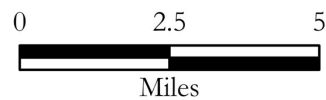


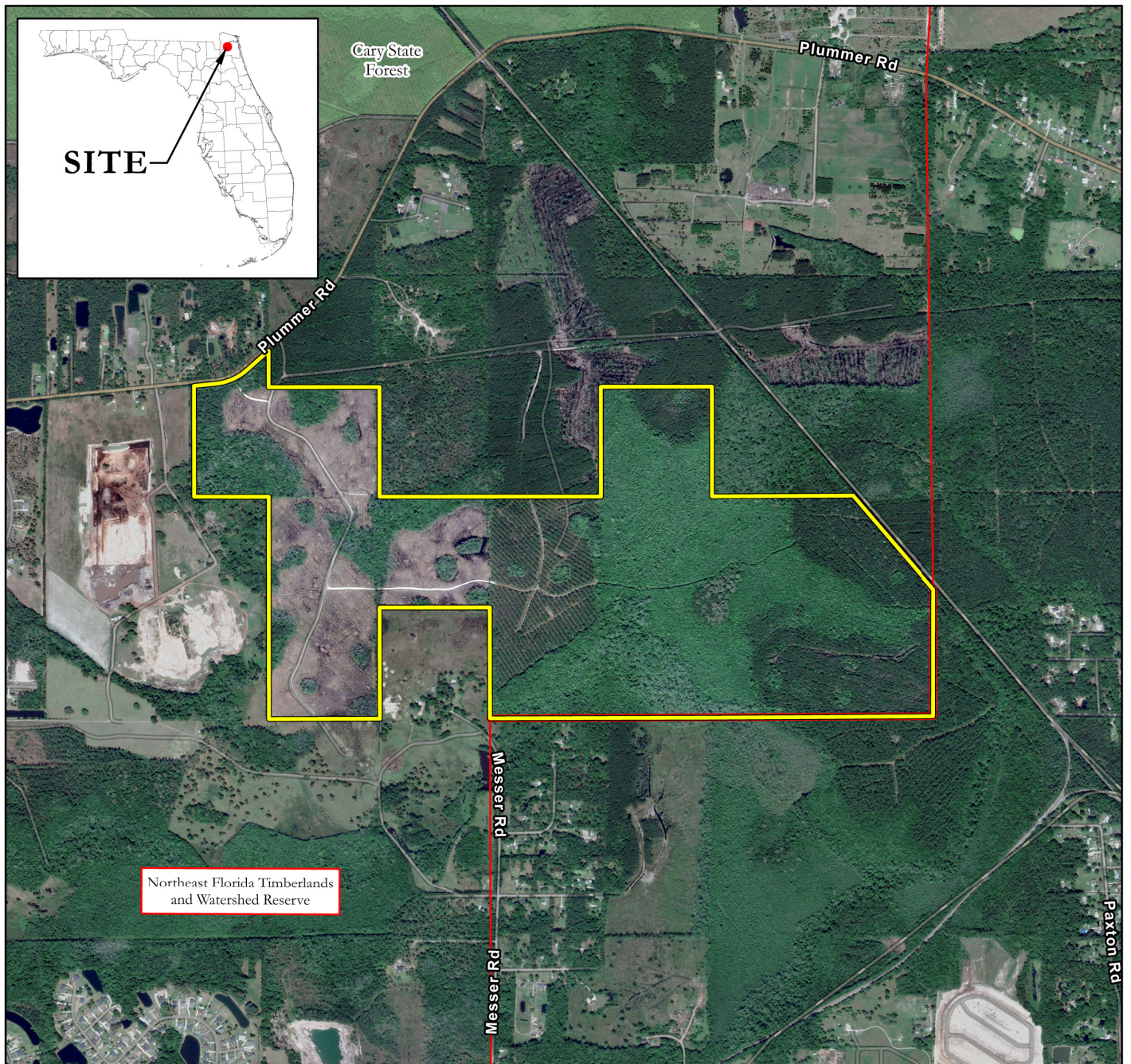
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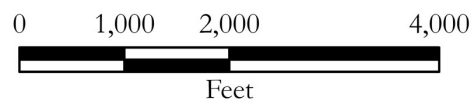
## Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve

Owner: NBM Enterprises, LLC  
Duval County, Florida





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## OPTION AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE

Approved for Agenda  
Purposes Only  
By: [Signature]  
DEP Attorney  
Date: 8/12/2025

THIS AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, between CLDG LAND VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, whose address is 1000 Riverside Ave Suite 600, Jacksonville, Florida 32204 as "Seller" and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA ("Trustees"), whose address is Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 115, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, as "Buyer". Buyer's agent in all matters shall be the Division of State Lands of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DSL").

1. **GRANT OF OPTION.** Seller hereby grants to Buyer the exclusive option to purchase the real property located in Duval County, Florida, described in Exhibit "A", together with all timber, transferable development rights, improvements, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances (the "Property"), in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Exercise of the option is subject to approval by Buyer and is effective only if DSL gives written notice of exercise to Seller. The parties hereto acknowledge that on the effective date of this Agreement Seller has only an Option to acquire the Property from NBM Enterprises, LLC, and does not own the fee simple title to the Property. Buyer acknowledges that Seller's obligations hereunder to convey title to the Property to Buyer are contingent upon Seller's purchase of the Property from the current owners pursuant to the current fully executed contract for purchase and sale between them.

2. **OPTION TERMS.** The consideration for the option granted by this Agreement is \$100.00 ("Option Payment"). Upon execution of this Option Agreement by DSL, DSL will apply to the Chief Financial Officer for a state warrant in the amount of the Option Payment, which, will be forwarded to the escrow agent to hold for the benefit of Seller. The Option Payment is non-refundable such that Seller shall be entitled to retain the Option Payment regardless of whether Buyer exercises the Option; Provided, however, the Option Payment shall be credited toward the purchase price at closing if Buyer timely exercises the option as discussed below. The option may be exercised during the period beginning with Buyer's approval of this Agreement at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Trustees, and ending 150 days after Buyer's approval of this Agreement ("Option Expiration Date"), unless extended by other provisions of this Agreement. If Buyer's funds in the amount of the purchase price (as hereinafter defined in paragraph 3.A.) are not available by the Option Expiration Date the period of exercise of the option may be extended until such funds become available, not to exceed 60 days after the Option Expiration Date, by written notice to Seller. If Buyer's funds are not available at the end of the 60-day extension then this Agreement shall terminate and neither party shall have further obligations under the provisions of this Agreement. If Buyer does not exercise its option by the Option Expiration Date, as extended if applicable, then the escrow agent is directed to release and disburse the Option Payment to Seller the following day. If Buyer does timely exercise its option, then escrow agent shall credit the Option Payment toward the purchase price paid by Buyer at closing.

3.A. **PURCHASE PRICE.** The purchase price for the Property is NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$9,225,000.00) ("Initial Purchase Price") which, after credit for the Option Payment, will be paid at closing. Seller hereby authorizes Buyer to issue a state warrant for the Purchase Price directly to an escrow agent who is authorized by law to receive such payment, and who is acceptable to Buyer, and to require the escrow agent to pay Seller's expenses of sale and real estate taxes. The Initial Purchase Price is subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 3.B. This Agreement is contingent upon approval of the Final Adjusted Purchase Price, hereinafter defined, by Buyer and upon confirmation that the Final Adjusted Purchase Price is not in excess of the maximum value of the Property as determined in accordance with Section 253.025(8), Florida Statutes ("DSL Approved Value"). The determination of the DSL Approved Value and the Final Adjusted Purchase Price can only be made after the completion and DSL's approval of the survey required in paragraph 6.

3.B. **ADJUSTMENT OF PURCHASE PRICE.** If, prior to closing, DSL determines that the Initial Purchase Price exceeds the DSL Approved Value of the Property, the Initial Purchase Price will be reduced to the DSL Approved Value of the Property (herein the "Final Adjusted Purchase Price"). If the Final Adjusted Purchase Price is less than 95% of the Initial Purchase Price because of the adjustment provided for in this paragraph, Seller shall, in Seller's sole discretion, have the right to terminate this Agreement and neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement. If Seller elects to terminate this Agreement, Seller shall provide written notice to DSL of Seller's election to terminate this Agreement within 10 days after Seller's receipt of written notice from DSL of the Final Adjusted Purchase Price. If Seller fails to give Buyer a written notice of termination within the aforesaid time period from receipt of DSL's written notice, then Seller shall be deemed to have waived any right to terminate this Agreement based upon a reduction in the Initial Purchase Price pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 3.B. The Final Adjusted Purchase Price as calculated in this paragraph 3.B. is subject to further adjustment in accordance with the

provisions of this Agreement. The Initial Purchase Price and the Final Adjusted Purchase Price, whichever is applicable depending on whether or not an adjustment has occurred under the provisions of this paragraph 3.B. are hereinafter referred to as the "Purchase Price".

