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PROJECT NAME: THE HIGHLANDS PROPERTY
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GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST (“FCT”), a non-regulatory agency and instrumentality within the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”), and Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, a Florida local government (“Recipient”). All capitalized terms are used as they are defined in Rules 62-818 and 62-819, Florida Administrative Code (“F.A.C.”).

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, the intent of this Agreement is to impose terms and conditions on the lands acquired under the Florida Communities Trust Act (“Project Sites”). These terms and conditions are necessary to ensure compliance with Florida law and provisions of Sections 259.105, 259.1051 and Chapter 380, Part III, Florida Statutes (“F.S.”).

WHEREAS, Chapter 380, Part III, F.S., the Florida Communities Trust Act, creates a non-regulatory agency within the Department to assist local governments in conserving natural resources, resolving land use conflicts, and implementing and bringing into compliance the conservation, recreation and open space, and coastal elements of their comprehensive plans by providing financial assistance to local governments and nonprofit environmental organizations to carry out projects and activities authorized by the Florida Communities Trust Act.

WHEREAS, Rule 62-818, F.A.C. sets forth the procedures for the evaluation and selection of lands proposed for acquisition and Rule 62-819, F.A.C. sets forth the acquisition procedures.

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, the FCT Governing Board approved selected projects to receive approval for funding.

WHEREAS, the Recipient’s Project (“Project”), described in an application submitted for evaluation, was selected for funding in accordance with Rule 62-818, F.A.C., and by executing this Agreement the Recipient reaffirms the representations made in its application.

WHEREAS, Rule 62-818.009, F.A.C. authorizes FCT to impose conditions on those FCT applicants whose projects are selected for funding.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the condition(s) that must be satisfied by the Recipient prior to the disbursement of any FCT Florida Forever funds, specify the restrictions imposed on the Project Site, and establish the site management requirements for the Project Site after its acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE, FCT and Recipient mutually agree as follows:

I. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement will begin upon execution by both Parties and, will remain in effect unless the Agreement is released by FCT pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, and the rules and statutes governing the program. FCT agrees to make funding under this Agreement available for eighteen (18) months after the date of execution, unless extended or terminated earlier.

2. FCT may extend funding under this Agreement beyond eighteen (18) months if the Recipient demonstrates that it has made significant progress toward approval of the Project Plan or that extenuating circumstances, beyond the Recipient's control warrant an extension of time. Recipient must request an extension in writing, fully explaining the reasons for the delay and why the extension is necessary. A written request for an extension must be submitted prior to the date funding expires.

FCT may, in its sole discretion, consent to an extension of funding under this Agreement. The decision to consent to an extension and the length of the extension will depend upon an analysis of various factors, including the needs and goals of FCT; the ability and willingness of Recipient to perform under the terms of this Agreement; the good standing of the Recipient (including any entity related to or affiliated with Recipient); the Recipient's past record of performance, including submission of required reports and audits (as applicable); and other factors relevant to FCT mandates. FCT, in its sole discretion, reserves the right not to extend funding under this Agreement beyond the initial term.

If the Recipient does not request a written funding extension, or if a requested written funding extension is not granted by FCT, the Recipient's FCT Award will be rescinded and this Agreement will terminate pursuant to its terms and conditions.

II. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT

Either Party may request modification(s) of the provisions of this Agreement at any time. Changes that are mutually agreed upon will be valid only when reduced to writing and duly signed by each of the Parties. Such amendments will be incorporated into this Agreement.

III. DEADLINES

1. At least two original copies of this Agreement must be executed by the Recipient and returned to the FCT office at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard MS #115, Tallahassee, FL 32399 within 45 days of receipt by the Recipient. If the Recipient requires more than one original document, the Recipient may photocopy the number of additional copies needed and then execute each as an original document. Upon receipt of the signed Agreements, FCT will execute the Agreements, retain one original copy, and return all other executed copies to the Recipient.

2. The Recipient and/or its representatives will adhere to all Project deadlines and devise a method for monitoring the Project. FCT will strictly enforce the deadlines provided by this Agreement in addition to any deadlines associated with any FCT activity relating to the

Project. Recipient's failure to comply with Project deadlines may cause FCT to terminate this Agreement.

3. The Recipient must submit the documentation required by this Agreement to FCT as soon as possible so that FCT may reimburse the Project Costs in an expeditious manner.

4. Upon FCT's request, the Recipient must provide a status report of its progress toward applying for reimbursement of the Project Costs.

5. The Recipient must develop the Project Site in accordance with the FCT Grant Agreement and open the developed Project Site to the public within three (3) years of the date of final disbursement of the FCT Award. The Recipient may request an extension of this provision by requesting a modification or revision to the approved Management Plan by submitting a written request to the Trust pursuant to Rule 62-818.011(3), F.A.C.

IV. FUNDING PROVISIONS

1. The FCT Florida Forever Award granted to the Recipient ("FCT Award") will in no event exceed **Fifty percent (50%)** of the final Project Costs, as more fully defined in Rule 62-818.002(33), F.A.C., or **One Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$1,775,000.00)**, and is subject to adjustment pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 2. The Recipient will be reimbursed, as outlined in this Agreement, for eligible costs as defined in Rule 62-818.002(33), F.A.C., and identified in the Project Plan. FCT will not participate in Project Costs that exceed the grant award amount.

2. The FCT Award is based on the Recipient's estimate of final Project Costs in its application, as well as the Limitation of Award provided in Rule 62-818.003(7), F.A.C., and advertised in the Notice of Application. When disbursing the FCT Award, FCT will recognize only those Project Costs consistent with the definition in Rule 62-818.002(33), F.A.C.

3. FCT will participate in the land cost at either a percentage of the actual purchase price or the maximum reimbursement amount, **whichever is less**. The maximum reimbursement amount is established by the approved appraised value of the property as established by Rules 18-1.006 and 18-1.007, F.A.C. If the Recipient purchased the property for more than the approved appraised value, FCT can only reimburse a percentage of the appraised value (the percentage indicated in the Recipient's application). If the Recipient purchased the property without obtaining an appraisal, the Recipient is required to obtain appraisals pursuant to Rule 62-819.007, F.A.C., to determine the value of the property before the acquisition.

