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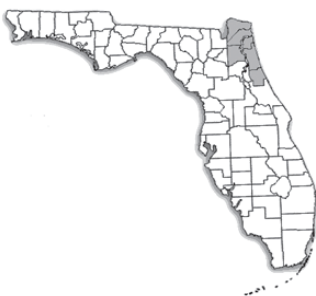
Mission of the Northeast Florida Office:

- 1)Protecting the rural areas of Northeast Florida from sprawling growth
- 2)Protecting the habitats of native wildlife with the Florida black bear as the guiding species
- 3)Promoting sound coastal policy reform
- 4)Promoting land conservation through acquisition and landowner incentives

What We Do

In 2001, the Federation recognized that in the coming decades Northeast Florida's wildlife would be seriously threatened by urban sprawl. To replicate the Federation's success in Southwest Florida, the regional office opened in 2004 and targeted state and local growth management laws because they are legally binding; offer multiple opportunities for public input; protect both wetland and upland habitats; are comprehensive in its application; and establish land use patterns on the macro-scale.

The office is also engaged in a plan to develop coastal policies which will increase protection and restoration of coastal habitats.



Northeast Florida Office Fall 2014 Update

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Continuing to Protect our Public Conservation Lands

One of the most significant activities of the Northeast Florida office is to keep a watchful eye on our existing public conservation lands. We have seen it with the school proposal in Guana Wildlife Management Area, the Outerbeltway proposed through Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area and we just saw it again. Recently, a proposal to run a new road through the 12 Mile Swamp Conservation Area in St. Johns County almost made its way forward and became a "line on the map." However, communicating our disapproval for the proposal to the many governmental agencies involved and organizing a loud voice

of opposition with conservation partners **the Northeast office successfully had the new road removed from the map.** Of course these proposals come back like a cat with nine lives, but we will be vigilant in watching for future proposals in 12 Mile Swamp Conservation Area and other publicly owned conservation lands.



Learning More about Bears with Cameras and Video Collars

The Federation recently provided a grant to Friends of Wekiva River, University of Central Florida (Dr. Dan Smith), and the National Park Service to help fund a year-long study titled "Evaluating Movement and Behavior of Florida Black Bears in the urbanized perimeter areas adjacent to the Wekiva National Wild and Scenic River System of Central Florida."

updates, public meeting schedules and materials relating to this important wildlife project that has statewide implications. The Federation's grant will help purchase equipment, including video collars, to track and record the activities of black bears in suburban areas adjacent to Wekiva River natural lands.



In the coming year, the Federation will be providing members and supporters with project

This information will be useful to better understand interactions between bears and people. The Federation intends to use the study's findings to draft wildlife co-existence plans and public wildlife policies for implementation by local governments and Homeowners Associations. This is exciting as it will have application statewide.

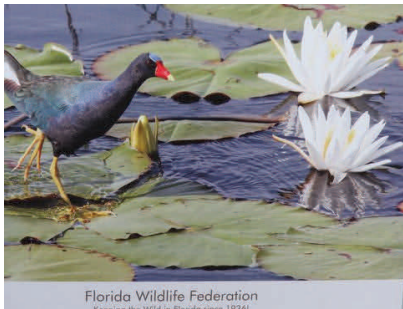
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Around the Region

A National Marine Sanctuary

For the first time in two decades, communities are allowed to nominate our unique marine resources to be considered as a future national marine sanctuary. Continuing the grassroots effort since 2009 to help protect the North Atlantic right whale, FWF helped Friends of Matanzas finalize the application and *hit the send button*. The sanctuary proposes to protect the calving grounds for the right whale as well as the Eubalaena Oculina offshore reef system that provides critical spawning grounds. A marine sanctuary would provide a vast public outreach program to educate the public about the unique environmental and cultural resources of the region.

FWF 2015 Calendar



This beautiful 9 x 12 inch calendar is now available for only \$20, tax and shipping included! Featured is the spectacular photography of Karen Willes. Order below!!

Connecting Our Youth with the Environment

Thanks to the generous support of our members, the upper level class at St. Augustine Montessori Public School received copies of *Waltzes with Giants* after a presentation from FWC's Tom Pitchford about right whales. The children loved touching a real baleen and finding the hidden symbols in *Waltzes with Giants*.



Volunteers Needed!



Would you like to get out in the woods and experience the work of field biologists? We need help monitoring our cameras on a monthly basis. We currently have 2 cameras in one location. We have plans to expand our camera program throughout Northeast Florida but our staff can't monitor them all. If you are interested in rolling up your sleeves, know of students who need service/internship hours or a group of scouts please contact Sarah at 904-347-6490 or email northeastfwf@fwfonline.org.

Wildlife Cameras Are Set!

With funding from two private foundations, the office purchased cameras to monitor existing wildlife crossings to measure their effectiveness. From the looks of it, the 4 foot ledges appear to be working...check out the family of river otters. This data will help us modify existing bridges that do not have the infrastructure for providing a secure crossing. Our first project will be the Pellicer Creek Bridge in Flagler County. We are looking forward to placing more cameras in the field around Northeast Florida. Keep watching for updates, you may have one in your neck of the woods soon.



Please Support the Northeast Florida Office

YES, I want to help the Federation protect Florida wildlife. I would like my contribution to be earmarked for:

- promoting and facilitating the building and retrofitting of wildlife crossings.
- purchasing additional wildlife cameras for the region.
- continuing to advocate for coastal policy reform in response to sea level rise.
- keeping a fulltime planning advocate in Northeast Florida.
- funding the Northeast Florida Office's conservation lands and wildlife advocacy programs.

Here is my donation to help Florida Wildlife Federation protect and conserve Northeast Florida's wildlife:

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