

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 62**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN COMMITTEE NAMED THE J.R. ALFORD GREENWAY CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL OPERATE AND FUNCTION AS A DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE.****RECITALS**

WHEREAS, in June 1999, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (“Trustees”) acquired 881 acres of land from the Trust for Public Land for the project named the J.R. Alford Greenway (JRAG or Greenway);

WHEREAS, in November 2000, Trustees entered into a lease agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails (“OGT”);

WHEREAS, Leon County, Florida (the “County”) entered into a sublease agreement with the OGT in May 2001, to manage the JRAG.

WHEREAS, in November 2015, the Trustees cancelled the lease with OGT and Trustees assumed the lease with the County. The lease expires on February 23, 2050.

WHEREAS, Section 253.034(5), Florida Statutes, and the lease with the Trustees, require that individual land management plans for state-owned conservation land parcels over 160 acres, shall be developed with input from an advisory group and updated every 10 years;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 259.032, Florida Statutes, in 2003, the first JRAG Management Plan was authored by the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department with input from an advisory group;

WHEREAS, the first Management Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County (“Board”) and adopted by the Trustees in 2003;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida Statutes, on August 17, 2010, the Board adopted Resolution No. 10-75, establishing the J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen’s Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the Trustees adopted the first updated JRAG Management Plan in 2013;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of updating the JRAG Management Plan to continue the County’s goal to conserve and protect environmentally sensitive lands and our natural ecosystems, and fulfill the County’s agreement with the Trustees and requirement under Section 253.034, Florida Statutes, to update the JRAG Management Plan every 10 years;

1 WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public
2 involvement and input in County government;

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4 WHEREAS, in order for the Board to consider the input of the public in the matter of the
5 2025 update of the JRAG Management Plan, it wishes to establish an advisory group to function
6 and operate in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Citizen Committees";

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8 WHEREAS, Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida Statutes, requires members of this advisory
9 group to include, at a minimum, representatives of the lead land managing agency, co-managing
10 entities, local private property owners, the appropriate soil and water conservation district, a local
11 conservation organization, and a local elected official. Also, as required by Section 269.032(b)(b),
12 Florida Statutes, if habitat or potentially restorable habitat for imperiled species is located on state
13 lands, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and
14 Consumer Services shall be included on any advisory group, to provide input into the management
15 plan (for parcels over 160 acres); and

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17 WHEREAS, in addition to the membership required by Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida
18 Statutes, the Board wishes to include members in the Committee that represent three specifically
19 selected local organizations due to their historic involvement and expertise with the Greenway: a
20 representative of bike trail users, a representative of equestrian trail users, and a representative of
21 running trail users.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
23 **COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, that:**

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25 1. The Recitals to this Resolution are incorporated herein and made a part hereon as
26 fully set forth below.

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28 2. The Board hereby establishes the J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee, for
29 the purpose of giving input to staff on the future goals and objectives for the updated 10-year
30 management plan.

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32 3. The J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee shall function and operate as a
33 decision-making committee in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed
34 Citizen Committees".

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36 4. The J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee shall be charged with the
37 responsibility of collecting public input and making recommendations to staff regarding the 10-
38 year management plan goals and objectives for submittal to the State for final approval.

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40 5. The J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee shall have 14 members, including
41 members as required by Section 259.032(8)(b), Florida Statutes, as well as a representative from
42 each of the local constituent/trail user groups, and shall be appointed by the following entities:

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44 a) Director of the Leon County Parks & Recreation Department, or designee, to serve
45 as the statutorily required representative of the lead land managing agency;

- 1 b) Director of the Leon County Cooperative Extension, or designee, to serve as the
2 statutorily required representative of the co-managing entities;
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- 4 c) Director of the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, or designee, to
5 serve as the statutorily required representative of the co-managing entities;
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- 7 d) President of the Buck Lake Alliance, or other designated board member, to serve
8 as the statutorily required representative of a local conservation organization;
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- 10 e) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Director of the Division
11 of Habitat and Species Conservation or designee, to serve as the statutorily required
12 representative for habitat or potentially restorable habitat for imperiled species
13 located on state lands;
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- 15 f) The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Director of the
16 Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, or designee, to serve as the
17 statutorily required representative for habitat or potentially restorable habitat for
18 imperiled species located on state lands;
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- 20 g) One member of the Leon County Soil & Water Conservation District, to serve as
21 the statutorily required representative of the local soil and water conservation
22 district;
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- 24 h) One County Commissioner, to be appointed by the full Board, to serve as the
25 statutorily required local elected official;
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- 27 i) The President of the Stoney Creek Homeowners Association, or other designated
28 board member, to serve as the statutorily required local private property owner;
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- 30 j) The President of the Observation Circle Homeowners Association, or other
31 designated board member, to serve as the statutorily required local private property
32 owner;
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- 34 k) The President of the Countryside of Tallahassee Homeowners Association, or other
35 designated board member, to serve as the statutorily required local private property
36 owner;
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- 38 l) The President of Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association, or other board member
39 designee, to serve as a representative of bike trail users;
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- 41 m) The President of the Southern Trailriders Association, or other board member
42 designee, to serve as a representative of equestrian trail users; and
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- 44 n) The President of the Gulf Winds Track Club, or other board member designee, to
45 serve as a representative of running trail users.
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1 6. The members of the J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee shall not be subject
2 to full and public disclosure of financial interests.
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4 7. The J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee shall be staffed by the Leon County
5 Division of Parks & Recreation.
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7 8. The J.R. Alford Greenway Citizen's Committee shall be dissolved only as follows:
8 upon completion of the 2025 JRAG Management Plan and its acceptance by the Board, and
9 submittal to the Trustees.
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11 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
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14 **DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon
15 County, Florida, this 8th day October, 2024.
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