

Carr Farm/Price's Scrub

Partnerships and Regional Incentives

Alachua and Marion Counties

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| <i>Year Added to Priority List</i> | 2001 |
| <i>Project Acres</i> | 1,662 |
| <i>Acquired Acres</i> | 1,156 |
| <i>Remaining Project Acres</i> | 506 |
| <i>2024 Assessed Value of Remaining Acres</i> | \$5,217,260 |

Purpose for State Acquisition

The Carr Farm/Price's Scrub project will preserve one of the northernmost examples of scrub in peninsular Florida along with upland mixed forest, scrubby flatwoods, wet flatwoods, depression marsh, marsh lake and sinkhole lake. These natural communities provide habitat for a variety of imperiled wildlife. The project will also protect many isolated seasonal ponds, which are potential habitats for the gopher frog (*Lithobates capito*) and other imperiled amphibians.

General Description

The Carr Farm/Price's Scrub project in Alachua and Marion counties consists of three tracts owned by the family of 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 is 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. The 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

| <u>FNAI Elements</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Gopher tortoise | G3/S3 |
| Florida black bear | G5T4/S4 |
| <i>Florida spiny-pod</i> | G2/S2 |
| <i>sand butterfly pea</i> | G2Q/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, canoeing, primitive camping, hiking, biking 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 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. The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Office of Greenways and Trails purchased the Price's Scrub portion, now Price's Scrub State Park.

2011

On December 9, 2011, the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) placed this project in the Partnerships and Regional Incentives category.

2021

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

2023

In August 2023, ARC approved the addition of one parcel totaling approximately 94 acres in Marion County.

In December of 2023, ARC approved the addition of five parcels totaling approximately 46.27 acres in Marion County.

DEP acquired, in fee, 14 acres in Marion County from Susan Carr and 110.5 acres from Marcia Green.

2024

In September 2024, ARC approved the addition of five parcels totaling approximately 132.45 acres in Marion County.

Coordination

Alachua County is willing to consider funding toward the project. Mitigation funds from the Florida Department of Transportation may be available through the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Management Policy Statement

The primary goals of management are to: conserve and protect environmentally unique and irreplaceable lands containing native, rare and imperiled species; provide areas for natural-resource-based recreation; and preserve significant archaeological or historical sites.





Manager(s)

The Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) is the recommended manager.

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 complement 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 Interstate 75 and the lack of prescribed fire on the site will require more intensive preparation prior to burning.

Management Implementation, Public Access, Site Security and Protection of Infrastructure

Upon fee acquisition, management will concentrate on site security and the 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 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 cooperate with local governments, other state agencies and water management district to further resource management, recreational and educational opportunities and the development of lands for state park purposes as appropriate.



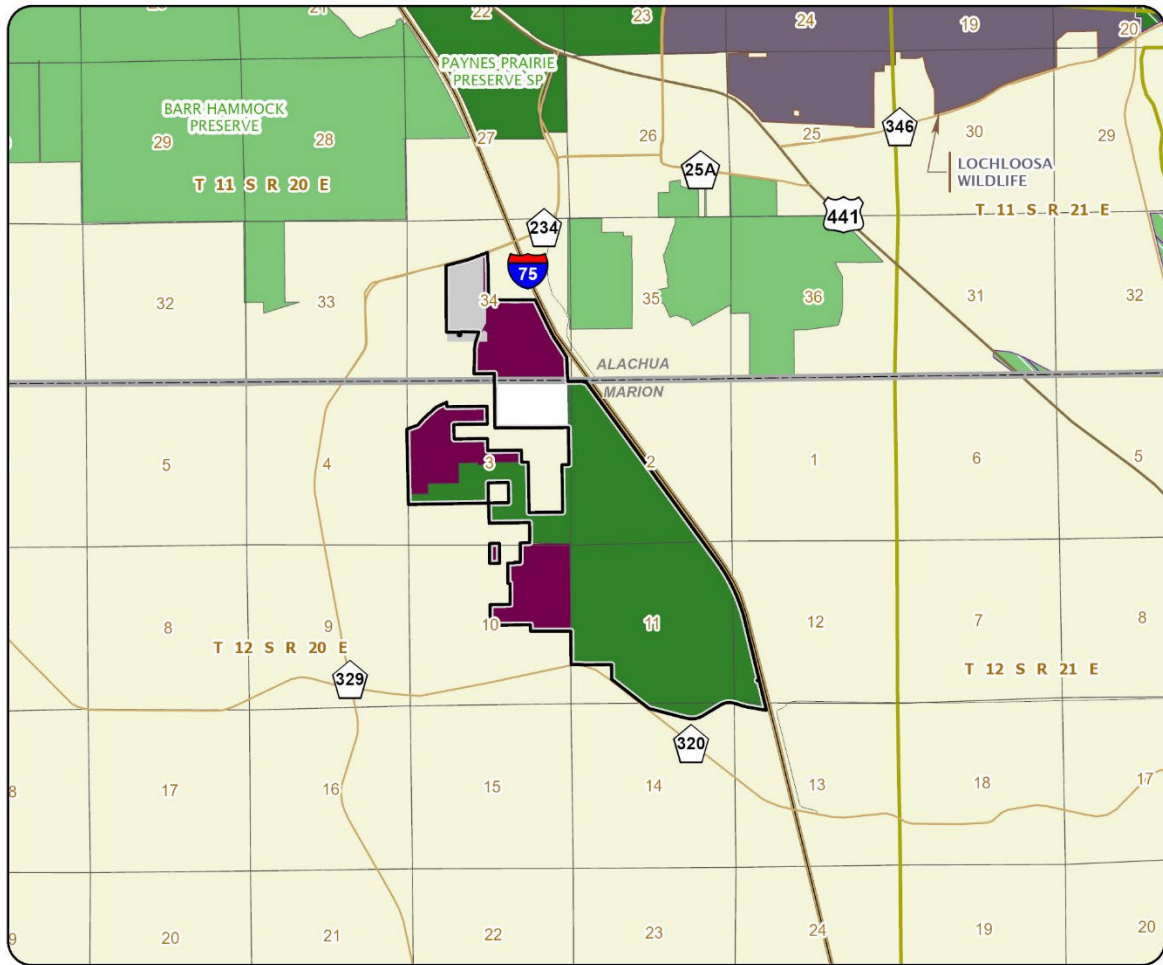


Management Cost Summary

| <u>DRP</u> | <u>Startup</u> | <u>Recurring</u> |
|------------|----------------|------------------|
| Salary | \$0 | \$0 |
| OPS | not provided | \$15,000 |
| Expense | not provided | \$28,000 |
| OCO | \$124,000 | \$0 |
| FCO | \$298,000 | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$422,000 | \$43,000 |

Source: Management Prospectus as originally submitted





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