

ARC Recommended 2026 Florida Forever Priority List

Rank	Critical Natural Lands Projects	Rem. Acres	Will Watts	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	DEP	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	Josh Gamblin	TOTAL ²	Cum. Acres ³	WP Priority ⁴
1	Bombing Range Ridge	25,723	1	3	3	4	1	6	2	3	1	24	25,723	High
2	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	18,221	3	2	2	5	4	2	3	2	2	25	43,944	High
3	Apalachicola River	68,369	13	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	5	30	112,312	High
4	Blue Head Ranch	40,936	5	6	12	3	7	3	5	5	4	50	153,248	High
5	Wekiva-Ocala Greenway	20,973	6	4	7	2	8	9	12	4	8	60	174,221	High
6	Strategic Managed Area Lands List	9,279	8	5	5	7	5	7	6	7	12	62	183,500	High
7	Osceola Pine Savannas	20,889	2	10	14	20	2	4	13	10	3	78	204,389	High
8	Panther Glades	38,191	12	7	13	9	15	5	4	6	13	84	242,579	High/Med
9	Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway	48,915	9	8	4	17	9	12	9	8	15	91	291,495	Medium
10	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	7,908	11	11	10	21	3	11	11	9	9	96	299,402	Medium
11	Gardner Marsh	5,913	19	12	11	15	10	8	8	20	10	113	305,315	Medium
12	Forest and Lakes Ecosystem	54,862	22	9	9	6	23	19	10	11	24	133	360,177	Medium
13	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	7,264	7	18	18	29	16	13	17	14	7	139	367,441	Medium
14	Half Circle L Ranch	11,182	18	16	15	8	28	18	16	12	14	145	378,623	Medium
15	St. Marks River Basin	4,711	23	23	8	10	24	14	18	15	22	157	383,334	Medium
16	Belle Meade	4,648	21	13	16	13	21	24	15	16	19	157.8	387,982	Medium
17	Bear Creek Forest	86,391	20	14	21	14	11	20	19	18	21	158	474,372	Medium
18	South Goethe	11,865	14	19	20	18	13	23	21	13	18	159	486,237	Med/Low
19	Avalon	2,957	28	15	6	12	29	31	7	17	23	168	489,194	Low
20	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	3,380	16	24	26	28	12	10	20	25	11	171.8	492,575	Low
21	Pinhook Swamp	38,653	10	20	22	27	14	16	23	24	16	172	531,227	Low
22	Twelvemile Slough	7,251	4	25	24	30	19	21	25	23	6	177	538,478	Low
23	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	21,783	26	17	17	16	25	17	14	21	25	178	560,261	Low
24	Devil's Garden	29,725	17	21	19	19	17	26	22	26	20	187	589,986	Low
25	Camp Blanding to Raiford Greenway	26,842	25	22	25	24	22	22	24	27	26	217	616,827	Low
26	Bear Hammock	4,689	15	27	34	31	20	34	26	19	17	223	621,516	Low
27	San Pedro Bay	49,823	24	26	28	11	26	30	27	28	27	227	671,339	Low
28	Star Lake Connector	4,807	31	35	23	23	18	15	33	22	29	229	676,146	Low
29	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	2,162	27	29	27	25	27	27	29	33	28	252	678,308	Low
30	Upper Shoal River	11,208	34	28	31	22	30	28	28	31	35	267	689,515	Low
31	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	583	32	30	29	26	33	29	30	32	31	272	690,098	Low
32	Ichetucknee Trace	1,707	29	32	32	32	32	33	31	29	30	280	691,805	Low
33	Shoal River Buffer	959	33	31	33	33	34	25	35	30	32	286	692,764	Low
34	Hixtown Swamp	18,503	30	33	30	35	31	32	32	34	33	290	711,267	Low
35	Bar-B Ranch	1,910	35	34	35	34	35	35	34	35	34	311	713,177	Low
OK	Subtotal: 35 Projects	713,177	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			

