



A Guide to Jupiter's Open Spaces

In August of 2004 and March of 2019, Jupiter voters approved bond referendums for the purpose of purchasing vacant land to be preserved and turned into open space for the enjoyment of Town residents and visitors.

These land conservation referendums were aimed at accomplishing five main goals:

1. protect environmentally sensitive lands,
2. set aside vacant parcels for open space uses,
3. preserve archaeological or historic sites,
4. mitigate future traffic levels by preserving some of the Town's remaining opening space,
5. improve the public's access to Jupiter's natural assets.

Since approval of the original bond referendum in 2004, **11 properties**, covering **137.35 acres**, have been purchased or incorporated into the Town's Open Spaces Program.

In total, more than **1,300 acres** are now preserved in Jupiter, with over 400 acres in public ownership and an additional 800 in Town and county parks.



Jupiter Open Space Program

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1. Washington Street Preserve

Purchased March 2011 — Size: 39.2 acres

The Washington Street Preserve is strategically located between a large Town park and County preserve areas, and was purchased to provide a critical greenway connection between those properties. Pine flatwoods and a mesic oak hammock with scattered cypress trees comprise the habitat types for this preserve. Future amenities include a walking path which will connect with adjacent trail systems.

2. Cinquez Park

Purchased September 2008 — Size: 10.08 acres

Located on Indiantown Road just northwest of Center Street, a previous development proposal for this property was a big-box retail store. Instead, this property was purchased by the Town to reduce traffic impacts on Indiantown Road and to provide recreational opportunities. Highlights of the property are the fenced-in dog park areas that include picnic areas, benches, pavilions, and gazebos. Other amenities include a lake for recreational fishing and accessible walking paths around the lake and through the natural area. In addition to the 10.08 acres purchased using money from the Open Space Bond, three acres were purchased using money from the general fund.

