December 7, 2023 5:30 pm County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room 12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2023

- 4. Property Evaluations Staff Presentations
- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Staff Updates

Acquisition updates

- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Next Meeting Date

Anticipated next meeting date: January 25, 2023

10. Adjournment

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#### **Mission Statement**

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Brian Block Chair Vacant Vice-Chair Kristen Young Secretary

Amy Schwarzer BJ Bukata Bruce A. Blackwell Dewayne Baines Jason Teisinger Mark Hostetler Paul Lyrene, Dr. Russ Weber

Alternate Catherine (Kate) Lee

# ALACHUA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION BOARD

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# **Meeting Agenda**

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 P.M. Grace Knight Conference Room 12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Second Floor, Alachua County Administration Building In-Person Meeting

# 1) Call to Order

- 2) Agenda
  - a) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 4) Property Evaluations Staff Presentations

   a) Lake Forest Creek Olster

# 5) Old Business

a) FY 2023 LCB Accomplishment Report

# 6) New Business

# 7) Staff Updates

- a) Acquisition Updates
- b) Staff Updates

# 8) Public Comment

- 9) Other Business
  - a) Next meeting date January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# 10) Adjourn

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September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 P.M. Grace Knight Conference Room 12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Second Floor, Alachua County Administration Building In-Person Meeting

<u>LCB attendees</u>: Brian Block, Aubrey Heupel Greene, Kristen Young, BJ Bukata, Bruce Blackwell, Dewayne Baines, Paul Lyrene, Kate Lee, Amy Schwarzer <u>Staff attendees</u>: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Ryan Kennelly, Mike Nelson, Michael Bird, Cory Gillis <u>Public attendees</u>: Matthew Mullings, Adrian Santiago, Emily Ellingsen, Michael Granto, Sarah Henry

#### 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Brian Block at 5:34PM.

#### 2) Agenda

a) Approval of Agenda

*Motion* was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the agenda. BJ Bukata seconded the motion. *Action*: The agenda for the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the LCB was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

#### 3) Approval of Minutes from August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Motion* was made by Paul Lyrene to approve the minutes. Catherine Lee seconded the motion. *Action*: The minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 LCB meeting was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

#### 4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

a) Santa Fe River – Shireman presented by Ryan Kennelly Property was nominated by the owner as a fee-simple acquisition Motion was made by Dewayne Baines to place the property in the eligibility pool. Catherine Lee seconded the motion.

Action: The Santa Fe River – Shireman property was placed in the eligibility pool as a fee-simple acquisition with a unanimous vote of 9-0. Motion was made by Dewayne Baines to place the property in the priority pool. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion.

*Action*: The Santa Fe River – Shireman property was placed in the priority pool as a fee-simple acquisition with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

b) Watermelon Portd – Biro presented by Mike Nelson

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Alternate **Catherine (Kate) Lee**  Property was nominated by the owner as a conservation easement. **Motion** was made by Paul Lyrene to place the property in the eligibility pool. Aubrey Heupel Greene seconded the motion. **Action**: The Watermelon Pond– Biro property was placed in the eligibility pool as a conservation easement with a unanimous vote of 9-0. **Motion** was made by Kristen Young to place the property in the priority pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion. **Action**: The Watermelon Pond– Biro property was placed in the priority pool as a conservation easement with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

#### 5) Old Business

None

#### 6) New Business

None

#### 7) Staff Updates

- a) Acquisition Updates presented by Michael Bird
- Lake Sante Fe Dinh property is under contract, due diligence period closing with an expected closing date at the end of October
- *Mill Creek Rembert in due diligence period with an expected December closing date*
- Watermelon Pond Sheffield property option to purchase approved by BOCC and inspection period beginning
- Lochloosa Creek Sherouse and Flowers owners accepted the LOI and property now in contract drafting phase
- Lochloosa Forest Connection Rimes owners accepted LOI and purchase now in contract drafting phase
- Lochloosa Slough Jackson Heirs accepted LOI and property now in contract review phase
- Watermelon Pond Elliott appraised for conservation easement
- Winchester appraisal expected in October
- b) Stewardship Update
  - i) FY 2023 LCB Accomplishment Report presented by Andi Christman Amy Schwarzer will present the LCB Accomplishment Report to the Board of County Commissioners

#### 8) Public Comment

- Questions were answered from university students in attendance about how the board functions, the make-up of the board, and relationships with state agencies

