

WHAT IS THE O2O?

The Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor (O2O) is a 100-mile long corridor that runs from Ocala National Forest to Osceola National Forest in North Central Florida. The O2O is part of the larger Florida Wildlife Corridor, a statewide network of lands proposed for permanent protection. About half of the O2O is already conserved and in public ownership. The other half is private rural lands and working forests interspersed within and around those public lands. The objective of the O2O project is to build a connected swath of protected lands in North Florida to provide conservation and protection to wildlife, water, recreation, rural landscapes and working forests.

We work with the following partners to preserve the **O2O WILDLIFE CORRIDOR:**

STATE

Camp Blanding / Florida National Guard
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Forest Service
St. John's River Water Management District
Suwannee River Water Management District
Clay County Florida

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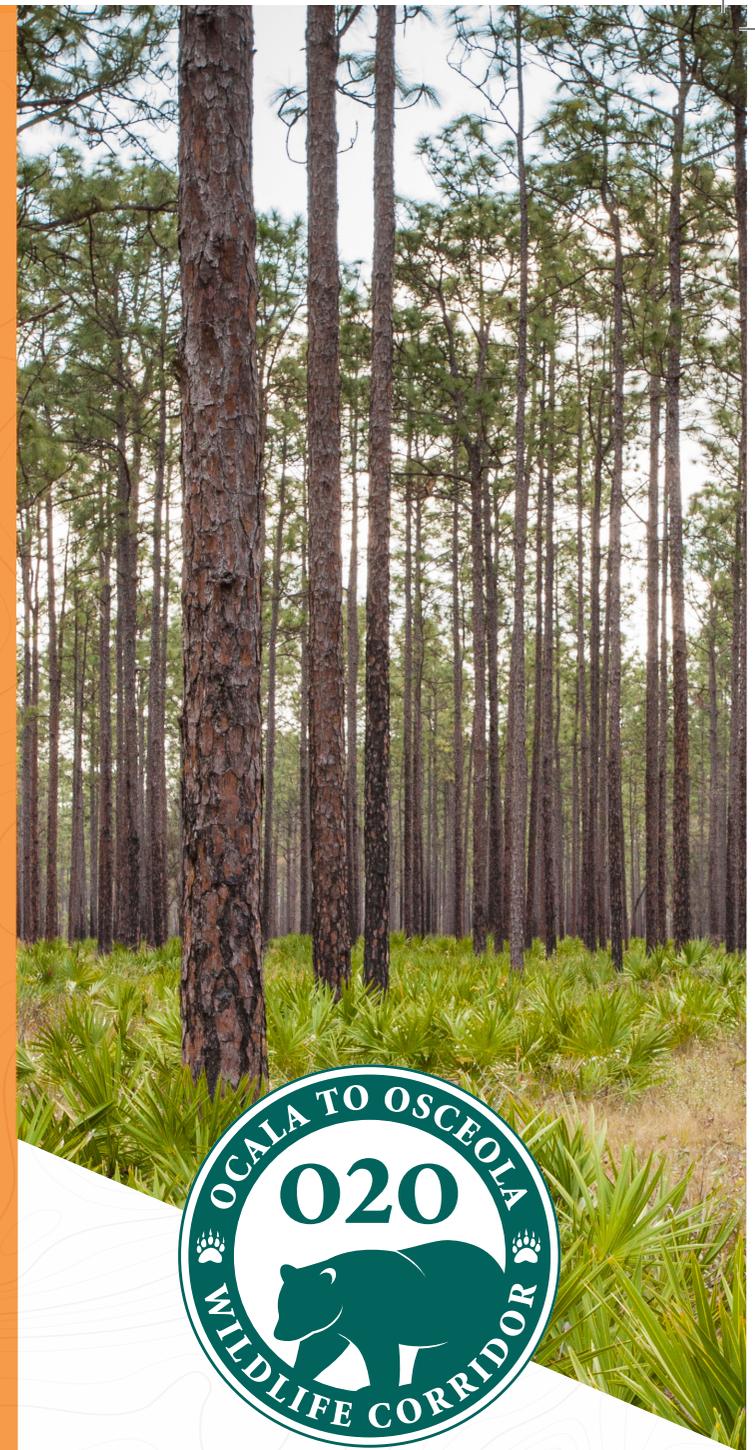
Department of the U.S. Navy
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Forest Service

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Alachua Conservation Trust
Conservation Florida
Florida Trail Association
Florida Wildlife Corridor
North Florida Land Trust
North Florida Prescribed Burn Association
Putnam Land Conservancy
The Conservation Fund
The Nature Conservancy



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THE OCALA TO OSCEOLA **WILDLIFE CORRIDOR**

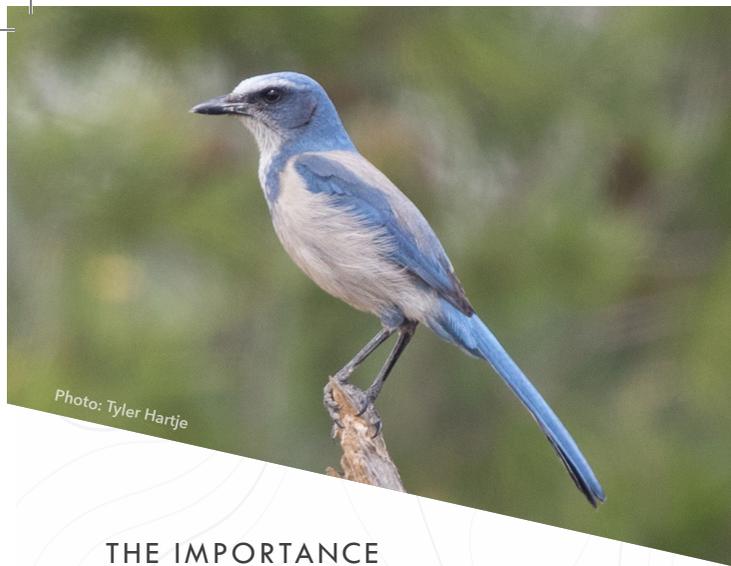


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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE O2O TO FLORIDA

