

O20 Wildlife Corridor Meeting

7.13.2017

Mike Roess Goldhead Branch State Park

Detailed Agenda

- Introductions - 1:00
- Updates Regarding O2O - 1:10
 - Introduction of Susan Carr, NFLT Conservation Coordinator to work on O2O campaign
 - NFLT Proposal for Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - NFLT passed the pre-proposal process and has less than 60 days to finalize proposal, needs input from participating partners.
 - Update from the Sentinel Landscape Workshop in New Orleans
 - Other updates from Partners
 - Upcoming Events, Grant Deadlines, Opportunities
- Establishing a Charter and Operating Structure - 2:00
 - Mission
 - Structure and Committees
 - Boundaries of Commitment
- Landscape prioritization/Strategic Conservation Plan – 3:00
 - What do we want to achieve
 - What information do we have to do it with?
 - What information don't we have that we can get/create?
 - What are the tools in our toolbox

New Additions

- Dr. Susan Carr –
Conservation Coordinator for
the O2O campaign
- Florida Trails Association –
Jeff Glen
- Goldhead State Park – Kevin
Patton
- Would the partners like to see
a private landowner?

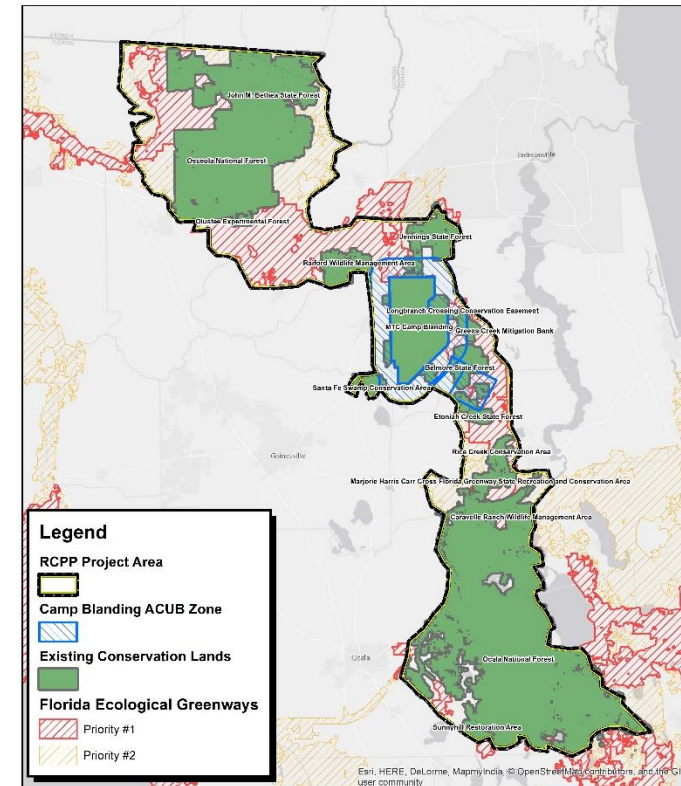


Regional Conservation Partnership Program – O2O

- NFLT has cleared the pre-proposal process
- NRCS program allows you to combine different land preservation and technical assistance programs for a landscape, rather than a specific property.
- NFLT has put in an application for the O2O landscape
 - Healthy Forest Reserve Program - \$3 million
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program - \$150,000
- Application is due September 17th

Regional Conservation Partnership Program – O2O

- Pretty much any partner activity within the O2O corridor can be considered match
- Grant timeframe is 2018-2022 (5 years)
- How to report matching activities