- *Aubrey Heupel Green is moving and will be stepping down from the LCB next month* 

- Four LCB positions are opening for application in December

- The Board of County Commissioners finalized their policy to use escheated property for affordable housing. All properties will be reviewed by county departments before development or sale, including for purposes of land conservation

### 9) Other Business

a) Next meeting date – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### 10) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Brian Block at 7:02PM

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# Alachua County - Member Attendance Report - 2022-2023

# Land Conservation Board

Member	27-Apr-23	25-May-23	22-Jun-23	27-Jul-23	24-Aug-23	28-Sep-23	ТОТ
Bruce A. Blackwell	Р	А	Р	Р	А	Р	66.
Russell Weber	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	А	83.
Dewayne Baines	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Brian Block	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Amy Schwarzer	-	-	Р	Р	А	Р	75.
Mark Hostetler	Р	Р	Р	А	А	А	50.
B.J. Bukata	А	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	83.
Kristen Young	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Paul Lyrene	Р	А	Р	Р	Р	Р	83.
Jason Teisinger	Р	Р	Р	А	Р	А	66.
Aubrey Greene	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Catherine (Kate) Lee	Р	Р	A	Р	Р	Р	83.
Melissa Hill (No longer on LCB)	Р	Р	-	-	-	-	
*Orange for total attendance tracking purposes only							
Present:	11	10	11	10	9	9	81.9
Absent:	1	2	1	2	3	3	18.0
Excused:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	12	12	12	12	12	12	

\* P = Present

\* A = Absent

\* E = Excused

\* C = Canceled

### Current Land Conservation Board Roster and Terms 09/28/2023

Member	Term Start	Term End	Position	Length of Service*
Jason Teisinger	10/23/2018	12/31/2023	Natural Resource Professional	Fourth Term (+1 part. term)
Bruce A. Blackwell	1/14/2020	12/31/2023	Citizen at Large	Second Term
Kristen Young	7/13/2021	9/30/2023	Citizen at Large	First Term
Dewayne Baines	1/13/2021	12/31/2024	Citizen at Large	First Term
Brian Block	1/1/2021	12/20/2024	Citizen at Large	Third Term
Mark Hostetler	1/11/2022	9/30/2024	Natural Resource Professional	First Term
Kate Lee	7/13/2021	9/30/2024	Citizen at Large (Alternate)	First Term
Paul Lyrene	1/11/2022	9/30/2025	Citizen at Large	Second Term
Amy Schwarzer	6/1/2023	9/30/2025	Natural Resource Professional	First Term
Russell Weber	2/14/2023	9/30/2026	Natural Resource Professional	Second Full Term (+ 2 part. terms)
B.J. Bukata	2/14/2023	9/30/2026	Natural Resource Professional	Second Full Term (+ 2 part. terms)
Aubrey Greene	2/14/2023	9/30/2026	Natural Resource Professional	First Term

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	ACF Lake Fo	rest Creek			
	Olst	er			
	12/7/2	2023			
Project Score		Buildings			
5.87 of 10.00		0(ACPA), 0 on site			
Inspection Date		Just Value	Just Value Per Acre		
11/27/2023		\$98,160	\$6,000		
Size		Total Value (Just, Misc, Bldg)	<b>Total Value Per Acre</b>		
16.36		\$98,160 \$6,000			
Parcel Number	Acreage	Acquisition Type			
16125-000-000	11.44	Fee Simple			
16125-005-000	4.92	Natural Community	Condition		
		Upland Pine Forest	Good-Fair		
		Upland Mixed Forest	Fair		
		Other	Condition		
Section-Township-Range		Archaeological Sites			
11-10-20		1 recorded on site, 16 in 1 mile	2		
		Bald Eagle Nests			
		0 on site, 1 in one mile			
REPA Score	7.42 of 9.44 Lake Forest	Creek			
KBN Score	Ranked 14 of 47 projects (Eastside Greenway)				
<b>Outstanding Florida Waters</b>	No OFW on site. Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park OFW within 1 mile.				

#### **Overall Description:**

The Olster property – nominated for fee simple acquisition – is comprised of two parcels (ACPA TPN 16125-000-000 and 16125-005-000) under two ownerships from the same family. The parcels are 16.36 acres in size and are in the center of the County, just east of the city of Gainesville and north of SE Hawthorne Road. The Olster property is in the Lake Forest Creek ACF Project Area, and approximately 69% of the property lies within the Eastside Greenway Strategic Ecosystem. The natural communities on site include upland pine forest and upland mixed forest.

