



# Alachua County

## Alachua County Forever's Lake Santa Fe – Crosley Tract



<b>Date:</b> October 27, 2005	<b>Purchase Price:</b> \$903,000
<b>Seller:</b> Crosley Family	<b>Size:</b> 254 acres
<b>Score:</b> 7.47 out of 10.00	

- The Crosley parcel sits on the northeast bank of Lake Alto at CR 1471 in north east Alachua County.
- It is located within 1 mile of several conservation areas including Lake Alto Swamp, Santa Fe Swamp, Lake Alto, the Lake Alto Boat Ramp, Lake Santa Fe, and the Longleaf Ecology and Forestry Society properties.
- It protects over 2,500 feet of lake shoreline and high quality upland and wetland communities, and provides good wading bird habitat.
- Protection of the wetlands on the Crosley property would improve the quality of water discharged into the lake, and preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat.
- This is one of the important tracts in the Waldo – Melrose Blueway; a joint public/private effort anchored by the communities of Waldo and Melrose to create and enhance a system of linked trails, canals, lakes providing nature-based recreation in the Lake Alto and Lake Santa Fe area.
- This was the second acquisition with The Nature Conservancy's assistance.



### 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 through a \$29 million in voter-approved bonds.
- ✓ Program actively seeks state, federal and private grants.
- ✓ Properties are managed as preserves.
- ✓ Resource-compatible, passive recreation is encouraged on sites where appropriate.

### ALACHUA COUNTY FOREVER REFERENDUM

*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.*

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