Sarasota County preserved an additional 503 acres by purchasing the Jordyn Parcel in April 2005 as part of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program. The parcel is part of a protected region called the Deer Prairie Creek Protection Priority Site that covers over 8,000 acres, and contains the full extent of the creek, except for the headwaters in Manatee County. The creek is a tributary of the Myakka River.

This acreage protects critical Myakka River and upland habitats and provides wildlife corridors and trails. Pristine pine flatwoods, hammock, depression marshes, dry prairie and scrub habitats occur here. Wildlife is abundant, including Florida scrub-jays, gopher tortoises, eastern indigo snakes, Florida sandhill cranes, wood storks, and numerous other wading birds. In addition, the site is potential habitat for the Florida black bear and the Florida panther.

For more information contact the Debbie Blanco of Sarasota County Natural Resources at 861-6253; she is the land manager for this parcel. The attached maps show the acquisition within the site. The parcel is highlighted in pink on the County master map.