

Acquisition and Restoration Council Public Hearing

Date: August 30, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Highlands County Commission Board Room
600 South Commerce Ave
Sebring, FL 33870

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- ARC Role in Project Selection and Ranking Process
- Overview of 2022 Cycle 2 Florida Forever Project Proposals
- Public Testimony
 - CNC Ranch
 - Goodno Ranch
 - Heartland Wildlife Corridor
 - Keen Ranch
- Adjourn

Overview of the 2022 Cycle 2 Florida Forever Project Proposals

The Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) received ten new Florida Forever project proposals for the Florida Forever 2022 Cycle 2: CNC Ranch, Double G Legacy, Gardner Marsh, Gilchrist Club Wacasassa River, Goodno Ranch, Heartland Wildlife Corridor, Keen Ranch, Natural Bridge Timberlands, Rosewood-Avalon and Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II. On June 10, 2022, ARC voted to move all ten proposals on for more detailed review.

Section 259.07, Florida Statutes, requires ARC to hold public meetings to take testimony on new Florida Forever proposals “in such areas of the state where the major portions of such land are situated.” ARC will take the required public testimony on this proposal as well as other existing Florida Forever projects.

2022 Cycle 2 Florida Forever Proposals

PROPOSAL	COUNTY	ACQUISITION TYPE	ACRES
CNC Ranch	Okeechobee	Less-Than-Fee	3,557
Double G Legacy	Sumter	Less-Than-Fee	680
Gardner Marsh	Osceola	Less-Than-Fee	5,952
Gilchrist Club Wacasassa River	Gilchrist	Less-Than-Fee	23,255
Goodno Ranch	Glades	Less-Than-Fee	1,185
Heartland Wildlife Corridor	Hardee, Highlands	Less-Than-Fee	15,451
Keen Ranch	DeSoto	Less-Than-Fee	995
Natural Bridge Timberlands	Leon, Jefferson	Less-Than-Fee	5,740
Rosewood-Avalon	Jefferson	Less-Than-Fee	3,680
Wolfe Creek Forest Addition II	Santa Rosa	Fee Simple	3,423