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Rank	Partnerships & Regional Incentives Projects	Rem. Acres	Will Watts	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	DEP	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	Josh Gamblin	TOTAL ²	Cum. Acres ³	WP Priority ⁴
1	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	6,916	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	6,916	High
2	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	6,359	9	3	2	6	3	9	2	3	4	41	13,275	High
3	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	29,485	3	4	11	15	2	2	4	4	2	46.8	42,760	High
4	Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve	59,447	7	2	3	1	16	4	5	2	7	47	102,207	High
5	Volusia Conservation Corridor	21,157	1	5	7	9	4	6	7	8	5	52	123,364	High
6	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	14,389	4	7	9	10	6	5	12	5	3	61	137,753	High
7	Aucilla/Wacissa Watershed	39,397	16	6	6	17	9	3	3	6	17	83	177,150	High
8	Clear Creek/Whiting Field	2,474	18	8	5	7	10	12	8	10	16	94	179,624	High
9	Annettella Hammock	7,909	5	9	16	19	5	19	9	7	6	95	187,533	High
10	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	11,881	13	11	17	8	14	16	6	9	8	102	199,414	High/Med
11	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	6,343	10	12	13	21	15	8	11	12	11	113	205,757	Medium
12	Green Swamp	154,114	15	10	14	26	18	7	13	11	18	132	359,871	Medium
13	Little Orange Creek Corridor	4,517	8	18	34	35	7	10	17	13		142	364,388	Medium
14	Heather Island/Ocklawaha River	9,671	22	13	15	12	19	15	14	16	20	146	374,059	Medium
15	Middle Chipola River	12,084	11	16	24	31	17	11	19	14	15	158	386,143	Med/Low
16	Pal-Mar	7,027	17	14	22	25	22	13	10	19	19	161	393,170	Low
17	Rainbow River Corridor	900	12	19	28	16	11	29	18	18	13	164	394,069	Low
18	Sand Mountain	15,003	6	21	20	36	8	18	20	23	14	166	409,072	Low
19	Lochloosa Forest	4,693	33	15	8	3	21	30	15	21	29	175	413,765	Low
20	Watermelon Pond	4,020	14	23	21	28	13	23	21	24	10	177	417,785	Low
21	Ridge Manor Gap	2,307	25	25	10	11	12	21	37	17	25	183	420,092	Low
22	Waccasassa Watershed	7,725	21	20	18	22	26	17	27	22	22	195	427,818	Low
23	Atlantic to Okefenokee Conservation Corridor	54,598	23	17	32	30	25	20	16	15	21	199	482,416	Low
24	Dade County Archipelago	218	24	26	27	14	24	37	23	20	9	204	482,634	Low
25	Hall Ranch	7,415	20	30	31	34	20	14	29	31		209	490,049	Low
26	Lafayette Forest	10,256	27	22	12	23	28	24	24	30	28	218	500,305	Low
27	Flagler County Blueway	2,834	26	27	19	27	23	28	22	25	26	223	503,140	Low
28	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	8,179	31	24	25	20	27	22	26	26	27	228	511,318	Low
29	Creeks To Choctawhatchee River	2,231	35	35	4	5	29	25	31	36	32	232	513,549	Low
30	Wetlanee Watershed Forest	9,207	32	29	36	4	30	26	28	29	23	237	522,756	Low
31	Crossbar/Al Bar Ranch	12,418	19	31	26	24	35	33	32	27	12	239	535,174	Low
32	Lake Santa Fe	8,447	28	28	23	13	33	31	25	33	31	245	543,621	Low
33	Pumpkin Hill Creek	6,148	30	32	29	33	31	34	30	28	30	277	549,769	Low
34	Pringle Creek Forest	8,446	29	34	33	37	32	27	36	34	24	286	558,215	Low
35	Baldwin Bay/St. Marys River	8,374	38	33	30	18	38	35	34	32	35	293	566,589	Low
36	Carr Farm/Price's Scrub	458	34	36	35	32	34	36	35	35	33	310	567,047	Low
37	Crayfish Habitat Restoration	2,462	37	38	38	29	37	32	33	37	34	315	569,509	Low
38	Wilson Ranch	451	36	37	37	38	36	38	38	38	36	334	569,960	Low
OK	Subtotal: 38 Projects	569,960	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK				

