

Carr Farm/Price's Scrub

Partnerships & Regional Incentives

Alachua, Marion

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| <i>Year Added to Priority List</i> | 2001 |
| <i>Project Acres</i> | 1,390 |
| <i>Acquired Acres</i> | 962 |
| <i>Cost of Acquired Acres</i> | \$1,975,000 |
| <i>Remaining Project Acres</i> | 428 |
| <i>2020 Assessed Value of Remaining Acres</i> | \$2,011,961 |

Purpose for State Acquisition

The Carr Farm/Price's Scrub project will preserve areas of scrub, upland mixed forest, scrubby flatwoods, wet flatwoods, depression marsh, marsh lake, and sinkhole lake. This scrub is one of the northernmost examples of the community in peninsular Florida. Sandhill cranes have been seen on the Carr Farm as have bald eagles and swallow-tailed kites. Kestrels have been found using experimental nest boxes close to the project site along CR 320. Wood storks (presumably from the River Styx rookery) have been observed feeding on the site, and gopher tortoises are present. The area is expected to provide good habitat for the gopher frog, eastern indigo snake, and other declining amphibians because it has so many isolated seasonal ponds in proximity to extensive upland habitat.

General Description

The Carr Farm/Price's Scrub in Alachua and Marion counties consists of three tracts owned by the family of the zoologist, Archie Carr. The property is in the Fairfield Hills physiographic unit and is underlain by the Miocene Hawthorne Formation of sandy clay mixed with phosphatic pebbles, capped in places by a sandy Plio-Pleistocene deposit. The property is predominantly upland mixed forest on the northern half, and scrub and wet flatwoods on the southern half. The division between hardwood-dominated communities in the northern half and the pine-dominated communities in the southern half are marked by a change in soil types. The property slopes from an elevation of 200 feet on the southern boundary to 90 feet on the northeastern border. Topography of the southern half is flat, with an imperceptible downward slope to the north, whereas the northern portion consists of rolling hills with steep slopes separated by ponds and depression marshes.

FNAI Element Occurrence Summary

| FNAI Elements | Score |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Gopher tortoise | G3/S3 |
| Florida black bear | G5T4/S4 |
| <i>Florida spiny-pod</i> | G2/S2 |
| <i>pondspice</i> | G3?/S2 |
| Hobbs's cave amphipod | G2G3/S2S3 |

Public Use

The varied topography and resources of the site would provide opportunities for limited freshwater fishing and canoeing, primitive camping, hiking and bike trails, and equestrian trails. Picnicking and environmental education would also be suitable for this property. The Carr Farm site has potential for an interpretive site about the life and times of one of the leading naturalists of Florida, Archie Carr.

Acquisition Planning

2001

This project was ranked for the first time on April 6, 2001. OGT purchased the Price's Scrub portion of the project as part of the Marion County Greenway.

2011

On December 9, 2011, the ARC placed this project in the Partnerships and Regional Incentives category.

2021

On October 8, 2021, the ARC approved an addition of 125 acres in Marion County to the project boundary.

Coordination

Alachua County could not commit funding any portion at this time but is willing to consider funding toward the project sometime in the future. Mitigation funds from DOT may be available through SWFWMD.

Management Policy Statement

The primary goals of management are to conserve and protect environmentally unique and irreplaceable lands that contain native, relatively unaltered flora and fauna representing a natural area unique to, or scarce within, a region of the state or a larger geographic area. Other goals are to conserve and protect significant habitat for several rare species, to provide areas, including recreational trails, for natural- resource-based recreation; and to preserve significant archaeological or historical sites.

Manager(s)

DRP.



Management Prospectus

Qualifications for state designation

The project has historic and archaeological sites, including the home site of Archie and Marjorie Carr. As such, the project would qualify as a state historic site. The natural resource portions of the project will provide a variety of resource-based recreational opportunities to compliment the cultural-resource aspect of the site.

Conditions affecting intensity of management

The project will be a high need management area. Public recreational use and development of compatible cultural and resource-based facilities will be an integral aspect of management. The proximity of I-75 and the long years since the scrub, scrubby flatwoods and wet flatwoods have burned will require more intensive preparation to burn in the short-term.

Management implementation, Public access, Site security and Protection of infrastructure

Upon fee acquisition, management will concentrate on site security and development of a cultural and natural resource inventory. Hunting will not be allowed. Access to and within the project will be confined to designated points and routes. In the short-term, low-intensity, non-facility related outdoor recreation will be provided as soon as practical to allow for compatible public access. Emphasis will be given to developing a short-term burn program to begin restoration efforts in the scrub, scrubby flatwoods and wet flatwoods. Long-term management will include a range of resource-based recreation and associated facilities, together with resource management goals.

Revenue-generating potential

DRP expects no significant revenue from this property immediately after acquisition. The amount of any future revenue will depend on the nature and future extent of public use and facilities development.

