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FLORIDA FOREVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL UPDATE

This is the ninth annual update of the original 2001 Florida Forever Work Plan. The purpose of the annual update is to present projects eligible for funding under the Florida Forever Act Section 259.105, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and to report on progress and changes since the original 2001 submittal.

This update marks nine years of land preservation using Florida Forever funding which has culminated in the fee purchase of 42,561 preservation acres and 23,484 acres of protected conservation easements.

This report summarizes funding and completed projects during the planning period and presents modifications and additions to the original work plan. This update is organized into two sections; Land Acquisition, Restoration and Water Resource Development. A summary of land management activities and the progress of funding and staffing are included as well as budget and expenditure information for Florida Forever and Water Management Lands Trust funds on District lands.

The District projects the use of \$10.4 million of Florida Forever funding to fund various projects during the planning period through FY 09/10. Expenditures for the period include \$ 9.95 million for Land Acquisition, \$52,500 for Water Resource Development and Stormwater projects and \$400,000 for Restoration. To date the District has expended \$59 million for land acquisition and \$.28 million for restoration.

INTRODUCTION

The Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan was created in Section 373.199, F.S. In order to further the goals of the Florida Forever Act the District initially developed a work plan to protect the most pressing water resource needs in this region. As required by Section 373.199 (7) The Suwannee River Water Management District has completed its ninth annual update of the 2001 Florida Forever Work Plan. This update presents projects eligible for funding under the Florida Forever Act and reports on progress and changes made since the initial plan. New legislation Section 373.036 (7), F.S. now requires this annual update be presented as a separate chapter in the Consolidated Annual Report.

The Florida Forever Act provides that:

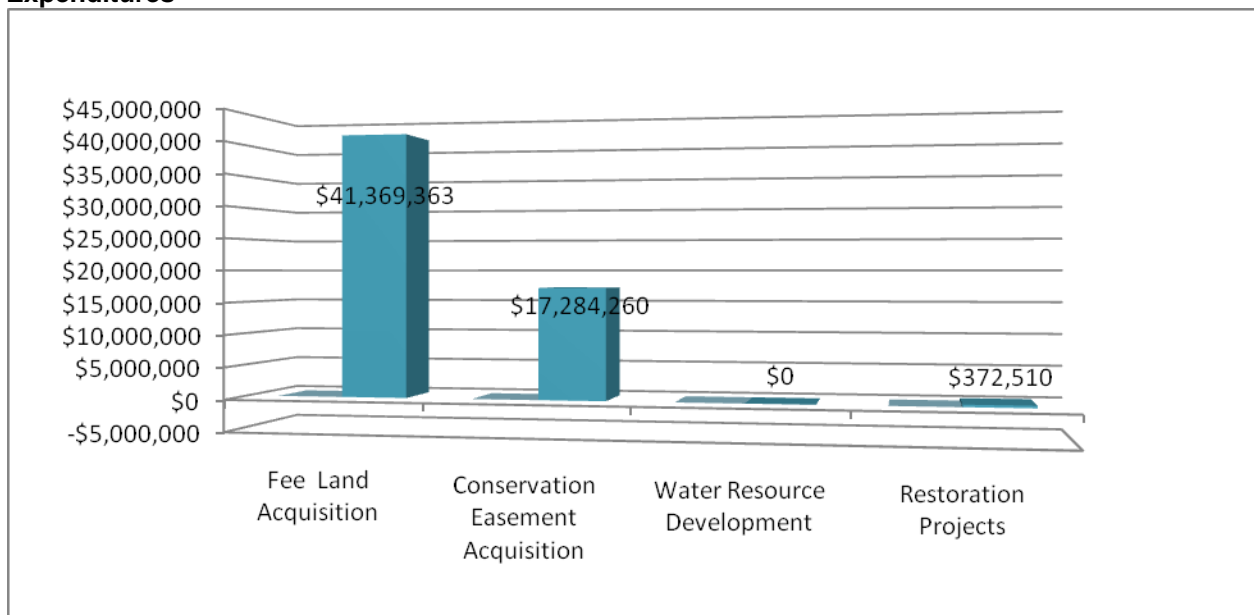
- Thirty percent of the funds are distributed to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the acquisition of land and capital improvement projects necessary to implement the water management districts' priority lists.
- All lands acquired pursuant to this section are to be used for "multiple-use" purposes. Multiple-use includes outdoor recreational activities pursuant to Sections 253.034 and 259.032(9)(b), F.S., water resource development projects, and sustainable forestry management.
- A minimum of 50% of this funding coming to SRWMD must be spent on land acquisition over the 10-year life of the program.

The District intends to use \$10.4 million of prior years' unspent appropriated balance during the planning period FY 09/10. To date over 99% of Florida Forever funding has been spent on acquisition of full fee and less than fee interests in conservation lands. This trend is expected to continue into the near term future. Table 1 illustrates past and projected Florida Forever expenditures. Figure 1 depicts the distribution of all Florida Forever expenditures to date.

Table 1 Actual and Projected Florida Forever Expenditures

Expenditures	Fiscal Year *	Fee Acquisition Expenditures	Fee Acres Acquired	Conservation Easement Expenditures	Conservation Easement Acres Acquired	Water Resource Development Expenditures	Restoration (Capital Project) Expenditures
Actual							
Past 9 Years	2000-2001						0
	2001-2002	\$ 4,117,869	30,477	\$5,643,127	12,960.00		0
	2002-2003	\$1,158,661	564	\$3,382,632	5,026.00		0
	2003-2004	\$3,565,225	1,761	\$1,517,048	2,023.00		0
	2004-2005	\$3,792,645	2,661				0
	2005-2006	\$648,440	121				0
	2006-2007	\$13,082,288	4,246				0
	2007-2008	\$4,041,930	493	\$6,379,514	3,294.00		\$210,510
	2008-2009	\$10,962,305	2,176	\$361,940	181		\$162,000
TOTAL		\$41,749,363	42,562	\$17,284,260	23,484		\$372,510
Projected Current Budget	2009-2010	\$5,600,000		\$4,350,000		\$52,500	\$400,000

Figure 1 Distribution of Florida Forever Past Expenditures



LAND ACQUISITION

Goals and Performance Measures Summary

The Florida Forever program provided funding during FY 08/09 to address land acquisition, restoration and water resource development projects that accomplish priority needs for water management. Florida Forever purchases completed during the 08/09 reporting period are examples of natural resource projects that individually satisfy Florida Forever Goals & Measures found in F.S. 259.105 (4).

Table 2 Completed Acquisitions - Florida Forever Goals and Measures

Seller	Tract	Conservation Area	County	Acres	Price	Date
Adams, John Anthony Florida Forever Performance Measures	Adams on Alapaha C4-6, E1	Lower Alapaha	Hamilton	267	\$1,068,800	7/11/2008
Big Otter L.P., Faith, Hope, Charity Place, Inc. Florida Forever Performance Measures	Otter Springs C2-4, D3, E1	Wannee	Gilchrist	636	\$6,800,000	9/30/2008
Suwannee Land & Timber Inc. Florida Forever Performance Measures	Willow Bend Subdivision Lot 21 C4-6	Withlacoochee West	Madison	1	\$17,000	11/17/2008
Carter, Gerald and Diane Florida Forever Performance Measures	Suwannee Woods Subdiv. Lot 48 C4-6	Camp Branch	Hamilton	1	\$0	12/26/2008
Fairweather & Parchment Florida Forever Performance Measures	Lake Alto Addition A1, C5,6-8, E1	Santa Fe Swamp	Alachua	41	\$30,000	2/16/2009
Madison/Taylor Timberlands, L.L.C. Florida Forever Performance Measures	Aucilla Corridor Addition A1, C2-4, E1	Upper Aucilla	Jefferson	1,056	\$2,619,484	5/12/2009
Madison/Taylor Timberlands, L.L.C. Florida Forever Performance Measures	Aucilla Corridor Addition A1, C2-4, E1	Upper Aucilla	Madison	172	\$429,916	5/12/2009
Wooten, Albert & Jessie Florida Forever Performance Measures	Lower Alapaha Addition C4	Lower Alapaha	Hamilton	63	\$380,000	7/1/2009
Champion, Roger & Donna Florida Forever Performance Measures	Mount Gilead Conservation Easement A2	Middle Aucilla	Madison, Jefferson	181	\$361,940	8/19/2009

2010 Revisions to Florida Forever Acquisition Project Areas

Project Design and Selection Criteria

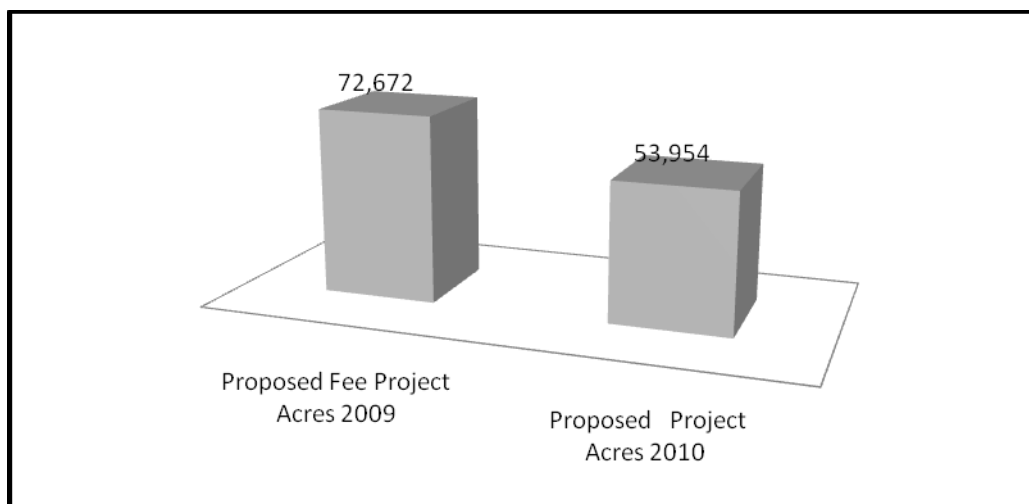
This annual update significantly revises project areas with the application of Geographic Information (GIS) modeling. Available geographic databases were correlated as to their relative importance to these water resource protection benefits. Resulting lands with area within two or more themes are classified as highest acquisition candidates. The model essentially predicts parcels with high water resource, groundwater protection, and surface water protection features.

Four major water resource themes were developed in the 2009 water resources protection model:

<u>Water Resource Objectives</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
Floodplain Protection	FEMA 100-year Flood Zone
Recharge Protection	Areas of High Recharge
Surface Water Protection	Rivers, Creeks, Lakes Wetlands
Spring Protection	Magnitude 1-3 Springs - Buffered

This evaluation has resulted in the selection of the most important lands that should be targeted for land acquisition. The 2009 Florida Forever Work Plan projected 73,000 acres of fee purchases. The new modeling effort refines project areas (Figure 2.) to propose 54,000 acres of potential fee or less than fee purchases in 10 watersheds.

Figure 2 Refined Florida Forever Project Areas



The location of proposed acquisition areas is illustrated in Appendix D, 2010 Florida Forever Work Plan Projects Map.

Discrete acquisition projects were developed by filtering high-scoring candidate lands identified by the model with data on property ownership, management considerations and connection to public lands. Property ownership and management considerations were evaluated to complete a project design for 11 river basin planning areas:

The update proposes to preserve and protect water resources by acquiring an additional 54,000 acres of land primarily within the floodplain of the major rivers of the District. Table 3 illustrates the new FY 09/10 proposed project areas by basin planning area. This is compiled with all acquisition activity to date under the SOR, P2000 and Florida Forever programs.

Table 3 Protected Lands and Proposed Project Areas

Planning Area	Fee Acres Acquired	Fee River Mileage Acquired	Less than Fee Acres Acquired	Less than Fee River Mileage Acquired	Total Miles of Frontage	Total River Mileage Acquired	Actual Fee Project Acres 2009	Proposed Project Acres 2010
Alapaha	2,989	15	1,503	4	46	19	4,775	2,889
Aucilla	14,985	47	10,914	13	118	60	12,672	6,506
Coastal Creeks	1,282	0	32,134	0	0	0	0	0
Econfina	8,490	40	0	0	70	40	1,800	2,153
Fenholloway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Suwannee	19,403	31	24,935	0	114	31	7,254	4,214
Middle Suwannee	17,409	31		0	200	31	14,916	8,772
Santa Fe	12,498	25	4,990	3	162	28	10,419	11,611
Steinhatchee	59,331	38	46,852	0	56	38	0	152
Upper Suwannee	34,583	73	19,128	12	112	85	14,141	4,510
Waccasassa	4,678	9	22,404	0	58	9	3,271	4,586
Wacissa	1,082	2	0	0	24	2	0	0
Withlacoochee	7,263	20	0	0	48	20	3,514	8,562
Floodplain Lots	889	14	0	0	0	14	0	0
Total	184,882	344	162,860	32	1,008	376	72,762	53,954

