

St. Johns County Land Conservation Bond Referendum — Executive Summary



On November 3, 2026, St. Johns County voters will decide whether to authorize up to \$100 million in bonds to protect the county's water, wildlife, farms, and forests before they're lost to development. Here's what the measure would do:

- What it authorizes: Up to \$100 million in bonds for land conservation — the County isn't required to borrow it all, or any of it.
- Capped cost: No more than \$15/year per \$100,000 of taxable value — about \$47/year (\$3.91/month) for the average homesteaded home once fully issued.
- Built-in accountability: A citizen oversight board (LAMP) ranks projects using published criteria; spending is independently audited and publicly disclosed every year.
- Voluntary only: No property will be taken by eminent domain — only willing landowners can sell land or a conservation easement.
- Why now: St. Johns is one of Florida's fastest-growing counties and the only county on the East Coast without dedicated conservation funding, which limits its ability to win matching state and federal grants.
- If it fails: Conservation funding drops back to about \$500,000 a year, and the County becomes less competitive for outside matching dollars.

To donate please make checks and mail to the contracted campaign treasurer:

St. Johns Forever
527 East Park Avenue
Tallahassee Florida 32301.

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