



## Application to Add New Project to the Florida Forever List

Use of this form is required to propose land for public acquisition under the Florida Forever Program. All of the requested information must be received at the address below by **December 31** or **June 30** for the proposal to be eligible for evaluation during the subsequent 6-month evaluation cycle. Write, call, or e-mail the Office of Environmental Services for further information. When possible, please submit application packages (including maps) on 8.5" x 11" paper and please provide a copy of the completed application and all attachments on a CD in PDF format.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Property Name:**

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City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor (person proposing acquisition):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SUBMIT COPIES AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**

The Office of Environmental Services  
Division of State Lands  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 140  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000  
PHONE: 850/245-2784 FAX: 850/245-2572  
Attention: Paula Allen  
Paula.L.Allen@dep.state.fl.us

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
(Date Stamp)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE - PROJECT NUMBER									

## Please Provide Required Attachments Listed Below

Provide a copy in PDF format of all attachments on a standard size CD ROM, if possible.

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### Attachment A

#### General Description

(Submit **18** copies)

Attach a one to five-page description of the land proposed for acquisition. Include the following information:

1. A descriptive location of the project and the total amount of acreage (also include market/just value as totaled from tax cards) being proposed for inclusion.
  2. The general physical, natural resource, biological, hydrological, archaeological and historical characteristics of the project. Does the property contain any historic structures fifty years old or older? If so, please provide a brief description, photograph(s) and location. As part of the general physical description, please include description on any improvements and the current and/or past use of the improvements.
  3. Any potential recreational activities or other public uses that can be accommodated by the project.
  4. Any known threats or development plans that could harm or diminish the values of the project.
  5. Local resolutions, if any, concerning the potential public acquisition of the project.
  6. A brief clear statement detailing how the project meets criteria and furthers the goals and performance measures of the Florida Forever program on the attached Application Addendum (page 4 and 5).
  7. A clear statement of whether the project is proposed for fee simple acquisition or less-than-fee acquisition, and why. If a less-than-fee acquisition is proposed, include a brief description of the current use(s) of the property, and any known activities or property rights proposed to be acquired by the state and those proposed to be retained by the property owner.
  8. Suggested or proposed land manager.
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### Attachment B

#### Ownership/Tax Information

(Submit **1** copy of the county property appraiser's property tax card for each parcel of land within the proposal.)

The tax card should include the following:

1. Tax parcel identification number
2. Owners' names and addresses
3. Tax parcel acreage
4. Just or market tax assessed value and tax assessed value.
5. Description and value of improvements.
6. Ad valorem taxes assessed on the property and its improvements.

Provide one of the following: A letter from each property owner confirming their willingness to sell, or a statement from the applicant asserting that each owner has been contacted.

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### Attachment C

#### Maps and Aerial Photographs

(Submit **one original and 17 color copies**, except for number 2.)

All color maps provided should be legibly copied in black and white.

1. Clearly mark the boundaries of the proposal on United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle maps. USGS topographic quadrangle maps can be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Land Boundary Information System (LABINS), [www.LABINS.org](http://www.LABINS.org) (850/644-2305) or the U.S. Geological Survey, <http://topomaps.usgs.gov/> (1-888-275-8747). Some bookstores may also carry them.
  2. Clearly mark the boundaries of the proposal on one original and three legible copies of tax maps, overlain on aerials if available. If tax aerial overlays are not available, aerials or Digital Ortho Quarter Quads (DOQQ) and tax maps should be submitted separately. Tax plat maps and aerials are also available from each county's property appraiser's office. DOQQs are also available from: Florida Department of Transportation, Map and Publication Sales, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450, (850/414-4050) or [www.LABINS.org](http://www.LABINS.org), (850/644-2305).
  3. Clearly mark the boundaries of the proposal on Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) county general highway maps. For FDOT county maps, write: Florida Department of Transportation, Map and Publication Sales, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450 (telephone 850/414-4050). Many bookstores sell FDOT maps.
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**Authorized Representative Information**

In accordance with the Florida Forever application process, this is to advise that the individual named below is the primary authorized representative to receive and convey information on behalf of the owner(s) of the real property described below, which is located in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, for all matters concerning this application.

