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July 31, 2023

The Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape

A [Sentinel Landscape](#) is an area designated by the **U.S. Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and Interior**. Sentinel landscapes provide focus areas where these agencies work together with other public agencies and private partners. We strive to maintain compatible land uses that conserve listed species habitat and minimize encroachment threats and constraints to military missions. Northwest Florida was designated a Sentinel Landscape on February 15, 2022. Please visit our [web page](#) for additional information about the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape.

Federally funded projects by the Departments of Defense, Interior and Agriculture within Sentinel Landscapes may receive extra priority for funding. Through this designation, we are seeking to build partnerships upon mutual objectives to foster and accomplish land conservation, private land stewardship, resiliency and sustainability initiatives in Northwest Florida.

NWFSL Partners Hold First In-Person Meeting

The first **NWFSL Partnership** in-person meeting was hosted by **Eglin Air Force Base (EAFB)** on July 20 and 21 in Niceville. Our meeting kicked off with a site visit to **Eglin AFB's Anderson Pond Recreation Area** on the afternoon of the 20th. with over 30 partners participating. Highlights of the site visit were:

- **Bill Tate of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** described their partnership with EAFB and their successful recovery of the Okaloosa darter which was followed by visit to section of restored stream.
- **Kathy Gault** and **Jeremy Preston of EAFB** discussed stewardship for the red cockaded woodpecker and gopher tortoise on EAFB.
- **Justin Davis** described EAFB's outdoor recreation program.
- **Charlie Abeles of the Longleaf Alliance** shared their progress in restoring wetlands to help recover the reticulated flatwood salamander at Escribano Point WMA
- **Randy Roy with Naval Air Station Whiting Field** and **Doug Hattaway with the Trust for Public Land** described their success in conserving land to buffer NAS Whiting Field from encroaching development.

That evening over 25 partners enjoyed a social gathering.

41 partners participated in the **July 21 Partnership meeting**. We were welcomed by **Dale R. Marks, Vice Director, 96th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base** and **Kent Wimmer, NWFSL Coordinator**. **Mr. Marks** cited the critical nature our partnership to protecting military missions in Northwest Florida. **Wimmer** highlighted the accomplishments of our partners towards our mutual goals of protecting base missions, maintaining working lands and conserving habitat for listed species. **Dr. Tom Taylor** facilitated discussions that featured break out discussion groups where our partners focused on key opportunities and next steps, and the challenges and current and potential threats to accomplishing our mutual goals.

Our Partnership meeting, site visit and the social event accomplished a important goal - it fostered relationship building. The NWFSL partners appreciated the opportunity to personally meet and indicated the meeting was beneficial. The partners stated our partnership **should continue to have annual meetings** with a site visit incorporated. **Our Partnership decided to continue meeting virtually in the even numbered months and our two work groups will meet in the odd numbered months**. Calendar Invitations for these meetings have been shared. Please email Wimmer if you would like to receive a calendar invitation. A full summary report is being prepared and will be shared with all NWFSL partners and supporters by mid-August.

NWFSL Partners' Wins and Success Stories

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SENTINEL LANDSCAPE

USDA

Key FY23 Accomplishments

15,346 Conservation Acres Acquired for \$44.2 million

32 Florida Forever Projects Targeting 528,000 Acres

12,384 Acres Acquired for \$18 million by DEP for FWC's Telogia Creek WMA

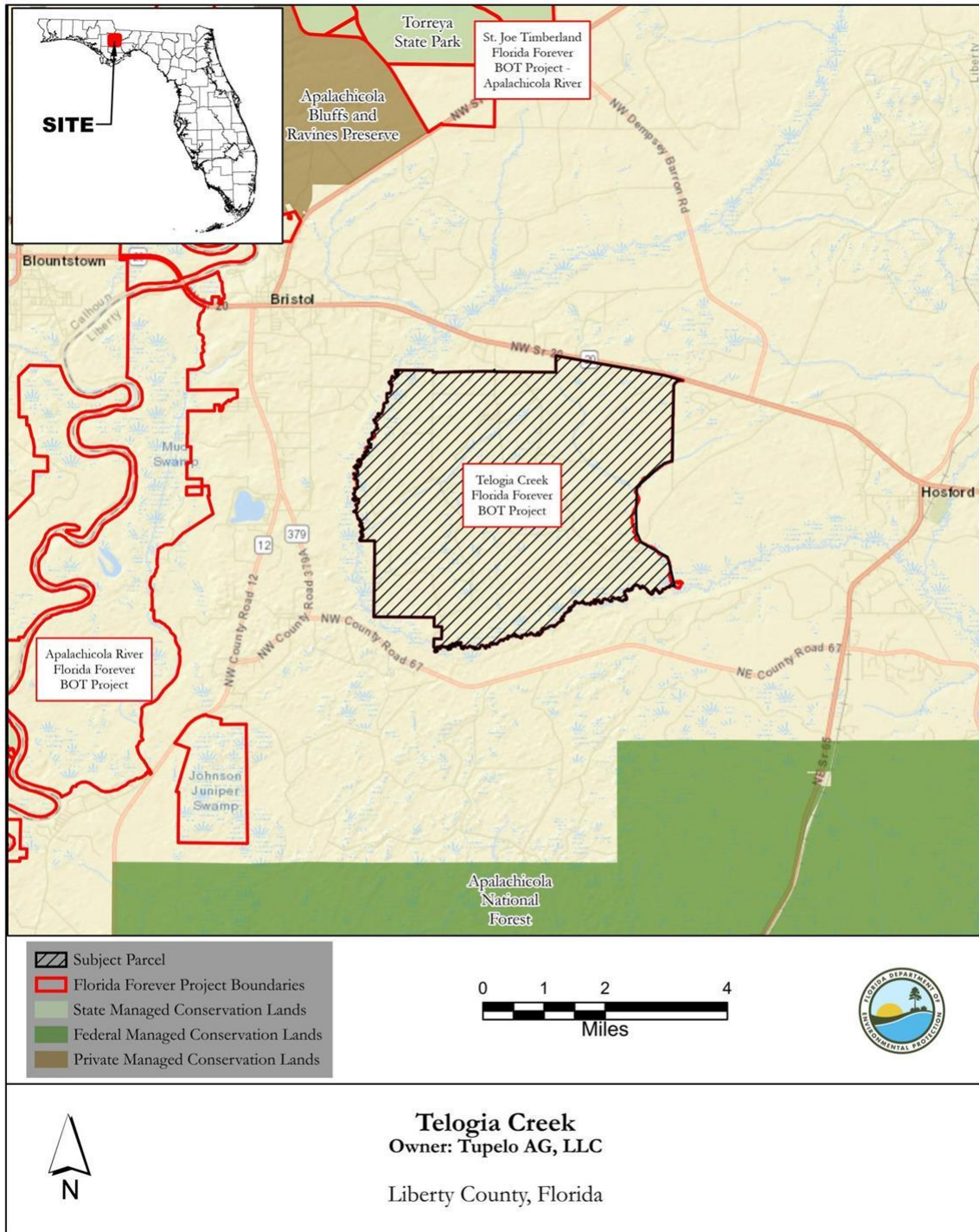
\$14 million for 2 Destin beach front acres by TPL, Okaloosa County

2,791 Acres Acquired for \$8 million by TPL, DEP, FFS, Santa Rosa County and USFWS Buffering NAS Whiting Field and Eglin AFB

Over \$14 million awarded for Climate and Coastal Resiliency Projects

Three Estuary Programs Developing Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans

*Key FY23 Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Accomplishments
Photo of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge by Randy Traylor Photography*

