

**RESOLUTION #17-020R**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LANDS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE 2017/2018 BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, there are environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access throughout Osceola County and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, population and development impacts are expected to grow over the next two decades and land conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection states "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage"; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2014 an Amendment to Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution was approved for the purpose of acquiring and managing environmentally sensitive lands; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the request of Osceola County that the Legislature implement the 2014 Amendment in a manner that provides significant funding opportunities for acquiring conservation lands; and

**WHEREAS**, these lands need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights to protect our future prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:**

Osceola County respectfully requests that the Florida state legislature significantly increase funding for the acquisition of conservation lands and conservation easements in the 2017/2018 budget;

And be it resolved that Osceola County considers the acquisition, protection and management of environmentally sensitive lands to be a crucial public benefit to the future of this County and the State of Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED after motion, second and majority vote favoring the same,  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:  
OSCEOLA COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Diana McWallis  
Clerk/Deputy Clerk to the Board



As authorized for execution at the Board of  
County Commissioners meeting of:

February 20, 2017

Resolution #17-020R

BCC Mtg. Date: February 21, 2017

**RESOLUTION**  
*of the*  
**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
*regarding*  
**THE FLORIDA LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND**

Resolution No. 2017-M-04

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to protecting its natural resources, preserving the beauty and function of waterways, and the ecology and habitat that surrounds them; and

WHEREAS, natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational potential stretch across Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are fundamental to its quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection states: "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage"; and

WHEREAS, population growth and development are projected to increase significantly in the next two decades and will pose major challenges to our natural resources and the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Florida, and Orange County, voted overwhelmingly to approve an amendment to Article X, of the Florida Constitution, to acquire the best of what is left of our natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has preserved 22,708 acres of environmentally sensitive lands within Orange County and has identified an additional 14,000 acres that is necessary to close gaps and create corridors between existing preserved conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, land purchases of importance to the future prosperity of Orange County are within areas such as the Wekiva River Basin, Econlockhatchee River Basin and the St. Johns River Basin; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

**Section 1.** That the Board urges the Florida Legislature to fulfill its obligation to its people and provide adequate funding in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund consistent with the intent of Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution for acquisition and improvement of conservation lands and lands protecting the water quality and quantity as called for by the Amendment.

**Section 2.** The Board considers this acquisition and improvement of land and water areas with Land Acquisition Trust Funds to be a crucial benefit to the future of this County and the State of Florida.

**Section 3** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of its adoption.

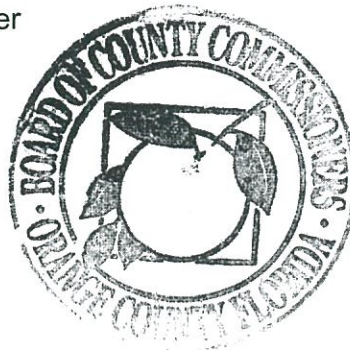
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ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF February, 2017.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Teresa Jacobs*  
Teresa Jacobs  
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Craig A. Stopyna*  
foi Deputy Clerk



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ALACHUA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION 2017 - 31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LANDS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE 2017-2018 BUDGET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there are environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access throughout Alachua County and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, population and development impacts are expected to grow over the next two decades and land conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection states: "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage"; and

**WHEREAS**, 72% of Alachua County voters and 75% of Florida voters (4.2 million citizens) voted on November 4, 2014 to approve an Amendment to Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands; and

1       **WHEREAS**, it is the request of Alachua County that the legislature fulfill its obligation  
2 to the people to provide significant funding for conservation land acquisition as called for in the  
3 2014 Amendment; and

4       **WHEREAS**, these lands need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition,  
5 conservation easement, or purchase of development rights to protect our future prosperity.

6       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
7 **COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

8           1.     ALACHUA County respectfully requests that the Florida state legislature  
9 significantly increase funding for the acquisition of conservation lands and conservation  
10 easements in the 2017-2018 budget.

