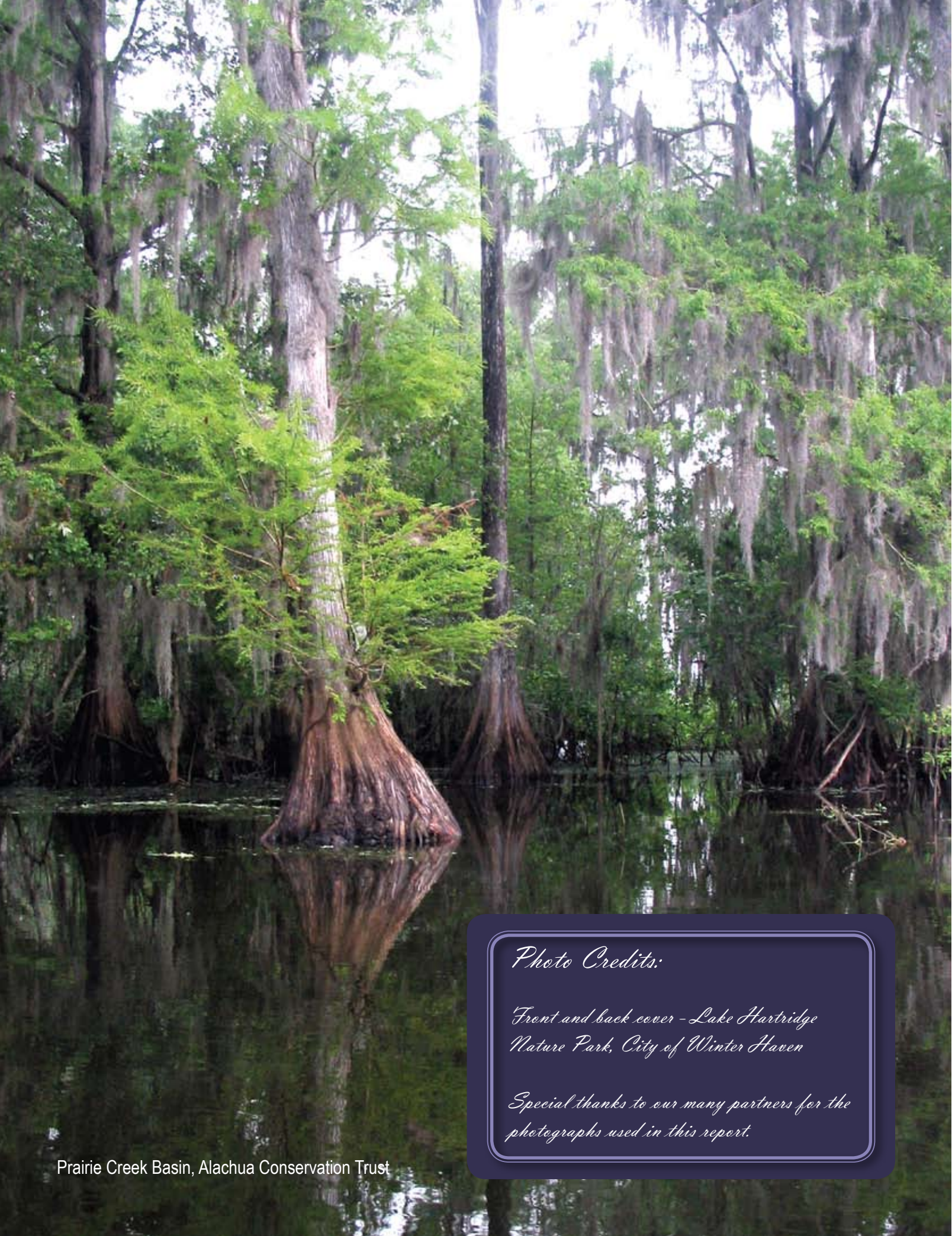


# *Florida Communities Trust*

2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT







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## Florida Communities Trust

# *Letter from the Governor & Chair*

Dear Floridians,

This has been an important and exciting year for Florida Communities Trust. The 2007-2008 fiscal year saw the reauthorization of the Florida Forever program, including Florida Communities Trust, and the Legislature created the new Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Program to be administered by the Trust. In addition, Florida Communities Trust surpassed \$700 million provided to local governments to preserve parks and recreational space.

Through its annual competitive grant application process, the Trust continues to help Florida's communities achieve their vision of stronger, greener and healthier landscapes. Over the past 17 years, the Trust and its local government partners have enhanced the quality of life for Floridians by creating parks and recreational opportunities for all to enjoy.

Working with other Florida Forever programs, Florida Communities Trust plays a key role in strong community planning by helping to protect many of our state's precious natural, cultural and historical resources. We are proud of the way the Trust has established a rich legacy of preservation and partnership in communities across the state.

Please take a few moments to learn more about Florida Communities Trust and the important work it is doing throughout Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Pelham".

Thomas G. Pelham  
Chair, Florida Communities Trust Governing Board  
Secretary, Florida Department of Community Affairs





Kelly Park, Orange County





## Florida Communities Trust

# Mission & Accomplishments

### What is the Florida Communities Trust?

**F**lorida Communities Trust (FCT or the Trust) is the state's premier program for helping local communities preserve open space and recreational areas. A land acquisition grant program housed within the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Trust provides funding through grants to local governments and non-profit environmental organizations. These grants, awarded annually through a competitive process, help acquire community-based parks, open space, and greenways to further the outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans. The Trust's competitive scoring process also embraces cultural and historical preservation, trail system development, and public access to water. The Trust is the only state land acquisition program available exclusively for projects selected by the local community. Unlike other state-administered acquisition programs, the local grant recipient, rather than the state, holds title to lands purchased through the Trust. Each recipient is then responsible for land stewardship and management of the property through a formal plan approved by the Trust.

Florida Communities Trust is governed by a six-member board that includes the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs (who serves as permanent chair), the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, and four members of the public appointed by the Governor. These appointees must include a former elected official of a metropolitan municipality, a former elected



official of a county, a representative of a non-profit environmental organization, and a representative of the development industry.

### Funding for the Trust

The Florida Communities Trust grant program receives a portion of the state's Florida Forever funds. Historically FCT received 22 percent of the total proceeds from the sale of Florida Forever bonds, for an annual appropriation of \$66 million. However, in 2008 the Florida Legislature created the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts program as part of the reauthorization of the Florida Forever program. As a result, in the future FCT will receive 21 percent of Florida Forever bond proceeds (\$63 million) for the traditional FCT grant program, and another 2.5 percent (\$7.5 million) to administer the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts program.

*FCT, Alachua County officials, and legislators celebrate the acquisition of Barr Hammock Ledwith Prairie.*



## Meeting Community Challenges

Florida Communities Trust is an integral part of the Department of Community Affairs' efforts to help Florida's communities meet the challenges of growth management, reduce the effects of disasters and invest in community revitalization, all while protecting the state's natural and cultural resources. The Trust's mission is to help communities further the goals of their comprehensive plans through land acquisition and innovative non-regulatory solutions to the challenges inherent in the comprehensive planning process.

## The Spirit of Partnership

The Trust is dedicated to working with communities throughout the state to accomplish a collective goal: acquiring lands for recreation and open spaces while advancing the objectives of local comprehensive plans. Every project funded by Florida Communities Trust is a partnership – always between the Trust and the recipient, but many times with other partners as well. Trust grants foster partnerships among local governments during the acquisition process and, frequently, for management of the properties. Similarly, local government applicants often collaborate with non-profit environmental organizations when submitting grant applications. Such partnerships allow communities to better leverage state and local dollars, distribute project management responsibilities, and preserve locally significant lands.



## Promoting Economic Revitalization

FCT projects often play a significant role in striking the delicate balance between economic growth and resource protection. The grant selection process gives special consideration to a variety of economic factors, including whether the property is within a Florida Main Street District, Front Porch Community, designated low-income community, Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, or designated urban infill area. Projects such as the Apalachicola Riverwalk in the City of Apalachicola and Moore's Creek Linear Park in the City of Fort Pierce, for example, promote a sense of urban renewal and encourage both new and existing local businesses to operate within transitioning urban areas. FCT awarded more than \$20 million in 2007/2008 to acquire properties located in areas working toward economic revitalization, helping to improve some of Florida's most disadvantaged communities.

## Preserving Florida's Cultural Gems

While the majority of the Trust's projects protect natural resources and provide outdoor recreation, many also help preserve Florida's rich cultural heritage. The Trust has helped save dozens of sites having historical significance at the local, state, and national levels. These sites include Beluthahatchee Park in St. Johns County, the home of Stetson Kennedy, a nationally renowned author and civil





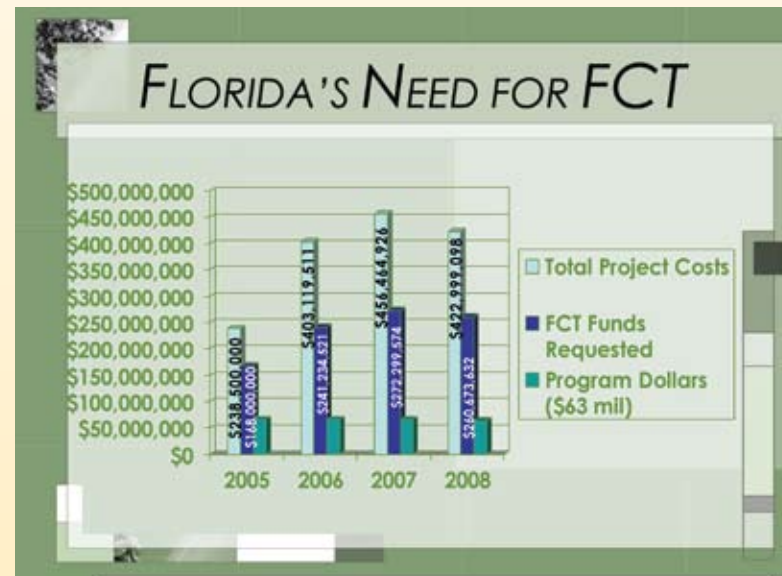
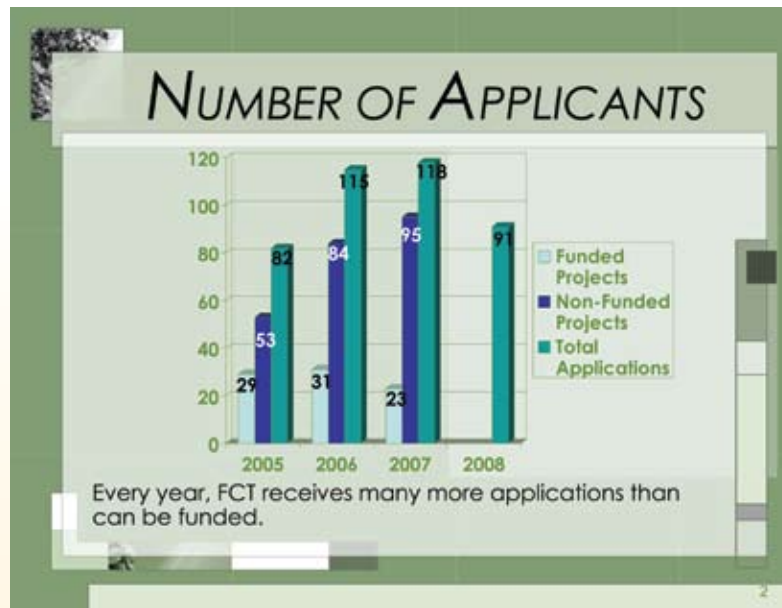
rights activist recently inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame; American Beach, an historically African-American beach in Nassau County; and the “1912 Cortez Schoolhouse” in Manatee County, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Native American sites protected by the Trust include the shell middens at the Paleo Hammock Preserve in St. Lucie County and the Micanopy Native American Preserve in Alachua County. These projects contain archeological evidence of more than 1,000 years of human activity. Maintaining its strong commitment to preserve the state’s historic past, the Trust awarded more than \$57 million in FY 2007/2008 to acquire projects that will help preserve historical or archaeological resources.

## Promoting Education

Understanding that education plays a vital part in resource conservation, FCT places a priority on proposals that feature educational aspects, giving extra consideration to projects that would include interpretative signs, educational classes, and even environmental education centers. Two excellent examples of FCT’s commitment to education are the Davie Farm Park in Davie, which will promote an understanding of the rapidly disappearing rural heritage of the area through hands-on agricultural and livestock activities, and the Nease Beachfront Park in St. Johns County, which will provide a nature center and museum in a renovated historic house on the site. FCT awarded more than \$65 million in 2007/2008 to acquire projects featuring education programs to serve Florida’s communities.

## Meeting Our Customers’ Needs

As part of the Trust’s continuing commitment to provide improved year-round technical assistance, Trust staff conducted a series of statewide training workshops to help prospective applicants navigate their way through the application and acquisition process. Workshops were held in February and March 2008 in Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Pinellas Park, Hollywood and Sanford. Attendees received comprehensive handbooks that included an updated application instruction guide, sample exhibits, a self-score checklist, a newly published grant funding directory, and a detailed review of the scoring criteria revised through rulemaking. More than 140 representatives of local governments, non-profit environmental organizations, and the general public attended the workshops at the various locations. The Trust announced the opening of the 2008 Florida Forever application cycle in February.



## FCT in High Demand

The recent revenue picture for most local governments is not as robust as in past years, but demand remains high for Florida Forever grant funding provided by FCT. FCT received 91 applications and funding requests totaling more than \$260 million for the 2008 funding cycle. When local matching funds are added to the equation, these applications total more than \$422 million in local land acquisition projects. The high demand reflects an overall trend of the last few years, as shown in the accompanying graphs above.

In June 2008, FCT surpassed \$700 million in funding for local preservation efforts since the inception of the program, yet another indicator of the continuing demand for community-focused land conservation funds.





*Florida now has approximately 450 local and regional parks in various stages of development thanks to funding provided by the Trust from Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever.*

## Other Program Highlights

As part of a multi-pronged initiative to highlight the Trust's beneficial impact on Florida over the years, staff has worked to expand the information available to citizens and visitors regarding the array of local and regional parks that are the program's legacy. One of the biggest steps forward was accomplished this year with the unveiling of an online parks directory highlighting Trust-funded parks throughout Florida. The online parks directory was launched during the November 1, 2007, Florida Communities Trust Governing Board meeting in Tallahassee. The online directory, which can be found at [www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fct/parks/](http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fct/parks/), was developed by the Trust and implemented by Design Farm, a Tallahassee-based technology firm. The online directory enables users, with just a few clicks, to identify local and regional parks in a specific geographic area or those that offer particular amenities. After finding parks by location or amenities, users can read brief descriptions, view pictures and maps, and access a monthly listing of annual events or festivals occurring at the parks. A different park is highlighted each month.

Over the past year, FCT staff worked to fundamentally improve the program through an increased emphasis on the program's land management aspects. As the number of FCT Florida Forever-funded parks increases, so too does FCT's oversight responsibility. Florida now has approximately 450 local and regional parks in various stages of development thanks to funding provided by FCT from Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever. Though title is held by the local governments and non-profits that receive funds, deed restrictions give Florida Communities Trust ultimate oversight responsibility. Additionally, communities with FCT parks are required to follow management plans and park development timelines approved by FCT as part of the acquisition process. As part of an overall effort to assure that communities meet their responsibilities regarding FCT parks, staff conducted a targeted series of site reviews and found that most parks were appropriately on track with development and management activities.

Over the last two years the Trust has worked to promote first-time grant applications from rural local governments and to encourage them to increase their green infrastructures. This year that effort began to bear fruit as the Trust received a greater number of applications from rural communities, including several first-time applicants, and awarded a greater number of grants to those areas. The 2008 grant pool included two first-time applicants among 27 applications from rural communities. The success of this initiative can also be seen in the fact that in the 2007 grant funding cycle, six of the 23 projects funded by the Trust – better than one in four – came from rural applicants.

## Looking to the Future

A highlight of the 2008 legislative session was the passage of Senate Bill 542, effectively reauthorizing the Florida Forever program for an additional

**FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST PARKS DIRECTORY**

HOME BROWSE SEARCH PARK OF THE MONTH

**Turkey Creek Nature Trail**

Turkey Creek Nature Trail & Pavilion provides a great place for gatherings under the pavilion, swim areas for the family, and quiet spots to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Visitors can canoe, kayak, and go tubing down the creek. Trail markers describe the vegetation along the boardwalk.

