



2024 Florida Forever Plan

Executive Summary

Introduction

Florida Forever is the state's blueprint for conserving our natural and cultural resources. As one of the most successful programs of its kind in the United States, it replaced the highly successful Preservation 2000. Implemented in 2001, the Florida Forever Act reinforced the importance of conserving Florida's natural and cultural heritage, providing urban open space, increasing public recreation opportunities, and providing quality stewardship of the lands acquired.

Florida Forever is more than an environmental land acquisition mechanism. The program addresses a range of statewide conservation goals, including the protection of water resources; preservation of working landscapes; sustainable forestry; protection of biodiversity and ecological greenways; environmental restoration; expansion of public recreation; public lands management and maintenance; and increased protection of land by acquisition of conservation easements.

The \$3.6 billion investment since the inception of the Florida Forever program demonstrates Florida's continued commitment to protecting and restoring our vital natural resources. Florida has been at the forefront of the nation's land protection efforts and continues to be the model for other land acquisition programs across the country.

Acquisition and Restoration Council

The Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) makes recommendations regarding the acquisition, management and disposition of state-owned lands. This important advisory group includes four state agency representatives in addition to members of the public with backgrounds in land, water, or other environmental sciences as well as wildlife management, forestry management and outdoor recreation.

The Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BOT) are responsible for acting on ARC's recommendations. The BOT also approves the acquisition of each parcel and has ultimate oversight over all state-owned land. The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of State Lands (DSL) provides primary staff support for ARC and the BOT.

Florida Ecological Greenways Network and Florida Wildlife Corridor Act

The Florida Ecological Greenways Network (FEGN) is a statewide database that identifies and prioritizes a functionally connected, statewide ecological network of public and private conservation lands. The FEGN has been a key component of the evaluative criteria for Florida Forever projects since 2003. In July 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis signed the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act into law, which designates the Florida Wildlife Corridor and authorizes conservation land acquisition for the benefit of



wildlife, Floridians and the economy. The act defines the Florida Wildlife Corridor as Priority 1, Priority 2 or Priority 3 areas of the FEGN.

The new law piqued interest in Florida Forever, and the program again received an unprecedented number of applications in 2023. As a result, ARC approved 46 new Florida Forever proposals representing 53,314 acres of land of which 41,602 acres are within the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Over 64,000 acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor were acquired through Florida Forever in 2023, including acquisitions in the following projects:

- 758 acres Apalachicola River
- 11,691 acres Avalon
- 4,195 acres Big Bend Swamp/Holopaw Ranch
- 1,291 acres Blue Head Ranch
- 3,153 acres Bluefield to Cow Creek
- 17,251 acres Devil’s Garden
- 4,623 acres Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway
- 11,960 acres Horse Creek Ranch
- 470 acres Longleaf Pine Ecosystem
- 1,602 acres Myakka Ranchlands
- 5,457 acres Natural Bridge Ecosystem
- 285 acres Osceola Pine Savannas
- 139 acres Rainbow River Corridor
- 163 acres Strategic Managed Area Lands List (SMALL)
- 1,488 acres Wolfe Creek Forest

Partnerships

The state’s series of successful land acquisition programs also includes a long history of cooperative partnerships with state agencies, land trusts, conservation organizations, local governments and federal agencies. Partnerships may involve a local or regional cost-share agreement that lowers acquisition costs or the interim purchase of critical conservation land for subsequent purchase by the state. Each Florida Forever proposal is evaluated by an interagency team of professionals that represent the Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, Florida Forest Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Commerce, Division of Historical Resources and regional water management districts. Partner agencies at the state-level provide valuable contributions to the Florida Forever evaluation and selection process.





The Florida Forever Plan

The 2024 Florida Forever Plan provides an overview of the status of each of the 128 land acquisition projects approved by ARC and included on the Florida Forever Priority List. The plan includes a description of how each project will conserve, protect and restore environmentally endangered lands and ecosystems and contribute lands for the provision of public outdoor recreation. Updated annually, the information provided in the Florida Forever Plan guides implementation of land acquisition projects over the long-term, as work on any individual Florida Forever project may span multiple years.

