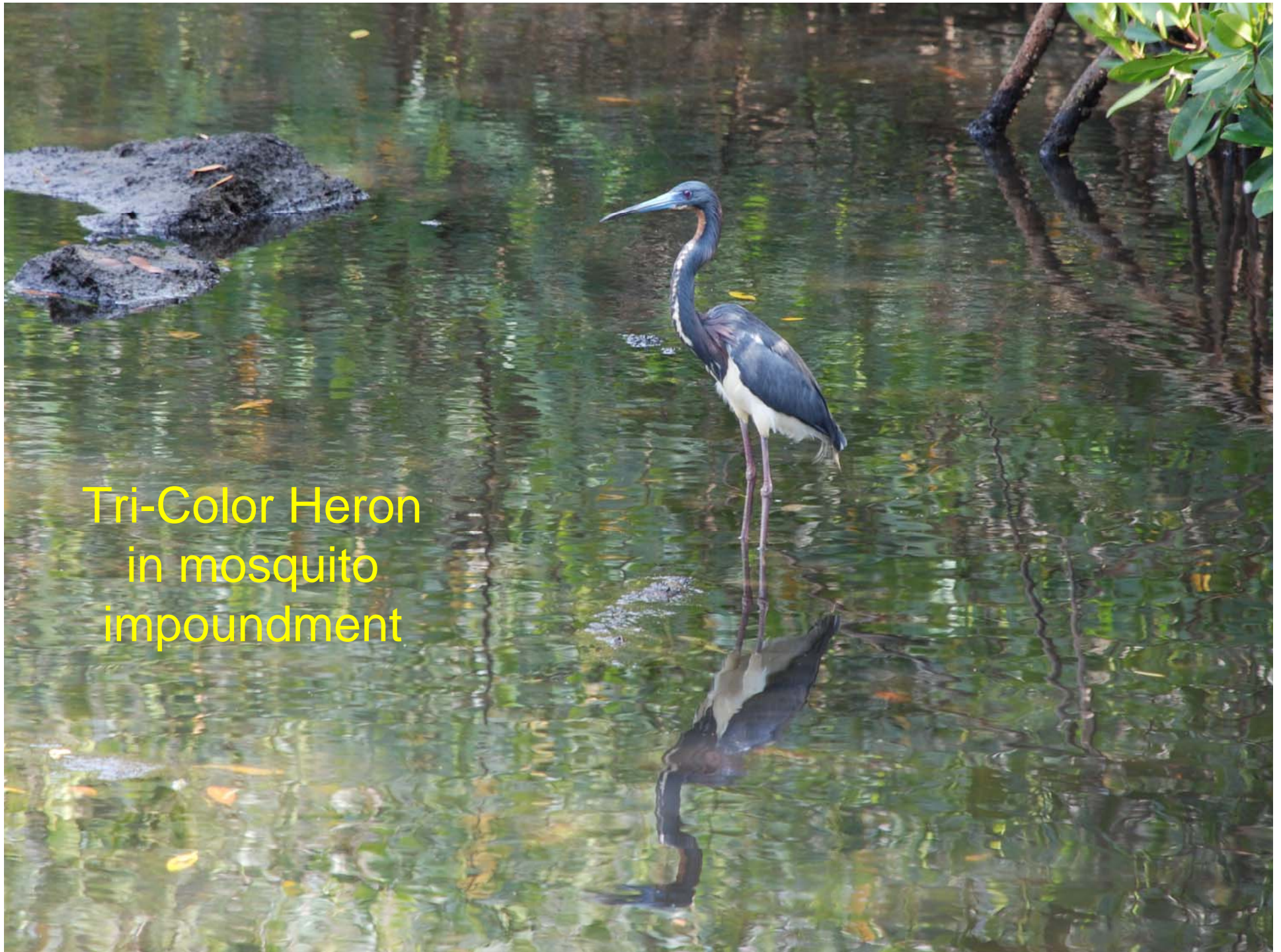
Main components for consideration in MOA:

- Advisory/ Friends Group Coordination
- Species/ Habitat Inventory
- Greenway Design & Permitting
- Grants/ Fundraising
- Site Recognition of Partners and Funders
- Greenway Management
- Multi-Agency Cooperation
- Greenway Promotion

Greenway Timeline

INITIATIVE	3Q 2009	4Q 2009	1Q 2010	2Q 2010	3Q 2010	4Q 2010	1Q 2011	2Q 2011	3Q 2011	4Q 2011	2012	2013
IR County Management Plan												
Advisory/ Friends Coordination												
Memorandum of Agreement												
Species/ Habitat Inventory												
Design and Permitting												
Grant Application Submittals/Awards												
Greenway Construction												

(see pg 11 of Lagoon Greenway Plan for more details)



Tri-Color Heron
in mosquito
impoundment



River Otter



Greenway Partnering Agencies

Indian River Land Trust

Indian River County

Indian River Mosquito Control District

Florida Inland Navigation District

Greenway Plan Assistance from

CivaTerra

Knight, McGuire & Associates

Kimley-Horn & Associates

David Cox Consulting

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