**Amenities**

- ✓ Picnic Areas
- ✓ Tables
- ✓ Pavilion
- ✓ Comfort Areas
- ✓ Restrooms
- ✓ Water Fountains
- ✓ Park Benches
- ✓ Trails
- ✓ Paved Hiking / Walking Trails
- ✓ Unpaved Hiking/Walking Trails
- ✓ Wildlife Observation Areas
- ✓ Water Access
- ✓ Kayak/Canoe Launch
- ✓ Fishing Pier
- ✓ Observation Pier
- ✓ Swimming Area
- ✓ Cultural Resources

**Upcoming Events**

No events are currently scheduled.

F.C.T. is not responsible for events that are rescheduled or canceled at F.C.T.-funded parks.



10 years, to 2020. Florida Communities Trust staff was heavily involved in the process, participating in Florida Forever workshops, presenting at committee meetings, and meeting with members of the Legislature to help craft the best program possible. Among the major additions to the Florida Forever program was the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts grant program, for which 2.5 percent of the total Florida Forever funding was provided to the Department of Community Affairs and FCT.

The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts grant program will provide funding to acquire parcels of land used by state-licensed commercial fishermen to commercially harvest marine organisms or saltwater products. Acquisitions made under this program may also be used for exhibitions, educational venues, civic events and other purposes that promote and educate the public about the historic heritage of Florida's traditional working waterfronts. The statutory language directs the Trust, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to develop rules governing the new program. It is anticipated that rulemaking for this program will be completed by October 2008, following a round of rule development workshops in five waterfront locations around Florida. Applications will be accepted soon after the governing rules are in place. A ranked list of proposed waterfront projects will be provided to the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, at the first Cabinet meeting of the new year in February 2009. After the Board of Trustees determines which projects will be funded, Trust staff will begin contract and acquisition activities to carry out the objectives of the program.

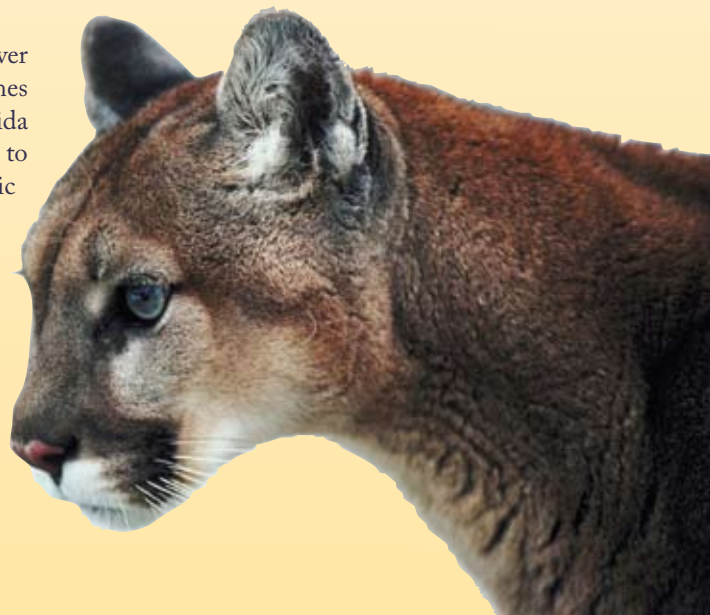
Community and regional parks funded by the Trust are once again featured in at least two new episodes of The FLORIDA Channel's *Florida Crossroads* television program. The first episode, focusing on projects funded by the Trust in the Panhandle area of Florida, will air in July, while another episode highlighting Trust projects in the Northeast Florida region was expected to air in August 2008. Trust staff and The FLORIDA Channel continue to collaborate on future episodes of *Florida Crossroads* focusing on projects in other areas of the state.

Another initiative to move the program a big step forward will take place over the coming year, as information associated with all FCT acquisitions becomes available in a web-based GIS format. FCT has contracted with the Florida Resource and Environmental Analysis Center at Florida State University to assist in this effort. The project has two ultimate goals: to offer the public and decision-makers a map providing a comprehensive statewide or local view of all projects acquired with the Trust's Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever funds, and to create an electronic grant application system that makes it easier for applicants to apply for funds – and be successful at it.

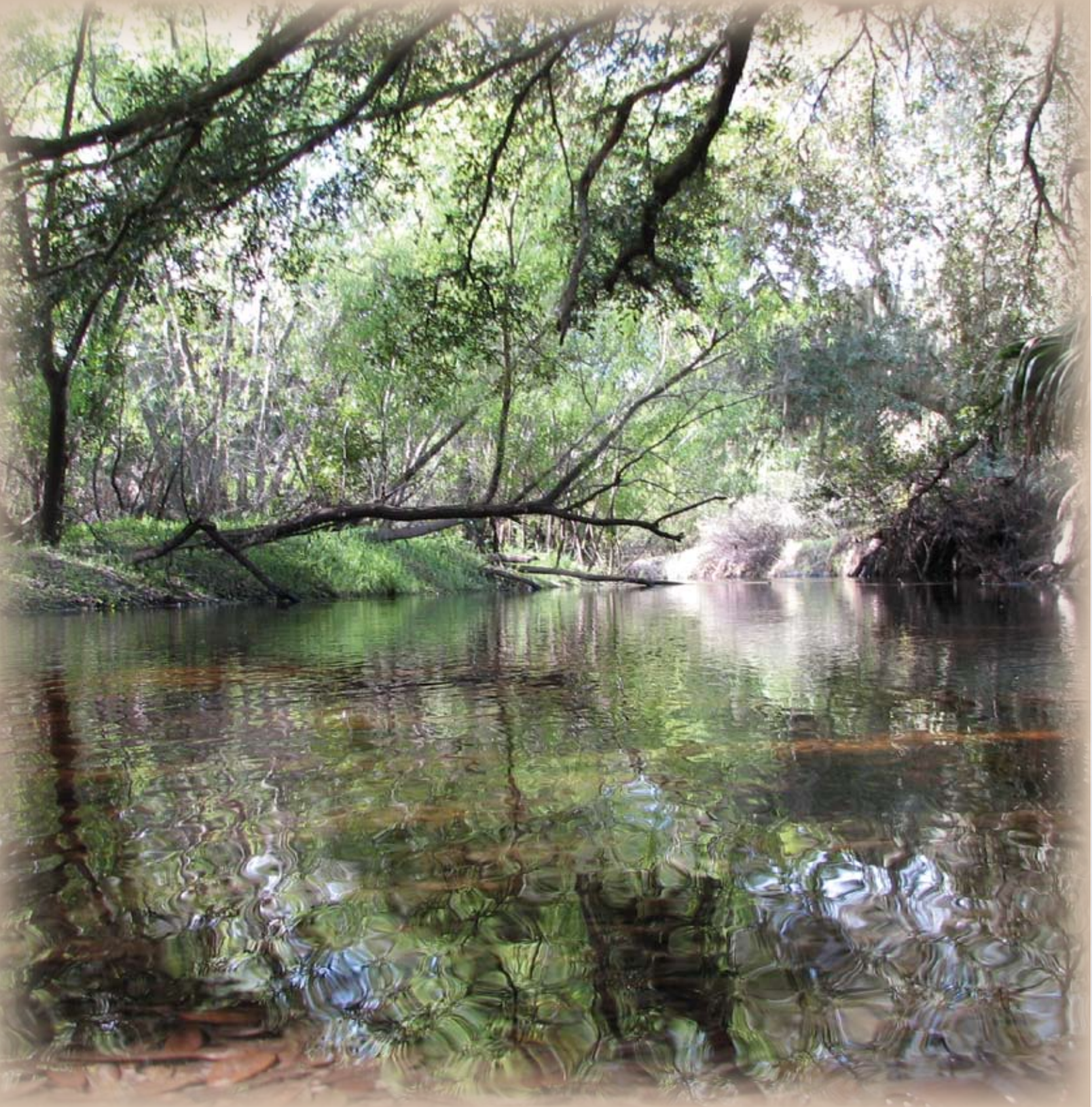
As has always been the case, the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board and Trust staff will continue to foster strong relationships with all of Florida's communities, develop new partnerships and strategies, and work to preserve even more lands for future generations.



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Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park, City of North Port





## Florida Communities Trust

# Online Parks Directory

Over the past several years, Florida Communities Trust staff has worked diligently to increase public awareness of the program and the rich 17-year legacy of local and regional parks that FCT funding has helped to create. The fall of 2007 saw the launch of one of the most beneficial and useful tools to promote this legacy: an online parks directory readily available to the public. Too often, Floridians may be unaware that their community is home to a park made possible through the assistance of Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever grant funds provided by the Trust. This exciting and ambitious directory project gives Floridians the opportunity to learn more about FCT-funded parks essentially in their own back yards.

Whether website users are looking for an FCT-funded park in their own community or searching for a list of parks that feature specific amenities, the online directory makes them easy to find. Users can browse by region and search for a park by county or ZIP code, or instead, can select the amenities they most enjoy. For example, a Gainesville resident who wants to find a park with nature trails and picnic areas in his home county can run a search for those specific features within Alachua County. The result of the search will be a listing and the profile of area parks with those particular amenities. Each park profile includes a picture, a written description of the park, a list of all amenities available at the park, and the website and physical address or location for the park. One more click brings up a map providing directions to the park. In addition, the directory highlights a different park each month and provides a monthly calendar of events occurring at FCT parks throughout the state.

With the assistance of Tallahassee-based tech-



nology firm Design Farm, Florida Communities Trust launched the parks directory on November 1, 2007, in conjunction with a meeting of the FCT Governing Board. The online directory serves as an extension of the existing FCT website and features more than 200 parks throughout the state, with new ones added as they become ready for public use.

Florida Communities Trust has increased the visibility of the parks directory by posting more than a dozen listings on VisitFlorida.com and in the Official Florida Vacation Guide. In addition, a link to the online directory is available on the MyFlorida.com home page and on several local government websites. The online parks directory helps residents and visitors find listings of local and regional parks created through the partnerships between the Trust and local communities across Florida. Thanks to this effective new tool, more people will be able to enjoy Florida's vast natural, cultural and historical resources by discovering a place to take the family for a picnic, launch a canoe into the water, or just escape their urban surroundings for a while.

*Visitors enjoy a stroll at Gilbert Samson Oceanfront Park in Sunny Isles Beach.*





Yellow Water Creek Trailhead, City of Jacksonville



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# Central Broward Regional Park

## BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL

In the heart of the bustling three-county South Florida metropolis sits an impressive urban green space where burrowing owls thrive and human visitors can enjoy a game of soccer. Located just a few minutes from Interstate 95 in the City of Lauderdale, the 110-acre Central Broward Regional Park is the result of broad community support and a unique vision on the part of community leaders.

When Lauderdale was formed in 1959, the city was best known for its McArthur Dairy Farm. Thousands of acres of land were dotted with grazing cows producing milk for the dairy. In fact, there were more cows than people living in the city in those early days! That all changed in the 1960s when comedian and television star Jackie Gleason made the area his home and began hosting the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Golf Classic at the Inverrary Country Club. The city became a popular shopping and resort destination, boasting two resort hotels, a tennis complex and outstanding public recreation facilities. Over the next several decades, however, Lauderdale endured economic difficulties as businesses left the area. In recent years, however, newcomers to the community – primarily natives of the West Indies – kick-started a revitalization that helped the city make giant strides back to vitality.

In the late 1990s, as the area continued to grow, Broward County residents and officials became concerned about the need to provide more parks and green space. In November 2000, Broward County voters approved a \$400 million Safe Parks and Land Preservation bond referendum to acquire and



develop conservation lands, green space and park lands for the community. Central Broward Regional Park was the first property to be acquired through this program. In 2002 the county and the City of Lauderdale applied to Florida Communities Trust for additional funding, which was used partially to reimburse the county and partially to purchase additional parcels of land. FCT awarded more than \$5 million for the project, allowing the dream of additional recreational opportunities and green space to become a reality.

Central Broward Regional Park opened to the public in November 2007 and it is the largest park in the central Broward area. The park offers a wide range of facilities and activities to be enjoyed by residents of several surrounding communities, including playgrounds, a nature trail with two fishing piers, an aquatics center, athletic courts, and an impressive eight-story clock tower that graces the park's entrance. The park also features a large cricket stadium with 5,000 covered seats and an embankment to seat thousands more, located on a portion of the park not acquired with FCT funding. Nature is also on display in the park, especially the resident burrowing owls, whose safety was assured during park construction through the use of man-made burrows. Visitors to the park can still view the burrowing owls and learn more about these creatures through guided nature walks.









# North Anclote River Nature Park

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS



In the northern-most corner of highly urbanized Pinellas County sits a special place that lets visitors experience natural Florida. Located in Tarpon Springs off a spur of the Fred E. Marquis Pinellas Trail, the North Anclote River Nature Park provides a quiet escape from the bustle of the busy U.S. Highway 19 corridor. The nature park is a beautiful green oasis that might have been lost to development interests were it not for the foresight of city leaders and the assistance of Florida Communities Trust.

Tarpon Springs is known as the “sponge capital of the world” thanks to a rich heritage stemming from Greek immigrants who came to the area to continue their traditional trade of sponge diving. This vibrant community has long attracted visitors who come to see the famous sponge docks or enjoy some authentic Greek cuisine. In the early 1990s, as Pinellas County continued to grow and Tarpon Springs attracted more visitors, city leaders recognized a need to provide additional green space to residents and visitors and to protect the natural resources of the Anclote River.

In 1991, the City of Tarpon Springs took action and applied for a Florida

Communities Trust grant to acquire 77 acres along the Anclote River. This property once held the first bridge to cross the Anclote River, stretching all the way to Brooksville, and during the mid-20th century the property was home to a family-owned dairy farm. Eventually the property was abandoned and

became a bottle dump. The city’s successful FCT grant application changed all that, enabling the purchase of most of the land that would eventually dominate the North Anclote River Nature Park. The city went to work turning the property into a pristine, contemplative park that the community can be proud of and enjoy.

North Anclote River Nature Park has been a community jewel since it opened to the public in November 2001. Visitors can picnic under the oak trees, hike on trails marked to identify the various habitats in the area, or take a canoe or kayak trip up the Anclote River. Children can let out some energy on the playground, and anglers can try to catch “the big one” off the fishing pier while taking in the picturesque view of the river. North Anclote River Nature Park also provides habitat for a variety of animal species, including water birds and gopher tortoises. In 2003, Pinellas County converted an abandoned railroad bridge over the Anclote River into a bicycle and pedestrian bridge that connects the Fred E. Marquis Pinellas Trail to the park. The connection made by the restored bridge makes North Anclote Nature Park a place for trail users to rest, picnic and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of the river.

Through the foresight of the City of Tarpon Springs and the cooperation of Florida Communities Trust, this beautiful and serene piece of natural Florida has been tucked away for safe keeping and the enjoyment of future generations.





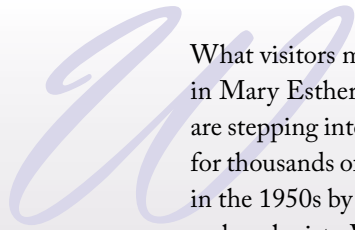






# Oak Tree Nature Park

CITY OF MARY ESTHER



What visitors may not realize when first setting foot in Mary Esther's Oak Tree Nature Park is that they are stepping into a place that has seen human activity for thousands of years. This fact was first documented in the 1950s by aeronautical engineer and vocational archaeologist William C. Lazarus, who found evidence of Native American occupation near the park. Lazarus discovered a Native American village south of Highway 98, a burial site on the north shore of Santa Rosa Sound, and pottery and stone tools next to Silver Sands Creek. Today archaeologists believe these findings were part of one large Native American community that thrived on the site.

Even as Florida experienced rapid growth in the 1960s, '70s and '80s, portions of Northwest Florida seemed immune to development pressures. By the late 1990s, however, many in Mary Esther

were concerned that growth in Okaloosa County threatened the precious natural and historical resource that William Lazarus had identified. They encouraged city leaders to acquire the undeveloped property where Lazarus made his findings, to protect it for future generations. In 1996,

the city successfully applied for Preservation 2000 funds from Florida Communities Trust to purchase part of the land that

would become the Oak Tree Nature Park. Several years later, the city again sought the assistance of Florida Communities Trust to purchase the remaining portion of the property. The Trust's approval of Florida Forever funds for the additional land enabled the city to complete its dual goal of protecting an important historical treasure and creating a passive nature park in the heart of the community.