Explanation of Project Information

A project evaluation report is approved by ARC for each project on the Florida Forever Priority List. The report contains resource and planning information compiled from partner agencies along with a management prospectus (for proposed fee simple projects) that includes a management cost summary. Each project description in this plan includes:

- An overview of significant natural and cultural resources.
- The recommended land manager.
- The purpose for state acquisition.
- Public use opportunities.
- Florida Natural Areas Inventory element occurrences.
- Project/parcel acres, acquisition history and boundary modifications.
- A management policy statement and summary of anticipated management costs (fee simple).
- A map showing project boundaries and essential parcels.

The project acres, acres acquired and acres remaining included with each summary reflect the project status as of Dec. 31, 2023. This information is based on the initial project proposal and reflects acquisitions within a project boundary made by the BOT as well as local governments, federal agencies and private conservation organizations. Project acreage figures may be refined over time as improved data are available and as parcels are acquired. Acreage from this plan should be cited as an approximation until such time actual parcels are fully acquired and final acres are determined as part of the official closing process. Acquisition costs represent expenditures of legislative appropriations by the BOT, state agencies and water management districts. Acquisition costs may also include expenditures by local governments, federal agencies or private conservation organizations.





Florida Forever Priority List Changes

ARC approved the following changes to the 2024 Florida Forever Priority List:

- Added seven new projects
- Added seven new projects to existing project boundaries
- Amended the boundaries of 27 existing projects
- Removed eight projects from the list

<u>New Projects Added to the List</u>	<u>Acres +/-</u>	<u>County</u>
Deer Creek Ranch	5,934	DeSoto
Floyd’s Mound	41	Madison
Ford Marsh	1,200	Volusia
Waccasassa Watershed*	20,455	Levy
Welles Ranch	1,183	Charlotte
Williamson Cattle Company	7,419	Osceola
Yarborough Ranch	1,361	Seminole

*Four new projects – Chunky Pond, Little Pine Ranch, Trailhead Blue Springs and Waccasassa Bay Headwaters – were combined to create the new Waccasassa Watershed project.

<u>New Projects Added to Existing Project Boundaries</u>	<u>Acres +/-</u>	<u>County</u>
Avalon Phase II	1,384	Jefferson
Added to Avalon		
Carter Quail Ranch	1,344	Volusia
Added to Volusia Conservation Corridor		
Creek Ranch	1,295	Polk
Added to Lake Hatchineha Watershed		
Lake Powell North	103	Bay
Added to Strategic Managed Area Lands List (SMALL)		
Myakka Ranch		
Added to Myakka Ranchlands	998	Manatee
Quail Creek Ranch		
Added to Myakka Ranchlands	2,698	Hardee
Venus Project		
Added to Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	1,110	Highlands

<u>Projects with Boundary Amendments</u>	<u>Acres +/-</u>	<u>County</u>
Apalachicola River	1,089	Jackson, Calhoun
Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	-159	Brevard, Indian River
Aucilla/Wacissa Watershed	305	Jefferson
Belle Meade	-56	Collier
Carr Farm/Price’s Scrub	140.3	Alachua, Marion
Catfish Creek	-44	Polk
Coupon Bight/Key Deer	-231	Monroe
Dade County Archipelago	-42	Miami-Dade
Dickerson Bay/Bald Point	-1,796	Franklin, Wakulla
Florida Keys Ecosystem	-0.12	Monroe
Florida’s First Magnitude Springs	310	Levy
Heather Island/Ocklawaha River	150	Marion
Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	284	Highlands



