

ITEM 7:

Vote on whether to add nine 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals to the 2023 Florida Forever Priority List.

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

In October 2021, the Division of State Lands (DSL) received Florida Forever project proposals for Aucilla River Corridor, Bar-B Ranch, Charlie Creek, Eight Mile Property, Foshalee Slough, Johnson Homestead, Lake Sampala Timber & Land, River Property and South Prong of the St. Mary's River. Council members and staff reviewed the applications and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) preliminary resource evaluation and heard public testimony at the December 10, 2021 public hearing. ARC voted to move all nine proposals to full review on December 10, 2021.

The Florida Forever assessment team visited each of the proposals in January and February of 2022. The DSL staff prepared project evaluation reports based on the information provided by the ARC member agencies, FNAI and other agency contributors. Regional public hearings on the proposals were held on March 1, March 2, March 8, 2022. ARC will hold another regional hearing immediately prior to the April 8, 2022. The meeting summaries for the March regional hearings are provided in Item 2.

Proposal	Acres	Acquisition Type	County
Aucilla River Corridor	18,575	Less-Than-Fee & Fee Simple	Jefferson, Madison & Taylor
Bar-B Ranch	1,899	Fee Simple	Martin
Charlie Creek	1,547	Less-Than-Fee	Hardee
Eight Mile Property	5,706	Less-Than-Fee	Dixie
Foshalee Slough	945	Less-Than-Fee	Leon
Johnson Homestead	699	Less-Than-Fee	DeSoto
Lake Sampala Timber & Land	1,317	Less-Than-Fee	Madison
River Property	2,975	Less-Than-Fee	Highlands
South Prong of the St. Mary's River	1,146	Less-Than-Fee	Baker

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Vote on the proposals to be added as projects to the 2023 Florida Forever priority list.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Charlie Creek less-than-fee project to the Old Town Creek Watershed Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Foshalee Slough less-than-fee project to the Red Hills Conservation Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Johnson Homestead less-than-fee project to the Peace River Refuge Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Lake Sampala Timber & Land less-than-fee project to the San Pedro Bay Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the South Prong of the St. Mary’s River less-than-fee project to the Raiford to Osceola Greenway Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

Vote to approve the Florida Forever project proposals.

Project	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	DEP	Selected
Aucilla River Corridor								
Bar-B Ranch								
Charlie Creek								
Eight Mile Property								
Foshalee Slough								
Johnson Homestead								
Lake Sampala Timber & Land								
River Property								
South Prong of the St. Mary’s River								

Vote to amend existing Florida Forever Project boundaries to include new project lands.

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Old Town Creek Watershed: Charlie Creek								
Red Hills Conservation: Foshalee Slough								
Peace River Refuge: Johnson Homestead								
San Pedro Bay: Lake Sampala Timber & Land								
Raiford to Osceola Greenway: South Prong of the St. Mary's River								