

11/10/09: North Florida Wetlands Conservation Project Highlighted.



The partnership between ACF, the State Florida Communities Trust, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alachua Conservation Trust, Conservation Trust for Florida and The Conservation Fund was highlighted in the Fall 2009 newsletter of the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture. The ACJV protects habitat and flyways for migratory birds. They chose this project as a featured area to highlight the value of partnerships. Matching the federal contribution of \$4 million was \$12 million in local, private and State funds. All told, some 7,000 acres around Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park will be protected. These areas include Levy, Kanapaha and Ledwith Prairies, Lake Tuscawillia, and Barr Hammock. From the article, "The marshes of north Florida are important resting and over-wintering habitat for Sandhill Crane, Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, and Wood Duck, as well as Greater Yellowleg and Common Snipe. In drier years they provide significant overwintering habitat for rails, Marsh Wren, Sedge Wren, Common Yellowthroat, and numerous species of wintering sparrows.

The full article is at: <http://www.acjv.org/documents/e-newsfall09.pdf>