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Nina Bhattacharyya	Gainesville, FL	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No	Florida Defenders of the Environment	Executive Director	I bring 15 years of experience with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), where I held diverse roles in conservation, partnership development, and program leadership. Most recently, I was a founding staff member of the USDA Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, where I led the development and implementation of a national strategy that supported over 2,800 community gardens nationwide—an initiative that earned me the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's Honor Award. Previously, I managed Florida's NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, leading strategic efforts to protect prime farmland, wildlife habitat, and water resources. My work included public outreach, designing program criteria, drafting easement deed terms, and overseeing the acquisition process. I began my NRCS career as a Soil Conservationist, collaborating directly with agricultural producers to develop conservation plans tailored to their operations. I hold a B.S. in Biology from the University of Richmond and a Master of Environmental Management from Yale University.	N/A	My previous experience in growing land conservation programs would be a valuable asset to Alachua County as it seeks to conserve vital farmlands and open space. I bring a strong background in sustainable food systems, natural resource management, easement acquisitions, partnerships, and landscape connectivity - expertise that will help ensure the board takes a well-rounded, strategic approach when evaluating and approving properties for protection. Notably, the first agricultural conservation easements I helped secure in 2013 with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Florida were in partnership with Alachua County Forever. It would be an honor to continue contributing to this important work in a new capacity.
Scot Eubanks	Micanopy, FL	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No	Florida Farm Bureau Federation	District Field Representative	Cattle ranch owner, Agribusiness degree, 16 years working in the agriculture, sat on Florida Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Technical Council, graduate of the UF/IFAS Natural Resource Leadership Institute,	nothing for Alachua County	Because I am a lifelong Alachua County resident and a 7th generation farmer, I will be able to provide a unique and deeply rooted perspective to the board. I understand firsthand the challenges and opportunities facing local agriculture, and I am committed to preserving the rural character and productive capacity of our land for future generations.
Candace Gonzalez-Lantz	Alachua, FL	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No	USDA Farm Service Agency	County Program Analyst	I have my master's degree in Agricultural Economics. I recently published a guidebook for Agricultural Conservation Easement Programs available across the state of Florida. In my current role with the USDA Farm Service Agency I work directly with Alachua County producers.	I have not served on a board before but would love the opportunity to gain the experience.	I feel I can add valuable insight to this board through my educational background and hands on work with farmers. I am passionate about conserving our land and resources, and I love being involved in the community. I hope to be able to help farmers preserve their working lands from the growing pressures of development. It is of great value and importance to me as I can see farmers struggling with this pressure firsthand.
Erica Hernandez	Gainesville, FL	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No	Trust for Public Land	Project Manager	Familiarity with the drafting of the Alachua County Agricultural Land Conservation Protection Program. Seven years in conservation land protection working for a land trust. Direct experience working with public and private partners in land protection completing land acquisition of working lands, farms, ranches and natural areas. Direct experience writing conservation easements and protecting land with conservation easements. Familiarity of Florida ecosystems, water quality and sensitive lands.	Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, Alliance of Florida Land Trusts	Protecting agricultural lands in Alachua County is very important to me, I understand the nuance and complexity of such an endeavor. I was part of the initial drafting to the protection program and have insight to how it can be effectively applied. I have direct experience in land protection and conservation easements. I understand how to represent the county and speak in a public forum in front of stakeholders, landowners and colleagues.

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Kelly McPherson	Gainesville, FL	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No	Self/ Workman Forestry	Arborist/ Manager	Previously worked for Alachua County Forever as Sr. Environmental Specialist (resigned in 2017). In that time, I worked on easements as the holder of easement and as a manager of a property under a USDA easement. I grew up on an organic farm in Archer, FL whose landholdings are among other family lands in conventional agriculture.	none	I have roots in agriculture and experience with the ACF program (12 years).
John Nix	Gainesville Florida	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	Yes - Rural Concerns, Climate Change			Fourth generation black Farmer, BS Ag. Engineering, Retired Energy Engineer Alachua County Schools	Rural Concerns, Climate Change	My background allows me to understand how to connect with a wide verity of people with different backgrounds and needs.
Arden Oelke	Earleton, FL.	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No			Worked in Agriculture related fields all throughout my life	None	I own a farmette and am passionate about conservation
Jean-Paul Perez	Gainesville	Agricultural Qualifications OR Citizen at Large	No	City of Newberry	Principal Planner	Beyond work experience, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Practitioner, Stormwater Inspector Certification, LEED Green Associate (expired), Lidar mapping, GIS, comprehensive planning, and historic preservation.	None at this time.	Land use planning experience, regulatory experience, sensitive lands experience, growth management experience, etc.: It is my belief as an urban planner I am able to provide a regulatory and macro-perspective on efforts for conservation lands and adjacencies, whether literal adjacent properties or impacts on transportation, housing, economic, or other relevant aspect.
Ayana Archer	Gainesville, FL	Citizen at Large	Yes - Bike/ Pedestrian, Health, Rape, Crisis advocacy board			Community Advocate, Social Worker, NAACP, NCBW 100, Sigma Gamma Rho, NABSW, Human Services Association. Currently in school for my DSW and I feel with the opportunity I can be an asset and a voice for the voiceless.	Bicycle Pedestrian, Health Advisory, Victim Adv board	I currently reside out near the Florence Landfill and advocating and pushing for quality living conditions for those in the surrounding neighborhood. Encouraging residents to get involved and be a voice for marginalized communities. Being more aligned with the environmental issues that affect our communities as a whole
Earl Beatty	Alachua, Fl.	Citizen at Large	No		Retired	Retired First responder her in Alachua. Also Deputy Sherrif. I live out in the country.	none	Very passionate about losing our land to so much building.
Joseph Matthew Cain	Alachua, FL.	Citizen at Large	No			Raised on 2 family farms in Alachua my grandfather off Old Bellamy Alachua and Shaw & Shaw Farms, Real Estate License, 20+ years Construction consulting and sales.	none	Growing up on farms, working in real estate and construction gives me a unique perspective and unlike many in real estate I have a passion for keeping agriculture, raw land nad our water as a natural and clean environment for all to enjoy yet I also understand reponsible growth and development. I feel I would be a valuable asset to our local community best use for land especially when it does not need to be developed but left becasue a greater good and better use would be for others to enjoy or to continue to produce food for our community, state and nation to enjoy.
Kimberly Cullen Mikell	Alachua	Citizen at Large	No	Alachua County Public Works	Staff Assistant	Born and raised in Alachua County. My family and my self have owned farm land for over 60 years in Alachua County. I have AS in General Business Management.	N/A	Born and raised in Alachua County. My Family has owned and raised cattle in Alachua County for over 60 years. I care and love Alachua County.