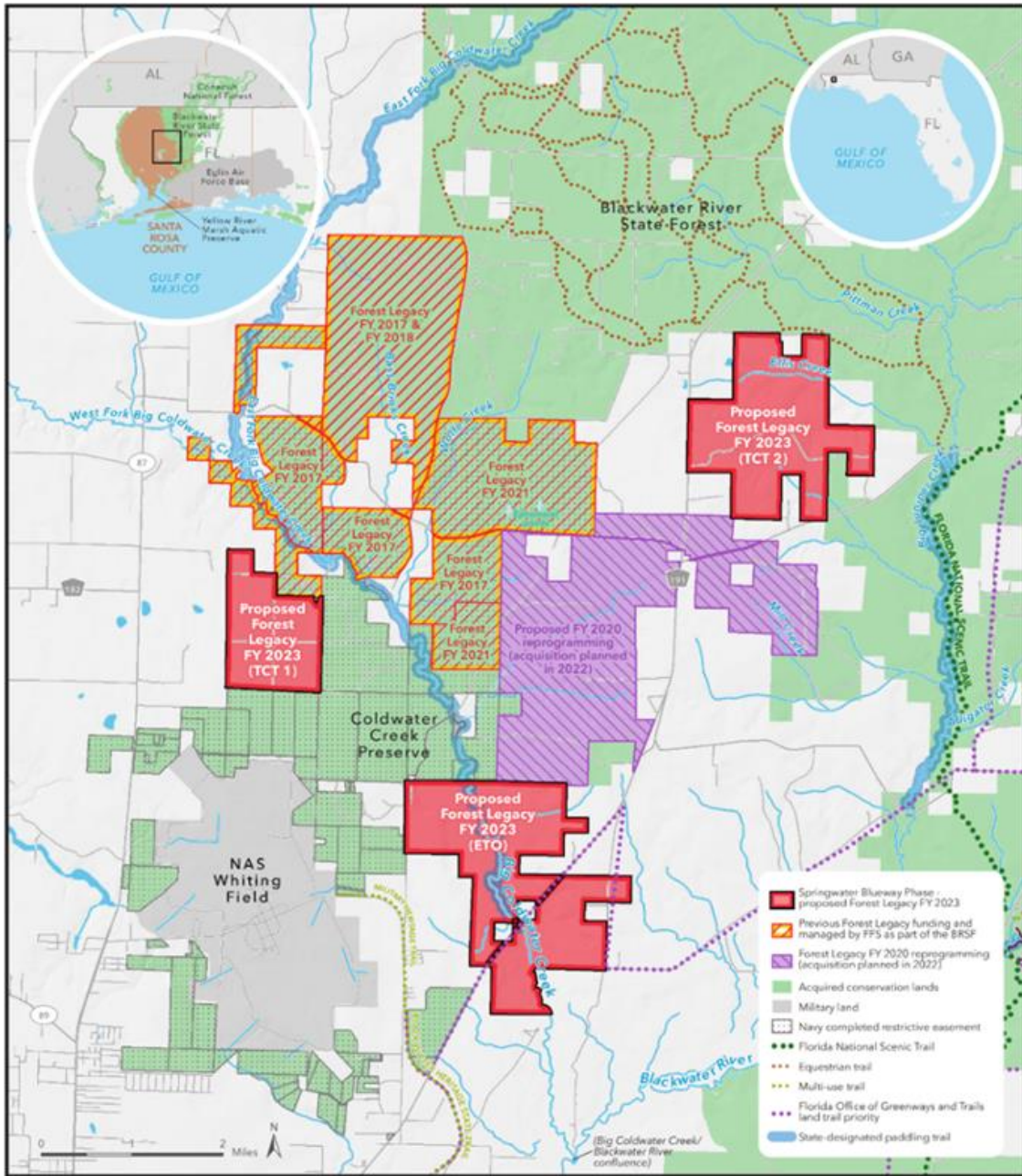


Map by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

DEP Acquires 14,000 Acres in the NWFSL

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

On June 30th, the **Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** acquired approximately **14,000 acres** in two projects within the **Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape (NWFSL)** with a value of **over \$24 million. 1,506 acres** were acquired in fee-simple in the **Wolfe Creek Forest Phase VII Florida Forever project area for \$6,084,640**. This tract is being managed as part of the **Blackwater River State Forest**, and it buffers **NAS Whiting Field** from incompatible development and includes a 362-acre conservation easement held by the **U.S. Navy**. The second acquisition was the **12,439-acre Telogia Creek Florida Forever project for \$18,098,745**. This fee-simple acquisition is being managed by the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission** as a new public wildlife management area. This area is under a military operations flyway and is a key landscape linkage between the **Apalachicola National Forest** and the upper **Apalachicola River**.



Wolfe Creek Forest

SPRINGWATER BLUEWAY PHASE

FY 2023 FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM PROPOSAL

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USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program Awards Over \$9 Million for Wolfe Creek Forest

USDA Forest Service

The **USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program** has awarded **\$9,155,000** to the **Florida Forest Service** to acquire three tracts totaling **4,270 acres** of the **Wolfe Creek Forest Florida Forever Project**. This project represents a unique opportunity to protect large, forested gaps within the world's largest contiguous longleaf forest landscape and preserve watersheds that supply 90% of county residents with drinking water. On adjoining tracts, a proposed conservation easement funded through the **Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI)** will prevent the area from being converted for uses that are incompatible with the neighboring **Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field**, supporting its annual \$1.4 billion local economic impact.

The **Governor and Cabinet** are scheduled to approve DEP's acquisition of one of these tracts on August 12. The NWFSL wrote letters supporting these acquisitions. This project is one of 34 **Forest Legacy program** projects that were awarded to conserve more than 245,000 acres of working forests that are critical to rural economies in 22 states and one island territory. \$100 million of this funding comes from **President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act**, which provides an additional \$250 million for similar projects next year, and \$88 million comes from the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**.



Dickerson Bay Addition to St. Marks NWR

FLORIDA COASTAL ACCESS PROJECT, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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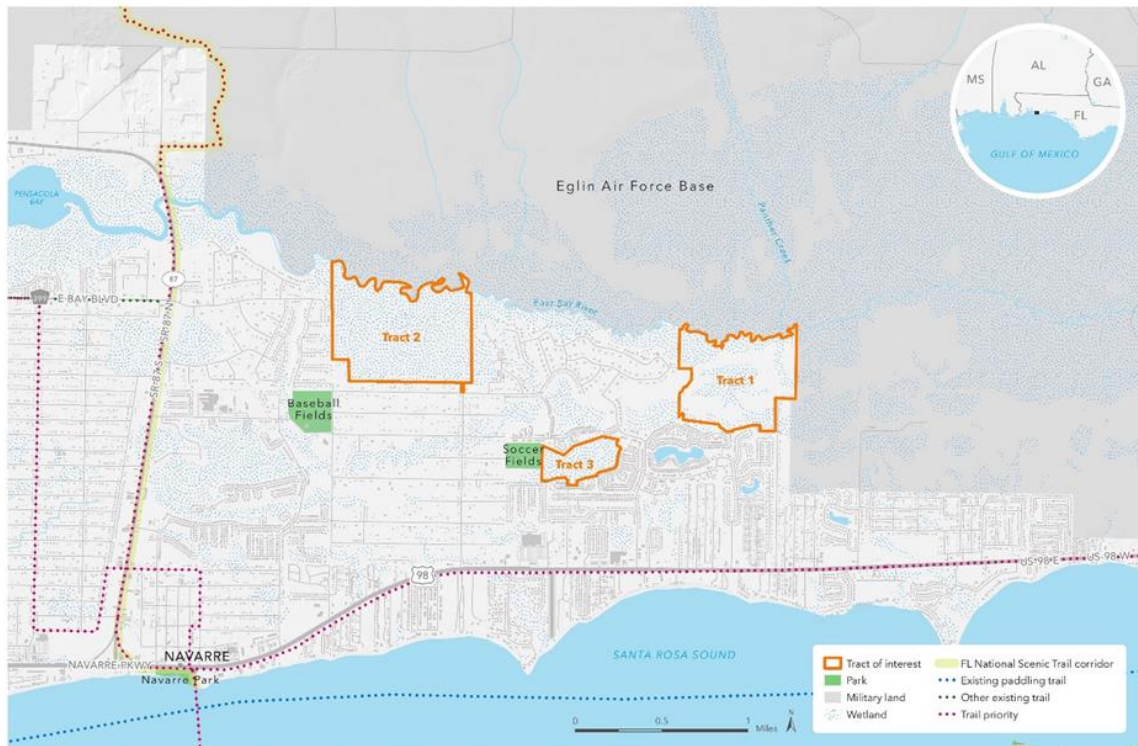
Partners Acquire Tract for St. Marks NWR

Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation

On June 30th, the **Trust for Public Land (TPL)** in partnership with **Florida DEP, USFWS St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, and Gulf Partnership** acquired an 82.63-acre private inholding within the refuge acquisition boundary on **Dickerson Bay** in **Panacea, Wakulla County**. The **Dickerson Bay** property enhances the public's access to coastal recreational opportunities and natural resources, as well as community climate resilience in a rapidly growing part of the Florida Gulf Coast. Primary habitats within the Dickerson Bay tract protected as a result of this acquisition include salt marsh (black needlerush), mixed hardwood-coniferous, and wet coniferous plantation. These marshes provide critical habitats for neotropical migrants and important nursery areas for estuarine species, including those of commercial importance for wintering waterfowl. In addition, the tract will be considered for conservation activities including prescribed burning and biological assessments and research. The permanent protection of this habitat will further strengthen the resource's ability to meet the needs of resident and migratory wildlife species, protect local communities from storm surges, and mitigate climate impacts.



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East River Preserve

SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Santa Rosa County Acquires Four Tracts Buffering Eglin Air Force Base

The Trust for Public Land

In July, the **Santa Rosa County Commission** spent over **\$3 million** to purchase three tracts totalling **545 acres to buffer Eglin Air Force Base** and protect wildlife habitat from development. The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** via the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission** contributed **\$1.2 million** to make this acquisition possible. Two tracts are along the East Bay River fronting **Eglin Air Force Base**, and a third adjoins the **Navarre Soccer Complex**. **The Trust for Public Land** shepherded this transaction. In February of this year, **Santa Rosa County spent**

\$425,000 to conserve **83 acres** at the mouth of the **Yellow River** which buffers the **U.S. Navy's Choctaw Outlying Land Field** and the northwest corner of **Eglin Air Force Base**.

USFWS and Eglin Air Force Base Celebrate Delisting of the Okaloosa Darter

US Fish and Wildlife Service

On August 2, the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)** and **Eglin Air Force Base** will celebrate the Service's delisting of the **Okaloosa darter** at the **Anderson Pond Recreation Area** on **Eglin Air Force Base**. **U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Haaland, Asst. Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Shannon Estenoz** and **USFWS Director Martha Williams**, plus senior staff with the **USFWS** and **USAF** are scheduled to participate.

Delisting formally removes the species from the **Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the Endangered Species Act**. Endangered species are at imminent risk of becoming extinct, while threatened species are likely to become endangered at a foreseeable point in time. The darter no longer qualifies for either category due to its recovery. **Eglin Air Force Base** has an **Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan** that includes specific goals and objectives to improve **Okaloosa darter** habitat. **Eglin's** work in improving darter habitat and monitoring populations since its listing as an endangered species in 1973 has been the driving force behind its recovery. Erosion into streams has been reduced, fish passage barriers have been removed, and over 480 acres of land on the base have been restored, reconnecting stream habitat for the darter. Approximately 90% of the 176 square mile watershed

drainage area that historically supported the Okaloosa darter is federal property under the management of **Eglin Air Force Base**.

The **Service** listed the darter as an endangered species in 1973, but over time, Eglin's work improving the darter habitat contributed positively to the species' status. The **Service** reclassified the darter from endangered to threatened in 2011 and is now delisting it. In 2018, the **Service** initiated a five-year review of the species. A team of biologists, brought together by the **Service** to compile and examine all known data and research regarding the darter, produced a species status assessment report. The SSA is a peer-reviewed summary of the fish's historic and current status and projections of population stability and future trends. That report provides the foundational science for delisting the species.

The **Service** prepared a post-delisting monitoring plan for the darter that will help ensure the fish remains healthy and secure from the risk of extinction. The plan summarizes the species' status at the time of delisting, defines thresholds or triggers for potential monitoring outcomes and conclusions, and lays out the frequency and duration of monitoring. It also articulates monitoring methods including sampling considerations, outlines compilation and reporting procedures and responsibilities, and proposes a post-delisting monitoring implementation schedule, including timing and responsible parties. For more information, visit [HERE](#).

The Longleaf Alliance and Tall Timbers Receive NFWF Awards

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

The **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)** and eleven partners announced the 2023-year round of funding for **Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund projects**. **The Longleaf Alliance** and **Tall Timbers**

Research Station received awards for projects in the NWFSL and in southern Alabama and Georgia.

NFWF will grant the **Longleaf Alliance over \$600,000** which is matching it with over \$2 million to restore and maintain up to 100,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat through longleaf plantings, groundcover restoration, prescribed fire, invasive species control and rare species recovery within northwest Florida and south Alabama. The project will relocate 1,200 **gopher tortoises, support redcockaded woodpecker** population recovery by installing 200 artificial nest cavity inserts and release 150 captively reared **reticulated flatwoods salamanders** to restored wetland habitat.

NFWF will award the **Tall Timbers Research Station \$750,000** which is matching it with \$750,000 to assist public and private landowners with prescribed fire management and longleaf restoration in south Georgia and north Florida. The project will support prescribed fire capacity including a prescribed burn association to assist with 3,000 acres of prescribed burning, plant 250 acres of longleaf pine on public and private lands, and protect 1,000 acres of existing longleaf habitat with voluntary conservation easements, benefiting **gopher tortoise, red-cockaded woodpecker and northern bobwhite.**

Across the Southeast in the range of the longleaf pine, **NFWF** awarded 26 new forest conservation grants and two amendments to existing grants totaling nearly \$18 million. The 28 awards announced generated more than \$14.7 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$32.7 million.

Funding Announcements

REPI Resilience Project Funding Guide

DOD-REPI

Explore the newly released **REPI Resilience Project Funding Guide** for a comprehensive program calendar. The guide provides a program calendar featuring key application opening dates and deadlines across all programs. Every program includes a summary of funding opportunities, eligibility requirements, and application information. To download the program calendar or learn more about program eligibility, [Click HERE](#). Additionally, the Inter-Service Working Group (ISWG) has updated their 2023 calendar with program deadlines and meetings you may [DOWNLOAD HERE](#).

USDA Seeks Proposals for Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS and the **Forest Service** are seeking proposals for **Joint Chiefs' projects** that will mitigate wildfire risk, protect water quality, improve wildlife habitat, restore forest ecosystems and ultimately contribute to USDA's efforts to combat climate change. **Proposals must be submitted by September 4** for fiscal year 2024 funding. [See how to submit proposals HERE](#).