Most of the northern parcel is upland pine forest in good to fair condition. The overstory is dominated by longleaf pine and includes pignut hickory, mockernut hickory, southern magnolia, scattered loblolly pine, with an open understory containing low densities of beautyberry, coral bean, sparkleberry, and saw palmetto. There were numerous catface stumps and living catface longleaf pines indicating a past use of the turpentine industry. Active land management on the property appears to have been absent for many years. Laurel oak, water oak, and sweetgum have started to encroach and shade out a lot of the understory.

Moving south into the southern parcel is upland mixed forest in fair condition. The overstory includes laurel oak, water oak, live oak, southern magnolia, sweetgum, and very low densities of turkey oak, blue jack oak, and chinquapin oak. Shrubs and groundcover include sparkleberry, coral bean, beautyberry, highbush blueberry, and grape vine. Active land management appears to also be lacking here with most of the groundcover suppressed and lacking in density and diversity.

In reviewing historic aerial images, the property does not appear to have been cleared or greatly disturbed in any way throughout the 1900's. Aerial photographs into the 1970's shows a relatively open overstory which has mostly grown in over the past three to four decades. Fire suppression and lack of active land management are the likely reasons some of the natural communities are in fair condition. There is a cleared corridor along the western boundary with adjacent properties that may have once been planned for an access road but is now mostly grown in with vines other than along a foot trail. There is an additional mowed and cleared trail through portions of the northern parcel, although it appears to have been cleared years ago and not maintained.

Overall, there are small amounts of old solid waste throughout the property, mostly bottles and cans and other household trash. There are also several locations of more consolidated solid waste in the southern portion of the property that appear to be from homeless camps, with bottles and cans, clothing, and mattresses. Two campsites were identified on the Alachua County owned parcel to the west that appeared to be active or recently abandoned.

Invasive plants were identified in small densities throughout the property with camphor trees and coral ardisia being the bulk of what was found. Other invasives include mimosa tree and lantana. Overall, the infestation seems to be in low density. Wildlife observed on the property included barred owl (eating a rat), red bellied woodpecker, tufted titmouse, hermit thrush, turkey vulture, blue gray gnatcatcher, black & white warbler, ruby-crowned kinglet, and eastern gray squirrel. One archaeological site is known on the property, a historic dump from the Hickory Pond period.

#### **Development Review:**

This development analysis is primarily based on a limited desk-top review and is founded upon current County Land Development Regulations and Comprehensive Plan policies. The Development Scenario is oversimplified and is meant only to convey a general sense of the potential of development intensity that could be possible based on land use and zoning conditions.

The subject site consists of approximately 16.5 acres associated with two parcels (PN's 16125-000-000, 16125-005-000). Based on desk-top review of the property and field evaluation by ACF staff confirmed there are no wetlands present on the site. The northern 5-acre parcel is dominated by upland pine forest, and upland mixed forest habitat for the southern 11.5-acre parcel. The 100-year flood zone encompasses less than an acre of site.

Eleven acres of the subject site is located within the designated *"Eastside Greenway Strategic Ecosystem* (Greenway)." The Greenway includes many connecting parcels configured to form east-west and north-south ecosystem corridors. Additionally, the entire subject site is located within the Eastside Activity Center in the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan (Future Land Use Element - Policy 2.2.8(e)(2)) which outlines conservation and development guidelines for the area. Per the Master Plan for the Activity Center, there is a combination of existing and proposed community facilities and "Mixed Use" of medium high density residential (8-14 dwelling units per acre) with commercial within this Activity Center. A critical component of the *Master Plan* is the inclusion of a wildlife corridor corresponding to the *Greenway Corridor* to include the subject site and the previously ACF nominated tracts to the north. Undeveloped areas within individual developments that are set aside for the protection of the Eastside Greenway Strategic Ecosystem, in accordance with Policy 4.10.5 of the Conservation and Open Space Element, shall be geographically and functionally connected to form a continuous corridor through the Eastside Activity Center. The preferred width of the corridor shall be an average of 300 feet. It may be

less than 300 feet in some areas, provided that the ecological integrity of the Eastside Greenway Strategic Ecosystem is protected.

