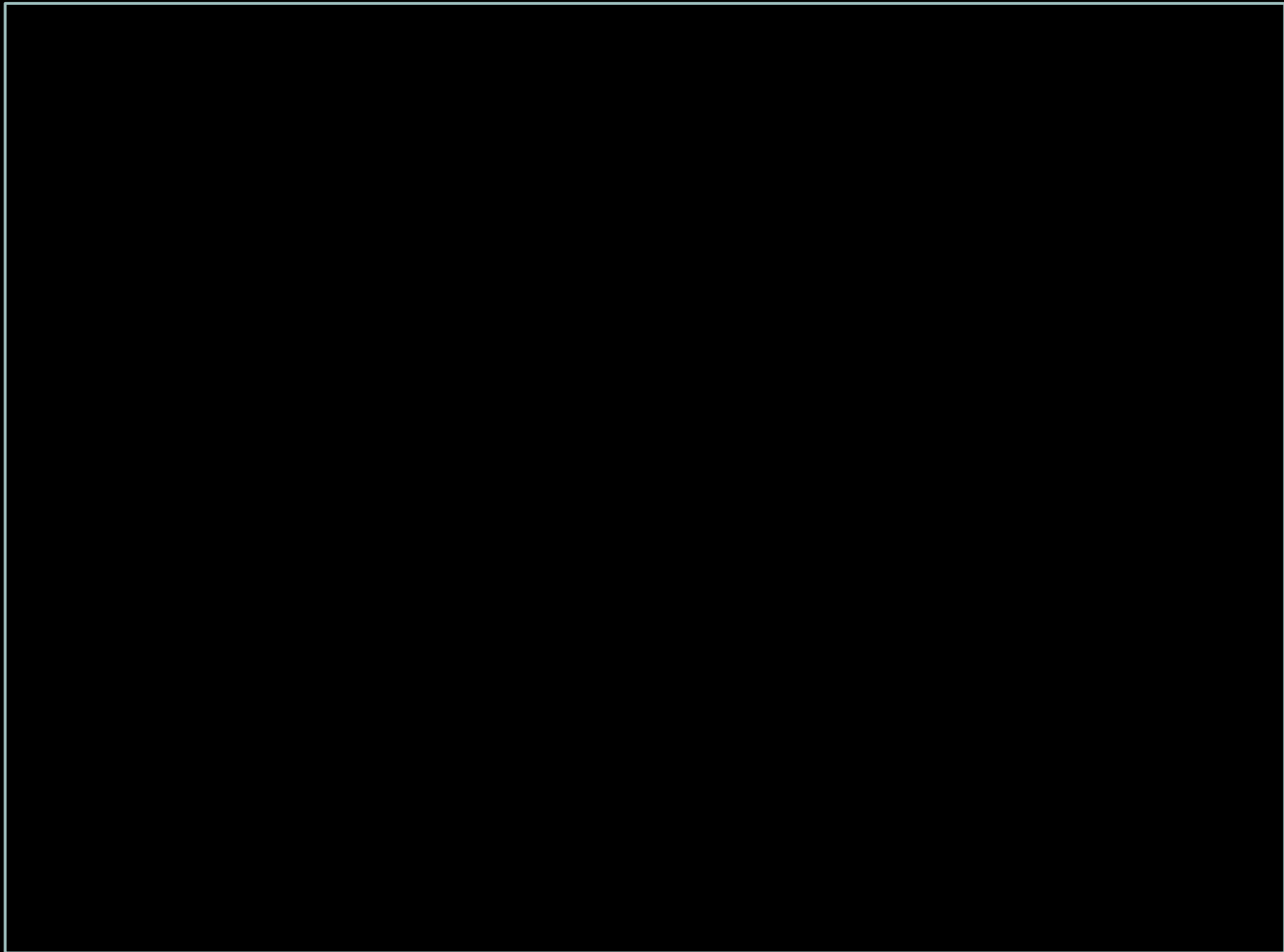






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- Our proposed project budget would include \$2.4 million for the County's purchase of the 270 acres
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Endorsed by
Taylor County Development Authority



“The park will be designed to protect native habitat in this environmentally sensitive area, and allow the public an opportunity to experience a taste of ‘Old Florida’”

Scott Frederick
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Foley Timber and Land Company