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT. Buyer, prior to the exercise of the option and at its sole cost and expense, may conduct an environmental site assessment of the Property to determine the existence and extent, if any, of any Hazardous Materials on the Property. If further investigations, testing, monitoring or environmental site assessments are required by DSL to determine the existence or extent of Hazardous Materials on the Property, Buyer, at its sole option may elect to extend the Option Expiration Date to conduct such procedures at the Buyer's sole cost and expense. For purposes of this Agreement "Hazardous Materials" shall mean any hazardous or toxic substance, material or waste of any kind or any other substance which is regulated by any Environmental Law (as hereinafter defined in paragraph 5.)

5. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. If the environmental site assessment provided for in paragraph 4 confirms the presence of Hazardous Materials on the Property, Buyer, at its sole option, may elect to terminate this Agreement and neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement. Should Buyer elect not to terminate this Agreement, Seller shall, at Seller's sole cost and expense and prior to the exercise of the option and closing, promptly commence and diligently pursue any assessment, clean up and monitoring of the Property necessary to bring the Property into full compliance with Environmental Law to DSL's satisfaction in its sole discretion. "Environmental Law" shall mean all federal, state and local laws, including statutes, regulations, ordinances, codes, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements and other governmental restrictions relating to the protection of the environment or human health, welfare or safety, or to the emission, discharge, seepage, release or threatened release of any contaminant, solid waste, hazardous waste, pollutant, irritant, petroleum product, waste product, radioactive material, flammable or corrosive substance, carcinogen, explosive, polychlorinated biphenyl, asbestos, hazardous or toxic substance, material or waste of any kind into the environment, including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, ground water, or land including, but not limited to, the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Federal Clean Air Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, the Federal Resource and Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, the Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Chapters 161, 253, 373, 376 and 403, Florida Statutes, Rules of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the rules of the Florida water management districts now or at any time hereafter in effect. However, should the estimated cost to Seller of clean-up of Hazardous Materials exceed a sum which is equal to 5% of the Initial Purchase Price as stated in paragraph 3.A. Seller may elect to terminate this Agreement and neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement. If Hazardous Materials placed on the Property prior to closing are discovered after closing, Seller shall remain obligated hereunder, with such obligation to survive the closing, delivery, and recording of the deed described in paragraph 9 of this Agreement and Buyer's possession of the Property, to diligently pursue and accomplish the clean-up of Hazardous Materials in a manner consistent with all applicable Environmental Laws and at Seller's sole cost and expense.

Further, if neither party elects to terminate this Agreement as provided above, Seller shall indemnify and save harmless and defend Buyer, its officers, servants, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, damages, liabilities, expenditures or causes of action of whatsoever kind arising from Hazardous Materials placed on the Property prior to closing. Seller shall defend, at Seller's sole cost and expense, any legal action, claim or proceeding instituted by any person against Buyer as a result of any claim, suit, or cause of action for injuries to body, life, limb or property for which Hazardous Materials placed on the Property prior to closing are alleged to be a contributing legal cause. Seller shall save Buyer harmless from and against all judgments, orders, decrees, attorney's fees, costs, expenses and liabilities in and about any such claim, suit, investigation or defense thereof, which may be entered, incurred or assessed as a result of the foregoing.

The limitation herein on Seller's contractual obligation to indemnify Buyer as specified in this paragraph 5 shall not be construed to limit Seller's legal liability under any Environmental Law for Hazardous Materials located on the Property or to limit Buyer's legal and equitable remedies against Seller under any Environmental Law for Hazardous Materials located on the Property.

6. SURVEY. Buyer may have the Property surveyed at its expense. If the survey ("Survey"), certified by professional surveyor and mapper licensed by the State of Florida, shows any reduction in acreage from the appraised acreage to the surveyed acreage, any encroachment on the Property or that improvements intended to be located on the Property encroach on the land of others, the same shall be treated as a title defect.

7. TITLE INSURANCE. Buyer may provide a marketable title insurance commitment, to be followed by an owner's marketable title insurance policy (ALTA Form "B" with Florida revisions) from a title insurance company approved by DSL, insuring marketable title to the Property in the amount of the Purchase Price at Buyer's expense.

8. DEFECTS IN TITLE. If the title insurance commitment or Survey furnished pursuant to this Agreement discloses any defects in title which are not acceptable to Buyer, Seller shall, within 90 days after notice from Buyer, remove said defects in title. Seller agrees to use diligent effort to correct the defects in title within the time provided therefor, including the bringing of necessary suits. Defects arising from liens against the Property shall be satisfied at closing from Seller's proceeds. If Seller is unsuccessful in removing the title defects within said time, Buyer shall have the option to either: (a) accept the title as it then is with a reduction in the Purchase Price by an amount determined by DSL, (b) accept the title as it then is with no reduction in the Purchase Price, (c) extend the amount of time Seller has to remove the defects in title, (d) cut out the affected portion of the Property and reduce the Purchase Price by an amount equal to the product of the Purchase Price per acre for the acres being cut out, multiplied by the acreage cut out, or (e) terminate this Agreement, thereupon releasing Buyer and Seller from all further obligations under this Agreement. If Seller fails to make a diligent effort to remove the title defects, Seller shall be in default and the provisions of paragraph 18 of this Agreement shall apply.

9. INTEREST CONVEYED. At closing, Seller shall execute and deliver to Buyer a statutory warranty deed in accordance with the provisions of Section 689.02, Florida Statutes, conveying marketable title to the Property in fee simple free and clear of all liens, reservations, restrictions, easements, leases, tenancies and other encumbrances, except for those that are acceptable encumbrances in the sole discretion of Buyer and do not impair the marketability of the title to the Property.

10. PREPARATION OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS. Upon execution of this Agreement, Seller shall submit to Buyer a properly completed and executed beneficial interest affidavit and disclosure statement as required by Sections 286.23, 375.031(1) and 380.08(2), Florida Statutes. Buyer shall prepare the deed described in paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Buyer's and Seller's closing statements and the title, possession and lien affidavit certified to Buyer and title insurer and an environmental affidavit on DSL forms provided by DSL.

11. DSL REVIEW FOR CLOSING. DSL will approve or reject each item required for closing under this Agreement. If DSL rejects an item for closing which was submitted by the Seller, Seller will have 30 days thereafter to remove and resubmit any rejected item. If Seller fails to timely deliver any items required of Seller, or DSL rejects any item after delivery, the Option Expiration Date shall be extended until DSL approves Seller's documents or until Buyer elects to terminate the Agreement.

12. EXPENSES. Seller will pay the documentary revenue stamp tax and all other taxes or costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of recording the deed described in paragraph 9. of this Agreement and any other recordable instruments that DSL deems necessary to assure good and marketable title to the Property.

13. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. At closing, Seller shall satisfy all real estate taxes and assessments that are or may become a lien against the Property. If Buyer acquires fee title to the Property between January 1 and November 1, Seller shall in accordance with Section 196.295, Florida Statutes, place in escrow with the county tax collector an amount equal to the current taxes prorated to the date of transfer based upon the current assessment and millage rates on the Property. If Buyer acquires fee title to the Property on or after November 1, Seller shall pay to the county tax collector an amount equal to the taxes that are determined to be legally due and payable by the county tax collector.

14. CLOSING PLACE AND DATE. The closing shall be on or before 15 days after Buyer exercises the option; provided, however, that if a defect exists in the title to the Property, title commitment, Survey, environmental site assessment, or any documents required to be provided or completed and executed, the closing shall occur either on the original closing date or within 60 days after receipt of documentation removing the defects, whichever is later. Buyer shall set the date, time and place of closing.

15. RISK OF LOSS AND CONDITION OF PROPERTY. Seller assumes all risk of loss or damage to the Property prior to the date of closing and warrants that the Property shall be transferred and conveyed to Buyer in the same or essentially the same condition as of the date of Seller's execution of this Agreement, ordinary wear and tear excepted. If the condition of the Property is altered, by an act of God or other natural force beyond the control of Seller, however, Buyer may elect, at its sole option, to terminate this Agreement and neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement. Seller represents and warrants that there are no parties other than Seller in

occupancy or possession of any part of the Property. Seller warrants that there are no facts known to Seller materially affecting the value of the Property which are not readily observable by Buyer or which have not been disclosed to Buyer.

All wells located on the Property shall be duly abandoned at the Seller's sole cost and expense prior to the exercise of the option unless this requirement is waived by DSL in writing. Seller warrants that any billboards on the property shall be removed prior to closing.