In 2022, County staff received a few different inquiries about potential development options for the subject site as well as the adjacent County-owned five acre parcel 16125-007-000. These inquiries and concepts concentrated on multi-story residential facilities with potential options for first floor accommodations to allow commercial businesses. Due to the need and demand of affordable housing options in Gainesville, each of these development prospects were contingent on nomination and approval of sufficient Federal, State and Local funding resources to construct affordable housing and/or assisted living facilities (e.g. HUD- Federal Housing & Urban Redevelopment)...

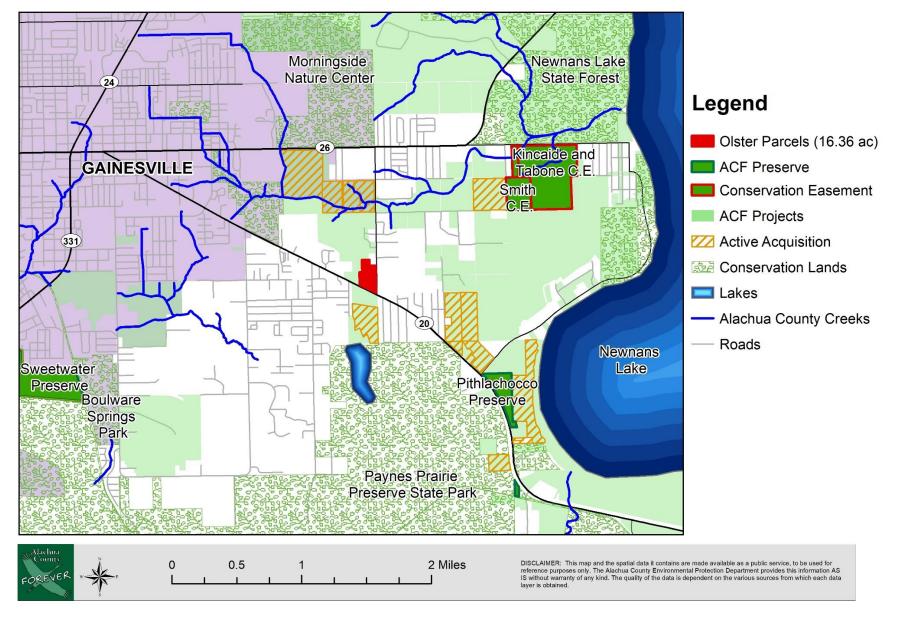
Even though last year's inquiries of the subject site did not result in private acquisition, because the subject site includes Zoning & Future Land Use classifications that allow a variety of dense residential and commercial uses, development of subject site would be inevitable if not publicly acquired, but it has not reached the point of design and permit approvals.

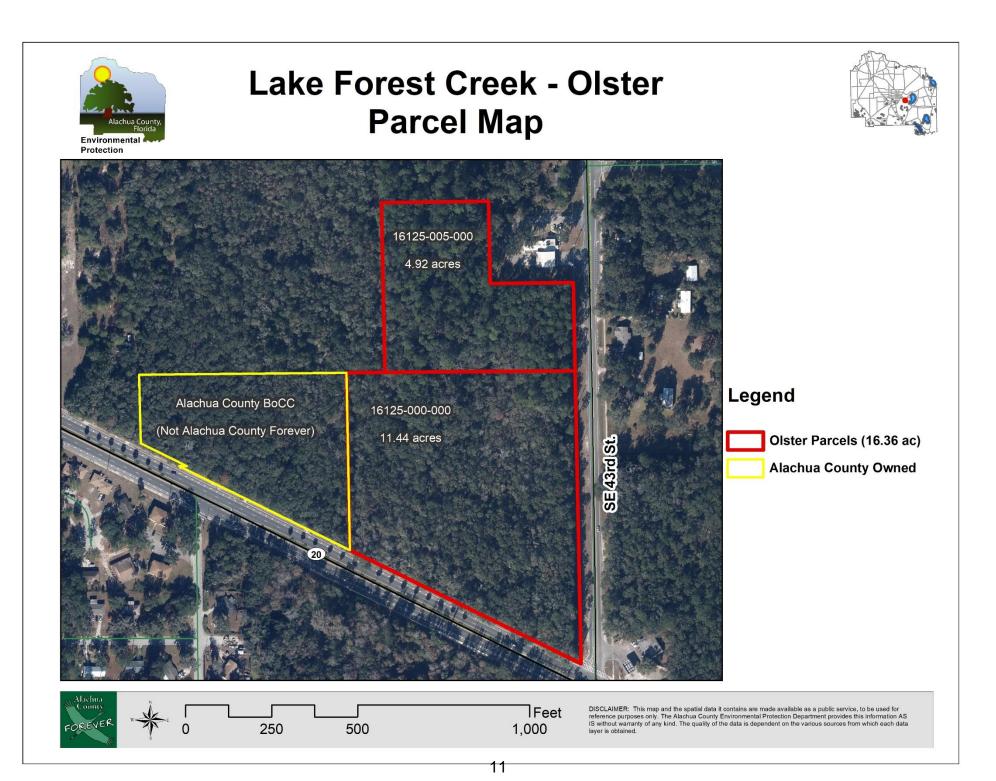
	REPA - Lake Forest Creek - Olster - 12/	7/202	23		
CATEGORY	Criterion	WEIGHTING	Enter Criteria Value Based on Site Inspection	Average Criteria Score	Average Criteria Score Multiplied by Relative Importance
	A. Whether the property has geologic/hydrologic conditions that would easily enable		_		
(1-1)	contamination of vulnerable aquifers that have value as drinking water sources;		3		
PROTECTION	<ul> <li>B. Whether the property serves an important groundwater recharge function;</li> <li>C. Whether the property contains or has direct connections to lakes, creeks, rivers, springs,</li> </ul>		5		
OF WATER RESOURCES	sinkholes, or wetlands for which conservation of the property will protect or improve surface				
	water quality; D. Whether the property serves an important flood management function.		1		
	A. Whether the property contains a diversity of natural communities;		1		
	<ul> <li>B. Whether the natural communities present on the property are rare;</li> </ul>		1		
	C. Whether there is ecological quality in the communities present on the property;		3		
(1-2)	D. Whether the property is functionally connected to other natural communities;		2		
PROTECTION OF NATURAL	E. Whether the property is adjacent to properties that are in public ownership or have other		3		
COMMUNITIES	environmental protections such as conservation easements;		2		
AND LANDSCAPES	F. Whether the property is large enough to contribute substantially to conservation efforts;		2		
LANDGCAPES	G. Whether the property contains important, Florida-specific geologic features such as caves or springs;		1		
	H. Whether the property is relatively free from internal fragmentation from roads, power lines, and other features that create barriers and edge effects.		5		
	A. Whether the property serves as documented or potential habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species or species of special concern;		3		
	B. Whether the property serves as documented or potential habitat for species with large home		4		
(I-3) PROTECTION OF PLANT AND	ranges; C. Whether the property contains plants or animals that are endemic or near-endemic to Florida or Alachua County;		4		
ANIMAL	D. Whether the property serves as a special wildlife migration or aggregation site for activities such as breeding, roosting, colonial nesting, or over-wintering;		3		
	E. Whether the property offers high vegetation quality and species diversity;		3		
	F. Whether the property has low incidence of non-native invasive species.		4		
(I-4) SOCIAL	A. Whether the property offers opportunities for compatible resource-based recreation, if appropriate;		2		
AND HUMAN VALUES	B. Whether the property contributes to urban green space, provides a municipal defining greenbelt, provides scenic vistas, or has other value from an urban and regional planning perspective.				
	AVERAGE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN VALUES		4		
	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CRITERIA SET IN THE OVERALL SCORE	4.000		2.80	0.70
	A. Whether it will be practical to manage the property to protect its environmental, social and	1.333			3.73
(II-1) MANAGEMENT	other values (examples include controlled burning, exotics removal, maintaining hydro-period, and so on);		3		
ISSUES	B. Whether this management can be completed in a cost-effective manner.		4		
(II-2) ECONOMIC	<ul> <li>Whether there is potential for purchasing the property with matching funds from municipal, state, federal, or private contributions;</li> </ul>		2		
AND	B. Whether the overall resource values justifies the potential cost of acquisition;		3		
ACQUISITION ISSUES	C. Whether there is imminent threat of losing the environmental, social or other values of the property through development and/or lack of sufficient legislative protections (this requires analysis of current land use, zoning, owner intent, location and		4		
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	AVERAGE FOR ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT VALUES		-	2 20	
		0.667	+	3.20	2.14



# Lake Forest Creek - Olster Location Map







# Alachua County Boards Annual Workplan/Accomplishments Report FY2023

Date:	October 1, 2023
Board/Committee Name:	Land Conservation Board
Chairperson:	Brian Block
Staff Support:	Environmental Protection Department Land Conservation and Management Program
Board Liaison:	Emily Uhlmann, Senior Planner, Land Conservation and Management

# **Mission Statement:**

The Land Conservation Board will recommend lands for conservation to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) under the Alachua County Forever Program and advise the BoCC on the stewardship of those acquired lands.