Though centuries have passed and the landscape has drastically changed from its earliest days, human activity continues to flourish at the Oak Tree Nature Park. The park opened to the public in 2003 and has been actively used by the community ever since. Any given day might find a runner using the trail for morning exercise or families geocaching, which is a type of scavenger hunting, throughout the site. Visitors have the opportunity to learn about the variety of plant and animal life that can be found at the park, and a brochure guiding visitors through the nature trail describes the individual plant species. Some of the animals that call the park home include otters, beavers, foxes and alligators. Sharp-eyed visitors can almost always see raccoon tracks along the muddy banks of Silver Sands Creek or spot minnows darting through the clear waters. Meanwhile, bridges offer a panoramic view of lush ferns unfurling their leafy fronds.

The partnership between the City of Mary Esther and Florida Communities Trust has created a special place that provides a wonderful natural outdoor experience in a setting not significantly different than the one Native Americans inhabited so many years ago.









# *Gordon River Greenway Park*

COLLIER COUNTY



A few years from now, Collier County will be home to an ambitious two-mile-long ecological and trail corridor likened by some to New York City's Central Park. The Gordon River Greenway Park will be a place where residents can commune with nature and wildlife can thrive in an otherwise inhospitable urban setting.

The Gordon River Greenway Park is the largest piece of the Gordon River Greenway, a multi-phased project that had been the dream of county leaders for a number of years. Their vision was to create a series of parks that would comprise a Greenway, with the ultimate goal of protecting water quality and wildlife habitat and providing open space to the community. It wasn't until April 2004 that the project really began to take off.



It was during that month that a resident approached the Board of County Commissioners about purchasing the land upon which his family business, the landmark Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens, had resided for nearly 50 years. The landowners were interested in selling the zoo property

and more than 100 contiguous acres of undeveloped land for redevelopment. The county acted quickly

to preserve the environmentally sensitive property in order to create the Gordon River Greenway. The project generated a groundswell of public support, and residents overwhelmingly approved a \$40 million referendum to fund acquisition of the land.

In 2006, Collier County applied to Florida Communities Trust for Florida Forever funding to help acquire the Gordon River Greenway Park, the second in a series of parks that will ultimately comprise the Gordon River Greenway. The first project, the Gordon River Water Quality Park, was awarded FCT funding in 2005. Because of its central location and its significance as the largest area within the Gordon River Greenway, the 84-acre Gordon River Greenway Park would serve as the cornerstone of the Greenway's function as an ecological and wildlife corridor. Florida Communities Trust awarded a record \$9.9 million to help purchase the property, which is home to animal species including gopher tortoises, brown pelicans, and bald eagles.

When it is developed and open to the public, Gordon River Greenway Park will be a gem in the Collier County park system. The property will feature more than a mile of paved trails, boardwalks, picnic areas, and a canoe and kayak launch into the Gordon River. Natural history classes will be provided to educate visitors about the various animal and plant species found in the park. Additionally, water from the Gordon River will be run through a small series of treatment ponds in the park to improve the quality of water entering Naples Bay.







# *Gator Creek Reserve – Green Swamp Gateway*

**POLK COUNTY**



The Gator Creek Reserve project has been a labor of love for more than a decade for Polk County and Florida Communities Trust. The Reserve plays a vital role in protecting the environmentally sensitive Green Swamp, central Florida's liquid heart and a designated Area of Critical State Concern. Encompassing the southern chamber of this heart, the Gator Creek Reserve protects 2,708 acres dominated by flatwoods and cypress domes. It also provides critical habitat for a broad range of rare plant and animal species. A visitor may see gopher tortoises creating a burrow, witness Sherman's fox squirrels scampering about, or come to a clearing to hear the calls of the wild turkeys that frequent the area.

Polk County first began this multi-phased project in the late 1990s. Due to encroaching development, community leaders saw the urgency to protect the natural resources of the Green Swamp and water quality of Gator Creek, which feeds into the Withlacoochee River. The county applied for Preservation 2000 funds from Florida Communities Trust in 1996 to purchase the first 592 acres

of the Gator Creek Reserve. In 2002, the county purchased an additional 494 acres.

In 2006, the county saw an additional opportunity to purchase 1,622 acres known as the Green Swamp Gateway, which had been used for cattle grazing, timbering, and hunting. Such an acquisition would expand the existing Gator Creek Reserve, by then one of Polk County's most visited parks due to its close proximity to the city of Lakeland. County leaders believed it was essential to purchase the property, which would connect the Reserve to other state protected lands in the Green Swamp and establish a corridor of natural areas extending to more than 150,000 acres. With the assistance of a \$4.6 million Florida Forever grant from FCT, this ecologically important tract of land was purchased and the corridor was preserved.

The Green Swamp Gateway preserves an additional one-and-a-half-mile stretch of Gator Creek, broadening the total protection to more than three miles. The addition allows visitors to explore the wildlife, water and wilderness of the Green Swamp. Area residents will be able to escape the growing nearby city of Lakeland as they enjoy nature during a hike along shaded trails, catch a fish from the fishing dock, or go horseback riding down one of the equestrian trails.

Thanks to the long-range vision by county leaders and the continued assistance of Florida Communities Trust, current and future generations of Floridians will be able to experience and enjoy the precious resources of the Green Swamp area and the Gator Creek Reserve.







**INDIAN CREEK**  
— O GREAT SPIRIT —

HEAR MY PLEA. THIS CREEK IS THE MILK OF  
MOTHER EARTH. THIS WE KNOW.  
THIS NOURISHMENT IS FOR ALL WHO COME  
THIS WE KNOW.  
GIVE KNOWLEDGE TO ALL WHO DRINK. TO  
KEEP IT PURE THIS WE PLEA, GREAT SPIRIT.

YAH-TA-HEY



# Indian Creek Park

FRANKLIN COUNTY



Stretching along the eastern shore of Apalachicola Bay and on the bank of Indian Creek in the bayside community of Eastpoint sits Indian Creek Park. One of the prime waterfront sites in Franklin County, the five-acre property features mature live oaks that provide a shady hammock overlooking the waters of East Bay, an arm of Apalachicola Bay.

With a population of just over 12,000, Franklin County may be small but it has a rich cultural heritage steeped in the seafood industry. The county is world-famous for its oysters, harvesting 90 percent of the oysters sold in Florida and 10 percent of the oysters sold nationwide. Eastpoint, located along Highway 98 just east of the bridges leading to St. George Island and Apalachicola, is considered to be the heart of Franklin County's seafood industry. Indian Creek Park and Eastpoint are located along the Apalachicola River Basin, which serves as a home to 186 species of fish. The Apalachicola Bay system

provides a critical nursery area to a variety of species including shrimp, blue crab, stone crab and finfish.

In the mid 1990s, a variety of factors put Franklin County's seafood industry in jeopardy. An exploding

real estate market brought investors and developers looking for any waterfront available in the

county, primarily for residential construction. Local residents were concerned that the backbone of the local economy would be squeezed out of existence, since many of the traditional access points for the public and commercial fishermen were being closed to their historical uses.

In 2006, Franklin County worked with the Trust for Public Land to apply for Florida Forever funding from Florida Communities Trust to purchase Indian Creek Park. Though the location was an RV park at one point, it also served as a launching point and safe haven for commercial fishermen. The county envisioned turning the property back into a much-needed point of public access to Apalachicola Bay. With a grant of more than \$4.4 million from FCT, Franklin County is now assured that this vital waterfront site will be preserved forever.

Once Indian Creek Park is completed and open to residents and visitors, it will serve as the only public waterfront park along Apalachicola Bay north of Highway 98. The park will also protect habitat for a variety of animal species, including the Black Skimmer Gulf Sturgeon and American Oystercatcher. The county will enhance the property by replanting native vegetation and constructing a nature trail, picnic pavilions, fishing piers, playground, and canoe dock into Indian Creek.

Thanks to the commitment of community leaders and a partnership with Florida Communities Trust, Indian Creek Park is an outstanding example of how a small local government can protect its natural resources and cultural heritage for future generations.







Julington-Durbin Creeks Reserve, City of Jacksonville





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# North Florida Acquired Projects



## BARR HAMMOCK LEDWITH PRAIRIE

**Recipient:** Alachua County and The Conservation Trust For Florida  
**Project Number:** 06-110-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$6,141,087.68  
**Local Match:** \$4,094,058.45  
**Acres:** 2,303

Barr Hammock Ledwith Prairie is located in south central Alachua County, adjacent to Paynes Prairie State Preserve. The property includes several high-quality natural communities, sensitive wetland areas, wildlife habitat and significant archaeological sites. Proposed recreational amenities for the property include hiking trails, wildlife observation platforms and interpretive exhibits. Barr Hammock is a part of the county's "Emerald Necklace" initiative, a protected network of trails, greenways and open spaces that includes several projects previously acquired in partnership with FCT.



"The Alachua County Forever Program and the Florida Communities Trust have preserved more than just land. They have preserved our county's natural legacy for future generations to enjoy. These programs preserve this county's rich heritage of ecological and cultural resources. The Barr Hammock Ledwith Prairie is an excellent example of one of Alachua County's special places protected by this partnership." – *Randall H. Reid, County Manager*

## MUSSALLEM BEACHFRONT PARK

**Recipient:** St. Johns County  
**Project Number:** 06-033-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$2,412,011.25  
**Local Match:** \$805,241.25  
**Acres:** 8

The 8.3-acre Mussallem Beachfront Park property is located on State Road A1A in eastern St. Johns County, and is bordered by both the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. The site contains predominantly natural communities, including high-quality maritime hammock, salt marsh and coastal dune. The county acquired the site to improve public beach access. Recreational improvements will include horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, nature trails, boardwalks and wildlife observation platform.





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## TIMBERLANE RAVINE PHASE II

**Recipient:** *City of Tallahassee*  
**Project Number:** 05-075-FF5  
**FCT Grant:** \$151,734.64  
**Local Match:** \$227,601.96  
**Acres:** 16

Located in the City of Tallahassee, the 16-acre Timberlane Ravine Phase II property sits within the watershed of Lake Jackson, a designated Outstanding Florida Water. The site is adjacent to a previously funded FCT project, Timberlane Ravine. The property’s natural communities include slope forest, seepage streams and bottomland hardwood forests. The city acquired the property to protect listed species habitat and improve Lake Jackson’s water quality. Once development of the park is completed, recreational improvements will include nature trails, boardwalks and wildlife observation platforms.

“This project is a link in an ambitious urban greenway that goes through one of the deep ravines in the Red Hills that drain into Lake Jackson. These ravines are flush with spring-fed creeks wandering among soft hills sheltering a variety of rare plants, including many varieties of sometimes monstrous hardwood trees, large sprays of various ferns, wild azealas, and many other plants that would commonly be found in more northern locations. The ravines are quite rare for Florida and are worthy of preservation.” - *Steve Hodges, City of Tallahassee Senior Planner*

## GREEN COVE SPRINGS NATURE PRESERVE

**Recipient:** *City of Green Cove Springs*  
**Project Number:** 05-050-FF5  
**FCT Grant:** \$317,385.00  
**Acres:** 13

The Green Cove Springs Nature Preserve is located on the St. Johns River within the City of Green Cove Springs. The 13-acre property is adjacent to a National Historic District and is the second phase of a previously funded FCT project, Green Cove Springs Nature Park. The city acquired the property to protect sensitive wetland areas and wildlife habitat, and to increase public access to the St. Johns River. The site contains predominantly natural communities, including hydric hammock, floodplain marsh, bottomland forest and a seepage stream. The city will construct a canoe launch, nature trail and boardwalk for public use.

## RIBAULT RIVER URBAN WATERFRONT PARK

**Recipient:** *City of Jacksonville*  
**Project Number:** 06-042-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$385,999.75  
**Local Match:** \$385,999.75  
**Acres:** 2

The Ribault River Urban Waterfront Park is located in western Jacksonville, across the river from the city-owned Ribault River Preserve. Acquisition of the property provided water access and recreational opportunities in a heavily developed urban core neighborhood. Proposed recreational amenities for the site include a canoe/kayak launch, wildlife observation platform, nature trail, picnic pavilion and horseshoe pit.





# North Florida Acquired Projects



## VILANO BEACH OCEANFRONT PARK

**Recipient:** St. Johns County  
**Project Number:** 06-034-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$4,148,731.50  
**Local Match:** \$1,382,910.50  
**Acres:** 2

The Vilano Beach Oceanfront Park is located in an area that participates in the Waterfronts Florida Program and was the site of the historic Vilano Beach Casino. The property was home in recent years to the well-known oceanfront restaurant Fiddler's Green. The restaurant building will be converted into an environmental and historical education center. The park eventually will serve as a trailhead for the East Coast Greenway, a designated stop on the A1A Scenic and Historic Highway/Federal Scenic Byway and on the Florida Birding Trail. When work is completed, the park will also include a boardwalk and picnic pavilion.

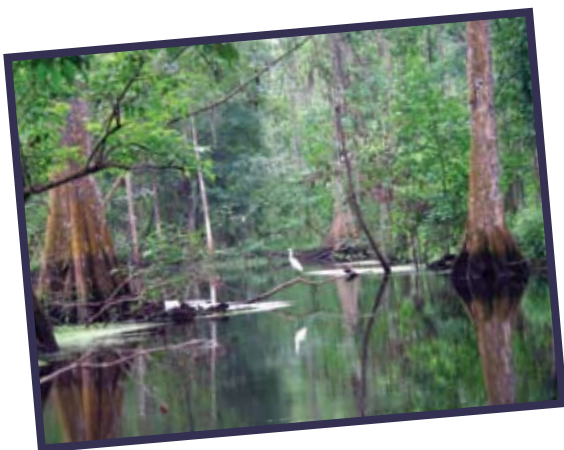


"We're grateful that Florida Communities Trust has partnered with St. Johns County to make these parks [Vilano Beach Oceanfront Park and Mussallem Beachfront Park] possible. This is a rare opportunity to provide our residents with two beautiful beachfront parks they can enjoy for years to come."  
– *Michael Wanchick, St. Johns County Administrator*

## PRAIRIE CREEK BASIN

**Recipient:** Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.  
**Project Number:** 06-096-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$2,692,288.00  
**Local Match:** \$75,000.00  
**Acres:** 367

Prairie Creek Basin is located southeast of the City of Gainesville adjacent to the Gainesville-to-Hawthorne State Trail and the Lochloosa Wildlife Conservation Area. The Alachua Conservation Trust acquired the property to provide a natural buffer to the adjacent state trail and provide an additional destination point for trail users. The site is predominantly natural communities, including bottomland forest and floodplain. Portions of the property have been identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Strategic Habitat Conservation Area containing critical habitat typically suitable for wading birds. The proposed recreational amenities for the facility include a beach volleyball court, horseshoe pits, nature trails, wildlife observation platforms and trailhead facilities.





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## APALACHICOLA RIVERWALK PHASE III

**Recipient:** City of Apalachicola  
**Project Number:** 06-048-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$2,301,129.45  
**Acres:** 1

Totaling nearly an acre in size, the Apalachicola Riverwalk Phase III property has frontage on both Apalachicola Bay and U.S. Highway 98. Acquisition of this property helps protect the city's historic waterfront area and provides public access to Apalachicola River and Bay. Negotiations are ongoing to acquire additional parcels for this project. Once park development is completed, recreational amenities will include boardwalks, picnic pavilions, fitness trails and wildlife observation platforms.

“The Apalachicola Riverwalk is a great project for the City of Apalachicola and the people of Florida. This project will put the area's unique natural treasures on full display and allow Florida families to enjoy the ecological and environmental treasures that make Florida the best place to live, work, and vacation.” – *The Honorable Jimmy Patronis, Florida House of Representatives*

## INDIAN CREEK PARK

**Recipient:** Franklin County  
**Project Number:** 06-093-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$4,431,980.00  
**Acres:** 5

Indian Creek Park provides critical public access to Apalachicola Bay. The park is located on Apalachicola Bay in the historic fishing community of Eastpoint. The acquired property provides the only public waterfront park north of Highway 98 along the Bay. The county will restore the natural communities at the park and construct a playground, canoe dock, boat ramp, picnic pavilions, wildlife observation platform and horseshoe pits.

“This means so much to Franklin County. It really is a win-win situation for the citizens and tourists of the county to have this park that they all can enjoy. We are grateful to Florida Communities Trust for providing the funds to make this possible.” – *The Honorable Noah Lockley, Franklin County Commissioner*

## JONES SWAMP WETLAND PRESERVE

**Recipient:** Escambia County  
**Project Number:** 05-041-FF5  
**FCT Grant:** \$146,964.43  
**Local Match:** \$184,456.05  
**Acres:** 10

Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve is located on Jones Creek in a rapidly developing part of southwestern Escambia County. The property is within the Pensacola Bay watershed and will augment the existing Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve, which was previously acquired by FCT. The project includes a blackwater stream and associated freshwater marsh communities, and provides habitat for listed wading bird species. The county acquired the property to close a critical gap in the Jones Swamp Preserve Greenway and to improve water quality of both Jones Creek and Pensacola Bay. Proposed recreational amenities include a nature trail and picnic pavilion.



“The Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve is a true gem of protected habitat and conservation land for Escambia County's citizens and visitors to enjoy. The educational trail, wetland restoration projects, and stream restoration projects have involved many partners and grantors including Florida Communities Trust, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, US EPA, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.” – *Taylor “Chips” Kirschenfeld, Escambia County Environmental Programs Manager*



# North Florida Acquired Projects



## CAPITAL CASCADES TRAIL – SEGMENT FOUR

**Recipient: City of Tallahassee**  
**Project Number: 05-010-FF5**  
**FCT Grant: \$225,428.72**  
**Local Match: \$226,428.72**  
**Acres: 4**

The property is part of the City of Tallahassee’s Capital Cascade Greenway project. The Greenway Project will provide an extended linear greenspace while better managing stormwater within flood-prone areas. The project is adjacent to a previously funded FCT project, Tallahassee Junction. The city will redesign an existing stormwater drainage ditch as a meandering stream with ponds, and will replant these areas with native vegetation. The city will also construct a nature trail, wildlife observation platform and picnic pavilion for public recreation and enjoyment.

“Tallahassee enjoys a wonderful variety of natural and historic resources. Our community, in cooperation with the State of Florida and Florida Communities Trust, has invested in a partnership that has resulted in protected lands and recreational opportunities for our local citizens and countless visitors. Capital Cascades Trail is one of the highlights of this partnership. The original Cascades falls enchanted its first non-native explorers so much that they decided to locate Florida’s Capitol here in Tallahassee. As a child I grew up enjoying this park and I can’t wait until I can share that experience with my own family. As a native Tallahasseean, I am proud of this partnership and others like it that have helped to protect and enhance the natural beauty and resources in our unique area of the state.” - *The Honorable Lorraine Ausley, Florida House of Representatives*

“I was so proud to work for funding on behalf of these and other projects because of how much they mean to the people in Leon and Marion County Their purchase was the result of a great partnership of Florida Communities Trust, the cities of Tallahassee and Dunnellon, as well as Marion and Leon counties. Protecting the health of the Rainbow River, Lake Jackson and the Capitol Cascade Project affects not just the immediate area, but the vast water systems in the state. I believe awards such as these are critical in triggering the development of a Florida we can all be proud of.” - *The Honorable Charlie Dean, Florida Senate*

## BLUE RUN OF DUNELLON PARK

**Recipient: City of Dunnellon**  
**Project Number: 07-022-FF7**  
**FCT Grant: \$2,606,164.50**  
**Local Match: \$320,000.00**  
**Acres: 32**



Blue Run of Dunnellon Park is located on the Rainbow River, which is historically known as “Blue Run,” and the acquisition will allow for a passive recreation park and improved public access to the river. The city will construct a paved trail to connect the park to the adjacent Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, an Office of Greenways and Trails property. The park also will connect to the Withlacoochee State Canoe Trail, the Great Florida Birding Trail and the Withlacoochee State Trail. The proposed recreational amenities for the park include interpretive kiosks and signs to educate visitors about the wildlife and natural communities on the property, a picnic shelter, wildlife observation platform, canoe and kayak launch, and a launch for people to go tubing down the river.

“The City of Dunnellon has made the preservation of the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers a major goal of its Comprehensive Plan. The acquisition of 32 acres adjacent to the Rainbow River, which were once threatened by development, is a major contribution towards achieving our plan, and is a victory for all Floridians.” - *Harold Horne, City of Dunnellon Community Development Director*





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## DR. CHARLES BILLINGS GREENWAY

**Recipient:** City of Tallahassee  
**Project Number:** 06-114-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$174,866.81  
**Local Match:** \$174,866.82  
**Acres:** 24

The Dr. Charles Billings Greenway property sits in a heavily developed area of Tallahassee. The Greenway will ultimately connect the Historic St. Marks Rail Trail with other conservation and recreation lands in Tallahassee and Leon County. The acquisition will improve water quality in the Lake Munson drainage system and provide an extended linear greenspace in a low-income area. Proposed recreational improvements on the site include a nature trail, wildlife observation platform and fishing dock.



## HOGTOWN CREEK HEADWATERS

**Recipient:** City of Gainesville  
**Project Number:** 06-095-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$3,627,168.38  
**Local Match:** \$1,209,056.12  
**Acres:** 75

Hogtown Creek is a major water feature and drainage basin of the Gainesville urban area. The city previously partnered with the Trust to acquire land for the Hogtown Creek Greenway in 1991, and the acquisition of this property brings the existing Greenway to 804 acres. The city will develop the property into an urban wilderness park with nature trails, picnic pavilions, a playground, tennis courts, and basketball courts for public recreation and enjoyment. The city also plans to convert an existing historic farmhouse into a nature center.



“The City of Gainesville has greatly benefited from our partnership with the Florida Communities Trust Florida Forever Program, and with the Alachua Conservation Trust, which assisted our city in preparing the grant application for this successful acquisition. The purchase of this parcel is the latest in a series of land acquisitions that will enable our community to better protect and preserve our invaluable natural resources for future generations to use and enjoy.” – *The Honorable Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor, City of Gainesville*



# Central Florida Acquired Projects



## ST. JOHNS HISTORIC PROPERTY

**Recipient:** Seminole County  
**Project Number:** 06-008-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$1,258,350.00  
**Local Match:** \$1,554,350.00  
**Acres:** 77

Located on Lake Harney and the St. Johns River in eastern Seminole County, the St. Johns River Historic Property will protect listed species habitat and two listed archaeological sites, provide access to adjacent water bodies and close a gap in a regional trail network. The county will enhance recreational opportunities on the site by constructing a wildlife observation platform and nature trails.

“This project preserves sensitive area along the St. Johns River which is rich with history, wildlife and passive recreational opportunities. The acquisition of this property took an extended period of time, but the rewards greatly outweigh the effort. Through grants with partners such as the Florida Communities Trust, Seminole County has been able to almost double its funding for environmentally sensitive land acquisition.” – *The Honorable Brenda Carey, Seminole County Commissioner*

## INLAND GROVES PROPERTY ACQUISITION

**Recipient:** City of Clermont  
**Project Number:** 07-056-FF7  
**FCT Grant:** \$3,316,171.00  
**Local Match:** \$4,974,256.50  
**Acres:** 128

The Inland Groves Property is located adjacent to Lake Minneola and Lake Hiawatha, which are part of the Clermont Chain of Lakes. This acquisition, the first in Clermont to be funded through the FCT program, will provide a passive nature park and extend the Lake Minneola-Clermont Scenic Trail. The city will construct a playground, fishing pier, volleyball court and wildlife observation platform for public recreation and enjoyment.

“Land acquisition programs are essential in maintaining the quality of our lives and protecting our environment. We are so pleased that Florida Forever funding provided by Florida Communities Trust has made the Inland Groves Acquisition a reality. On behalf of the citizens of Clermont and South Lake County, I want to express our sincerest gratitude for the help and assistance from FCT.” – *The Honorable Harold S. Turville, Mayor, City of Clermont*

## THOUSAND ISLANDS CONSERVATION AREA

**Recipient:** Brevard County  
**Project Number:** 06-080-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$969,615.00  
**Local Match:** \$3,531,085.00  
**Acres:** 240

The Thousand Islands Conservation Area, located on the Banana River in Brevard County, is adjacent to the shores of downtown Cocoa Beach. The area is home to a wide variety of creatures, including wood storks, American alligators and West Indian manatees, as well as rare and endangered tropical plants. The property provides improved public access to the Indian River Lagoon Blueway through land-based and waterway trails. The county plans to convert the area into a passive recreation park featuring a nature trail, a canoe trail with markers, and a wildlife observation area.

“The acquisition of the Thousand Islands for conservation is a great example of collaboration between multiple agencies and the local community. The citizens of Cocoa Beach expressed their interest in seeing the islands in conservation, and city and county officials worked together with the help of the Florida Communities Trust Program to achieve that goal.” – *Mike Knight, Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Manager*



## ORCA DIAMOND TRACT

**Recipient: Indian River County**  
**Project Number: 06-037-FF6**  
**FCT Grant: \$1,421,446.50**  
**Local Match: \$1,421,446.50**  
**Acres: 73**

The ORCA Diamond Tract property is located on the Indian River Lagoon off Oslo Road, just east of U.S. Highway 1 near the City of Vero Beach. The site is also adjacent to two previously-funded FCT project sites, Oslo Riverfront South and ORCA South Link, acquired in 1999 and 2003, respectively. This latest project enhances the 372-acre Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area and protects an estuarine tidal marsh community. Recreational amenities will include a wildlife observation platform and a trail connecting the project site with the two adjacent natural areas.

“The ORCA Diamond Tract is the last piece of the puzzle in conserving coastal lands along the Indian River Lagoon at Oslo in Indian River County. In combination with other adjacent conservation lands purchased by the County in partnership with the FCT and with the St. Johns River Water Management District, a total of 440 acres of coastal hammock, salt marsh, and 2 ½ miles of Lagoon shoreline are now conserved and open to the public for recreation. The ORCA Diamond Tract is a rare jewel for the citizens of Indian River County and Florida.” – **Roland DeBlois, Environmental Lands Program Coordinator, Indian River County**

## SHINGLE CREEK RECREATIONAL PRESERVE CENTRAL

**Recipients: Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee**  
**Project Number: 06-15-FF6**  
**FCT Grant: \$2,234,925.00**  
**Local Match: \$1,489,950.00**  
**Acres: 16**

This is the fourth phase of the Shingle Creek Recreational Preserve to be acquired through the assistance of FCT. With this transaction, the state and local communities have now acquired 290 acres to help protect the water quality and natural resources of Shingle Creek, a tributary of Lake Tohopekaliga and the Kissimmee River. The property is located along an important natural corridor sometimes referred to as the headwaters of the Everglades. A pond will be created to prevent stormwater runoff from entering the creek, and recreational improvements on the property will include nature trails and a playground, picnic pavilion, volleyball court and scenic overlook. The project will connect to the three previous phases of the preserve, the first of which was acquired in 2001.

“Osceola County’s partnership with the Florida Communities Trust along historic Shingle Creek has provided our residents with a permanent window to our area’s rich heritage and a green corridor for our future enjoyment.” – **Bob Mindick, Osceola County Public Lands Manager**



Shingle Creek Recreational Preserve Central,  
Osceola County and City of Kissimmee



# Central Florida Acquired Projects



## BOK TOWER SANCTUARY

**Recipient: Green Horizon Land Trust**  
**Project Number: 05-008-FF5**  
**FCT Grant: \$420,757.40**  
**Acres: 27**

Located west of the City of Lake Wales in central Polk County, the project site will provide a buffer and preserve the viewshed for the Historic Bok Sanctuary, a National Historic Landmark designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted. The Historic Bok Sanctuary is best known for its spectacular 205-foot, 60-bell carillon tower, and more than 150,000 visitors each year enjoy cultural, educational and recreational opportunities at the Sanctuary. This acquisition is part of a broader effort to acquire the overall project boundaries of the Historic Bok Sanctuary and the Mountain Lake National Historic District. The existing nature trail at the Sanctuary will be extended to four miles and a wildlife observation deck and picnic pavilions will be constructed for additional passive recreation opportunities.

## FELLSMERE TRAILHEAD PRESERVE

**Recipient: City of Fellsmere**  
**Project Number: 07-030-FF7**  
**FCT Grant: \$4,909,491.00**  
**Local Match: \$545,499.00**  
**Acres: 86**

The Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve property in Indian River County is located just west of Interstate 95, close to the 22,000-acre St. Sebastian River State Park. Acquisition of the property protects the St. Sebastian River basin and wetland habitat. The project also provides a recreational trail along the route of the Trans-Florida Central Railway and protects a greenway corridor along the St. Sebastian River. The proposed recreational improvements for the Preserve include a nature trail, wildlife observation tower, playground, picnic pavilion and trailhead museum.

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## UPPER PITHLACHASCOTEE RIVER PRESERVE

**Recipient: Pasco County**  
**Project Number: 07-089-FF7**  
**FCT Grant: \$786,060.57**  
**Local Match: \$786,060.58**  
**Acres: 123**

The Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve provides habitat for gopher tortoises and a variety of wading bird species. One of the defining features of the preserve is an unusually large bald cypress tree estimated to be at least 200 years old. The acquisition of this property will also help protect resources related to the old sawmill town of Fivay; little remains of the historic community that existed for a brief time early in the 20th century. The county will enhance passive recreational opportunities by constructing nature trails, picnic pavilions, horseshoe pits and an environmental education center.



“We are thrilled to partner with Florida Communities Trust on our first acquisition and on a property with such environmental and historical significance. We already have the public widely utilizing the Preserve and it has such broad support from residents and community organizations. We look forward to the recreational facilities being fully completed so the property can be enjoyed by the public even more.” – *Rene Wiesner Brown, Environmental Lands Program Manager for Pasco County*

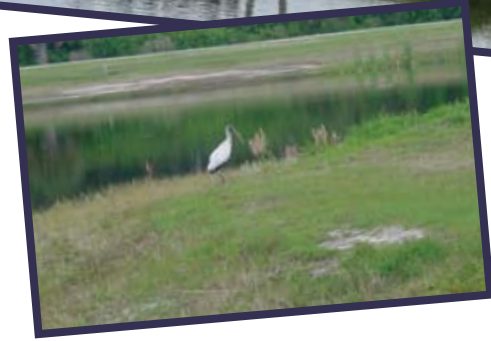


## ANDERSON STORMWATER PARK

**Recipient:** City of Rockledge  
**Project Number:** 06-001-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$211,385.62  
**Local Match:** \$211,385.62  
**Acres:** 10

The Anderson Stormwater Park expands an existing park of the same name in the City of Rockledge. The city acquired the property to remove exotic vegetation and restore natural communities affected by citrus production activities in the past. A historic citrus sorting and packing plant on the site will be utilized as an educational exhibit, while recreational amenities will include a nature trail, picnic pavilion, fishing pier and wildlife observation platform.

“This property will be used to provide environmental educational possibilities to school children and passive recreational uses for the general public and improve storm water drainage in our area. Without the assistance of Florida Communities Trust this project could not have been done.” –  
*The Honorable Larry L. Schultz, Mayor, City of Rockledge*



## GATOR CREEK RESERVE - GREEN SWAMP GATEWAY

**Recipient:** Polk County  
**Project Number:** 06-020-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$4,597,556.65  
**Local Match:** \$4,597,556.65  
**Acres:** 1,622

The Gator Creek property is located just north of Lakeland in Polk County, within the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern. The site is adjacent to the existing Gator Creek Reserve, which was funded by FCT in 1996. Acquisition of this property expands the reach of the adjacent reserve and protects the water quality of Gator Creek and the Floridan Aquifer. Natural communities that can be found on the site include pine flatwoods, cypress domes, freshwater marsh and other wetlands, all of which provide habitat for gopher tortoises and listed wading bird species. Recreational amenities on the property will include nature trails, equestrian riding facility and trails, wildlife observation platforms, fishing dock and horseshoe pits.



# South Florida Acquired Projects



## GORDON RIVER GREENWAY PARK

**Recipient:** Collier County  
**Project Number:** 06-043-FF6  
**FCT Grant:** \$9,900,000.00  
**Local Match:** \$19,214,350.00  
**Acres:** 85

Located just east of the City of Naples, the Gordon River Greenway Park property is adjacent to the Naples Zoo, Fleischmann Community Park, and the Gordon River Water Quality Park (an acquisition previously funded by FCT). The site contains predominantly natural communities, including scrubby flatwood and tidal swamp, which are recognized as providing habitat for gopher tortoises and listed wading birds, respectively. The property will be turned into a passive recreational park with picnic pavilions, trails and a canoe/kayak launch.



