

ITEM 6:

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

DIVISION OF STATE LANDS STAFF REMARKS:

Each October, the Division of State Lands updates the Acquisition and Restoration Council on the status of the Division's conservation easement acquisition and monitoring program. In FY 2025-26, the Division added 26 new conservation easements totaling approximately 123,812 acres with a combined cost of \$245,968,757. A list of these easements is provided as backup to this item.

As of June 30, 2026, the Division monitors 222 conservation easements totaling over 487,807 acres. The Division, under contract with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, monitors easements on a rotating 36-month cycle. In FY 2025-26, the Division monitored 37 easements totaling approximately 21,623 acres and found all property owners in compliance with the terms of their conservation easements.

DIVISION OF STATE LANDS STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Not required.

ACQUISITION AND RESTORATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

Not required.

Conservation Easements Acquired by the Division of State Lands FY 2025-2026					
Project	Owner	County	Acres	Purchase Price	Funding
Apalachicola River	William Keen Trust	Jackson	423.40	\$579,200.00	Florida Forever
Apalachicola River	Joseph Keen	Jackson	141.00	\$272,350.00	Florida Forever
Aucilla-Wacissa Watershed	Adams Springs Ranch, LLC	Madison	1,087.26	\$2,198,500.00	Florida Forever
Aucilla-Wacissa Watershed	Adams/Moon Lake Ranch, LLC	Madison	225.00	\$922,000.00	Florida Forever
Aucilla-Wacissa Watershed	Wooten	Jefferson	2,961.21	\$1,038,000.00	Florida Forever
Bar-B Ranch	Bar-B Ranch, Inc.	Martin	1,668.47	\$17,169,200.00	Florida Forever
Big Bend/Holopaw Ranch	Lake's Place, LLC	Osceola	1,402.73	\$6,300,000.00	Florida Forever
Caloosahatchee Big Cypress	Finca Vigia, LLC	Hendry	1,883.44	\$6,477,800.00	Caloosahatchee Big Cypress
Caloosahatchee Big Cypress	Hoot Holdings, LLC	Collier/Hendry	5,614.52	\$25,100,000.00	Caloosahatchee Big Cypress
Caloosahatchee Big Cypress	Howard	Hendry	1,077.44	\$3,700,000.00	Caloosahatchee Big Cypress
Camp Blanding to Raiford Greenway	Blackbottom Holdings, LLC	Baker/Bradford	14,648.01	\$24,169,115.50	Florida Forever
Coastal Headwaters Longleaf Forest	Evergreen TimberCo FL, LLC	Santa Rosa	2,920.32	\$4,707,025.00	Florida Forever
Green Swamp	Watkins	Polk	353.70	\$2,300,000.00	Florida Forever
Green Swamp	Skaggs/Vinson	Polk	87.30	\$635,000.00	Florida Forever
Larkin Ranch	Sid Larkin & Son, Inc.	Pasco	1,027.41	\$4,900,000.00	Florida Forever
Lettuce Creek Cattle Company	Lettuce Creek Cattle Company	Highlands	377.45	\$1,870,000.00	Florida Forever
Little Orange Creek Corridor	Little Orange Creek, LLC	Putnam	2,972.52	\$5,350,000.00	Ocala to Osceola Corridor
Matanzas to Ocala Conservation Corridor	Linda Hoffmeister Trust	Putnam	518.73	\$1,180,000.00	Ocala to Osceola Corridor
Mill Creek	Ocala Lumber Sales Company	Marion	3,014.85	\$4,447,500.00	Ocala to Osceola Corridor
Pinhook Swamp	Thomas	Columbia	208.60	\$682,000.00	Florida Forever
Raiford to Osceola Greenway	Weyerhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc.	Baker/Union	61,252.29	\$93,826,067.25	Florida Forever
Ranch Reserve	Kenansville Ranch, LLC	Osceola	7,524.15	\$27,000,000.00	Florida Forever
Ranch Reserve	Rockin HF, LLC	Brevard	577.08	\$3,500,000.00	Florida Forever
St. Joe Timberlands	The Conservation Fund	Gulf	10,023.45	\$4,500,000.00	Florida Forever
Waccasassa Watershed	M3BLT, LLC	Levy	794.58	\$1,580,000.00	Florida Forever
Waccasassa Watershed	Rocky Hammock Timber Corporation	Levy	1,028.07	\$1,565,000.00	Florida Forever
TOTALS:			123,812.98	\$245,968,757.75	