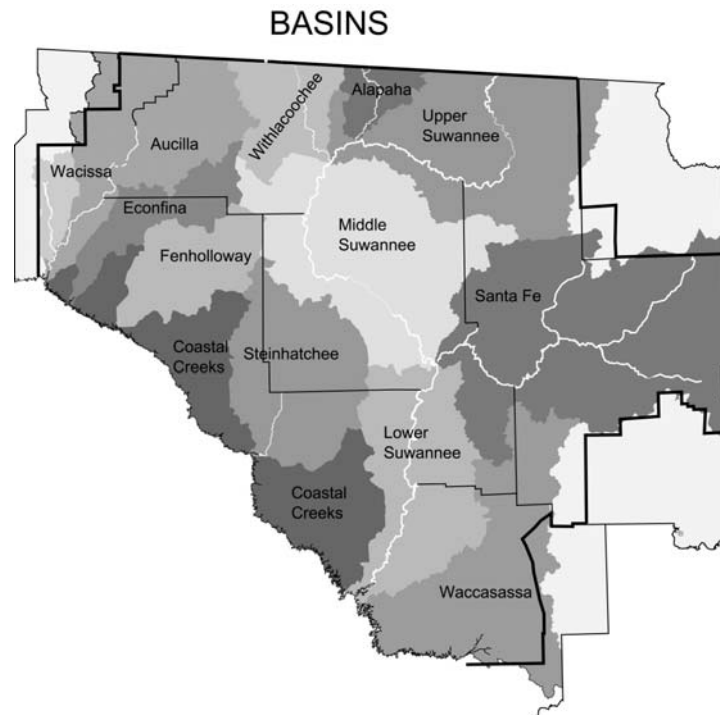
Land Acquisition Program Strategies

- Protect the 100-year floodplain, headwater wetlands, and freshwater spring systems of the District’s major river systems in this region.
- Assist local governments in the acquisition of lands for regional wellhead protection.
- Continue to use a resource-based selection process to target the most important and sensitive remaining lands available.
- Emphasize the use of voluntary sale by willing sellers of large ownerships of reasonably-priced resource lands.
- Encourage the use of alternative acquisition techniques such as conservation easements as a cost-effective means of protection.

Watershed Planning

The geographical area of the Suwannee River Water Management District has been divided into 13 planning areas that correspond with major surfacewater drainage basins. The District owns or proposes to acquire land in 12 of these planning areas. To most effectively protect these water resources and natural systems, the District considers the entire watershed and immediate factors that influence it when selecting and prioritizing lands for acquisition.

Figure 3 SRWMD Basin Planning Areas



The update proposes to preserve and protect water resources by acquiring an additional 54,000 acres of land primarily within the floodplain of the major rivers of the District (Table 3). The acquisition of lands not specifically named in the plan should not be precluded if the Governing Board determines they are necessary for water management purposes. The plan is subject to review and possible modification at least annually. A review may result in the addition or deletion of areas targeted for acquisition. By law, a public hearing will be conducted prior to any amendment to the plan, and an annual report of acquisition activity, together with modifications or additions to the plan, must be filed with the legislature and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.

This update identifies sufficient lands to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will be related to such considerations as:

- Governing Board policy,
- Threats to the resource,
- Availability of willing sellers,
- Tract size,
- General market conditions,
- Available staff resources, and
- Availability of funds.

Land Acquisition Priority Projects

The projects on the following list are deemed to be the District’s highest land acquisition priorities. Active acquisitions identified as Quality Communities Projects and Priority Projects in previous Florida Forever annual updates are expressly considered a part of the current plan. These transactions will be closed as expeditiously as possible using funds previously appropriated.

Table 4 Priority Land Acquisition Projects for FY 09/10 Funding

Seller	Project Name	County	Acres
Chinquapin Farm LLC	Ichetucknee Basin CE	Suwannee & Columbia	6,300
Dixie County Commission	Guaranto and Log Landing Additions	Dixie	21
Feagle, Ronald A.	Bonnett Lake Conservation Easement	Columbia	436
Jackson, Kevin and Patrice	Jackson CE	Lafayette	150
Limited Access Properties Inc.	Gilchrist Regional Wellfield	Gilchrist	125
Osceola Land & Timber Corp.	Santa Fe River Ranch Addition	Alachua	489
Santa Fe River Hammock LLC	Santa Fe River Hammock CE	Bradford	176
Suwannee River Development LLC	Ace Ranch	Lafayette	678
Taylor, Gary and Peggy	Gilchrist Regional Wellfield	Gilchrist	260
N. G. Wade Investment Company	Gilchrist Regional Wellfield	Gilchrist	105

Alternatives to Fee Simple Acquisition – Conservation Easements

Under the amended statute 259.101 (9) “alternatives to fee simple acquisition include but are not limited to: purchase of development rights; conservation easements; flowage easements; purchase of timber rights, mineral rights or hunting rights; purchase of agricultural or silvicultural interests; land-protection agreements; fee simple acquisitions with reservations and other techniques....”

All project areas identified in this update are suited for less than fee purchase, and District staff will pursue this option with willing landowners.

Using alternatives to fee simple acquisition provides a cost-effective method to protect water resources. The District has made a commitment to use less than fee techniques and to discuss their application with landowners during each new purchase opportunity.

Surplus Lands

In May 2009 the District Governing Board adopted Program Directive 2009-01 to identify surplus lands. Surplus lands are defined as those District-owned parcels that do not contribute significantly to the achievement of a project's acquisition objectives. These objectives include not only the protection or enhancement of water resource benefits, but also effective and efficient land management.

District-owned lands were analyzed to determine areas outside of the 100-year floodplain that did not have significant water resource values and would not negatively impact land management strategies if sold. The following parcels have been designated as surplus by the District Governing Board.

- Levings Tract, 69 acres, Columbia County
- Bay Creek North Tract, 24 acres, Columbia County
- Bay Creek South Tract, 46 acres, Columbia County
- Owens Spring Tract, 77 acres, Lafayette County
- Westwoods Tract, 270 acres, Madison County
- Blue Sink Tract, 79 acres, Suwannee County
- Wooten Tract, 10 acres, Hamilton County

No lands were surplus in 2009. Any recommendation for the disposition of land will be presented for Governing Board consideration in accordance with Sections 373.056 and 373.089, F. S.

RESTORATION AND WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Ichetucknee Springshed - City of Lake City & Columbia County

The District and Columbia County have identified the need to implement regional stormwater management systems within the Ichetucknee Springshed to protect and restore water quality for waters recharging the Floridan aquifer, which in turn feeds regionally significant springs, such as the Ichetucknee group.

The District and Columbia County have entered into an interlocal agreement for \$10 million in project costs for fiscal year 2006 through 2010. The agreement contemplates construction of regional stormwater treatment systems by acquiring the appropriate lands and building stormwater treatment and attenuation areas.

Lake City and the District are planning a reclaimed water project to offset groundwater withdrawals. The project will consist of a storage facility and transmission lines. Estimated project cost is \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. No funding is proposed for fiscal year 2010 for this project.

Upper Santa Fe River Basin – City of Starke, Bradford County

Edwards Bottomlands Restoration Project

The City of Starke depends upon Alligator Creek for drainage of most of its incorporated area. Alligator Creek drains into Lake Rowell and, ultimately, into the Santa Fe River via the Sampson River.

Alligator Creek was dredged several times prior to environmental regulation to facilitate drainage of developed areas. This dredging has destabilized the stream in many locations and caused continued erosion and water quality problems. Stream restoration is needed to protect this system from continued erosion and degradation.

The District, in cooperation with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, plans to restore the stream banks and channel and re-establish the historic floodplain along a portion of the creek within the 47-acre parcel known as the Edwards Bottomlands. The restoration project will improve water quality by capturing and treating sediment-laden storm water and will improve habitat for fish and wildlife.

The District proposes a budget of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2010 to implement a restoration project on Alligator Creek.

