



**MINUTES
TOWN OF JUPITER
ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE (ETF)
TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
October 27, 2025
6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Chair Willie Puz	X	Member Jill Watson	X
Vice-Chair Christina Akly	X	Member Taylor O’Hara	X
Member Christa Cherry	X	Member Kara Kreuger (Alt)	X
Member Emily O’Mahoney	X	Member Nathan Shemella (Alt)	X
Member Beth Summers	X		

Staff Liaisons: Eddy Akpoji, Senior Natural Resources Coordinator
Ashley Reeves, Natural Resources Coordinator
Stephanie A. Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning

CITIZEN COMMENTS

All non-agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to go to the podium and state his/her name and address for the record. **The Task Force will not discuss these items this evening.**

Ms. Linda Smith, member of the Sierra Club, spoke to request more charging stations throughout the Town and to encourage improved recycling on commercial properties.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the August 25, 2025 ETF Meeting Minutes [Attachment 1]

Motion to approve by member O’Mahoney. Seconded by vice-chair Akly.

Puz	Akly	O’Mahoney	Summers	Watson	O’Hara	Kreuger	Shemella
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC BUSINESS

2. Chair and Vice-Chair elections

Emily O’Mahoney nominated Willie Puz – by acclamation the chair remains Mr. Willie Puz.

Christa Cherry nominated Christina Akly – by acclamation the vice-chair remains Ms. Christina Akly.

3. Presentation – Jupiter Greenways & Trails [Attachment 2]

Staff member Stephanie Thoburn presented on the multiple preserve areas, publicly and privately owned, that combine to create a wildlife corridor through the Town and connect to the statewide wildlife corridor. The presentation also covered the numerous bike and pedestrian trails throughout the Town that connect to other statewide trails such as the East Coast Greenway.

4. Presentation - Sawfish Bay Marine Restoration Phase III [Attachment 3]

Staff member Ashley Reeves provided an update on previous phases of the Sawfish Bay Marine Restoration project, and current status of Phase III of the project. Phase III includes the redeeming of the seawall at Sawfish Bay with living shoreline elements along the seawall and installation of a flushing channel.

5. Staff Updates

a. Sims Creek Preserve

Staff provided an update on the Sims Creek Preserve project and gave an overview of the project for new members.

Member O'Mahoney asked staff for an update on the North Delaware open space property. Staff explained that the exotic removal project was complete and staff is working on maintenance of exotic vegetation as it regrows.

6. Task Force Member comments

Member O'Hara asked what the current process is for cleaning up local parks throughout Town, specifically the Jones Creek Hammock open space property. Staff responded that they would look into the trash situation in that area and look into setting up a trash cleanup. Member O'Hara also asked about an update on the Vulnerability Assessment. Staff responded that the Town's Utilities department is still working through the analysis and will be presenting the results to Town Council soon.

Member Shemella asked for more information about the flushing analysis of Sawfish Bay, specifically if that analysis would be conducted by Town staff or an outside agency. Staff responded that they have requested a scope from a continuing services contract to conduct a flushing analysis of Sawfish Bay as part of Phase III of the marine restoration project.

Members Watson and Summers thanked staff for their hard work putting together presentations and information for the Task Force meetings.

Member Akly asked if there was any update on a plan for the North Delaware open space property. Staff responded that there is no plan for the North Delaware property at this time.

Member O'Mahoney asked about FDOT advertising a landscaping bid along Indiantown Rd from Island Way to I-95. Staff responded that they were unaware of the bid but would look into it.

Chair Puz encouraged the group to look around for interesting projects throughout the area to improve tree canopy in the Town. Chair Puz mentioned a grant program in Tequesta to encourage residents to plant more trees on their properties.

7. Next meeting – Tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm made by Christina Akly, seconded by Christa Cherry.

Will B March 30, 2026