Seller agrees to clean up and remove all abandoned personal property, refuse, garbage, junk, rubbish, trash and debris (hereafter, "trash and debris") from the Property to the satisfaction of DSL prior to exercise of the option by Buyer. If the Seller does not remove all trash and debris from the Property prior to closing, Buyer at its sole option, may elect to: (a) deduct the expense necessary to remove trash and debris from the Seller's proceeds of sale up to but not to exceed 5% of the Initial Purchase Price and proceed to close, with the Buyer incurring any additional expenses necessary to remove all trash and debris and clean up the Property subsequent to closing, (b) extend the amount of time the Seller has to remove all trash and debris from the Property, (c) terminate this Agreement, and neither party shall have any further obligations under the Agreement.

16. RIGHT TO ENTER PROPERTY AND POSSESSION. Seller agrees that from the date this Agreement is executed by Seller, Buyer and its agents, upon reasonable notice, shall have the right to enter the Property for all lawful purposes in connection with this Agreement. Seller shall deliver possession of the Property to Buyer at closing.

17. ACCESS. Seller warrants that there is legal and practical ingress and egress for the Property over public roads or valid, recorded easements for the use and benefit of and as an appurtenance to the Property.

18. DEFAULT. If Seller defaults under this Agreement, Buyer may waive the default and proceed to closing, seek specific performance, or refuse to close and elect to receive the return of any money paid, each without waiving any action for damages, or any other remedy permitted by law or in equity resulting from Seller's default.

19. BROKERS. Seller warrants that no persons, firms, corporations or other entities are entitled to a real estate commission or other fees as a result of this Agreement or subsequent closing, except as accurately disclosed on the disclosure statement required in paragraph 10. Seller shall indemnify and hold Buyer harmless from any and all such claims, whether disclosed or undisclosed.

20. RECORDING. Buyer may record this Agreement, or notice of it, in the appropriate county or counties.

21. ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement may be assigned by Buyer, in which event Buyer will provide written notice of assignment to Seller. Seller may not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Buyer.

22. TIME. Time is of essence with regard to all dates or times set forth in this Agreement.

23. SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions of this Agreement are deemed to be unenforceable and the unenforceability of said provisions does not adversely affect the purpose and intent of this Agreement, in Buyer's sole discretion, the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected.

24. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of Seller and Buyer and their respective heirs, legal representatives and successors. Whenever used, the singular shall include the plural and one gender shall include all genders.

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter contained in it and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties. No supplement, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that the legal description contained in Exhibit "A" was prepared based upon historic chain of title information, without the benefit of a current survey of the Property. The parties agree that if, in the opinion of DSL, it becomes necessary to amend the legal description of the Property to correct errors, to more properly describe the Property, to cut out portions of the Property affected by title defects unacceptable to Buyer or which cannot be timely cured by the Seller, or to otherwise revise the legal description of the Property, the legal description to be used in the Survey (if any) and in the closing instruments required by this Agreement shall be revised by or at the direction of DSL, and shall be subject to the final approval of DSL. Anything to the contrary hereinabove notwithstanding, such a revision of the legal description of

the Property shall not require a written amendment to this Agreement. In such event, the Seller's execution and delivery of the closing instruments containing the revised legal description and the Buyer's acceptance of said instruments and of the final Survey (if any) containing the revised legal description shall constitute a full and complete ratification and acceptance of the revised legal description of the Property by the parties. Seller acknowledges that the Trustees have made various delegations of power for the purpose of land acquisition, and not all representatives of the Trustees or the DSL have authority to act in all situations. Consequently, this Agreement may be terminated by the Trustees pursuant to any provision therefor contained in this Agreement only in writing signed by the person or persons who signed this Agreement on behalf of the Trustees or that person's successor.

26. WAIVER. Failure of Buyer to insist upon strict performance of any covenant or condition of this Agreement, or to exercise any right herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of any such covenant, condition or right; but the same shall remain in full force and effect.

27. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, but all such counterparts, when duly executed, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

28. ADDENDUM. Any addendum attached hereto that is signed by the parties shall be deemed a part of this Agreement.

29. NOTICE. Whenever either party desires or is required to give notice unto the other, it must be given by written notice, and either delivered personally, transmitted via facsimile transmission, mailed postage prepaid, or sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address indicated on the first page of this Agreement, or such other address as is designated in writing by a party to this Agreement.

30. CERTIFICATION REGARDING TERRORISM. Seller hereby certifies that to the best of Seller's knowledge, after making all appropriate inquiries, Seller is in compliance with, and shall use all funds derived from the sale of the Property in compliance with all applicable anti-terrorism laws, regulations, rules and executive orders, including but not limited to, the USA Patriot Act of 2001, 18 U.S.C. sections 2339A-C, and U.S. Presidential Executive Orders 12947 and 13224.

31. SURVIVAL. The covenants, warranties, representations, indemnities and undertakings of Seller set forth in this Agreement shall survive the closing, the delivery and recording of the deed described in paragraph 9 of this Agreement and Buyer's possession of the Property.

IF THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT EXECUTED BY THE SELLER, ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 12, 2025 BUYER SHALL BE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THIS AGREEMENT. BUYER'S EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION PROVIDED FOR HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO: (1) CONFIRMATION THAT THE PURCHASE PRICE IS NOT IN EXCESS OF THE DSL APPROVED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, AND (2) DSL APPROVAL OF ALL DOCUMENTS TO BE FURNISHED HEREUNDER. THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S PERFORMANCE AND OBLIGATION TO PAY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS CONTINGENT UPON AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE AND UPON THE FUNDING OF THE APPROPRIATION THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF FLORIDA FOREVER BONDS BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR OTHER FUNDING AS PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT WHEN DULY EXECUTED. IF NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD, SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO SIGNING.

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SELLER

CLDG LAND VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

Witness as to Seller

Justin Higgins  
Printed Name of Witness

1000 Riverside Ave., Ste. 600  
Witness Address

Jacksonville, FL 32204  
Witness Address

Witness as to Seller

Lee Hutchins  
Printed Name of Witness

1000 Riverside Ave., Ste. 600  
Witness Address

Jacksonville, FL 32204  
Witness Address

Christian Allen, Manager

8/11/25  
Date signed by Seller

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF DUVAL

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this 11 day of August, 2025 by Christian Allen, as Manager for and on behalf of CLDG Land VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company. Such person(s) (Notary Public must check applicable box):

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is/are personally known to me.  
produced a current driver license(s).  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL)



TIFFANY GAYTON  
Commission # HH 305513  
Expires December 26, 2026

Tiffany Gayton  
Notary Public

Tiffany Gayton  
(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of Notary Public)

Commission No.: HH305513

My Commission Expires: 12-26-26



SELLER

CLDG LAND VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

George Leone, Manager

8/11/25  
Date signed by Seller

Witness as to Seller

Justin Higgins  
Printed Name of Witness

1000 Riverside Ave., Ste. 600  
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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this 11 day of August, 2025 by George Leone, as Manager for and on behalf of CLDG Land VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company. Such person(s) (Notary Public must check applicable box):

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is/are personally known to me.  
produced a current driver license(s).  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL)



TIFFANY GAYTON  
Commission # HH 305513  
Expires December 26, 2026

Tiffany Gayton  
Notary Public

Tiffany Gayton  
(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of  
Notary Public)

Commission No.: HH305513

My Commission Expires: 12-26-26

BUYER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL  
IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE  
OF FLORIDA

BY DIVISION OF STATE LANDS OF THE STATE  
OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Witness as to Buyer

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Printed Name of Witness

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3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 115  
Witness Address

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000  
Witness Address

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Witness as to Buyer

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Printed Name of Witness

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3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 115  
Witness Address

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000  
Witness Address

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Andrew S. Fleener  
AS ITS: Acting Director, Division of State Lands

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed by Buyer

Approved as to Form and Legality

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by Andrew S. Fleener, Acting Director, Division of State Lands, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as agent for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. He is personally known to me.

(NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL)

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Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of  
Notary Public)

Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT "A"  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

PARCEL 4- UNIT 639 PARCEL AA

SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4; AND NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4, ALL IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 5- UNIT 639 PARCEL BB

THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 LYING SOUTH OF PLUMMER ROAD, LESS AND EXCEPT THERE FROM ANY PORTION OF OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4392 AT PAGE 764, OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5857 AT PAGE 2195, OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK, 2158 AT PAGE 32, AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5563 AT PAGE 1453, ALL IN SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 6 PARCEL RYN

THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, AND THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DUVAL COUNTY FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 60 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

AN EASEMENT SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 (NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4) OF S SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID EASEMENT LYING 30 FEET LEFT OF AND 30 FEET RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 WITH THE CENTERLINE OF PLUMMER ROAD AND RUN NORTH 48 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 177.40 FEET TO A POINT ON A NORTHWESTERLY PROLONGATION OF THE CENTERLINE OF AN EXISTING TIMBER ACCESS ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 21 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID PROLONGATION, 35.24 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PLUMMER ROAD AS SHOWN ON 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY MAP DATED JUNE 17, 1941 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID TIMBER ACCESS ROAD, 108.01 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 59 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 400.0 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 172.44 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 09 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, 171.10 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES; SOUTH 03 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 98.25; SOUTH 04 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 72.57 FEET; SOUTH 41 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 167.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9 AND THE END OF EASEMENT.



