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FLORIDA GULF OF MEXICO RESTORATION PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Form Purpose and Instructions:

- To assist the project proposal and review process, please complete this Submittal Form. Completion of the Form will contribute to the appropriate information being completely and accurately submitted for each project.
- Take as much space as needed for each question, but please keep responses as focused as possible. It may assist you to review all the questions before addressing any one question.
- If you have multiple projects – please submit one Form for each project.
- When you have completed the form hit the submit button in the upper right hand corner. Once your Form is successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation email from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Submit all back-up maps, information, etc. to Restoration.Projects@dep.state.fl.us
- To submit updated information, please fill out this form and update fields as needed
- * Indicates required fields

New Project



Update to Previous Submittal

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Project #

*Project Name

LAKE WIMICO WATERSHED LAND PURCHASE

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*Project Location

Include a map, if possible, and the city, county, longitude/latitude decimal degrees if known, and parcel # if applicable.

This Property encompasses the entire Lake Wimico watershed, 20,144 acres, and is located between Apalachicola and Port St. Joe, Florida. See attached Map

*Watershed(s)

Select all that apply. A map of corresponding Florida watersheds is provided to assist in accurate placement of the project. If the project pertains to off shore or open ocean efforts, select Open Ocean. [Florida Watersheds Map](#)

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| ☐ All FL Coastal Watersheds | ☐ Lake Worth Lagoon-Palm Beach Coast | ☐ Suwannee |
| ☐ All FL Gulf Coast Watersheds | ☐ Lower St. Johns | ☐ Tampa Bay |
| ☐ All FL Watersheds | ☐ Middle St. Johns | ☐ Tampa Bay Tributaries |
| ☒ Apalachicola-Chipola | ☐ Nassau-St. Marys | ☐ Upper East Coast |
| ☐ Caloosahatchee | ☐ Ochlockonee-St. Marks | ☐ Upper St. Johns |
| ☐ Charlotte Harbor | ☐ Ocklawaha | ☐ Withlacoochee |
| ☐ Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew | ☐ Open Ocean | |
| ☐ Everglades | ☐ Pensacola | |
| ☐ Everglades West Coast | ☐ Perdido | |
| ☐ Fisheating Creek | ☐ Sarasota Bay-Peace-Myakka | |
| ☐ Florida Keys | ☐ Southeast Coast-Biscayne Bay | |
| ☐ Indian River Lagoon | ☐ Springs Coast | |
| ☐ Kissimmee River | ☐ St. Lucie-Loxahatchee | |
| ☐ Lake Okeechobee | | |

*Project Description

Describe all aspects of the project.

This project is a simple land acquisition and will allow the State to control the ENTIRE Lake Wimico watershed, which provides critical fresh water flow to the Apalachicola Bay ecosystem Via the Jackson River, as well as essential habitat for many native Florida species of plants and animals, several on the endangered list. This purchase includes over 11,000 acres of streams and Lake swamps, over 3000 acres of treeless hydric savannah, almost 2500 acres of freshwater marshes and wetland prairies, over 500 acres of cypress trees, and an additional 1000 acres of mixed wetland forests. It also includes over 1800 acres of adjacent upland forest and access points. The total land acquisition is 20,146 acres, and includes the remaining 86% of Lake Wimico Frontages. This property adjoins State owned lands to the East, The Sauls creek environmental unit lands, and State

MANAGED LANDS TO THE SOUTH, BOX R WMA

***Project Category**

Although projects may identify under multiple categories, please place your project in the best fit category. A document of category definitions and examples is provided. [Category Definitions](#)

Land Acquisition
Water Quality or Quantity
Habitat Restoration
Living Resources
Recreation/Public Access
Community Resilience

***Estimated Project Costs**

Describe the estimated costs of the project, including any assumptions for contingency and ongoing operations/maintenance. Identify other secured funding sources such as matching funds, in-kind contributions or state/federal dollars. In addition, if possible, complete and submit the Cost Appendix Sheet associated with this Form.

This Land is listed for purchase at a price of \$10,625,000.0 and is almost all wetlands. We feel it could be purchased for much less.

***Total Estimated Project Cost**

\$6,000,000.00

***Other Funding**

Indicate if the project is submitted for any potential funding or if it may be used to leverage additional funding, if so, please describe the funding source [e.g. State/Federal Grants]. Put NA if not applicable.

