



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

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NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

What is the title of the proposal that you are contributing to? North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project

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

When will you make the contribution? 2022/2023

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-Federal origin? If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, if that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount? Total Amount: \$1,691,064.57. \$1,550,008.32 is the fee simple purchase. Alachua County is also providing \$141,056.25 towards Appraisals & Other Acquisition costs as an additional match. \$1,691,064.57 is the total amount paid for the contributing match and grant tract, Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Brown. This contribution comes from a non-Federal origin. The funding for Alachua County Forever is solely from a county-wide half-cent sales tax initiative approved by county voters in November 2016 and is guaranteed through 2024.

What long-term migratory bird and wetlands conservation work will the contribution cover? Fee simple and less-than-fee conservation acquisitions by Alachua County and ACT.

Does the proposal correctly describe your contribution, especially the amount? Yes

If applicable to the proposal, is your organization competent to hold title to, and manage, land acquired with grant funds and are you willing to apply a Notice of Grant Agreement or other recordable document to the property? Yes

Please confirm that your contribution has not been used to meet any other federal programs match or cost-share requirements. Alachua County Forever's acquisition expenditures exceed the match requirement for the NAWCA application. Furthermore, there is no overlap in project financial match for the NAWCA proposal.

Will the project benefit tribal hunting and fishing treaty rights and if so, how? No

Do you have any additional comments? Since 2000, Alachua County Forever has represented a strong local commitment to the protection of water resources and wildlife habitat. We look forward to furthering these objectives through our partnership with Alachua Conservation Trust and funding support from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Signature:

**Marihelen Wheeler, Chair
Alachua County Commission
Chr22.**

Date Signed:

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney