



**LOFTON CREEK VIEWSHED (RAYONIER) – STAFF RANK #18**

**NOMINATION**

<b>OWNER/APPLICANT:</b>	Rayonier Forest Resources LP
<b>PROPERTY NAME:</b>	Lofton Creek Viewshed (Rayonier)
<b>STAFF RANK</b>	#18
<b>NUMBER OF TAX PARCELS:</b>	1
<b>TAX PARCEL NUMBERS:</b>	38-2N-27-0000-0001-0000
<b>LOCATION:</b>	SW Corner of SR 200 and Meadowfield Bluffs Road
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>	45.70
<b>WETLAND ACRES:</b>	42.06
<b>BASE AVG CLAM SCORE:</b>	35.20
<b>ADJUSTED AVG CLAM SCORE:</b>	25.20
<b>EXISTING STRUCTURES:</b>	None
<b>OWNER PARTICIPATION:</b>	No
<b>NOMINATED BY:</b>	Nassau County
<b>WILLING SELLER:</b>	Unknown
<b>JUSTIFIED VALUE:</b>	\$228,750
<b>ACQUISITION TYPE:</b>	Fee Simple
<b>CLAM FRAMEWORK AREA LOCATION:</b>	East Nassau Conservation

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

This property, located at the southwest corner of SR 200 and Meadow Bluffs Road, consists of one tax parcel totaling 45.70 acres.





The CLAM Ranking Map score of 35.20 was assigned to this property with points assessed in the following categories:

- Storm Surge and Flooding
- Underserved Area for Parks
- Wildlife Corridor

The following factors were considered in the property ranking:

- CLAM Score
- No Existing Structures
- Protection of Vulnerable Properties
- Protection of Viewshed



**BASE CLAM SCORE**

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Parcel 38-2N-27-0000-0001-0000  
Acres: 45.75  
Base CLAM Score: 35.20



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## **SUPPORTING GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

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This preservation of this property is supported by the following goals, objectives, and policies:

- 1) Vision 32 goals: to conserve and/or preserve existing natural areas, including wetlands, floodplains, river corridors, streams, creeks, and wildlife habitats.
- 2) SR 200 Corridor Master Plan priority actions: to acquire and/or preserve strategic viewshed protection parcels and to protect/enhance the viewshed for travelers approaching and leaving Amelia Island.
- 3) SR 200 Corridor Master Plan priority actions: to identify flood-prone areas where people and homes are most vulnerable and to recommend solutions to protect those areas.
- 4) Parcel specifically identified in SR 200 Corridor Master Plan for acquisition to advance viewshed and natural area preservation.
- 5) Comprehensive Plan Policy CHZ.06.05: the County shall consider purchasing properties in areas most vulnerable to destructive storm surge and flooding for recreational uses and open space.
- 6) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan implementation strategy: to protect environmental lands through conservation easements, fee-simple acquisition, and other protection.
- 7) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan guiding principles: to ensure a park is located within a 10-minute (1/2 mile) walk of every person.
- 8) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan intent: to acquire properties that provide access to navigable waterways.
- 9) Comprehensive Plan Policy CS.03.01: the County should actively seek to acquire and/or manage natural lands for its green infrastructure that can provide the strategic connection of ecosystem components that are crucial for maintaining the values and services of natural systems. This may be achieved through purchase, donation, conservation easement, clustering of development rights on the least sensitive areas of a site, public/private partnerships, development agreements or development orders.
- 10) Comprehensive Plan Policy CHZ.06.05: the County shall consider purchasing properties in areas most vulnerable to destructive storm surge and flooding for recreational uses and open space.
- 11) Article 37, Natural Resource Protection, purpose and intent: to protect the natural resources, open spaces, and historic character of Nassau County in a manner that preserves and cultivates a unique sense of place while fostering economic well-being, enhancement of property values and quality of life, and minimizing present and future vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards.

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## **PROPERTY'S POTENTIAL CONSERVATION USE**

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This property offers protection to Lofton Creek, an Outstanding Florida Water, and to the headwaters and marshes of the Nassau River-St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve. It is ideally situated along SR 200, providing viewshed protection in a rapidly developing corridor. The property is east and south of the Melton Nelson Boat Ramp with approximately 3,500 feet of frontage on Lofton Creek. Potential public benefits include minimizing future storm surge and flooding vulnerabilities and the provision of recreational opportunities in the form of kayak launches, viewing platforms and trails.