4. The FCT Award will be delivered either in the form of Project Costs to the Recipient or prepaid by FCT to vendors if additional due diligence products are required, in the form of a State of Florida warrant or by electronic funds transfer (EFT). If the Recipient is required to obtain additional due diligence products (e.g. appraisals, appraisal reviews, surveys, title information, and the like), the cost of those products will be deducted from the final disbursement amount.

5. FCT will prepare a grant reconciliation statement showing the amount of Match provided by the Recipient (as applicable and if any is required) and showing the amount of the FCT Award. The grant reconciliation statement will reflect funds expended by FCT for Project Costs as part of the FCT Award.

6. If a Match is required, it must be delivered in an approved form as provided in Rule 62-818.002(25), F.A.C. Funds expended by the Recipient for Project Costs will be recognized in the Match amount on the grant reconciliation statement.

7. By executing this Agreement, the Recipient affirms that it is ready, willing, and able to provide any required Match.

8. If the Recipient is the local government having jurisdiction over the Project Site, and the Recipient takes action that results in a governmentally derived higher Project Site land value because of an "enhanced highest and best use," FCT will terminate acquisition activities unless the Seller demonstrates that the appraisal(s) were based on the "highest and best use" for the Project Site prior to the FCT Governing Board selection meeting. Alternatively, the Recipient can arrange for new appraisals based on the previous highest and best use.

9. FCT's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature. This Agreement is not a commitment of future appropriations. Authorization for continuation and completion of work and any associated payments may be rescinded, with proper notice, at the discretion of FCT if the Legislature reduces or eliminates appropriations.

10. The accounting systems for all Recipients must ensure that these funds are not commingled with funds from other agencies. Funds from each agency must be accounted for separately. Recipients are prohibited from commingling funds on either a program-by-program or a project-by-project basis. Funds specifically budgeted or received for one project may not be used to support another project. Where a Recipient's or subrecipient's accounting system cannot comply with this requirement, the Recipient or subrecipient must establish a system to provide adequate fund accountability for each project it has been awarded.

11. If FCT finds that funds have been commingled, FCT has the right to demand a refund, either in whole or in part, of the funds provided to the Recipient under this Agreement. The Recipient, upon written notification from FCT, must refund the amount of money demanded. Interest on any refund will be based on the prevailing rate used by the State Board of Administration. Interest will be calculated from the date(s) the original payment(s) are received from FCT by the Recipient to the date repayment is made by the Recipient to FCT.

12. If the Recipient recovers costs from another source that were incurred under this Agreement and reimbursed by FCT, the Recipient must reimburse FCT for all recovered funds. Interest on any refund will be based on the prevailing rate used by the State Board of Administration. Interest will be calculated from the dates the payments are recovered by the Recipient to the date repayment is made to FCT by the Recipient.

13. FCT must approve the terms under which the interest in land was acquired pursuant to Section 380.510(3), F.S. Pursuant to Section 380.510(7), F.S., all deeds with respect to any real property acquired with funds received by the FCT from the Florida Forever Trust Fund must contain covenants and restrictions sufficient to ensure that the use of such real property at all times complies with Section 28, Article X of the State Constitution and must contain a reversion, conveyance, or termination clause that vests title in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund if any of the covenants or restrictions are violated by the titleholder or by some third party with the knowledge of the titleholder. For pre-acquired project sites where the deed did not contain the required provisions the grantee must record a new deed containing these restrictions.

14. All real property must be obtained through a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction, as defined in Rule 62-818.002(46), F.A. C. The use of or threat of condemnation is not considered a Voluntarily-Negotiated Transaction.

V. NOTICE AND CONTACT

1. All notices between the Parties will be sent by electronic mail, U.S. Mail, a courier delivery service, or delivered in person. Notices shall be considered delivered when reflected by an electronic mail read receipt, a courier service delivery receipt, other mail service delivery receipt, or when receipt is acknowledged by Recipient to:

Florida Communities Trust
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#115
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Telephone: 850-245-2501
Email: floridacommunitiestrust@floridadep.gov

2. All contact and correspondence from FCT to the Recipient will be through the key contact as required by Rules 62-818 and 62-819, F.A.C. Recipient hereby notifies FCT that the following administrator, officer or employee is the authorized key contact on behalf of the Recipient for purposes of coordinating project activities for the duration of the Project:

Name: Brooke A. Coulter (Moherck)
Organization: Polk County Parks and Natural Resources
Title: Environmental Specialist
Address: 4177 Ben Durrance Road, Bartow, FL 33830
Telephone: 863-534-7377
E-mail: brookecoulter@polk-county.net

3. The Recipient authorizes the administrator, employee, officer, or representative named in this paragraph, as Recipient's agent, to execute all documents connected to this Project on behalf of the Recipient, including this Agreement, any addenda, purchase agreement(s) for the property, the grant reconciliation statement, closing documents, statements submitted as a part of the Project Plan, and the Dedication of Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

Name: Brooke A. Coulter (Moherok) or Successor
Organization: Polk County Parks and Natural Resources
Title: Environmental Specialist
Address: 4177 Ben Durrance Road, Bartow, FL 33830
Telephone: 863-534-7377
Facsimile: 863-534-7374
E-mail: brookecoulter@polk-county.net

4. If different representatives or addresses are designated for **NOTICE AND CONTACT**, specified herein, after execution of this Agreement, notice of the changes must be rendered to FCT as provided in **NOTICE AND CONTACT**, paragraph V.1. above.

5. The Recipient hereby notifies FCT that the Recipient's Federal Employer Identification Number(s) is **59-6000809258**.

