

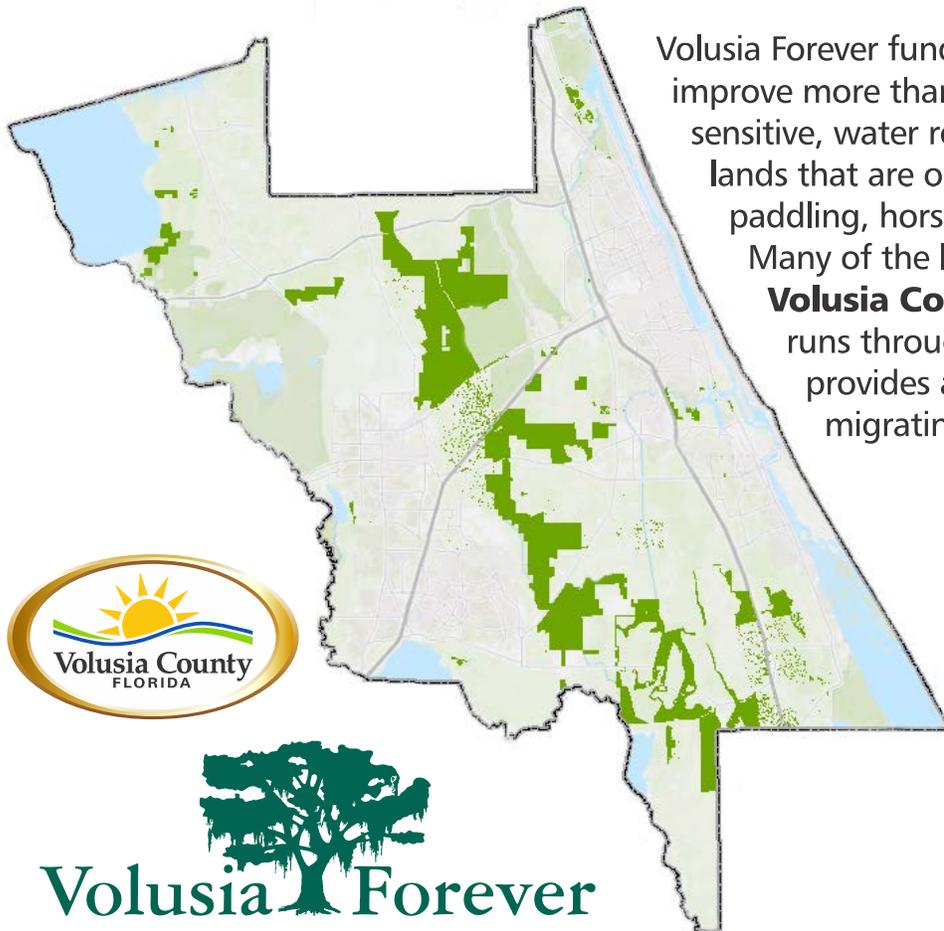


## Volusia Forever

Volusia County is home to a unique and diverse environment, from inviting coastal beaches to dense forests and natural springs. Voters approved the Volusia Forever program in 2000 to fund the acquisition and improvement of environmentally sensitive lands.

In the past two decades, Volusia Forever has raised more than **\$95 million**. Partnering agencies have provided an additional **\$43 million**. The average homeowner pays about **\$25 a year** for this conservation initiative, which will sunset in 2021.

Volusia Forever has received national and state recognition, including awards from the Trust for Public Land, 1000 Friends of Florida, and the National Association of Counties.



Volusia Forever funds have been used to purchase and improve more than **38,000 acres** of environmentally sensitive, water resource and outdoor recreation lands that are open to the public for hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding and other activities. Many of the land purchases are within the **Volusia Conservation Corridor**, which runs through the center of the county and provides a habitat for black bear, deer, migrating waterfowl and other species.

### Some of the lands purchased through Volusia Forever include:

- Lake George Forest and Wildlife Management Area
- Deep Creek Preserve
- Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve
- Hickory Bluff Preserve
- Longleaf Pine Preserve
- Scrub Oak Preserve
- Wiregrass Prairie Preserve

The Volusia Forever Bond Referendum will be on the November 2020 ballot. Learn more at [volusia.org/forever](http://volusia.org/forever).