

## **ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE PROJECTS**

The primary purpose of this list is to identify potential alternative land-uses that would help maintain of existing agricultural land as open space. Some of the identified alternatives are agricultural in nature, and some involve redevelopment for compatible rural uses, but with an emphasis on minimal increases in land conversion or density of use. Other purposes include maintenance of productive non-urban use of land and natural resources contributing to the economic well-being of Volusia County, and the maintenance of as much productive and tax-generating privately-owned open space as possible so as to promote environmental benefits including rural aesthetics and high water and air quality.

### Acquisition by public entities

Acquisition of land for preservation or private use by foundations, corporations, or individuals

#### Agricultural heritage museums

- South Dakota State Agricultural Museum, Brookings, SD
- Florida Agricultural Museum, Palm Coast, FL  
<http://www.flamuseums.org/fam/flamuseums/pages/204.htm>

#### Agricultural tours

- Alasa Farms, NY

#### Aquaculture

- Cortez Commercial Fisherman's Festival, Cortez (Manatee), FL [www.fishnews.org](http://www.fishnews.org)
- Seafest 2005, Port Canaveral, FL [www.seafest.com](http://www.seafest.com)

#### Barns

- Camden, Maine

#### Beekeeping

- Central Florida Beekeeper's Association

#### Biker-friendly Campgrounds

- Two Wheels Only (TWO) Motorcycle Resort, Suches, GA
- Chopperville, USA, Fredonia Mountain, TN
- Nova Family Campground, Port Orange, FL

#### Motor Bike Trails –

- Croom Motorcycle Area, Withlacooche State Forest, FL

#### Boat storage, outdoor

- Camden, Maine

Campgrounds, specialized, e.g., RVs, nonmotorized, primitive, etc.

#### Christmas tree farms

- Arey's Acres Christmas Tree Farm, Deland, FL
- Wright Brothers Tree Farm, Tallahassee, FL
- Hemlock Haven in Sandy Creek, NY

#### Coastal Scenic Byway

- Seaway Trail, New York
- A1A Scenic Byway

#### Community Supported Agriculture arrangements

#### Corn Mazes

- The Maize, Gainesville, FL; Hilliard, FL; Jennings, FL
- Long & Scott Farms, Zellwood, FL

#### Dude Ranches

- Ho's Ponderosa Dude Ranch, Bushnell, FL
- Westgate River Ranch, River Ranch, FL
- <http://www.resortsandlodges.com/resort-type/dude-ranches/usa/florida/central-florida.html>

#### Earthworm production

- Solano Worm Farm, Citra, FL
- Kozarie Worm Farm, Trenton, FL
- <http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/people/faculty/sherman/vermiculture/directory-by-state.html#Florida>

#### Eco-tourism

- nature hikes/walking tours
- mountain biking

#### Equine training, riding, & lodging

- Affinity Farms, Eustis, FL
- [http://www.lakegovernment.com/enjoying\\_lake\\_county/equestrian.aspx](http://www.lakegovernment.com/enjoying_lake_county/equestrian.aspx)

#### Exotic Livestock – Elk, Bison, Red Deer, Fallow Deer

#### Fairs

#### Farm animal petting zoo

#### Festivals

#### Film Locations

- Deland
- Blue Springs, FL

#### Game fields—paint ball, etc.

#### Golf courses, driving ranges, practice fields (see also miniature golf)

- LPGA, Daytona Beach, FL

Honor farm correctional facilities

Horse drawn wagon rides

- Larry Edmonds, Three Rock Ranch, Spokane WA [www.3rock.com](http://www.3rock.com)

Hunting Lodges, Preserves & Campgrounds

- Bed and breakfasts, on farm

Miniature golf courses

Mobile home (trailer) parks

Mud Racing

- Little Doo Mud Bog, Newport, NC
- Hometown Mud Racing Association – Races in Tooele, UT, Vernal, UT, Moab, UT  
[www.hmra.org](http://www.hmra.org)
- Bandit Mudracing – Samsula, FL

Pumpkin patches

- I Can Grow, Inc., Cottondale, FL

Rabbit production

- Rabbit Farming in Florida – Florida Dept. of Agriculture  
[http://www.florida-agriculture.com/livestock/rabbit\\_farming.htm](http://www.florida-agriculture.com/livestock/rabbit_farming.htm)

Rural Weddings

- Double T A-Cres Ranch and Museum in California  
[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/RESS/altenterprise/success\\_azevedo.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/RESS/altenterprise/success_azevedo.pdf)
- Garst Farm Resort – summer weddings, draft horse wagon rides <http://www.farmresort.com/>

“Pick your own” operations

- South Moon Farm (blueberries), Hawthorne, FL
- Tuten’s U-Pick, Madison, FL

Wildlife watching

Wine tasting

- Monticello Vineyards & Winery, Monticello, FL
- Emerald Coast Wine Cellars, Destin, FL
- Chautauqua Vineyards, DeFuniak Springs, FL