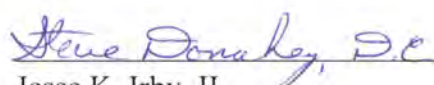
11          2.     Alachua County considers the acquisition, protection and management of  
12 environmentally sensitive lands to be a crucial public benefit to the future of this County and the  
13 State of Florida.

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15        PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017  
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17                   **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
18                   **OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

21    ATTEST:

22    By:   
23        Ken Cornell, Chair  
24        Board of County Commissioners

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26    Jesse K. Irby, II  
27    Clerk of Court

28                   (SEAL)

29                   APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Alachua County Attorney

RESOLUTION 2017-~~038~~

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LANDS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE 2017-2018 BUDGET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there are environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access throughout Volusia County and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, population and development impacts are expected to grow over the next two decades and conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection states: "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage"; and

**WHEREAS**, 73.07% of Volusia County voters and 75% of Florida voters (4.2 million citizens) voted on November 4, 2014, to approve an Amendment to Article X, section 28 of the Florida Constitution to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the request of Volusia County that the legislature fulfill its obligation to the people to provide significant funding of conservation land acquisition as called for in the 2014 Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, these lands need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights to protect our future prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, DELAND, FLORIDA THIS 6TH DAY APRIL, 2017, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I. Declaration of Support:** The County Council of Volusia County considers the acquisition, protection and management of environmentally sensitive lands to be a crucial public benefit to the future of this county and the State of Florida. The County Council therefore declares its support to the Florida Legislature for significantly increased funding of Florida Forever in fiscal


year 2017-2018 for the acquisition of conservation lands and conservation easements, and requests that Volusia County's legislative delegation advocate for increased funding.


**SECTION II: Transmittal:** A copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and members of the Volusia County legislative delegation.


**SECTION III. Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

**DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING**

COUNTY COUNCIL  
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:   
Ed Kelley  
County Chair



ATTEST:   
James T. Dinneen  
County Manager





## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker  
Florida House of Representatives  
Room 420, The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Representative Corcoran,

In November 2014, Florida voters approved an amendment to the State Constitution which requires no less than 33 percent of documentary stamp revenue to be placed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and spent on a variety of environmental programs and initiatives. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests that the legislature increase funding in the 2017-2018 budget from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Florida Forever program. The Florida Forever Conservation and Recreation Lands Acquisition Program and the Rural and Family Lands Act Program may use this increase of funding for the acquisition and preservation of lands by conservation easement, purchase of development rights, or fee simple acquisition, to protect our future prosperity.

Preserving environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands is necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access throughout St. Johns County and Florida. Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of our quality of life and economy. Our population and development is expected to grow over the next two decades and land conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on our natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. The St. Johns County Commission stands ready to work with the Florida Forever program to help identify additional preservation and conservation lands within St. Johns County.

Sincerely,



James K. Johns  
Chair, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

CC: The Honorable Travis Hutson, Florida Senate, District 7  
The Honorable Jack Latvala, Florida Senate, District 16  
The Honorable Rob Bradley, Florida Senate, District 5  
The Honorable Cyndi Stevenson, Florida House of Representatives, District 17  
The Honorable Paul Renner, Florida House of Representatives, District 24  
Mr. Charles Lee, Director of Advocacy, Audubon Florida  
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners



## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Joe Negron, President  
Florida Senate  
Room 409, The Capitol  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senator Negron,

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Mr. Charles Lee, Director of Advocacy, Audubon Florida  
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

**WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

William "Bill" Chapman, District 1, Vice-Chair



Cecilia Jones, District 2, *Chair*

Melanie Nipper, District 3

Sara Comander, District 4

Tony Anderson, District 5

**RESOLUTION 2017-29**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LANDS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE 2017-2018 BUDGET.