VI. ACQUISITION DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

The Recipient must submit the following documents associated with the acquisition of the parcel(s) to FCT within 180 days of the execution of this Agreement:

1. An executed copy of the Purchase Agreement(s) for sale and purchase of the parcel(s) between the Recipient and O M Holdings, LLC.
2. An executed copy of closing statements from Buyer(s) and Seller(s) for the purchase of the parcel(s).
3. A copy of the recorded deed(s) conveying title of the parcel(s) to the Recipient.
4. A copy of the appraisals of the parcel(s) required by Rule 62-819.007, F.A.C. FCT may review the appraisals and other documentation and, upon approval, FCT will determine the maximum reimbursement amount as provided in Chapters 62-818 and 62-819, F.A.C.
5. Unless the requirement has been waived, a copy of a Certified Survey of the parcels that meet the requirements of Chapter 62-819, F.A.C., and are dated within ninety (90) days of the date the Recipient acquired the parcels.
6. Copies of all title insurance commitments, including supporting documents, and title insurance policies, including any endorsements, issued in furtherance of the Recipient's acquisition of the parcel(s). Such policies must meet the requirements of Rule 62-819.005, F.A.C.
7. A copy of environmental site assessments (ESA) of the parcels, certified to the Recipient, that meet the standards and requirements of American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") Practice E 1527, and with a date of certification within 90 days of the date of acquisition of the parcel(s) by the Recipient, together with the statement required by Rule 62-819.012(4), F.A.C.

VII. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

Based on the Management Plan, points awarded in scoring the application, and observations made by FCT staff during the site visit described in Rule 62-818.009, F.A.C., the Recipient is required to provide the following:

1. FCT Sign - The Recipient must maintain a permanent FCT recognition sign, a minimum of 3' x 4', at the entrance area of the Project Site and visible to the public. The sign must include the FCT logo and acknowledge that the Project Site was purchased with funds from the Florida Communities Trust Program (and the Recipient if Recipient provided a match). The sign should include the date the site was acquired.
2. Recreational Facilities - The Recipient must provide at least three recreational facilities. The Project Site will include trail benches, picnic pavilions, and an educational kiosk. The Recipient should endeavor to place facilities and site improvements on previously disturbed areas to the greatest extent possible.
3. Water Access - The Recipient must provide a water access facility to an existing open water shoreline, such as a walkover, boardwalk, fishing pier, observation platform, dock, boat ramp, canoe launch. An observation boardwalk platform will be provided at the marsh south of Phyllis Branch.
4. Trails - The Recipient must provide a land-based walking, nature, bike, equestrian, or multi-use trail of at least 1/2 mile on the Project Site. Park benches must be provided along the trail. A proposed trail connection between project site and Lakeland Highlands Scrub to the west will increase access to natural areas. Project Site directly connects to Fort Frasier Trail, located to the east. Both serve to extend the Upper Peace River Regional Trail System.
5. Connectivity - The Project Site must connect to adjacent neighborhoods by a sidewalk within an existing right-of-way.
6. Interpretation - The Recipient must provide interpretive kiosks on the Project Site to educate visitors about the natural environment and the unique history of the area. An educational kiosk will be placed at the entrance to the property to include graphics and information relating to the habitats, wildlife and vegetative communities that exist on the Project Site. Brochures will be provided for visitor use to include trail maps as well as layout of the habitat types to which those trails provide access.
7. Listed Species Habitat - The Recipient must manage the Project Site in a manner that protects that protects habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more listed animal species. Management of site to provide habitat for numerous animal species.
8. Locally Significant and Strategic Habitat Conservation - The Recipient must manage the Project Site in a manner that protects and enhances the listed and non-listed native wildlife species and their habitat, including the Locally Significant Natural Areas and Strategic

Habitat Conservation Areas found onsite. Herbaceous wetlands and remnants of sandhill and scrubby flatwoods are known to support listed wildlife on project site.

9. Vegetative Enhancement - The Recipient must plant approximately 10 acres of disturbed uplands with native vegetation. The species to be planted will include purple lovegrass, Elliott's lovegrass, and wiregrass. An estimated 50,000 native plants will be reintroduced to the xeric upland habitats. At least 300 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the Project Site will be planted with native vegetation.

10. Water Quality Facility - The Recipient must improve the quality of surface waters or address current flooding problems occurring on, adjacent to, or close to the Project Site. The water quality facility must be designed to have a park-like or natural setting. The Site includes waterbodies listed in the National Hydrology Dataset of Waterbodies and most of the area is inundated by 100-year flooding.

The two proposed water quality treatment locations in the north and south of the property, along with native vegetation plantings in riparian zones, will contribute to surface water quality as it leaves the Project Site and enters the Peace River watershed.

VIII. DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY CHAPTERS 259 AND 380, PART III, F.S.

1. Each parcel in the Project Site will be subject to a Dedication of Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants describing the parcel and containing such covenants and restrictions as are, at a minimum, sufficient to ensure that the use of the Project Site at all times complies with Sections 375.051 and 380.510, F.S.; Section 11(e), Article VII of the Florida Constitution. *The Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants must contain clauses providing for the conveyance of title to the Project Site, as applicable, to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund ("Trustees") upon failure to comply with any of the covenants and restrictions, as further described below.*

2. The Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants must also restate the conditions that were placed on the Project Site at the time of project selection and initial grant approval. The Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants must be executed by FCT and the Recipient at the time of grant disbursement and must be recorded by the Recipient in the public records of the county(s) where the Project Site is located within 45 days of receipt of the FCT Award.