PARCEL 7- UNIT 660N PARCEL R  
SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST,  
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 8- UNIT 660N PARCEL S  
EAST 1/2 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DUVAL  
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 9 - UNIT 660N PARCEL Z  
SW 1/4 SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS  
AND EXCEPT ANY PORTION IN RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

AND LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING  
NORTHEAST OF THE RAILROAD.

NOTE: This legal description is for appraisal and contract purposes. There may be revisions based on a  
boundary survey and title insurance commitment of the property.

BSM APPROVED By:

C.A.E. Date: 04/02/2025

**ADDENDUM**  
**(LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY/FLORIDA)**

A. At the same time that Seller submits the closing documents required by paragraph 9. of this Agreement, Seller shall also submit the following to DSL:


1. Copies of the articles of organization and operating agreement and all amendments thereto,
2. Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State of the State of Florida,
3. All certificates, affidavits, resolutions or other documents as may be required by DSL or the title insurer, which authorize the sale of the Property to Purchaser in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and evidence the authority of one or more of the members of Seller to execute this Agreement and all other documents required by this Agreement, and
4. Copy of proposed opinion of counsel as required by paragraph B. below.

B. As a material inducement to Purchaser entering into this Agreement and to consummate the transaction contemplated herein, Seller covenants, represents and warrants to Purchaser as follows:

1. The execution of this Agreement and the performance by it of the various terms and conditions hereof, including, without limitation, the execution of all agreements, notices and other documents hereunder, have been duly authorized by the requisite authority of Seller.
2. Seller is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida and is duly qualified to own real property in the State of Florida.
3. This Agreement, when executed and delivered, will be valid and legally binding upon Seller and enforceable in accordance with its terms and neither the execution of this Agreement and the other instruments to be executed hereunder by Seller, nor the performance by it of the various terms and conditions hereto will violate the Articles of Organization or Operating Agreement of Seller, any provisions of applicable law or any applicable order or regulation of any court or governmental agency, nor will they constitute a breach or default by Seller under any agreement, indenture or other instrument to which Seller is a party or by which Seller is bound.

At the closing, Seller shall deliver to Purchaser an opinion of counsel from an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida and an active member in good standing with the Florida Bar, to the effect that the covenants, representations and warranties contained above in this paragraph B. are true and correct as of the closing date. In rendering the foregoing opinion, such counsel may rely as to factual matters upon such other documents and data as counsel may deem necessary or advisable to render the opinions set forth above.

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BY:  SELLER  
Christian Allen

As: Manager

(CORPORATE SEAL)

8/11/25  
Date Signed by Seller

BY:  SELLER  
George Leone

As: Manager

(CORPORATE SEAL)

8/11/25  
Date Signed by Seller

BUYER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL  
IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE  
OF FLORIDA

BY DIVISION OF STATE LANDS OF THE  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew S. Fleener, Acting Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed by Buyer



**ADDENDUM**  
**BENEFICIAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT**  
**(OTHER)**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Christian Allen ("affiant"), this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1) That affiant is the Manager of CLDG LAND VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, as "Seller", whose address is 1000 Riverside Ave Suite 600, Jacksonville, Florida 32204, and in such capacity has personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and has been duly authorized by Seller to make this affidavit on Seller's behalf. That Seller <sup>has an option to purchase</sup> ~~is the record owner of the Property~~. As required by Section 286.23, Florida Statutes, and subject <sup>to from NBM Enterprises, LLC (the "Underlying PSA")</sup> to the penalties prescribed for perjury, the following is a list of every "person" (as defined in Section 1.01(3), Florida Statutes) holding 5% or more of the beneficial interest in the disclosing entity: (if more space is needed, attach separate sheet)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
* Christian Allen, Inc	1000 Riverside Ave, Ste. 600 Jacksonville, FL 32204	70%	[Owned 100% by Christian Allen]
* Leone Development, LLC	1000 Riverside Ave., Ste. 600 Jacksonville, FL 32204	30%	[Owned 100% by George Leone]

\* See attached organizational chart

2) That to the best of the affiant's knowledge, all persons who have a financial interest in this real estate transaction or who have received or will receive real estate commissions, attorney's or consultant's fees or any other fees, costs, or other benefits incident to the sale of the Property are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason for Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NBM Enterprises, LLC	3466 Gulfmead Drive Sarasota, FL 34242	Fee simple owner of the Property under the Underlying PSA	Purchase Price under the Underlying PSA
CLDG Land VI, LLC	1000 Riverside Ave., Ste 600 Jacksonville, FL 32204	Seller under the option Agreement with the State of Florida	Purchase Price under the option Agreement with the State of Florida
Colliers	76 S. Laura Street Suite 1500 Jacksonville, FL 32202	Broker for NBM Enterprises, LLC Per the Underlying PSA	Real estate commission

3) That, to the best of the affiant's knowledge, the following is a true history of all financial transactions (including any existing option or purchase agreement in favor of affiant) concerning the Property which have taken place or will take place during the last five years prior to the conveyance of title to the State of Florida: (if non-applicable, please indicate "None" or "Non-Applicable")

Name and Address  
of Parties Involved

Date

Type of  
Transaction


Amount of  
Transaction

*Not applicable (Contemporaneous closing)*

This affidavit is given in compliance with the provisions of Sections 286.23, 375.031(1), and 380.08(2), Florida Statutes.

AND FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

AFFIANT

  
Christian Allen

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL


SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 11 day of August, 2025, by Christian Allen, as Manager for and on behalf of CLDG Land VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company. Such person(s) (Notary Public must check applicable box):

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Notary Public

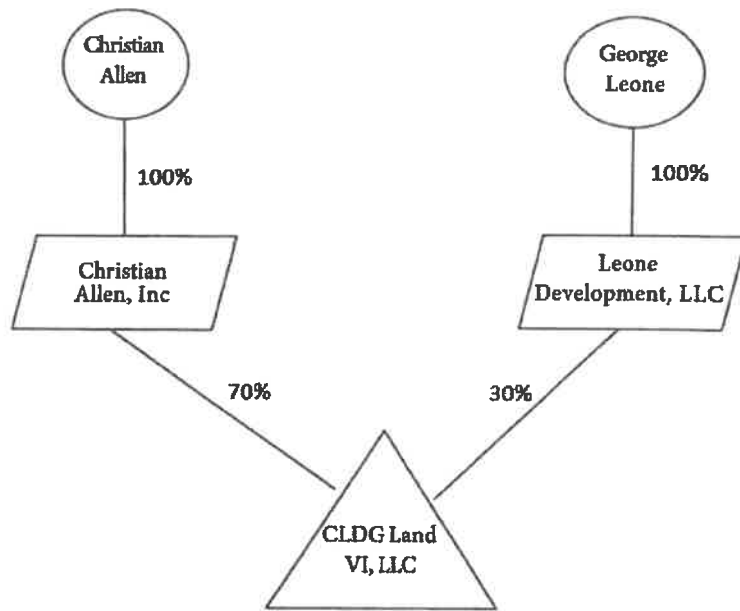
  
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Notary Public)



TIFFANY GAYTON  
Commission # HH 305513  
Expires December 26, 2026

Commission No.: HH 305513

My Commission Expires: 12-26-26





**ADDENDUM**  
**BENEFICIAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT**  
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AND FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

AFFIANT

*[Signature]*  
George Leone

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 11 day of August, 2025, by George Leone, as Manager for and on behalf of CLDG Land VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company. Such person(s) (Notary Public must check applicable box):

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is/are personally known to me.  
produced a current driver license(s).  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL)

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

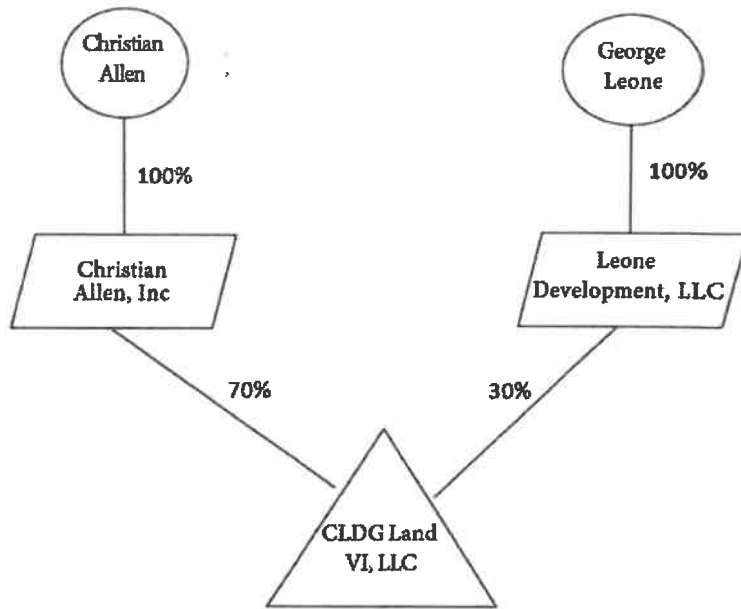
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(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of  
Notary Public)



