

# Re-Wilding the Quads

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Funding a Pollinator Meadow

*A Signature Community Project*



# The Quads



- 33 acres
- Buffer Celery Fields from industrial area
- Conservation Easement granted to Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
- Project management and maintenance by Sarasota Audubon



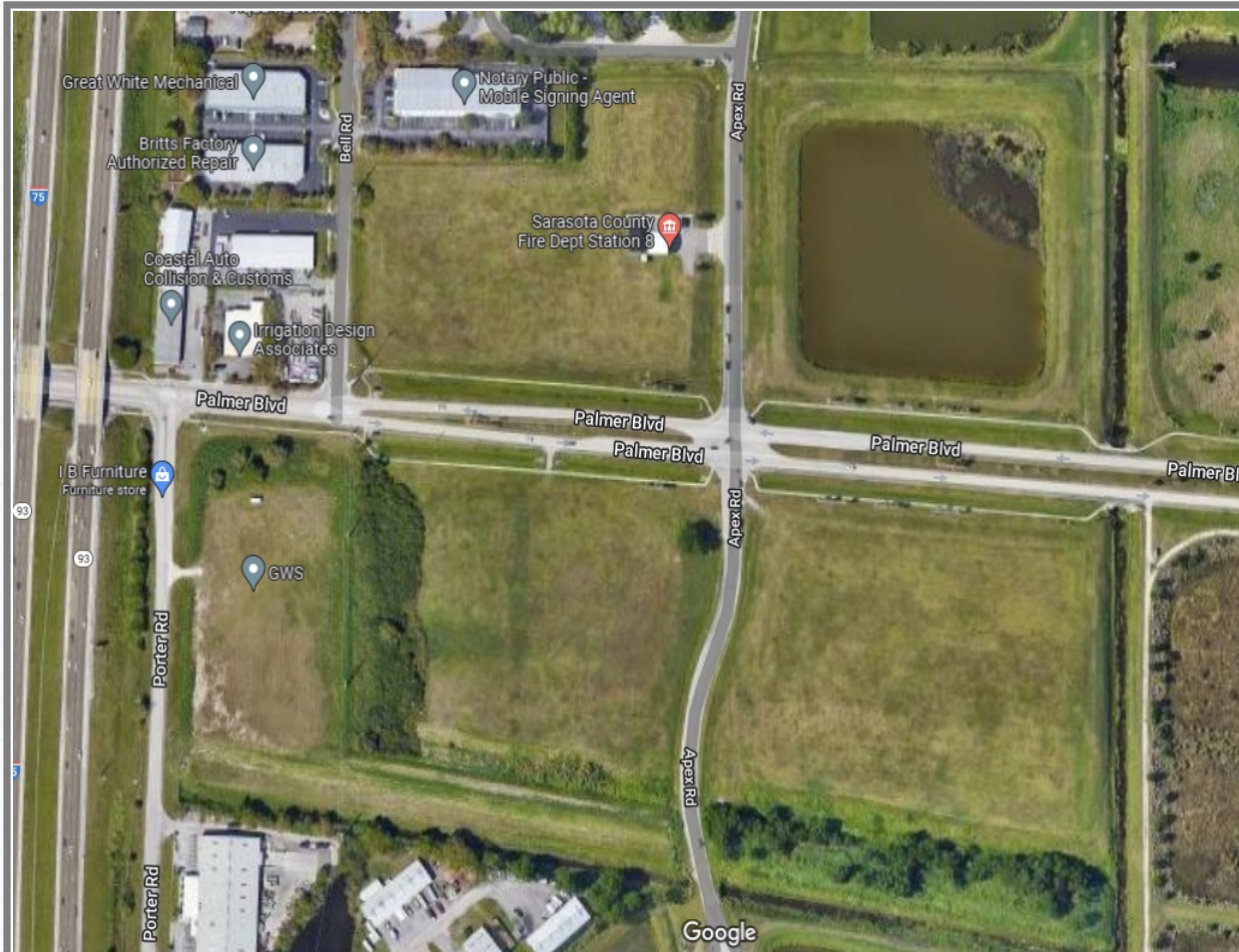
# The Celery Fields

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- 440 acres
- Primary purpose: storm water management & flood mitigation
- Now a world renown wildlife paradise
  - 247 different species of birds recorded
  - Premier land based natural preserve in Sarasota





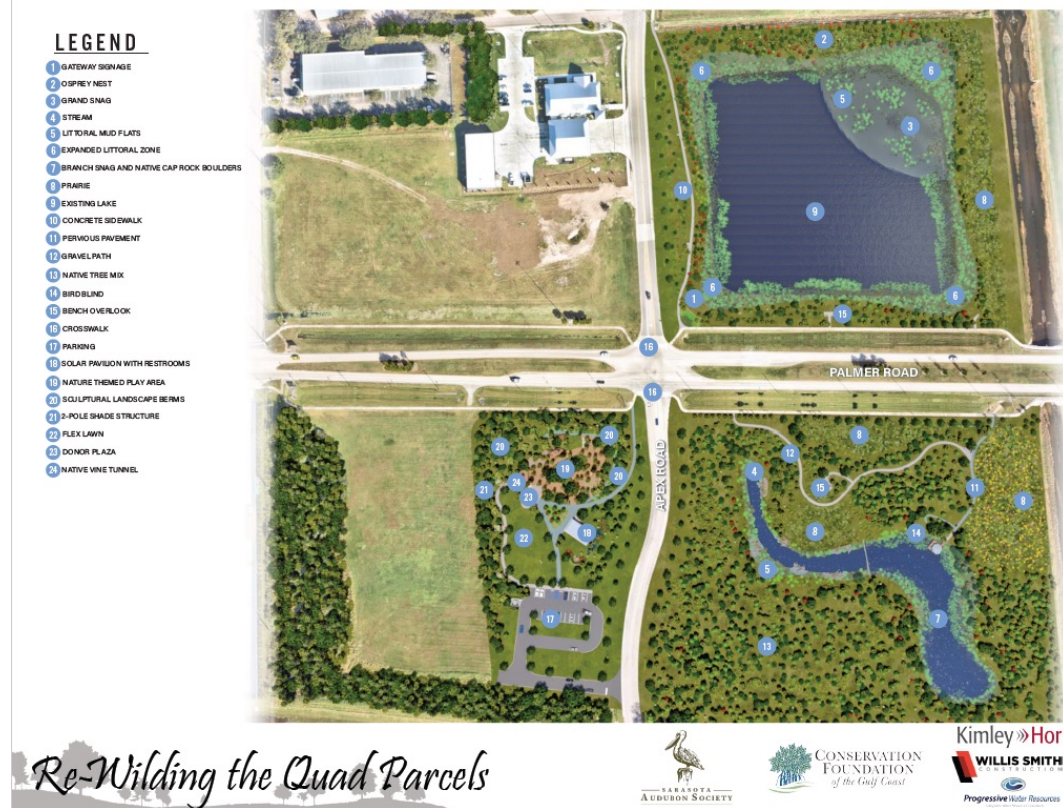
# The Quad Parcels Present Day

- SW parcel reserved for County use
- Deep pond on NW parcel
- Flat grass on other parcels



# Re-Wilding the Quad Parcels

- \$5 million project overall
- Start in 2022; proceed in phases
- Wetlands and trees/shrub areas to add habitat and buffer Celery Fields
- Educational areas and visit support





## Proposed Signature Community Project: Fund the Wildflower Meadow

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- Direct improvement to natural environment.
  - Supports pollinators.
- Fosters education on conservation
  - Beautifies the community
  - Free and open to the public







## Our Partners:

### Sarasota Audubon Society

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### Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast

- Conservation easement from Sarasota County held by CFGC
- CFGC will manage fund raising
- SAS will develop and manage the restoration effort
- Construction to start in 2022



## LEGEND

- 1 BENCH OVERLOOK
- 2 BERMING (TYP)
- 3 6'-10' BERM
- 4 NATURAL PLAYGROUND
- 5 PERVIOUS PAVERS
- 6 GRAVEL PATH
- 7 FLEX LAWN
- 8 PERMEABLE PATH
- 9 10' X 10' PICNIC PAVILION
- 10 ACCESS DRIVE
- 11 GRASS OVERFLOW PARKING
- 12 HIGH LEVEL BENCH OVERLOOK
- 13 LOW LEVEL BIRD BLIND
- 14 WILDFLOWER MEADOW
- 15 WET POOL
- 16 RAVINE WITH UNDULATING SIDE SLOPE
- 17 MESIC HAMMOCK
- 18 UPLAND HAMMOCK
- 19 INVASIVE REMOVAL & NATIVE REPLANTING
- 8,700 SF DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPE #2