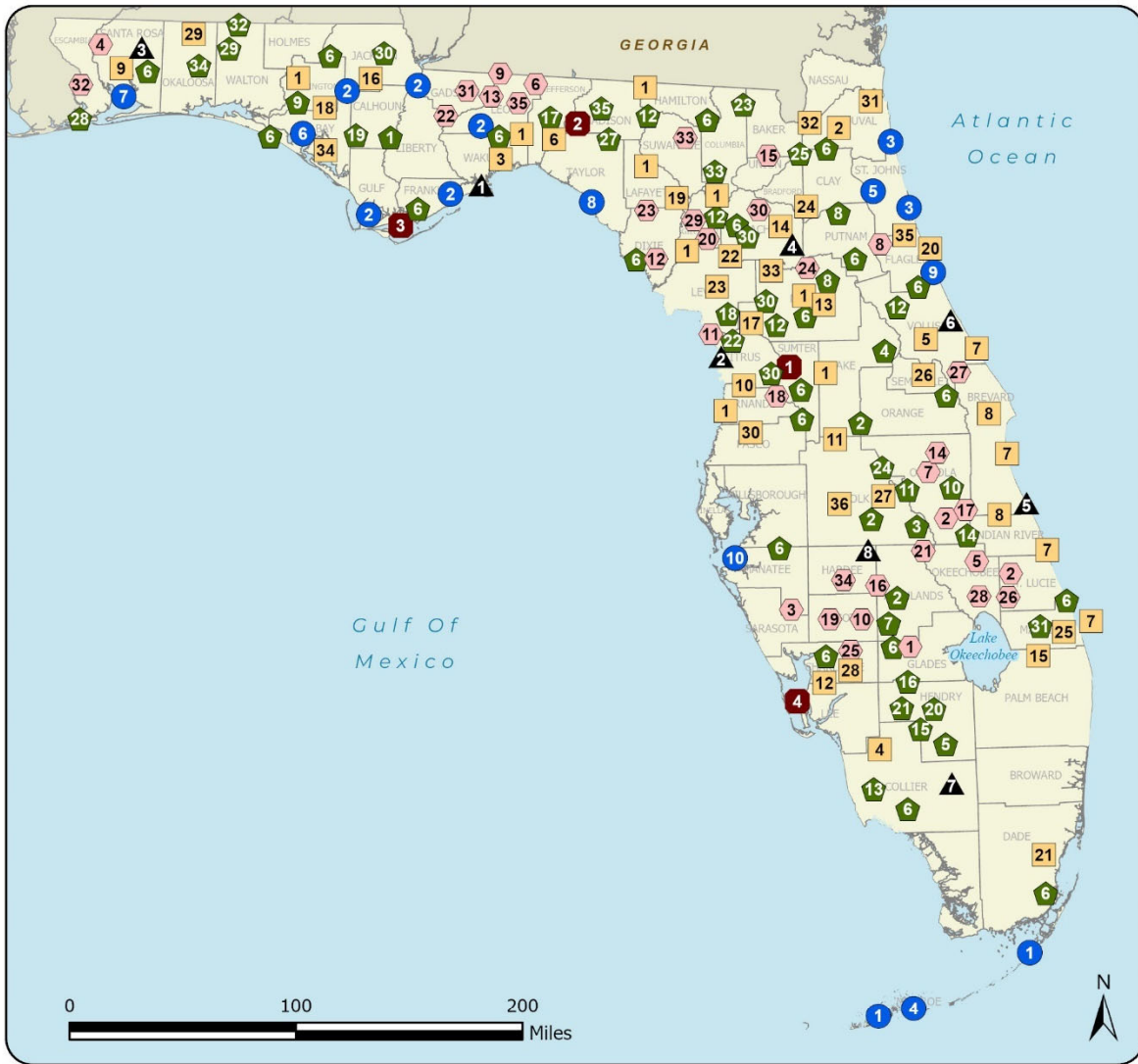


Lochloosa Wildlife	-4,737	Alachua
Lower Suwanee and Gulf Watershed	72	Levy
Matanzas to Ocala Conservation Corridor	-8,568	Putnam, St. Johns
Myakka Ranchlands	438	Manatee
Northeast Florida Blueway	-613	St. Johns
Osceola Pine Savannas	15.9	Osceola
Peace River Refuge	149.1	DeSoto
Pinhook Swamp	1,975.5	Columbia
Pumpkin Hill Creek	129	Nassau
South Walton County Ecosystem	-2,048	Walton
Spruce Creek	-40	Volusia
SMALL	336.9	Multiple Counties
Wekiva-Ocala Greenway	138.2	Lake
Welannee Watershed Forest	830.4	Okaloosa

<u>Projects Removed from the List</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>County</u>
Arbuckle Creek Watershed	90% or more complete	Highlands
