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News Release

Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams announced the Board of County Commissioners has approved the Adopt-A-Natural Area Program Agreement with local agencies where volunteers will perform specified services while raising community awareness.

The group of adopters will volunteer and promote at sites in their local neighborhoods by doing unique events such as trash pickups, restoration plantings, invasive plant removal, public education events, and guided tours.

“It’s a win-win for all parties,” said Abrams. “The county’s natural areas are a local treasure and we are always thrilled to partner with groups interested in volunteering and promoting them.”

The group of adopters located in Abrams’ South County District includes:

- First Baptist Church of Lantana for the promotion of Hypoluxo Scrub Natural Area
- Keshava Radha Yoga, Inc. for the promotion and maintenance of Yamato Scrub Natural Area.

[The Adopt-A-Natural-Area program](#) was designed to help organizations grow through community service and team building while promoting environmental stewardship and awareness. The program is open to individuals, civic groups and businesses interested in promoting and maintaining county-owned and managed natural areas.

The county’s Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) maintains over 31,000 acres of natural areas and greenways. It’s goal is to preserve, monitor and maintain these native biological sites with long-term stewardship practices. These rare and diverse native ecosystems include 19 natural areas with public use facilities, such as hiking trails, horseback riding, bicycling, and fishing. For more information on the county’s natural areas, visit <http://www.pbcgov.org/erm/natural/>.