

CHARTER FOR THE OCALA TO OSCEOLA (O2O) PARTNERSHIP

JULY 20, 2018

O2O PARTNERSHIP MISSION:

The O2O Partnership works to protect and improve ecological conditions of the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor. This includes protection of natural areas, wildlife habitat and regional water quality as compatible with working lands and the natural resource-based economy of the area. Furthermore, the Partnership promotes conservation that assists State and Federal military installations sustain their military training mission.

The O2O Partnership is established under the guidelines of this Charter as an unincorporated organization comprised of members representing government, non-government and private agencies and organizations. Members are bound by a common interest in the Partnership mission and goals.

MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A clear understanding of the O2O region and O2O Partnership mission
2. A representative of a State, Federal, local or non-profit organization with a compatible conservation mission, or an O2O landowner with land conservation and management goals compatible with the Partnership mission.
3. Interest and ability to communicate frequently and fully with other members re: conservation goals and programs.
4. A commitment to safeguard the Partnership and its assets.
5. A commitment that the Partnership will report fairly, accurately and regularly on its activities and condition.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL INCLUDE:

1. Provide guidance for O2O regional conservation programs and initiatives.
2. Initiate and execute cooperative conservation programs and projects in the O2O.
3. Communicate and collaborate with member organizations and agencies to assure implementation and oversight of conservation programs and projects.
4. Enter into cooperative agreements with co-members or external parties to advance the O2O mission.
5. Freely share data and information relevant to land and resource conservation in the O2O.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Members may be appointed by the O2O Partnership and serve in a membership capacity indefinitely. Appointment is by agreement of current Partnership members. Members may resign from the Partnership at any time.
2. The Partnership reserves the right to remove a member who is not upholding the responsibilities of this Charter, or who does not represent a relevant interest in O2O Conservation. Removal may be approved by a majority of current Partnership members.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE:

1. The O2O Partnership shall appoint a Lead Partner who shall be a member in good standing. The selection of Lead Partner shall be by informal agreement or vote and shall occur annually.
2. The O2O Lead Partner is responsible for central coordination of the Partnership, including scheduling Partners meetings and disseminating information periodically.
3. The Lead Partner shall serve indefinitely until replaced by the Partnership through majority agreement of members.
4. The Lead Partner shall have the authority to appoint committees as needed, to advance the mission of the Partnership.

MEETINGS:

1. Meeting shall be scheduled at least twice annually, at a time and place designated by the Lead Partner.
2. Meeting minutes shall be maintained by the Lead Partner, and available to all Partnership members following meeting and upon request.



Signature of Lead Partner:

Name and Title: Jim McCarthy, President

Organization: North Florida Land Trust, Inc.