<u>Brief History of Board</u>: Section 36.03 as amended of the Alachua County Code and Resolution 22-066 designates the work to be performed by the Land Conservation Board (LCB).

Their duties include:

- Establishing an Eligibility Pool no less than twice per year. At these public meetings the LCB shall identify properties eligible for further consideration for public acquisition by Alachua County Forever (ACF).
- Establishing a Priority Pool of ranked projects by the LCB and forwarding it to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for authorization to proceed with acquisition by ACF.
- Advising the BoCC regarding the stewardship of conservation lands acquired under this Resolution and elsewhere in Alachua County.
- Responding to County Commission requests for information and input.

The LCB meets monthly to evaluate potential acquisition properties and to discuss stewardship issues. Typically, the LCB meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Environmental Protection Department Conference Room A. The LCB is governed by Section 36.03 as amended of the Alachua County Code and Resolution 22-066 (as amended from Resolution 18-101), and functionally follows the structure outlined in Resolution 21-32 Alachua County Advisory Board and Committee Guidelines. Membership in the LCB has remained stable throughout the Board's history.

# Major Accomplishments in FY2023:

Nominations and Evaluations

Since October 2022, the Land Conservation Board met 9 times, and continued to recommend properties to the BoCC for inclusion on the Active Acquisition List

Since last October, twenty-three (23) property nominations were received by program staff, ten of which were for previously nominated properties, bringing the number of nominations to 325 since program inception. Since October 2022, the LCB has heard presentations on eighteen

(18) properties (new nominations and revisions) in FY2023, with fourteen (14) of these properties added to the Priority Pool. Of these, twelve (12) Priority Pool properties were added to the Active Acquisition List by the BoCC, and the remaining 2 will be submitted to the BoCC for consideration in October/November.

LCB REVIEW	ED PROPERTY	EVALUATIONS F	Y2023			
ACF Project Area	Property	Evaluation	Acquisition Type	Evaluator/s	LCB Date	LCB Motion
Lochloosa						
Slough			Life Estate	Uhlmann / J.		Priority
Flatwoods	Tompkins	Full	(CE)	Natwick	10/27/2023	Pool
Lochloosa				Kennelly /		
Creek				Nelson / J.		Priority
Flatwoods	Sherouse	Full	Fee Simple	Natwick	1/26/2023	Pool
Lochloosa						
Creek				Kennelly / A.		
Flatwoods	Blankenship	Full	Fee Simple	Natwick	2/23/2023	No motion
Lochloosa				Uhlmann / J.		
Creek			Fee Simple	Natwick/		Priority
Flatwoods	Burry	Full	or CE	Christman	2/23/2023	Pool
				Nelson /		
				Kennelly/		
Lochloosa				Gillis /		<b>.</b>
Slough	- ·	- U		Neelands/ J.	4/27/2022	Priority
Flatwoods	Foust	Full	Fee Simple	Natwick	4/27/2023	Pool
Lochloosa	Richardson			Uhlmann /		Priority
Connector	Brothers	Full	CE	Christman	4/27/2023	Pool
Lochloosa				Christman /		Eligibility
Connector	Perry	Full	Fee Simple	Uhlmann	4/27/2023	Pool
Lochloosa				Ratkus /	4/27/2023	No Motion
Slough		Re-nominated;		Crosby //	11	// Priority
Flatwoods	Odom	Reassess	Fee Simple	Christman	8/24/2023	Pool
				Gillis /		
Watermelon				Nelson/		Priority
Pond	Sheffield	Full	Fee Simple	Neelands	5/23/2023	Pool
Lake Forest	Friedman Paul			Kennelly / A.		Eligibility
Creek	Trustee	Full	Fee Simple	Natwick	5/23/2023	Pool
Paynes						
Prairie				Uhlmann /		Priority
Additions	Koppaka	Full	Fee Simple	Neelands	5/23/2023	Pool
	Modern					Eligibility
	Trends					Pool
Gainesville	Development					(Bargain
Archipelago	LLC	Desktop	Fee Simple	A. Natwick	6/22/2023	Share)
Buck Bay				Uhlmann/		Priority
Flatwoods	JWC Farms	Full	CE	Christman	7/27/2023	Pool

