



Florida Forever Comparative Analysis Report November 2025

This report is produced annually by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory to provide scientific support to the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) in advance of their vote on Florida Forever land acquisition projects. The Comparative Analysis provides a concise overview of the natural resource values of each existing and proposed Florida Forever project. A Single Resource Evaluation is provided for each of eleven resource types outlined in the Florida Forever Act. The F-TRAC Scenarios show which projects offer the greatest return in resource protection given the estimated acreage likely to be acquired by Florida Forever. As resources are acquired statewide, the protection needs of remaining resources change. The F-TRAC analysis is dynamic in that it identifies the places that best meet those changing protection needs in each evaluation cycle.

Data Updates

This evaluation is based on Version 5.2 of the Florida Forever Conservation Needs Assessment (FFCNA) data layers. FFCNA resource data are continually updated as new information becomes available. Version 5.2 includes updates for Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas, Rare Species Habitat Conservation Priorities, Under-represented Natural Communities, Greenways, Significant Surface Waters, Wetlands, Natural Floodplain, and Sustainable Forestry. This version also reflects revisions to the F-TRAC methodology that were recommended by the Florida Forever Expert Working Group, which met several times in 2023-24 to review and guide this work. Details are described in the Florida Forever Conservation Needs Assessment Technical Report, v5.2 and the Ranking Support Analyses Documentation for November 2025.

Acreage Threshold

The F-TRAC scenarios evaluate conservation value based on a set amount of acreage to be acquired. The closer this acreage threshold is to the amount of land likely to be acquired by the Florida Forever program, the more relevant F-TRAC scores will be for project comparison. Given the open-ended duration and dynamic funding of the program, a precise estimate of acreage to be acquired is not practical. Starting in 2022, for the purposes of this evaluation, a threshold of half of the remaining area of proposed projects (ca. 1,043,000 acres for 2025) was deemed a reasonable projection of acquisitions over time and used as the amount of land targeted in the current F-TRAC Scenarios.

F-TRAC Statewide Scenario

This scenario is a statewide analysis to identify the best opportunities to acquire multiple resources in the same location. Of the approximately 1,043,000 acres allocated, 18% occur on projects; the remaining 82% occur elsewhere in the state on other unprotected lands. This score is useful for viewing projects in a statewide context and might best be used to help determine if new proposals should be added to the list or existing projects should be removed.

F-TRAC on Florida Forever Projects

This scenario evaluates only within existing and proposed Florida Forever-BOT projects for the best opportunities to acquire multiple resources in the same location. That is, the approximately 1,043,000 acres projected to be acquired by Florida Forever-BOT are allocated completely within the remaining acres of projects. This score compares projects relative to each other, essentially grading projects on a curve, rather than providing information about the larger statewide context. Each project's score may change based on number, size, or resource value of other projects on the list. This score might best be used to help inform project ranking.

Complete documentation for Ranking Support Analyses (Single Resource Evaluation, F-TRAC analysis and Ranking Support Data Layers), as well as other formats of the *Comparative Analysis* may be downloaded from the FNAI website at <https://www.fnai.org/conslands/florida-forever>.

Florida Forever Project Evaluation Comparative Analysis, November 2025

This table evaluates ONLY the remaining acres of projects according to the numerical performance measures listed. Other considerations such as willing sellers, active negotiations, completing projects, development threat, etc., are always part of any decision regarding project status. All values are assigned based on F-TRAC and single resource analyses without regard to Acquisition Categories. Seven resource types are included in F-TRAC scenarios: Species, Communities, Surface Waters, Wetlands & Floodplain, Sustainable Forestry, Aquifer Recharge and Landscapes. Other resources and measures shown in the table are not included in F-TRAC scenarios. Values indicate how well a project scores for each resource, from high (5) to low (1).

