



Alachua County

Alachua County Forever's Barr Hammock Preserve South Addition



Purchase Date: December 9, 2010
Seller: Delcala Land, LLC
Purchase Price: \$340,000 **Size:** 87 acres

- Barr Hammock is located in southern Alachua County, west of Micanopy. It is the largest ACF preserve at 5,500 acres.
- This addition will eventually serve as the entrance to the Preserve and will provide public access from County Road 234 and SE 175 Ave.
- Barr Hammock Preserve, which includes Levy Prairie, was acquired with funds from Alachua County, Florida Communities Trust, a North American Wetland Conservation Act Grant and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Conservation Trust for Florida is a partner in the grant applications and has agreed to assist Alachua County with providing educational tours.
- Outstanding biotic features of the Barr Hammock complex include: hydric hammock, baygall, basin marsh, and flatwoods/prairie lake. The natural communities of the site support at least 20 plant and animal species that are protected by the State of Florida. The preserve will be managed to protect, preserve and enhance the unique natural and cultural resources found on the property and to provide an enjoyable and educational passive recreational experience.
- This is the sixth acquisition using the Wild Spaces and Public Places Surtax, approved by the voters in 2008 to extend the ACF Program.



ALACHUA COUNTY FOREVER MISSION

Approved in November 2000 by the voters, to acquire, improve and manage the county's environmentally sensitive lands to protect water resources, wildlife habitats and natural areas suitable for resource-based recreation.

Program Notes

- ✓ Alachua County Forever responds to public nominations.
- ✓ Property owners must be willing. Condemnation of property is not permitted under Alachua County Forever.
- ✓ Projects evaluated by staff and the Land Conservation Board.
- ✓ Criteria include protection of water resources, habitats, species, social value, manageability, and the economics of the acquisition.
- ✓ The County Commission approves acquisition projects.
- ✓ County can acquire property outright or certain rights through less-than-fee mechanisms such as conservation easements.
- ✓ Offers are made based on independent, private appraisals.
- ✓ Program funded by \$29 million in voter-approved bonds and \$15 million in Sales Surtax.
- ✓ Program actively seeks state, federal and private grants.
- ✓ Properties are managed as preserves.
- ✓ Resource-compatible, passive recreation is encouraged on sites where appropriate.



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