Name: Spirk, Cedar

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Board Name: Land Conservation Board

Primary Phone:

(941) 210-9550

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

I have a B.S. in Environmental Science and have been working in Land Conservation since 2021. I'm currently starting my M.S. in Ecological Restoration at UF.

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

n/a

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

I moved to Alachua County about a year ago, and feel I can provide a newer perspective on Land Conservation here. I work in Land Conservation Planning at a State-level, and I feel I can bring an "insiders" point of view to the Land Conservation Board.

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

Note: This question is for the Gainesville-Alachua County Airport Authority Board

Do you currently hold any publicly elected office in the State of Florida?:

No

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Have you, as yourself or as an employee, agent or consultant for another person or legal entity, transacted business with the authority within the last 3 years?:

No

Employer:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Occupation:

Land Conservation Planner IV

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

No

Time of Submission: 10/21/24 12:45:20 PM

Attachments

- C. Spirk Resume.pdf

Career History

State of Florida | Land Conservation Planner IV

2022 - Current

- Completes site visits to review progress of Land Management Goals and Objectives
- Completed seven 10-Year Management Plans for FWC-managed conservation lands
- Working with FWC Climate Change Core Team to develop climate change mitigation strategies
- Writing templates and instructions for plans, amendments, maps, and Florida Forever ranking
- Ensuring Management Plans are in compliance with County, State, and Federal policies
- Collecting data through both computer use (online) and field work

State of Florida | OPS Environmental Specialist I

2021 - 2022

- Tracking emerging contaminants at hazardous waste clean-up sites
- Provided staff with documents and written responses for partner communications
- Brought the DEP's contaminant tracking database up to date

Starbucks | Supervisor

2018 - 2021

- Supervised eight employees
- Initiated weekly meetings with supervisors to ensure store ran smoothly and efficiently
- Completed store deposits and staff pay

Education and Experience

Florida State University | B.S.

2021

Major: Environmental Science

University of Florida | M.S.

Ongoing

Environmental Restoration

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission | Volunteer

Ongoing

I regularly volunteer with the FWC to collect data from herp arrays on the Fort White WEA, as well as bat box monitoring.

Gainesville Free Grocery Store | Facilitator

Ongoing

I co-facilitate an all-volunteer operation which aims to reduce food insecurity in Gainesville.

Florida Master Naturalist Program | Student

2023 - Current

I am currently working toward being a Florida Master Naturalist.

Florida Trail Association | Volunteer

2023 - Current

Works with various Florida Trail Association chapters to maintain the trail.

The Nature Conservancy | Volunteer

2023

Completed field work with mapping and data collection of gopher tortoise burrow locations just outside of Torreya State Park. Walked various sections, marked the burrows via Epicollect5, and mapped trails using Avenza maps, which was then uploaded into a database for The Nature Conservancy to use.

Bee Friendly Club | President and Founder

2018 - 2020

A club which focused on spreading awareness of the decline in the bee population while providing volunteer opportunities for students.

St. Francis Wildlife Rehabilitation Center | Internship

2019

Worked with other interns to aid in the veterinary care of wildlife.