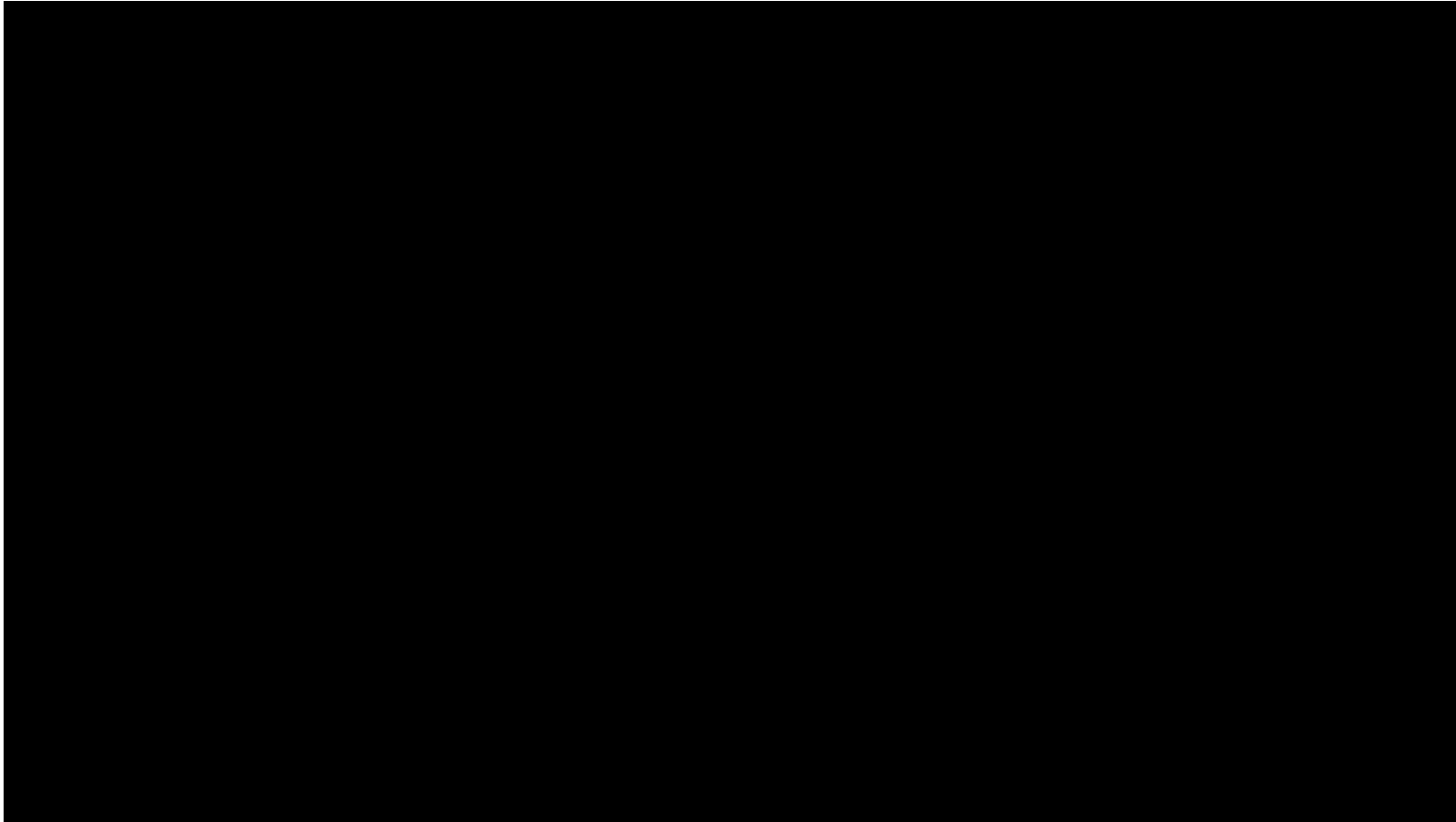


O2O: Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor

Sentinel Landscapes Workshop and Other Updates

- NFLT was invited to Sentinel Landscapes Workshop in June 14th-17th
- NFLT has 415 acres under contract adjacent to Camp Blanding funded by Blanding ACUB
- NFLT and FDEP State Lands MOA for 1,280 acres in Etoniah Greenway
- Other Updates or Announcements?
- Upcoming

Everyone seen the video?



