

From the Conservation Element of the UF Master Plan:

<http://www.masterplan.ufl.edu/2000-2010/pdf/13-conservation.pdf>

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“To ensure the viability and health of the conservation areas on campus, particular attention should be paid to preserve the functional and natural linkages between these systems. Future building growth should protect the current system of natural areas on campus, and take a role in helping shape these areas. Continuity throughout these preserved areas is essential for protecting the natural functions of the rivers, soils, plains and floodlands which are on the University of Florida campus.”

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“Preservation and restoration of this area [Preservation Area 1] will require limiting vehicular access to prevent additional trash dumping and damage by off-road vehicles. Also required will be the removal of the existing refuse and, restoration of the natural grade. ~~and replanting of native species in disturbed areas. Any further development activities such as earthwork, clearing and silviculture should be prohibited.~~ Furthermore, the University should maintain the integrity of the creek and sinkhole in this area.”

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“Policy 1.67: Any proposed development adjacent to a designated conservation area shall be carefully sited and integrated into the existing landscape to have a minimal visual impact on the area. Landscape treatments shall preserve significant existing vegetation to allow a graduated transition from developed areas to undeveloped areas to preserved areas. The existing vegetation shall serve to essentially buffer proposed development in order to maintain the natural and undeveloped character of the area.”