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Rank	Less-Than-Fee Projects	Rem. Acres	Will Watts	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	DEP	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	Josh Gamblin	TOTAL ²	Cum. Acres ³	WP Priority ⁴
1	Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	99,665	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	14	99,665	High
2	Adams Ranch	24,117	9	2	2	1	6	4	2	2	6	34	123,782	High
3	Red Hills Conservation	8,151	4	5	6	9	2	7	3	5	3	44	131,933	High
4	Coastal Headwaters Longleaf Forest	87,971	12	3	3	2	10	3	6	3	5	47	219,904	High
5	Kissimmee-St. Johns River Connector	28,541	3	6	8	10	4	5	7	6	4	53	248,445	High/Med
6	Myakka Ranchlands	26,832	10	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	10	57	275,278	Medium
7	Big Bend Swamp/Holopaw Ranch	31,463	2	7	9	32	1	2	8	8	2	71	306,740	Medium
8	Conlin Lake X	3,522	5	11	7	3	20	43	4	7	7	107	310,262	Medium
9	Ochlockonee River Conservation Area	3,060	14	8	10	7	25	15	9	9	12	109	313,323	Medium
10	Matanzas to Ocala Conservation Corridor	91,428	18	9	11	5	19	17	10	10	13	112	404,751	Medium
11	Ranch Reserve	5,927	7	14	16	34	5	8	12	13	9	118	410,677	Medium
12	Raiford to Osceola Greenway	67,335	6	13	15	33	8	13	13	12	8	121	478,013	Med/Low
13	Gulf Hammock	25,611	24	10	13	12	26	9	11	14	29	148	503,624	Low
14	Peace River Refuge	6,458	15	22	4	35	9	22	22	17	14	159.8	510,081	Low
15	Heartland Wildlife Corridor	4,266	19	18	17	23	13	11	18	22	19	160	514,347	Low
16	Big Bend Forest	53,510	32	17	12	17	12	10	16	23	33	172	567,857	Low
17	Ayavalla Plantation	5,695	25	12	14	8	34	27	20	11	27	178	573,552	Low
18	Eastern Scarp Ranchlands	2,214	20	20	18	22	24	19	23	18	15	179	575,766	Low
19	Withlacoochee River Corridor	2,482	29	16	20	15	27	20	17	16	22	182	578,248	Low
20	Camp Hammock	8,982	22	23	22	25	18	16	14	25	21	186	587,230	Low
21	Gilchrist Club	23,298	8	21	27	26	28	28	19	15	18	189.8	610,527	Low
22	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	5,847	13	19	23	19	17	26	21	41	11	190	616,375	Low
23	Old Town Creek Watershed	2,065	16	15	40	43	15	18	15	20	17	199	618,440	Low
24	Lettuce Creek Cattle Company	377	26	29	30	28	14	12	27	19	26	211	618,817	Low
25	Mill Creek	12,144	28	25	29	13	22	31	24	24	28	224	630,961	Low
26	Gooski Prairie	12,880	23	24	31	41	11	24	29	21	25	229	643,841	Low
27	Bluefield to Cow Creek	2,745	21	27	26	31	21	29	26	26	23	230	646,587	Low
28	Maytown Flatwoods	1,612	17	30	32	29	23	38	28	32	16	245	648,199	Low
29	North Waccasassa Flats	15,065	11	32	34	37	16	30	34	28	24	246	663,264	Low
30	Welles Ranch	1,183	40	26	19	14	29	21	25	33	43	250	664,447	Low
31	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	376	27	33	38	16	32	41	35	29	20	271	664,823	Low
32	Tupelo Honey Timberlands	2,179	36	31	24	24	30	14	33	44	36	272	667,001	Low
33	Williamson Cattle Company	4,960	39	28	25	18	42	25	31	31	38	277	671,961	Low
34	Larkin Ranch	1,075	37	34	21	20	35	33	36	36	40	292	673,036	Low
35	Little River Conservation Area	2,293	33	36	37	21	37	35	32	30	32	293	675,329	Low
36	Lower Perdido River Buffer	2,271	35	35	35	30	38	34	30	27	34	298	677,600	Low
37	Hawkins Ranch	3,311	38	39	33	40	33	23	37	37	37	316.8	680,911	Low
38	Baker County Timberlands	1,155	44	37	28	11	39	32	40	42	44	317	682,065	Low
39	Limestone Ranch	6,382	30	40	43	36	31	44	41	34	31	330	688,448	Low
40	Suwannee County Preservation	1,254	31	38	39	44	40	39	43	35	30	339	689,702	Low
41	Bowlegs Creek Watershed	1,016	43	41	36	27	44	37	42	38	42	350	690,717	Low

