### VOLUSIA FOREVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 19, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

Thomas C. Kelly Administration Building, Council Chambers 123 West Indiana Avenue DeLand, FL 32720

#### **MEMBERS**

Mary Anne Connors, Chair Wanda Van Dam, Vice-Chair Steve Crump Gerald Fieser John Gamble Jessica Gow Derek LaMontagne Derrick Orberg Suzanne Scheiber

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Mary Anne Connors, Chair
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES none
- IV. DISCUSSION TOPICS -
  - A. St. Johns Water River Management District partnership request Presented by Staff and St. Johns River Water Management District
- V. ADJOURNMENT

## VOLUSIA FOREVER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



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# Agenda

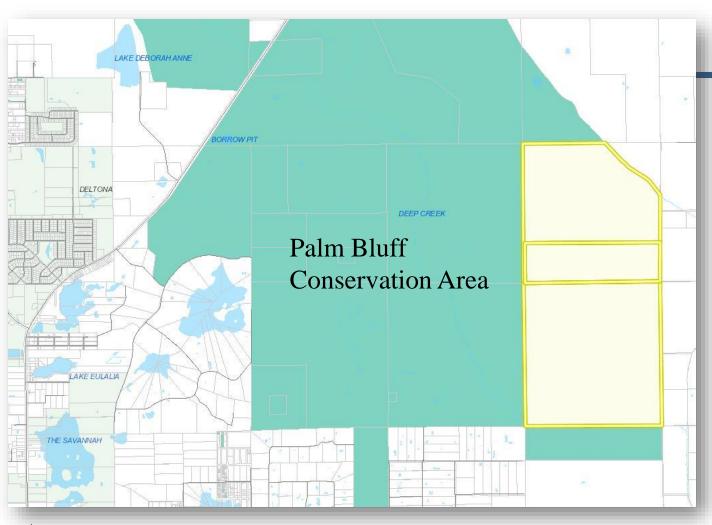
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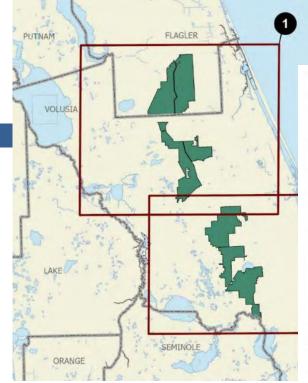
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# IV. A SJRWMD request



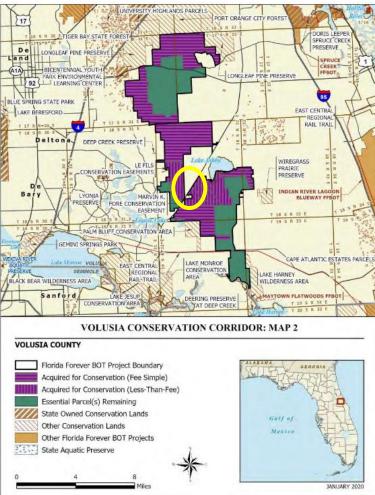
### **3 PARCELS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

- □ Family-owned by 3 siblings
- Directly adjacent to SJRWMD Palm Bluff
   Conservation Area
- □ 422+- acres offered as a conservation easement (Jeffery Russell)
- □ 858+- acres offered as fee simple (Lynda Shroeder and Deborah Russell-Bowman



"Public acquisition of this project . . . will increase the protection of Florida's biodiversity at the species, natural community, and landscape levels and provide a continuous corridor of environmentally significant land from the Tiger Bay State Forest, through the central wetlands and flat woods of Volusia County, to the marshes of the St. Johns River . . . will also increase natural resource-based public recreation, education opportunities, and potential for recreation or other public uses on the fee-simple acquisition lands. . . will help ensure that sufficient quantities of water are available to meet current and future needs of natural systems and the citizens of the state."

Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2020 Florida Forever Five-Year Plan



Project Map 251: Source → Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI, January 2020)

### Volusia Conservation Corridor

#### 2009 1st Cycle Ranking Summary

As Approved by County Council 12/10/2009

		Approx.
Group	Project	Acres
A	Volusia Conservation Corridor	28,600
Α	Seybold Property	325
Α	Carter/Maytown Property	3,321
Α	Leffler Property	4,700
Α	Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve	
Α	City of Port Orange Property	225
Α	Ocklawaha Property	26
Α	ICI / Stanaki Property	225
Α	Atlantic Center for the Arts	45
Α	Lake George Conservation Area	
Α	Lake George Fernery (Cade)	40
Α	Ponce Preserve Conservation Project	155
Α	Zimmer-Heideman	215
Α	Mazeika	48
Α	Glenwood Park	219
Α	Fatio Road	72
Α	Butts	140
Α	Smith	60
Α	McDonald	420
Α	Doan	4
Α	Pacetta Preserve	8
Α	Nordstrom	40
Α	David Strawn Lands	157

# Russell Property

- Pine Flatwoods, Temperate Hammock,Cypress/Pine/Cabbage PalmWetlands, Bottomland Swamp
- □ Roughly 58% wetland
- □ Abuts Lake Ashby canal at the north east corner
- Meets 13 of 18 primary site ranking criteria
- □ District intends to manage as part of Palm Bluff Conservation Area



#### Primary Criteria: Proximity and Connectivity (1 of 2)

- 1. Is the property functionally adjacent to existing conservation land (conservation easement or public ownership) or a Volusia Forever eligible property? **YES**
- 2. Will the acquisition maintain the ecological link or habitat corridor between two or more otherwise unconnected existing conservation lands (conservation easement or public ownership)? **NO**

#### Primary Criteria: Furtherance of Acquisition Efforts (2 of 2)

- 1. Will the acquisition further a project begun under previous or existing governmental land acquisition programs? **YES**
- 2. Based upon preliminary assessment (i.e. partnership experience, property size, location and features), is there a reasonable expectation of matching funds from other sources to assist in the acquisition? **YES**

