FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Division of Recreation and Parks

Office of Greenways and Trails

Certificate of Eligibility to Apply for Funding Under the Florida Greenways and Trails Program

Please note: This form may be submitted at any time during the year, and is valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance by the Office of Greenways and Trails.

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: _____
Name of Project

_____
Address or Location of Project

FROM: _____
Name of Applicant

_____
Address of Applicant

_____
City, State and Zip Code

(_____)_____ (_____)_____
Telephone Fax

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY:

A. The proposed project meets the statutory definition (Section 260.013, F.S.) of a greenway or trail, as follows:

"Greenway" means a linear open space established along either a natural corridor, such as a riverfront, stream valley, or ridgeline, or over land along a railroad right-of-way converted to recreational use, a canal, a scenic road, or other route; any natural or landscaped course for pedestrian or bicycle passage; an open space connector linking parks, nature reserves, cultural features, or historic sites with each other and populated areas; or a local strip or linear park designated as a parkway or greenbelt.

"Trail" means a linear corridor and any adjacent support parcels on land or water providing public access for recreation or authorized alternative modes of transportation.

Provide a general description of the project, including features that qualify the project as a greenway or trail:

B. The planned project corridor is located within or adjacent to at least one opportunity segment on one or more Recreational Prioritization Maps.

Identify the planned project corridor and all project boundaries on a 1:24,000 USGS Topographical Map, then attach to this application as Attachment "A." Please include the Section, Township and Range.

C. At least eighty (80) percent of the planned project corridor has a landowner or landowners willing to negotiate the Department's acquisition of their property.

State the percentage of the total proposed project area for which the landowner(s) has/have indicated their willingness to negotiate the sale of their property to the state: _____.

Please explain how this was determined:

Please note: Upon submitting an Application for Acquisition of Land, Applicant shall provide signed Willing Owner Certificates (OGT-004) for at least eighty (80) percent of lands within the planned project corridor.

D. The proposed project has a willing managing entity.

Please provide the following information:

Name of Managing Entity: _____
Address of Managing Entity: _____
Name of Contact/Representative: _____
Telephone: (____)_____ Fax: (____)_____

Please note: Upon submitting an Application for Acquisition of Land, Applicant shall provide a signed Willing Manager Certificate (OGT-003).

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I hereby confirm that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CERTIFICATION (to be completed by the Office of Greenways and Trails):

Notice is hereby given that the above project, as currently proposed by the Applicant, has been certified by the Office of Greenways and Trails as eligible to apply for acquisition under the Florida Greenways and Trails Acquisition Program.

The proposed project, as submitted by the Applicant, appears to have met all of the criteria set forth in Section 62S-1.300(1), F.A.C. This Certificate of Eligibility is valid for twelve (12) months from the date certified below.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date Certified: _____

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VERIFICATION (to be completed by the Applicant):

The following shall be completed at the time an Application for Acquisition of Land is submitted to the Office of Greenways and Trails for the certified project:

Applicant hereby confirms that all information provided in this Certificate of Eligibility remains the same. (If there are changes to the proposed project since this Certificate was issued, the project must be re-submitted to the Office of Greenways and Trails for eligibility certification.)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____