DEP Launches the Resilient Florida Grant Application Portal

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The **Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** is accepting grant applications through the **[Resilient Florida Grant Program](#)** to fund projects to prepare coastal and inland communities for the adverse impacts of flooding and storm surge, including proposals aimed at protecting critical assets such as transportation and evacuation routes, critical infrastructure, critical community and emergency facilities, and natural, cultural and historical resources. Florida's communities can identify vulnerabilities and implement solutions to protect inland areas, coastlines and shores via planning and implementation grants. The **[online grant application portal](#)** opened on July 1 and **closes on September 1, 2023.**

Counties and municipalities are eligible for fully funded planning grants to promote resilience planning, including further assessment of vulnerabilities of critical assets and complying with the **["Peril of Flood" statute](#)**, which helps to ensure coastal communities will recover and move forward faster after natural disasters. Starting this year, water management districts are also eligible to receive planning grants to assist the **[Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation](#)** in addressing gaps in available data. Additional information, important dates and links to helpful webinars can be found on the **[Resilient Florida resources website](#)**. **[EMAIL HERE](#)** for more information.

[Resilient Florida Program](#) staff are coming to **Pensacola** and **Tallahassee** for in-person office hours on **August 7 and 8** to foster relationships with local governments and provide in-person resources and assistance. Staff will be available to assist with eligibility questions, pre-submittal application review, technical assistance with the application portal and general questions about current grants or applications. In Northwest Florida, you may meet with Resilient Florida staff in:

Pensacola: Monday, August 7 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM, CDT at DEP Northwest District Office; 502 Conference Room, 160 W. Government Street, Suite 502

Tallahassee: Tuesday, August 8 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM EDT at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, Room 137, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd.



Photo by Eglin Air Force Base, Jackson Guard

Habitat Management Assistance Funding Available

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Wildlife Diversity Conservation Section** is now offering **habitat management assistance opportunities** for FY 2023-24 **to local governments** through the **Habitat Management Assistance Funding Program**. To help facilitate habitat management, the FWC is requesting projects from counties and municipalities which will **optimize gopher tortoise carrying capacity on protected lands through appropriate habitat management**. Local governments requesting assistance must submit projects that manage at least 25 acres of gopher tortoise habitat and do not include permitted gopher tortoise recipient sites or sites with a submitted recipient site application. **Applicants may request up to \$15,000 per project.**

Project proposals must be received by the FWC no later than **Friday, September 8, 2023**. For additional information regarding this program, please see the attached application. Please direct questions via [EMAIL to Alex Kalfin](#).

DEP Water Quality Protection Grant Portal Webinar on August 8

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

DEP's [Division of Water Restoration Assistance](#) is hosting an educational webinar for the newly expanded [Water Quality Protection Grant Portal](#). Local governments, academic institutions and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to attend to learn about grant eligibility, requirements and project specifics for water quality protection grants. The webinar will be on August 8 from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. ET. [Email HERE](#) to request a webinar meeting invitation.

Grant opportunities currently available through the portal include **Water Quality Improvement Grants, Indian River Lagoon Water Quality**

Improvement Grants, Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvement Grants, Alternative Water Supply Grants, Florida's Coral Reef Restoration and Recovery Initiative Grants, Nonpoint Source Management Grants and Innovative Technology for Harmful Algal Bloom Grants. Grant programs have different closing dates, so please review the closing date posted for each grant program [HERE](#).

PPBEP Community Grant Program Accepting Applications

Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program

The **Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) Community Grant Program** will award \$250,000 in total funding to help restore and protect our waters. Award amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Local governments or nonstate entities (educational institutions and 501(c)3s) are eligible to submit a proposal for projects located within the Perdido and/or Pensacola watershed within **Escambia, Santa Rosa, and/or Okaloosa counties**. The funding opportunity includes seven eligible project categories that align with the Estuary Program's CCMP: **Water Quality, Sedimentation, Habitat Restoration, Fish and Wildlife Conservation, Watershed Awareness and Education, Resilience, and Community Science. Applications are available at ppbep.org. The deadline to apply is 11:59pm CT on August 3, 2023. More information is [HERE](#).**

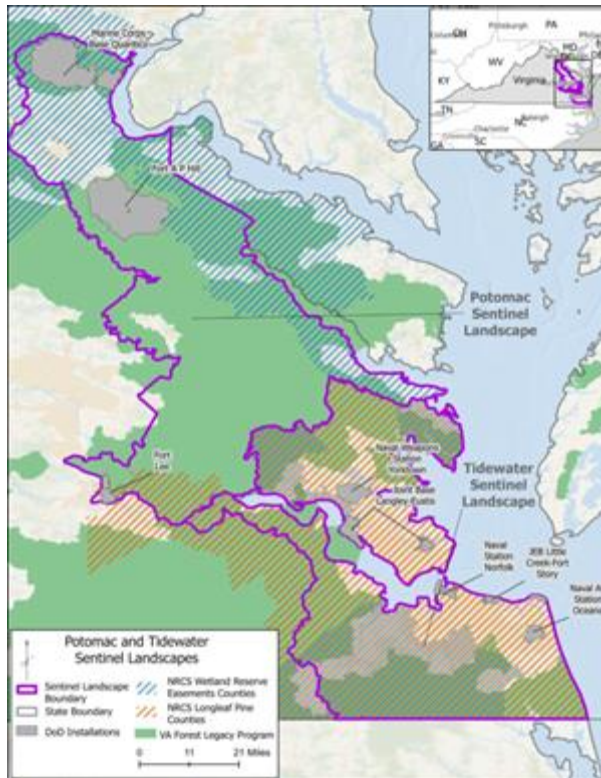
Call for Proposals for Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Projects

ARC Solutions and USDOT

The [**FY 23 Notice of Funding Opportunity**](#) for the [**Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects \(NSFLTP\)**](#) program is now open, with applications due September 6, 2023. An [**At-A-Glance summary**](#) of the NSFLTP opportunity is available [**HERE**](#). ICYMI, At-A-Glance summaries of the following funding opportunities are now linked in the updated [**Funding Snapshot**](#), prepared on behalf of [**ARC Solutions**](#), [**National Parks Conservation Association**](#), and [**Wildlands Network**](#):

- [**Wildlife Crossings Pilot \(due 8/1\)**](#)
- [**PROTECT \(due 8/18\)**](#)
- [**Mega/INFRA/Rural \(due 8/21\)**](#)

News You Can Use



Map by the DOD REPI Program

Virginia Security Corridor Sentinel Landscapes Designated

Sentinel Landscapes Federal Coordinating Committee

The **Sentinel Landscapes Partnership** has announced the designation of the **Virginia Security Corridor Sentinel Landscapes**, which encompass the 2.9 million-acre **Potomac and Tidewater Sentinel Landscapes** including 10 military installations. The **Potomac Sentinel Landscape**, anchored by **Marine Corps Base Quantico**, and the **Tidewater Sentinel Landscape**, anchored by **Joint Base Langley Eustis**, aim to address three critical lines of effort. First, they seek to prevent encroachment on military testing and training activities while simultaneously supporting Virginia's working lands. Second, they aim to build resilience against climate-induced hazards, recognizing the increasing threats posed by factors such as sea-level rise and wetland migration. Finally, they strive to conserve and restore key habitats, thus benefiting water quality and

protected species. These new sentinel landscapes will also provide a connection between the **Middle Chesapeake and Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes**, enabling the coordination of opportunities at a regional scale. For more information about the **Virginia Security Corridor Sentinel Landscapes**, please visit [HERE](#).

