

5.F BIOLOGICAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

A biotic community is an assemblage of living things residing together, including both plants and animals. Different regions have different characteristic communities based largely on a combination of topographic, climatic, and human-influenced factors. FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, Appendix A, Section 7, *Farmlands*, and Section 8, *Fish, Wildlife, and Plants*, set forth requirements for consultation to determine if a proposed action could potentially affect farmlands and biotic communities including endangered or threatened species, respectively.

Field inventories of vegetation and wildlife were conducted to provide baseline information on biotic communities, and plant and animal species within the Study Area. A review of existing land use and soil types was conducted to determine if there would be any potential impacts to farmlands. The following sections identify the existing biological and natural resources at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL).

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