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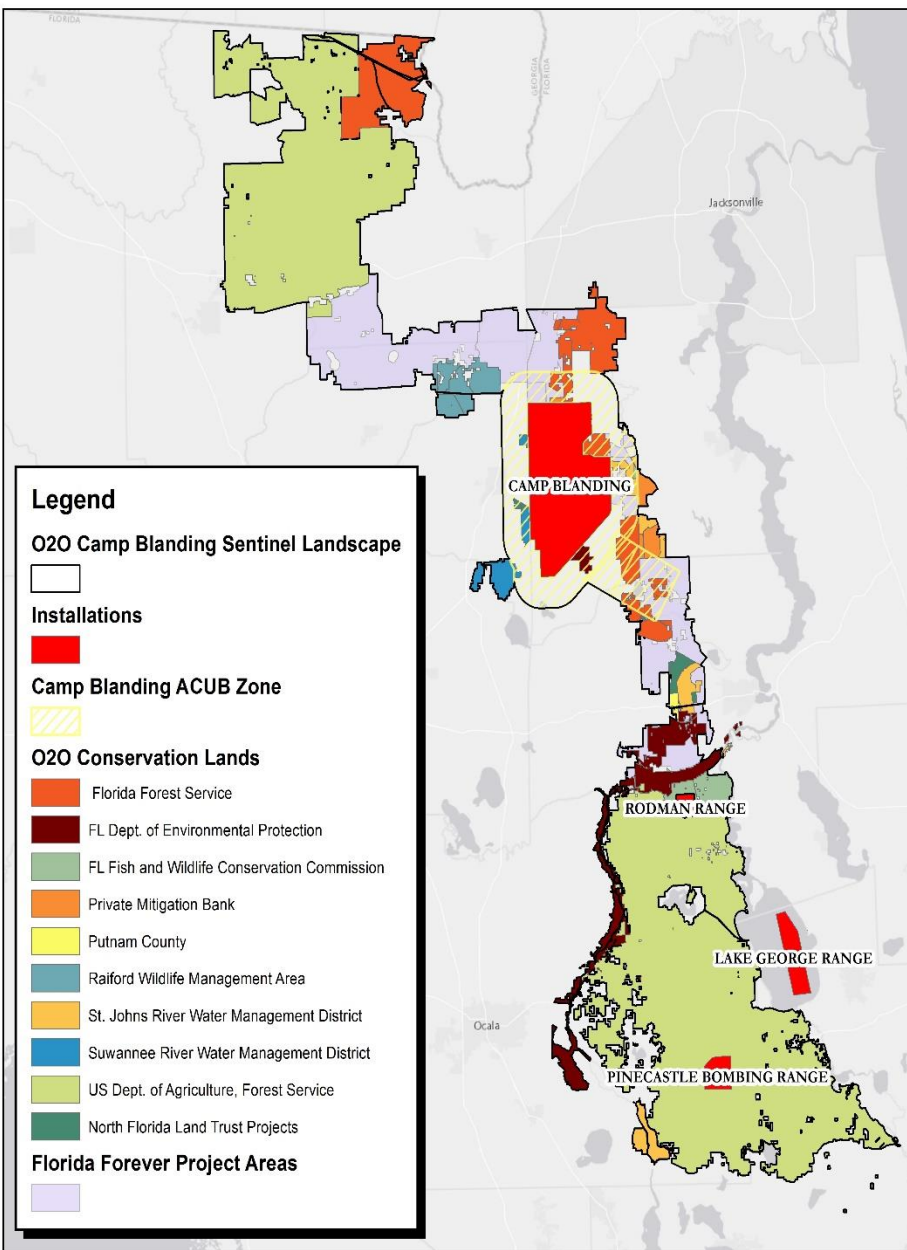
Establish a Charter and Operating Structure

- Encouraged by Sentinel Landscape Federal Coordinating Committee to create structure
- Range from contractual partnerships to unsigned MOUs – with most trending towards unsigned MOU
- Establish mission, area of operation, structure and responsibilities

• Mission

• As proposed in the Sentinel Landscapes Application:

- **Protection of military missions:** Assists the Florida National Guard and the U.S. Navy maintain their training missions by buffering Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and the Pinecastle Range Complex from incompatible land uses, and reducing training pressure in the avoidance of impacts to endangered wildlife species.
- **Protection of habitat and wildlife:** The work helps to preserve and expand upon the ranges of 16 federal and endangered species and establish a wildlife corridor connecting Central and Northern Florida.
- **Protection of working forestry:** The O2O corridor will preserve working forest lands and provide incentives for prescribed fire and improved forest management, not only resulting in conservation, but injecting capital into the rural economy.
- **Preserving existing water quality:** Preservation and improvement of the lands within the corridor will preserve and improve on the water quality within those watersheds.
- **Community Awareness:** Storytelling and awareness of these efforts is a big part of the O2O corridor effort.