Project Name/Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Legal description of Property: Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_, and Range \_\_\_\_\_. Acres \_\_\_\_\_.

Tax I.D. Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Land Owner Contact Information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Owner Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
The land owner's signature above is not intended to preclude any representative of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands (DSL), from contacting the property owner(s) directly concerning the property. This form is not intended to create or acknowledge an exclusive property listing agreement or any business relationship between the owner(s) of the property and the individual(s) named above. Owner understands that any commission or fee charged by the person named above in connection with the property is the sole responsibility of the land owner. This authorization will remain in effect through out the application process unless written notice of rescission by the owner(s), named above, is received by the DSL.

## **APPLICATION ADDENDUM**

### FLORIDA FOREVER GOALS, PERFORMANCE MEASURES, AND CRITERIA Section 259.105, (4), (9) and (10) Florida Statutes

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#### **GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES – SECTION 259.105(4)**

##### **Goal A: Enhance The Coordination And Completion Of Land Acquisition Projects**

Measure A1: The number of acres acquired through the state's land acquisition programs that contribute to the enhancement of essential natural resources, ecosystem service parcels, and connecting linkage corridors as identified and developed by the best available scientific analysis;

Measure A2: The number of acres protected through the use of alternatives to fee simple acquisition; or

Measure A3: The number of shared acquisition projects among Florida Forever funding partners and partners with other funding sources, including local governments and the Federal Government.

##### **Goal B: Increase The Protection Of Florida's Biodiversity At The Species, Natural Community, And Landscape Levels**

Measure B1: The number of acres acquired of significant strategic habitat conservation areas;

Measure B2: The number of acres acquired of highest priority conservation areas for Florida's rarest species;

Measure B3: The number of acres acquired of significant landscapes, landscape linkages, and conservation corridors, giving priority to completing linkages;

Measure B4: The number of acres acquired of underrepresented native ecosystems;

Measure B5: The number of landscape-sized protection areas of at least 50,000 acres that exhibit a mosaic of predominantly intact or restorable natural communities established through new acquisition projects or augmentations to previous projects; or

Measure B6: The percentage increase in the number of occurrences of imperiled species on publicly managed conservation areas.

##### **Goal C: Protect, Restore, And Maintain The Quality And Natural Functions Of Land, Water And Wetland Systems Of The State**

Measure 1: The number of acres of publicly owned land identified as needing restoration, enhancement, and management, acres undergoing restoration or enhancement, acres with restoration activities completed, and acres managed to maintain such restored or enhanced conditions; the number of acres which represent actual or potential imperiled species habitat; the number of acres which are available pursuant to a management plan to restore, enhance, repopulate, and manage imperiled species habitat; and the number of acres of imperiled species habitat managed, restored, enhanced, repopulated, or acquired;

Measure 2: The percentage of water segments that fully meet, partially meet, or do not meet their designated uses as reported in the Department of Environmental Protection's State Water Quality Assessment 305(b) Report;

Measure 3: The percentage completion of targeted capital improvements in surface water improvement and management plans created under s. 373.453(2), regional or master stormwater management system plans, or other adopted restoration plans;

Measure 4: The number of acres acquired that protect natural floodplain functions;

Measure 5: The number of acres acquired that protect surface waters of the state;

Measure 6: The number of acres identified for acquisition to minimize damage from flooding and the percentage of those acres acquired;

Measure 7: The number of acres acquired that protect fragile coastal resources;

Measure 8: The number of acres of functional wetland systems protected;

Measure 9: The percentage of miles of critically eroding beaches contiguous with public lands that are restored or protected from further erosion;

Measure 10: The percentage of public lakes and rivers in which invasive, nonnative aquatic plants are under maintenance control; or

Measure 11: The number of acres of public conservation lands in which upland invasive, exotic plants are under maintenance control.