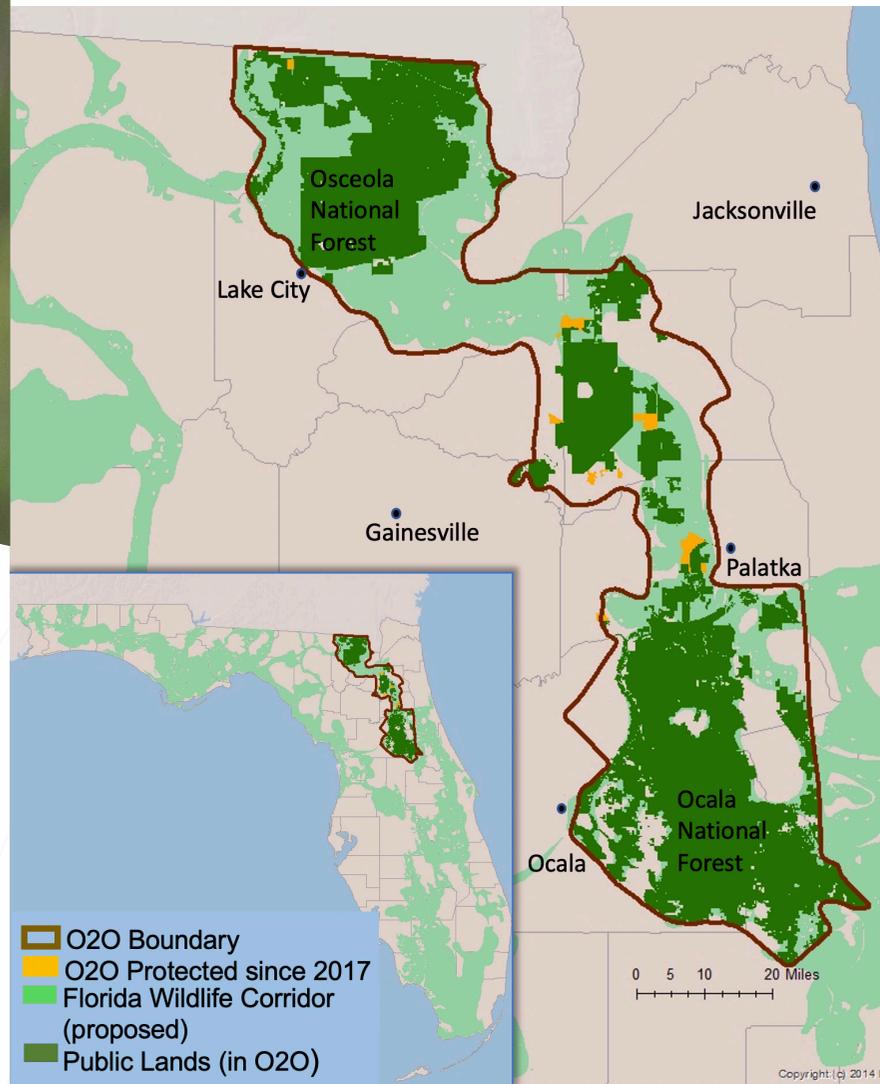
ROOM TO ROAM: If protected, the O2O Corridor provides habitat for wide ranging animals like the Florida black bear, imperiled species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, Eastern indigo snake, gopher tortoise, and more. Preserving corridors is important for wildlife by providing access to adequate forage and habitat for sustainable populations.

WATER: Land conservation in the O2O protects water resources, including the headwaters of six major North Florida rivers, streams, and important lands for replenishing our Floridan aquifer.

RECREATION: Conservation lands provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, horseback riding, cycling, and hiking. The Florida National Scenic Trail traverses part of the O2O as well.

WORKING FORESTS: O2O partners offer funding, education, and incentives to private landowners for improved forest management, which protects sustainable forestry and supports the economy of rural communities.

MILITARY READINESS: Incompatible land uses can conflict with military training on installations within the O2O. Land conservation complements military training and readiness by providing a safe, natural buffer between military activity and local communities.



HOW WE ARE PROTECTING THE O2O

The O2O Partnership is working toward a common goal to preserve 140,000 acres by 2050. To this end, the partnership identifies important lands, cultivates relationships with landowners, secures funding, and advocates for continued conservation programs within the O2O. North Florida Land Trust (NFLT), the O2O's leading partner, works with Camp Blanding Joint Training Center to deter incompatible land development and improve wildlife habitat surrounding the installation. NFLT and five other O2O partner organizations

have joined forces with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in a multiyear partnership that brings federal government funding to the O2O for land and wildlife conservation. The O2O Partnership continues to pursue land protection by way of Florida Forever and other State land protection programs as well. All of these efforts together are working toward the end result of having a continuous green swath of conservation lands within the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor.



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