3. If any essential term or condition of the Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants is violated by the Recipient or by some third party with the knowledge of the Recipient, the Recipient will be notified of the violation by written notice given by electronic mail, personal delivery, registered mail, or registered expedited service. The Recipient must diligently proceed to cure the violation and will complete the cure within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the violation. If the problem cannot reasonably be cured within the specified thirty (30) days, the Recipient may submit a written request to FCT for an extension. The request

must include the status of the current activity, the reasons for the delay, and a time frame for the completion of the cure. FCT will respond within thirty (30) days of receiving the request, and approval of the request will not be unreasonably withheld. It is FCT's position that all curing activities must be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Recipient's notification of the violation. If the Recipient can demonstrate extenuating circumstances that justify a greater extension of time to complete the activities, FCT will consider the request. If the Recipient fails to correct the violation within either (a) the initial thirty (30) days or (b) the time frame approved by FCT pursuant to the Recipient's request, fee simple title to all interest in the Project Site must be conveyed to the Trustees. FCT will treat such property in accordance with Section 380.508(4), F.S.

IX. MANAGEMENT PLAN; ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

1. Prior to approval of the Project Plan and final disbursement of the FCT Award, the Recipient must submit to FCT and have approved a Management Plan that complies with Rule 62-818.011, F.A.C., and addresses the criteria and conditions set forth in Articles VII, XII, and XIII herein.

2. The Management Plan outlines how the Project Site will be managed to further the purposes of the Project and outlines the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Management Plan should include the following types of information:

- a. An introduction containing the Project name, location, and other background information.
- b. The Recipient's purpose for acquiring the Project Site and a prioritized list of management objectives.
- c. A discussion of known natural resources including natural communities, listed plant and animal species, soil types, and surface and groundwater characteristics.
- d. A description of all proposed uses including existing and proposed physical improvements.
- e. A description of proposed restoration or enhancement activities, if any, including the objective of the effort and the techniques to be used.
- f. A scaled site plan drawing showing the Project Site boundary, existing and proposed physical improvements, and any natural resource restoration or enhancement areas.
- g. The identification and protection of known cultural or historical resources.
- h. A description of proposed educational displays and programs the Recipient will offer, if applicable.

i. A description of how the Recipient will coordinate management of the site with other agencies and public lands, if applicable.

j. A schedule for implementing the development and management activities of the Management Plan.

k. Cost estimates and funding sources to implement the Management Plan.

l. Coordination plan to allow for safe public access (except for designated construction zones) to the Project Site. The Recipient is responsible for maintaining the sections of the Project Site that are safe and not under construction open and accessible to the public.

3. If the Recipient is not the proposed managing entity, the Management Plan must include a signed management agreement between the Recipient and the managing entity providing criteria for site management and identifying the source of management funding. The managing entity must comply with the approved Management Plan. The Recipient is ultimately responsible for overseeing compliance with the Management Plan and the fulfillment of all Management Plan terms and is liable for any violations of the Management Plan.

4. If the Recipient is a partnership, the Recipient must also provide FCT with the interlocal agreement that sets forth the relationship among the partners and the fiscal and management responsibilities and obligations incurred by each partner for the Project Site as a part of its Management Plan.

5. To ensure that future management funds will be available for the management of the site in perpetuity pursuant to Section 259.105 and Chapter 380, Part III, F.S., the Recipient may be required to provide FCT with Reasonable Assurance, pursuant to Rule 62-818.002(36), F.A.C., that it has the financial resources, background, qualifications, and competence to manage the Project Site in perpetuity in a reasonable and professional manner. Where the Recipient does not include at least one local government, FCT requires the Recipient to do one, or more, of the following: (i) post a performance or other bond in an amount sufficient to ensure that the Project Site is reasonably and professionally managed in perpetuity; (ii) establish an endowment or other fund in an amount sufficient to ensure performance; (iii) provide a guaranty or pledge by the local government having jurisdiction over the Project Site requiring the local government to take over the responsibility for management of the Project Site in the event the Recipient is unable to; (iv) require the local government to be a named co-signer on the Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants; or (v) provide such other assurances as the Governing Board may deem necessary to adequately protect the public interest.

6. The Recipient must, through its agents and employees, prevent any use of the Project Site that is not in conformity with the FCT-approved Management Plan.

7. As required by Rule 62-818.013, F.A.C., after FCT reimbursement of Project Costs, the Recipient must prepare and submit to FCT a stewardship report that documents the progress made toward implementing the Management Plan. Initially the Recipient must submit the report

annually, but after completion of the Project the Trust may, in its discretion, transfer the report to a five-year review schedule.

X. PROJECT PLAN APPROVAL

1. Prior to the final disbursement of the FCT Award, the Recipient will submit a Project Plan that complies with Rule 62-819.011, F.A.C. FCT will not consider the Project Plan unless it is organized with a table of contents and includes the documents required by Rule 62-819.011, F.A.C. to ensure that the interests of the State of Florida will be protected:

- a. A purchase agreement for acquisition of the Project Site, executed by the Owner(s) and the Recipient, based on one or more appraisals prepared consistent with Chapters 62-819 and 18-1, F.A.C.
- b. A letter from the FCT indicating approval of the Management Plan.
- c. A statement of the total Project Costs as defined in Chapter 62-818, F.A.C.
- d. A statement of the amount of the FCT Award being requested.
- e. Supporting documentation that Recipient has satisfied any conditions imposed as part of the FCT Grant Agreement.
 - i. All invoices for approved Project Costs, with proof of payment, must be submitted to FCT Grant Manager and be in a detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof.
 - ii. Rule 62-818.002(33), F.A.C. states that reasonable real estate fees or commissions that do not exceed \$10,000.00 are eligible Project Costs. To maximize the Florida Forever funds for land acquisition, FCT will closely review each request for real estate fees or commissions to determine if the fee or commission is reasonable. FCT will not reimburse or pay any portion of real estate fees or commissions that FCT determines to be unreasonable. Recipient will be financially responsible for the portion of the real estate fees or commissions not paid by FCT.
- f. A signed statement by the Recipient that the Recipient is not aware of any pending criminal, civil, or regulatory violations imposed on the Project Site by any governmental body or agency.
- g. Additional documentation requested by the FCT staff as reasonable assurance that the Recipient will be able to fulfill its obligations under the Grant Agreement, the Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, and Chapter 62-818, F.A.C.