TIFFANY GAYTON  
Commission # HH 305513  
Expires December 26, 2026

Commission No.: HH305513

My Commission Expires: 12.26.26







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Tallahassee, FL 32399

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rachel Crum, GOC III, Bureau of Real Estate Services  
**FROM:** Clay Courson, Senior Appraiser, Bureau of Appraisal  
**APPROVED BY:** Jay Scott, Chief, Bureau of Appraisal  
**SUBJECT:** Appraisal Approval Memorandum  
**DATE:** July 21, 2025

Project: NE Florida Timberlands – NBM Enterprises LLC  
BA File No.: 25-8870  
County: Duval

Fee Appraisers: (1) Jason Lovett, MAI Date of Value: May 16, 2025  
(2) Steven Slotkin, MAI Date of Value: May 16, 2025

Review Appraiser: Stephen J. Albright, Jr., MAI Date of Review: July 21, 2025

Owner	Land Size (Acres)	Appraised Values		Maximum Value	Divergence
NBM Enterprises, LLC	542.74	(1)	\$9,510,000	\$9,510,000	0%
		(2)	\$9,510,000		

### COMMENTS ON DIVERGENCE:

The divergence in value falls within the acceptable range as indicated in 18-1.006, Florida Administrative Code.

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

An administrative review of the appraisals and the attached appraisal review memorandum performed for the above referenced property has been conducted.

The contract review appraiser conducted a “technical review” which is a detailed review of the appraisals of the above referenced property. In the technical review, the review appraiser provides a certification indicating that the appraisal reports and the appraisal review were performed in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice as well as with the current edition of the Supplemental Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees.

The review appraiser’s memorandum and comments as to the content and appropriateness of the methods, techniques and data are accepted. The review appraiser states that the appraisal reports comply with the required standards and are approved as reviewed.

*Clay Courson*

Staff Appraiser

*Jay Scott*

Chief Appraiser

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**Review of (2) Appraisals of  
542.74 AC @ Plummer Rd, Jacksonville, Florida  
Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve  
NBM Enterprises, LLC - B/A File #25-8870  
Duval County, Florida  
A&A File #2025.056.039.001**

**Certified to:**

Mr. Clay, Senior Appraiser  
Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands  
FL Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, MS 110  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Certified by:**

Stephen J. Albright, Jr., MAI  
State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser #RZ2392

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Mr. Clay Courson, Senior Appraiser  
Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands  
FL Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, MS 110  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

July 21, 2025

**Re: Review of (2) Appraisals of 542.74 AC @ Plummer Rd, Jacksonville, Florida; Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve; NBM Enterprises, LLC - B/A File #25-8870; Duval County, Florida**

Dear Mr. Courson:

In compliance with your request, I have conducted an appraisal review of the two reports referenced above and have prepared this written report pursuant thereto. This particular review assignment does not include the provision of an independent opinion of market value. Rather, the technical review includes a focus upon the adequacy, accuracy and overall reliableness of the valuation as well as the appraiser's adherence to not only USPAP but also the Supplemental Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees, Division of State Lands, Bureau of Appraisal, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, March 2, 2016. Furthermore, I accompanied the appraisers on the inspection of the subject property on May 16, 2025. In that regard, the following narrative summarizes the findings of the review.

This review and the analyses, opinions and conclusions of this report were prepared in conformance with my interpretation of generally accepted appraisal review practices and the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice of the Appraisal Institute as well as the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) of the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation and the Supplemental Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees, Division of State Lands, Bureau of Appraisal, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, March 2, 2016 (SASBOT). This reader is advised of the following:

<b>Intended Use:</b>	to evaluate compliance with the applicable standards (USPAP and SASBOT) and the client's instructions and whether the appraisals under review are appropriate for their intended use
<b>Intended User:</b>	Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida

The reviewed appraisal reports both included an effective date of valuation of May 16, 2025. One of the reports was prepared by Jason Lovett, MAI of Lovett Valuation, LLC and the other was report was prepared by Steven Slotkin, MAI of Red Oak Appraisal Company. The following summarizes the value of each report.

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	<b><u>Market Value</u></b>
Lovett Appraisal	\$9,510,000
Slotkin Appraisal	\$9,510,000

After review of the report and some relatively minor revisions, I have determined that both reports are acceptable as submitted and that they have been completed substantially in conformance with USPAP and SASBOT. More specific analysis supporting this assertion is presented within the narrative of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

**ALBRIGHT & ASSOCIATES of Ocala, Inc.**



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Stephen J. Albright, Jr., MAI  
Review Appraiser



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## **Intended Use of Appraisal Review**

The specifically designed and intended use of this appraisal review is to evaluate compliance with the applicable standards (USPAP and SASBOT) and the client's instructions and whether the appraisals under review are appropriate for its intended use. Use of this appraisal is prohibited as it relates to any function other than that identified herein.

## **Intended User of Appraisal Review**

The intended users of this appraisal review are the Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The specific client of the assignment includes the Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands c/o Clay Courson.

## **Purpose and Objective of Appraisal Review**

The purpose of the appraisal review is to form an opinion about the quality of the work under review encompassing completeness, adequacy, relevance, appropriateness, and reasonableness. It was also necessary to check that the reports comply with applicable standards and specific assignment instructions. The purpose does not include the development of an independent opinion of value.

## **Identification of Reviewed Appraisal Report**

One of the reviewed reports was prepared by Jason Lovett, MAI (State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser RZ2681) of Lovett Valuation of Florida Real Estate Advisors, Inc. with a date of report of July 14, 2025 and file number identified as #2025LV-0039. This report included a title page, letter of transmittal and main body of 65 numbered pages and addenda.

The other reviewed report was prepared by Steven Slotkin, MAI (State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser RZ2801) with a date of report of July 14, 2025 and file number identified as #1482. This report included a letter of transmittal, main body of 156 numbered pages and an exhibits & addenda section.

A copy of each report has been retained in my files.

## **Subject of Reviewed Appraisal**

The reviewed reports both identify the subject property as 542.74 gross acres with frontage on Plummer Rd in northwest Jacksonville, Florida (Duval County). A legal description of the subject property was provided in both reviewed reports.

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## **Objective and Use of Reviewed Appraisal**

The indicated purpose of the Lovett appraisal is to “estimate the as-is market value of the fee simple interest in the subject property as of the effective date of the appraisal.” Similarly, the Red Oak appraisal includes an indicated purpose to “provide an opinion of market value of the subject.”

The appraisers appropriately referenced the definition of market value from the “Supplemental Standards, DEP March 2016.”

The intended use of both reports is to assist the client and intended users with decisions relating to the potential acquisition of the subject property. The intended users of both reports were indicated to be The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands (also the client of both reports) and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida.

## **Property Ownership Interest of Reviewed Report**

Both appraisals indicate the valuation includes consideration to the fee simple interest.

## **Relevant Dates of Reviewed Report**

<b>Date of Report:</b>	Lovett (July 14, 2025); Red Oak (July 14, 2025)
<b>Effective Valuation Date:</b>	May 16, 2025 (both reports)
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	May 16, 2025 on-site inspection by Jason Lovett and Steven Slotkin (appraisers), Clay Courson (Florida Department of Environmental Protection), Lee Hutchins (property owner representative) and Stephen Albright (review appraiser)

## **Extraordinary Assumptions and/or Hypothetical Conditions of the Reviewed Report**

Each of the reviewed reports includes an extraordinary assumption but no no hypothetical conditions. In that regard, the appraisals both include the extraordinary assumption that the estimated costs by a professional engineer to extend the utilities to the site provided by the owner’s representative are accurate. Both appraisers appropriately indicate that the use of these assumptions could affect the assignment results.

## **Identify Appraisers of Reviewed Report**

The reviewed appraisal report for Lovett Valuation was prepared and signed by Jason Lovett, MAI (State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser RZ2681) while the other reviewed report from Red Oak Appraisal Company was prepared and signed by Steve Slotkin, MAI (State-Certified General

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Real Estate Appraiser RZ2801). Both reports indicate that no one provided significant professional assistance to the persons signing this report.