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Tirzah Etherton	Gainesville, FL	Citizen at Large	No			Bachelor of Science in Plant Science	N/A	My background in plant science, with focuses in sustainable agriculture and plant breeding/genetics, and being a local resident with a passion for feeding my community in a sustainable and regenerative way that works with the environment and keeps our limited water resources in mind.
Robert Jones	High Springs	Citizen at Large	No			37 years GHS Mathematics Teacher & Department Chair, Coached State Boys Tennis Championship 1982, Vietnam Veteran USAF DAV Agent Orange, lifetime Alachua County Resident	My family arrived in Gainesville when I was 8 years old in 1955. I attended the local schools and then spent 4 years in the Air Force from 1966-70. I returned to Tampa and graduated in 1973 with my teaching degree from USF. Tiny Talbot was the Superintendent and immediately sent me to GHS, where Dan Boyd offered me a teaching position. I stayed at GHS for my entire teaching career. I have married my High School sweetheart for 58 years and raised two sons in Alachua County.	Alachua County has been my home for over 70 years. I have fished its lakes and walked its trails. It's a unique section of Florida and we must preserve a part of it for future generations to enjoy as well.
Logan Malphurs	High Springs	Citizen at Large		TriStar Engineering Group	Mechanical Engineer	Worked and lived on a large farm in Alachua county growing up.	none	My main contribution would be supporting the mission of preserving farmland and promoting sustainable agricultural use. Also I can span policy, outreach, technical support, and strategic planning
Paul Pritchard	Gainesville/ FL	Citizen at Large	No	self	published author	Masters in Land Use Planning, managing owner of 12,000 ac Cattle farm, owner of 60 ac CSA, worked on grandparents dairy farm,	Chair of county public water commission, Washington, D.C. humanities board member	extensive experience in small and large scale farming, owner of timber land, founder and member of conservation land trust
Juan Salva	Archer, FL	Citizen at Large	Yes -Rural Concerns Advisory Committee	United States Department of Agriculture	Budget Analyst	10 years of experience in small farm agriculture	Rural Concerns Advisory Committee 2020-2024	I will bring the view of the unincorporated part of the county close to Archer Florida as well as a Hispanic presence in the board.
Mary Turner	Newberry	Citizen at Large	No			Worked for state of Florida helping the mentally challenged	A board should be well diversified	I'm a resident and feel I would bring an interest of the community to the table.

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Ariel Williams	Gainesville	Citizen at Large	No	LifeSouth	Cord Blood Records Specialist	I've worked in environments where careful documentation, confidentiality, and systems matter — particularly in healthcare and compliance. I've also served in community-facing roles like Communications Manager for my son's football team and Vice President of the PTA at his school, where I helped organize information, communicate with families, and support shared goals. My interest in land conservation comes from lived experience and concern for how land is used, protected, and passed on — especially in communities that are often ignored when it comes to resources, but targeted when land is cheap or vulnerable to outside development. I want to better understand how these decisions are made in our county and how I might contribute.	N/A	I'd bring a clear-eyed, community-rooted perspective and a deep respect for land, people, and animals alike. I care about what happens to open spaces — not just in theory, but in real life. Who's losing access? Who's being pushed out? What wildlife is being displaced or killed in the process? These are the kinds of questions I carry. I'm someone who listens closely, shows up prepared, and thinks about both short- and long-term impact. I don't come in assuming I have all the answers, but I care enough to ask the right questions. I believe this board is an opportunity to better understand what's happening in Alachua County and help make decisions that honor both the land and the people who depend on it.
Kathy Winburn	Alachua, FL	Citizen at Large	No			I have a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Florida (1993). Over 30 years of experience as a professional planner/planning director. I am a life long equestrian and a proponent of farmland preservatoun.	none	With 30 years of experience as a Professional Planner,preservation. and having worked with projects involving the preservation of large land areas, I feel that I could provide valuable input in decisions regarding preservation of farmland, conservation areas and open space.
William Wyrrough	Newberry, Florida	Citizen at Large	No			Member and Chair of the Walton County Planning Commission, Attorney for Walton County Code Enforcement Board, Private practice in real estate, estate planning and probate.	Member and Chair of the Walton County Planning Commission, Treasurer of Sandestin Lions Club, Director of Santa Rosa Beach Golf and Beach Club	Ability to make objective analysis of issues and base decisions on available information
Donald Yates	Newberry	Citizen at Large				None, I grew up in Newberry and it pains me to see this happening here, in my town. My family has lived here since the 60s or 70s, like I'm devastated by it.	None, just figured I would try.	Not really sure I'm here to protect the land, I love the land being open and wooded free of modern life.@