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NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

MATCHING CONTRIBUTION PLAN

What is the title of the proposal that you are contributing to? North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project-Lochloosa Connector Les Que Two Acquisition

What is the name of your organization (private landowners/individuals indicate "Private")?
Alachua County

When will you make the contribution? The fee simple land acquisition of the 1,861-acre Lochloosa Slough tract occurred on December 12, 2019, providing the matching contribution. Our contribution is part of an approved Matching Contribution Plan (MCP) from ACT's proposal titled North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project (7343).

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-Federal origin? If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, if that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount? Our contribution represents partial value of the 1,861-acre Lochloosa Slough acquisition in Alachua County, Florida and is part of an approved \$4,895,300 Matching Contribution Plan in which \$1,000,000 was previously used as match in Phase I and \$400,000 was previously used as match in Phase III. This tract was valued in an appraisal by a qualified, licensed appraiser in conformance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. For this proposal, \$3,495,300 in the Matching Contribution Plan is offered as match toward the North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project Phase V.

What long-term migratory bird and wetlands conservation work will the contribution cover? Fee simple conservation acquisitions by Alachua County and ACT

Does the proposal correctly describe your contribution, especially the amount? Yes

If applicable to the proposal, is your organization competent to hold title to, and manage, land acquired with grant funds and are you willing to apply a Notice of Grant Agreement or other recordable document to the property? Yes

Please confirm that your contribution has not been used to meet any other federal programs match or cost share requirements. Our match has not been utilized as match for any other federal

programs match or cost share requirement.

Will the project benefit tribal hunting and fishing treaty rights and if so, how? No

Do you have any additional comments? Since 2000, Alachua County Forever has represented a strong local commitment to the protection of water resources and wildlife habitat. We look forward to furthering these objectives through our partnership with Alachua Conservation Trust and funding support through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Sincerely,

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Alachua County Commission
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
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