Category*	Remaining Project Acres	Percent Complete	Project Name	F-TRAC Statewide	F-TRAC on FL Forever Projects	Species	Communities	Surface Waters	Wetlands & Floodplain	Forestry	Aquifer Recharge	Landscapes	Cultural Resources (Archaeol & Historic)	Trails Network	FL Natl Scenic Trail corridor	Population w/in 100 mi	Climate Change Sea Level Rise
CNL	68,369	12%	Apalachicola River	2	3	5	2	4	4	3	1	4	5	3	x	1	4
CNL	2,957	80%	Avalon	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	4	1		1	1
CNL	1,910	0%	Bar-B Ranch	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	3	2	1		3	1
CNL	86,391	15%	Bear Creek Forest	2	2	2	2	4	2	5	2	5	2	3		1	1
CNL	4,689	0%	Bear Hammock	2	5	2	2	3	2	3	5	3	3	4		4	1
CNL	4,648	83%	Belle Meade	2	4	4	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	1		3	1
CNL	40,936	5%	Blue Head Ranch	5	4	5	3	3	2	2	3	5	3	2		5	1
CNL	25,723	45%	Bombing Range Ridge	5	5	5	4	3	2	3	3	5	2	2	x	5	1
CNL	7,264	63%	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	4	4	5	2	3	2	2	2	5	3	3		4	1
CNL	26,842	6%	Camp Blanding to Raiford Greenway	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	1	5	2	2		2	1
CNL	29,725	64%	Devil's Garden	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	1	5	2	3	x	4	1
CNL	48,915	50%	Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	5	3	4	x	4	1
CNL	54,862	0%	Forest and Lakes Ecosystem	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	3	4	5	5	x	1	1
CNL	5,913	1%	Gardner Marsh	5	5	5	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	1		5	1
CNL	11,182	0%	Half Circle L Ranch	2	3	5	2	4	3	2	2	4	3	1		4	1
CNL	18,503	23%	Hixtown Swamp	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	4		1	1
CNL	1,707	39%	Ichetucknee Trace	2	5	2	1	3	1	2	4	2	2	1		2	1
CNL	3,380	50%	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	3	4	5	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	1		5	1
CNL	18,221	72%	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	4	3	5	4	3	2	2	3	4	2	4		5	1
CNL	7,908	66%	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	4	5	2	5	1	2	3	5	4	4	1		5	1
CNL	20,889	55%	Osceola Pine Savannas	4	5	5	2	5	2	2	3	5	2	2	x	5	1
CNL	38,191	43%	Panther Glades	2	3	4	2	3	3	2	2	5	2	3		4	1
CNL	2,162	69%	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	2	2	1	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3		1	2
CNL	21,783	55%	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	3	2	3	2	3	2	1	3	4	3	2	x	5	1
CNL	38,653	80%	Pinhook Swamp	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	3	5	3	2	x	2	1
CNL	49,823	0%	San Pedro Bay	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	5	4	1	x	1	1
CNL	959	56%	Shoal River Buffer	2	3	2	3	4	4	2	1	2	2	1		1	1
CNL	11,865	3%	South Goethe	4	4	2	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	4		4	1
CNL	583	3%	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	2		5	1
CNL	4,711	0%	St. Marks River Basin	2	3	3	2	4	1	4	3	3	5	3		1	4
CNL	4,807	0%	Star Lake Connector	1	2	2	2	3	2	4	4	3	2	1		3	1
CNL	9,222	8%	Strategic Managed Area Lands List	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	5	5	x	5	3
CNL	7,251	55%	Twelvemile Slough	5	5	5	1	3	3	2	1	5	3	3		4	1
CNL	11,208	18%	Upper Shoal River	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	1	2	3	1		1	2
CNL	20,973	74%	Wekiva-Ocala Greenway	3	4	2	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	4	x	4	3
PRI	7,869	59%	Annutteliga Hammock	3	4	3	3	1	2	2	5	3	4	2		4	1
PRI	8,179	43%	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3		3	1
PRI	54,598	2%	Atlantic to Okefenokee Conservation Corridor	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	3	4	4		2	5
PRI	39,397	63%	Aucilla/Wacissa Watershed	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	4	4	4	x	1	2
PRI	8,374	8%	Baldwin Bay/St. Marys River	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	3		2	1
