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April 28, 2026

## NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

**What is the title of the proposal?** North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project-Cow Hammock and Barr Hammock Prairie and Lakes

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

**When will you make the contribution?** 2026/2027

**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: \$7,795,000.00 Alachua County is providing \$5,400,000 towards the acquisition of the Cow Hammock grant tract including due diligence costs, \$395,000 of previous expenditures on Santa Fe River – Bell fee simple acquisition (acquired on 1/31/2023), and \$2,000,000 toward acquisitions of the Barr Hammock - Webb and Barr Hammock - Ramsey conservation easements including the appraisals & other due diligence costs paid for grant tracts. 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 conservation easement acquisition in Alachua County.

**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 with funding support through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Sincerely,

Ken Cornell, Chair  
Alachua County Commission  
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Date Signed:

cc: Board of County Commissioners  
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager  
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney  
Andi Christman, Land Conservation Program Manager