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## **Scope of Work**

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USPAP specifically indicates that for each appraisal and appraisal review assignment, an appraiser must:

1. Identify the problem to be solved;
2. Determine and perform the scope of work necessary to develop credible assignment results;
3. Disclose the scope of work in the report.

To that end, Mr. Clay Courson of the Bureau of Appraisal, Division of State Lands, requested a technical review of the two appraisals of the property identified herein for the intended use described earlier. As such, the problem to be solved for this assignment is to form an opinion about the quality of the work under review encompassing completeness, adequacy, relevance, appropriateness, and reasonableness. It was also necessary to check that the reports comply with applicable standards and specific assignment instructions. The purpose does not include the development of an independent opinion of value. To that end, the necessary scope of work to develop a credible result includes the following.

- Review the provided copy of the each identified appraisal report.
- The date of my review is July 10, 2025 and date of my review report is July 21, 2025.
- Form opinions regarding the credibility and appropriateness of the reviewed reports consistent with requirements of USPAP and SASBOT. Again, the specific scope of work of this particular assignment does not include forming an independent opinion of value. It is also noted that the reviewer has not researched the marketplace to confirm reported data or to reveal data which may have been more appropriate to include in the appraisal reports nor has the reviewer inspected the comparable sales properties presented in the reviewed reports.
- Prepare a narrative report consistent with the requirements of USPAP and SASBOT.

**Appraiser's Descriptive Analysis**

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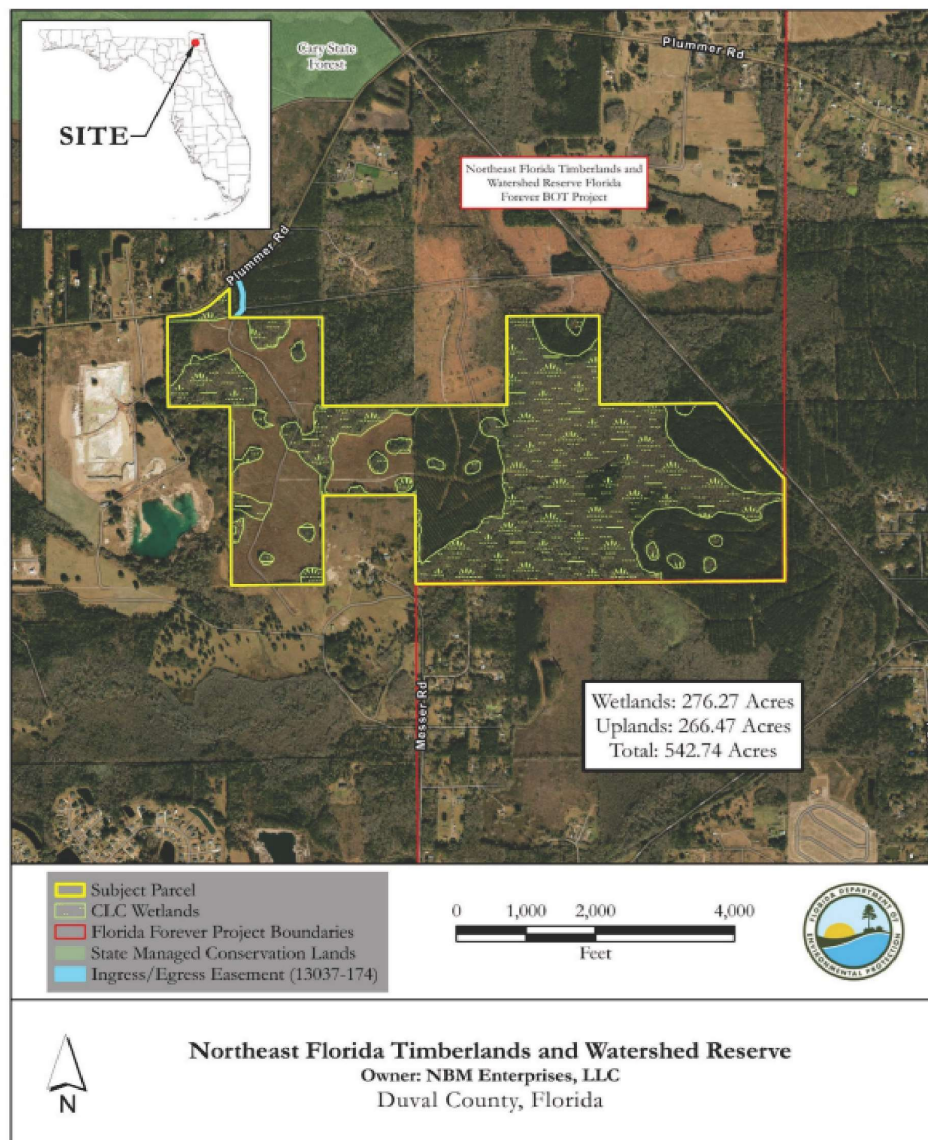
The following summarizes the descriptive analysis of the reviewed reports.

The reports include thorough and adequate descriptions of both the subject's general area (Duval County) and neighborhood. The neighborhood is positioned about 11 miles northwest of Jacksonville, just west of Old Kings Rd. The area is described as on the outskirts of development although in the path of growth. The area is generally suburban in nature with a predominance of residential and agricultural uses in the immediate area. Both appraisers cite several new or planned residential communities in relatively close proximity to the subject. Commercial uses are less prominent and typically located along primary traffic arteries. Major roadways in the general area include New Kings Rd and I-295. The number of residential building permits in the broader Duval County market has been considerable over the past several years acknowledging the beginning of decline in 2022 with some degree of apparent stabilization in total permits in 2024 and the first part of 2025 (attributable largely to the surge in interest rates beginning in 2022). Most recently, there were 6,495 single family residential permits in 2024. In summary, both reports indicate the subject area as in the growth stage of its life cycle.

The subject property is within the reported ownership of NBM Enterprises, LLC. The subject was acquired by the current owner in 2006 for \$3,000,000. The subject property is currently listed with Colliers for a price of \$7,000,000 but that price was based upon a site plan anticipating only 432 single family residential units (or \$16,204 per unit). However, subsequent to this listing, the property has been placed under contract for sale to Corner Lot Development and this prospective buyer has been able to modify the site plan to accommodate 632 residential units. The specific terms of the pending contract were provided to both appraisers but required to be kept confidential and not specifically disclosed in the appraisal reports. The subject is identified as the majority of Parcel ID #002653-0000 which includes a 2024 taxable value of \$194,486 and tax burden of \$3,474.

The site includes 542.74 AC (gross size) and, based on information supplied by the client, the property includes 276.27 AC of probable jurisdictional wetlands (as depicted on the following map which was presented in the reviewed reports).

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The subject is highly irregular in shape and includes direct frontage on Plummer Rd (paved, two-lane public right of way) with adequate accessibility (additional easement access as well). The terrain is described as mostly level with significant amount of elevations within the 100-year flood plain which is typical of the area. More specifically, it appears that about 69% of the site is within the 100-year flood plain. Further, as a result of the configuration of the wetlands, an approximate 80 AC at the easterly extreme is not accessible. As such, the truly usable portion of the subject property is

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estimated by both appraisers to include about 186.47 AC (resulting effective entitled density of 3.39 units per AC). The site includes a predominance of relatively mature pine plantation associated with the easterly portion and mostly cleared acreage in the subject's westerly usable area (timber was reportedly cut in about 2019 or 2020).

Both reports cite reliance upon a title commitment document prepared by Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, dated February 23, 2025. This document includes a total of (11) exceptions, most of which are standard exceptions although one is associated with reservations for OGM rights (but no right of entry) and another for an easement which benefits the subject for additional access. However, both appraisers indicate that these exceptions were determined to not be considered adverse to the overall use and marketability of the subject property.

Electricity and telephone are available but central water and sewer service will require extension to the subject property. In that regard, the subject owner provided an Engineers Opinion of Probable Construction Costs prepared by Connelly & Wicker, dated February 20, 2025, CW Job #24-01-0068. This document indicates an estimated cost of \$5,720,661 (including 15% contingency) to extend central water and sewer to the subject property.

