



Alachua County Forever Land Conservation Program

Land Acquisition Project Nomination Form



1. Applicant Information

Applicant Name:

Street Address:

City:

State: FL

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

2. Property Owner Verification

Does the Applicant have any property ownership interest in the project?

(Please check one)

No ☐

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Yes ☐

Please sign and date #3

3. Access Authorization

By signing below, I as the property owner, authorize County staff to access said property at reasonable hours and upon reasonable notice for the purpose of conducting such review as may be necessary to determine eligibility of the property. (Valid only for property owner to authorize access)

Owner Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

4. Property Owner Information

Owner Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

5. Owner's Authorized Agent (if applicable)

Agent's name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

6. Project Information

General Location (address, intersection, etc.):

Check box if this is this a Conservation Easement (Agricultural or other) or Purchase of Development Rights Project. ☐

Tax Parcel Acreage (if known):

Proposed Project Acreage (if known):

Tax Parcel Number (if known):

Please check here if this is a multiparcel project
(A map outlining the project area or a list of the additional parcel numbers would assist staff's evaluation of the project) ☐

Section/Township/Range (if known):

Future Land Use Map Designation (if known):

Zoning Designation (if known):

7. Project Description

Describe the property's significance, natural resources, agricultural resources, scenic beauty, wildlife habitat etc.

Please Do Not Write Below This Line. Staff Use Only

Time/Date Stamp

Please Return This Form to:

**Alachua County Land Conservation & Management Program
14 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601**

**Or by email to: landconservation@alachuacounty.us
fax: (352) 264 6852**

Application Number

Questions?

Contact Land Conservation Program
staff at the address or email above.

Or call: (352) 264-6868

<http://www.alachuacountyforever.us>

Received by:

Thank you!



Additional Information (Optional)

In addition to this form, up to 15 pages of text, maps, etc. may be attached for consideration. Providing supplemental information is optional, but may assist staff with the evaluation of the property.

Examples:

- ★ A location map with the property outlined and any other important features (i.e. access points, roads, water bodies, landmarks, etc.)
- ★ A topographic quadrangle map (U.S.G.S. with sketched property boundaries)
- ★ Photographs or video representing the characteristics of the property
- ★ Estimate of the market value (This can be documented with a property appraisal, if available, or asking price).
- ★ Documentation of owner(s) willingness to sell, and to authorize staff to access the property
- ★ Description and analysis of environmental resources and features, AND/OR agricultural resources and operations.

Alachua County Forever was established to protect the finest examples of Alachua County's natural communities, endangered species, and rich biological diversity. The citizens of Alachua County authorized the Alachua County Forever (ACF) program by public referendum in November, 2000. The referendum provided ad valorem revenues to support \$29 million in bond funds for the acquisition and management of environmentally significant lands. Voters re-authorized funding with the Wild Spaces & Public Places referendum first in 2008, then 2016, and most recently in 2022, providing additional funding through sales tax proceeds. In 2024, the Board of County Commissioners authorized an ACF program strategy that expands protection of agricultural lands through acquisition of conservation easements on priority farm and ranch lands. Conservation corridors, public access, passive recreation and environmental education, and support for local food systems are addressed as components of the overall acquisition and conservation objectives of the program.

Two citizen Boards authorized by the Board of County Commissioners represent the citizen voice in review of lands which are nominated to the program. The Land Conservation Board (LCB) reviews property for possible acquisition for the protection of environmentally significant lands, while the Agricultural Land Conservation Board (ALCB) reviews lands nominated for agricultural conservation easements in Alachua County. All proposed purchases must be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval prior to initiating a contract purchase.