2. The Recipient may, and is strongly encouraged to, request a courtesy review of its

Project Plan prior to submitting it for approval.

3. FCT will not reimburse Project Costs until after FCT approval of the Project Plan.

XI. REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Upon FCT's approval of the Project Plan and the required reimbursement documents, the FCT will provide the Recipient with the Grant Reconciliation Statement indicating the amount of funds to be reimbursed by FCT.

Recipient will install for permanent display, one sign recognizing FCT's role in the acquisition of the Project Site prior to submittal of the project plan. Recipient will deliver a color photograph of the installed FCT Project sign to the FCT.

XII. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE RECIPIENT AS A CONDITION OF PROJECT FUNDING

1. The interest acquired by the Recipient in the Project Site will not serve as security for any debt of the Recipient.

2. If the existence of the Recipient terminates for any reason, title to the Project Site must be conveyed to the Trustees.

3. Within one year of the execution of this Agreement, the Recipient will ensure that the future land use and zoning designation assigned to the Project Site is for a category dedicated to open space, conservation, or outdoor recreation uses, as appropriate. Recipient's failure to obtain the required future land use and zoning designation dedicated to open space, conservation, or outdoor recreation uses, or obtain a variance or other approval that permits the use of the Project Site as an open space, conservation, or for outdoor recreation use in accordance with the Management Plan, will constitute a violation of an essential term of the Award.

4. FCT staff or its duly authorized representatives will have the right at any time to inspect the Project Site and the operations of the Recipient at the Project Site.

XIII. OBLIGATIONS OF THE RECIPIENT RELATING TO THE USE OF STATE FUNDS

1. FCT is authorized by Section 380.510, F.S. to impose conditions for funding on the Recipient in order to ensure that the Project complies with the requirements under law.

2. The Recipient agrees and acknowledges that the transactions, events, and circumstances itemized below (collectively, the "disallowable activities") may violate the covenants and restrictions imposed on the site:

- a. Any sale or lease of any interest in the Project Site.

- b. The operation of any concession on the Project Site without FCT approval.
- c. Any sales contract or option to buy or sell things attached to the Project Site to be severed from the Project Site.
- d. Any use of the Project Site other than use by the public.
- e. A management contract for the Project Site without an FCT-approved management agreement.
- f. Other activity that may be specified from time to time in writing by FCT to the Recipient.

3. If the Project Site, after its acquisition by the Recipient and/or the Trustees, is to remain subject to any of the disallowable activities, **the Recipient will provide notice to FCT, as provided for in paragraph V.1., at least sixty (60) calendar days** in advance of any such transactions, events, or circumstances, and will provide to FCT such information as FCT reasonably requests in order to evaluate for approval or denial the legal consequences of such disallowable activities .

4. In the event that FCT determines at any time that the Recipient is engaging, or allowing others to engage, in disallowable activities on the Project Site, the Recipient will immediately cease or cause the cessation of the disallowable activities upon receipt of written notice from FCT. In addition to all other rights and remedies at law or in equity, FCT has the right to seek temporary and permanent injunctions against the Recipient for any disallowable activities on the Project Site.

DELEGATIONS AND CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE RECIPIENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, NONPROFIT ENTITIES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL PERSONS FOR USE OR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT SITE IN NO WAY RELIEVES THE RECIPIENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON THE PROJECT SITE ARE FULLY COMPLIED WITH BY THE CONTRACTING PARTY.

XIV. RECORDKEEPING; AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

1. The Recipient will maintain books, records, and documents directly pertinent to performance under this Agreement in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. G.A.A.P.) consistently applied. FCT, the Department, the State, or their authorized representatives will have access to such records for audit purposes during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years following the completion date or termination of the Agreement. In the event any work is subcontracted, the Recipient must require each subcontractor to maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes. Upon request of Department's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, Grantee will provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to Grantee's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but is not limited to, Grantee's business or financial records, documents, or files of

any type or form that refer to or relate to Agreement. The Grantee will retain such records for the longer of: (1) three years after the expiration of the Agreement; or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).

a. The Recipient understands its duty, pursuant to Section 20.055(5), F.S., to cooperate with the Department's Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. The Recipient will comply with this duty and ensure that its subrecipients and/or subcontractors issued under this Agreement, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its subrecipients and/or subcontractors, respectively.

b. FCT personnel will be given access to and may observe and inspect work being performed under this Agreement, with reasonable notice and during normal business hours, including by any of the following methods:

i. Recipient will provide access to any location or facility where Recipient is performing work, or storing or staging equipment, materials, or documents;

ii. Recipient will permit inspection of any facility, equipment, practices, or operations required in performance of any work pursuant to this Agreement; and

iii. Recipient will allow and facilitate sampling and monitoring of any substances, soils, materials, or parameters at any location reasonable or necessary to assure compliance with any work or legal requirements pursuant to this Agreement.

c. In addition to the requirements of the preceding paragraph, the Recipient will comply with the applicable provisions contained in **Attachment A, Special Audit Requirements**. **Exhibit 1 to Attachment A** summarizes the funding sources supporting the Agreement for purposes of assisting the Recipient in complying with the requirements of **Attachment A**. A revised copy of **Exhibit 1** must be provided to the Recipient for each amendment that authorizes a funding increase or decrease. If the Recipient fails to receive a revised copy of **Exhibit 1**, the Recipient must notify the key contact with FCT to request a copy of the updated information.

d. The Recipient is hereby advised that the Federal and/or Florida Single Audit Act Requirements may apply to lower tier transactions resulting from this Agreement. The Recipient will consider the type of financial assistance (federal and/or state) identified in **Attachment A, Exhibit 1** when making this determination. For state financial assistance, the Recipient will use the form entitled "Checklist for Nonstate Organizations Recipient/Subrecipient vs. Vendor Determination" (form number DFS-A2-NS) that can be found under the "Links/Forms" section appearing at the following website:

<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa>

The Recipient should confer with its chief financial officer, audit director, or contact the FCT for assistance with questions pertaining to the applicability of these requirements.

