

# Acquisition and Restoration Council Public Hearing

**Date:** March 2, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Recreation Hall  
Highlands Hammock State Park  
5931 Hammock Road  
Sebring, FL 33872

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## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- ARC Role in Project Selection and Ranking Process
- Overview of 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Project Proposals
- Public Testimony
  - Charlie Creek
  - Johnson Homestead
  - River Property
- Adjourn

## Overview of the 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Project Proposals

The Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) received nine new Florida Forever project proposals for the Florida Forever 2022 Cycle 1: Aucilla Corridor, Bar-B Ranch, Charlie Creek, Eight Mile, Foshalee Slough, Johnson Homestead, Lake Sampala Timber and Land, River Property, and the South Prong of the St. Mary's River. On December 10, 2022, ARC voted to move the 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 these proposals as well as other existing Florida Forever projects.

## 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Proposals

PROPOSAL	COUNTY	CATEGORY	ACRES
Aucilla Corridor	Jefferson, Madison, Taylor	Less-Than-Fee and Fee Simple	18,607
Bar-B Ranch	Martin	Fee Simple	1,908
Charlie Creek	Hardee	Less-Than-Fee	1,547
Eight Mile	Dixie	Less-Than-Fee	5,706
Foshalee Slough	Leon	Less-Than-Fee	989
Johnson Homestead	DeSoto	Less-Than-Fee	702
Lake Sampala Timber and Land	Madison	Less-Than-Fee	1,347
River Property	Highlands	Less-Than-Fee	3,068
South Prong of the St. Mary's River	Baker	Less-Than-Fee	1,146