



# Lake to Lagoon

Regional Conservation Partnership Program  
Alachua Conservation Trust



## Project Overview

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is partnering with Alachua Conservation Trust through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to implement the "Lake to Lagoon" project. The project helps Florida landowners in the project area apply conservation practices that improve these areas for people and wildlife.

Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) together with NRCS and 13 partners will implement land management and conservation easement activities to protect and conserve a low-lying region in East Central Florida bounded by large lakes and rivers facing climate-induced changes like increased sea level rise, storm intensity, droughts, and wildfire. Lake to Lagoon RCPP accelerates land protection and land management to protect environmentally sensitive and working lands and benefit regional climate mitigation.

## Goal

Protection of over 12,000 acres of land will complement existing conservation plans for protection of environmentally sensitive lands and areas of Wildlife Corridor.

## Primary Resource Concerns

Primary conservation benefits include long term protection of land, degraded plant condition, field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss, fire management, terrestrial habitat, and weather resilience.

## Objectives

Lake to Lagoon has two major impacts for Florida's sensitive land areas.

- Lake to Lagoon will focus will be building on existing state and county programs to leverage federal funding to address resource
- Accelerate efforts to protect farms, ranches, and timberlands, which provide valuable ecosystem services and sustainable natural lands to improve natural resources and benefit climate resiliency.



## Conservation Practices

- Prescribed burning
- Brush management
- Tree planting
- Prescribed grazing
- Forest stand improvement
- Irrigation water management
- Well decommissioning
- Nutrient management
- Pasture and hay planting

*Other practices may be added at the*

*discretion of NRCS and the lead partner based on targeted resource concerns and land uses.*

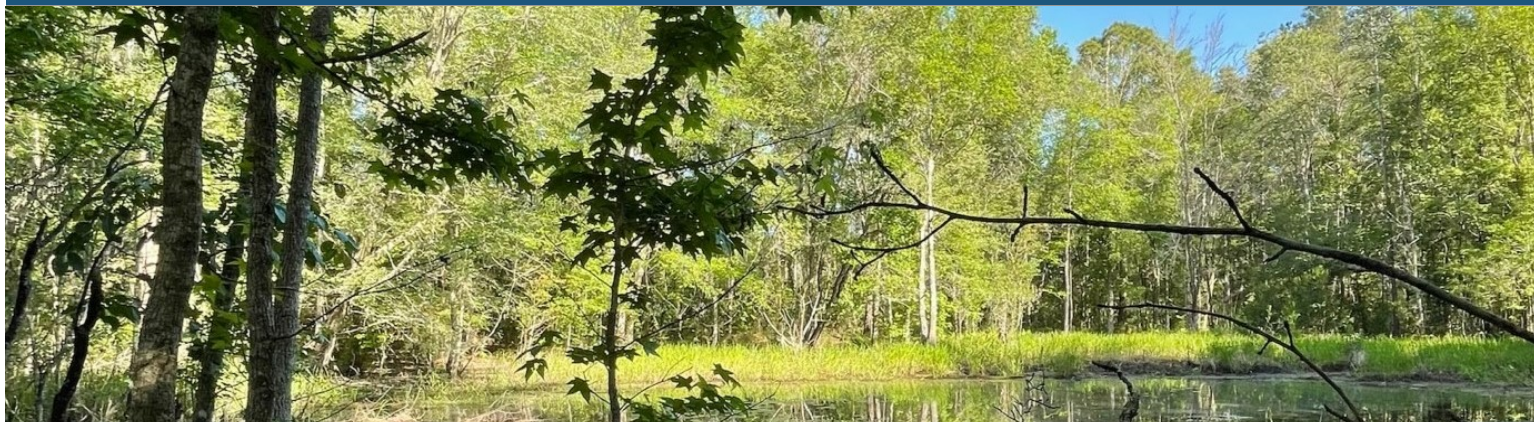
## The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land.

By leveraging collective resources and collaborating on common goals, RCPP demonstrates the power of public-private partnerships in delivering results for agriculture and conservation.

Through the **RCPP Program**, NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to plan and implement conservation practices on agricultural land and non-industrial private forest land.





## Partners

- Volusia County
- Stetson University
- FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Riverside Conservancy
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- East Central FL Regional Planning Council
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- West Volusia County Audubon
- North Florida Prescribed Burn Association
- Friends of the Wekiva River
- FL Dept of Environmental Protection
- Putnam Land Conservancy, Inc
- FDACS, Rural & Family Lands

## How to Apply for RCPP

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively.

Applications may be obtained and filed at the following Florida NRCS county offices

### Volusia, and Flagler Counties

Deland Service Center  
101 Heavensgate Rd  
Deland, FL 32720  
352-376-7414

### Lake County

Tavares Service Center  
1725 David Walker Drive  
Tavares, FL 32778  
352-742-7005

Alachua Conservation Trust may also be contacted for information related to the project at:

### Alachua Conservation Trust

7204 SE County Road 234  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
352-373-1078