O2O: Camp Blanding
Sentinel Landscape



Mission Summaries

- Protection of:
 - Military missions
 - Habitat and Wildlife
 - Working Forestry
 - Water Quality
- Creating
 - Community Awareness
- Where?
 - The Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor

Structure

- Do we have a formal or informal membership?
- Do we have a formal or informal governance structure?
- What frequency should we meet as a whole group?
 - Webinars, digital conferencing?
- Who determines when and where we meet?
- How should we establish an agenda for meeting?
- Committees

Committees

- Land Preservation
 - To prioritize where land preservation can occur, discuss financial partnerships, matching funds, and acquisition strategies for the acquisition of land either in fee or as conservation easements.
- Technical Assistance, Management, Restoration
 - To facilitate the application of technical assistance on private lands, cooperative land management and habitat restoration across the landscape, as well as acquire funds and/or financing all of the above activities.
- Marketing/Branding/Community Education
 - To facilitate outreach to private landowners, create brand awareness around the landscape and the partner goals, and broadly educate the wider community about the benefits of conservation in the O2O.
- Other possibilities? Planning? Advocacy?

Levels of Commitment



- To what of the previously discussed can the partners commit to, based on their own structural limitations?



Intermission

Strategic Plan/Toolkit Formation

- Create a toolkit of readily accessible information where partners can divine goals, strategies, tools and persons/groups by which they can actuate the O2O mission.
- It's one thing to say we protect military missions, but the question is when, where and how?
 - Where do we need to act to ensure military missions? Is there prioritization in that where? And what are the best tools to do so?
- Wildlife and Habitat
 - 3 Focal Habitats (Longleaf, Sandhill, and Scrub) and a couple dozen focal species. Where do we need to act towards their restoration, is there prioritization, and what tools do we have?
- Working Forestry
 - The majority of private and public lands have a working forestry component? What is core to preserving that industry in land base? Are there other elements we need to ensure to preserve forestry as an industry for the O2O. Is there prioritization in land or external elements and what are our tools?
- Water Quality
 - Where do we need to preserve water quality? Do we need to assist in restoring it? What tools do we have to achieve that mission?
- Market/Brand/Awareness
 - What makes our efforts unique? Who do we need to target and how? What tools do we have to raise the education level and indelibly brand our activities?

What information do we have?

- Relative to our respective organizations?
 - Plans – Florida Forever, RFLPP, Preservation Portfolio, Working Lands for Wildlife, etc...etc....
 - Programs
- Relative to our missions as the O2O?
 - Military Missions
 - Wildlife and Habitat
 - Working Forestry
 - Water Quality
 - Communications/Branding/Marketing

What information can we get/create?

- What information do we need to have that we don't have access to/isn't created that we be able to obtain/create as part of the partnership?
- Might be an evolving question over time.

Tools in the Toolkit

- FFWCC Landowner Assistance Program
- State Wildlife Grants Program
- Gopher Tortoise Recipient Sites
- FDACs Cost-Share Programs
- FDACs Technical Assistance Programs
- NRCS RCPP, HFRPP, EQIP, CSP
- FDACs RFLPP, Forest Legacy, etc...
- SJRWMD & SRWMD Land Acquisition and Cost-Share Programs
- USFWS NAWCA, LWCF and ESRG Program
- FDEP – Florida Forever, FCT
- Florida Wildlife Corridor marketing/branding
- Etc....etc....

Next Meeting

- When, Where and How?
 - Did this location work?
 - Sometime after knowing about Sentinel designation?
 - Items you would like to see on the next agenda?