Charlotte Harbor Estuary	90% or more complete	Charlotte, Lee, Sarasota
Horse Creek Ranch	100% complete	DeSoto, Hardee
River Property	100% complete	Highlands
South Walton County Ecosystem	90% or more complete	Walton
Telogia Creek	100% complete	Liberty
Tiger Island/Little Tiger Island	90% or more complete	Nassau
Triple Diamond	90% or more complete	Okeechobee

Consistent with section 259.032(8), Florida Statutes, and rule 18-24.002(2)(b), Florida Administrative Code, removing projects from the list does not prevent Florida Forever funds from being used to purchase the remaining acres.





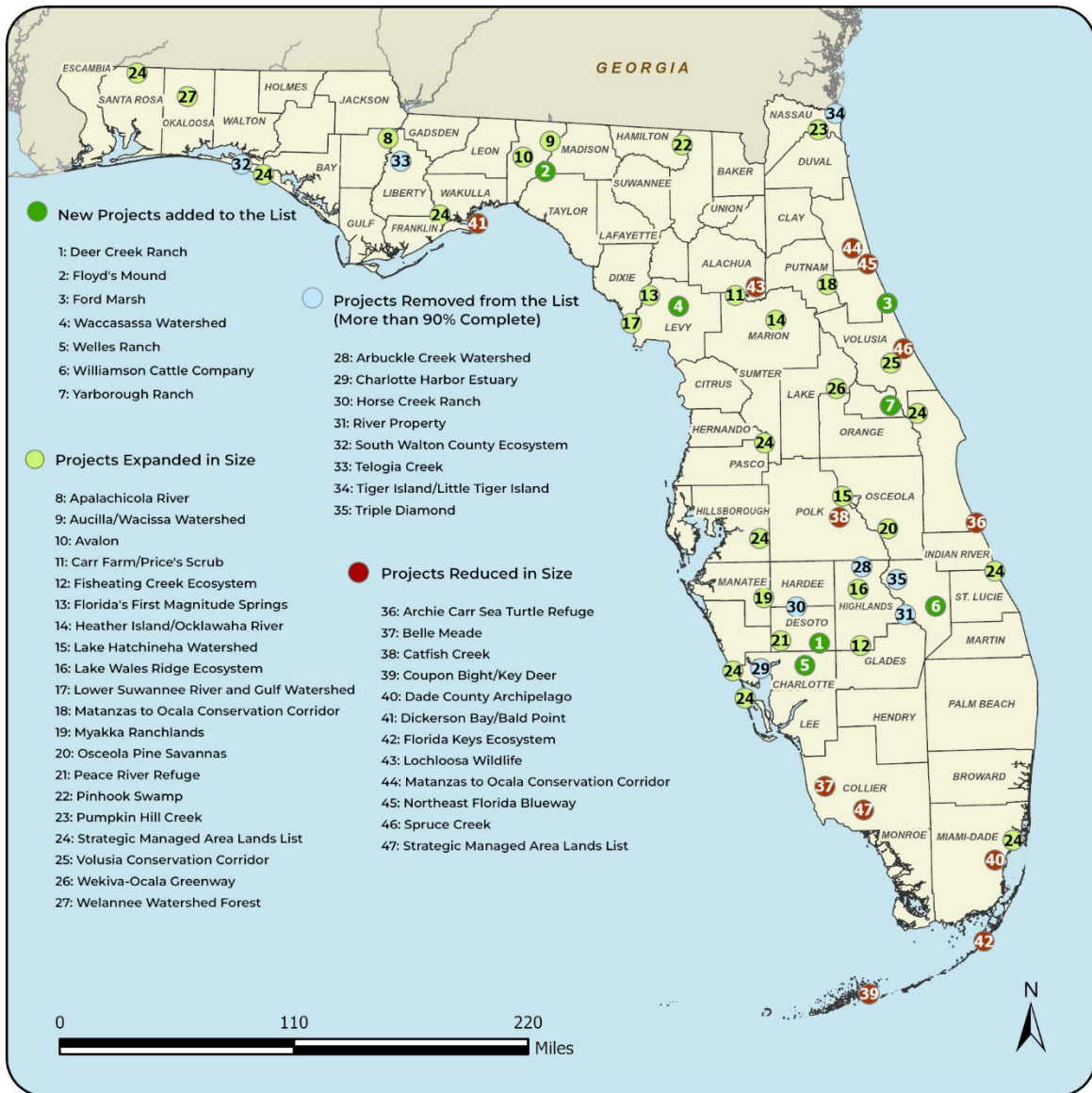
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Florida Forever Project Categories