#### Primary Criteria: Water Resources (2 of 4)

- 1. Does the property serve an important groundwater recharge function? YES
- 2. Does the property contain, or have frontage upon, a waterbody, wetlands or waterway? **YES**
- 3. The property contains springs and/or other unique geological features? NO
- 4. Does the property have the potential for water resource (potable water)? NO

#### Primary Criteria: Environmentally Sensitive Lands (1 of 3)

- 1. Is there the potential that acquisition of the property will protect or maintain populations of Federal or State Listed species (including, but no limited to, endangered, threatened or species of special concern) which may typically be expected to occur on the property? **YES**
- 2. Does the property contain viable acreage of one or more scarce, unique or other significant upland communities? **NO**
- 3. Will this acquisition protect fragile coastal resources? NO

#### Primary Criteria: Provide Resource Based Recreation Lands (1 of 1)

1. Does the property offer the potential for the establishment or enhancement of resource based public use opportunities, including Greenways, Blueways and trails? **YES** 

#### Primary Criteria: Management Criteria (6 of 6)

- 1. Is the size and location of the property appropriate for cost effective management? YES
- 2. Does the property have a limited amount of exotic/invasive species? YES
- 3. Is the pattern of existing and potential future land use of the area adjacent to the property compatible with typical land management practices? YES
- 4. Is there appropriate access to the property? YES
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#### Enhancement Criteria (1 of 3)

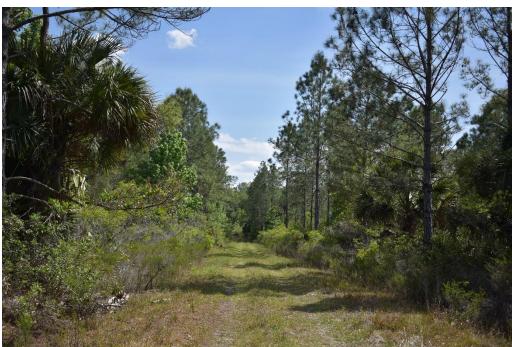
- 1. Does the property likely contain significant historical, archeological, and/or cultural resources? **NO**
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- 3. Does the acquisition of the property substantially further the conservation goal and management objectives of the Volusia Forever program?  $\bf YES$

### Total: 13 Primary, 1 Enhancement









# Schroeder et. al Property

- □ +- 857 acres
- Pine Flatwoods, Hardwood Conifer Mix, Cypress/Pine/Cabbage Palm Wetlands,
- □ Roughly 75% wetland
- Meets 13 of 18 primary site ranking criteria
- □ District intends to manage as part of Palm Bluff Conservation Area



#### Primary Criteria: Proximity and Connectivity (1 of 2)

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#### Primary Criteria: Furtherance of Acquisition Efforts (2 of 2)

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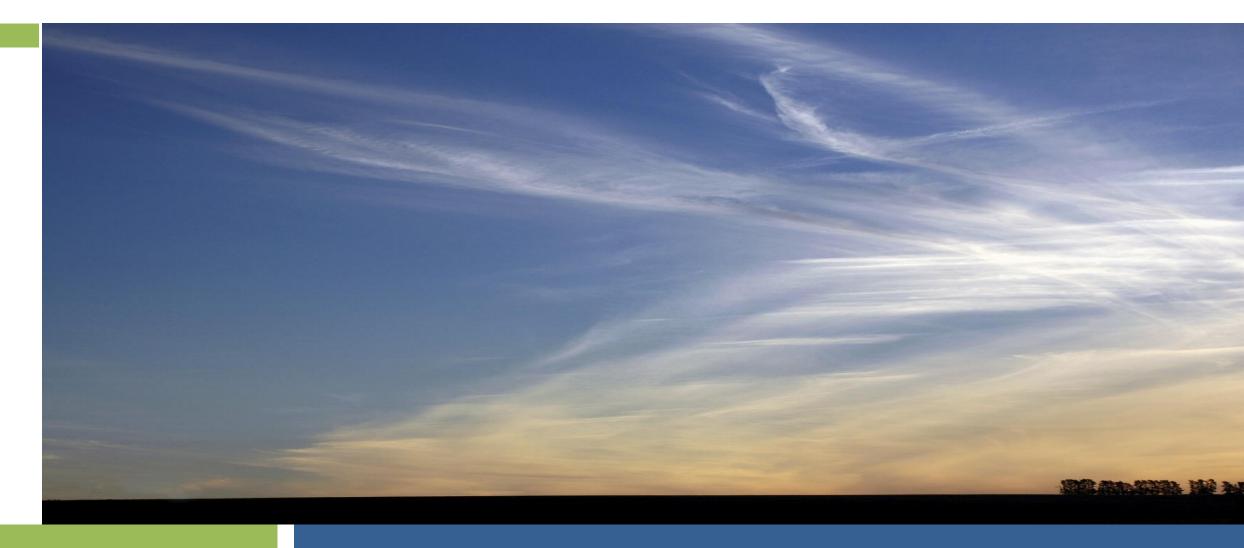






St. Johns Water Management District, Ramesh Buch, Real Estate Services Director

# Questions and Discussion



### VOLUSIA FOREVER PROGRAM PROJECT RANKING REPORT

**DATE:** April 1, 2021

**SITE NAME:** Russell Property

**OWNER NAME:** Jeffery Russell

**PARCEL ID:** 8235-00-00-0010 – Russell

**SIZE:** 422 +/- acres

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Land Management, Environmental Management (EMD), and St. Johns Water Management District Staff conducted a site visit on February 25, 2021 of the subject properties. The subject property is just north of Maytown Road in Osteen. It is directly east of Palm Bluff Conservation Area that is managed by the District. The District has requested Volusia Forever's help funding the purchase of a Conservation Easement granted to the District and County of Volusia.

The future land uses assigned to these parcels are Environmental Systems Corridor (ESC) and Forestry Resource (FR), with Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA) and Environmental Core (ECO) overlays. The ESC represents important ecological corridors consisting of environmentally sensitive and ecologically significant lands. The intention of the ESC is to provide protected, natural pathways that connect to other protected areas such as parks, conservation lands, and water bodies. The future land use of FR represents land that is primarily suited for silviculture (the cultivation and harvesting of timber for commercial purposes); however, other limited agricultural activities may be appropriate. NRMA contains expanses of relatively uninterrupted lands that need to be managed as a system. It is the intent of the NRMA that development does not adversely impact the quality and quantity of existing resources. ECO is "an area of interconnected natural systems of environmentally sensitive lands, including public and private conservation areas and lands linking these areas (including but not limited to agricultural/rural lands, scenic vistas, habitat buffers, and other open space connections) where possible to achieve wildlife and habitat connectivity . . . represents land areas that should receive the greatest degree of protection, and suffer the least impacts from development."

The zoning classifications of Resource Corridor (RC) and Forestry Resource (FR) are assigned to this property. The purpose and intent of the RC classification is to provide protected, natural corridors consisting of environmentally sensitive and ecologically significant lands which connect to other protected areas such as parks and water bodies. The corridor shall provide a contiguous hydroecological pathway, where the wetlands and uplands are integrated and conducive to the maintenance and perpetuation of the system. The purpose and intent of the FR Forestry Resource Classification is to preserve land that is suited for multiple-use resource management. It is further intended that this classification will permit limited agricultural activities. In addition, all agricultural uses should be encouraged to utilize natural resource conservation service (formerly the soil conservation service) best

management techniques and other agricultural best management practices.

#### **HABITAT DESCRIPTION**

There are several habitats types throughout this property. The most dominant are Pine Flatwoods, Temperate Hammock, Cypress/Pine/Cabbage Palm wetland and Bottomland Swamp. Lake Ashby Canal runs along the northeast property line.

The flatwoods of the property is typical of flatwoods in this area of Volusia County. The canopy is comprised of a slash pine with an understory of palmetto and gallberry. The abundance of shrubs and understory trees in the flatwoods indicate that fire has not been part of the management on this property. Routine and frequent fires minimize shrubs, and encourage the growth of grasses and herbaceous plants. As the pine flatwoods transition towards the bottomland swamp mixed pine/cypress and cabbage palms can be found in areas that intermittently hold water throughout the year.

The bottomland swamp is found on the northeast corner of the property and encompasses Lake Ashby Canal. Cypress and blackgum dominate the floodplain swamp. Minor amounts of red maple, sweetgum and wax myrtle are also present in this area. Groundcover is sparse, but includes lizard's tail and royal fern.

Protected species which may occur on this site are eastern indigo snake, Florida pine snake, sand hill crane, gopher tortoise, and the American alligator.

#### **CONNECTIVITY TO OTHER CONSERVATION LANDS**

This property is within the boundaries of the Volusia Conservation Corridor. It abuts the east side of the District managed Palm Bluff Conservation Area.

#### HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Historic Buildings & Structures: There are no significant historic buildings or structures on the property.

Archaeological Sites: There are no documented archaeological sites on the property.

Archaeological Sensitivity: No formal comprehensive archaeological survey of this property has been conducted; low probability location.

#### **MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

Ownership and management of this site will remain with the current owner as this proposal is for a conservation easement. Therefore, no County management is anticipated.

#### **ECONOMIC/ACQUISITION ISSUES**

The 2020 Just Value assigned by the Volusia County Property Appraiser for this property is \$894,200 or approximately \$2,119/acre. These figures are for comparative purposes between nominated properties

and are not necessarily an accurate reflection of the true cost of the property, if acquired by the Volusia Forever Program.

#### POTENTIAL MATCHING FUNDS SOURCE

The District contacted Volusia County as a potential partner in purchasing this parcel. The District is taking the lead on the acquisition and is in the process of negotiating a Purchase and Sale Option Agreement, with a purchase price tentatively at 90% of fair market value (estimated at \$600,000). If the option agreement is accepted by the sellers, the District will proceed to conduct due diligence including appraisal(s), title commitment and environmental assessment. The District process takes between 70 and 160 working days to complete.

If Volusia Forever partners in the acquisition, the county would be a grantee on the conservation easement.

#### **VOLUSIA FOREVER CRITERIA**

Per Resolution 2009-91, each property application proposing less than fee-simple acquisition should meet a minimum of 5 of the 18 <u>Primary</u> Site Ranking criteria. This property meets thirteen (13) of those criteria. The ranking results are as follows:

#### **Primary Criteria: Proximity and Connectivity (1 of 2)**

- 1. Is the property functionally adjacent to existing conservation land (conservation easement or public ownership) or a Volusia Forever eligible property? YES
- Will the acquisition maintain the ecological link or habitat corridor between two or more otherwise unconnected existing conservation lands (conservation easement or public ownership)? NO

#### Primary Criteria: Furtherance of Acquisition Efforts (2 of 2)

- 1. Will the acquisition further a project begun under previous or existing governmental land acquisition programs? **YES**
- 2. Based upon preliminary assessment (i.e. partnership experience, property size, location and features), is there a reasonable expectation of matching funds from other sources to assist in the acquisition? **YES**

#### Primary Criteria: Water Resources (2 of 4)

- Does the property serve an important groundwater recharge function? YES
- Does the property contain, or have frontage upon, a waterbody, wetlands or waterway? YES

- 3. The property contains springs and/or other unique geological features? NO
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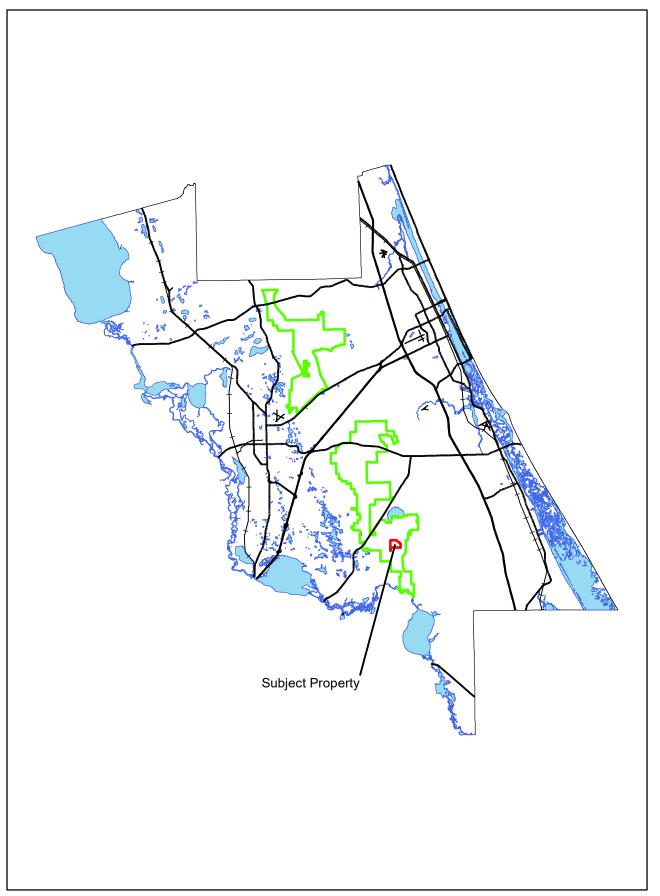
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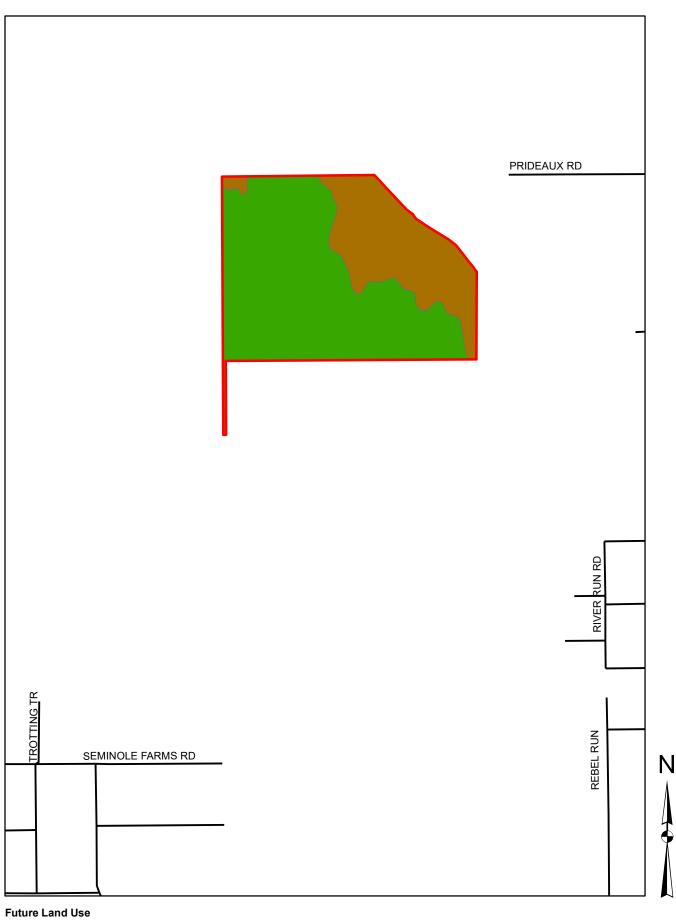
#### **Enhancement Criteria (1 of 3)**

- Does the property likely contain significant historical, archeological, and/or cultural resources? NO
- 2. The property has the potential for providing opportunities for education and/or scientific research? NO
- 3. Does the acquisition of the property substantially further the conservation goal and management objectives of the Volusia Forever program? YES

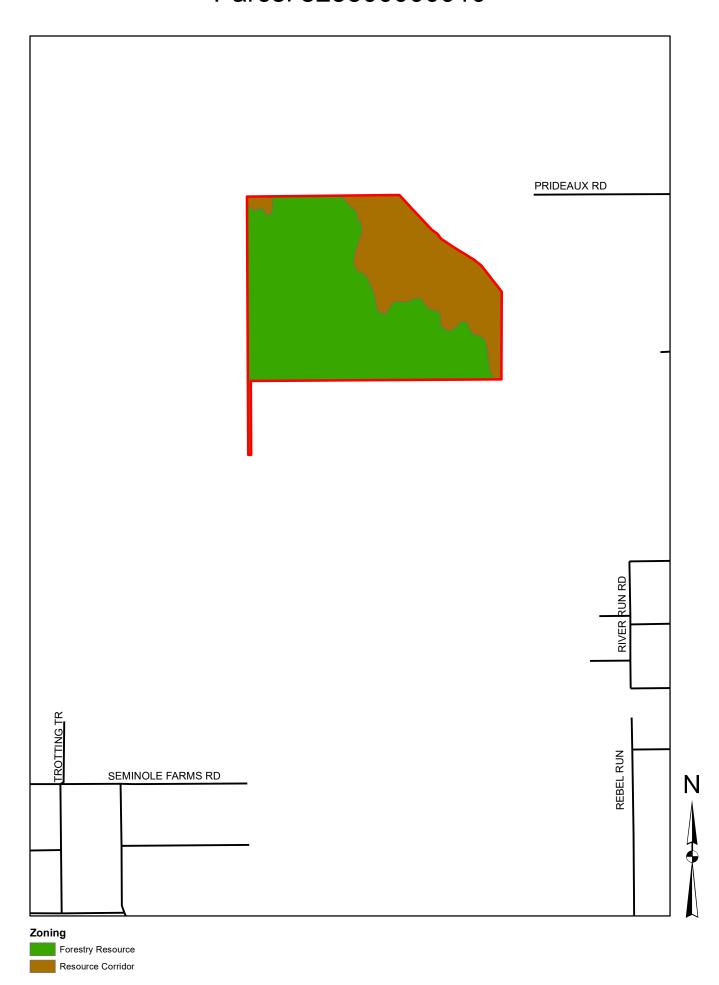
The property meets the criteria for acquisition. In addition, prior Volusia Forever Advisory Committees and the County Council have listed all properties within the Volusia Conservation Corridor as Group A properties, which will receive the highest priority for acquisition.

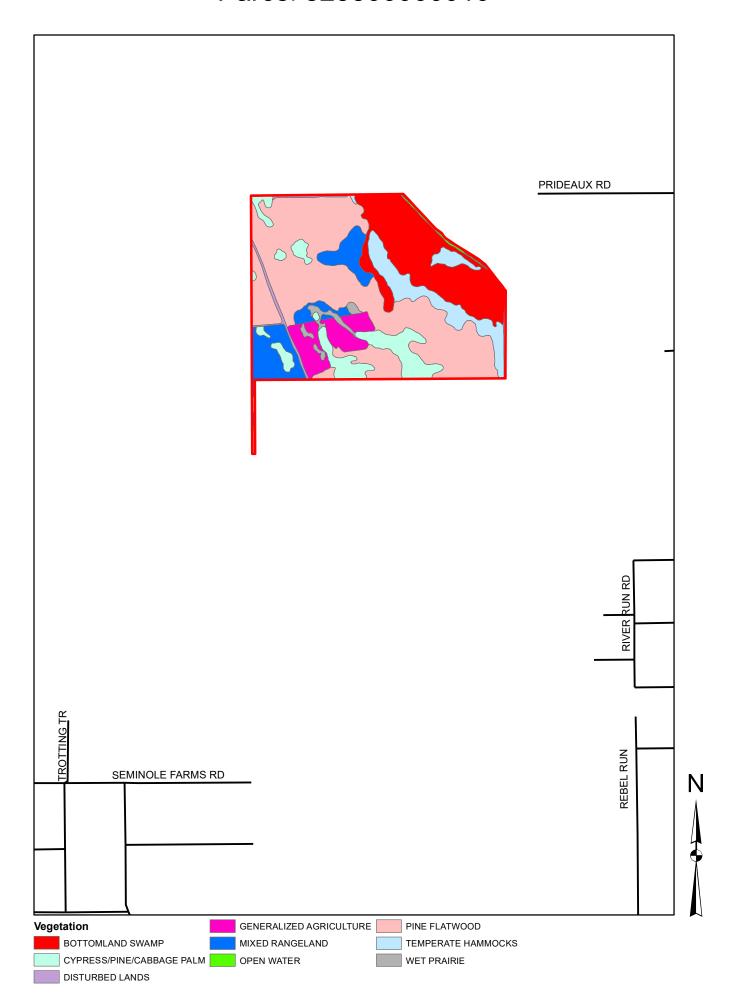


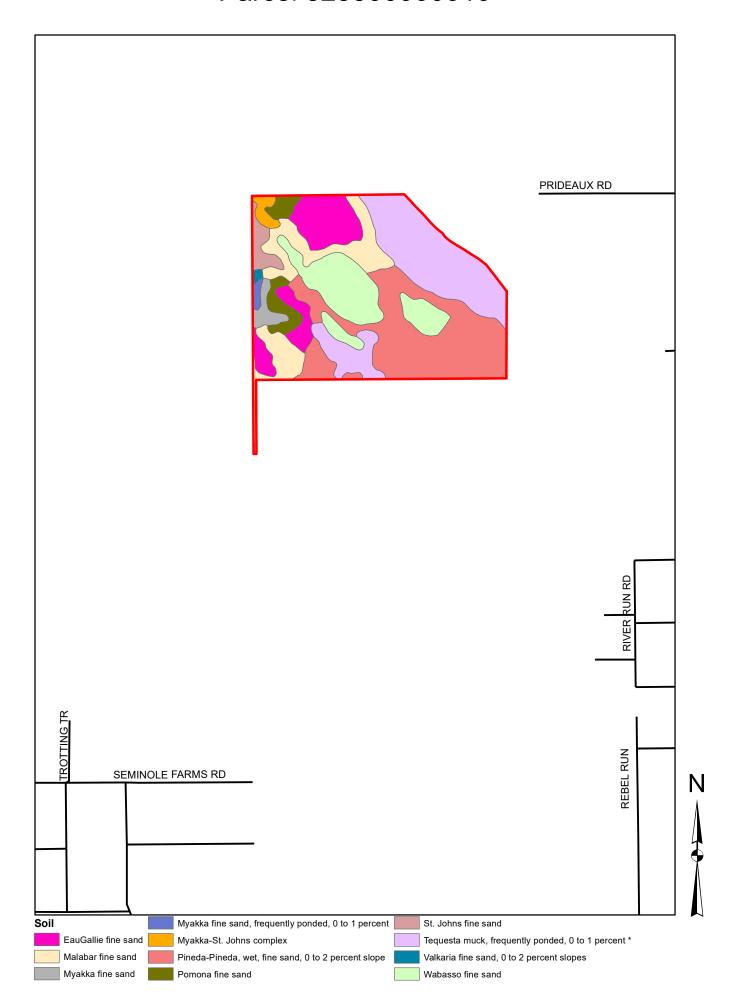


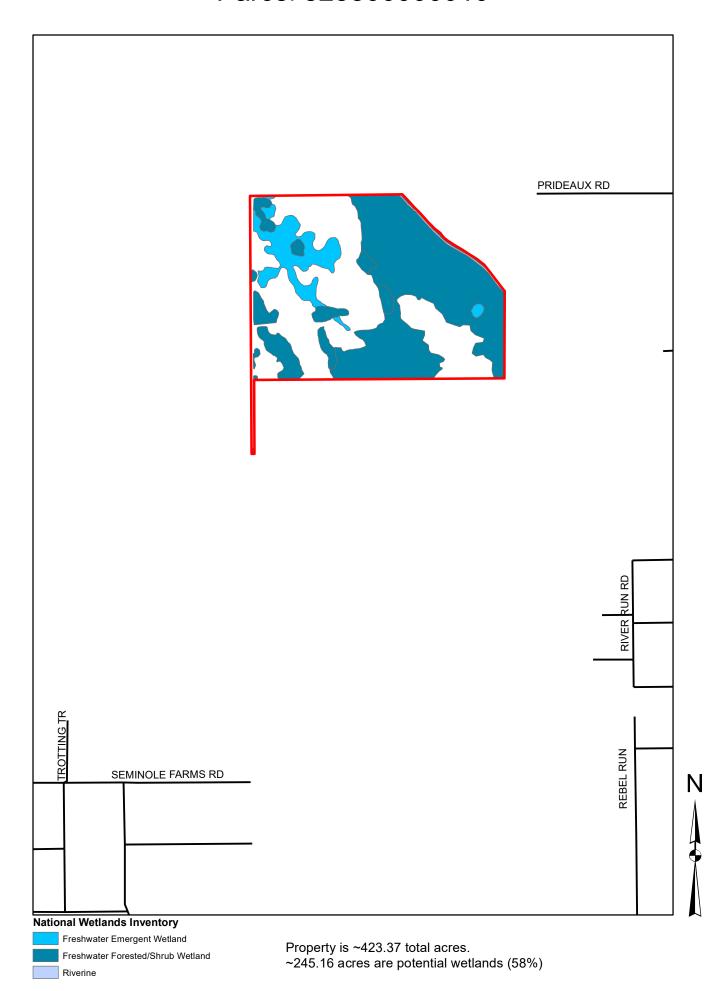


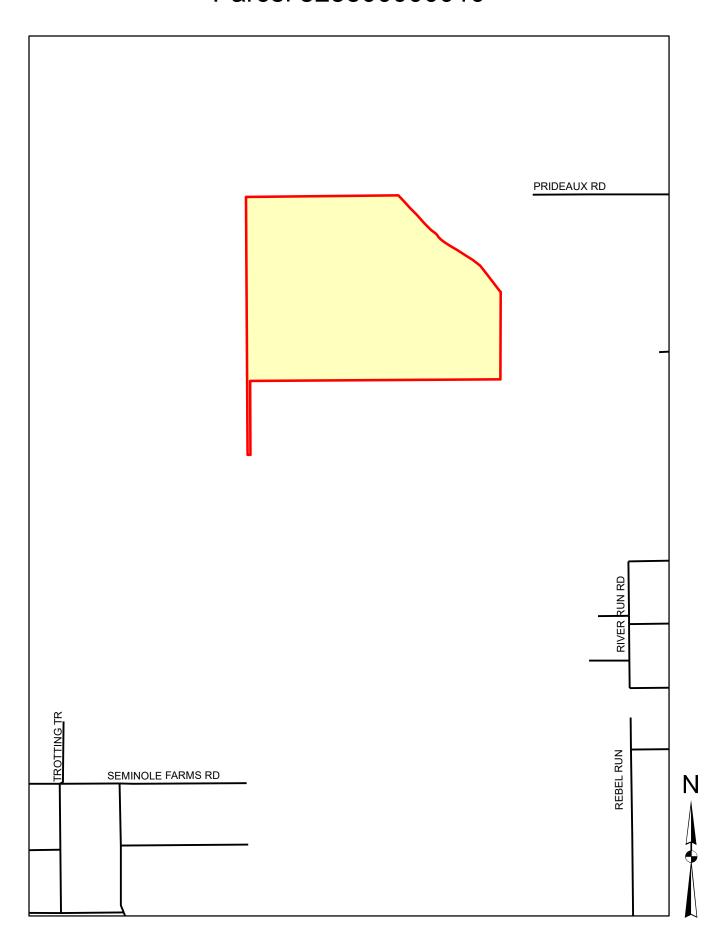
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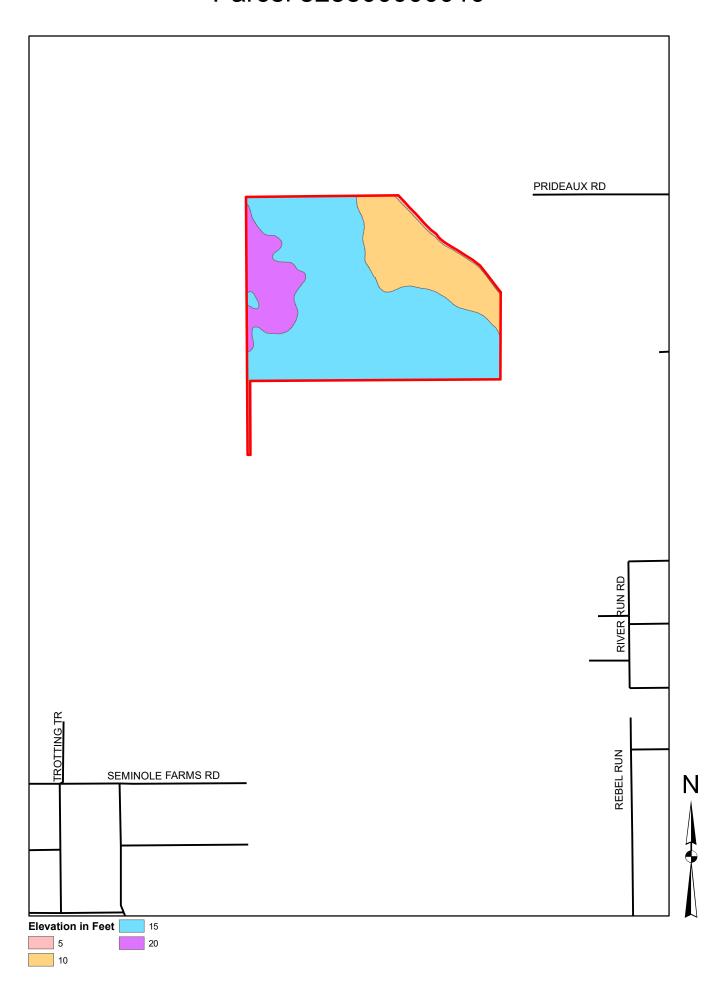












### VOLUSIA FOREVER PROGRAM PROJECT RANKING REPORT

**DATE:** April 1, 2021

**SITE NAME:** Shroeder Property

**OWNER NAME:** Lynda Shroeder and Debra Russell-Bowmen

**PARCEL ID:** 8235-00-00-0030 & 9202-00-00-0010

**SIZE:** 858 +/- acres

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Land Management, Environmental Management (EMD), and St. Johns Water Management District (District) staff conducted a site visit on February 25, 2021 of the subject properties. They are just north of Maytown Road in Osteen, and directly east of Palm Bluff Conservation Area that is owned and managed by the District. The District has inquired to see if the County may be able to partner in the acquisition of the subject properties through the Volusia Forever program.

The future land uses assigned to these parcels are Environmental Systems Corridor (ESC) and Forestry Resource (FR), with Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA) and Environmental Core (ECO) overlays. The ESC represents important ecological corridors consisting of environmentally sensitive and ecologically significant lands. The intention of the ESC is to provide protected, natural pathways that connect to other protected areas such as parks, conservation lands, and water bodies. The future land use of FR represents land that is primarily suited for silviculture (the cultivation and harvesting of timber for commercial purposes); however, other limited agricultural activities may be appropriate. NRMA contains expanses of relatively uninterrupted lands that need to be managed as a system. It is the intent of the NRMA that development does not adversely impact the quality and quantity of existing resources. ECO is "an area of interconnected natural systems of environmentally sensitive lands, including public and private conservation areas and lands linking these areas (including but not limited to agricultural/rural lands, scenic vistas, habitat buffers, and other open space connections) where possible to achieve wildlife and habitat connectivity . . . represents land areas that should receive the greatest degree of protection, and suffer the least impacts from development."

The zoning classifications of Resource Corridor (RC) and Forestry Resource (FR) are assigned to this property. The purpose and intent of the FR classification is to preserve land that is suited for multipleuse resource management. It is further intended that this classification will permit limited agricultural activities. In addition, all agricultural uses should be encouraged to utilize natural resource conservation service (formerly the soil conservation service) best management techniques and other agricultural best management practices.

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as parks and water bodies. The corridor shall provide a contiguous hydroecological pathway, where the wetlands and uplands are integrated and conducive to the maintenance and perpetuation of the system.

#### **HABITAT DESCRIPTION**

There are several habitats types throughout this property. The most dominant are Pine Flatwoods, Hardwood/Conifer Mix and Cypress/Pine/Cabbage Palm.

Most of the uplands found on this property are mesic and wet flatwoods. Flatwoods habitats are characterized by the presence of large and scattered longleaf pine or slash pine with an understory dominated by wiregrass, forbs, and other grasses, and scattered shrubs comprised of palmetto gallberry, blueberry and oak species. Pine flatwoods relies on frequent fires (2-10 years) to maintain suitable conditions. With the absence of fire, oaks and other shrubs will rapidly become dominant, and the natural community will eventually succeed to a xeric hammock. Little evidence of fire was observed on this site, so the oaks and other shrubs have started to dominate the understory. However, past forestry operations have minimized the shrub expansion in other areas.

Animals that frequent the natural communities of this site include the black racer, diamondback rattlesnake, gopher tortoise, white ibis, sandhill cranes, various hawks, turkey, cottontail rabbit, cotton rat, cotton mouse, raccoon, striped skunk, black bear, bobcat, and white-tailed deer. Protected species which may occur on this site are Eastern Indigo, Florida Pine Snake, Florida Sandhill Crane and Gopher Tortoise.

#### **CONNECTIVITY TO OTHER CONSERVATION LANDS**

This property is within the boundaries of the Volusia Conservation Corridor. It abuts the east side of the District owned and managed Palm Bluff Conservation Area. Palm Bluff Conservation Area consists of 3,321 acres and protects more than two miles of Deep Creek- a large tributary of the St. Johns River.

#### HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Historic Buildings & Structures: There are no significant historic buildings or structures on the property.

Archaeological Sites: There are no documented archaeological sites on the property.

Archaeological Sensitivity: No formal comprehensive archaeological survey of this property has been conducted; low probability location.

#### **MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

Management of this property will be incorporated into the management of the adjacent Palm Bluff Conservation Area tract that is owned and managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District. Primary management of the property will be accomplished by prescribed fire. Prior to the re-introduction of fire, mechanical treatments or thinning to reduce fuel loads may be necessary.

#### **ECONOMIC/ACQUISITION ISSUES**

The 2020 Just Value assigned by the Volusia County Property Appraiser for these properties combined are \$3,443,675.00 or approximately \$4,014 per/acre. These figures are for comparative purposes between nominated properties and are not necessarily an accurate reflection of the true cost of the property, if acquired by the Volusia Forever Program.

#### POTENTIAL MATCHING FUNDS SOURCE

The District contacted Volusia County as a potential partner in purchasing these parcels. The District is taking the lead on the acquisition and is in the process of negotiating a Purchase and Sale Option Agreement, with a purchase price tentatively at \$1.9 million. If the option agreement is accepted by the sellers, the District will proceed to conduct due diligence including appraisal(s), title commitment and environmental assessment. The District process takes between 70 and 160 working days to complete.

If Volusia Forever partners in the acquisition, the title for the property will be shared proportional to the dollars committed.

#### **VOLUSIA FOREVER CRITERIA**

Per Resolution 2009-91, each property application proposing fee-simple acquisition should meet a minimum of 10 of the 18 Primary Site Ranking criteria. This property meets thirteen (13) of those criteria. The ranking results are as follows:

#### Primary Criteria: Proximity and Connectivity (1 of 2)

- 1. Is the property functionally adjacent to existing conservation land (conservation easement or public ownership) or a Volusia Forever eligible property? YES
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#### Primary Criteria: Furtherance of Acquisition Efforts (2 of 2)

- 1. Will the acquisition further a project begun under previous or existing governmental land acquisition programs? **YES**
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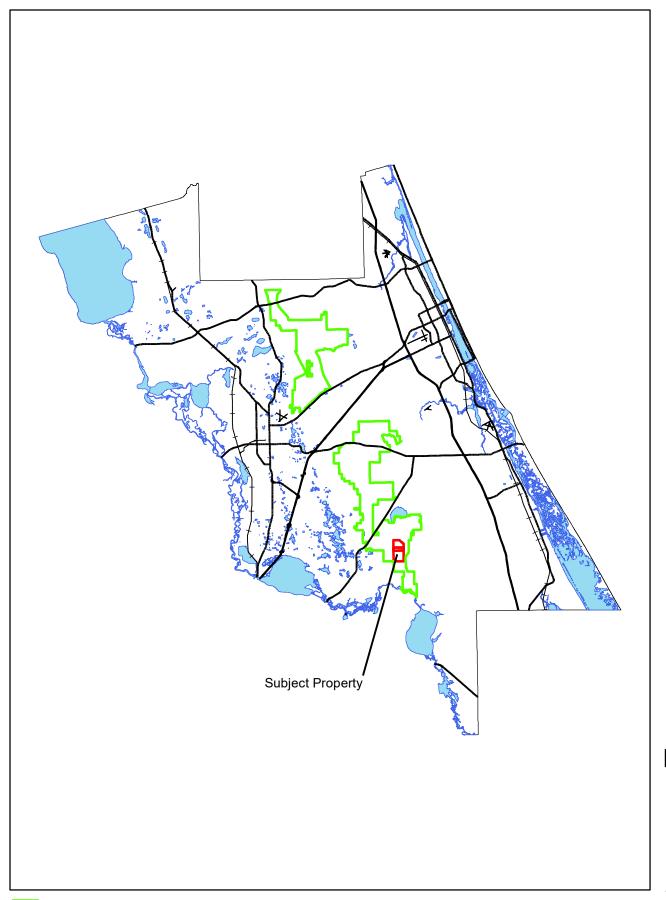
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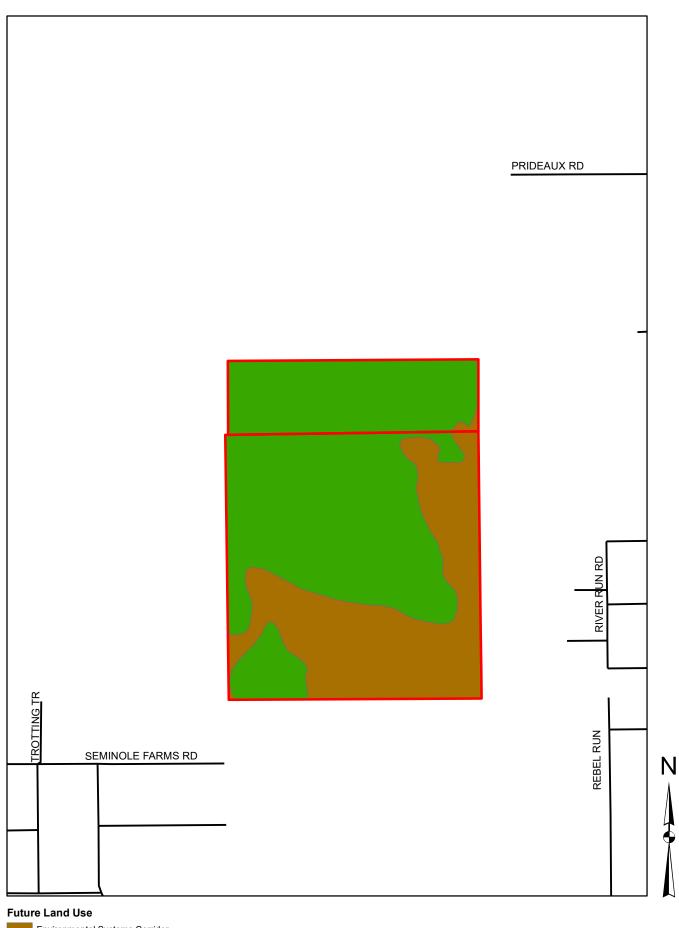
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Environmental Systems Corridor
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