

RESOLUTION 02- |||

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST (A.K.A. FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM) FOR ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 800 ACRES OF LAND FOR PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PURPOSES. PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE KEY CONTACT PERSON.

WHEREAS, the State's Preservation 2000 grant program, administered by the Florida Communities Trust is anticipated to continue under the name Florida Forever; and

WHEREAS, this grant program was established to assist local governments to implement the conservation, recreation and open space, and coastal management elements of the local comprehensive plan through a program of grant awards to local governments for land acquisition for the purposes of natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County LAMP Board, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Real Estate Division has identified two (2) acquisition projects for this grant round consisting of approximately 700 acres in the central portion of the County known as the Turnbull/Pacetti tract and 100 acres in the western portion of the County known as the Orangedale/Boyd tract that contains exceptional natural resources and outdoor recreation potential; and

WHEREAS, an alternate property located in the Tillman Ridge area of the County consisting of about 600 acres mol known as the Trestle Bay Preserve is recommended for a FCT application if, and only if, one of the two primary properties is unavailable for grant purposes; and,

WHEREAS, upon successful approval of this grant application by the State FCT, St. Johns County will be required to fulfill the commitments made in the grant application including providing a minimum 25% local matching funds, approval of the Conceptual Approval Agreement, completion of the Management Plan, and filing of annual Stewardship reports; and

WHEREAS, acquisition and management of this property will assist St. Johns County in meeting the requirements of the Conservation/Coastal Management and Recreation and Open Space Elements of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners, execution by the County Administrator, and identification of the Key Contact person,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The County Administrator is authorized to execute the grant applications to be submitted to the Florida Communities Trust (A.K.A. Florida Forever).
2. It is further resolved that Shorty Robbins Merritt, Administrative Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks is authorized to act as the Key Contact person on behalf of St. Johns County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF June, 2002

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By James E. Bryant
James Bryant, Chairman

RENDITION DATE 6-14-02

ATTESTED: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By Patricia A. Grasse
Deputy Clerk



FLORIDA FOREVER PROPOSED PROJECTS FACT SHEET

Turnbull/Pacetti Tract

Size: Some or all of a 700 acre tract
Location: East of Pacetti Road in central St. Johns County
Site Features: 1/3 high quality wetlands, headwaters of Turnbull Creek
2/3 uplands with mixed hardwoods, and pine flatwoods communities
Suitable for: Active or passive recreation
Reasons for Consideration:

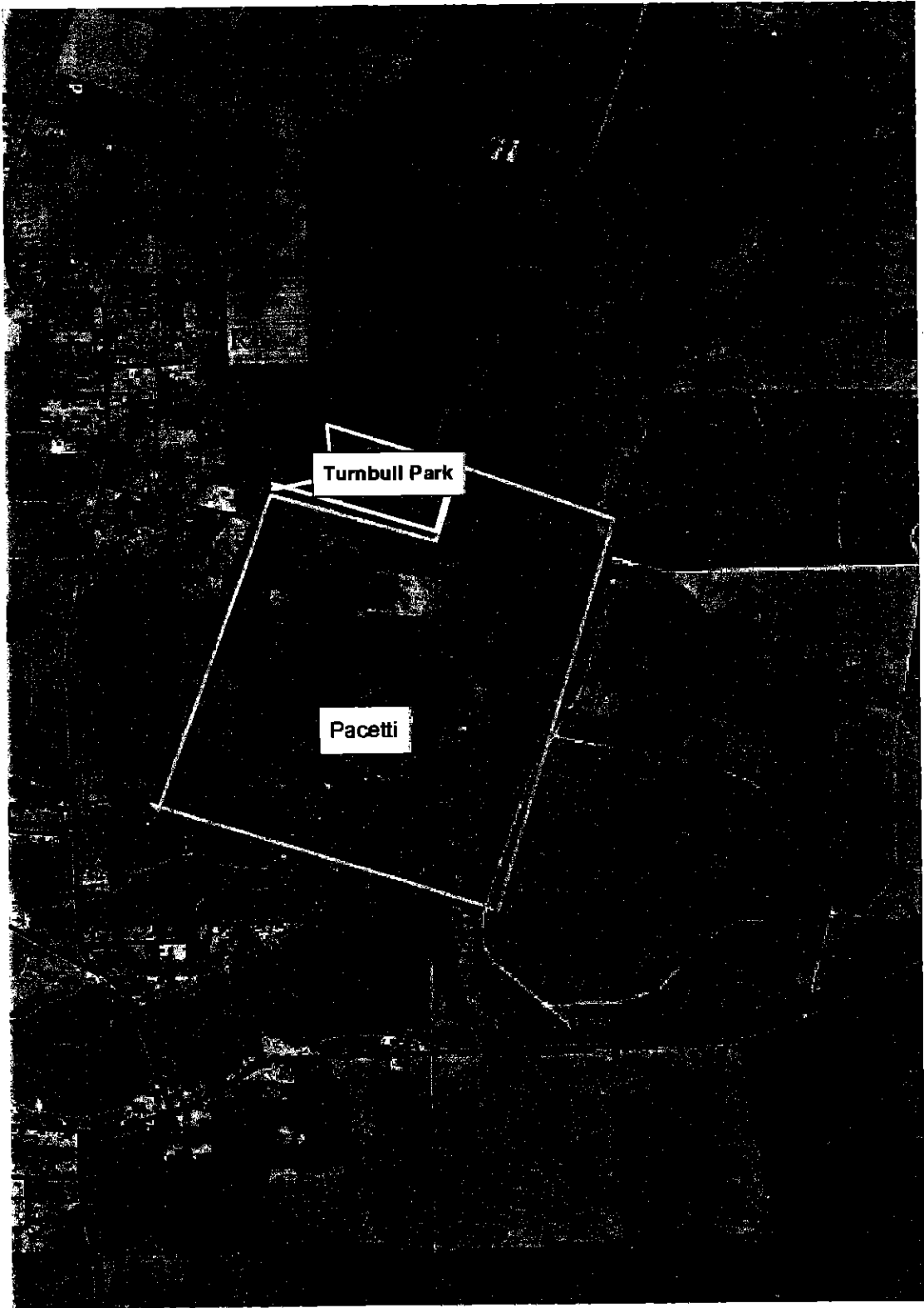
St. Johns County currently owns the adjacent property to the north of this site. The 453-acre "Turnbull Park" contains 72 acres which are designated for an active/passive park for this area of the county. FCT guidelines allow for the use of this property value as a match for the acquisition of the new property site. This would offer a significant decrease in the actual cash match required, while providing this rapidly growing area of the county with much-needed park space.

Orangedale/Boyd Tract

Size: 100 acres
Location: North of SR 16A on the eastern side of SR 13.
Site Features: Previously timbered planted pine, primarily uplands
Petty Branch Creek runs through the center
Suitable for: Active or passive recreation
Reasons for Consideration:

This site has been consistently identified by the LAMP Board for acquisition. This area of the county is under rapid development and park land must be set aside. This property is suitable for both active and passive recreation. The Boyd family also owns a 48 acre tract on the west (river) side of SR 13, which could be tied in as a future FCT application. Both properties have also been identified as CARL sites. Although technically the state would take the lead in acquiring CARL land, favorable consideration is given to counties which begin acquisition on selected properties. Acquisition of the Boyd property would begin this process, and also allow the County more freedom in the Master Planning for the site.

Tumbull/Pacetti



Orangedale/Boyd