“It’s exciting news that Collier County has received this \$9.9 million dollar grant from FCT. The grant helps us preserve this environmentally sensitive land and will leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy this wonderful amenity.” – *The Honorable Jim Coletta, Collier County Commissioner*

## HACKBERRY HAMMOCK

**Recipient:** St. Lucie County  
**Project Number:** 05-069-FF5  
**FCT Grant:** \$660,676.47  
**Local Match:** \$1,028,169.46  
**Acres:** 58

Hackberry Hammock, in western St. Lucie County, is adjacent to two previously acquired FCT sites, Paleo Hammock Natural Area and Paleo Hammock Addition. Acquisition of this 58.4-acre property enhances efforts by St. Lucie County to create a greenway and wildlife corridor, restore native habitat and provide quality resource-based outdoor recreation opportunities. Proposed recreational amenities include a nature trail, fitness trail, picnic pavilion, horseshoe pits, and two wildlife observation platforms.





## INDRIO NORTH SAVANNAHS II

**Recipient: St. Lucie County**  
**Project Number: 06-60-FF6**  
**FCT Grant: \$426,946.00**  
**Local Match: \$540,578.83**  
**Acres: 9**

The Indrio North Savannahs II project is located in northeastern St. Lucie County and is just a half-mile from the Indian River Lagoon. The property is adjacent to several previous FCT acquisitions, including the Indrio North Savannahs, the Indrio Scrub Preserve, and the Indrio Blueway Buffer. This latest acquisition will protect a freshwater marsh and adjacent scrub and flatwoods communities and will add to the existing Indrio North Savannahs. The property contains predominantly native vegetative communities that have been recognized as providing habitat for listed animal species, including wood stork and white ibis. The county will create passive recreation opportunities by adding nature trails and wildlife observation areas.

“The 8.6 acre land acquired in the Indrio North Savannahs is strategically located next to the Indian River Lagoon, and three other land purchases previously acquired by Florida Communities Trust. We will not only be able to preserve more of our environmentally sensitive lands, but we also will be able to provide a haven for endangered species. These are the investments that will truly result in a more beautiful future for Florida.” – *The Honorable Ken Pruitt, Florida Senate President*

## CENTRAL BROWARD REGIONAL PARK

**Recipient: Broward County**  
**Project Number: 06-011-FF6**  
**FCT Grant: \$255,000.00**  
**Local Match: \$258,065.00**  
**Acres: 4**

The property is adjacent to the existing Central Broward Regional Park, a previous FCT acquisition in southeastern Lauderdale. The property was acquired to provide green space and recreational opportunities in a centrally located metropolitan park. Broward County will construct nature trails and picnic pavilions for public recreation and enjoyment.

## HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL PARK

**Recipient: St. Lucie County**  
**Project Number: 04-045-FF4**  
**FCT Grant: \$3,328,538.63**  
**Local Match: \$1,109,512.88**  
**Acres: 41**

The Heathcote Botanical Park is located just south of Ft. Pierce, at the northern edge of the Savannahs Recreation Area. Acquisition of the site allows the expansion of the adjacent Heathcote Botanical Gardens, including establishment of a visitor/education center. The property contains scrub jay habitat that the city will restore, as well as areas around an existing stormwater pond. Recreational amenities will include a playground, canoe/kayak launch, picnic pavilions and trails.



## SUSAN DUBOIS KINDT ESTATE

**Recipient: Palm Beach County**  
**Project Number: 06-041-FF6**  
**FCT Grant: \$1,813,971.61**  
**Local Match: \$1,813,971.61**  
**Acres: 1**

The Susan DuBois Kindt Estate is in Jupiter on the Loxahatchee River, nestled amid Jupiter Inlet to the east, the Indian River Lagoon to the northeast and the Loxahatchee River Aquatic Preserve to the west. The property, slightly larger than one acre, contains significant historical and natural resources, including a pineapple packing house that is considered the oldest structure in Palm Beach County. The structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and will be preserved to be used as an educational facility. The mangrove community provides habitat for a variety of animal species, including manatees and various wading bird species. Recreational improvements will include a kayak launch, a multi-use trail, and picnic pavilions.





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**Acquired Projects for 2007-2008 Fiscal Year** - For The Year Ended June 30, 2008

RECIPIENT NAME	PROJECT NAME	ACRES	FCT GRANT AMOUNT (DOLLARS)	LOCAL MATCH (DOLLARS)	TOTAL PROJECT COST (DOLLARS)	DATE CLOSED OR REIMBURSED
Indian River County	ORCA Diamond Tract	72.71	\$1,421,446.50	\$1,421,446.50	\$2,842,893.00	07/01/07
Collier County	Gordon River Greenway Park	84.93	\$9,900,000.00	\$19,214,350.00	\$29,114,350.00	07/01/07
St. Lucie County	Indrio North Savannahs II	8.63	\$426,946.00	\$540,578.83	\$967,524.83	07/01/07
Alachua County/Conservation Trust for Florida	Barr Hammock Ledwith Prairie	2,302.96	\$6,141,087.68	\$4,094,058.45	\$10,235,146.13	07/16/07
Seminole County	St. Johns River Historic Property (Lansing Property)	77.04	\$1,258,350.00	\$1,554,350.00	\$2,812,700.00	07/25/07
City of Tallahassee	Timberlane Ravine Phase II	16.02	\$151,734.64	\$227,601.96	\$379,336.60	07/31/07
St. Johns County	Mussallem Beachfront Park	8.33	\$2,412,011.25	\$805,241.25	\$3,217,252.50	08/09/07
St. Johns County	Vilano Beach Oceanfront Park	1.81	\$4,148,731.50	\$1,382,910.50	\$5,531,642.00	08/09/07
Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.	Prairie Creek Basin	318.10	\$2,380,110.00	0.00	\$2,380,110.00	08/14/07
City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Riverwalk Phase III	0.88	\$954,462.20	0.00	\$954,462.20	08/29/07
City of Green Cove Springs	Green Cove Springs Nature Preserve	13.06	\$317,385.00	0.00	\$317,385.00	09/28/07
Polk County	Gator Creek Reserve - Green Swamp Gateway	1,621.92	\$4,597,556.65	\$4,597,556.65	\$9,195,113.30	10/29/07
City of Jacksonville	Ribault River Urban Waterfront Park	2.28	\$385,999.75	\$385,999.75	\$771,999.50	11/07/07
City of Rockledge	Anderson Stormwater Park	9.92	\$211,385.62	\$211,385.63	\$422,771.25	11/26/07
St. Lucie County	Hackberry Hammock	20.01	\$217,939.47	\$339,165.53	\$557,105.00	11/30/07
Escambia County	Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve	10.03	\$146,964.43	\$184,456.05	\$331,420.48	12/05/07
Franklin County	Indian Creek Park	5.09	\$4,431,980.00	0.00	\$4,431,980.00	12/20/07
City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Riverwalk Phase III	0.11	\$1,346,666.75	0.00	\$1,346,666.75	12/31/07
Broward County	Central Broward Regional Park	3.70	\$255,000.00	\$258,065.00	\$513,065.00	01/07/08
City of Tallahassee	Capital Cascade Trail - Segment Four	4.31	\$225,428.72	\$226,428.72	\$451,857.44	01/10/08
Green Horizon Land Trust, Inc.	Bok Tower Sanctuary - Marks Parcel	8.98	\$132,030.00	0.00	\$132,030.00	02/18/08
Green Horizon Land Trust, Inc.	Bok Tower Sanctuary - Moore, Yoars & Pease Parcels	8.90	\$109,342.50	0.00	\$109,342.50	03/10/08
Osceola County/City of Kissimmee	Shingle Creek Recreational Preserve Center	16.14	\$2,234,925.00	\$1,489,950.00	\$3,724,875.00	03/05/08
Green Horizon Land Trust, Inc.	Bok Tower Sanctuary - SR Estate/Colburn Parcels	9.02	\$134,325.00	0.00	\$134,325.00	03/14/08
St. Lucie County	Heathcote Botanical Park - City Parcels	41.25	\$3,314,926.13	\$1,104,975.38	\$4,419,901.51	03/28/08
City of Dunnellon	Blue Run of Dunnellon Park	32.44	\$2,606,164.50	\$320,000.00	\$2,926,164.50	03/28/08
Green Horizon Land Trust, Inc.	Bok Tower Sanctuary - Story Parcel	9.04	\$45,059.90	0.00	\$45,059.90	04/16/08
City of Tallahassee	Dr. Charles Billings Greenway	24.42	\$174,866.81	\$174,866.82	\$349,733.63	04/28/08
Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.	Prairie Creek Basin - Zetrouer Parcel	48.79	\$312,178.00	\$75,000.00	\$387,178.00	05/14/08
City of Gainesville	Hogtown Creek Headwaters	74.62	\$3,627,168.38	\$1,209,056.12	\$4,836,224.50	05/15/08
St. Lucie County	Heathcote Botanical Park - Stewart Parcel	0.13	\$13,612.50	\$4,537.50	\$18,150.00	05/29/08
Pasco County	Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve	122.59	\$786,060.57	\$786,060.58	\$1,572,121.15	06/06/08
City of Fellsmere	Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve	85.70	\$4,909,491.00	\$545,499.00	\$5,454,990.00	06/16/08
Brevard County	Thousand Islands Conservation Area	240.48	\$969,615.00	\$3,531,085.00	\$4,500,700.00	06/17/08
Palm Beach County	Susan DuBois Kindt Estate	1.18	\$1,813,971.61	\$1,813,971.61	\$3,627,943.22	06/18/08
City of Clermont	Inland Groves Property Acquisition	128.13	\$3,316,171.00	\$4,974,256.50	\$8,290,427.50	06/30/08
<b>TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008:</b>		<b>5,433.64</b>	<b>\$65,831,094.06</b>	<b>\$51,472,853.33</b>	<b>\$117,303,947.39</b>	



# Projects Selected for Funding 2007-2008



## 2007-2008 Annual Report

### *Interesting Facts*

*Of the 23 projects funded Fiscal Year 2007-2008:*

- 1 is in a Florida Main Street Community
- 1 is in a Low Income Community
- 1 is in a Waterfront Florida Community
- 2 were submitted from environmental non-profit organizations
- 3 are in a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
- 6 are from first-time applicants
- 6 are located within an urban infill, development or downtown revitalization area
- 9 protect an adjacent Outstanding Florida Water
- 12 provided 50 percent match or more
- 12 contain predominantly undisturbed natural communities
- 15 will provide educational classes
- 16 will enhance or connect to existing recreational trail systems
- 16 provide access to a water shoreline or beach for recreation
- 17 protect a resource that is listed on the Florida Master Site File
- 20 preserve listed animal species habitat



Florida Communities Trust  
**FF7 Projects Selected for Funding**

Recipient Name	Project Name	Acres	FCT Grant Amount (Dollars)	Local Match (Dollars)	Total Anticipated Project Cost (Dollars)
City of Clearwater	Lake Chautauqua Equestrian & Nature Preserve	48.74	\$4,800,000.00	\$7,200,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
Town of Horseshoe Beach	Paddle Boat Trailhead at Horseshoe Beach	5.50	\$6,600,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,600,000.00
City of Fellsmere	Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve	88.38	\$6,300,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$7,000,000.00
City of Dunedin	Weaver Park-Phase I	6.35	\$4,515,000.00	\$4,515,000.00	\$9,030,000.00
Leon County	Fred George Basin Greenway	171.00	\$2,350,000.00	\$2,350,000.00	\$4,700,000.00
City of Fort Pierce	Moore's Creek Linear Park	6.50	\$1,973,070.00	\$1,315,380.00	\$3,288,450.00
City of Dunnellon	Blue Run of Dunnellon Park	32.44	\$1,928,250.00	\$214,250.00	\$2,142,500.00
Alachua County /Conservation Trust for Florida	Levy Prairie	3,317.00	\$3,060,000.00	\$2,040,000.00	\$5,100,000.00
City of Clermont	Inland Groves Property Acquisition	128.13	\$3,340,000.00	\$5,010,000.00	\$8,350,000.00
Manatee County	Neal Preserve	119.00	\$6,363,520.00	\$9,545,280.00	\$15,908,800.00
Pasco County	Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve	122.03	\$787,900.00	\$787,900.00	\$1,575,800.00
City of Fort Pierce	Jetty Oceanfront Park Expansion	1.34	\$2,982,500.00	\$2,982,500.00	\$5,965,000.00
St. Lucie County	Harbor Branch Preserve	123.09	\$6,600,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	\$8,800,000.00
Indian River County	South Prong Preserve	37.48	\$1,390,000.00	\$2,085,000.00	\$3,475,000.00
City of North Port	Expansion of Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway	34.87	\$2,835,308.00	\$2,835,308.00	\$5,670,616.00
Sarasota Conservation Foundation	Pine Island Preserve at Matlacha Pass	230.00	\$6,600,000.00	\$2,881,571.00	\$9,481,571.00
City of Pembroke Pines	Chapel Trail Nature Preserve Addition	9.01	\$340,200.00	\$992,800.00	\$1,333,000.00
Taylor County	Keaton Beach Coastal Park	43.45	\$5,940,000.00	\$660,000.00	\$6,600,000.00
Alachua County	Phifer Flatwoods	675.00	\$1,214,649.70	\$1,821,974.54	\$3,036,624.24
Palm Beach County	Cypress Creek Natural Area Phase III	150.00	\$6,600,000.00	\$6,610,950.00	\$13,210,950.00
City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Riverwalk Phase V / Bayside Park	1.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,300,000.00
Wakulla County - Florida Foresight, Inc.	Big Bend Maritime Center Land Acquisition	5.61	\$3,900,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,900,000.00
City of New Smyrna Beach	Esther Street Beachfront Park	3.25	\$2,880,000.00	\$4,320,000.00	\$7,200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$84,400,397.00</b>	<b>\$61,067,913.54</b>	<b>\$147,668,311.24</b>

# Projects Acquired by County 1991-2008

## ALACHUA

91-049-P1A	City of Gainesville/Alachua County	Hogtown Creek Greenway
99-039-P9A	City of Gainesville/Alachua County	Depot Junction
01-103-FF1	Town of Micanopy	Micanopy Native American Heritage Park
01-141-FF1	Alachua Conservation Trust	Blues Creek and Fox Pond
01-149-FF1	City of Gainesville	Beville Creek
02-043-FF1	Alachua County	Mill Creek Nature Preserve
02-077-FF2	City of Gainesville	Duval Neighborhood Regional Stormwater Project
02-089-FF2	City of Alachua	San Felasco Conservation Corridor
04-071-FF4	Alachua Conservation Trust	Tuscawilla Lake
05-024-FF5	Alachua County	Paynes Prairie Sweetwater Addition
06-095-FF6	City of Gainesville	Hogtown Creek Headwaters
06-096-FF6	Alachua Conservation Trust	Prairie Creek Basin
06-110-FF6	Alachua County/Conservation Trust for Florida	Barr Hammock Ledwith Prairie

## BAKER

03-040-FF3	Baker County	St. Mary's Shoals
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## BAY

92-021-P2A	Bay County	Thomas Drive Beach Access
92-042-P2A	City of Mexico Beach	Parker Tract
93-026-P3A	City of Panama City	Sweetbay Wetlands Preserve
93-027-P3A	City of Panama City	Oaks by the Bay
96-006-P7A	City of Parker	Environmental Exploratorium
96-025-P7A	City of Panama City	Venetian Sunset Park
01-150-FF1	City of Panama City Beach	Pier Park
01-153-FF1	City of Parker	Coral Bean Addition

## BREVARD

91-016-P1A	City of Palm Bay/Brevard County	Turkey Creek Scrub
95-019-P56	City of Cape Canaveral	Manatee Sanctuary
95-063-P56	Town of Malabar	Malabar Sanctuary Greenway
95-064-P56	City of Palm Bay	Ais Lookout Point
95-079-P56	Town of Indialantic	Wavecrest Park Extension
96-019-P7A	Town of Malabar	Malabar Sanctuary Greenway II
96-059-P7A	City of Palm Bay	Turkey Creek Blueway
96-060-P7A	City of Palm Bay	Castaway Point
96-062-P7A	City of Cape Canaveral	Banana River Park
98-044-P8A	City of Satellite Beach	Oceanfront Wildlife/Habitat Preservation
98-076-P8A	Town of Melbourne Beach	Loggerhead Park
99-044-P9A	City of Satellite Beach/Brevard County	Oceanfront Preservation
01-005-FF1	City of Cocoa Beach	Ten Thousand Islands
01-065-FF1	Town of Palm Shores	Shoreside Park
01-077-FF1	City of Cocoa	Cocoa Conservation Areas
03-020-FF3	City of Melbourne	Eau Gallie Square
03-035-FF3	City of Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach Maritime Hammock Preserve
05-030-FF5	Brevard County	Max K. Rodes Park
06-001-FF6	City of Rockledge	Anderson Stormwater Pre-Acquired Parcel
06-055-FF6	City of Titusville	Molitor Property
06-080-FF6	Brevard County	Thousand Islands Conservation Area