PRI	11,881	65%	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	4		3	2
PRI	458	72%	Carr Farm/Price's Scrub	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	4	1		3	1
PRI	6,343	73%	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	2	3	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	3		3	1
PRI	2,474	51%	Clear Creek/Whiting Field	5	5	2	3	4	1	3	1	3	3	3		1	1
PRI	29,485	58%	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	3	5	5	2	4	4	2	2	5	2	2		4	1
PRI	2,462	0%	Crayfish Habitat Restoration	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	3		1	2
PRI	2,231	0%	Creeks To Choctawhatchee River	2	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	1		1	1
PRI	12,418	0%	Crossbar/Al Bar Ranch	2	5	3	2	3	2	3	5	2	2	1		4	1
PRI	218	74%	Dade County Archipelago	5	4	4	5	2	1	1	3	1	3	2		3	1
PRI	2,834	33%	Flagler County Blueway	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	4	4		3	3
PRI	6,916	63%	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	3	5	2	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	4	x	5	2
PRI	154,114	43%	Green Swamp	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	4	4	3	4	x	5	1
PRI	7,415	13%	Hall Ranch	3	5	5	3	3	2	4	1	3	2	2		3	1
PRI	9,671	53%	Heather Island/Ocklawaha River	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	4	x	4	1
PRI	14,389	49%	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	5		5	4
PRI	10,256	22%	Lafayette Forest	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	4	3	3	1		2	1
PRI	8,447	20%	Lake Santa Fe	1	2	1	1	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	x	3	1
PRI	3,925	0%	Little Orange Creek Corridor	5	4	2	4	2	2	3	4	3	4	1		3	1
PRI	4,693	0%	Lochloosa Forest	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	1		3	1
PRI	12,084	18%	Middle Chipola River	2	3	5	1	4	2	3	2	2	4	3	x	1	1
PRI	59,447	57%	Northeast FL Timberlands and Watershed Reserve	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	4	2	3		3	3
PRI	7,027	80%	Pal-Mar	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	3	3	2	3		3	1
PRI	8,446	0%	Pringle Creek Forest	1	2	2	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2		3	1
PRI	6,148	71%	Pumpkin Hill Creek	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	3	2		2	4
PRI	900	27%	Rainbow River Corridor	4	5	3	2	3	1	2	4	2	4	3	x	4	2
PRI	2,307	20%	Ridge Manor Gap	4	5	2	2	3	2	2	5	3	2	4	x	4	1
PRI	15,003	55%	Sand Mountain	5	5	2	4	3	2	4	3	4	3	3	x	1	1
PRI	20,864	76%	Volusia Conservation Corridor	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	5	5	3		4	3
PRI	7,725	83%	Waccasassa Watershed	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	4	3	5	3		3	1
PRI	6,359	47%	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	3	5	2	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	3		1	3
PRI	4,020	63%	Watermelon Pond	3	5	4	4	1	2	3	5	2	2	2		3	1
PRI	9,207	0%	Welannee Watershed Forest	3	2	4	2	4	2	2	1	3	4	1		1	1
PRI	451	0%	Wilson Ranch	1	5	0	1	3	2	1	3	1	3	2		5	1
LTF	24,117	30%	Adams Ranch	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	4	5	2		5	1
LTF	5,695	7%	Ayavalla Plantation	1	2	4	1	3	2	2	3	2	4	3		1	1
LTF	1,155	0%	Baker County Timberlands	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	1		2	1
LTF	53,510	0%	Big Bend Forest	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	4	3	2		2	1
LTF	31,463	42%	Big Bend Swamp/Holopaw Ranch	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	5	2	2	x	5	1
LTF	2,745	79%	Bluefield to Cow Creek	2	4	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	1		4	1
LTF	1,016	0%	Bowlegs Creek Watershed	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	1		5	1
LTF	8,982	0%	Camp Hammock	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	x	5	1
LTF	87,971	12%	Coastal Headwaters Longleaf Forest	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	1	5	3	2		1	1