Cooperators in management activities

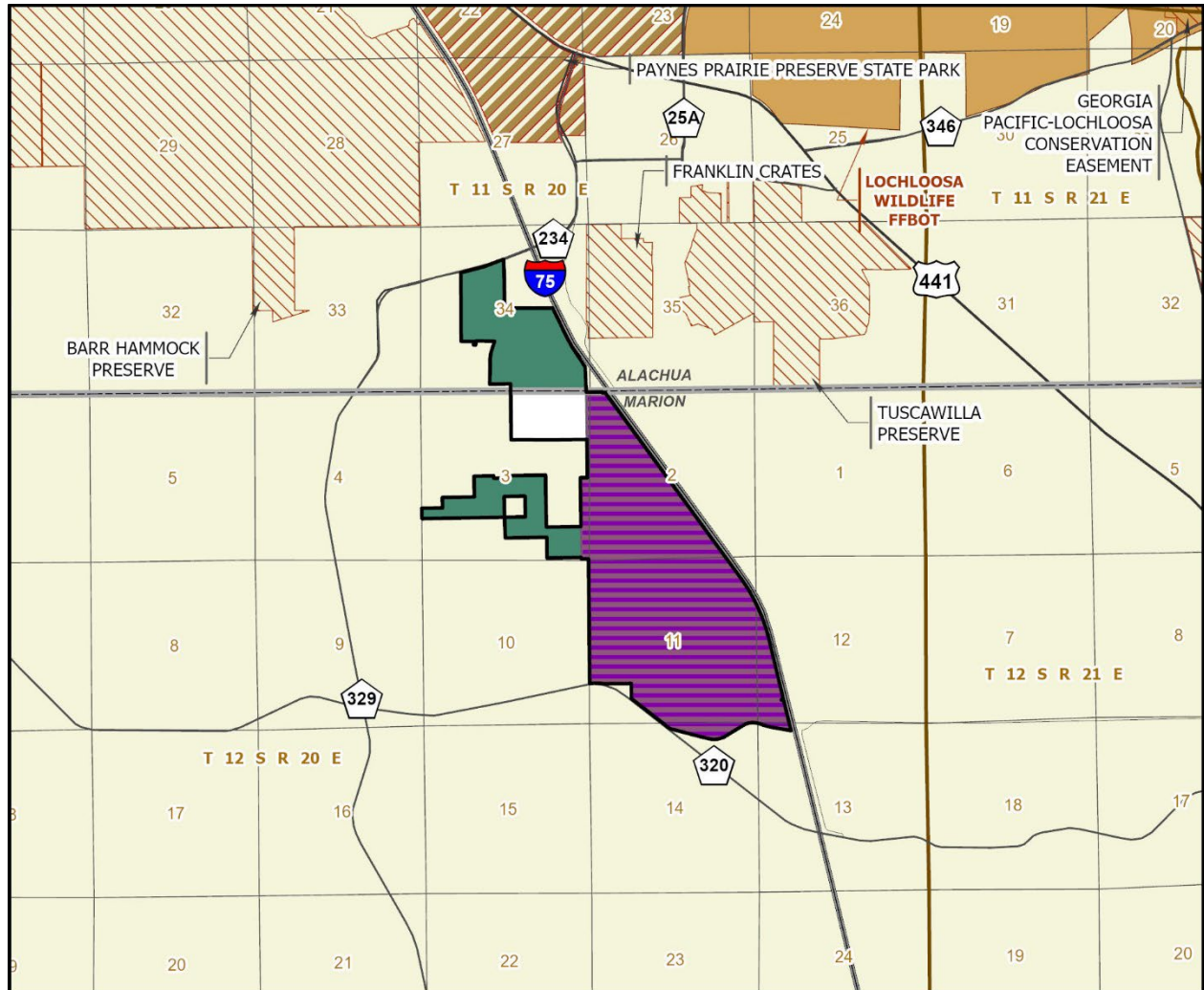
DRP will, as appropriate, cooperate with local governments, other state agencies, and the water management district to further resource management, recreational and educational opportunities and the development of lands for state park purposes.

Management Cost Summary

| <u>DRP</u> | <u>Startup</u> | <u>Recurring</u> |
|------------|----------------|------------------|
| OPS | Not provided | \$15,000 |
| Expense | Not provided | \$28,000 |
| OCO | \$124,000 | 0 |
| FCO | \$298,000 | 0 |
| TOTAL | \$422,000 | \$130,000 |

Source: Management Prospectus as originally submitted

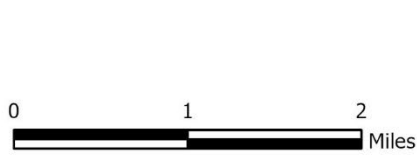




CARR FARM/PRICE'S SCRUB

ALACHUA AND MARION COUNTIES

-  Florida Forever BOT Project Boundary
-  Acquired for Conservation (Fee Simple)
-  Essential Parcel(s) Remaining
-  State Owned Conservation Lands
-  Other Conservation Lands
-  Other Florida Forever BOT Projects



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Map 1: FNAI, February 2022