St. Joe LNG Project Canceled After Local Pushback

E&E News

E&E News [reported](#), that **Nopetro LNG LLC**, a Florida-based company, is scrapping plans to develop a natural gas export project at the site of a former paper mill in the state, putting to rest a proposal that spurred outcries in the surrounding predominantly Black neighborhood. Nopetro had planned to build the liquefied natural gas shipping dock on land in **Port St. Joe**. The site once occupied by the **St. Joe Company** paper mill would have exported up to 3.86 billion cubic feet of LNG annually to markets overseas. While supporters of the proposal said it would bring needed jobs and economic benefits to the sleepy Gulf Coast town, residents of North Port St. Joe — a historic Black community — [had raised concerns](#) about air pollution and the possibility of an explosion. **North Port St. Joe** is the closest community to the site.

Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program Seeking Project Nominations

Sabina Pennington, CBEP

The **Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program** is developing a list of projects throughout the watershed to be included in their 5-year Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). The focus areas of

projects for the CCMP include **Water Quality & Quantity, Habitat Protection & Management, Land Use & Planning, Education & Outreach, and Community Resilience**. The project needs list can be those projects that are already planned, needed, or wished for to help improve the management of the **Choctawhatchee Bay/River** watershed. The project lists need to be received by **August 17, 2023**. Please **EMAIL** Sabina Pennington for the forms and to submit project proposals and ideas.



USDA to Streamline Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Florida

The **USDA** is streamlining its **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)** to help agricultural producers and private landowners

conserve wetlands, productive farmlands and at-risk grasslands. **USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** is rolling out several improvements to this important program, which has more than 5 million acres of land enrolled, in response to feedback from producers, landowners and conservation partners. Specifically, **NRCS** is updating its processes around appraisals, land surveys, as well as certifying eligible entities who help **NRCS** and producers enroll land into easements. These changes are for **ACEP Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)** as well as **Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)**. **NRCS** accepts producer applications for its conservation programs – including **ACEP** – year-round. Producers interested in easements should contact their **local Service Center** or view their **state application ranking dates**.

Mussel in Apalachicola River Basin Proposed for Federal Listing

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The **southern elktoe**, an extremely rare freshwater mussel, historically found within the **Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint River (ACF) Basin in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida**, has disappeared from most of its range and is on the brink of extinction. The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** is proposing to list the mussel as endangered under the **Endangered Species Act** and to designate critical habitat in rivers and streams that will contribute to the conservation of the species.

The **Service** is also proposing to designate five units of critical habitat for the recovery of the southern elktoe, totaling approximately 577.6 river miles. Those units include the **Apalachicola River and Chipola River** in Northwest Florida. For more information on the proposal to list the southern elktoe as endangered, and designate critical habitat, please read our **Frequently Asked Questions**. Comments on the proposal may be submitted through **August 21, 2023** through the Federal eRulemaking

Portal: [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). In the Search box, enter FWS-R4-ES-2022-0179, then click "Search". On the resulting page, in the panel on the left side of the screen under the Document Type heading, check the Proposed Rule box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment."

The **Department of the Interior** announced that it is allocating **\$575,000** for its **National Freshwater Mussel Propagation and Genetics program which includes the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River basins**. Learn more [HERE](#).

Overcoming Permitting Barriers to Unlock Coastal Resilience

Panhandle Estuary Restoration Team

Recent legislative and executive actions have unlocked historic funding for improving coastal resilience, but permitting processes can present formidable barriers. This webinar (see following link) presented results from a survey of state-level policy trends and gaps related to coastal protection and restoration, as well as difficulties posed by the "green tape" of permitting. In this [recorded webinar](#), experts from **North Carolina** and **Washington** share examples of recent policies and programs addressing coastal restoration permitting in their states. They discuss the development, implementation, utilization, and impact of these permitting reforms—and offer insights to help coastal restoration practitioners in other states address similar challenges. You may download the full report [HERE: State of the Coast: A Review of Coastal Management Policies for Six States](#). This event was co-hosted by **Restore America's Estuaries and Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment & Sustainability**.

Documentary Explores Growth's Effects on Florida's Wildlife and Natural Spaces

WUSF

This new series will shine a spotlight on the significant efforts of conservationists who are at the forefront of preserving the environment. Recent estimates show Florida's population increasing to more than 25 million people in 2032. With this comes a greater demand for water and the development of rural and natural lands for urban use. The new six-part documentary series, "[Protect Our Paradise,](#)" explores Florida's natural spaces and examines the environmental issues that threaten them. The documentary, which will air on TV stations in Tampa Bay and Sarasota, will also debut on the **Discover Florida Channel** on the web this fall. Each episode will showcase a different issue threatening Florida's environment from water quality to over development. The first episode of the series will explore the 18-million-acre [Florida Wildlife Corridor,](#) and the ongoing efforts toward its conservation. It's hosted and produced by Chad Crawford, creator of the channel's "How to Do Florida," which is now in its 12th season in partnership with **Conservation Florida**. For the full story and to view the trailer, visit [HERE](#).

Cedar Key Shows Old Florida Can Learn New Tricks About Adaptation and Resilience

Savanna Barry, [University of Florida](#) and [Florida Sea Grant](#)

Cedar Key residents plan to use products from the Resilient Cedar Key project to better understand and [take steps to mitigate their risk](#). Early products from the project include [a flood scenario mapping tool](#). The tool can help **Cedar Key** and surrounding communities understand their

flood risk and make informed decisions about how to best [prepare for flooding](#). Read the full story [HERE](#).

'Gaining Ground' Highlights Black Farmers' Efforts to Reclaim Lost Land

PBS News Weekend

In 1910, about 14 percent of U.S. farmers were Black, owning more than 16 million acres. Now, according to the latest **Census of Agriculture**, only one in 100 farmers is Black, owning less than 5 million acres. **A new documentary** explores how this happened, its lasting effect on Black families and their efforts now to reclaim their legacy. Filmmaker **Eternal Polk** joins **John Yang** to discuss the documentary [HERE](#).

Interior Department Takes Action to Strengthen Endangered Species Protections

U.S. Department of the Interior

The **Department of the Interior** announced significant action to better facilitate species recovery by providing more flexibility for the introduction of experimental populations of threatened and endangered species to suitable habitats outside their historical ranges and into areas where they do not currently reside. The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** has finalized [revisions to section 10\(j\) regulations](#) under the **Endangered Species Act** that will help improve the conservation and recovery of imperiled ESA-listed species in the coming decades, as growing impacts from climate change and invasive species cause habitats within species' historical ranges to shift or become unsuitable. The prior regulations restricted the

reintroduction of experimental populations to only the species' historical range except under extreme conditions. **Section 10(j)** rules provide regulatory flexibility and predictability for partners in their recovery efforts. The **Service** will continue to coordinate closely with affected state, Tribal, local governments, non-governmental stakeholders, and landowners before establishing an experimental population in or outside of a species' historical range. The rulemaking processes for designating a 10(j) experimental population will not change with this revised regulation or require reevaluation of existing experimental populations.



Striped Newt

DOJ Argues Law Banning Chinese Land Ownership near Florida Military Bases 'Unconstitutional'

Fox News

The **Justice Department** argued in a new court filing that a Florida law restricting Chinese land ownership by U.S. military installations and major infrastructure is unconstitutional. In a "statement of interest" filed in U. S. District Court in Tallahassee, the DOJ argues that **SB 264** – signed into law last month by GOP presidential candidate and **Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis** – violates the **Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution**, as well as the **Fair Housing Act of 1968 (FHA)**. FHA broadly prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, disability and national origin. More [HERE](#).

UCF is Designing Self-repairing Oyster Reefs to Protect Florida's Coastlines

UCF Today

The work is through a \$12.6 million **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**-funded project that seeks to create self-repairing, biological and human-engineered reef-mimicking structures. The project is led by **Rutgers University** and is a collaboration among researchers in the U.S. and Australia. **UCF** is receiving about **\$800,000** for its role in the project.