Category*	Remaining Project Acres	Percent Complete	Project Name	F-TRAC Statewide	F-TRAC on FL Forever Projects	Species	Communities	Surface Waters	Wetlands & Floodplain	Forestry	Aquifer Recharge	Landscapes	Cultural Resources (Archaeol & Historic)	Trails Network	FL Nat Scenic Trail corridor	Population w/in 100 mi	Climate Change Sea Level Rise
LTF	3,522	61%	Conlin Lake X	5	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		4	1
LTF	2,214	0%	Eastern Scarp Ranchlands	3	3	4	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	1		5	1
LTF	639	0%	Fair Bluff	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1		4	1
LTF	99,665	49%	Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	4	4	5	2	3	2	3	3	5	3	2		5	1
LTF	23,298	0%	Gilchrist Club	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	3	4	4		3	1
LTF	12,880	0%	Gooski Prairie	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	1		4	1
LTF	25,611	0%	Gulf Hammock	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	4	3	1		4	5
LTF	3,311	0%	Hawkins Ranch	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	3	2	2		3	1
LTF	4,266	60%	Heartland Wildlife Corridor	2	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	5	2		5	1
LTF	5,847	14%	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	4	2	2	1		1	1
LTF	28,541	36%	Kissimmee-St. Johns River Connector	3	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	5	3	1		4	1
LTF	1,075	0%	Larkin Ranch	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	3	1		4	1
LTF	377	0%	Lettuce Creek Cattle Company	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	1	2	1		5	1
LTF	6,382	0%	Limestone Ranch	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	2		4	1
LTF	2,293	0%	Little River Conservation Area	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	3	2		1	1
LTF	2,271	71%	Lower Perdido River Buffer	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	2	3	1		1	1
LTF	90,311	7%	Matanzas to Ocala Conservation Corridor	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	5	2	3		3	5
LTF	3,826	0%	Mays Island Conservation Corridor	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	3	1		1	1
LTF	1,612	79%	Maytown Flatwoods	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	1		3	1
LTF	12,144	15%	Mill Creek	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	4	2	1		3	1
LTF	83	53%	Millstone Plantation	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	1		1	1
LTF	26,832	53%	Myakka Ranchlands	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3		4	1
LTF	15,065	3%	North Waccasassa Flats	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	5	1		2	1
LTF	3,060	39%	Ochlocknee River Conservation Area	2	3	4	2	5	3	3	2	3	3	3		1	1
LTF	2,065	79%	Old Town Creek Watershed	3	5	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	1		5	1
LTF	6,458	16%	Peace River Refuge	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3		4	3
LTF	67,335	2%	Raiford to Osceola Greenway	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	5	4	4	x	2	1
LTF	5,927	84%	Ranch Reserve	4	5	4	2	3	2	2	3	5	2	1		4	1
LTF	8,151	55%	Red Hills Conservation	5	5	2	5	3	2	4	3	3	4	1		1	1
LTF	376	0%	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	1	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	1	3	2		3	1
LTF	1,254	0%	Suwannee County Preservation	1	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	1	4	1		2	1
LTF	2,179	0%	Tupelo Honey Timberlands	2	3	2	2	3	2	4	1	3	2	1		1	1
LTF	1,183	0%	Welles Ranch	1	5	0	1	3	2	2	1	3	4	1		3	1
LTF	4,402	41%	Williamson Cattle Company	2	2	0	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	1		4	1
LTF	2,482	24%	Withlacoochee River Corridor	2	5	0	1	3	3	2	4	3	2	2		4	1
CCL	629	78%	Coupon Bight/Key Deer	4	3	4	3	3	4	1	1	1	2	3		1	1
CCL	5,301	61%	Florida Keys Ecosystem	4	5	5	3	3	4	1	1	1	5	5		3	2
CCL	1,171	2%	Ford Marsh	2	2	1	2	4	4	1	1	2	4	1		3	1
CCL	2,998	60%	Garcon Ecosystem	2	2	2	2	5	4	2	1	2	4	4		1	3
CCL	4,645	72%	Northeast Florida Blueway	2	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	4	4		3	2
CCL	45,330	58%	St. Joe Timberland	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	1	3	4	3		1	5
CCL	14,228	42%	St. Johns River Blueway	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	4	4		3	3
CCL	4,079	0%	Taylor Sweetwater Creek	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	x	1	4
CCL	1,674	59%	Terra Ceia	2	2	1	2	5	5	1	1	1	4	1		3	2
CCL	4,562	1%	West Bay Preservation Area	2	2	0	2	4	3	2	2	2	5	3		1	3
SC	111	88%	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	5	4	4	4	3	4	1	1	1	3	4		3	2
SC	2,989	85%	Catfish Creek	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	1		5	1
SC	2,778	89%	Dickerson Bay/Bald Point	3	5	3	3	4	5	2	1	3	4	4		1	3
SC	6,123	85%	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	4	4	3	2	4	5	1	1	3	4	3		4	1
SC	3,813	88%	Lochloosa Wildlife	2	2	2	1	4	3	2	3	3	3	3		3	1
SC	7,615	87%	Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	2		3	2
SC	12	100%	Save Our Everglades	1	3	5	1	4	5	1	3	1	3	1		3	1
SC	334	88%	Spruce Creek	4	5	2	5	3	2	1	3	1	4	2		3	2
CHR	1,154	29%	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	1	5	3	1	2	4	2	4	3	5	1		4	1
CHR	357	36%	Pierce Mound Complex	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	1	1	5	1		1	2
CHR	136	35%	Pineland Site Complex	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	5	1		3	1