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate Change Lands Category ■ Critical Historic Resources Category ◆ Critical Natural Lands Category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Less-Than-Fee Category ■ Partnerships and Regional Incentives Category ▲ Substantially Complete Category
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NOTE: Numerals within the symbols represent the project rank within each category. See priority list for project name and details.





FLORIDA FOREVER PROJECTS NEWLY ADDED TO THE PRIORITY LIST, EXPANDED, REDUCED OR REMOVED DURING 2023





2024 Florida Forever Priority List for Land Acquisition Projects

The 2024 Florida Forever Priority List was adopted by the BOT on March 26, 2024. It includes 128 projects containing more than 2.1 million acres with an estimated value of over \$7.8 billion. Ninety-nine of the projects on the Priority List overlap with the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Each project was ranked within one of following six categories:

- Critical Natural Lands – 35 projects
- Partnerships & Regional Incentives – 36 projects
- Less-Than-Fee – 35 projects
- Climate Change Lands – 10 projects
- Substantially Complete – 8 projects
- Critical Historical Resources – 4 projects

2024 Florida Forever Priority List

Critical Natural Lands

Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
1	Apalachicola River	Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty	48,912	48,912	High
2	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	Highlands, Lake, Osceola	27,792	76,704	High
3	Bombing Range Ridge	Highlands, Osceola, Polk	28,807	105,511	High
4	Wekiva-Ocala Greenway	Lake, Orange, Seminole, Volusia	21,462	126,973	High
5	Panther Glades	Hendry	39,352	166,325	High
6	Strategic Managed Area Lands List	Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Putnam, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sumter, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla	12,071	178,396	High
7	Blue Head Ranch	Highlands	41,746	220,142	High
8	Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway	Citrus, Clay, Levy, Marion, Putnam	53,079	273,221	High/Med
9	Forest and Lakes Ecosystem	Bay, Washington	54,862	328,083	Medium
10	Osceola Pine Savannas	Osceola	22,872	350,955	Medium
11	Gardner Marsh	Osceola	5,949	356,904	Medium
12	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	Gilchrist, Hamilton, Marion, Volusia	9,842	366,746	Medium
13	Belle Meade	Collier	4,653	371,399	Medium





Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
14	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	Osceola	21,887	393,286	Medium
15	Half Circle L Ranch	Collier, Hendry	11,182	404,467	Medium
16	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	Glades, Hendry	10,507	414,974	Medium
17	Avalon	Jefferson	11,506	426,480	Medium
18	South Goethe	Levy, Marion	11,350	437,830	Medium
19	Bear Creek Forest	Bay, Calhoun, Gulf	97,428	535,256	Med/Low
20	Devil's Garden	Collier, Hendry	47,043	582,301	Low
21	Twelvemile Slough	Hendry	8,020	590,321	Low
22	Bear Hammock	Marion	4,689	595,010	Low
23	Pinhook Swamp	Baker, Columbia, Hamilton	39,004	634,014	Low
24	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	Osceola, Polk	4,718	638,732	Low
25	Camp Blanding to Raiford Greenway	Baker, Bradford, Clay, Union	32,236	670,968	Low
26	Natural Bridge Timberlands	Jefferson, Leon	5,442	676,410	Low
27	San Pedro Bay	Madison, Taylor	46,345	722,755	Low
28	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	Escambia	2,251	725,006	Low
29	Upper Shoal River	Walton	12,035	737,041	Low
30	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	Alachua, Citrus, Jackson, Marion, Sumter	578	737,619	Low
31	Bar-B Ranch	Martin	1,910	739,529	Low
32	Natural Bridge Creek	Walton	1,967	741,496	Low
33	Ichetucknee Trace	Columbia	1,707	743,203	Low
34	Shoal River Buffer	Okaloosa	880	744,083	Low
35	Hixtown Swamp	Madison	21,965	766,048	Low

Partnerships and Regional Incentives

Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
1	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	Bay, Citrus, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jackson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Wakulla, Walton, Washington	7,273	7,723	High
2	Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve	Clay, Duval, Nassau	68,600	75,873	High
3	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	Leon, Wakulla	3,301	79,174	High
4	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	Collier, Lee	30,658	109,832	High





Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
	Volusia Conservation Corridor	Flagler, Volusia	18,134	127,966	High
6	Aucilla/Wacissa Watershed	Jefferson, Madison, Taylor	40,306	168,272	High
7	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	Brevard, Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, Volusia	17,036	185,308	High/Med
8	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	Brevard	17,381	202,689	Medium
9	Clear Creek/Whiting Field	Santa Rosa	2,474	205,163	Medium
	Annutteliga Hammock	Citrus, Hernando	8,060	213,223	Medium
11	Green Swamp	Lake, Pasco, Polk	154,223	367,446	Medium/Low
12	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	Charlotte, Lee	6,406	373,852	Low
13	Heather Island/Ocklawaha River	Marion	13,782	387,634	Low
14	Lochloosa Forest	Alachua	4,693	392,327	Low
15	Pal-Mar	Martin, Palm Beach	8,838	401,165	Low
16	Middle Chipola River	Calhoun, Jackson	12,115	413,280	Low
17	Rainbow River Corridor	Citrus, Marion	900	414,180	Low
18	Sand Mountain	Bay, Washington	14,370	428,550	Low
19	Lafayette Forest	Lafayette	10,218	438,768	Low
20	Flagler County Blueway	Flagler	2,836	441,604	Low
21	Dade County Archipelago	Miami-Dade	219	441,604	Low
22	Watermelon Pond	Alachua, Levy	5,201	447,024	Low
23	Waccasassa Watershed	Levy	20,455	467,479	Low
24	Lake Santa Fe	Alachua, Bradford	8,750	476,229	Low
25	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	Martin	8,175	484,404	Low
26	Yarborough Ranch	Seminole	1,361	485,765	Low
27	Catfish Creek	Polk	3,219	488,984	Low
28	Hall Ranch	Charlotte	7,415	496,399	Low
29	Welannee Watershed Forest	Okaloosa	9,208	505,607	Low
30	Crossbar/Al Bar Ranch	Pasco	12,440	518,047	Low
31	Pumpkin Hill Creek	Duval	6,438	524,485	Low
32	Baldwin Bay/St. Marys River	Duval, Nassau	8,397	532,882	Low
33	Carr Farm/Price's Scrub	Alachua, Marion	442	533,324	Low
34	Crayfish Habitat Restoration	Bay	2,348	535,672	Low
35	Pringle Creek Forest	Flagler	8,446	544,118	Low
36	Wilson Ranch	Polk	451	544,569	Low

