



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1392

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goals of the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative are to complete the acquisition of the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem as described in the Florida Forever program, restore the hydrology of the Loxahatchee Wild and Scenic River and the South Fork of the St. Lucie River, provide a greenway and ecological corridor between Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park, secure the optimum boundaries of the Parks. Having already completed the acquisition of nearly 2 mile of road frontage along Bridge Road, through private donors, this project represents the next phase and of our acquisition plan and adjacent to the parcel just acquired.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,000,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	4,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase of conservation lands within the Florida Forever Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem and the CERP/IRL-South acquisition programs.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

12. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

It is expected that the purchase of the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem, Florida Forever program lands will have a direct economic benefit through increased tourism in the service area as well as provide natural area storage, improved groundwater and surface water quality, and flood relief for the local communities.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Increased Tourism, according to the latest SCORP report Martin County is ranked in the upper tier of economic parameters monitored, average resident recreation expenditures/person and average visitor recreation expenditures/person. The total economic impact recreation activities is estimated at \$145 billion. a total of 1.2 million jobs are supported and nearly 10 billion in at revenue is generated. Economic Impact, according to the latest SCORP report Martin County is ranked in the upper tier of economic parameters monitored, average resident recreation expenditures/person and average visitor recreation expenditures/person. The total economic impact recreation activities is estimated at \$145 billion. A total of 1.2 million jobs are supported and nearly 10 billion in at revenue is generated.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Martin, Palm Beach County. State-wide tourism. The acquisition of the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem (FF Project) will provide a greenway between Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park there is an anticipation that the number of annual visitors to these Parks will increase.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?



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The expected benefits of this project are the restoration of the hydrology of the Loxahatchee and South Fork of the St. Lucie Rivers, establishing a greenway and ecological corridor between Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

The project has a willing seller and if funded there is no expectation the closing will not occur. If the acquisition does not occur all monies will be returned.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The expectation is that as additional phases are acquired the lands will be donated to the State as part of Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number