

CHAPTER 2023-330

House Bill No. 943

An act relating to the Acme Improvement District and Pine Tree Water Control District, Palm Beach County; transferring land referred to as the Wellington Preserve at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat and the Moncada Property from the Pine Tree Water Control District to the Acme Improvement District; providing purposes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Extension of Acme Improvement District boundaries.—The lands commonly known as the Wellington Preserve at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat and the Moncada Property more particularly described below, shall be added to the territorial limits of the Acme Improvement District, a dependent district of the Village of Wellington, existing in Palm Beach County, as codified under chapter 2003-330, Laws of Florida, and shall be removed from the territorial limits of the Pine Tree Water Control District, a corporation under the drainage laws of the state, existing in Palm Beach County, as codified under chapter 2009-270, Laws of Florida. The purpose of the transfer of property from the Pine Tree Water Control District to the Acme Improvement District is to facilitate the incorporation of the Moncada Property into the existing Wellington Preserve at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat, and to preserve public resources by allowing Wellington to direct its financial resources to developing, preserving, and maintaining these natural areas for the benefit of the public. In addition to the already existing 365-acre Wellington Preserve that provides an environmental ecosystem, flood protection, and recreational opportunities to Palm Beach County residents, the addition of the Moncada property to the Wellington Preserve will add an additional 45 acres of landscaping, planting, hiking trails, equestrian trails, a wildlife observation area, picnic structures, and an educational kiosk; and will protect the natural characteristics of the site and preserve its habitat for numerous listed species that live in the area. The Wellington Preserve at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat and the Moncada Property are more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land being a portion of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 40 East, Village of Wellington, Palm Beach County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Section 24; thence South 01°18'09" West along the East line of said Section 24 (as a basis of bearings), a distance of 3,381.01 feet to a point being on a line lying 3,381.01 feet Southerly of, (as measured along the East line of said Section 24) and parallel with (as measured at right angles) the North line of said Section 24;

thence South 89°43'34" West along said parallel line, a distance of 5,277.25 feet to a point being on the West line of said Section 24;
thence North 01°19'14" East along the West line of said Section 24, a distance of 739.82 feet to the West quarter corner of said Section 24;
thence North 01°19'15" East continuing along the West line of said Section 24, a distance of 2,641.21 feet to the Northwest corner of said Section 24;
thence North 89°43'34" East along the North line of said Section 24, a distance of 5,276.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Containing 409.409 acres more or less.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2023.

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