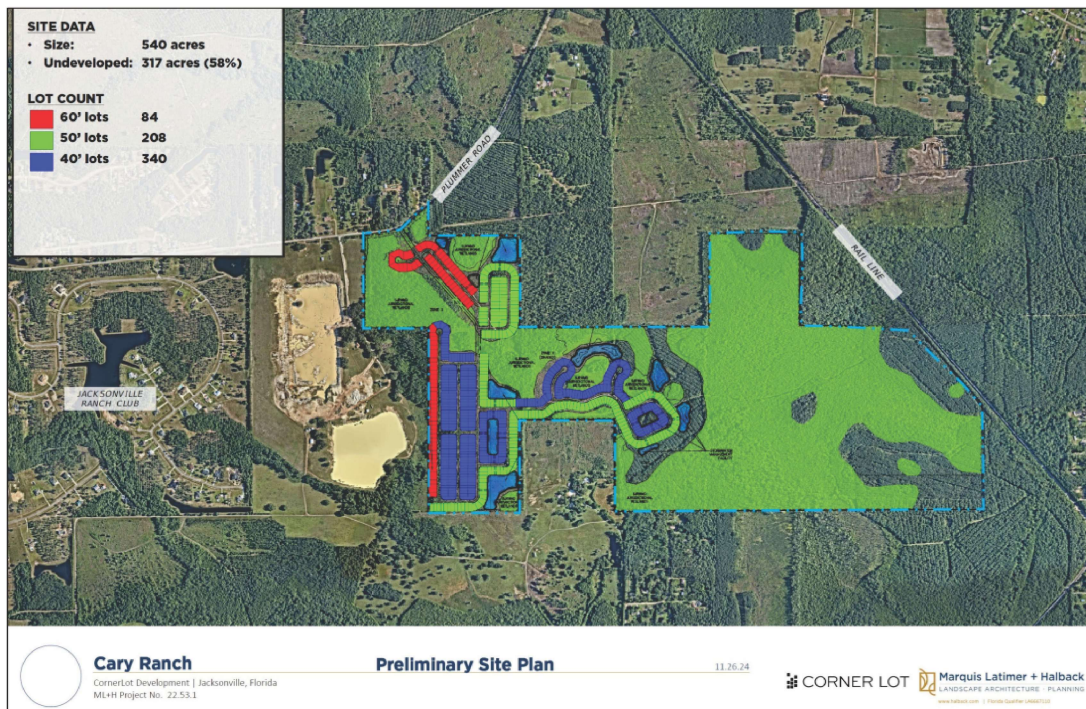
The subject includes a future land use designation of Rural Residential (RR) along with a zoning designation of Planned Unit Development (PUD) identified as Ordinance 2006-0503. This ordinance allowed a total of 632 units (all 60' lots) but spread across all upland portions (even the 80 AC that are actually not accessible, hence the marketing of the subject property at only 432 units). In February of 2025, after the current contract was executed, the PUD was modified to add a blend of 40' and 50' lots to the lot mix. Additionally, all 632 lots are now configured to the westerly useful upland portion as depicted on the following page (Subject Site Plan included in both reports).

The subject is essentially vacant (only fencing, gates and interior unimproved car trails).



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## [Subject Site Plan]



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## **Appraiser's Valuation and Conclusions**

Both appraisers concluded a highest and best use to include eventual single family residential development to a density of 632 units as entitled but requiring the extension of utilities. In support of that conclusion, both appraisers cite current demand for residential development in the subject market. Further, both reports indicate financial feasibility of extension of central utilities to the subject property based upon the estimated costs and potential land value as supported by comparable sales data. In summary, the appraisers have adequately and convincingly addressed the issue of highest and best use for the subject property.

The valuation of the subject property includes reliance upon the Sales Comparison Approach which was explained as the only applicable approach to value for the subject property type in the subject market. The two appraisal reports include three of the same sales which is not surprising given the somewhat unique nature of the subject property. Both appraisers rely primarily upon a qualitative adjustment process for comparison of the sales with the subject property which is widely accepted and appropriate for this type of valuation. Further, both appraisers rely upon the sale price per approved residential unit as the most appropriate and meaningful unit of comparison. Finally, the appraisers included a map, detailed data sheet, aerial photo and deed for each comparable property.

The Lovett appraisal includes the following five comparable sales.

### **[Lovett Sales]**

Element of Comparison	Sale 1	Sale 2	Sale 3	Sale 4	Sale 5
Location	Duval Co	Duval Co	Duval Co	Duval Co	Duval Co
Sale Date	Jan of 2025	Dec of 2024	Aug of 2024	April of 2024	Sept of 2023
Size (Gross AC)	79.25	98.25	278.27	178.98	55.44
Percentage Uplands	91%	44%	44%	95%	76%
Approved Res Units	361	136	432	604	120
Sale Price (\$/Res Unit)	\$27,841	\$50,456	\$26,000	\$25,000	\$32,500
Overall Rating	Slightly Superior	Very Superior	Similar	Similar	Superior

Each of the sales are current and located in the subject's competitive market area (all Duval County). Further, each of the sales included the fee simple interest subject to restrictions of record. All sales include the direct availability of central utilities and include entitlements for single family residential development. As indicated above, Sales 1, 2 and 5 are all superior while Sales 3 and 4 are similar. The appraiser reconciles a final opinion of market value for the subject property toward the lower tendency of the overall range or \$25,000/unit or \$15,800,000, rounded. Lastly, a deduction for costs to extend utilities (based upon the engineers cost estimate plus 10% entrepreneurial incentive) of \$6,292,000 results in a final "as is" market value opinion of \$9,510,000 (rounded and equivalent to \$15,047 per approved residential unit).

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The Red Oak appraisal included the following five sales.

### **[Red Oak Sales]**

<b>Element of Comparison</b>	<b>Sale 1</b>	<b>Sale 2</b>	<b>Sale 3</b>	<b>Sale 4</b>	<b>Sale 5</b>
Location	Duval Co	Duval Co	Duval Co	Clay Co	Duval Co
Sale Date	Sept of 2023	Oct of 2023	April of 2024	Oct of 2024	Jan of 2025
Size (Gross AC)	54.43	97.50	178.98	200.00	79.26
Percentage Uplands	76%	86%	95%	74%	91%
Approved Res Units	120	98	604	513	361
Sale Price (\$/Res Unit)	\$32,500	\$11,735	\$25,000	\$44,835	\$27,841
Overall Rating	Superior	Inferior	Superior	Superior	Superior

Again, each of the sales are current and four of the five sales are located in Duval County with the other sale in a competitive market (Clay County). All sales include the direct availability of central utilities and include entitlements for single family residential development. As indicated above, Sales 1, 3, 4 and 5 are superior while Sale 2 is inferior. The appraiser reconciled a final opinion of market value for the subject property toward the lower-central tendency of the overall range or \$25,000/unit which results in an opinion of value of \$15,800,000. Lastly, a deduction for costs to extend utilities (based upon the engineers cost estimate plus 10% entrepreneurial incentive) of \$6,293,000 results in a final “as is” market value opinion of \$9,510,000 rounded (equivalent to \$15,047 per approved residential unit).

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The appraisers also provided opinions of reasonable marketing time and reasonable exposure time for the valuations (12 months for the Lovett appraisal and 12 to 18 months for the Red Oak appraisal). Finally, the appraisers provided a completed Bureau of Appraisal - Appraisal Checklist in the Addenda of the reports.

The appraisals reflect the same opinion of market value.

## **Final Review Analysis and Comments**

The reviewed reports were found to be well presented, comprehensive and informative in terms of the description of the subject's physical and locational attributes as well as the valuation process. Further, the reports were prepared in substantial conformance with requirement of both USPAP and SASBOT. Relatively minor revisions were required of the appraisers.

The highest and best use analysis of each report included specific consideration to each of the four tests and results in a convincing conclusion. The appraisers have appropriately relied upon the Sales Comparison Approach for the valuation. In that regard, the approach benefits from current and relevant sales for the valuations which are from the subject market area and include similar highest and best use. The qualitative adjustment procedure was effectively employed and resulted in a convincing conclusions of market value. While both reviewed reports included appropriate extraordinary assumptions referenced earlier, this review assignment requires no additional extraordinary assumptions or hypothetical conditions.

In summary, the appraisal reports referenced herein are considered acceptable and approvable by the signed reviewer.

# **ALBRIGHT & ASSOCIATES of Ocala, Inc.**

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## **Certification**

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The undersigned certifies that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. The facts and data reported by the review appraiser and used in the review process are true and correct.
2. The analyses, opinions, and conclusions in this review report are limited only by the assumptions and hypothetical conditions stated in this review report and are my personal, impartial and unbiased professional analyses, opinions and conclusions.
3. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal interest with respect to the parties involved.
4. I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved in this assignment.
5. My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reported predetermined results.
6. My compensation is not contingent on an action or event resulting from the analyses, opinions, or conclusions in this review or from its use. Further, my compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of predetermined assignment results or assignment results that favors the cause of the client, the attainment of stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal review.
7. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the reported analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the requirements of the *Code of Professional Ethics* and the *Standards of Professional Practice* of the Appraisal Institute, the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (2024)* and the *Supplemental Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees Division of State Lands, Bureau of Appraisal, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, March 2016*.
8. The appraisal reviewed is in substantial compliance with the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice*, the *Supplemental Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees*, as well as *Rule 18-1.006, Florida Administrative Code (FAC)*.
9. The use of this review report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives.
10. I have made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of the reviewed report.



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11. No person added significant real property appraisal or appraisal review assistance except as specified.