The reef structures, which **UCF** is helping to design, will be used to mitigate coastal flooding, erosion and storm damage that threaten civilian and **Department of Defense** infrastructure and personnel. The project design also encourages the recruitment of non-reef building organisms, such as marsh and seagrasses, to create a healthy ecosystem. The first of two 50-

meter reef installations, which are specially designed to maximize oyster recruitment, will be implemented in the **East Bay of St. Andrews Bay**, near **Panama City**. More [HERE](#).

USDA Seeking Comment on the Federal Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Measurement and Monitoring for the Agriculture and Forest Sectors

U.S. Department of Agriculture

The **USDA** published a [Federal Register Notice](#) requesting public input on the draft [**Federal Strategy to Advance Greenhouse Gas Measurement and Monitoring for the Agriculture and Forestry Sectors**](#). The draft **Federal Strategy** outlines a framework for enhancing greenhouse gas measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MMRV) within the agriculture and forestry sectors, with a specific focus on the Administration's **Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry initiative**. It also aligns with ongoing work across the federal government to quantify carbon sequestration and carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide emissions outcomes associated with activities funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

On July 12, [USDA announced a \\$300 million investment](#) to advance priorities set by the strategy. The Notice seeks information on four topics: general comments or questions about the draft **Federal Strategy**; animal agriculture; croplands; and data & data sharing. The Notice will be available for public input until **August 11, 2023**, and is available through the Federal Register [HERE](#). This strategy is a companion document to the draft [**Federal Strategy to Advance an Integrated U.S. Greenhouse Gas**](#)

[Monitoring & Information System](#), which was released for public comment in February 2023.

NWF Releases Film 'Dear Tampa Bay'

The National Wildlife Federation

The **National Wildlife Federation's** film, '[Dear Tampa Bay](#)', shares personal stories from neighboring Gulf coast community leaders in **Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi**. **Dear Tampa Bay** explores how communities across the Gulf have faced and are working to address the same climate impacts facing **Tampa Bay**, highlighting actions that could be applied to the Tampa Bay area. *Dear Tampa Bay*, directed by **Wildpath's Katie Bryden**, features leaders from communities across the Gulf that face serious threats from climate change impacts.

Meet the New Leadership of the Florida Forest Service

Florida Forestry Association and Florida Land Steward Update

The **Florida Forest Service (FFS)** is a key partner in the stewardship of Florida's public and private forests. They manage over 1 million acres of state forests for multiple public uses, offer technical information and grant programs to private landowners to help them improve their forestland, and protect homeowners from the threat of damage in Florida's fire-dependent environment. There are now several new faces on the FFS leadership team. We congratulate them all in their new roles. [Get acquainted with the](#)

[new leadership team in this post provided by the Florida Forestry Association HERE.](#)

Upcoming Events



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**UF Center of Coastal Solutions Shares Tools for
Water Managers on August 3rd and 10th**

UF Center of Coastal Solutions

The **University of Florida's Center of Coastal Solutions** is hosting a "virtual garage" to check out our collection of innovative tools for water resource management, cost savings for septic to sewer conversion projects, environmental monitoring to understand how our coastal ecosystems are changing, and more! Join us **Thursday, August 3rd** and **Thursday, August 10th** starting at **10:00 A.M. EDT**, for a virtual open house to learn about:

- New tools, technologies, and methods we've developed for tackling water quality issues.
- How we've applied them across the state to support and accelerate decision-making.
- How you can integrate them into your next project for efficient, data-driven and unbiased coastal solutions.

There will be a master Zoom link and you can stop in for any or all of the sessions that interest you, and a chance to talk to the presenters if you'd like more information. Login information will be sent after you register **[HERE](#)**.

**Florida Forever Regional Public Hearing to be
Held in Panama City on August 8**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The **Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC)** received twelve new project proposals for **Florida Forever** 2023 Cycle 2. On June 9, 2023, ARC voted to move all proposals on for more detailed review. As part of this review process the **Division of State Lands** has scheduled a regional hearing at **St. Andrews State Park on August 8 at 4:00 P.M. Central.**

DEP will accept public testimony on the **Lake Powell North 2023 Cycle 2 project proposal** and any other existing Florida Forever projects. The address of **St. Andrews State Park is 4607 State Park Lane in Panama City.**

Connecting Counties & Military Installations Webinar August 9

DOD-REPI Program

Counties neighboring **DOD installations** play a critical role in sustaining training and testing space required for carrying out vital military missions. Recognizing the central role local communities play in supporting military operations, **DOD** works collaboratively with state and local partners to protect valuable habitats and avoid land-use conflicts near our nation's military installations. Join the **DOD REPI Program** on **August 9, 2023**, to learn about the resources and opportunities available to counties that foster and strengthen military and county partnerships. For detailed online seminar descriptions and connection instructions, visit the [**WEBINAR PAGE HERE.**](#)

Climate-Driven Changes in Prescribed Fire in the Southeast Webinar on August 17

Southern Forestry Exchange

Megan Johnson, PhD, an ORISE Post-Doc with the **USDA Forest Service** will present the webinar: [**Climate-Driven Changes in Prescribed Fire in the Southeastern US: Burner Concerns, Needs, and Alternatives**](#) on **Thursday August 17th from 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET.**

2023 FFA Annual Meeting & Trade Show is August 29-31

Florida Forestry Association and Florida Land Steward Update

The **Florida Forestry Association's 2023 Annual Meeting & Trade Show is August 29-31**. This year's theme is "Stronger Together. 100th Anniversary Celebration." It will be held at the **Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort in Miramar Beach**. Along with the usual gathering and networking opportunities, educational session topics will include history of forestry regulations, succession planning, the climate smart agriculture initiative, challenges of the logging business, strategies to navigate generational differences, forest health, mass timber construction, Master Logger Luncheon, and more. This meeting will also include another **"Women of Forestry"** networking brunch. See link [HERE](#) for details and registration.

Coastal Engineering and Nature-Based Solutions Course Offered

Texas A&M University

Registration is now open for **Texas A&M University** short course on **"Coastal Engineering and Nature-Based Solutions."** The course is intended for engineers, practitioners, scientists, managers, regulators, and contractors interested in the field of coastal engineering and nature-based features for coastal resilience. This 3.5-day course will be held in-person on **Texas A&M University's Galveston Campus** from **September 12 to 15**. **Register by August 11**. More information on the course program and a link for registration can be found [HERE](#).

Register Now for Gulf Partnership Conference

Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation

The **Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation** is hosting its **[Annual Conference](#)** in **Pensacola Beach** on **October 19-20**. Registration is now open, with early-bird discounts through **August 15th**. The **Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation** is a coalition of 28 local, regional, and national conservation organizations that work in the Gulf Coast region within the five Gulf of Mexico states – **Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas** with a mission to increase the pace, quality, and permanence of voluntary land and water conservation within the coastal region. The annual conference brings together conservation practitioners from the public and private sectors, from federal/state agency resource managers, administrators, and directors to private practitioners working across the Gulf – anyone involved in the Gulf Coast region’s public and private land conservation. With presenters including **Shawn Hamilton, FL DEP Secretary, and staff from NRCS, USFWS, FDACS, DEP, the Restore Council, National Wildlife Federation, Land Trust Alliance, American Farmland Trust, the NWFSL** and many, many more, we hope you will consider attending this Conference. **[HERE is the link to the agenda](#)** and **[HERE is the link to register](#)**.