Upper Suwannee River Basin – City of Jasper, Hamilton County

The majority of the City of Jasper is located in the Upper Suwannee River Basin with a small area in the Alapaha River Basin. The extreme north part of the city drains down US 129 to Little Alapaha River. The rest of the city drains into adjacent swamps, lakes and creeks within the Upper Suwannee River Basin.

Much of the city was developed prior to requirements for stormwater management. Consequently, several areas of the city are prone to flooding, which leads to water quality problems.

The plan is to make improvements to create regional stormwater treatment systems by acquiring the appropriate lands and building storm water treatment and attenuation areas. The City of Jasper has initiated contact with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the District in order to develop a partnership with these agencies to address flooding and water quality issues within the City of Jasper.

The District proposes a budget of \$150,000 for fiscal year 2010 from Florida Forever. Additional funding may be available from the Department of Transportation as partnerships are developed.

Lower Santa Fe River – City of High Springs, Alachua County

The City of High Springs is located in the Santa Fe River Basin in northwestern Alachua County. The City's secondary treated wastewater effluent is discharged to a sprayfield.

The District and City plan to develop a reclaimed water project to offset 240,000 gallons per day of groundwater withdrawals. Groundwater recharge will also occur with the project. Project components consist constructing a storage facility and installing transmission lines. Estimated project cost is \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Funding is not being proposed for fiscal year 2010.

Upper Santa Fe River Basin – City of Alachua, Alachua County

The City of Alachua is located in the Upper Santa Fe River Basin. The City's existing wastewater treatment facility can produce public access reuse water. However, the City has limited infrastructure to store and distribute the reuse water.

Based on initial estimates, it is believed that approximately 1.0 to 4.0 MGD of groundwater withdrawals could be offset with the implementation of this water resource development project. Project components consist of a storage facility and installing transmission lines. Estimate project cost is \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Funding is not being proposed for fiscal year 2010.

Fenholloway River Basin – City of Perry, Taylor County

The City of Perry is located in the Fenholloway River Basin. The District and City have been coordinating with Buckeye Cellulose to implement a reclaimed water project to offset groundwater withdrawals.

The project component entails installing a transmission pipeline. Approximately 1.0 mgd of groundwater would be offset with a future offset of up to 2.5 mgd. Estimated project cost is \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Funding is not being proposed for fiscal year 2010.

Waccasassa River Basin – City of Newberry, Alachua County

The City of Newberry is located in the Waccasassa River Basin. The District and City have been collaborating to develop and implement a reuse program to offset

groundwater withdrawals. The project will consist of storage and transmission lines. Estimated project cost is \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. No funding is proposed for fiscal year 2010 for this project.

Waccasassa River Basin – Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, Levy County

The Cedar Key Water and Sewer District is located in the Waccasassa River Basin. The Cedar Key Water and Sewer District currently owns and operates a WWTP capable of providing public access reuse water.

The District has coordinated with the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District to develop a project that will efficiently store and deliver reclaimed water. Project components consist of storage and piping. Estimated project cost is \$50,000 to \$75,000. The District proposes a budget of \$52,500 for fiscal year 2010 to implement this resource development project.

Numeric performance measures will involve the amount of reclaimed water offsetting groundwater withdrawals.

Upper Santa Fe River Basin – City of Lawtey, Bradford County

The City of Lawtey is located in the Upper Santa Fe River Basin. The City has an existing potable water storage tank that is exhibiting signs of deterioration and needs to be replaced. Estimated project cost is \$750,000 to \$1,250,000. No funding is proposed for fiscal year 2010.

Table 5 Potential Restoration and Water Resource Development Projects

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT NAME	COST RANGE ESTIMATE
Stormwater Restoration	Edwards Bottomlands/Alligator Creek	\$200,000 - \$300,000
Stormwater Restoration	Jasper	\$1,000,000 - \$1,250,000
Stormwater Restoration	Ichetucknee Springshed	\$12,000,000 - \$13,000,000
Water Resource Development	Perry	\$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000
Water Resource Development	High Springs	\$4,000,000 - \$5,000,000
Water Resource Development	Newberry	\$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000
Water Resource Development	Lake City	\$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000
Water Resource Development	Alachua	\$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000
Water Resource Development	Lawtey	\$750,000 - \$1,250,000
Water Resource Development	Cedar Key Water & Sewer District	\$50,000 - \$75,000

Appendix A Florida Forever Acquisition Summary

<i>Seller</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Conservation Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Closing</i>
Williams, Fred M. Jr.	Walker/Aucilla Tract	Middle Aucilla	Jefferson	Fee	112	220,318	11/8/2001
Ward, Cleatus	Lake Butler Wellfield	New River	Union	Fee	148	310,023	12/28/2001
Levy Wade Inc.	Peacock Slough	Peacock Springs	Suwannee	Fee	569	625,768	12/31/2001
Van Hook, C.A.	Falmouth Addition	Falmouth	Suwannee	Fee	18	40,000	1/8/2002
Chesson, Maywood	Waldron's Landing	Deep Creek	Columbia	Fee	124	329,016	1/9/2002
Red Hills Land Company	Foster Conservation Easement	Middle Aucilla	Jefferson	Easmnt	163	140,000	3/25/2002
Plum Creek Timberlands	Manatee Springs Addition Swamp	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Cons Easmnt	12,797	5,503,127	3/28/2002
Sam Shine	Mallory Swamp	Upper Steinhatchee	Lafayette	Fee	29,463	2,592,744	4/30/2002
Florida Depart. of Trans.	Santa Fe River FDOT Mitigation	Ichetucknee	Gilchrist	Fee	42	0	5/15/2002
Mura Family	Lots 260, 261, 302, 303 Suwannee River Campsites	State Park	Hamilton	Fee	1	0	6/30/2002
Crevassee Alton & Charlotte	Atsena Otie Key Inholding	Lower Waccasassa	Levy	Fee	1	48,000	7/30/2002
Plum Creek Timberlands	Manatee Springs Addition Oak Hammock	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Cons Easmnt	4,588	3,005,225	8/31/2002
Evans, Barbara & Donald	Fanning Springs Greenway	Wanee	Gilchrist	Fee	46	115,700	11/27/2002
Gause Thomas & Patricia	Fanning Springs Greenway	Wanee	Gilchrist	Fee	64	160,325	11/27/2002
Skinner Development Co.	Bell Springs Addition	Wanee	Gilchrist	Fee	25	0	12/19/2002
Moore, Madeline	Moore Cons Easmnt	Middle Aucilla	Jefferson	Cons Easmnt	115	54,000	12/23/2002
The Conservation Fund	Fletchers Landing	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Fee	178	436,000	4/12/2003
Drummond, Graham Luther	Manatee Springs Addition	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Cons Easmnt	323	323,407	5/29/2003
Sigvartsen Trust, Marty Royo, Trustee	Suwannee Bluff Ranchettes Lot 12	Wanee	Gilchrist	Fee	10	34,500	6/20/2003
Union Land and Timber Corp	Allen Mill Pond Addition	Allen Mill Pond	Lafayette	Fee	140	164,136	6/30/2003
Maxwell Foods, Inc.	Horseshoe Beach Wellhead Protection Area	Coastal Creeks	Dixie	Fee	100	200,000	6/30/2003
Curtis John M. Sr.	Withlacoochee East Addition	Withlacoochee East	Hamilton	Fee	89	208,868	10/1/2003
Davis M.C.	Withlacoochee East Addition	Withlacoochee East	Hamilton	Fee	57	0	10/1/2003
Rayonier Forest Resources L.P.	Lake Rowell/Alligator Creek	Graham	Bradford	Fee	593	1,060,000	5/5/2004
Beckerleg, William	Charles Spring River Estates Unit 1, Lot 40		Suwannee	Fee	2	13,000	5/7/2004
Faris, William & Sophia	Faris Ranch	Little River	Suwannee	Fee	1,020	2,283,358	6/30/2004
Usher Trust	Manatee Springs Addition	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Cons Easmnt	2,023	1,517,048	8/17/2004

