

10/28/08: ACF receives \$1.1 Million reimbursement from Florida Communities Trust



Alachua County received \$1.1 million from [Florida Communities Trust](#) to reimburse 40% of the acquisition costs of the recently-opened Phifer Flatwoods in eastern Alachua County. Receipt of this check adds the exclamation point to a remarkable example of local land conservation and is testament to the dedication and concerted efforts of citizens, non-profit organizations, and government. When the land was first put up for auction by a national timber company, [Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.](#), a local non-profit land trust, quickly rallied the support of the community, receiving loans and donations from more than 50 individuals, foundations, and non-profit groups, and gifts from more than 250 households. This valiant effort raised nearly \$3 million for the initial land purchase. Alachua County purchased Phifer Flatwoods from Alachua Conservation Trust using Alachua County Forever funds. Florida Communities Trust reimbursed Alachua County 40% of their cost adding their name to the extraordinarily large number of people involved in preserving this vital ecological and recreational corridor. To access the 630-acre property, click on the [map and directions](#). More information on the site is available in the [fact sheet](#).