



# FLORIDA'S Water & Land Legacy

The Water and Land Conservation Amendment

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The petition form is on page 2 of this document. To ensure that your petition is counted, please:

1. Please print out the form,
2. Fill out all of the information at the top,
  - a. Your name as it appears on your voter registration card,
  - b. Your residential street address (P.O. Box addresses are not accepted),
  - c. Your city, zip code and county,
  - d. Either your voter registration number or your date of birth.
3. Date the form at the bottom-left,
4. Sign at the bottom-right, and
5. Mail it back to:

Florida's Water and Land Legacy  
316 Williams St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

If you have any questions, call or email us at (850) 629-4656 or [campaign@floridawaterlandlegacy.org](mailto:campaign@floridawaterlandlegacy.org).

Thank you!!

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

- All information on this form, including your signature, becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.
- Under Florida law, it is a first degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, Florida Statutes, to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate, a minor political party, or an issue. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes]
- If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name as it appears on your Voter Information Card)

Your Residential Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (or) Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election:

## **BALLOT TITLE: Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands**

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

**ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING CREATED OR AMENDED:** Add a new Section 28 to Article X

### **FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

#### **SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund.--**

a) Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters, and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, after the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents.

b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes:

1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance: the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands.

2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e).

c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature Signature of Registered Voter

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316 Williams St., Tallahassee, Florida 32303**

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