



Alachua County

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Lake Forest Creek — Pithlochocco Canoe Tract



Unnamed creek flowing through tract to Newnan's Lake

Program Notes

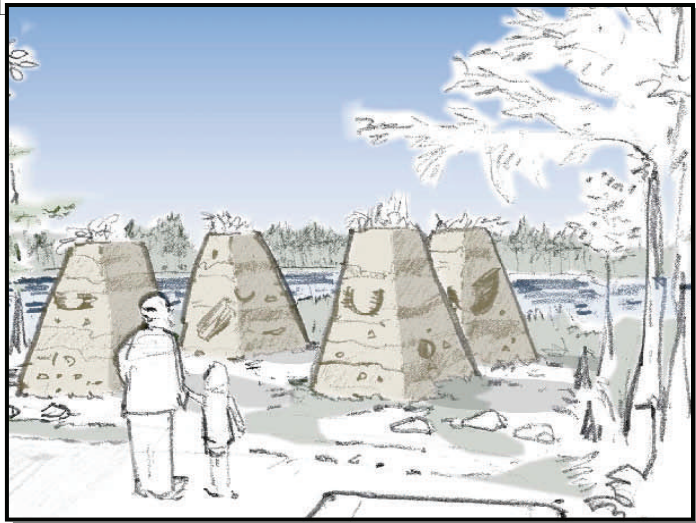
- <> Alachua County Forever responds to public nominations.
- <> Property owners must be willing. Condemnation of property is not permitted under Alachua County Forever.
- <> Projects evaluated by staff and the Land Conservation Board.
- <> Criteria include protection of water resources, habitats, species, 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.

Sellers: Wainberg

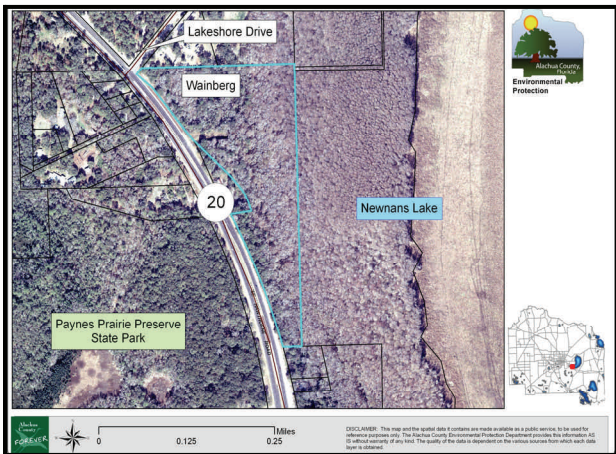
Purchase Price: \$175,000

Size: 25 acres

- This site was sold by Solomon Wainberg, Trustee.
- This site is located within the Lake Forest Creek project in east Gainesville and helps meet many of the Plan East Gainesville objectives.
- The site contains Newnan's Lake Watershed and a small creek that empties into Newnan's Lake.
- The site also contains small areas of high quality upland mixed forest natural community.
- The site will be managed for low impact nature based recreation, including pedestrian and bicycle access from nearby Powers and Palm Point Parks and along Lakeshore Drive and SR 20.
- The County was awarded a \$100,000 federal grant for this "Emerald Necklace" jewel. Part of the grant will be used to create an interpretive area to describe the cultural history of the area focusing on the 5,000 year old canoes found near here.



Concept of canoe interpretive area. Drawn by Sean McLendon, EPD



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 to provide natural areas suitable for resource-based recreation.

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