

CHAPTER 36. - LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM^[8]

Footnotes:

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Editor's note— The provisions set out herein as ch. 36 were originally included as ch. 310 of part III, title 31.

Sec. 36.01. - Program established.

Alachua County shall establish a program to acquire and manage environmentally significant lands to protect water resources, wildlife habitat, and natural areas suitable for resource-based recreation by issuing bonds payable from an annual ad valorem tax of one-quarter of one mill for a period of 20 years.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 1, 7-25-00)

Sec. 36.02. - Ballot question; issuance of limited general obligation bonds.

Alachua County shall adopt a resolution calling for a referendum on the November 7, 2000, General Election Ballot regarding the question of the issuance of limited general obligation bonds payable from an annual ad valorem tax of one-quarter of one mill for a period of twenty years.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 2, 7-25-00)

Sec. 36.03. - Alachua County Land Conservation Board appointed; membership; qualifications; etc.

The county commission shall appoint the Alachua County Land Conservation Board (LCB), composed of 11 volunteers plus one alternate volunteer, who shall serve staggered four-year terms. The LCB shall be made up of five members plus one alternate member representing diverse community interests and six members whose qualifications include education and experience in natural resources. The alternate member shall serve in the place of an absent member, and shall have all rights and responsibilities of the absent member, including the right to vote. The attendance policy for the LCB shall be in accordance with the attendance policy for boards and committees set forth in the Board of County Commissioners' Rules of Procedure. The attendance policy shall apply to the alternate member.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 3, 7-25-00; Ord. No. 01-25, § 1, 10-23-01; Ord. No. 04-13, § 3, 8-10-04)

Sec. 36.04. - Acquisition of real estate; use of proceeds.

With these bond proceeds, the county shall acquire real estate in perpetuity only from willing sellers, only after the LCB has approved the proposed acquisition by a majority vote, and with final approval of the transaction by the county commission.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 4, 7-25-00; Ord. No. 01-23, § 1, 9-25-01)

Sec. 36.05. - Matching federal and state funds.

The county shall seek matching funds from federal, state and other sources. The county may own land in partnership with other agencies.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 5, 7-25-00)

Sec. 36.06. - Initial land management; funding; etc.

Up to ten percent of the proceeds of these bonds may be used for initial land management and providing public access to the properties. The county and property co-owners will provide for ongoing land management of acquired properties. The LCB shall also serve as the advisory board to the board of county commissioners regarding land management issues affecting these acquired properties.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 6, 7-25-00; Ord. No. 2014-05, § 1, 3-11-14)

Sec. 36.07. - Effective date; bonds.

Upon adoption, this chapter shall become effective on January 1, 2001. The county may issue more than one series of bonds, and the first bonds shall be issued as soon as practical and prudent.

(Ord. No. 00-13, § 7, 7-25-00)