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Jim McCarthy, the president of the North Florida Land Trust outside their Riverside office
November 15, 2017. The North Florida Land Trust has acquired three parcels of land
totaling 565 acres in Duval and Clay counties and is working with state and federal

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agencies to create a wildlife corridor from Ocala to Osceola. (Bob Self/Florida Times-Union)

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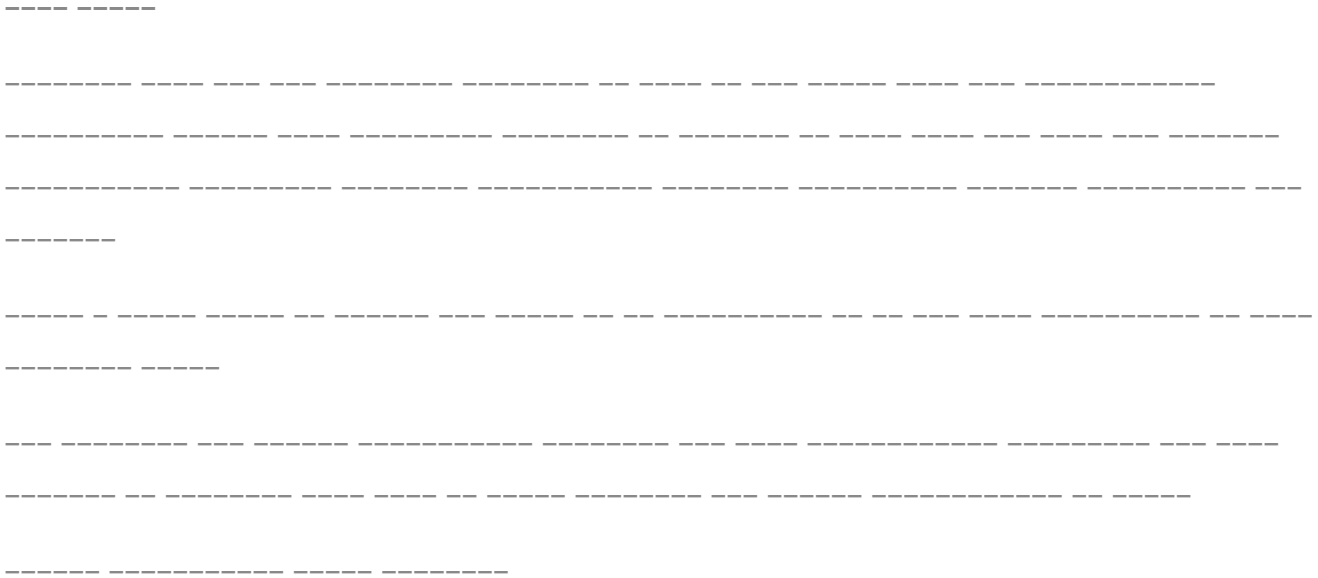
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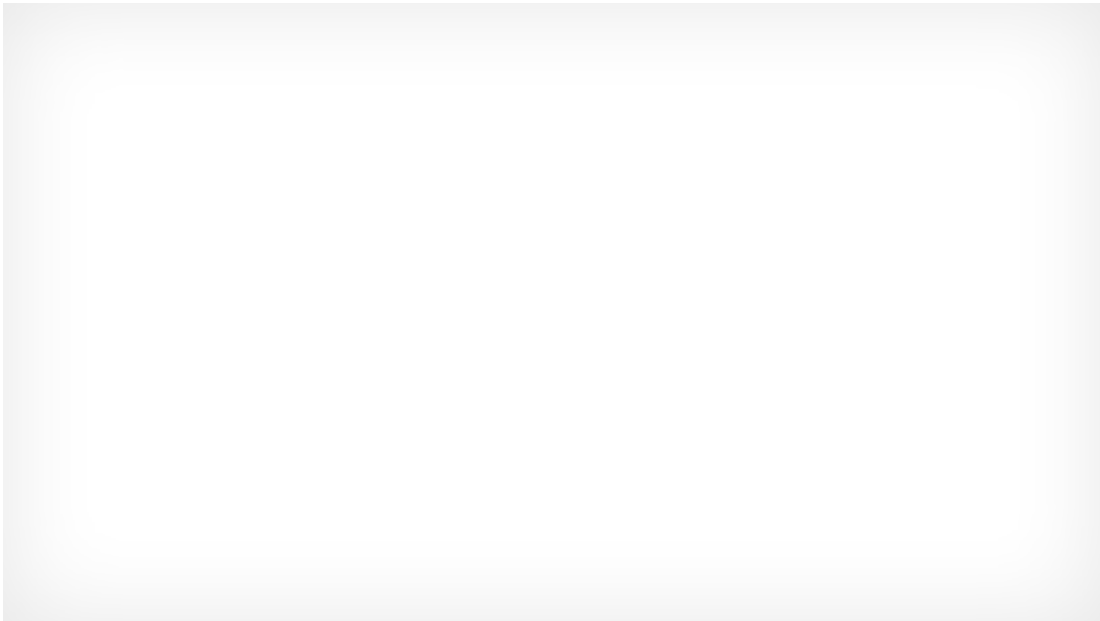
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- Florida Department of Protection, Division of State Lands
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- St. Johns River and Suwannee River Water Management Districts

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
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- Florida Department of Military Affairs, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

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- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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- Florida Trail Association
- Florida Wildlife Corridor
- Alachua Conservation Trust
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Excellence in action, NFLT!
Great article Ms. Stepzinski.

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Patricia A. Cornell

This land preservation is a wonderful thing. Hopefully will help keep animals from being killed by cars. I wonder if it would possibly help save the Florida Panther??

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Adam Hoyles

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