12. *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* require appraisers, prior to accepting assignments, to possess experience and skill necessary for completion, or:

- A. Disclose lack of knowledge and/or experience before assignment acceptance.
- B. Take necessary and appropriate steps to complete assignment competently.
- C. Describe lack of knowledge and/or experience in appraisal report.
- D. Describe steps taken to complete assignment competently in appraisal report.

I have performed appraisals and/or review of properties similar to the subject for various private- and public-sector clients for more than 31 years throughout the State of Florida.

13. At the date of this report, I, Stephen J. Albright, Jr., have completed the continuing education program for Designated Members of the Appraisal Institute.

14. As of the date of publication of this review report, I have completed no professional services (appraisal or otherwise) associated with the subject property of the reviewed report within the three years preceding this assignment.



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Stephen J. Albright, Jr., MAI  
State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser #RZ2392

**Addendum**

# **ALBRIGHT & ASSOCIATES of Ocala, Inc.**

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## **Stephen J. Albright, Jr.** **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Employment**

Professional Golf, Tommy Armour and T.C. Jordan Tour (1992-1993)  
Marion and St. Johns County School Boards, School Teacher (1993)  
Albright & Associates, Ocala, Inc. (1994 to 2002)  
Stephen Albright & Associates, Inc. (2002 to present)

### **Formal Education**

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; BA, Psychology, 1992

### **Professional Designations**

State-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, RZ2392  
Member, Appraisal Institute, MAI

### **Professional Organizations/Service**

Appraisal Institute, East Florida Chapter (Former Board Member)  
Ocala/Marion County Multiple Listing Service

### **Community Organizations/Service**

Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (Member)  
First Presbyterian Church of Ocala (Former Elder)  
Community College of Central Florida Foundation (Former Board Member)  
Silver Springs Rotary Club (Former Board Member)  
Ocala Vision 2035 Leadership Group  
Mastering the Possibilities (Board of Directors)  
First Tee of Greater Ocala (Board of Directors; Past President)  
Florida State Golf Association (Board of Directors; Executive Committee)

### **Specialized Services**

#### **[Expert Witness]**

**5<sup>th</sup> Circuit-** Marion County, Citrus and Lake Counties

#### **[Arbitration/Mediation Hearings]**

**Marion County, Florida** Ignatius Ciesla v. Bonded Builders Home Warranty (2006)

#### **[Special Magistrate]**

Marion County Value Adjustment Board Hearings (2008-2024)  
Citrus County Value Adjustment Board Hearings (2010-2014)

#### **[Speaking Engagements]**

International Association of Assessing Officers - Florida Chapter  
2015 TPP Seminar - VAB Special Master Panel - Lake Mary, Florida



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

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August 12, 2025

Mr. Andrew Fleener, Acting Director  
Division of State Lands, Mail Station 100  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Mr. Fleener:

If acquired by the state, the Florida Forest Service accepts management of the NBM Enterprises, LLC property identified on the attached map and located in Duval County.

The subject property will increase the state forest's ecological value, provide additional public access and will benefit from multiple-use management activities consistent with Cary State Forest.

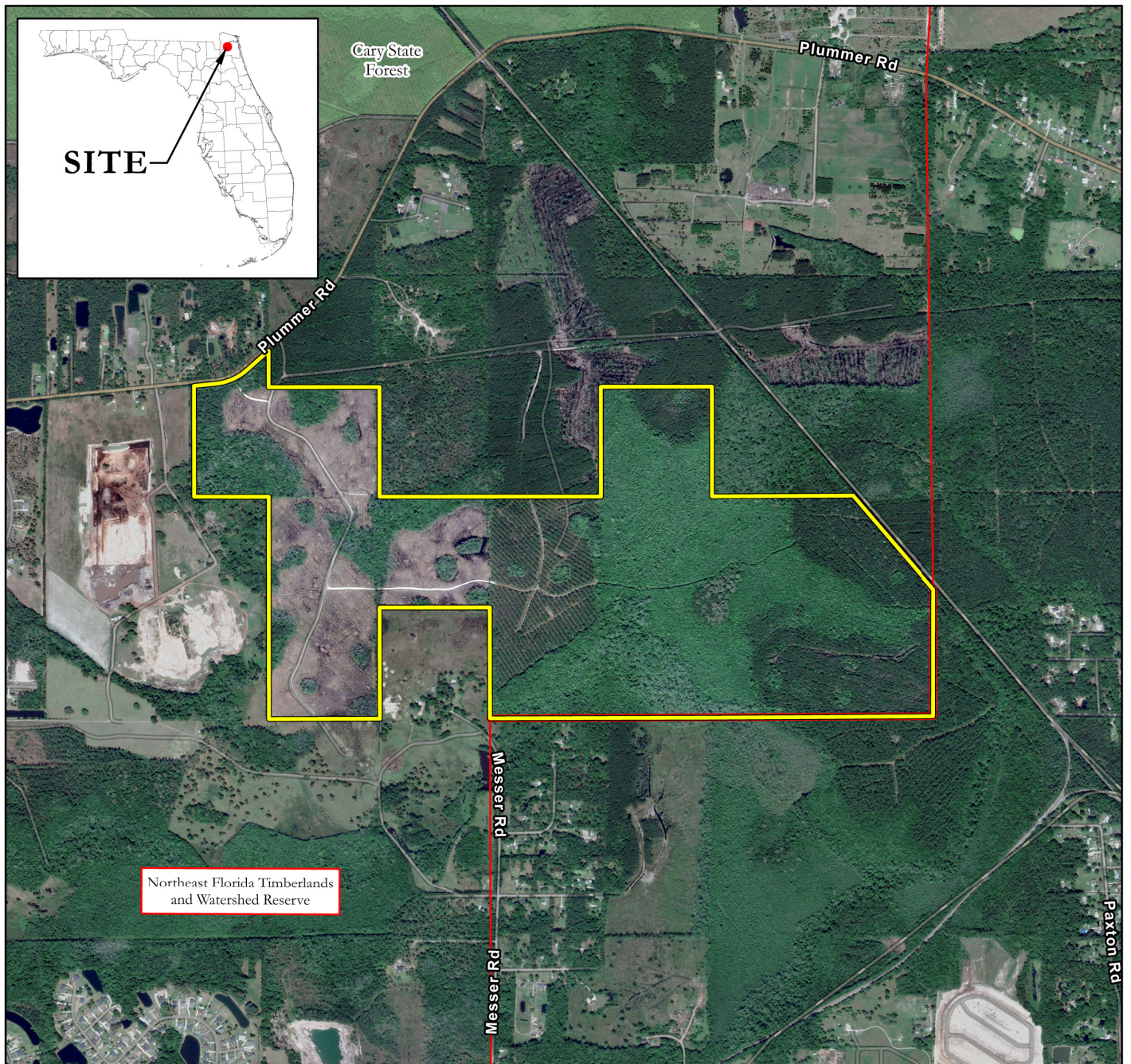
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alan Davis at (850) 681-5816 or [Alan.Davis@FDACS.gov](mailto:Alan.Davis@FDACS.gov).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

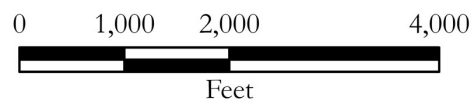
Sincerely,

Rick Dolan, Director  
Florida Forest Service





- Subject Parcel
- Florida Forever Project Boundaries
- State Managed Conservation Lands



## Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve

Owner: NBM Enterprises, LLC

Duval County, Florida





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August 20, 2025

Attn: Robbie Parrish  
Chief, Bureau of Real Estate Services  
Division of State Lands  
3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS #115  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Support for the Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve

Dear Mr. Parrish,

North Florida Land Trust is pleased to express our strong support for the proposed 543-acre fee acquisition of NBM Enterprises, LLC ownership located in Duval County and the Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve Florida Forever Project. This extraordinary project is part of a critical connection between the Northern and Southern portions of Cary State Forest. The property affords increased water quality for the lower St. Johns River Basin, expands public outdoor resource-based recreational opportunities, and provides crucial habitat protection for rare and endangered plant species such as the gopher tortoise, Florida black bear, and red cockaded-woodpecker. Due to scale, location, and ecological significance, acquisition of this tract will provide long-term conservation to lands currently under strong development pressure.

The location within Florida Forever project boundaries and direct ecological benefits of the Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve present an opportunity to advance Florida's conservation goals and enhance the values of Cary State Forest. Specifically, we appreciate the State's continued commitment to the restoration of quality and natural functions of land, water, and wetland systems. All of which sustain long-term economic viability of Florida's forests and communities.

North Florida Land Trust commends the landowners, NBM Enterprises, LLC, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for this acquisition. We respectfully urge the approval and advancement of this project through the Florida Forever process.

Sincerely,

Allison DeFoor  
NFLT President