**WHEREAS**, there are environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access throughout Walton County and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, population and development impacts are expected to grow over the next two decades and land conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection states: "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage"; and

**WHEREAS**, 54.3% of Walton County voters and 75% of Florida voters(4.2 million citizens) voted on November 4, 2014 to approve an Amendment to Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the request of Walton County that the legislature fulfill its obligation to the people to provide significant funding for conservation land acquisition as called for in the 2014 Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, these lands need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights to protect our future prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that: Walton County respectfully requests that the Florida state legislature significantly increase funding for the acquisition of conservation lands and conservation easements in the 2017-2018 budget.

**FURTHERMORE**, be it resolved that Walton County considers the acquisition, protection and management of environmentally sensitive lands to be a crucial public benefit to the future of this County and the State of Florida.

**THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED** after motion, second and majority vote favoring the same, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

*Dani Conde*

Alex Alford, Clerk of Court  
And County Comptroller



*Cecilia Jones*

Cecilia Jones, Chairwoman  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR**  
**THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LANDS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**  
**IN THE 2017-2018 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. There are environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access through St. Lucie County and Florida.
2. Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy. Population and development impacts are expected to grow over the next two decades and land conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on natural resources.
3. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection states: "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage".
4. Approximately 81% of St. Lucie County voters and 75% of Florida voters (4.2 million citizens) voted on November 4, 2014 to approve an Amendment to Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands.
5. It is the request of St. Lucie County that the legislature fulfill its obligation to the people to provide significant funding for conservation land acquisition as called for in the 2014 Amendment. These lands need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights to protect our future prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

1. This Board respectfully requests that the Florida state legislature significantly increase funding for the acquisition of conservation lands and conservation easements in the 2017-2018 budget.
2. Be it resolved that this Board considers the acquisition, protection and management of environmentally sensitive lands to be a crucial public benefit to the future of St. Lucie County and the State of Florida.
3. The County Administrator is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the County's state legislative delegation.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

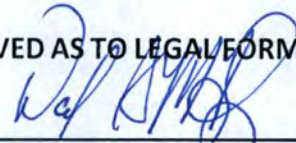
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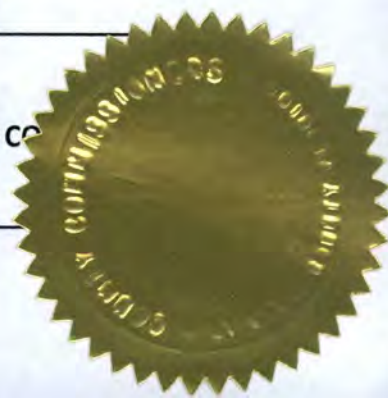
  
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**DEPUTY CLERK**



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:**   
\_\_\_\_\_  
**CHAIRMAN**

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CONTENT**  
  
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**COUNTY ATTORNEY**



**RESOLUTION 2017-04-12A**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE STATE  
LEGISLATURE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE  
ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LANDS AND CONSERVATION  
EASEMENTS IN THE 2017-2018 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, there are environmentally sensitive natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational access throughout Madison County and Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS, Florida's population and development impacts are expected to grow over the next two decades and land conservation is an accepted way to buffer the impacts of growth on natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection states: "Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage"; and

WHEREAS, 75% of Florida voters(4.2 million citizens) voted on November 4, 2014 to approve an Amendment to Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has sensitive lands that should be consider; including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites; and

WHEREAS, these lands need to acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights to protect our future prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

Madison County respectfully requests that the Florida State Legislature fulfill its obligation under the 2014 Amendment 1 and provide funding for the acquisition of conservation lands and conservation easements in the 2017-2018 budget. And be it resolved that Madison County considers the acquisition, protection and management of environmentally sensitive lands to be a crucial public benefit to the

future of this County and the State of Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED after motion, second and majority vote favoring the same, this 12th day of April, 2017.

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Alfred Martin, Chair  
ATTEST: