

County	Ordinance/Requirement	Buffer Requirements
Alachua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement for avoidance and minimization to wetlands and buffers Applicant must demonstrate that the activity cannot be located in upland portions of the parcel Specifies that buffer shall remain undisturbed and if impacted requires restoration with compensatory mitigation For violations, require reimbursement for investigative costs which includes, the cost of equipment associated with the investigation, materials, laboratory, contract services, waste disposal, and personnel labor time Any monies recovered from the enforcement violation are placed in a Trust Fund to help manage wetlands under the County's purview Database tracks number of wetland acres authorized, avoided, placed in Conservation Easement and other features used in annual report to BOCC Buffer impacts typically only instances when mitigation requirements are different than the State Cannot exceed 0.5-acre wetland impacts for every 10 acres of uplands Mitigation equals 150% of market value of the property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-foot buffer average and a minimum of 35-feet Buffers for OFWs 150-foot on average and a minimum of 100-foot buffer Established surface water and wetland buffers with and without the presence of threatened and endangered species, special protection areas or OFW status.
Brevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No avoidance or minimization Relies on state for mitigation under UMAM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No wetland buffer No mitigation for buffer
Flagler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires avoidance or minimization Requires no net loss for wetlands Utilize conservation easements for preserving wetland areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15-foot minimum 75-foot maximum wetland buffer Uses UMAM score to adjust buffer width

Hillsborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoidance/minimization and only reasonable use of land • Requires mitigation for secondary impacts • Criteria for miscellaneous activities in wetlands that allows for certain type of minimal impacts to wetlands with an Exemption or General Permit • Criteria for exemptions where applicants must submit a written notice of the proposed activity • Applications do not require BOCC approval, rather approval from a Director of Mitigation for buffer impacts • Obtain conservation easements on larger properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Development Code identifies setback requirements of up to 50-feet, 30 foot minimum • No impact within 500ft of 3 main rivers.
Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No avoidance or minimization • Utilize conservation easements for preserving floodplains, wetland areas and ecologically significant communities • Shoreline clearing limited to 30 linear feet or 20% whichever is less • Has protection for upland communities outside of the wetland ordinance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-foot minimum 100-foot maximum wetland buffer
Leon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish SDZs with specific criteria for avoidance and minimization along with elevation data and preservation • Specific performance standards for development (includes altered floodplains, floodways, closed basins, etc.) • Established tree preservation and protection along with native species planting and exotic species removal • Only allow 5% maximum impact this amount was determined in Leon County as reasonable use • Strong perpetual exotic species management requirement on all properties • No applications require BOCC approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-foot minimum 50-foot maximum wetland buffer •

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Osceola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stringent avoidance and minimization • Uses classification system based upon functional score with Class I having the highest score and Class III as the lowest score • Does not distinguish or classify wetlands by size or community type • Potential wetland violations referred to State for handling • Entire process electronic, no paper • Requires avoidance or minimization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 15-foot Buffer, 50- foot buffer located within ERHPZ
Putnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires avoidance or minimization • Requires no net loss for wetlands • Uses UMAM score to adjust buffer width • Utilize conservation easements for preserving wetland areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-foot minimum buffer, 75-foot maximum buffer
Seminole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish conservation element preserving the County's natural features • Create countywide and regionally linked corridors • Utilize conservation easements for preserving floodplains, wetland areas and ecologically significant communities • Rely on State to delineate wetlands • No applications require BOCC approval • Other than placing remaining wetland area in a conservation easement, no mitigation requirement above State • No conservation easement required for single family parcels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-foot buffer on average and no less than 15- feet. • Buffers (outside of Wekiva River and Econ River) of up to 50-feet • Includes both the WRPA and ERHPZ within Seminole County

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Volusia County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25-foot minimum buffer, 50-foot buffer in NRMA and ECO, 100-foot average in the OCR area• Requires avoidance/minimization• Requires buffer mitigation• All municipalities must adopt Volusia County's minimum standards• Requires no net loss for wetlands• Requires conservation easements for onsite mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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