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Community Unites to Give Beloved Osprey Pair a New Home in Egan's Landing

Fernandina Beach, FL — In a heartwarming display of community spirit and environmental stewardship, Keep Nassau Beautiful, Egan's Landing Homeowners Association, and Florida Public Utilities (FPU) have partnered to provide a new nesting site for a pair of Ospreys long cherished by local residents.

The Osprey pair, known for returning year after year to nest near the Ron Sapp Egans Creek Greenway, lost their home on June 10 when the tall pine tree they had used for many seasons fell due to age and decay. The tree, though long dead and stripped of most branches, had stood as the tallest in the area and served as a reliable nesting site—until now.

Moved by the loss, 9 homeowners in the Egan's Landing community quickly raised funds—donating between \$50 and \$500 each—to support the installation of a new nesting platform. The HOA quickly agreed to the installation of the pole on HOA property near where the tree was before it fell. Florida Public Utilities responded swiftly, erecting a 68-foot pole and a twin-bed-sized platform on June 20, only 10 days after the loss of the tree.

“As the pole and platform went up, one of the adult Ospreys was seen circling the area,” said Steve Rima, the project coordinator for Egan's Landing. “Soon after, twigs and nesting material began to appear on the platform—a hopeful sign that the pair may reclaim their place in the neighborhood.”

This marks the second consecutive year the Ospreys have faced adversity. In 2024, their nest was destroyed by a weather event, but they returned in 2025 to rebuild. After the recent loss, residents and a Keep Nassau Beautiful representative searched the area for signs of a chick but found no evidence of eggs or hatchlings. The adult birds remained nearby, even attempting to rebuild on a utility pole—prompting FPU to expedite the installation of a safer, permanent solution.

“We are here to protect what makes Nassau County beautiful, and the heart of our work is about kindness,” said Lynda Bell, Executive Director of Keep Nassau Beautiful. “Every act of service is a reminder that small actions can make a big difference.”

The new platform not only restores a home for the Ospreys but also symbolizes the power of community collaboration and the shared commitment to preserving local wildlife.

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Lynda Bell, Steve Rima, and the FPU Team – Egan's Landing, Simmons Road.



FPU Team drilling the hole – Egan's Landing, Simmons Road



FPU Team attach and brace the platform – Egan's Landing, Simmons Road



Osprey adult testing the new platform – Egan's Landing, Simmons Road