XV. DEFAULT; REMEDIES; TERMINATION

1. If the necessary funds are not available to fund this Agreement because of action by the Florida Legislature or the Office of the State Chief Financial Officer, or if any Defaults occur, as described below, all obligations on the part of FCT to make any further payment of funds hereunder will terminate and FCT may exercise any of the remedies set forth herein. If FCT makes any payments or parts of payments after an Event of Default, such payment will not waive FCT's right to exercise such remedies and will not obligate FCT to make any further payments.

2. The following actions constitute a Default:

a. If FCT finds that any warranty or representation made by the Recipient in this Agreement, or in any document provided to FCT, is false or misleading in any respect.

b. If the Recipient fails to perform any of the terms or covenants contained in this Agreement and has not cured such failure in timely fashion, or is unable or unwilling to meet its obligations hereunder; or

c. If any material adverse change in the Recipient's financial condition occurs during the term of this Agreement and the Recipient fails to cure the material adverse change within thirty (30) days from the date written notice is sent to the Recipient by FCT; or

d. If any reports or documents required by this Agreement have not been timely submitted to FCT or have been submitted with incorrect, incomplete, or insufficient information; or

e. If the Recipient fails to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement in a timely fashion; or

f. If the Recipient fails to comply with Project deadlines set forth in the approved Management Plan; or

g. If the Recipient fails to keep the Project Site open to the public.

3. Upon the happening of a Default, FCT may, after giving thirty (30) calendar days' notice, exercise any one or more of the following remedies, either concurrently or consecutively. The pursuit of any one of the following remedies will not preclude FCT from pursuing any other remedies contained herein or otherwise provided at law or in equity:

a. Terminate this Agreement, provided the Recipient is given at least thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of such termination. The notice will be effective upon the date of the letter. Notification will be given pursuant to Section V.

b. Commence an appropriate legal or equitable action to enforce performance of this Agreement.

c. Withhold or suspend payment of all or any part of the FCT Award.

d. Exercise any corrective or remedial actions, including, but not limited to, requesting additional information from the Recipient to determine the reasons for or the extent of non-compliance or lack of performance or issuing a written warning to advise that more serious measures may be taken if the situation is not corrected.

e. Exercise any other rights or remedies that are otherwise available under law, including, those described in paragraph VIII.3.

4. FCT may terminate this Agreement for cause upon written notice to the Recipient. Cause may include, but is not limited to: default; fraud; lack of compliance with applicable rules, laws, and regulations; failure to perform in a timely manner; failure to make significant progress toward Project Plan and Management Plan approval; and refusal by the Recipient to permit public access to any document, paper, letter, or other material subject to disclosure under Chapter 119, F.S., as amended.

5. FCT may terminate this Agreement if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the continuation of the Agreement would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds.

6. The Recipient may request termination of this Agreement before reimbursement by a written request fully describing the circumstances that compel the Recipient to terminate the Project. A request for termination must be provided to FCT in a manner described in paragraph V.1.

XVI. PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS

1. Recipient must comply with Florida Public Records Law under Chapter 119, F.S. Records made or received in conjunction with this Agreement are public records under Florida law, as defined in Subsection 119.011(12), F.S. Recipient must keep and maintain public records required by the FCT to perform the services under this Agreement.

2. This Agreement may be unilaterally canceled by the FCT for refusal by the Recipient to either provide to the FCT upon request, or to allow inspection and copying, of all public records made or received by the Recipient in conjunction with this Agreement and subject to disclosure under Chapter 119, F.S., and Article I, Section 24(a), Florida Constitution.

3. If Recipient meets the definition of "Contractor" found in Paragraph 119.0701(1)(a), F.S.; [i.e., an individual, partnership, corporation, or business entity that enters into a contract for services with a public agency and is acting on behalf of the public agency], then the following requirements apply:

a. Pursuant to Section 119.0701, F.S., a request to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement for services must be made directly to the FCT. If the FCT does not possess the requested records, the FCT will immediately notify the Recipient of the request, and the Recipient must provide the records to the FCT or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time. If Recipient fails to provide the public records to the FCT within a reasonable time, the Recipient may be subject to penalties under Section 119.10, F.S.

b. Upon request from the FCT's custodian of public records, Recipient must provide the FCT with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.

c. Recipient must identify and ensure that all public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Recipient does not transfer the records to the FCT.

d. Upon completion of the Agreement, Recipient must transfer, at no cost to FCT, all public records in possession of Recipient or keep and maintain public records required by the FCT to perform the services under this Agreement. If the Recipient transfers all public records to the FCT upon completion of the Agreement, the Recipient may destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public disclosure requirements. If the Recipient keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Recipient must meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records that are stored electronically must be provided to the FCT, upon request from the FCT's custodian of public records, in a format that is accessible by and compatible with the information technology systems of the FCT.

E. IF THE RECIPIENT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE RECIPIENT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE FCT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS by telephone at (850) 245-2118, by email at ombudsman@dep.state.fl.us, or at the mailing address below:

**Department of Environmental Protection
ATTN: Office of Ombudsman and Public Services
Public Records Request
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, Mail Slot 49
Tallahassee, FL 32399**

XVII. LEGAL AUTHORIZATION

The Recipient certifies with respect to this Agreement that it possesses the legal authority to receive funds to be provided under this Agreement and that, if applicable, its governing body has authorized, by resolution or otherwise, the execution and acceptance of this Agreement. The Recipient also certifies that the undersigned possesses the authority to legally execute and bind the Recipient to the terms of this Agreement.

XVIII. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

1. In executing this Agreement, the Recipient certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the FCT may immediately terminate this Contract at its sole option if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Contract.

2. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, the Grantee certifies that it is also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the FCT may immediately terminate this Contract at its sole option if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Contract.

3. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions then they will become inoperative.

XIX. STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. The Recipient and all its agents will comply with all federal, state, and local regulations, including but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements. The Recipient will include this provision in all subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.

2. No person, on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability, will be excluded from participation in; be denied the proceeds or benefits of; or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

4. Any dispute concerning performance of the Agreement will be processed as described herein. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of the Agreement will be in the courts of the State, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon

County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Agreement.

5. The Recipient agrees to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), if applicable, which prohibits discrimination by public and private entities on the basis of disability in the areas of employment, public accommodations, transportation, State and local government services, and in telecommunications.

6. Pursuant to Sections 287.133 and 287.134, F.S., the following restrictions apply to persons placed on the convicted vendor list or the discriminatory list:

a. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Grantee, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, F.S., for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

b. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

c. The Grantee must notify the FCT if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the convicted vendor list or the discriminatory vendor list during the life of the Agreement. The Florida Department of Management Services is responsible for maintaining the discriminatory vendor list and posts the list on its website. Questions regarding the discriminatory vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity, at (850) 487-0915.

7. The Recipient agrees that no funds received by it under this Agreement will be expended for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or a State agency pursuant to Section 216.347, F.S., except that pursuant to the requirements of Section 287.058(6), F.S., during the term of any executed agreement between Recipient and the State, Grantee may lobby the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding that agreement. The Recipient must comply with Sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S.

8. The employment of unauthorized aliens by any recipient is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Recipient knowingly employs

unauthorized aliens, such violation is cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement. The Recipient is responsible for including this provision in all subcontracts with private organizations issued as a result of this Agreement.

9. The Recipient will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations in providing services to the FCT under this Agreement. The Recipient acknowledges that this requirement includes, but is not limited to, compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local health and safety rules and regulations. The Recipient further agrees to include this provision in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this Agreement.

10. The Recipient will require any subcontractors under this Contract to save and hold harmless and indemnify the State of Florida and the Department against any and all liability, claims, judgments, or costs for injury to, or death of, any person or persons and for the loss of damage to any property resulting from the use, service, operation, or performance of work under the terms of this Contract resulting from the negligent acts of the subcontractor, or any employees, agents, or representatives of the subcontractor. This provision must be included in any subcontract issued pursuant to this Contract.

11. As a political subdivision of the State of Florida, the Recipient's liability is regulated by Florida law. Except for negligent acts or omissions of its employees acting within the course and scope of their employment, the Recipient will not indemnify any entity or person and, then such indemnification is limited to the express terms of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The Recipient is self-insured to the extent of its liability under law and any liability in excess of that specified in statute may be awarded only through special legislative action. Accordingly, the Recipient's liability and indemnification obligations in this contract are effective only to the extent expressly required by 768.28, Florida Statutes or other limitations imposed on the Recipient's potential liability under state or federal law.

12. The Recipient, as an independent contractor and not an agent, representative, or employee of the FCT, agrees to carry adequate liability and other appropriate forms of insurance. The FCT has no liability except as specifically provided in this Agreement.

13. This Agreement, and any amendments related to this Agreement, may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original and all of which constitutes the same instrument. In accordance with the Electronic Signature Act of 1996, electronic signatures, including facsimile transactions, may be used and will have the same force and effect as a written signature. Each person signing this Agreement warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to this Agreement.

14. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the Parties. Any alterations, variations, changes, modifications, or waivers of provisions of this Agreement are only valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly signed by each of the Parties hereto, and attached to the original of this Agreement, unless otherwise provided herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement.

RECIPIENT: Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, a Florida local government

By: [Signature]

Print Name: T.R. Wilson

Title: Chairman

Date: 12/17/2024



FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST, STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

By: Mara Gambineri
Secretary or designee

Print Name: Mara Gambineri

Title: Chief of Staff

Date: 2/4/2025

Approved as to Form and Legality:

By: [Signature]

Print Name: Breezi Hicks

Date: 12/17/24

Approved as to Form and Legality:

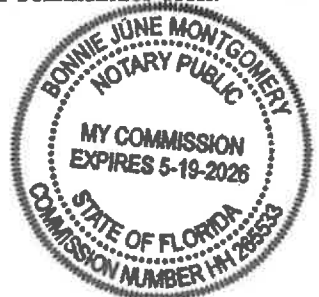
By: Patricia Henry

Print Name: Patricia Henry

Date: 1/27/2025

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 5 day of February, 2025 by Mara Gambineri, as Secretary or Designee, Florida Communities Trust.

(SEAL)



[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

Bonnie Montgomery
Print, Type, Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

List of attachments/exhibits included as part of this Agreement:

Specify	Letter/		
Type	Number	Description (include number of pages)	
Attachment	5	Special Audit Requirements (7 Pages)	

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Special Audit Requirements
(State and Federal Financial Assistance)**

Attachment 5

The administration of resources awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (*which may be referred to as the "Department", "DEP", "FDEP" or "Grantor", or other name in the agreement*) to the recipient (*which may be referred to as the "Recipient", "Grantee" or other name in the agreement*) may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Department of Environmental Protection, as described in this attachment.

MONITORING

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, and Section 215.97, F.S., as revised (see "AUDITS" below), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by DEP Department staff, limited scope audits as defined by 2 CFR 200.425, or other procedures. By entering into this Agreement, the recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Department of Environmental Protection. In the event the Department of Environmental Protection determines that a limited scope audit of the recipient is appropriate, the recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Department to the recipient regarding such audit. The recipient further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Auditor General.

AUDITS

PART I: FEDERALLY FUNDED

This part is applicable if the recipient is a State or local government or a non-profit organization as defined in 2 CFR §200.330

1. A recipient that expends \$1,000,000 or more in Federal awards in its fiscal year, must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. EXHIBIT I to this Attachment indicates Federal funds awarded through the Department of Environmental Protection by this Agreement. In determining the federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of federal awards, including federal resources received from the Department of Environmental Protection. The determination of amounts of federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established in 2 CFR 200.502-503. An audit of the recipient conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200.514 will meet the requirements of this part.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part I, paragraph 1, the recipient shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 CFR 200.508-512.
3. A recipient that expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year is not required to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements. If the recipient expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-federal resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from recipient resources obtained from other federal entities).
4. The recipient may access information regarding the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) via the internet at <https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>.

