ITEM 11:

Vote on whether to add ten 2022 Cycle 2 Florida Forever proposals to the 2023 Florida Forever Priority List.

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

In April 2022, the Division of State Lands (DSL) received Florida Forever project proposals for CNC Ranch, Double G Legacy, Gardner Marsh, Gilchrist Club, Goodno Ranch, Heartland Wildlife Corridor, Keen Ranch, Natural Bridge Timberlands, Avalon and Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II. Council members and staff reviewed the applications and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) preliminary resource evaluation and heard public testimony at the June 10, 2022 public hearing. ARC voted to move all ten proposals to full review on June 10, 2022.

The Florida Forever assessment team visited each of the proposals in June and July 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 August 12, August 29, August 30 and September 6, 2022. The meeting summaries for the regional hearings are provided in Item 2.

Proposal	Acres	Acquisition Type	County	
CNC Ranch	3,557	Less-Than-Fee	Okeechobee	
Double G Legacy	680	Less-Than-Fee	Sumter	
Gardner Marsh	5,952	Less-Than-Fee	Osceola	
Gilchrist Club	23,255	Less-Than-Fee	Gilchrist	
Goodno Ranch	1,185	Less-Than-Fee	Glades	
Heartland Wildlife Corridor	9,579	Less-Than-Fee	Hardee, Highlands	
Keen Ranch	995	Less-Than-Fee	DeSoto	
Natural Bridge Timberlands	5,740	Fee Simple	Leon, Jefferson	
Avalon	13,272	Less-Than-Fee	Jefferson	
Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II	3,423	Fee Simple	Santa Rosa	

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 CNC Ranch less-than-fee project to the Kissimmee-St Johns River Connector 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 Double G Legacy less-than-fee project to the Battle of Wahoo Swamp 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 Goodno Ranch less-than-fee project to the Caloosahatchee Ecoscape 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 Keen Ranch

less-than-fee project to the Myakka Ranchlands 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 Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II fee-simple project to the Wolfe Creek Forest 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
CNC Ranch								
Double G Legacy								
Gardner Marsh								
Gilchrist Club								
Goodno Ranch								
Heartland Wildlife Corridor								
Keen Ranch								
Natural Bridge Timberlands								
Avalon								
Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II								

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

Project	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	DEP	Selected
Kissimmee-St. Johns River								
Connector: CNC Ranch								
Battle of Wahoo Swamp: Double G								
Legacy								
Caloosahatchee Ecoscape: Goodno								
Ranch								
Myakka Ranchlands: Keen Ranch								
Wolfe Creek Forest: Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II								