## BROWARD

93-025-P3A	Town of Pembroke Park	Environmental Preserve
94-008-P4A	City of Sunrise	The Sawgrass Sanctuary

94-015-P4A	City of Hollywood/Broward County	Sheridan Oak Forest
95-055-P56	City of Wilton Manors	Island City Park Preserve
96-014-P7A	City of Coconut Creek	Sable Pines Park
96-058-P7A	City of Coral Springs	Sandy Ridge Sanctuary
99-036-P9A	City of Pembroke Pines	Academic & Outdoor Recreation Village
99-073-P9A	City of Oakland Park	Carpenter's Sand Pine Preserve
00-025-P10	City of Tamarac	McNab Park Restoration Project
00-055-P10	City of Wilton Manors/Broward County	Richardson Property
00-071-P10	City of Pembroke Pines	Pembroke Pines Preserve Expansion
01-047-FF1	City of Plantation	Plantation Central Open Space
01-074-FF1	City of Deerfield Beach	Pleasant Oceanside Preserve
01-076-FF1	City of Wilton Manors	Island City Park Addition
01-093-FF1	City of Hollywood/Broward County	Hollywood North Beach Addition
01-101-FF1	City of Fort Lauderdale	New River Park
01-113-FF1	Broward County	Sheridan Street ESL Addition
01-118-FF1	City of Miramar/Broward County	Miramar Pineland ESL Addition
02-002-FF2	City of Lauderdale Lakes/Broward County	Central Broward Regional Park
02-018-FF2	City of Fort Lauderdale	Florence Hardy Park Addition
02-021-FF2	City of Lauderdale Lakes/Broward County	Last Cypress East
02-022-FF2	City of Lauderdale Lakes/Broward County	Last Cypress West
02-049-FF2	City of Pembroke Pines	Southwest Nature and Recreational Park
02-088-FF2	Town of Davie	Davie's Wetlands Restoration
03-010-FF3	Broward County	Highland Scrub Addition
03-011-FF3	Broward County	Helene Klein Pineland
03-013-FF3	Broward County	Hillsboro Pineland ESL Addition
03-014-FF3	Broward County	Mills Pond Addition
03-022-FF3	Town of Southwest Ranches	Country Estates Open Space & Fishing Hole
03-025-FF3	Town of Southwest Ranches	Southwest Meadows Sanctuary
03-026-FF3	Town of Southwest Ranches	Frontier Trails Conservation Area
03-043-FF3	City of Tamarac	Tamarac Preservation Park
04-002-FF4	Town of Davie/City of Weston/Broward County	Vista View Regional Park Expansion
04-003-FF4	City of Coral Springs/Broward County	Whispering Woods Park
04-007-FF4	Broward County	Hollywood North Beach Addition II
04-008-FF4	City of Dania Beach/Broward County	Little Fuzzy Bunny Cove
04-010-FF4	Town of Davie	Sunny Lakes Trailhead & Conservation Park
04-012-FF4	City of Deerfield Beach / Town of Hillsboro Beach	Deerfield Beachfront Park
04-019-FF4	Town of Southwest Ranches	Calusa Corners
05-006-FF5	Broward County	West Creek Pineland Passage
06-011-FF6	Broward County	Central Broward Regional Park Addition

## CALHOUN

96-055-P7A	Calhoun County	Atkins Park
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## CHARLOTTE

92-012-P2A	Charlotte County	Tippecanoe Scrub
94-020-P4A	Charlotte County	Amberjack Slough
94-027-P4A	City of Punta Gorda	Punta Gorda Nature Park
95-049-P56	Charlotte County	Cedar Point Park
96-008-P7A	Charlotte County	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Addition
98-025-P8A	Charlotte County	Sunrise Park
98-026-P8A	Charlotte County	Oyster Creek Park



# Projects Acquired by County 1991-2008

99-013-P9A	Charlotte County	Englewood Beach
99-064-P9A	Charlotte County	San Casa
01-018-FF1	Charlotte County	Bayshore Linear Park
01-024-FF1	Charlotte County	Cedar Point Park
01-026-FF1	Charlotte County	South County Regional Park
01-063-FF1	Charlotte County	Tippecanoe Scrub Environmental Park
03-091-FF3	Lemon Bay Conservancy	Cedar Point Park Addition
04-004-FF4	Charlotte County	Amberjack Scrub Environmental Park Expansion

## CITRUS

95-015-P56	City of Inverness	Wallace Brooks/Lake Henderson
95-016-P56	City of Inverness	Cooter Pond
96-002-P7A	City of Crystal River	Nature Coast Environmental Science Center
01-138-FF1	City of Crystal River	Kings Bay Linear Park Phase IV

## CLAY

96-022-P7A	City of Keystone Heights	Keystone Beach - Smysor Park
02-045-FF2	City of Green Cove Springs	Green Cove Springs Nature Park
02-097-FF2	Clay County	Moccasin Slough
04-078-FF4	Clay County	Camp Chowenwaw (Camp of the Little Sisters)
05-050-FF5	City of Green Cove Springs	Green Cove Springs Nature Park

## COLLIER

94-023-P4A	Collier County	Master Mitigation Preserve
95-017-P56	Collier County	Lake Avalon County Park
01-040-FF1	City of Naples	The Naples Preserve
03-018-FF3	Collier County	Lely Mitigation Park
03-073-FF3	Collier County	"Preserve the Preserve" Barefoot Beach Parcel
04-042-FF4	Collier County	Goodland Harbor Park
05-027-FF5	Collier County	Gordon River Water Quality Park
06-043-FF6	Collier County	Gordon River Greenway Park

## COLUMBIA

94-001-P4A	Columbia County	Alligator Lake
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## DIXIE

02-096-FF2	Dixie County	Joe Henry Anderson, Sr. Park
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## DUVAL

91-046-P1A	City of Jacksonville	Cedar Point
92-031-P2A	City of Jacksonville	Ortega Stream Valley Park
92-032-P2A	City of Jacksonville	Blue Cypress
93-006-P3A	City of Jacksonville	County Dock Historical Park
95-051-P56	City of Atlantic Beach	Intracoastal Waterway Park
95-058-P56	City of Atlantic Beach/ City of Jacksonville	Dutton Island Waterway Park
96-050-P7A	City of Jacksonville	Tree Hill Nature Center Addition
96-052-P7A	City of Jacksonville	Julington Creek Headwaters Park
98-094-P8A	City of Jacksonville	Julington Creek Headwaters Park II
99-018-P9A	City of Atlantic Beach/ City of Jacksonville	Dutton Island Waterway Park Expansion
00-009-P10	City of Jacksonville	Castaway Island Preserve
01-034-FF1	City of Jacksonville Beach	Cradle Creek Preserve
01-112-FF1	City of Jacksonville	McGirts Creek Park Expansion
01-115-FF1	City of Jacksonville	Reddie Point Preserve

01-120-FF1	City of Jacksonville	Jax-Baldwin Rails - Trails Buffer
01-122-FF1	City of Jacksonville	Beach and Peach Urban Park
02-086-FF2	City of Jacksonville	Yellow Water Creek Trailhead
03-046-FF3	City of Jacksonville	McGirts Creek Expansion Phase II
03-048-FF3	City of Jacksonville	Sal Taylor Creek Preserve
04-052-FF4	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails Buffer Phase II
05-044-FF5	City of Jacksonville	Cedar Point Preserve
06-042-FF6	City of Jacksonville	Ribault River Urban Waterfront Park Addition

## ESCAMBIA

95-014-P56	Escambia County	Jones Swamp Wetlands Preserve
96-033-P7A	Town of Century	North Escambia River Site
98-089-P8A	City of Pensacola	Scenic Highway Bluffs Preserve
98-090-P8A	City of Pensacola	Old Chimney Property Acquisition
05-041-FF5	Escambia County	Jones Swamp Wetlands Preserve

## FLAGLER

91-023-P1A	Flagler County	Princess Place
93-016-P3A	Flagler County	Princess Place Estate Phase II
95-013-P56	City of Flagler Beach	Silver Lake Park
96-005-P7A	City of Flagler Beach/Flagler County	Flagship Harbor Preserve
98-083-P8A	Town of Marineland/Flagler County	River to Sea Preserve at Marineland
99-062-P9A	Flagler County	Mala Compra Greenway/ Bings Landing Park
00-105-P10	Town of Marineland	Matanzas Estuary GeoPark
01-013-FF1	Town of Palm Coast	Palm Coast Greenway
02-013-FF2	City of Flagler Beach	Mirror Lake Watershed
04-024-FF4	City of Flagler Beach	Ocean Walk Park
04-050-FF4	Flagler County	Addition to Mala Compra Oceanfront Park

## FRANKLIN

93-011-P3A	City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Riverwalk
94-013-P4A	City of Carrabelle	Carrabelle Riverwalk-Tidal Basin
95-078-P56	City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Waterfront
00-001-CS6	City of Apalachicola	Open Space Park
02-049-FF2	City of Carrabelle	Carrabelle Wildlife Park
04-063-FF4	City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Riverwalk Park II
04-076-FF4	City of Carrabelle	Crooked River Lighthouse Park
06-048-FF6	City of Apalachicola	Apalachicola Riverwalk-Phase III
06-093-FF6	Franklin County	Indian Creek Park

## GADSDEN

00-086-P10	City of Chattahoochee	Chattahoochee Nature and Recreation Park
03-067-FF3	City of Quincy	Tanyard Creek Preservation Park
04-070-FF4	City of Quincy	Tanyard Creek Preservation Park Phase II

## GILCHRIST/LEVY

98-033-P8A	City of Fanning Springs	Fort Fanning Heritage Park
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## GULF

93-028-P3A	City of Port St. Joe	Shipyard Cove Parcel
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**HARDEE**

98-001-P8A City of Wauchula Peace River Park

**HERNANDO**

91-035-P1A Hernando County PK Ranch  
 95-029-P56 City of Brooksville The Good Neighbor Trail  
 98-053-P8A Hernando County Cypress Lakes Preserve Addition

**HIGHLANDS**

94-042-P4A Highlands County Sun 'n Lake Preserve

**HILLSBOROUGH**

91-053-P1A Hillsborough County Cypress Creek Preserve  
 92-038-P2A City of Temple Terrace Riverhills Park Addition  
 92-039-P2A City of Temple Terrace Temple Terrace Riverfront Park  
 92-041-P2A City of Tampa/Hillsborough County Cypress Street Restoration Park  
 93-018-P3A Hillsborough County Blackwater Creek Preserve  
 94-009-P4A City of Tampa Blackwater Hammock  
 95-027-P56 City of Plant City Massie/Zack Park and Preserve  
 95-044-P56 Hillsborough County Apollo Beach Park  
 95-045-P56 Hillsborough County Flynn Lake Nature Park  
 96-010-P7A Hillsborough County Sterling Downs Greenway  
 98-047-P8A City of Tampa New Tampa Flatwoods  
 98-048-P8A City of Tampa Fort Brooke Park  
 98-054-P8A Hillsborough County Alafia Scrub Preserve  
 99-010-P9A Hillsborough County Cypress Creek Preserve Phase II  
 99-026-P9A City of Tampa Ribbon of Green  
 00-032-P10 Hillsborough County Riverhills Park Addition Phase II  
 00-045-P10 City of Tampa Fort Brooke Park Addition  
 01-048-FF1 Hillsborough County Triple Creek Greenway  
 01-049-FF1 Hillsborough County Town 'n Country Preserve  
 02-073-FF2 Hillsborough County Fish Hawk Creek Preserve  
 02-093-FF2 City of Tampa Fort Brooke Phase III  
 03-015-FF3 Hillsborough County Alafia River Corridor  
 03-081-FF3 City of Tampa River Tower Property  
 03-083-FF3 City of Tampa South MacDill 48  
 04-029-FF4 Hillsborough County Alafia River Corridor Phase II  
 04-032-FF4 Hillsborough County Rocky Creek Trails  
 06-019-FF6 Hillsborough County Triple Creek Greenway Phase II

**HOLMES**

96-035-P7A Holmes County Wrights Creek Site

**INDIAN RIVER**

92-018-P2A Indian River County Wabasso Scrub  
 93-002-P3A City of Vero Beach/  
 Indian River County Prang Island  
 94-032-P4A Indian River County Sebastian Scrub  
 95-025-P56 Indian River County AGC Industrial Tract Scrub  
 96-043-P7A City of Sebastian/Indian River County St. Sebastian PUD  
 96-044-P7A Indian River County Round Island South  
 98-057-P8A Indian River County Harmony Oaks  
 98-058-P8A Indian River County Oyster Bar Salt Marsh  
 99-055-P9A Indian River County Oslo Riverfront South  
 99-056-P9A Indian River County North Sebastian Conservation  
 Area Addition  
 01-055-FF1 Indian River County Hallstrom Farmstead  
 01-154-FF1 City of Indian River Shores /  
 City of Vero Beach/ Indian River County Lost Tree Islands

02-059-FF2 Indian River County Kroegel Homestead  
 03-044-FF3 Marine Resources Council St. Sebastian River Greenway  
 03-084-FF3 Indian River County ORCA South Link  
 04-025-FF4 Indian River County Ansin Tract - St. Sebastian River Buffer  
 05-038-FF5 Indian River County Russell Grove River Buffer  
 05-039-FF5 Indian River County Jones's Pier  
 06-037-FF6 Indian River County ORCA Diamond Tract  
 07-030-FF7 City of Fellsmere Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve

**JACKSON**

95-077-P56 Jackson County Merritt's Mill Pond  
 03-066-FF3 City of Marianna Marianna Performing Arts Park

**LAKE**

94-029-P4A City of Minneola Minneola Park - Lake Scenic Trail  
 95-041-P56 City of Tavares Lake Dora Recreation Park  
 96-007-P7A Town of Lady Lake Old Dixie Highway Park  
 96-015-P7A City of Tavares Tavares Elementary School Park  
 03-104-FF3 City of Leesburg/Lake County/  
 PEAR Association PEAR Park Greenway  
 03-104-FF3 City of Leesburg Leesburg Greenway Trail  
 04-028-FF3 City of Mount Dora Mount Dora Recreation & Nature Park  
 04-030-FF4 Lake County Ferndale Preserve on Lake Apopka  
 07-056-FF7 City of Clermont Inland Groves Property Acquisition

**LEE**

91-007-P1A Lee County Pine Island Eagle Habitat  
 92-015-P2A Lee County Hickey Creek Mitigation Park  
 93-019-P3A City of Sanibel Silver Key  
 95-003-P56 City of Sanibel Gulfside City Park Addition  
 96-046-P7A Town of Ft. Myers Beach Cultural and Environmental  
 Learning Center  
 99-029-P9A City of Ft. Myers East Riverside Neighborhood Park  
 01-031-FF1 Lee County Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve  
 01-039-FF1 City of Sanibel Pond Apple Park  
 02-072-FF2 Lee County San Carlos Bay - Bunche Beach  
 Preserve  
 02-098-FF2 Town of Fort Myers Beach Newton Beach Park  
 03-059-FF3 City of Bonita Springs City of Bonita Springs Island Park  
 03-060-FF3 Lee County Prairie Pines Preserve Addition  
 04-031-FF4 Lee County Wild Turkey Strand Preserve