Less-Than-Fee





Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
1	Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	Glades, Highlands	113,984	113,984	High
2	Adams Ranch	Osceola	32,989	146,973	High
3	Myakka Ranchlands	DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota	30,972	177,945	High
4	Coastal Headwaters Longleaf Forest	Escambia, Santa Rosa	93,062	271,007	High/Med
	Kissimmee-St. Johns River Connector	Indian River, Okeechobee	30,810	301,817	Medium
6	Red Hills Conservation	Jefferson, Leon	13,670	315,487	Medium
7	Big Bend Swamp/Holopaw Ranch	Osceola	33,198	348,685	Medium
8	Matanzas to Ocala Conservation Corridor	Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns	88,182	436,867	Medium
9	Ochlockonee River Conservation Area	Gadsden, Leon	3,864	440,731	Medium
	Deer Creek Ranch	DeSoto	5,934	446,665	Medium
11	Gulf Hammock	Levy	25,611	472,246	Med/Low
12	Lower Suwanee River and Gulf Watershed	Dixie	12,090	484,366	Low
13	Ayavalla Plantation	Leon	5,700	490,066	Low
14	Conlin Lake X	Osceola	3,522	493,588	Low
15	Raiford to Osceola Greenway	Baker, Union	68,673	562,261	Low
16	Heartland Wildlife Corridor	Hardee, Highlands	9,579	571,840	Low
17	Ranch Reserve	Brevard, Indian River, Osceola	12,514	584,354	Low
18	Withlacoochee River Corridor	Citrus, Hernando	3,286	587,640	Low
19	Peace River Refuge	DeSoto	3,885	591,525	Low
20	Gilchrist Club	Gilchrist	23,298	614,823	Low
21	Eastern Scarp Ranchlands	Highlands	2,214	617,037	Low
22	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	Gadsden, Liberty	6,923	623,960	Low
23	Eight Mile Property	Dixie	5,717	629,677	Low
24	Mill Creek	Marion	10,135	639,812	Low
25	Welles Ranch	Charlotte	1,183	640,995	Low
26	Bluefield to Cow Creek	Okeechobee, St. Lucie	7,731	648,726	Low
27	Maytown Flatwoods	Brevard	1,613	650,339	Low
28	Williamson Cattle Company	Okeechobee	7,419	657,758	Low
29	North Waccasassa Flats	Gilchrist	14,714	672,472	Low
30	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	Alachua	376	672,848	Low
31	Little River Conservation Area	Gadsden	2,293	675,141	Low
32	Lower Perdido River Buffer	Escambia	2,271	677,412	Low
33	Suwanee County Preservation	Suwanee	1,254	678,666	Low





Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
34	Limestone Ranch	Hardee	6,382	685,048	Low
35	Millstone Plantation	Leon	83	685,131	Low

Climate Change Lands

Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	Monroe	5,406	5,406	High
2	St. Joe Timberland	Bay, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, Washington	51,665	57,071	High/Med
3	Northeast Florida Blueway	Duval, Flagler, St. Johns	7,277	64,348	Med/Low
4	Coupon Bight/Key Deer	Monroe	711	65,059	Low
5	St. Johns River Blueway	Clay, St. Johns	15,912	80,971	Low
6	West Bay Preservation Area	Bay	4,598	85,569	Low
7	Garcon Ecosystem	Santa Rosa	3,098	88,667	Low
8	Taylor Sweetwater Creek	Taylor	3,742	92,409	Low
9	Ford Marsh	Volusia	1,200	93,609	Low
10	Terra Ceia	Manatee	2,038	95,647	Low