PART II: STATE FUNDED

This part is applicable if the recipient is a nonstate entity as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes.

1. In the event that the recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such recipient (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), the recipient must have a State single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, F.S.; Rule Chapter 69I-5, F.A.C., State Financial Assistance; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. EXHIBIT I to this form lists the state financial assistance awarded through the Department of Environmental Protection by this agreement. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the Department of Environmental Protection, other state agencies, and other nonstate entities. State financial assistance does not include federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a nonstate entity for Federal program matching requirements.
2. In connection with the audit requirements addressed in Part II, paragraph 1; the recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes, and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.
3. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year (for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, is not required. In the event that the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the cost of the audit must be paid from the non-state entity's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the recipient's resources obtained from other than State entities).
4. For information regarding the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA), a recipient should access the Florida Single Audit Act website located at <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa> for assistance. In addition to the above websites, the following websites may be accessed for information: Legislature's Website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>, State of Florida's website at <http://www.myflorida.com/>, Department of Financial Services' Website at <http://www.fldfs.com/> and the Auditor General's Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/audgen/>.

PART III: OTHER AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

(NOTE: This part would be used to specify any additional audit requirements imposed by the State awarding entity that are solely a matter of that State awarding entity's policy (i.e., the audit is not required by Federal or State laws and is not in conflict with other Federal or State audit requirements). Pursuant to Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes, State agencies may conduct or arrange for audits of State financial assistance that are in addition to audits conducted in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In such an event, the State awarding agency must arrange for funding the full cost of such additional audits.)

PART IV: REPORT SUBMISSION

1. Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, and required by PART I of this form shall be submitted, when required by 2 CFR 200.512, by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) as provided in 2 CFR 200.36 and 200.512
 - A. The Federal Audit Clearinghouse designated in 2 CFR §200.501(a) (the number of copies required by 2 CFR §200.501(a) should be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse), at the following address:

By Mail:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse
Bureau of the Census
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Submissions of the Single Audit reporting package for fiscal periods ending on or after January 1, 2008, must be submitted using the Federal Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System which can be found at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>

2. Copies of financial reporting packages required by PART II of this Attachment shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to each of the following:
- A. The Department of Environmental Protection at one of the following addresses:

By Mail:

Audit Director
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Inspector General, MS 40
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Electronically:

FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us

- B. The Auditor General's Office at the following address:

Auditor General
Local Government Audits/342
Claude Pepper Building, Room 401
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

The Auditor General's website (<http://flauditor.gov/>) provides instructions for filing an electronic copy of a financial reporting package.

3. Copies of reports or management letters required by PART III of this Attachment shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Department of Environmental Protection at one of the following addresses:

By Mail:

Audit Director
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Inspector General, MS 40
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Electronically:

FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us

4. Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with 2 CFR 200.512, section 215.97, F.S., and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.

5. Recipients, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department of Environmental Protection for audits done in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (non and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date and the reporting package was delivered to the recipient correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

PART V: RECORD RETENTION

The recipient shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of the award and this Agreement for a period of **five (5)** years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department of Environmental Protection, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The recipient shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to the Department of Environmental Protection, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General upon request for a period of **three (3)** years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the Department of Environmental Protection.

EXHIBIT - 1

FUNDS AWARDED TO THE RECIPIENT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, provide the same information shown below for each federal program and show total federal resources awarded

Federal Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following:					
Federal Program	Federal Agency	CFDA Number	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
Federal Program A				\$	
Federal Program B	Federal Agency	CFDA Number	CFDA Title	Funding Amount \$	State Appropriation Category

Note: Of the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, list applicable compliance requirements for each federal program in the same manner as shown below:

Federal Program	Compliance Requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)
Federal Program A	First Compliance requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)
	Second Compliance requirement: i.e.: (eligibility requirement for recipients of the resources)
	Etc.
Federal Program B	First Compliance requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)
	Second Compliance requirement: i.e.: (eligibility requirement for recipients of the resources)
	Etc.

Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, provide the same information shown below for each federal program and show total state resources awarded for matching.

State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following Matching Resources for Federal Programs:					
Federal Program	Federal Agency	CFDA	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
Federal Program A	Federal Agency	CFDA	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
Federal Program B	Federal Agency	CFDA	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category

Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one state project, provide the same information shown below for each state project and show total state financial assistance awarded that is subject to section 215.97, F.S.

State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following Resources Subject to Section 215.97, F.S.:						
State Program	State Awarding Agency	State Fiscal Year ¹	CSFA Number	CSFA Title or Funding Source Description	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
State Program A	State Awarding Agency	2023-2024	37,078	Florida Communities Trust (Florida Forever Funded Grant Program)	\$1,775,000.00	084112
State Program B	State Awarding Agency	State Fiscal Year ²	CSFA Number	CSFA Title or Funding Source Description	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
Total Award					\$1,775,000.00	

¹ Subject to change by Change Order.
² Subject to change by Change Order.

Note: List applicable compliance requirement in the same manner as illustrated above for federal resources. For matching resources provided by the Department for DEP for federal programs, the requirements might be similar to the applicable federal programs. Also, to the extent that different requirements pertain to different amount for the non-federal resources, there may be more than one grouping (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.) listed under this category.

For each program identified above, the recipient shall comply with the program requirements described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) [<https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>] and/or the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) [<https://apps.flids.com/fsaa/searchCatalog.aspx>], and State Projects Compliance Supplement (Part Four: State Projects Compliance Supplement [https://apps.flids.com/fsaa/state_project_compliance.aspx]). The services/purposes for which the funds are to be used are included in the Agreement's Grant Work Plan. Any match required by the Recipient is clearly indicated in the Agreement.