Barr Hammock	Sheffield	Full	Fee Simple	Nelson/ Gillis/ Neelands	7/27/2023 // 8/24/2023	Eligibility Pool // Priority Pool
Buck Bay Flatwoods	Burnsed	Full	Fee Simple	Kennelly / Neelands	7/27/2023	Priority Pool
Watermelon Pond	Oelrich	Full	Fee Simple	Uhlmann/ A. Natwick/ Wells	8/24/2023	Priority Pool (Bargain Share)
Watermelon Pond	Biro	Full	CE	Nelson / Neelands / Gillis	9/28/2023	Priority Pool
Santa Fe River	Shireman	Full	Fee Simple	A. Natwick / Kennelly	9/28/2023	Priority Pool

### Acquisitions

Negotiations continue on projects that are on the Active Acquisition List. Eight projects were acquired in FY23 (table below) bringing the total land conserved by ACF to 33,386 acres in county ownership from 90 individual acquisitions (fee simple and conservation easements). There are three (3) projects under contract as of 9/30/2023, and we have seller-signed letters of intent for three (3) additional properties.

Projects Acquired	Closing Date	Total Acreage	County Acreage	Purchase Price	County Share	Primary Manager
Barr Hammock – Archie Carr	10/28/2022	36.24	36.24	\$461,896.61	100%	Alachua County
Barr Hammock – Carr Family	10/28/2023	33.41	33.41	\$227,113.95	100%	Alachua County
Barr Hammock - McNab	10/28/2022	6.11	6.11	\$60,019.84	100%	Alachua County
Lake Santa Fe – Brooks	12/09/2022	2.58	2.58	\$11,000.00	100%	Alachua County
Santa Fe River – Matthews	2/10/2023	182.96	182.96	\$841,798.96	100%	Alachua County
Santa Fe River – Bell	01/31/2023	126.11	104.99	\$441,385.00	83.25%	Alachua County
Santa Fe River – Waldo Tree Farm	3/17/2022	158.20	158.2	\$384,430.86	100%	Alachua County
Lochloosa Slough – Colasante	7/11/2023	347.49	347.49	\$1,815,440.63	100%	Alachua County
TOTALS		893.10	871.98	\$4,243,085.85		

Properties Under Contract	Acreage	Partners	Primary Manager
Lake Santa Fe – Dinh	322.31 ±	Alachua	Alachua County
		Conservation Trust	
Mill Creek – Rembert CE	623.2 ±		Alachua County
Watermelon Pond - Sheffield	40.29 ±		
Lochloosa Slough – Jackson Heirs – Offer Accepted	116 ±		Alachua County
Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Sherouse and Flowers - Offer Accepted	154 ±		Alachua County
Lochloosa Connector – Rimes – Offer Accepted	161 ±	Possible Partner: St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)	SJRWMD
TOTALS	1,416.8		

BoCC Requests

None in FY 2023

#### <u>Stewardship</u>

In 2014, the Board expanded the LCB's role to include review of stewardship of county-acquired conservation lands (Resolution 22-066).

- The LCB received Stewardship Overview Reports from staff on 1/26/2023, 5/25/2023, and 9/28/2023.
- The LCB reviewed Management Plans for 2 County Preserves in FY 2022/23:
  - Pithlachocco Preserve
  - Orange Lake Preserve

# FY24 WORKPLAN

#### Goals & Objectives for FY2024

- The LCB intends to continue to receive and evaluate nominations to the ACF Program for acquisition with the 2016 Wild Spaces and Public Places Surtax funds, donations, partnerships and grants, and future WSPP surtax funds as authorized by the voters.
- LCB meetings will continue to be scheduled on a monthly basis, special meetings and workshops will be scheduled as needed.
- The LCB will receive stewardship updates quarterly from staff regarding stewardship accomplishments on County preserves
- The LCB will also continue to review land stewardship issues raised by the public, BoCC, or staff, and address any other BoCC requests.