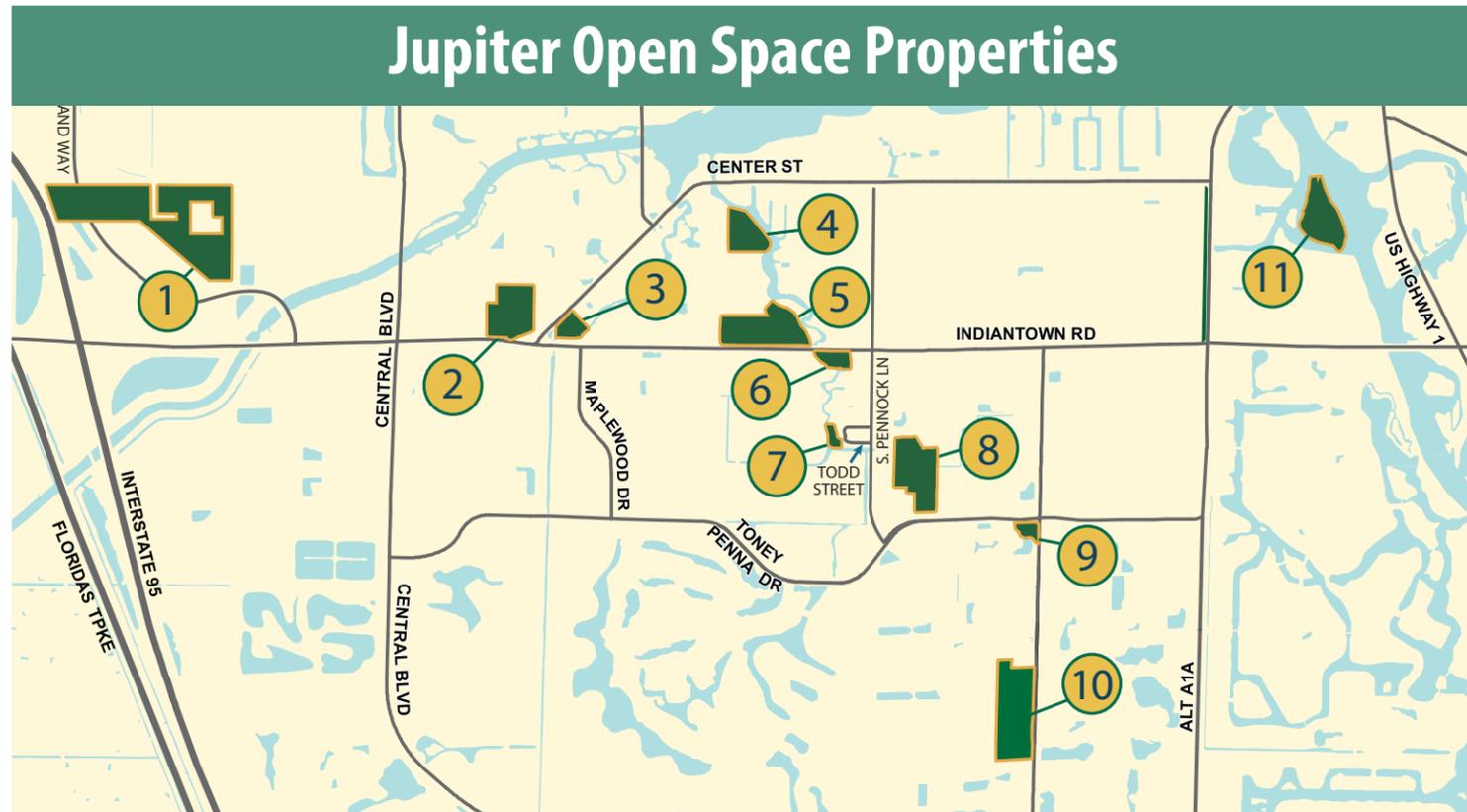


3. Sims Creek Preserve

Purchased November 2005 — Size: 2.82 acres

Sims Creek Preserve is located just northeast of the intersection of Center Street and Indiantown Road. Although the site was disturbed in the past, numerous canopy trees such as oaks and slash pines were preserved in place during the initial exotic vegetation removal and restoration effort. A special feature of this site is the creek that bounds the property on the east and south.

Preservation of this property as open space protects water resources and mitigates future traffic on Indiantown Road. Plans are underway to provide parking and a kayak launch.



4. 500 N. Delaware Boulevard

Purchased June 2021 — Size: 7.88 acres

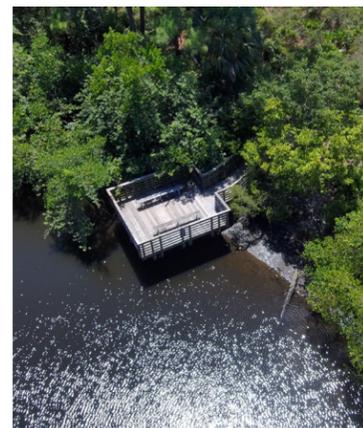
Acquired by the Town through the voter-approved Land Acquisition Bond program in 2021, this area along the Loxahatchee River is currently wooded. Future plans for the property include public access amenities that showcase the natural habitats of the area.



5. Delaware Scrub

Purchased May 2005 — Size: 15.88 acres

The Delaware Scrub encompasses four different ecosystems: pine flatwoods, Florida scrub, mangrove swamp, and a cypress swamp. Amenities include parking and an accessible walking trail with a boardwalk that terminates at an observation platform overlooking Jones Creek.



6. Jones Creek Preserve

Purchased July 2005 — Size: 2.71 acres

Jones Creek Preserve provides an opportunity to highlight our water resources - from the creek that flows into the Loxahatchee River, to a large, shallow basin along its southern property line, to the mangrove wetland that occupies one-third of the preserve. Amenities include: parking, a path to the water, a dock with kayak launch, and a gazebo. Plans are underway to plant additional trees and shrubs as well as create a small freshwater wetland.



7. Todd Street Mangrove Preserve

Purchased February 2014 — Size: 1.17 acres

Located at the west end of Todd Street, this property is dominated by a mangrove swamp. However, there is a small area of upland at the end of Choctaw Street, which was cleared of invasive exotic plants and replanted with native trees, palms, and shrubs. It is bordered on the west by Jones Creek and is rumored to host several species of migratory birds.



8. Jones Creek Hammock

Acquired July 1987 — Size: 18.61 acres

The Hammock was incorporated into the Open Space Program in 2006. It was restored and opened for public access in 2007. Located behind the North County Aquatic Complex, the site features parking, a nature trail and a boardwalk. The Hammock has four unique ecosystems: pine flatwoods, mangrove swamp, cypress slough, and its namesake - oak hammock. Of particular note are the oak hammock and cypress slough. The hammock is characterized by a dominant canopy of oak trees with an understory of wild coffee and saw palmetto. The cypress slough is part of the historic headwaters of Jones Creek and is a broad, shallow channel of slow-flowing water. This slough is home to centuries-old cypress trees and many species of wildlife.

9. Georgian Park Preserve

Purchased 1983 — Size: 2.08 acres

Located at the southwest corner of Toney Penna Drive and Military Trail, this preserve was acquired from the developer of the Georgian Park neighborhood. The site comprises a pine flatwoods plant community and is home to a variety of mammals, reptiles and many species of birds.

10. Jones Creek Headwaters

Purchased in the 1990s — Size: 22 acres

Located on Military Trail just south of Barcelona, the Jones Creek Headwaters Preserve is aptly named as it is the location of the original headwaters of Jones Creek. Acquired in the 1990's, habitat types include pine flatwoods and hardwood wetland hammock. Future plans include the construction of a small parking area, nature path, and an elevated boardwalk through the wetland hammock.

11. Mayor Karen J. Golonka Island

Purchased June 2008 — Size: 12 acres

Also known as Karen's Key, this island is named for Karen J. Golonka, who served as Jupiter's Mayor for 27 years and championed preserving the island. Located in the Intracoastal just west of Burt Reynolds Park, Karen's Key was formed from spoils of dredge material when the Intracoastal was created. Exotic vegetation was removed and the island was transformed through the creation of seagrass and mangrove habitat, which is accessible only by kayaks and paddleboards. Other amenities include boat slips and a picnic area.