<i>Seller</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Conservation Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Closing</i>
Land, Jack & Todd	Land Tract	Yellow Jacket	Dixie	Fee	536	964,674	10/15/2004
Dugger, Edward & Green, Donald	Mud Swamp	Graham	Bradford	Fee	510	757,874	12/13/2004
Dugger, Edward & Green, Donald	Mud Swamp	Monteocha	Alachua	Fee	326	485,190	12/13/2004
Luther Drummond Investments, Ltd.	Chiefland Wellfield	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Fee	155	621,640	2/21/2005
Young Paul & Frances	Suwannee Bluff Ranchettes Lot 10	Wannee	Gilchrist	Fee	10	34,000	2/25/2005
Bem, Jan & Yana	Yana Springs	Allen Mill Pond	Lafayette	Fee	14	154,000	3/15/2005
DeVaney, Robert & Deborah	Mallory Swamp Devaney Addition	Lower Steinhatchee	Lafayette	Fee	1,038	448,381	4/8/2005
McEwen, Donald	Wacissa Head Spring	Wacissa	Jefferson	Fee	22	225,000	4/28/2005
Tanner, Hillard	City of Jasper Wellhead Protection	Upper Alapaha	Hamilton	Fee	30	72,240	4/28/2005
Torode, John A. Revocable Living Trust	Lake Rowell Addition	Graham	Bradford	Fee	20	29,646	6/17/2005
Lamb, et al.	Allen Mill Pond Addition	Allen Mill Pond	Lafayette	Fee	29	60,040	3/1/2006
Pepper Land Company Inc.	Suwannee River Wilderness Camp @ Dowling Park	Allen Mill Pond	Lafayette	Fee	9	84,000	3/30/2006
Nunez, Luis M	Anderson Springs Addition	Anderson Springs	Suwannee	Fee	10	80,000	5/19/2006
Hutchings, William & Patricia	Branford Bend Addition	Little River	Suwannee	Fee	28	300,000	5/30/2006
Roland, Charles & Joann	Greenville Wellfield Properties	Upper Aucilla	Madison	Fee	13	34,398	6/10/2006
Roland, Shane & Lisa	Greenville Wellfield Properties	Upper Aucilla	Madison	Fee	33	78,000	6/10/2006
Hatch, Leon	Devils Elbow Addition	Stuart's Landing	Lafayette	Fee	1	12,000	6/30/2006
R. O. Ranch Inc. & Schulte CRUT	R. O. Ranch	Upper Steinhatchee	Lafayette	Fee	2,485	6,500,000	7/27/2006
Herndon, Walter and Helen	Withlacoochee Quail Farms	Withlacoochee West	Madison	Fee	408	1,835,130	9/29/2006
Johnson, Jack and Dorothy	Withlacoochee Quail Farms	Withlacoochee West	Madison	Fee	353	1,589,310	10/13/2006
Riggs, Joseph and Jennie	Purvis Landing Addition	Log Landing	Dixie	Fee	77	267,123	10/31/2006
Hauber, Marty and Peggy	Suwannee Forest Lot 7	Stuart's Landing	Suwannee	Fee	10	98,000	2/28/2007
Land Timber and Cattle L.L.C.	Mallory Swamp Addition	Grady	Lafayette	Fee	820	1,312,224	3/20/2007
Advent Christian Village, Inc.	Suwannee River Wilderness Camp @ Dowling Park	Allen Mill Pond	Lafayette	Fee	39	385,500	4/5/2007
White, Diane Bishop	Bell Springs Riverfront	Deep Creek	Columbia	Fee	8	310,000	5/18/2007
Morrell, Monroe	Bell Springs	Deep Creek	Columbia	Fee	46	785,000	5/18/2007
Feagin, Robert & Marjorie	Middle Aucilla Addition	Middle Aucilla	Taylor	Fee	80	339,000	7/20/2007
Hale, Martha C.& McDaniel, Virginia Gail	Russell Carter Conservation Easement	Benton	Columbia	Cons Easmt	1,232	3,566,987	9/28/2007
Jones, Mike and Kim	Jasper Stormwater	Holton Creek	Hamilton	Fee	1	16,700	10/5/2007
Sganga, Brian	Little Shoals Addition	Deep Creek	Columbia	Fee	1	60,000	11/15/2007