Substantially Complete

Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres ²	Work Plan Priority ³
1	Dickerson Bay/Bald Point	Franklin, Wakulla	2,579	2,579	High
2	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	Citrus	8,383	10,962	High/Med
3	Wolfe Creek Forest	Santa Rosa	1,975	12,937	Med/Low
4	Lochloosa Wildlife	Alachua	3,864	16,801	Low
5	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	Brevard	118	16,919	Low
6	Spruce Creek	Volusia	351	17,270	Low
7	Save Our Everglades	Collier	11	17,281	Low
8	Old Town Creek Watershed	Hardee, Polk	1,264	18,545	Low

Critical Historical Resources

Rank	Project	County ¹	Remaining	Cumulative	Work
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1	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	Sumter	1,154	1,154	High/Med
2	Floyd's Mound	Jefferson	41	1,195	Low
3	Pierce Mound Complex	Franklin	359	1,554	Low
4	Pineland Site Complex	Lee	136	1,690	Low

¹ Counties with no remaining acreage to acquire in a project not listed here. See project summaries for counties in which acquisitions are complete.

² Cumulative acres used to calculate which Priority Group of the Acquisition Work Plan each project will qualify.

³ Work Plan Priority Groups pursuant to rule 18-24.006(6), Florida Administrative Code.

High Priority = top 1/3 acreage within each Category	High/Medium Priority = portion of project in High Priority Group and portion in Medium Priority Group	Medium Priority = middle 1/3 acreage within each Category	Medium/Low Priority = portion of project in Medium Priority Group and portion in Low Priority Group	Low Priority = bottom 1/3 acreage within each Category
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Program Accomplishments

For decades, Florida has been one of the most successful states in acquiring and conserving critical natural resources and providing lands for public recreation. Since 1963, Florida has invested approximately \$8.4 billion to conserve more than 4 million acres of land for environmental, recreational and preservation purposes. This has been accomplished with a series of programs including Environmentally Endangered Lands, Outdoor Recreation, Save Our Coasts, Save Our Rivers, Conservation and Recreation Lands, Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever. Because of Florida Forever and its predecessor programs, residents and visitors have benefited from the protection of land and natural resources, including Florida's abundant flora and fauna.

Since its inception in July 2001, the Florida Forever land acquisition program has provided protection for the following:

- 906,120 acres of strategic habitat conservation areas
- 703,240 acres within rare species habitat conservation areas
- 936,680 acres within ecological greenways
- 181,200 acres of rare natural communities
- 700,180 acres within landscape-size protection areas
- 530,860 acres of natural floodplain
- 956,820 acres important to the protection of surface waters
- 535,340 acres to minimize damage from flooding events
- 11,200 acres of fragile coastline
- 372,790 acres of functional wetlands
- 918,340 acres of significant groundwater recharge areas
- 550 miles towards the completion of priority recreational trails
- 499,730 acres of sustainable forest land
- 1,256 archaeological/historic sites
- 14,580 acres within designated urban service areas

These acreages were derived from the Florida Forever Summary of Resource Acres Protected on Conservation Lands Table, which is continuously updated by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory to reflect the most current scientific analyses of Florida's natural resources. The acreage includes properties acquired under the Florida Forever program, as well as donations and acquisitions by other entities with funding from other sources that were within Florida Forever project boundaries. Additionally, the acreages recorded for each measure often overlap, and thus should not be added together. Collectively, under the Florida Forever program the state has protected over 907,342 acres of land with approximately \$3.3 billion in Florida Forever funds.

Accounting for donations and lands acquired with non-Florida Forever program funding, the total acreage protected within Florida Forever projects is more than 1 million acres. All property within the boundaries of the Florida Forever acquisition projects, unless specifically noted, is proposed to be purchased, in fee simple or a lesser interest, for conservation purposes. The 2024 Florida Forever Priority List of land acquisition projects is consistent with section 187.201(9), Florida Statutes, the Natural Systems and Recreational Lands section of the State Comprehensive Plan.





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