

# Seminole Forever Land Acquisition Program Nomination

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## Program Overview:

The Seminole Forever Land Acquisition Program (“Seminole Forever”) is dedicated to funding the acquisition and management of public lands for ecological protection, preservation, and recreation for the enjoyment of present and future citizens. Seminole Forever aims to identify and acquire lands to protect its water resources, natural communities, and wildlife and to provide additional greenspace and recreational opportunities as defined in the County's Park System Master Plan, whether through the addition of parks, community gardens, sustainable agriculture, or other lands for resource-based passive recreation. Eligible properties for consideration shall include only natural lands, preservation-only lands, environmentally sensitive lands, resource-based passive recreation lands, and buffer lands. At the discretion of ARC, and upon approval of the Board, acquisition may also include less-than-fee simple conservation easements and properties available through joint acquisition, allowing the County to share the cost and title ownership to these lands. Definitions can be found Chapter 190, Part 6, Section 190.202 of the Seminole County Municipal Code.

## Criteria for Selecting Properties for Acquisition

Seminole Forever's funding must be spent only on acquisitions that qualify for the program. In evaluating whether a particular parcel of land qualifies for the program, the Seminole Forever Acquisition and Restoration Committee (“ARC”) may consider the following criteria:

- (1) Vulnerability to development;
- (2) Diversity of species and habitats;
- (3) Connectedness to other conservation lands;
- (4) Potential uses for passive recreation or environmental education;
- (5) Existence of important water resources, including whether the property protects or recharges ground water, enhances the water quality, provides flood protection, protects the aquifer, or has high functioning wetlands;
- (6) Special considerations including strong public interest; and
- (7) Increased priority items listed under Section 190.210.

## Application Cycle

Applications are accepted year-round for evaluation during an annual review. Qualifying applications received after the annual review will be considered in the next scheduled review. Seminole Forever is a willing seller program. Property owners or their representatives who wish to nominate their property for review and potential acquisition must complete the attached application. ARC will evaluate all submittals and make recommendations for acquisition to the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final approval. Submitted applications and materials become property of Seminole County and will not be returned.



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## Instructions & Application Requirements:

For a property to be considered by ARC, the following items must be completed:

1. Willing Seller Form
2. Nomination Form
3. Permission to Enter Property Form

Applications should not exceed 10 pages of text, maps, surveys, photographs, letters, or other documentation. For questions about the application form or land acquisition process, contact:

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*Please use this form to nominate properties for consideration for acquisition in accordance with the Seminole Forever program and criteria.*

### A. PROPERTY OWNER OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

### B. PROPERTY INFORMATION

**Parcel Address/Location (if available):**

**Full Parcel Identification Number(s)<sup>1</sup>:**

**Size of parcel (in acres):**

**Asking Price:**

<sup>1</sup> List all parcel identification numbers you wish to have Seminole Forever consider for acquisition or easement. Parcel numbers are available at the Seminole County Property Appraiser's website <https://www.scpafl.org/>

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## C. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Briefly describe the character of the parcel(s) (e.g., wetlands, swamps, scrub, pine forest, property configuration, topography, etc.) and approximate acreage of the individual land characteristics.

Briefly explain why this parcel(s) should be considered as eligible for purchase in the Seminole Forever Land Acquisition Program (*Please review and consider Chapter 190, Part 6, Seminole Forever Land Acquisition Program Ordinance of the Seminole County Code*).

List any known property encumbrances or encroachments (liens, leases, easements, deed restrictions, or boundary line encroachments).

Please list known historical uses of the property (for example: farm and crop type, cattle, manufacturing, timber production, mining, residential, undeveloped).

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## **D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ATTACHMENTS** *(supplemental documents to be submitted with the nomination form)*

- Vicinity map with sufficient information to locate the property in the field (i.e., roads, waterbodies, landmarks, etc.)
- Legal description, survey or map showing the boundaries of the property, existing streets, buildings, watercourses, easements, section lines and any deed restrictions or encumbrances.
- A copy of the existing designations on the applicable future land use and zoning maps (if available)<sup>2</sup>.
- Map showing property on a topographic/elevation map (if available)<sup>2</sup>.
- Photographs representing the property's characteristics.
- Any additional information beneficial for ARC consideration.
  - Completed Permission to Enter Property form for the ARC and County staff site visits.

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<sup>2</sup> Maps may be generated by visiting [Seminole County GIS Webpage](#)