<i>Seller</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Conservation Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Closing</i>
Tisdale, Robert	Manatee Springs Addition	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Cons Easmnt	83	141,925	11/16/2007
McEnany, Michael and Leanne	McEnany Conservation Easement	Lower Waccasassa	Levy	Cons Easmnt	1,104	1,490,224	11/16/2007
Smith, B. Larry and Christine M.	Suwannee Gardens Addition	Yellow Jacket	Dixie	Fee	49	462,460	11/21/2007
Levings, Albert	Town of Fort White Wellfield	Santa Fe Springs	Columbia	Fee Cons	102	1,536,546	12/15/2007
Ragans, Hoyt and Betty Jo	Ragans Cons Easmnt	Middle Aucilla	Madison	Easmnt Cons	586	748,614	12/28/2007
Ragans, Hoyt and Betty Jo	Ragans Cons Easmnt	Middle Aucilla	Jefferson	Easmnt	169	216,826	12/28/2007
Moses Investments, L.L.C.	Troy Springs Addition	Troy Springs	Lafayette	Fee	106	1,014,054	1/30/2008
Lake Alto LLC	Lake Alto Addition	Sante Fe Swamp	Alachua	Fee Cons	120	210,209	2/7/2008
Sheppard, Derwood and Susan Mozak, Deborah & Danny and Vasko, Victor & Betty	Manatee Springs Addition Swift Creek Addition	Fowlers Bluff Swift Creek	Levy Hamilton	Easmnt Fee	120 5	214,938 250,000	2/8/2008 3/14/2008
Gullett, David & Michele	Lake Alto Swamp Addition	Sante Fe Swamp	Alachua	Fee	29	152,961	5/15/2008
Adams, John Anthony Hale, Martha C. & McDaniel, Virginia Gail	Adams on Alapaha Russell Carter Conservation Easement	Lower Alapaha Benton	Hamilton Columbia	Fee Cons Easmnt	267 -1	1,068,800 -2,895	7/11/2008 8/5/2008
Big Otter L.P., Faith, Hope, Charity Place, Inc.	Otter Springs	Wannee	Gilchrist	Fee	636	6,800,000	9/30/2008
Suwannee Land & Timber Inc.	Willow Bend Subdivision Park Lot	Withlacoochee West	Madison	Fee	1	0	11/17/2008
Suwannee Land & Timber Inc.	Willow Bend Subdivision Lot 21	Withlacoochee West	Madison	Fee	1	17,000	11/17/2008
Carter, Gerald and Diane	Suwannee Woods Subdivision Lot 48	Camp Branch	Hamilton	Fee	1	0	12/26/2008
SRWMD to City of Chiefland	Chiefland Wellfield	Fowlers Bluff	Levy	Fee	-33	-189,278	2/1/2009
Faiweather & Parchment	Lake Alto Addition	Sante Fe Swamp	Alachua	Fee	41	30,000	2/16/2009
Madison/Taylor Timberlands, L.L.C.	Aucilla Corridor Addition	Upper Aucilla	Jefferson	Fee	1,056	2,619,484	5/12/2009
Madison/Taylor Timberlands, L.L.C.	Aucilla Corridor Addition	Upper Aucilla	Madison	Fee	172	429,916	5/12/2009
Wooten, Albert & Jessie	Lower Alapaha Addition	Lower Alapaha	Hamilton	Fee Cons	63	380,000	7/1/2009
Champion, Roger & Donna	Mount Gilead Conservation Easement	Middle Aucilla	<<multiple>>	Easmnt	181	361,940	8/19/2009
					66,013	\$58,844,345	

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Appendix B Project Plans

Progress of Funding, Staffing and Resource Management

Program Name: LAND ACQUISITION

Revenue Source Description	FY 09/10 Budget
Florida Forever Trust Fund	6,550,000
P2000 Resale – USFS, PCS	7,567,000
PCS Mitigation Funds	604,000
Water Management Lands Trust Fund	664,287
Total Revenues	\$15,385,287

GLA	Project	2010 Budget
516	Salaries and Benefits	\$413,787
580	Legal Services	90,000
586	Contractual Services	
	<i>Appraisals</i>	50,000
	<i>Surveys</i>	65,000
	<i>Environmental Assessments</i>	20,000
	<i>Baseline Inventories</i>	15,000
605	Printing	500
622	Registrations and Training	5,000
626	Travel Expenses	3,000
809	Fees and Permits	1,000
903	Office Equipment	1,000
920	Acquisition	
	<i>Conservation Lands</i>	12,721,000
	<i>Stormwater Restoration</i>	2,000,000
Total Expenditures		\$15,385,287

Project Title **Program Administration - Land Acquisition**
Objective Support & coordinate activities of the Land Acquisition program.
Completion 9/30/2010
Deliverables Florida Forever Database and Map Updates
 Florida Forever Work Plan Draft
 Florida Forever Work Plan Complete
 Final Governing Board Approval of Florida Forever Plan
 Florida Forever Work Plan to Melanie

Program Name: LAND MANAGEMENT

Revenue Source Description	FY 09/10 Budget
Water Management Lands Trust Fund	1,317,113
Land Management Funds Carried Forward	6,868,012
Timber Sales-Twin Rivers State Forest	100,000
Florida Forever	250,000
Total Revenues	\$8,535,125

GLA	Project	2010 Budget
516	Salaries and Benefits	\$743,940
580	Legal Services	35,000
586	Contractual Services	
	<i>Land Management Information System</i>	150,000
	<i>Prescribed Fire Management</i>	400,000
	<i>Construction Services</i>	250,000
	<i>Featured Site Maintenance</i>	86,000
	<i>Road and Boundary Management</i>	199,400
	<i>Forestry Consulting</i>	40,000
	<i>Fireline Plowing</i>	40,000
	<i>Primitive and General Site Maintenance</i>	100,000
	<i>Exotic Species Control</i>	15,000
	<i>Timber Sale Administration</i>	125,000
	<i>Surveys & Monitoring</i>	20,000
	<i>ELM Audit</i>	7,000
	<i>Mowing Services</i>	10,000
	<i>Boundary Painting and Posting</i>	25,000
	<i>Seedlings</i>	70,500
	<i>Site Preparation</i>	120,000
	<i>Hunter Check Station</i>	32,000
	<i>Sanitation</i>	32,000
	<i>Signs</i>	7,500
	<i>Hardwood Removal</i>	24,500
	<i>Gates & Fencing</i>	20,000
	<i>Facilities Maintenance</i>	10,000
	<i>Planning & Permitting</i>	16,000
	<i>Tree Planting</i>	50,000
	<i>Post Harvest Cleanup</i>	20,000
	<i>Facilities Upgrades</i>	20,000
	<i>Cultural Resources</i>	5,000
590	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	200,000

605	Printing	
	<i>Kiosk Panels</i>	1,000
	<i>Canoe Maps</i>	2,000
	<i>Printing</i>	400
606	Publication of Notices	1,000
621	Meetings	500
622	Registrations and Training	8,000
626	Travel Expenses	3,000
627	Utilities	13,000
631	Equipment Maintenance	3,000
701	Field Supplies	
	<i>Timber Management</i>	5,000
	<i>Facilities Management</i>	60,000
	<i>Program Administration - Land Management</i>	20,000
	<i>Recreational Facility Management</i>	22,500
703	Computer Supplies	5,500
706	Books and Documents	500
740	Office Support Equipment	1,000
790	Other Commodities	1,000
809	Fees and Permits	3,000
903	Office Equipment	1,500
905	Mobile Equipment	55,000
924	Land Improvements	68,273
930	Interagency Expenditures	
	<i>FSU-FNAI Rare Species Program</i>	60,000
	<i>DOF Twin Rivers State Forest Lease</i>	100,000
	<i>UF-Forest Resources & Conservation</i>	20,000
	<i>Otter Springs</i>	85,000
	<i>Visitor Management</i>	71,500
	<i>Natural Areas Training Academy</i>	4,000
	<i>Sustainable Forestry Initiative</i>	4,500
960	Reserves	5,041,112
Total Expenditures		\$8,535,125

Project Title **Program Administration - Land Management**
Objective Support & coordinate activities of the Land Management program.
Completion 9/30/2010
Deliverables Weekly Team Meetings
Monthly Governing Board Report
Administration of Land Management Contracts
Fiscal Year 2011 Work Plan and Budget Draft

