

LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Private Landowners
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
United States Fish & Wildlife Service



Landowner Assistance Program (LAP)

OVERVIEW

Purpose: LAP is a cooperative and voluntary effort between Florida private landowners, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve habitat conditions for fish and wildlife. LAP can provide technical assistance (plan and map writing), financial assistance, recognition, and education to participating landowners.

Landowner Eligibility: Private (non-governmental) landowners.

Acreage Limitations: There are no acreage limitations however available LAP financial assistance is being used to restore and conserve high priority habitats identified by Florida's Wildlife Action Plan. See Focal Area Map below or visit www.MyFWC.com/WildlifeLegacy for more information on Florida's statewide Wildlife Action Plan.

Cost-shares: Requires a 50% non-federal match and is reimbursed based on established flat rates for each approved practice. Non-federal "in-kind" match is accepted.

Application: Eligible landowners must complete and sign a LAP application that includes the (1) Proof of Ownership and (2) Location Documentation. Completed application packages shall be mailed to: FWC – LAP Program; PO BOX 22105; TAMPA, FL 33622-2105 –OR- may be scanned and emailed to FWCLAP@acclaris.com.

Cost-share Distribution: Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis and will be evaluated for wildlife habitat resource value using Geographic Information System (GIS) to determine location to a LAP focal area. You are encouraged to submit an application even though your property may not be located within one of the "current" focal areas. Additional imperiled species habitat will be accepted related to RCW Safe Harbor or certified Gopher Tortoise Recipient Sites (more info on these programs can be found at www.MyFWC.com)

Project Needs Assessment: Project needs assessments will be conducted by FWC biologists on an applicant's property with the landowner. The FWC biologist will recommend appropriate and beneficial cost-sharable practices to the landowner based on the GIS analysis and site visit. Practices the landowner agrees to perform will be recorded.

Reimbursement: Landowners will be reimbursed for approved practices completed in accordance with the management prescription following performance evaluations conducted by FWC biologists. To receive reimbursement, landowners must have completed the approved practice (s) as specified in the management prescription and submit all invoices (*must use the template below*) and documentation supporting TOTAL expenditures for the practice (s). Invoices and supporting documentation shall be mailed to: FWC – LAP Program; PO BOX 22105; TAMPA, FL 33622-2105 –OR- may be emailed to FWCLAP@acclaris.com.

Contact Information: For more information on the Landowner Assistance Program, visit the LAP website at www.MyFWC.com/LAP or contact the LAP coordinator at 850-488-3831.



Landowner Assistance Program APPLICATION



The goal of the Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) is to assist private landowners with enhancement of habitat conditions for fish and wildlife that lead to long term conservation partnerships with private landowners. Enrollment in the LAP indicates a landowner's approval for documentation of plant and wildlife species occurrences.

Landowner Information: Please fill out all information clearly and accurately.					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Mailing Address					
City		State/Country		Zip Code	
Home Phone	()	Cell Phone	()	Email	

Property Information: Please fill out all information clearly and accurately.					
Farm/Ranch Name	If Applicable	Land Manager Full Name	If Applicable		
Section (s)		Township (s)	Indicate North or South	Range (s)	Indicate East or West
County (s)					Acres
Is this property the primary residence of the landowner?	YES or NO	Is this a privately owned non-governmental property?	YES or NO	Does this property have a conservation easement?	YES or NO
Please list <i>other programs</i> that have been used on this property either currently or in the past?					
Please list <i>technical assistance</i> desired (ex. Wildlife recommendations, plan writing, etc.)					
Please list <i>financial assistance</i> desired (ex. Habitat management cost shares, conservation easement, etc.)					
Does this property have a management plan?		If Yes, Please Explain			
Please list any conservation actions required by permit or easement conditions.					
Is property enrolled in the RCW Safe Harbor Program or certified as a Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site?		If Yes, Please Explain			
Other Information					

Supporting Documentation: Must include the following documentation with this application:

- ✓ PROOF OF OWNERSHIP [ex. Copy of the current tax receipt(s) or deed(s)]
- ✓ LOCATION DOCUMENTATION [ex. County tax map(s) or plat map(s) with boundary clearly delineated]

By signing this application, I make the following certification and agreements in favor of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

1. I certify that I am the legal owner of the land described on this application.
2. I certify that participation, by me or on my behalf in the Landowner Assistance Program, is not fraudulent or otherwise illegal and that all expenditures submitted on my behalf for payment under this program are legitimate claims under the eligibility requirements of the program.
3. I acknowledge and authorize the inclusion of conservation planning and conservation practice implementation data, including geospatial data, associated with my participation in the Landowner Assistance Program to be included in FWC reports subject to Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119 Florida Statutes.

Landowner Signature _____ Date _____

Mail this page and supporting documentation to: FWC-LAP, PO Box 22105, Tampa, FL 33622-2105.
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Landowner Assistance Program Focus Areas