This Parcel is part of the Florida Forever desired lands, they should be interested in its acquisition.

Technical Feasibility

Describe the technologies involved and any relevant past experience or proven success with similar projects.

This is a simple land acquisition

Conflicts or Complements to Existing Efforts

Describe any ongoing activities in the project implementation area, if the project is part of another plan, and why the project does or does not interfere with that work. Please consider how the project may complement existing local, regional, and state efforts/plans/objectives.

The ongoing battle to RESTORE proper salinity levels and freshwater flow into the Apalachicola Bay ecosystem and its subsidiaries is well documented. This freshwater is CRITICAL to the health and economic sustainability of both Freshwater AND saltwater species that live and breed in the Apalachicola Bay and marsh. Lake Wimico is a VITAL and MAJOR part of this ecosystem. The recreational fishing industry and the commercial fishing, oystering, and shrimping and crabbing communities depend on these wetlands to preserve the species that these economies depend on. This affects not just the bay but the entire food chain of the Northern Gulf of Mexico from inshore species all the way to offshore reef fish. There are NO CONFLICTS. This is a true WIN WIN situation

Complies with Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Laws/Regulations

Describe any concerns or potential conflicts.

ALL Federal, State, And Local Laws and the people responsible for making and enforcing these laws are in favor of this proposal.

Readiness for Implementation

Describe if the project has had any design or permitting work started or completed [attach permits or design work]. Please address any issues that may delay start or finish of the project.

Ready to implement. Property is listed for sale, and landowner has a historic record of excellent environmental stewardship and would support the highest and best use of this property, which is wetlands preservation.

Environmental Benefits

Describe the nature, magnitude, and timing of any environmental benefits attributable to the project. If possible, describe potential environmental performance measures [e.g. pollutant reduction]. Please address any potential environmental impacts associated with implementing or maintaining the project [e.g. loss of a habitat or conversion of habitat from one type to another during implementation].

The purchase of the Lake Wimico Watershed will give the State control over the ENTIRE watershed, there is NO fixed residence or business there at this time. We feel this is an unprecedented opportunity to protect and preserve this invaluable watershed for its own right, AND for the MAJOR contribution it makes to the entire Apalachicola Bay ecosystem. We know that PRESERVATION is much more cost effective AND successful than restoration. These complex wetland ecosystems cannot ever be fully repaired once they are developed; this is an opportunity to actually PRESERVE a huge piece of the environment at a reasonable price with NO restoration cost!

Economic and Social Benefits

Describe the economic and social benefits including those related to the project's improved ecosystem services and any estimates on jobs created or preserved.

As described in previous sections, the recreational fishing industry, along with the commercial fishing, oystering and shrimping and crabbing industries ALL depend on these wetlands to preserve and perpetuate the species these economies depend on. This is not just Apalachicola bay, But the entire food chain of the northern Gulf of Mexico from inshore species all the way to offshore reef fish.

Community Resilience

Describe if the project assists Florida's ability to anticipate, withstand, or recover from hazards or threats [e.g. hurricane preparedness, establishing living shorelines].

Ownership of this watershed gives the State control that would allow us to protect these valuable wetlands, including Apalachicola Bay, from Hurricanes and other high Tide events. The damages caused by Impending sea level rise could also be averted.

Public Acceptance

Describe any known or potential public approval or opposition to the project.

The public is completely in favor of this project.

Additional Information you wish to provide

Please include any maps, designs, drawings, photos or background resources that may assist in completely and accurately understanding the project. If these are too large to attach here, please email them to Restoration.Projects@dep.state.fl.us.

Maps of this property will be emailed. The actual listing of this property can be seen on MLS.

COST APPENDIX SHEET

Cost Item

Cost Estimate

Planning

Contracts		
Feasibility		
Engineering, Design, Land Rights & Bid Prep		
Restoration Plan		
Site Visits & Cost of Site Selection		
Administration, Overhead and Indirect		
Other		
Planning Subtotal:		\$ 0.00

Construction

Contracts		
Administration & Mobilization/Demobilization		
Other		
Construction Subtotal:		\$ 0.00

Monitoring

Contracts		
Data Collection		
Monitoring Administration		
Other		
Monitoring Subtotal:		\$ 0.00

Project Cost

Contracts		
Subtotal:		
Contingency (traditionally calculated at 10% of the subtotal)		
TOTAL:		\$ 0.00 6,000,000.00

Estimated Costs by Year

Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		