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NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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? 2025/2026

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? Total Amount: \$5,000,000.00 Alachua County is providing \$4,750,000.00 towards the Acquisition of the grant tract as well as the appraisals & other due diligence costs paid for grant tracts. Alachua Conservation Trust is providing \$250,000.00. The value is based on other recent conservation acquisitions, which are the result of qualified appraisals. This contribution comes from a non-Federal origin. The funding for Alachua County Forever is solely from a county wide half cent sales tax initiative approved by county voters in November 2016 and again in November 2022. It is guaranteed through 2032.

What long-term migratory bird and wetlands conservation work will the contribution cover? Fee simple conservation land acquisition 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. Alachua County Forever's acquisition expenditures exceed the match requirement for the NAWCA application. Furthermore, there is no overlap in project financial match for the NAWCA proposal.

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 from through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair
Alachua County Commission
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
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