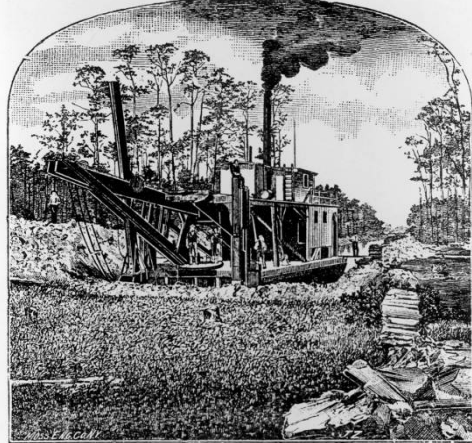


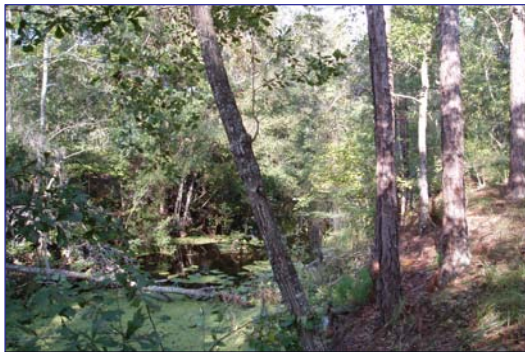


Alachua County

Alachua County Forever's Lake Santa Fe – Ramsden Tract



DREDGING SANTA FE LAKE, UNDER THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF NED E. FARRELL.



SANTA FE CANAL ON THE SOUTH SIDE THE PROPERTY.

Date: October 27, 2005 **Purchase Price: \$890,304**
Seller: William Ramsden **Size: 184 acres**
Score: 6.36 out of 10.00

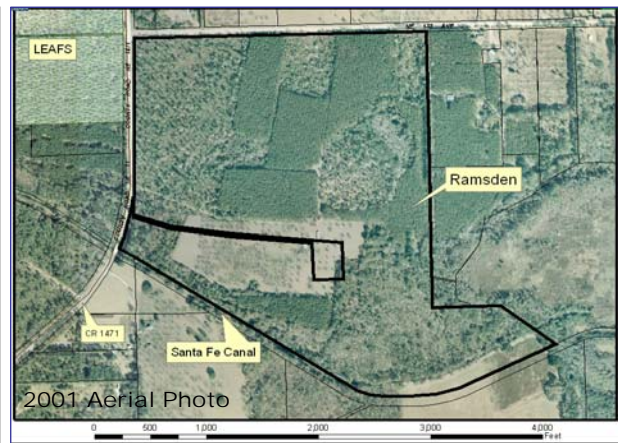
- The Ramsden parcel sits on the north bank of the Lake Santa Fe Canal at CR 1471.
- The Santa Fe Canal was constructed in the 1880's as part of a project to allow boat travel between Melrose, with its booming citrus and tourism industries, and the railroad terminal in Waldo.
- The Ramsden parcel is located within 1.5 miles of several conservation areas including Lake Alto Swamp, Santa Fe Swamp, Lake Alto, the Lake Alto Boat Ramp, Lake Santa Fe, and the Longleaf Ecology and Forestry Society properties.
- This is one of the important tracts in the Waldo – Melrose Blueway; a joint public/private effort anchored by the communities of Waldo and Melrose to create and enhance a system of linked trails, canals, lakes providing nature-based recreation in the Lake Alto and Lake Santa Fe area.
- Florida Freshwater Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has delineated a portion of the site as a Regional Biodiversity Hotspot.
- Dominant natural community on the property is mesic flatwoods, with some dome swamp habitat.
- This was the first acquisition with The Nature Conservancy's assistance.

ALACHUA COUNTY FOREVER REFERENDUM

Approved in November 2000 by the voters, to acquire, improve and manage the county's environmentally sensitive lands to protect water resources, wildlife habitats and natural areas suitable for resource-based recreation.

Program Notes

- ✓ Alachua County Forever responds to public nominations.
- ✓ Property owners must be willing. Condemnation of property is not permitted under Alachua County Forever.
- ✓ Projects evaluated by staff and the Land Conservation Board.
- ✓ Criteria include protection of water resources, habitats, species, social value, manageability, and the economics of the acquisition.
- ✓ The County Commission approves acquisition projects.
- ✓ County can acquire property outright or certain rights through less-than-fee mechanisms such as conservation easements.
- ✓ Offers are made based on independent, private appraisals.
- ✓ Program funded through a \$29 million in voter-approved bonds.
- ✓ Program actively seeks state, federal and private grants.
- ✓ Properties are managed as preserves.
- ✓ Resource-compatible, passive recreation is encouraged on sites where appropriate.



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