Project Title	Land Management Information System
Objective	Collect and maintain data and applications that are used to generate management plans, reports and audits of District's lands, resources and land management activities.
Completion	9/30/2010
Deliverables	Fiscal Year 2009 SFI Audit Report Fiscal Year 2009 ELM Report to GB Completion of Land Management Review Team Meetings Land Management Review Team Report-Governing Board
Project Title	Visitor Management
Objective	Manage public use to ensure visitors receive a positive, safe and educational experience.
Completion	9/30/2010
Deliverables	Three Hunter Check Station Reports Canoe Maps Kiosk Panels Law Enforcement Activity Reports
Project Title	Recreational Facility Management
Objective	Maintain District lands and public use facilities to maintenance standards.
Completion	9/30/2010
Deliverables	Little River Springs State Park Starter Kit Maintenance of Recreation Facilities to District Standards Upgrade of 20 Recreation Sites Opening/Closing Featured Recreation Sites Maintain Sanitation Facilities at Featured Recreation Sites
Project Title	Real Property Interests Management
Objective	Manage the Governing Board real-estate interests to protect the public investment in District lands.
Completion	9/30/2010
Deliverables	Timeline for Conservation Easement Inspections Interim Conservation Easement Report Governing Board Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Checks for Payment in Lieu of Taxes to Counties Final Conservation Easement Report
Project Title	Prescribed Fire Management
Objective	Use prescribed fire as a tool to reduce wildfire hazard, and restore or maintain natural ecological functions.
Completion	9/30/2010
Deliverables	8,000 acres burned by prescription Firelines for the burning of 8,000 acres Monthly report to Board
Project Title	Forest Management
Objective	Manage the District's timber resources to enhance or restore the historical state and condition of its natural ecological communities.
Completion	9/30/2010

Deliverables Survival Report on 2008 reforestation
Reforestation completed on 2000 acres
Completion of state-funded exotic plant treatments
Completion of District-funded exotic plant treatments
Completion of in-house exotic plant treatments
Timber Sale Contracts - 800 acres
Completion of 2009 site prep operations

Project Title **R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park**
Objective Construction and management of the park.
Completion 9/30/2010
Deliverables Paved Road System
Visitor Center
30-unit Campground
Potable Water System
Sanitary Sewer System
Construction Plans for the Covered Arena

Project Title **Streambank and Wetland Restoration**
Objective Restoration of Wetlands and Streambank on District lands.
Completion 9/30/2010
Deliverables Recommendation to GB on Pot Springs
Development of Restoration List
Construction at Pot Spring
Restoration of Pot Springs Streambank

Project Title **Facility Management**
Objective To maintain District facilities (roads, boundaries, fencing and buildings) and prevent loss of use for intended purposes.
Completion 9/30/2010
Deliverables Maintenance on 100 miles of boundary lines
Maintenance on public use roads
Maintenance on administrative roads
Maintenance of facilities

Project Title **Otter Springs**
Objective Manage recreational facilities
Completion 9/30/2010
Deliverables

Program Name: Quality Communities

Revenue Source Description	FY 09/10 Budge
Florida Forever Trust Fund	\$485,000
Total Revenues	\$485,000

GLA Code	Project	2010 budget
586	Contractual Services	
	<i>Edwards Bottomland Wetland Restoration</i>	\$250,000
930	Interagency Expenditures	
	<i>Jasper Stormwater</i>	\$100,000
	<i>Live Oak – US 90 & Houston Street Drainage</i>	\$135,000
	Total Expenditures	\$485,000

Project Title: Jasper Stormwater

Objectives: Develop a stormwater program for the City of Jasper.
 Completion: 9/30/2010
 Deliverables: Implementation of Interlocal Agreement
 Meetings with City
 Development of stormwater Program
 Contract & Project Review

Project Title: Live Oak – US 90 and Houston Street Drainage

Objectives: Resolve flooding problem at US 90 and Houston Street in Live Oak.
 Completion: 9/30/2010
 Deliverables: Implementation of Local Agency Participation Agreement
 Meetings with the Florida Department of Transportation and City
 Contract & Project Review

Project Title Edwards Bottomland Wetland Restoration

Objective Assist the City of Starke with the restoration of Alligator Creek.
 Completion 9/30/2010
 Deliverables Construction contract
 Construction completion
 Meetings with contractor
 Contract & Project Review

Appendix C SRWMD Excellence in Land Management Report for Fiscal Year 2008

Introduction

The District has completed its fourth year of implementing an Excellence in Land Management program. Although the program is, and will remain, a work in progress, the data collection and reporting procedures are beginning to stabilize. In addition, with four years of data for most measures, the program is beginning to generate trends that can assist the staff, Governing Board and public in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses in the District's land management.

The following report summarizes the data that has been collected as evidence of the District's conformance with the four major performance measures adopted by the Governing Board.

Resource Protection

1. The District shall increase public ownership and/or control of land within the Florida Forever (FF) Boundary and 100-year floodplain of Suwannee River and tributaries.

The District acquired 3,097 acres within the areas of acquisition interest delineated in the Florida Forever Work Plan. This accounts for 92% of all lands acquired during the year. This compares with 2,635 acres, 99% within plan-delineated areas, in FY 07. Less than fee purchases accounted for 2,056 acres or 61% of acres acquired almost double the FY 07 acreage.

These numbers will vary significantly from year to year based on the type of projects submitted by landowners (e.g., fee vs. conservation easement), the success of negotiations, and the relative price for acreage purchased.

The percentage of acquired lands that meets two or more of the statutorily-mandated Florida Forever goals and measures remained high at 97%.

Cumulatively, the District owns or has less than fee interests in 59,019 acres within the mapped floodplains of the Suwannee River and its tributaries. This is an increase of 417 acres over the previous fiscal year.

2. The District's Acquisition Program will be consistent with the Florida Forever Goals and Performance Measures.

The analysis for this performance measure is based on an overlay of the map of lands acquired and a set of state-wide maps developed by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI). This is the same basic method used by FNAI to analyze the effectiveness of all agencies in implementing the Florida Forever program.

District acquisitions contribute to the complete range of targeted resources. Most commonly, acquired lands provide protection for surface waters (3,371 acres). Conversely, 202 acres protected groundwater recharge areas critical to springs, sinks, aquifers, other natural systems or water supply.

3. The District shall increase the quality of resources under its management.

The evidence in this section addresses the degree to which District activities improve the condition of the hydrological, ecological, or historical/archeological resources on its lands. To that end, District staff treated 11,618 acres, somewhat lower than the previous fiscal year (14,741 acres).

The most extensive activity was prescribed burning. District staff and contractors conducted successful burns on 9,116 acres. The acres of burning are on a slight downward trend related to ongoing drought conditions and historical accumulation of high fuel loads. This measure will require better weather conditions to move back to the desired upward trend.

The percentage of burns conducted within the planned fire return interval grew from 86% in FY 07 to 96% in FY 08. This is primarily a result of being able to burn areas where fire fuel loading was reduced by previous District burns.

Hydrologic enhancements have decreased dramatically with the Mallory Swamp Project nearing completion and no DOT wetland mitigation activity in FY 08.

The acres and percent treatment of exotic species reported changed drastically this year. This is the first year of a new project manager, and some rules for measurements are being modified. Review of next year's measure will be important to determine accuracy of this measure.

Finally, each of the District's 30 conservation easements were inspected during the fiscal year, with 100% found to be in compliance with the terms of the easement.