Resources



Photograph by Carlton Ward, Jr. of Tyler Macmillan and Joe Guthrie at Econfina Creek Water Management Area

New Nature-based Solutions Report for Practitioners Available

Melody Ray-Culp, Panhandle Estuarine Restoration Team

The recently-published research report, ***Understanding the Effectiveness of Nature-based Solutions for Coastal Adaptation: Practitioner-based Learning***, is available [HERE](#). The report author, **Dr. Jessica Reilly-Moman**, states, "A brief overview: the report begins at the national level and identifies shared factors that affect NBS implementation across the nation (p. 32), which include governance, valuation, communication, planning, and capacity. We then utilize a simple framework to represent "effectiveness" in four pillars: physical, ecological, economic and social (p. 59). We bring these together in "leading practices" (p. 75) and make

recommendations for national opportunities (p. 80). Finally, we look at regional takeaways for Alaska (p. 88), the Northeast and mid-Atlantic (p. 93), Northwest (p. 100), Pacific Islands (p. 105), South Central (p. 110), Southeast (p. 117), and California (p. 123)."

Guide Lists Over 1000 Community-Military Resiliency Projects

Ray Collins, Florida Defense Support Task Force

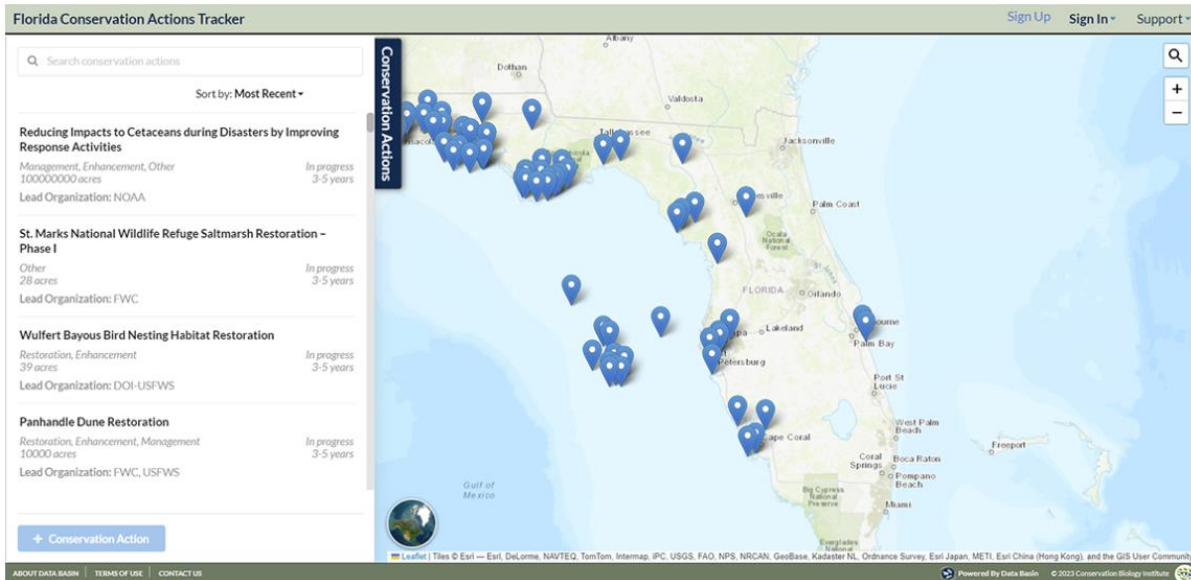
At the September 2022 **Florida Defense Leadership Summit**, the **Florida Defense Support Task Force** released the "**Florida Defense Community Resiliency, Sustainability and Mission Assurance Project Inventory**." This guide lists over 100 key resiliency projects totaling nearly \$840M, that would help ensure that military communities, along with the state, are able to successfully pursue and improve Florida's resiliency posture.

2022 Longleaf Range-wide Accomplishment Report Released

Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability

America's Longleaf released its **2022 Range-wide Accomplishment Report**, which highlights 2.2 million acres of longleaf management activities across the Southeast – the most acreage since **America's Longleaf** formed in 2010. This annual report highlights the success of tireless efforts across the 9-state historic range to bring back longleaf pine. **America's Longleaf** established (planted) more than 123,000 acres of new longleaf, implemented prescribed fire on more than 1.7 million acres, and applied silvicultural activities to over 10,000 acres to convert

existing forestland to longleaf-dominant forests in 2022. The news article is [HERE](#).



Screen shot of the Florida Conservation Actions Tracker by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

FWC's Conservation Actions Tracker Updated

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The **Conservation Actions Tracker (CAT)** is a tool that provides a visual representation of past, current, and impending conservation work around the state and includes detailed information about each listed conservation action. The **CAT** provides a map interface, project details and the ability to filter search results. In addition to viewing other conservation actions around the state, the **CAT** will allow partners to add their conservation action projects to the **CAT**. This project was designed to compile information on conservation projects throughout the state of Florida so that FWC and our partners can better coordinate conservation efforts at a

landscape scale. To learn more about the **CAT**, or are interested in using the **CAT**, [visit our webpage](#).

Deepwater Horizon Trustee Council Materials Available

Outreach materials are now available from the June 20 **Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Trustee Council's** annual meeting online seminar including a 2-minute highlight video. You can check out the planning and implementing restoration projects and materials at the [**Deepwater Horizon Trustee Council's Latest Gulf Spill Restoration news update**](#).

Drone Imagery Use In Restoration

Panhandle Estuary Restoration Team

At a July 24 online seminar hosted by the **Panhandle Estuary Restoration Team, Will Mather**, environmental scientist and licensed commercial drone pilot, shared how drone imagery is being used on several Panhandle estuarine restoration projects. Part of the presentation discussed specific applications and limitations of available drone technology which you may view [HERE](#).

During the webinar, **Rick Harter** provided an update on the 1-page restoration project descriptions being developed from the ideas gathered at the **2023 PERT Annual Meeting** which you may download [HERE](#).



Photo by Peter Kleinhenz

Application Period Now Open for 2024 Prescribed Fire Training Center Sessions

National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center

The 2024 application period for the 20-day sessions at the **National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (NIPFTC)** is now open. More information and application details available on the [NIPFTC website](#).

- [Agency Administrator Workshop](#) - Applications due August 15, 2023
- [Mixed Module 20-Day Session](#) - Applications due October 15, 2023
- [Fire Leadership for Women \(FLFW\) 20-Day Session](#) - Applications due October 15, 2023

Applications can also be reached directly through the Wildland Fire Learning Portal: [NIPFTC Field Coordinator for 20-Day Session Application](#) & [NIPFTC 20-Day Session Application](#).

Knowledge Coproduction: Working Together to Solve a Complex Conservation Problem

Conservation Biology Institute

A new publication by scientists from **U.S. Geological Survey, Point Blue Conservation Science, and CBI** shows how knowledge coproduction - the collaborative creation of actionable information by scientists, resource managers, and policymakers - can help identify viable conservation options for a dynamic ecosystem with a complex web of stressors. The authors of the publication "**Knowledge Coproduction on the Impact of Decisions for Waterbird Habitat in a Changing Climate**" dove deep into this process for wetland conservation in California's Central Valley, producing computer models that tested management actions under different climate change and environment management scenarios. The study showed that actions to restore wetlands and prioritize their water supply created habitat outcomes resilient to climate change impacts, particularly in March, when habitat was most limited, and that land protection combined with management can increase the ecosystem's resilience to climate change.

Environmental Justice Index Available

CDC Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The **Environmental Justice Index (EJI)** is a tool designed to measure the cumulative impacts of environmental burden through the lens of human health and health equity. The EJI is a collaboration between the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) / Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)** and the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**. The EJI uses data from the **U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, and the CDC** to rank the

cumulative impacts of environmental injustice on health for every census tract. Census tracts are subdivisions of counties for which the Census collects statistical data. The EJI ranks each tract on 36 environmental, social, and health factors and groups them into three overarching modules and ten different domains.

