

Acquisition and Restoration Council Regional Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Date: October 9, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. EDT
Location: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
Conference Room 137
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Webinar Registration: [October 9, 2026, Acquisition and Restoration Council Webinar](#)

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Regional Public Hearing

- Welcome and Introductions
- ARC Role in Florida Forever Project Selection
- Overview of 2026 Cycle 2 Florida Forever Project Proposals
- Public Testimony

Council Meeting

Item 1: Call to order/announcements.

Item 2: Consider the summaries for the August 14, 2026, Acquisition and Restoration Council meeting, and the August 26, 2026, and September 2, 2026, Florida Forever regional public hearings.

Item 3: Consider the proposed 2027 Acquisition and Restoration Council calendar.

Staff Reports

Item 4: Negative response report.

Item 5: Annual Report by Land Management Review Team (including the last 17 reviews not previously provided to Council) and the Land Management Uniform Accounting Council 2026 Annual and Biennial Reports.

Item 6: Annual update on the Division of State Lands conservation easement acquisition and monitoring program.

Item 7: Division of State Lands acquisition program update.

Management Plans

Item 8: Consider the 10-year update to the William Beardall Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area management plan (Lease No. 4502).

Item 9: Consider the 10-year update to the Lake George State Forest management plan (Lease No. 4009).

Senate Bill 290 Implementation

Item 10: Reconsideration of an Acquisition and Restoration Council process to determine whether lands surplus by local governmental entities on or after January 1, 2024, are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes pursuant to section 253.0341(20), Florida Statutes.

Florida Forever

Item 11: Consider project evaluation reports for the Buzzard Roost, Chamonix, Levys Prairie, New River Watershed, Oak Creek Flatwoods, Ocklawaha Bufferlands, Putnam Clay Timberlands, and Raiford to Osceola Greenway Extension 2026 Cycle 2 Florida Forever proposals.

Item 12: Vote on whether to add the Buzzard Roost, Chamonix, Levys Prairie, New River Watershed, Oak Creek Flatwoods, Ocklawaha Bufferlands, Putnam Clay Timberlands, and Raiford to Osceola Greenway Extension 2026 Cycle 2 Florida Forever project proposals to the 2027 Florida Forever Priority List.

Item 13: Consider a Division of State Lands staff recommendation to remove the Bar-B Ranch, Larkin Ranch, and Lettuce Creek Cattle Company Florida Forever projects from the 2027 Florida Forever Priority List.

Item 14: Consider requests to remove ± 4.74 acres from the boundary of the Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever project.

Item 15: Vote on whether to amend the Annutteliga Hammock Florida Forever project boundary to add one parcel totaling ± 5.06 acres in Hernando County with a tax assessed value of \$159,712.

Item 16: Vote on whether to amend the Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever project boundary to add one parcel totaling ± 40.28 acres in Marion County with a tax assessed value of \$255,055.

Item 17: Vote on whether to amend the Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve Florida Forever project boundary to add five parcels totaling ± 805.87 acres in Clay County with a tax assessed value of \$4,125,651.54.

Item 18: Vote on whether to amend the Little Orange Creek Corridor Florida Forever project boundary to add three parcels totaling ± 994.44 acres in Putnam County with a tax assessed value of \$2,753,120.

Item 19: Vote on whether to amend the Northeast Florida Blueway Florida Forever project boundary to add 21 parcels totaling ±350.22 acres in St. Johns County with a tax assessed value of \$92,541.

Presentation

Item 20: Florida Natural Areas Inventory presentation on the Florida Forever project ranking tool.

Closing Comments

Adjourn