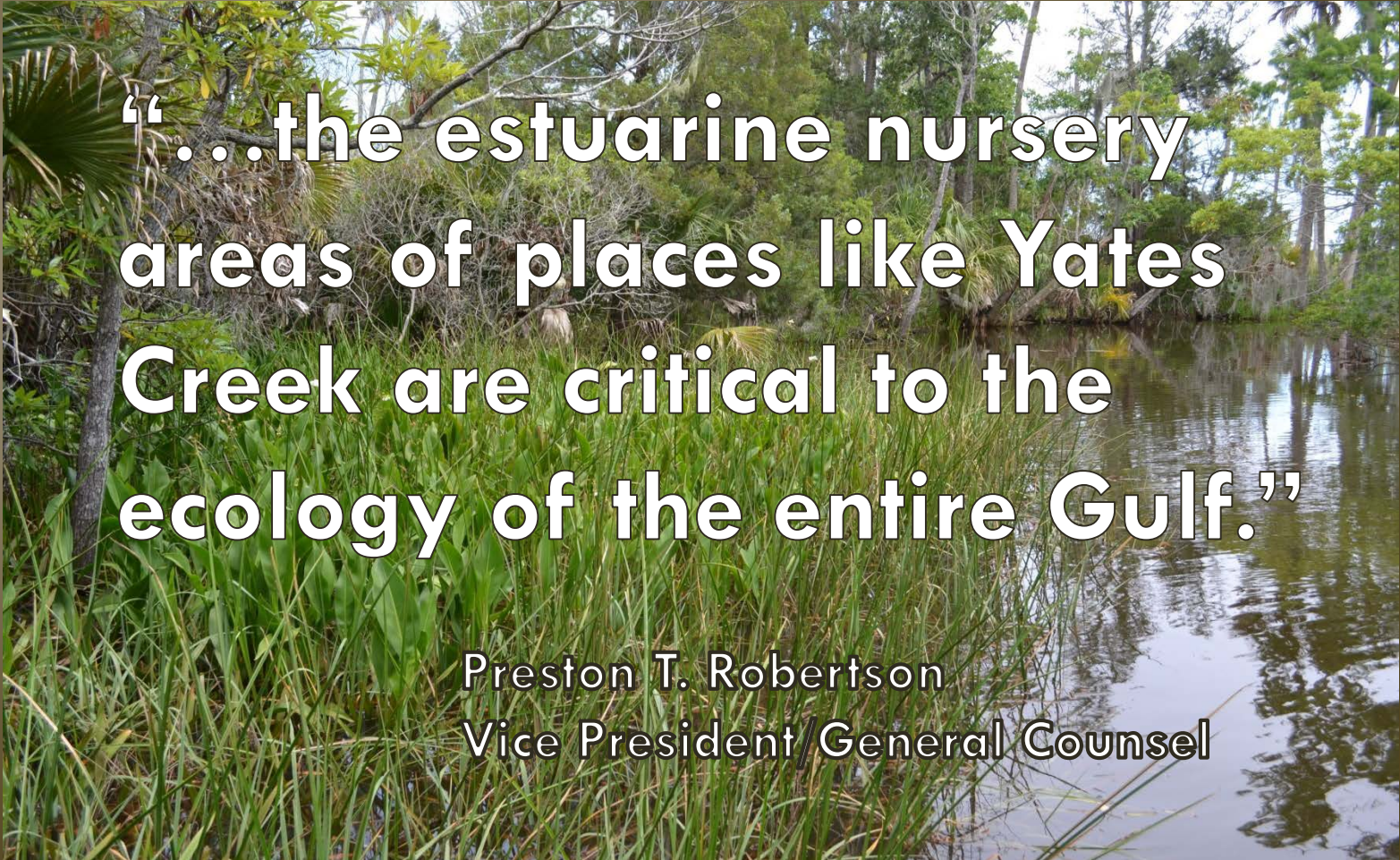


“This unique property exemplifies the beautiful landscape that makes up Taylor County’s coastline and provides access to some of the quality of life treasures enjoyed along this rural stretch of Florida’s Gulf Coast.”

Angus B. Taff III

Sr. Vice President, Planning

Endorsed by the
Florida Wildlife Federation



**“...the estuarine nursery
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Preston T. Robertson
Vice President/General Counsel

Questions?