*CNL - Critical Natural Lands; PRI = Partnerships & Regional Incentives; LTF = Less-Than-Fee; CCL = Climate Change Lands; SC = Substantially Complete; CHR = Critical Historical Resources

Cultural resource values were provided by the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Historical Resources. Remaining acres and Percent Complete based on FF_acquired and FNAI managed areas databases as of 15 October 2025.

F-TRAC Scenarios

There are more resources in Florida worthy of acquisition than can be acquired by the Florida Forever program. The F-TRAC scenarios identify a portfolio of sites that is best able to meet resource targets given an acreage that is approximately half of the remaining area of proposed projects (ca. 1,043,000 acres).

- The **F-TRAC Statewide** scenario looks statewide, both on and off projects, for the best portfolio of sites to protect multiple resources.
 - Projects are scored relative to the entire state. A project's score is not influenced by the number, size, or resource value of other projects on the FFBOT list.
 - This scenario is useful for viewing projects in a statewide context and can help inform decisions on adding or removing projects from the FFBOT list.
- The **F-TRAC on FFBOT Projects** scenario looks only within existing projects for the best the best portfolio of sites to protect multiple resources.
 - Projects are scored relative to one another-they are "graded on a curve". Each project's score may change based on the number, size, or resource value of other projects.
 - This scenario is useful for comparing projects to each other and can help inform decisions on project ranking.

Category	Remaining Acres
Critical Natural Lands	713,120
Partnerships & Reg. Incentives	569,036
Less-Than-Fee	693,591
Climate Change Lands	84,617
Substantially Complete	23,775
Critical Historical Resources	1,647
Total	2,085,786

Key	
5	Very High
4	High
3	Medium
2	Medium-Low
1	Low