**LEON**

94-034-P4A City of Tallahassee Lafayette Heritage Trail  
 95-034-P56 City of Tallahassee Governors Park  
 95-036-P56 Leon County Opeeheepkee Prairie  
 95-037-P56 Leon County Lake Munson Preserve  
 99-083-P9A City of Tallahassee Timberlane Ravine  
 00-035-P10 Leon County Jackson View  
 01-152-FF1 Leon County St. Marks Headwaters  
 02-110-FF2 City of Tallahassee Tallahassee Junction  
 04-056-FF4 City of Tallahassee Magnolia Ravine  
 04-067-FF4 Leon County / Apalachee Land  
 Conservancy Copeland Sink  
 05-010-FF5 City of Tallahassee Capital Cascade Trail - Seg. 4  
 05-011-FF5 Leon County St. Marks Headwaters - Phase II  
 05-075-FF5 City of Tallahassee Timberlane Ravine Phase II  
 06-114-FF6 City of Tallahassee Dr. Charles Billings Greenway



# Projects Acquired by County 1991-2008

## LEVY

92-003-P2A	Town of Yankeetown	Yankeetown Water Resource Park
93-004-P3A	Town of Yankeetown	Yankeetown Wilderness Addition
98-102-P8A	Levy County	Devil's Hammock Phase I
00-018-P10	Town of Yankeetown	Withlacoochee-Gulf Pathways
01-080-FF1	City of Cedar Key	Cedar Key Cemetery Point Park

## MANATEE

94-024-P4A	Manatee County	Manatee Headwaters at Duette
96-029-P7A	City of Palmetto	Palmetto Estuary Project
98-006-P8A	City of Holmes Beach	Grassy Point Preserve
98-008-P8A	Manatee County	Riverview Pointe
98-009-P8A	Manatee County	1912 Cortez Schoolhouse & Nature Preserve
01-004-FF1	Manatee County	Bennett Park
02-006-FF2	Manatee County/Florida West Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council	Robinson Preserve
03-075-FF3	Manatee County	Moody Branch
04-041-FF4	Manatee County	The Conservatory
05-026-FF5	Manatee County	Hidden Harbour

## MARION

92-033-P2A	City of Ocala	O'Neal Site
92-045-P2A	Marion County	Silver River Property
95-009-P56	City of Ocala	Scott Spring
95-033-P56	City of Dunnellon	Dunnellon Municipal Park
98-043-P9A	City of Ocala	Fort King
07-022-FF7	City of Dunnellon	Blue Run of Dunnellon Park

## MARTIN

91-029-P1A	Martin County	Gomez Avenue
91-031-P1A	Martin County	Kiplinger
92-035-P2A	Martin County	Otter Creek - South Fork
92-036-P2A	Martin County	Beachwalk - Pasley Parcels
93-014-P3A	Martin County	Lake Okeechobee Ridge
94-019-P4A	Martin County	Rocky Point Park
94-045-P4A	Martin County	Stuart Beach Addition
96-038-P7A	Martin County	FIT Site
98-045-P8A	City of Stuart	Haney Creek Greenway
99-022-P9A	City of Stuart	Poppleton Creek Watershed Preservation
00-011-P10	Martin County	Santa Lucea
01-133-FF1	Martin County Land Trust	Delaplaine Peninsula Blueway
03-003-FF3	Martin County	Bob Graham Beach Addition
03-004-FF3	Martin County	Jensen Beach Impoundment
03-092-FF3	Martin County	Pal-Mar East Area 1
04-046-FF4	Martin County	Pal-Mar East Area 2

## MIAMI-DADE

91-001-P1A	Miami-Dade County	Deering Estate Addition
94-040-P4A	Village of Key Biscayne	The Village Green
95-021-P56	Miami-Dade County	Hattie Bauer Hammock
95-039-P56	Miami-Dade County	Oleta River Corridor
96-037-P7A	Miami-Dade County	County Line Scrub
98-023-P8A	Miami-Dade County	Biscayne Coastal Wetlands
98-028-P8A	City of Miami/Miami-Dade County	Spring Garden Point Park
98-046-P8A	City of Sunny Isles Beach	Sunny Isles Beach Oceanfront Park
00-053-P10	Village of Pinecrest	Parrot Jungle and Gardens

01-043-FF1	Miami-Dade County	Deering Estate - Cutler Glade
01-119-FF1	Miami-Dade County	Boystown - Camp Matacumbe
03-019-FF3	Miami-Dade County	West Kendall District Park Add.
05-042-FF5	City of Palmetto Bay	C-100/Bayfront Property
06-025-FF6	City of Miami	Fern Isle Park Expansion

## MONROE

91-041-P1A	Monroe County	Coco Plum Beach
93-001-CS1	Monroe County	ROGO Program
93-002-CS1	Monroe County	Recreation in the Upper Keys
95-001-CS3	Monroe County	Recreation in Middle and Upper Keys
98-097-P8A	City of Key West	Berg Property
01-058-FF1	Village of Islamorada	North Village Neighborhood Park
01-001-CS7	City of Key Colony	Sunset Park Addition
03-034-FF3	City of Key West	Key West Botanical Gardens Add.
04-001-FF4	City of Marathon	Marathon Waterfront Park
05-009-FF5	Islamorada, Village of Islands	Green Turtle Hammock

## NASSAU

92-011-P2A	City of Fernandina Beach	North Beach Park
95-018-P56	City of Fernandina Beach	Seaside Park
95-059-P56	City of Fernandina Beach	Egans Creek Greenway
96-013-P7A	City of Fernandina Beach	Egans Creek Greenway Phase II
01-025-FF1	City of Fernandina Beach	Egans Creek Greenway Phase III
03-041-FF3	Nassau County	Goffinsville- Nassau River Park
04-026-FF4	Nassau County	American Beach Historic Park

## OKALOOSA

94-014-P4A	City of Niceville	Turkey Creekwalk
96-004-P7A	City of Mary Esther	Oak Tree Park
98-020-P8A	Okaloosa County	Okaloosa Island Marler Park Add.
00-004-P10	City of Mary Esther	Oak Tree Nature Park Phase II
04-006-FF4	City of Destin	The Shore at Crystal Beach

## ORANGE

92-010-P2A	Orange County	Kelly Park Expansion
93-009-P3A	City of Orlando	Airport Lakes
95-053-P56	City of Maitland	Minnehaha Park Canal Property
96-031-P7A	Town of Oakland	Oakland Community Nature Park
01-029-FF1	City of Orlando	Eagle Nest Park
01-053-FF1	Orange County	Orange County Nature Center
01-056-FF1	Orange County	Kelly Park Addition
01-083-FF1	Orange County	Parcel 105
03-002-FF3	Orange County	Fort Christmas Community Park Addition
04-051-FF4	City of Winter Park	Howell Branch Preserve Phase II

## OSCEOLA

95-011-P56	Osceola County	Lake Lizzie Recreational Park
98-065-P8A	City of Kissimmee/Osceola County	Shingle Creek Recreational Preserve
01-143-FF1	Osceola County	Shingle Creek Preserve North
03-029-FF3	Osceola County	Shingle Creek Upland Preserve
03-030-FF3	Osceola County	Lake Tohopekaliga Recreation Park and Marina
06-015-FF6	Osceola County/City of Kissimmee	Shingle Creek Recreational Preserve Central

## ORANGE/OSCEOLA

91-009-P1A	Orange Co - Osceola Co	Split Oak Forest Mitigation Park
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**PALM BEACH**

91-022-P1A	City of Boynton Beach/ Palm Beach Co	Seacrest Scrub
92-020-P2A	City of Boca Raton	Osborne Site
92-022-P2A	City of Boca Raton	Olympia York
92-024-P2A	City of West Palm Beach	Sec 16 Addition to WPB Preserve
93-008-P3A	City of Boynton Beach/ Palm Beach County	Rosemary Scrub
93-015-P3A	City of West Palm Beach	Sec 10 Addition to WPB Preserve
93-017-P3A	City of South Bay	South Bay Park
93-020-P3A	City of Boca Raton	Hidden Valley North
94-005-P4A	City of Delray/Palm Beach County	Delray Oaks
94-021-P4A	City of West Palm Beach	Sec 15 Addition to WPB Preserve
95-007-P56	City of Delray/Palm Beach County	Sandoway House
95-046-P56	City of Juno Beach/Palm Beach County	Juno Hills Oceanfront
96-011-P7A	City of Palm Beach Gardens/ Palm Beach County	Frenchman's Forest Natural Area
96-042-P7A	Village of Wellington	Peacock Pond Eco-Preserve
98-066-P8A	Palm Beach County	Hungryland Tract - Bee Line Corridor Natural Area
98-067-P8A	Palm Beach County	Unit 11 Tract - Bee Line Corridor Natural Area
99-015-P9A	Palm Beach County	High Ridge Scrub Addition
99-028-P9A	Palm Beach County	Bee Line Corridor Natural Area Phase II
00-029-P10	Town of Jupiter	Harborview Park
01-016-FF1	City of West Palm Beach	Sec 16 Addition to WPB Preserve
01-033-FF1	Town of Jupiter/Palm Beach County	North Jupiter Flatwoods
01-035-FF1	Town of Hypoluxo/Palm Beach County	Overlook Scrub Natural Area
01-036-FF1	City of Lake Park/ Palm Beach County	Lake Park Scrub Natural Area
01-037-FF1	Palm Beach County	Acreage Pines Natural Area
01-100-FF1	City of West Palm Beach	Ombres Property
02-051-FF2	City of Boca Raton/Palm Beach County	Blue Lake Scrub
02-100-FF2	Palm Beach County	Limestone Creek
03-105-FF3	Palm Beach County	Cypress Creek Natural Area
04-023-FF4	City of Boynton Beach	Jaycee Park Acquisition
04-049-FF4	Palm Beach County	Cypress Creek Natural Area II
05-028-FF5	Palm Beach County	Indian Lakes Natural Area
06-017-FF6	Palm Beach County/Town of Jupiter	Delaware Scrub Natural Area
06-041-FF6	Palm Beach County	The Susan DeBois Kindt Estate

**PASCO**

91-039-P1A	Pasco County	Boyce - Wetstone
94-007-P4A	City of New Port Richey	Pithlachascotee River Park
95-067-P56	City of Port Richey	Port Richey Waterfront Park
04-014-FF4	Pasco County	Strauber Memorial Highway Coastal Land Acquisition
07-089-FF7	Pasco County	Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve

**PINELLAS**

91-002-P1A	City of Tarpon Springs	North Anclote River Nature Park
92-007-P2A	Pinellas County	Brooker Creek Preserve Addition
93-023-P3A	Town of Redington Shores	Nature Refuge - Fishing Boardwalk
94-004-P4A	Pinellas County	Brooker Creek Preserve
94-010-P4A	City of Gulfport	Waterfront Park
94-011-P4A	Town of Indian Shores	Nature Refuge Water and Recreation Area
94-017-P4A	City of Belleair Beach	Bayside Park
95-001-P56	City of South Pasadena	South Pasadena Habitat Extension

95-004-P56	City of Safety Harbor	Marina Park Addition
95-022-P56	City of Indian Rocks Beach	Nature Preserve
95-023-P56	City of Clearwater	Camp Soule
96-026-P7A	Pinellas County	McKay Creek Greenway
98-005-P8A	City of Oldsmar	Mobbly Bayou Wilderness Preserve
98-032-P8A	City of Clearwater	Wolfe Preserve
99-007-P9A	City of Treasure Island	Sunset Vista Trailhead
99-024-P9A	City of Madeira Beach	Madeira Beach Causeway Park
00-026-P10	City of Oldsmar	Mobbly Bayou Wilderness Preserve Addition
00-042-P10	City of St. Petersburg	Clam Bayou Expansion Project
01-015-FF1	City of Clearwater	Kapok Wetland and Floodplain Restoration
01-022-FF1	Pinellas County	Wall Springs Coastal Addition
01-144-FF1	City of Clearwater	Historic Bayview Environmental Park
02-035-FF2	Pinellas County	Wall Springs Coastal Addition II
02-052-FF2	City of Seminole	Hutchinson - Long Bayou Passive Park
03-006-FF3	Pinellas County	Brooker Creek Preserve - Anclote River Additions
03-080-FF3	City of Oldsmar/Pinellas County	Mobbly Bayou
04-021-FF4	City of Oldsmar	Kumar Property
05-017-FF5	Pinellas County	Wall Springs Coastal Addition III

**POLK**

92-002-P2A	City of Lakeland	Lake Bonny Community Park
92-006-P2A	City of Winter Haven	Lake Howard Habitat
95-028-P56	Polk County	Mount Pisgah - Peace River
96-001-CS4	Polk County	Green Swamp Greenway Phase II
98-037-P8A	City of Lakeland	Lake Bonny Shores Community Park
99-049-P9A	Polk County	Lakeland Highlands Scrub
04-033-FF4	City of Winter Haven	Lake Hartridge Nature Park
04-075-FF4	City of Lake Alfred	MacKay Garden and Lakeside Preserve
05-008-FF5	Green Horizon Land Trust	Bok Sanctuary Project
06-020-FF6	Polk County	Gator Creek Reserve - Green Swamp Gateway

**PUTNAM**

01-136-FF1	Putnam County	Melrose Heritage Park
01-137-FF1	Putnam County	Tanglewyde Center Project

**SANTA ROSA**

94-012-P4A	City of Milton	Riverwalk Expansion Project
00-082-P10	City of Milton	Russell Harber Landing Exp.

**SARASOTA**

92-009-P2A	City of North Port	Myakkahatchee Creek Park II
93-003-P3A	City of North Port	Myakkahatchee Creek Park III
94-025-P4A	City of North Port	Myakkahatchee Creek Park IV
96-041-P7A	City of Sarasota	Hog Creek Habitat
98-072-P8A	Sarasota County	Oak Shore Reclamation
99-076-P9A	Sarasota County	Lemon Bay Preserve
99-077-P9A	Sarasota County	North River Road Preserve
00-019-P10	Sarasota County	Manasota Scrub Preserve
01-008-FF1	Sarasota County	Pocono Trails Preserve
01-045-FF1	City of Venice	Venice Gulf View Park
02-027-FF2	Sarasota County	Red Bug Slough Preserve
02-034-FF2	Sarasota County	Wilson Family Park
05-012-FF5	Sarasota County	Lemon Bay Park Addition
05-014-FF5	Sarasota County/Nature Conservancy	Sleeping Turtles Preserve
05-018-FF5	Sarasota Conservation Foundation	Bay Preserve at Osprey
06-004-FF6	Sarasota County	Blackburn Point Park Addition



# Projects Acquired by County 1991-2008

## SEMINOLE

95-020-P56	City of Oviedo	Twin Rivers 2 Preserve
03-055-FF3	Seminole County	Jetta Point Property
03-056-FF3	Seminole County	Lansing Property
03-088-FF3	City of Oviedo	Winter Miles Oviedo
06-008-FF6	Seminole County	St. Johns River Historic Property (Lansing Property)

## ST. JOHNS

98-003-P8A	St. Johns County	Southeast Intracoastal Waterway Park
99-002-P9A	St. Johns County	St. Johns River Park
01-009-FF1	St. Johns County	Moultrie Creek
03-038-FF3	St. Johns County	Fort Mose Historic Park Addition
04-064-FF4	St. Johns County	Canopy Shores
05-032-FF5	St. Johns County	Nease Beachfront Park
05-034-FF5	St. Johns County	Beluthahatchee Park
06-033-FF6	St. Johns County	Mussalem Beachfront Park
06-034-FF6	St. Johns County	Vilano Beach Oceanfront Park

## ST. LUCIE

93-024-P3A	St. Lucie County	Bear Point Sanctuary
94-003-P4A	St. Lucie County	Kings Island Preserve
94-022-P4A	St. Lucie County	Ocean Bay
95-031-P56	City of Port St. Lucie	Brinkhaven at Oak Hammock
95-052-P56	St. Lucie County	Indrio North Savannahs
95-062-P56	St. Lucie County	Walton Scrub Homestead
95-065-P56	St. Lucie County	Middle Cove Park - Riverside
96-017-P7A	St. Lucie County	St. Lucie Pinelands
98-071-P8A	St. Lucie County	Bluefield Ranch
99-001-P9A	St. Lucie County	Pepper Park Addition
99-020-P9A	St. Lucie County	Paleo Hammock
99-025-P9A	St. Lucie County	North Fork of the St. Lucie River Addition
01-023-FF1	City of Port St. Lucie/St. Lucie County	Westmoreland River Park
01-067-FF1	St. Lucie County	Sheraton Plaza Preserve
01-069-FF1	St. Lucie County	Indrio Scrub Preserve
01-075-FF1	St. Lucie County	Ancient Oaks
01-079-FF1	City of Ft. Pierce/St. Lucie Co	Savannah Buffer Preserve
01-082-FF1	Town of St. Lucie Village	St. Lucie Village Heritage Park
01-098-FF1	St. Lucie County	North Fork of the St. Lucie River Phase II
02-056-FF2	St. Lucie County	Ten Mile Creek East
02-071-FF2	St. Lucie County	North Fork of the St. Lucie River Phase III
02-091-FF2	St. Lucie County	Indrio Blueway Buffer
03-069-FF3	St. Lucie County	Capron Trail Park
03-079-FF3	St. Lucie County	Ten Mile Creek West
04-044-FF4	St. Lucie County	Paleo Hammock Addition
04-045-FF4	St. Lucie County	Heathcote Botanical Park
05-069-FF5	St. Lucie County	Hackberry Hammock
06-060-FF6	St. Lucie County	Indrio North Savannahs II

## SUMTER

93-010-P3A	Sumter County	Lake Panasoffkee Headwaters
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## SUWANNEE

92-030-P2A	Suwannee County	Little River Springs Property
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## VOLUSIA

91-042-P1A	Volusia County	Lake Beresford Greenway
91-043-P1A	Volusia County	Colby - Alderman
92-023-P2A	City of New Symma Beach	Indian River Lagoon Estuary
93-021-P3A	Volusia County	Gemini Springs
94-033-P4A	Town of Ponce Inlet	Ponce Preserve
94-038-P4A	City of DeLand	Boy Scouts Acquisition
95-024-P56	City of DeLand	Painter's Pond
98-010-P8A	Volusia County	North Peninsula In-holdings
98-036-P8A	City of Lake Helen	Lake Helen Greenway
01-032-FF1	City of Daytona Beach	Daytona Beach Historic Pier and Boardwalk
01-071-FF1	Volusia County	Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve
01-129-FF1	City of Port Orange	Town Center Properties
02-003-FF2	Volusia County	Catholic Diocese Tract
02-094-FF2	City of Port Orange	Town Center - Marcantonio Property
03-064-FF3	Town of Ponce Inlet	Ponce Preserve First Addition
04-005-FF4	Volusia County	Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve Phase II
04-018-FF4	City of Port Orange	Russell Property

## WAKULLA

93-029-P3A	Wakulla County	Shell Point Beach Acquisition
94-041-P4A	Wakulla County	Purify Creek Park Project
98-110-P8A	Wakulla County	Panacea Mineral Springs

## WALTON

02-099-FF2	Walton County	Garfield Access Addition
03-001-FF3	Walton County	Stallworth Lake Preserve

## WASHINGTON

96-034-P7A	Washington County	Holmes Creek Boat Ramp
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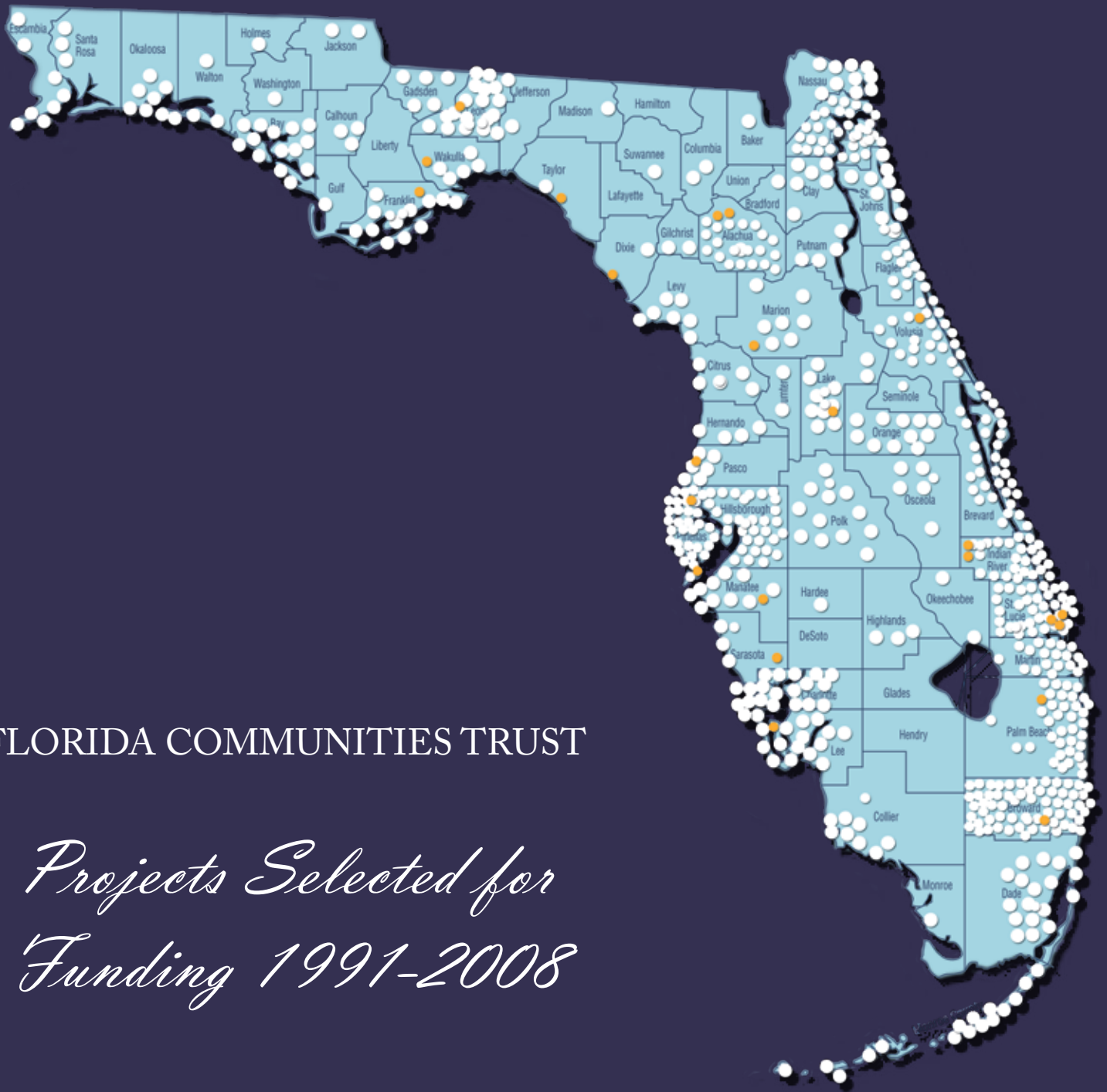
St. John's Historical Property, Seminole County





Shingle Creek Recreational Preserve Central, Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee





FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST

*Projects Selected for  
Funding 1991-2008*

YELLOW DOT REFLECTS PROJECTS SELECTED FOR  
FUNDING FOR 2007-2008



**Summary of Financial Activities 2007-2008**

**APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY**

<b>2007-2008 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b> .....	<b>\$1,862,506.00</b>
Less 2007-2008 Actual Expenditures <sup>A</sup>	
Salaries & Benefits.....	\$925,975.30
Other Personnel Services .....	\$34,238.33
Other Capital Outlay.....	\$0
Expenses .....	\$623,352.95
<b>Total 2007-2008 Actual Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$1,583,566.58</b>

**FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST FUND ACCOUNT**

(This fund is held and administered by the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to section 380.511, F.S.)

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE 07/01/07</b> .....	<b>\$1,031,016.50</b>
Plus 2007-2008 Deposits:	
Receipts from DHSMV .....	\$1,218,499.75
Interest from Investments.....	\$34,694.87
Refunds & Cancellations from Vendors .....	\$551.65
<b>TOTAL 2007-2008 DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>\$1,253,746.27</b>
Less 2007-2008 Expenditures:	
Salaries & Benefits.....	\$925,975.30
Other Personnel Services.....	\$34,238.33
Other Capital Outlay.....	\$0
Expenses .....	\$172,827.33
Indirect Cost 40.21% of Salaries.....	\$442,514.12
7% Service Charge to General Rev. ....	\$8,011.50
<b>Total 2007-2008 Expenditures &amp; Encumbrances</b> .....	<b>\$1,583,566.58</b>
<b>YEAR END BALANCE 06/30/08</b> .....	<b>\$701,196.19</b>

**FLORIDA FOREVER TRUST FUND ACCOUNT**

(This fund is held and administered by the Department of Community Affairs, Office of Finance and Accounting)

<b>2006-2007 YEAR END BALANCE</b> .....	<b>\$0</b>
<b>2007-2008 DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>\$50,389,970.27</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL OF DEPOSITS</b>	
Less Expenditures	
Returns & Refunds.....	\$34,675.00
Expenditures for Land Acquisition Activities.....	\$50,355,295.27
<b>SUB-TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES</b> .....	<b>\$50,389,970.27</b>
<b>YEAR END BALANCE 06/30/08</b> .....	<b>\$0</b>

**NOTES:**

<sup>A</sup> Includes encumbrances certified to FY 2007-2008

<sup>B</sup> Receipts to Florida Communities Trust Fund come from proceeds of the Florida panther license plate annual use fee, distributed by Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pursuant to Section 320.08058(5)(b)2, F.S. and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

<sup>C</sup> Funds not required for immediate disbursement in FCTF are invested with the State Board of Administration, pursuant to Section 380.507(9), F.S.








# Florida Communities Trust 2007-2008 Governing Board

## THOMAS G. PELHAM, CHAIR



Tom Pelham has served as Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs since January 2007. Working with Governor Crist and other state and local leaders, Secretary Pelham leads the Department's efforts to address and manage growth and development issues affecting Florida's cities, counties, and

neighborhoods. An attorney and certified planner with three decades of experience in environmental, land use and governmental law at the state, regional and local levels, Mr. Pelham is serving the people of Florida for the second time as Department of Community Affairs Secretary. Previously, he served as Secretary in the administration of Governor Bob Martinez from 1987 to 1991, when he played a central role in the initial implementation of the 1985 Growth Management Act. Mr. Pelham is a past president of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (FAPA) and was a member of the organization's Executive Board for ten years. He was the Florida Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year for 1990, and he received the FAPA President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Chapter and the President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Planning Profession. He has served as a member of both the Tallahassee-Leon County and Capital Center Planning Commissions. Mr. Pelham obtained his bachelor's degree from Florida State University, his master's degree from Duke University, his law degree from Florida State University College of Law, and a Master of Law degree from Harvard Law School.

*As Secretary of D.C.A., Mr. Pelham serves as the Chair of the F.C.T. Governing Board.*

## MICHAEL W. SOLE



On December 21, 2006, Governor Charlie Crist named Michael W. Sole as Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. As Secretary, Mr. Sole oversees Florida's environmental regulatory and law enforcement programs, the acquisition, conservation and management of public lands, including Florida's award-winning state parks, and the development and regulation of Florida's water resources through the State's five water management

districts. Recently, Governor Crist appointed Secretary Sole as Chairman of the Florida Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change. On November 1, 2007, the Action Team submitted the Phase One report, which includes 35 findings and 30 recommendations regarding Florida's energy policy. Since beginning at the agency in 1991, Mr. Sole has served as Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs and Energy, chief of staff and the director of the Division of Waste Management. A long time advocate for Florida's environment, Secretary Sole began his career in environmental protection as a biological scientist for the Florida Department of Natural Resources. During his years as an environmental manager he has undertaken responsibilities ranging from marine turtle protection and invasive plant management to beach preservation, wetland protection and petroleum cleanup.

*As Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, Mr. Sole serves as a permanent member of the board.*

## ALBERT E. ALFONSO



Albert E. Alfonso is a founding principal and President of Alfonso Architects, an award-winning architectural firm in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Alfonso received the Eduardo Garcia Award for Young Architects in 1987 and under his leadership Alfonso Architects, Inc. received the American Institute of Architects 2003 Florida Firm of the Year award and the American Institute of Architects 2007 Tampa Bay Firm of the Year award. Most recently, Mr. Alfonso has been awarded the prestigious American Institute of Architects State of Florida 2008 Design Honor. Recent projects recognized by the Florida State AIA Design Awards program include Tampa International Airports Airside C (a 110,000 s.f. airside serving Southwest Airlines), Nielsen Media Research Global Technology Center (a 650,000 square foot corporate campus headquarters), the Mission of St. Mary Chapel, the University of South Florida School of Psychology / Communication Sciences & Disorders Building, and the Sam Rampello Downtown Partnership K-8 School. Mr. Alfonso is currently a member of the American Institute of Architects, the USF Graphic Studio Board, the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board, and the University of Florida School of Architecture's Professional Liaison Committee. In addition, he previously served on the City of Tampa's Architectural Review



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Committee and the Ybor City Barrio Latino Commission. Mr. Alfonso resides in Tampa with his wife and their two children.

*Mr. Alfonso fulfills the required appointment of a member of the development community.*

## WILLIAM F. LAMÉE



Bill LaMée is the co-founder and Vice Chairman of the Board of The Great Outdoors Conservancy, a non-profit national land trust located in Bradenton. Recently retired in 2007, Mr. LaMée is a former member of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council, appointed in 2002 by then-Senate

President John McKay. He is currently a Trustee of the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that develops public and private funding initiatives to support the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails and a Florida Trail network. Mr. LaMée is a 1965 graduate of the University of Florida and, prior to establishing The Great Outdoors Conservancy, spent many years in the newspaper industry and was the former publisher and president of The Bradenton Herald. Mr. LaMée is a licensed Florida real estate broker.

*Mr. LaMée fills the required appointment of a representative of a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental organization.*

## RUTH STANBRIDGE



Ruth Stanbridge grew up in Indian River County and served as a county commissioner from 1998-2002. A respected historian, she was appointed as the Indian River County Historian in 1997 and owns a small historical and environmental research and

grant writing firm in Vero Beach. Ms. Stanbridge has an extensive background dealing with environmental and growth management issues. She served for 35 years in the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission's Vero Beach Biological Field Office. She was appointed to the Indian River County Planning and Zoning Commission in 1983 at a time when the county's first Comprehensive Land Use Plan was being developed.

She was appointed by then-Gov. Jeb Bush to the Florida Greenways and Trails Council and served the Florida Association of Counties as vice chair of the Health and Human Services subcommittee. Ms. Stanbridge received the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program's Leadership Award in 2002, the Marine Resource Council's Outstanding Elected Official Award in 2001, and Indian River County's Woman of the Year Award in 1983. In 2001, the U.S. Department of Interior presented her with a Special Commendation "Refuge Hero" for her work on preserving, restoring, and expanding Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, the first National Wildlife Refuge. Her book *Special Places - A First Field Guide*, a guide to the natural and historical resources of Indian River and south Brevard counties, was published in 2005. Ms. Stanbridge and her husband, Bill, have been married for more than 40 years and have two daughters and two grandsons.

*Ms. Stanbridge fulfills the required appointment of a former elected county official.*

## LYNETTE SELF



Lynette Self is a native of Jacksonville. She has been involved in her community through business and community organizations, and served on the Jacksonville City Council from 1999-2007. She was the 2001 recipient of the Charles E. Webb award,

which is presented to the year's outstanding council member by the Council President. Ms. Self is owner and president of Rose of Sharon European Florist, which she and her husband have owned for more than two decades. As a small business owner, Ms. Self is involved in various business organizations including the Regional Chamber of Commerce, where she served as President of the Downtown Council and on the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee. She has received the Chamber's Downtown Council Small Business Leader of the Year Award and was Jacksonville's 2003 Woman Business Owner of the Year as selected by the Women Business Owners of North Florida. Ms. Self and her husband, Lake, have been married for 29 years. They have two adult children. In her free time, Ms. Self enjoys reading, photography and spending time with her family.

*Ms. Self fills the required appointment of a former elected municipal official.*





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Section 380.512, Florida Statutes, requires the Florida Communities Trust to submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate, within 3 months after the end of its fiscal year, a complete and detailed report setting forth the following:

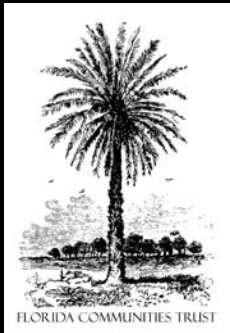
- (1) Its operations and accomplishments
- (2) Its receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year, in accordance with the categories or classifications the trust establishes for its operating and capital outlay purposes.
- (3) Its assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year and the status of reserve, special or other funds.
- (4) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the projects undertaken in carrying out this part.
- (5) Identification of additional funding, legislation, or other resources required to carry out the objectives of this part more effectively.
- (6) An account of any other trust or department duties established by this party.





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