

Mill Creek

Less-Than-Fee

Marion

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| <i>Year Added to Priority List</i> | 2003 |
| <i>Project Acres</i> | 12,293 |
| <i>Acquired Acres</i> | 2,158 |
| <i>Cost of Acquired Acres</i> | \$0 |
| <i>Remaining Project Acres</i> | 10,135 |
| <i>2020 Assessed Value of Remaining Acres</i> | \$21,065,984 |

Purpose for State Acquisition

The Mill Creek project will increase the protection of Florida's biodiversity at the species, natural community, and landscape levels by protecting existing natural areas from conversion to alternative uses. The project will increase forestland available for sustainable management of natural resources and enhance existing wetlands through the prohibition of future timber harvesting. This project will support state water quality and quantity by preserving area adjacent to the Orange Creek Restoration Area which flows to Orange Creek

General Description

The Mill Creek proposal includes over 12,000 acres of land in northern Marion County. It is proposed for less-than-fee acquisition and is owned by four different entities, but it is controlled by the Moxon family. Several conservation lands lie within five miles of the Mill Creek property including Orange Lake, Lochloosa Lake, Ocklawaha River, Orange Creek Restoration Area, Lochloosa Wildlife Conservation Area, Black Sink Prairie, Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway and the Ocala National Forest. The Mill Creek property has been impacted by cattle and timber operations, including conversion to pasture, pine plantation and cypress harvesting. Two rare plants and eight rare animals are documented to occur on the property.

FNAI Element Occurrence Summary

| FNAI Elements | Score |
|--------------------|---------|
| Gopher tortoise | G3/S3 |
| Florida black bear | G5T4/S4 |
| Snowy egret | G5/S3 |
| Little blue heron | G5/S4 |
| Tricolored heron | G5/S4 |
| White ibis | G5/S4 |

Public Use

Mill Creek is proposed for less-than-fee acquisition and does not provide for public access. However, the eastern portion of the property is leased for hunting.

Acquisition Planning

2003

On December 5, 2003, the ARC added the Mill Creek project to Group A of the Florida Forever 2004 Priority List. This Less-than-Fee acquisition, sponsored by the Conservation Real Estate Group, consisted of approximately 12,285 acres, multiple owners, and a 2002 tax assessed value of \$13,694,672.

2005

On January 27, 2005, the ARC moved this project to Group B of the 2005 Florida Forever Annual Priority list. On June 3, 2005, the ARC moved this project to Group A of the 2005 FF Interim Priority list.

2007

On December 14, 2007, the ARC voted to move the Mill Creek project to Group B of the 2008 Florida Forever priority list.

2011

On December 9, 2011, the ARC placed the Mill Creek project in the Less-than-Fee category of projects.

Coordination

There are no acquisition partners currently.

Management Policy Statement

As a less-than-fee acquisition, Mill Creek would be managed for conservation purposes by the landowner as outlined in the conservation easement.

Manager(s)

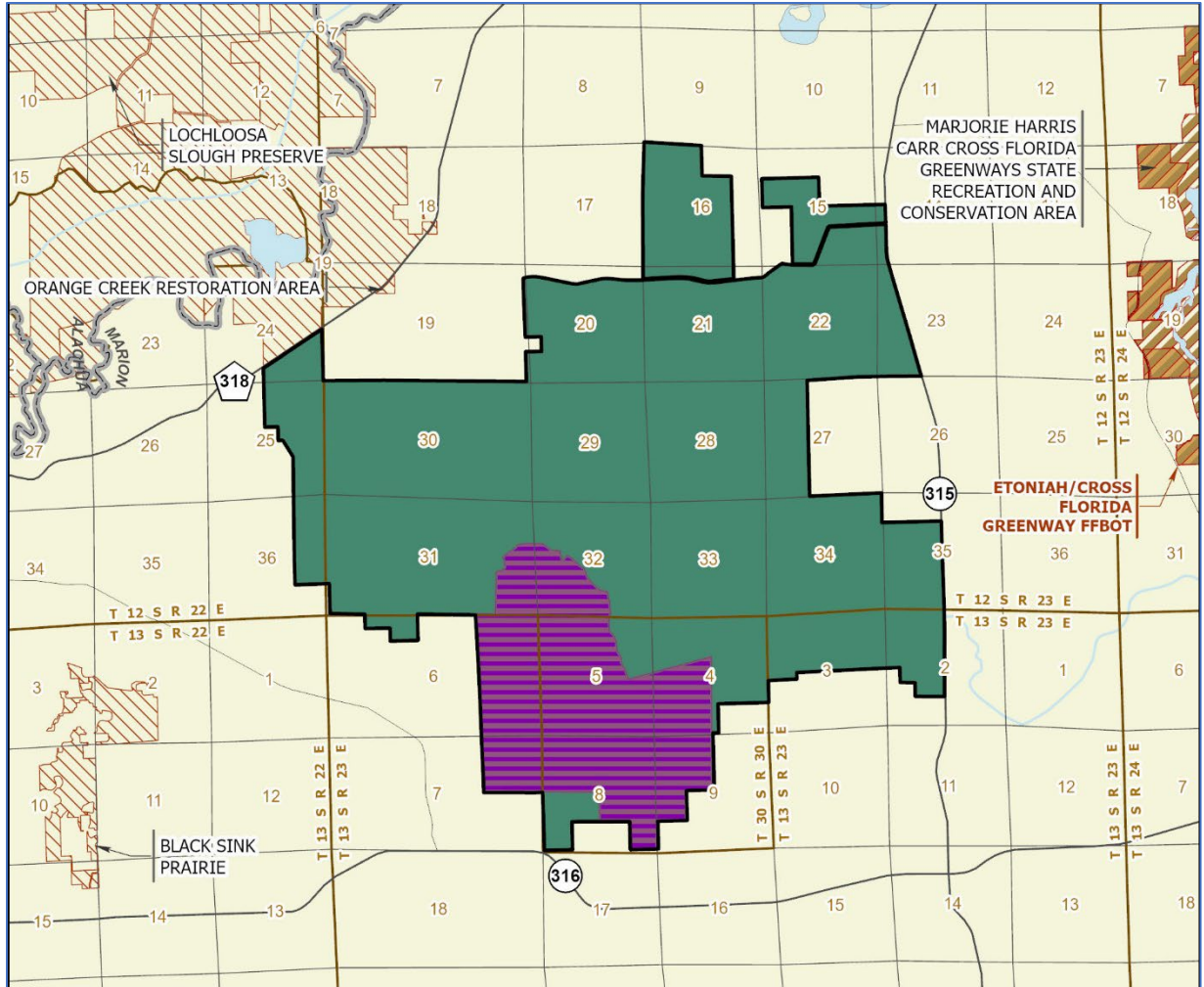
If acquired as less-than-fee, management responsibility of Mill Creek would remain with the landowner. Periodic monitoring of the site's management to confirm continued compliance with the conditions of the conservation easement would be coordinated by OES.



Management Prospectus

OES will periodically monitor the conservation easement, while the management will be conducted by the property owner.

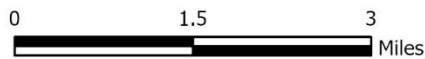




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MARION COUNTY

-  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