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42	Millstone Plantation	83	34	43	44	38	43	42	39	40	35	358	690,801	Low
43	Mays Island Conservation Corridor	3,826	41	44	41	42	36	36	44	39	41	364	694,627	Low
44	Fair Bluff	639	42	42	42	39	41	40	38	43	39	366	695,266	Low
OK	Subtotal: 44 Projects	695,266	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			

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Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	Rem. Acres	Will Watts	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	DEP	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	Josh Gamblin	TOTAL ²	Cum. Acres ³	WP Priority ⁴
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	5,301	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	10	5,301	High
2	St. Joe Timberland	45,330	4	2	2	4	4	1	3	2	5	27	50,631	High/Med
3	Northeast Florida Blueway	4,645	2	3	3	2	2	6	4	4	3	29	55,275	Medium
4	Coupon Bight/Key Deer	629	3	4	5	6	3	3	2	3	2	31	55,905	Medium
5	St. Johns River Blueway	14,229	6	5	4	5	6	7	5	5	6	49	70,134	Med/Low
6	West Bay Preservation Area	4,562	5	6	7	3	7	9	8	7	4	56	74,696	Low
7	Taylor Sweetwater Creek	4,079	7	9	6	10	5	10	7	8	8	70	78,774	Low
8	Garcon Ecosystem	2,998	9	7	8	9	9	8	6	6	9	71	81,772	Low
9	Terra Ceia	1,674	8	10	10	7	10	4	10	9	7	75	83,446	Low
10	Ford Marsh	1,171	10	8	9	8	8	5	9	10	10	77	84,617	Low
OK	Subtotal: 10 Projects	84,617	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	Remaining Acres	Will Watts	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	DEP	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	Josh Gamblin	TOTAL ²	Cumulative Acres ³	Work Plan Priority ⁴
1	Dickerson Bay/Bald Point	2,778	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	2,778	High
2	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	6,123	1	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	1	18	8,901	High/Med
3	Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed	7,615	5	5	4	2	3	5	3	6	7	40	16,516	Med/Low
4	Lochloosa Wildlife	3,813	6	3	3	5	8	3	5	7	5	45	20,329	Low
5	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	111	3	4	7	6	5	7	6	4	4	46	20,440	Low
6	Spruce Creek	334	7	6	6	3	4	6	7	3	6	48	20,774	Low
7	Save Our Everglades	12	4	7	8	8	7	8	8	5	3	57.8	20,786	Low
8	Catfish Creek	2,989	8	8	5	7	6	4	4	8	8	58	23,775	Low
OK	Subtotal: 8 Projects	23,775	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	Rem. Acres	Will Watts	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	DEP	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	Josh Gamblin	TOTAL ²	Cum. Acres ³	WP Priority ⁴
1	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	1,154	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1,154	High/Med
2	Pierce Mound Complex	357	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	1,511	Low
3	Pineland Site Complex	136	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	26	1,647	Low
OK	Subtotal: 3 Projects	1,647	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
OK	TOTAL ACRES OF ALL 138 PROJECTS	2,088,443												

¹ Counties with no remaining acreage to acquire in a project not listed here – see project summaries for counties in which acquisitions completed.

² Total of ranking votes, except higher ranked of tied projects has decimal amount subtracted from total.

³ Cumulative acres used to calculate in which Priority Group of the Acquisition Work Plan each project will qualify.

⁴ **Work Plan Priority Groups pursuant to Rule 18-24.006(6):**

High/Med = Portion of project in High Priority Group & portion in Medium Priority Group

Med/Low = Portion of project in Medium Priority Group & portion in Low Priority Group

High Priority Group = top 1/3 acreage within each Category
Medium Priority Group = middle 1/3 acreage within each Category
Low Priority Group = bottom 1/3 acreage within each Category