

Values Statement

We, the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve (FOBCP), value:

- 1. Maintaining and enhancing the natural biodiversity and ecological integrity of Brooker Creek Preserve (BCP).
- 2. Protected, managed, and minimally developed environmental lands as having great intrinsic value. This is a moral and ethical imperative because the environment is a universal top-tier quality of life issue.
- 3. Promoting sound, accountable environmental stewardship of BCP that is respectful of land character, hydrology, natural cycles, native species, and habitats.
- 4. Maximizing the joint stewardship of BCP with all BCP stakeholders including Pinellas County Government [Board of County Commissioners, Parks and Conservation Resources department, Pinellas County staff, UF/IFAS (University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) Extension Pinellas County], neighbors, and visitors.
- 5. The Environmental Education Center (EEC) serving as a model and education resource for responsible land use, environmental stewardship, and natural history.
- 6. Appropriate public access to BCP and the EEC as promoting stakeholder engagement and inspiring people to respect wildlife and natural habitats, develop their own responsible land ethic, and practice ecological stewardship in their homes, neighborhoods, communities, and workplaces, and ultimately becoming engaged and invested in environmental stewardship.