4. The District shall conform with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard (SFIS).

A third-party audit of District lands was completed in FY 07. A follow-up surveillance audit was completed in FY 08. The audit firm found the District to be in conformance with the SFIS 2005-2009. The scorecard reflects 96% of all measures either exceed requirements or are in conformance with the standard for the certification audit. For FY 08, 89% of the surveillance measures (20%) were in conformance or exceed requirements. Some better training and documentation of field activities is an area that was considered an Opportunity for Improvement in the audit.

Public Use

1. The District shall increase access and the number of recreation facilities consistent with management plans.

The quantity of recreational facilities has generally increased as the District acquires new lands and completes improvements to them. Hunting opportunities have leveled off, reflecting no new purchase of large tracts suitable for this use.

Vehicular driving trail opportunities have increased by 16 miles to a total of 302 miles.

2. The District shall increase the quality and appearance of access and education/ recreation facilities, and compliance with facility maintenance standards (including ADA requirements).

The percentage of sites meeting or exceeding standards is currently based on whether a tract meets the standard for its public use classification (i.e., featured, general recreation or primitive). District staff has continued to refine definitions and standards for its recreation facilities while at the same time building new facilities and upgrading old ones. The impact of ongoing improvements is expected to show up with an increase in FY 09.

3. The District shall maintain or increase the public's satisfaction with recreation/education experiences on District-owned lands.

The University of Florida Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sports Management completed the second phase of the "Customer Satisfaction Survey" by polling particular user groups. The survey of Special Use Authorization (SUA) holders shows 88% of users were satisfied with the SUA process and their use of the lands. At Anderson Springs the overall experience was scored 4.3 out of 5 by the 25 respondents. Suwannee Springs scored 4.0 out of 5 among its 37 respondents. This would suggest some opportunities for improvement, but overall the public is satisfied with the recreation experiences on District land.

Communication

1. The District shall prepare a District Land Management Plan for all District-owned sites.

The District Land Management Plan (DLMP) covering all lands was approved by the Governing Board in June 2003. Staff is concentrating on refinement of the geographic information system for land management and the development of standards to apply to all facets of District lands. These will provide a basis for revision of the DLMP and development of the annual work plan. Work on the update was not completed in FY 08, but drafts are planned to review with the Land Management Review Teams during FY 09, with the Governing Board Review planned for the first quarter of FY 10.

2. The District shall maintain or increase the annual level of stakeholder involvement (web site hits, meeting participation, number of meetings and workshops, etc.), including review team meetings.

This is one of the measures that have been difficult for staff to track. More is occurring than is being recorded because a consistent mechanism for reporting has not been developed. Staff participated in 53 meetings or developed articles for press release or *Riverfronts* 25 times.

Staff will continue working to define the precise items that need to be tracked and develop procedures for doing so.

3. The District shall maintain or increase the public's satisfaction with public outreach.

Similarly, staff needs to develop a mechanism for collecting this information. Most likely, this measure will combine the results from a portion of the public use survey, comment cards, and a comment form on the District's website.

Staff is recommending discontinuing this measure until the revised DLMP is approved. At that time a decision will be made on the best way to measure this item.

Fiscal Responsibility

1. The District shall manage its lands within the range of management costs of other similar agencies in Florida.

Management costs reported by the other water management districts ranged from \$9.82 to \$21.09 per acre. The District's actual land management expenditures for last fiscal year totaled \$22.95 per acre. This was 34% above the average value of \$17.16. A primary contributor to this was the level of District investment in capital improvements for the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail and R. O. Ranch.

2. The District shall maximize revenues from its timber sales.

Staff has compiled timber sales data and compared the average price per ton for all planned timber sales sold to the average price reported for the region from Timber Mart South. Revenues from District timber sales have consistently exceeded expected values reported from the market and did so by 13% last year.

3. The District shall maximize revenues from alternative funding sources.

Grants from both federal and state sources and non-cash contributions by management cooperators were summed to arrive at a measure of alternate funding. Federal Wetlands Reserve grants have been the single biggest source in recent years, totaling \$236,639 last year. The services that cooperating agencies contributed is estimated at \$367000. DOF sold approximately \$313,000 of SRWMD timber from Twin Rivers State Forest and billed for \$51,000 of services. Along with several smaller grants the total from alternative sources for FY 08 was \$583,753. This was down substantially from previous years (related to the winding down of Mallory Swamp funding) and amounted to 9% of all land management expenditures.

4. The District shall provide and maintain adequate human resources and physical infrastructure to effectively and safely manage its lands.

This performance measure is designed to gauge the extent to which the District is taking preventative action to maintain the underlying support system for land management. The human dimension is measured in terms of staff training. The number of courses attended was 53% of FY 07 courses, and training hours were 69% of FY 07 hours. On average,

each member of the land acquisition and management staff attended less than 2 courses and received 18 contact hours. This issue is being monitored more closely as a result of the SFI[®] audit.

The maintenance of key records has been identified as an important measure, but a protocol for its application has yet to be developed.

Staff is conducting quarterly safety inspections of public use facilities. Potential problems are being noted and addressed on a regular basis. Development of a complete set of safety standards and a procedure for auditing conformance is not yet complete.

Conclusions

District land acquisition and management is achieving its core mission of natural resource protection. Examples of evidence for this statement include:

- The District is acquiring land that is highly consistent with the Florida Forever Work Plan and with 97% of the acquisitions meeting two or more Florida Forever goals and measures.
- Over 11,600 acres were treated to enhance natural community conditions on SRWMD lands.
- The District's prescribed fire program progressed and maintained a high percentage of repeat burns occurring at a frequency consistent with natural cycles.
- Third party audits of the program for conformance with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard 2005-2009 show high levels of conformance and substantial areas of exceeding requirements of the standard in rare species management, Best Management Practice compliance and public recreation program.
- Recreational users of SRWMD lands report a high degree of satisfaction with natural experience provided by SRWMD lands.

Areas to monitor based on information tracked through this process include:

- Downward trend in areas treated to enhance natural communities. Prescribed fire is highly correlated with weather and adversely affected by the ongoing drought, but there were decreases in timber sales acreage, acres replanted and exotic plant treatment.
- The District Land Management Plan update must be completed within the next fiscal year or the potential to lose direction and lose public confidence exists.
- Land Management Costs continue to be at the upper end of the range compared to other water management districts, but the near completion of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail capital projects should begin to lower the costs.

- A consistent measure of adequate staff training must be developed to understand the status of desired training. Focusing on courses and hours may reflect training opportunities and not “adequately trained” staff.

Recommended Revisions for FY 09 Score Card

(Shown in red on Scorecard)

Discontinue tracking until completion of new District Land Management Plan.

Measure 1.3D – % acres restored in identified upland restoration layer.

Measure 3.3 – % satisfaction with Public Outreach program.

Measure 4.4B – % of records up to date.

Measure 4.4C – % of facilities that meet standards.

Clarify Measure 1.3H to be acres assessed for high probability zones for cultural resources.



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