

**Name:** Lyrene, Paul

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**Board Name:** Land Conservation Board

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

I am a member of the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame, The Lyrene blueberry research building on the UF campus was recently named for me; I was the person who nominated the land that is now Foxpen preserve for consideration for acquisition by the Wild Spaces program; I have a PhD in Botany; During the past decade I have donated more than \$1 million to Alachua County Trust.

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

I am currently on the Land Board as a citizen at large and I am applying to be re-appointed to that position.

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

Based on my experience with land conservation augmented by what I have learned during my tenure on the land board I understand the importance of the program and the considerations that are important in selecting properties to recommend to the County Commission. I understand the importance of considering parcels that can be managed effectively after county acquisition. I understand the importance of establishing wildlife corridors. I understand the sensitivities of well-meaning citizens who have nominated parcels that do not meet the criteria needed for acquisition. I understand the enormous workload of the Wild Spaces county personnel. Because I know the native plants that grow on the various soil types in Alachua County I can help the board decide which of the land parcels that have been nominated for acquisition are most important in preserving the rich native plant diversity that exists within the county.

**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

**Employer :**

University of Florida Horticultural Sciences Dept.

**Occupation:**

Plant breeder

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

Yes

**If yes, please list board(s):**

Land Board

**I do hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:**

- 1. I have maintained good moral character throughout my personal and professional life.**
- 2. I have not engaged in any conduct or behavior that would reflect adversely on my honesty, integrity, or ethical standards.**
- 3. I have not been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty, fraud, or moral turpitude.**
- 4. I have adhered to all applicable laws and regulations in my personal and professional dealings.**
- 5. I strive to uphold the principles of fairness, respect, and responsibility in all my interactions.:**

Yes

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