

**Minutes of the Classification Subcommittee**  
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The subcommittee discussed the scope and meaning of wetland classification and agreed that functional properties, rather than wetland structure and plant composition, should be the focus of our efforts. This was based on the fact that detail plant and wetland classification schemes exist for Florida and that within an urbanized landscape, it is far more important to recognize how the wetland functions both within a site and regionally. We shall be examining current accepted wetland functions with the goal of ranking them within the context of urbanizing landscapes.

Two areas that will be discussed within the subcommittee include: 1) consideration of moving functional assessment of the proposed site earlier in the permitting process to facilitate discussions and development plans as smoothly as possible and 2) proposing language that would consider on site wetlands within a regional context promoting long sustainability of the emerging urbanizing landscape. There is need for regional context in agency guidelines.