USGS Releases Coastal Science Navigator

U.S. Geological Survey

The [Coastal Science Navigator](#) is intended to help users discover [USGS Coastal Change Hazards](#) information, products, and tools relevant to their scientific or decision-making needs. The [Coastal Science Navigator](#) is a product of [State of Our Nation's Coast](#), a project supported by the [USGS Coastal and Marine Hazards and Resources Program](#). For more information E-mail [HERE](#).

Resources from the Southern Fire Exchange

WildfireSAFE Release

View fire weather & fire potential for wildfires across the nation. The [WildfireSAFE website](#) was designed to increase firefighter & fire manager situation awareness and enhance risk mitigation planning in wildland fire operations. It supports the greater interagency fire community in the planning, response, and recovery phases of wildfire management.

The first video in the series, [Be Prepared with the WildfireSAFE App](#), introduces the WildfireSAFE web-based app. The second video, [There Is](#)

[**More to the Smokey Sign Than You Might Expect**](#), dives into the ways sophisticated data and science developed over the past 100 years support each level on Smokey's sign and WildfireSAFE. The third video, [**Improve your Situational Awareness with the WildfireSAFE App**](#), describes how the app summarizes many of the extreme fire behavior variables and provides a fresh look at the current worst-case scenario and how that relates to fire management strategy and tactics.

USFS / EPA Fire and Smoke Map

With prescribed fire season fully underway in many areas across the southeast, it is important for burners to track regional air quality trends to minimize public impacts. The **USFS and EPA-hosted Fire and Smoke Map** shows the location of air quality monitors and sensors, regional air quality trends, and satellite fire detections across the US. Understanding the location of regional air quality monitors and sensors can help prescribed burners to responsibly manage smoke. ([**Fire and Smoke Map v. 3.1**](#))

Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively

The [**Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively Website \(TELE\)**](#) is a way to design and implement more effective landowner outreach programs. **TELE** can help you connect with your audiences on a more personal and meaningful level. Most importantly, TELE tools and techniques can help you leverage your resources to successfully reach and persuade the right audiences to achieve your landscape level goals.

New Updates to Wildfire Risk to Communities

Wildfire Risk to Communities is a free, easy-to-use website with interactive maps, charts, and resources to help communities understand, explore, and reduce wildfire risk. **Wildfire Risk to Communities** now also

includes interactive maps of social vulnerability, providing community leaders with immediate insights about the neighborhoods where social and economic factors may make it harder for people to prepare for and recover from wildfire. Other updates include interactive data visualization and Smoke Ready sections, a new Equitable Risk Reduction section, and free, downloadable, customized reports. [Explore Your Wildfire Risk tool](#) [HERE](#).

[Index of Oyster Maps in Florida Available](#)

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The **FWC** has released a statewide [Index of Oyster Maps in Florida!](#) This interactive online interface, created as a component of the Oyster Integrated Monitoring and Management Program (OIMMP) by **Casey Craig**, provides a record of past and present oyster maps across Florida. Unlike the [Oyster Beds in Florida layer](#), which depicts the most recent maps showing extent covered by live oysters, this statewide index includes all available past and present maps that may include coverage of live oyster reef, oyster shell, and other substrate types. Both the Index and Oyster Beds in Florida layer will be updated periodically as new layers become available. Links to both mapping resources can be found on the [OIMMP website](#). If you are aware of layers that are not yet included in the Index, or if you have comments or questions regarding the Index, please email [Casey Craig](#) or [Kara Radabaugh](#).

Partner Collaboration



Photo by the Department of Defense, Eglin Air Force Base

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." — Andrew Carnegie

Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Partnership Meetings

The partners for the **NWFSL** have established several goals, objectives, actions, and measurable results to gauge our success. To put us on the pathway to success we have formed two work groups to help us

collaboratively achieve our regional resiliency and sustainability goals:

Climate Resiliency and Private Lands and Natural Systems Stewardship work groups. *Please note that the Private Lands Stewardship and Natural Systems Work Groups merged in March 2023. These work groups are our conservation delivery network.*

At the NWFSL in-person Partnership Meeting held on July 21, 2023, we decided to shift the virtual partners' collaboration call to meet every other month in the even numbered months. Beginning on August 23, this partners' collaboration call will be scheduled on the 4th Wednesday of the even numbered months at 3:00 P.M.

Eastern/2:00 P.M. Central. Please accept the calendar invitation for this standing meeting. In case you didn't receive the recurring calendar invitation or you would like to share the invitation, you may join these calls via Microsoft Teams by video at: **[Click here to join the meeting](#)** or by dialing in (audio only) to: **(509) 904-0868 with the phone conference ID: 800 814 676#** (this link and number has not changed from previous calls).

Our Private Lands and Natural Systems Stewardship Work Group will shift its scheduled virtual meeting to the third Wednesday of the odd numbered months at 3:00 P.M. Eastern/2:00 P.M. Central beginning on September 20, 2023.

Our Climate Resiliency Work Group will shift its meeting to the fourth Wednesday of the odd numbered months at 3:00 P.M. Eastern/2:00 P.M. Central beginning on September 27, 2023. The existing members of these work groups are asked to please accept the calendar invitation for these standing meetings.

If you would like to participate on a work group or join the Partnership Collaboration calls and did not receive an invitation, please **[EMAIL](#)** NWFSL coordinator **Kent Wimmer**. A **current list of the members of the NWFSL Partners** and our two **Work Groups** and other resources are available for download **[HERE](#)**.

Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Outreach

In July, our NWFSL coordination team of **Kent Wimmer** and **David Wolfe** continued to meet with partners and others introducing our sentinel landscape and coordinating activities that included (with others scheduled):

- **NWFSL Partnership Meeting planning and coordination** on the 5th, 7th, 14th, 19th and 26th
- **U.F. Coastal Headwaters discussion** on the 7th.
- **Biodiversity Accounting Pilot Project Core Team** meeting on the 7th.
- **DOT discussion about wildlife crossings** on the 10th.
- **USGS GIS tools webinar** on the 11th.
- **RCPP Partner Information Session** on June 12th.
- **Florida Forests and Water Partnership** on the 18th.
- **Presentation on Biodiversity Accounting Pilot Project Concept to Knobloch Family Foundation** on the 19th.
- **NWFSL Partnership Meeting Site Visit, social event and meeting in Niceville** on the 20th and 21st.
- **Panhandle Estuary Restoration Team webinar** and **Northeast Florida Sentinel Landscape discussion with North Florida Land Trust and Pew Charitable Trusts** on the 24th.
- **NWFSL Private Lands and Natural Systems Work Group** on the 19th.
- **Avon Park AFR Sentinel Landscape Partnership** meeting on the 25th.
- **Florida Wildlife Corridor coordination meeting hosted by Archbold, Ocala to Osceola Partnership Meeting** and a presentation to the **Tyndall AFB Coastal Resilience Stakeholder Working Group Meeting** on the 26th.

Please contact [Kent Wimmer](#) to schedule a briefing or presentation. For your reference, the NWFSL [Resources Page](#) has **static** and **recorded presentations, factsheets**, a [Story Map](#), a [web map application](#) showing our partners' focus areas, and the [Sentinel Landscapes in Florida Memorandum of Understanding](#).

To contribute to our newsletter, to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, or to be added or removed to the NWFSL partners list and our working groups, please **[EMAIL Kent Wimmer](#)**.

The partners of the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape greatly appreciate the financial support from Defenders of Wildlife, the United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. (the "Endowment") and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to coordinate this collaborative effort. The Endowment is a not-for-profit corporation that works collaboratively with partners in the public and private sectors to advance systemic, transformative and sustainable change for the health and vitality of the nation's working forests and forest-reliant communities.