



LIVE NEAR A PRESERVE? Here's Important Information! By the Ponds & Preserves Committee

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This is a reminder to all homeowners who live adjacent to a Preserve to be aware of your special responsibilities. Nearly one third of the homes in Rivendell border designated preserves, often with community-owned common ground (buffer) between the home and preserve. These community-owned common ground and designated preserve areas are inspected on a regular basis.

Rivendell land use restrictions are found in the Covenants under Articles 4.01 (k) and 4.01 (l). Please review these articles to understand your responsibility at www.rivendellcommunity.com/documents.

Rivendell HOA Maintains All Preserve Areas Under Permit with the County. The Requirements are very specific:

- Homeowners/renters/residents are not allowed to plant, disturb, or remove anything from the preserve areas.
- No cutting or removing dead vegetation, depositing yard waste, nor allowing grass or invasive vegetation to grow into the preserve.
- No building or storing of anything is allowed in the preserve areas.

Your HOA is responsible for ongoing maintenance and inspection. As part of their preserve management contract, Aquagenix inspects the land behind properties bordering preserves. You may see them passing through your backyard to access the preserve areas. The RCA does not have an obligation to notify affected homeowners in advance of required community-maintenance activities. We appreciate your ongoing support. Let's work together to protect our preserves and keep them vibrant for wildlife and residents alike.

Please note that unauthorized changes to community-owned common ground are prohibited by our Covenants. Any alterations beyond homeowner's property line may be considered an incursion and subject to enforcement actions. Homeowners will be advised of a problem and asked to stop or remove any unauthorized alterations immediately. The identified issues will be monitored on a continuing basis to ensure compliance with the community documents and County restrictions. In the past, violation of our County agreement has resulted in remediation expense. Any future incursions could result in heavy fines by Sarasota County. Protect our preserves and wildlife habitats. Help keep our property values strong.



Protect our Preserves - leave them alone! Incursions are enforced.
(Drone website video still – thanks Gary Mruz!)