##### **Goal D: Ensure That Sufficient Quantities Of Water Are Available To Meet The Current And Future Needs Of Natural Systems And The Citizens Of The State**

Measure 1: The number of acres acquired which provide retention and storage of surface water in naturally occurring storage areas, such as lakes and wetlands, consistent with the maintenance of water resources or water supplies and consistent with district water supply plans;

Measure 2: The quantity of water made available through the water resource development component of a district water supply plan for which a water management district is responsible; or

[www.FloridaForever.org](http://www.FloridaForever.org)

Measure 3: The number of acres acquired of groundwater recharge areas critical to springs, sinks, aquifers, other natural systems, or water supply.

**Goal E: Increase Natural Resource-Based Public Recreation Or Educational Opportunities**

Measure 1: The number of acres acquired that are available for natural resource-based public recreation or education;

Measure 2: The miles of trails that are available for public recreation, giving priority to those that provide significant connections including those that will assist in completing the Florida National Scenic Trail; or

Measure 3: The number of new resource-based recreation facilities, by type, made available on public land.

**Goal F: Preserve Significant Archaeological Or Historic Sites**

Measure 1: The increase in the number of and percentage of historic and archaeological properties listed in the Florida Master Site File or National Register of Historic Places which are protected or preserved for public use; or

Measure 2: The increase in the number and percentage of historic and archaeological properties that are in state ownership.

**Goal G: Increase The Amount Of Forestland Available For Sustainable Management Of Natural Resources**

Measure 1: The number of acres acquired that are available for sustainable forest management;

Measure 2: The number of acres of state-owned forestland managed for economic return in accordance with current best management practices;

Measure 3: The number of acres of forestland acquired that will serve to maintain natural groundwater recharge functions; or

Measure 4: the percentage and number of acres identified for restoration actually restored by reforestation.

**Goal H: Increase The Amount Of Open Space Available In Urban Areas**

Measure 1: The percentage of local governments that participate in land acquisition programs and acquire open space in urban cores; or

Measure 2: The percentage and number of acres of purchases of open space within urban service areas.

**FLORIDA FOREVER CRITERIA - SECTION 259.105(9) AND (10), FLORIDA STATUTES**

(9)(a) The project meets multiple goals described in subsection (4).

(b) The project is part of an ongoing governmental effort to restore, protect, or develop land areas or water resources.

(c) The project enhances or facilitates management of properties already under public ownership.

(d) The project has significant archaeological or historic value.

(e) The project has funding sources that are identified and assured through at least the first 2 years of the project.

(f) The project contributes to the solution of water resource problems on a regional basis.

(g) The project has a significant portion of its land area in imminent danger of development, in imminent danger of losing its significant natural attributes or recreational open space, or in imminent danger of subdivision which would result in multiple ownership and make acquisition of the project costly or less likely to be accomplished.

(h) The project implements an element from a plan developed by an ecosystem management team.

(i) The project is one of the components of the Everglades restoration effort.

(j) The project may be purchased at 80 percent of appraised value.

(k) The project may be acquired, in whole or in part, using alternatives to fee simple, including but not limited to, tax incentives, mitigation funds, or other revenues; the purchase of development rights, hunting rights, agricultural or silvicultural rights, or mineral rights; or obtaining conservation easements or flowage easements.

(l) The project is a joint acquisition, either among public agencies, nonprofit organizations, or private entities, or by a public-private partnership.

10) The Acquisition and Restoration Council shall give increased priority to those projects for which matching funds are available and to project elements previously identified on an acquisition list pursuant to this section that can be acquired at 80 percent or less of appraised value. The council shall also give increased priority to those projects where the state's land conservation plans overlap with the military's need to protect lands, water, and habitat to ensure the sustainability of military missions including:

(a) Protecting habitat on nonmilitary land for any species found on military land that is designated as threatened or endangered, or is a candidate for such designation under the Endangered Species Act or any Florida statute;

(b) Protecting areas underlying low-level military air corridors or operating areas; and

(c) Protecting areas identified as clear zones, accident potential zones, and air installation compatible use buffer zones delineated by our military partners, and for which federal or other funding is available to assist with the project.