

NSA PC base buffer purchase finalized

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NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently finalized the purchase of 8.4-acres for base buffering of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City for \$1.67 million dollars, the department said in a press release Friday.

“The acquisition of this property will prevent further incompatible development adjacent to NSA Panama City and prevent potential major interruptions to their military mission,” David Clark, DEP’s Division of State Lands director, said in the release. “It will provide additional security and a buffer to one of the more sensitive areas on the installation.”

The parcel is designated as a Tier 1 priority parcel in the Department of Economic Opportunity/Florida Defense Support Task Force’s Military Base Protection Program. The program allows the state of Florida to acquire property around Florida’s military bases and assists bases if development challenges arise, the release stated.

“Aboard Naval Support Activity Panama City, we are grateful for all the hard work done by the State of Florida and Bay County for the purchase of ‘Barefoot Palms’ to protect our installation from encroachment,” Naval Support Activity Panama City commanding officer Jay Segó said in the release. “As development continues to increase in the community, this acquisition not only protects our military mission, but it also ensures the safety and security of our military and civilian employees.”