Landowner Assistance Program
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
www.MyFWC.com

“Assistance for Farm, Forest, and Wildlife Management”
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What is LAP?
• 30 biologists statewide to assist landowners
• Provide wildlife assistance
• Educate through workshops and publications
• Recognize good stewardship
• Non-regulatory incentive approach to partnerships
• “Focused Approach”
Only 25% of landowners have a plan.
“If I were a new landowner, I would...”
1. Think like a new business owner
2. Talk to as many people as possible

A Plan is the Gateway
• Refine your goals
• Document your resources & concerns
• Determine your management needs
• Outlines your management strategy
• Coordinates outside your property
• Budgets
• Tax benefits

Management Plan Assistance
• Online resources to help
  – Wildlife Conservation Guide
    www.myfwc.com/CONSERVATION/FWCG.htm
• Consultants to help
  – http://privatelandownernetwork.org/
• Resource professionals to help
  (video)
Talk to many people...
- Resource professionals
- Online, feed stores, coffee shops
- Neighbors!

LAP OBJECTIVES
- Provide technical and financial assistance to enhance habitat conditions for fish and wildlife
- Emphasis on improving conditions for targeted habitats = “Focal Areas”
LAP PROCESS

Landowner obtains application
www.MyFWC.com/LAP

Complete application submitted for approval

Application Approved

Landowner completes practices recommended by biologist

Biologist conducts needs assessment with landowner

Biologist conducts performance evaluation

Landowner submits receipts and is reimbursed for 50% of cost

Other Programs

- U.S. FWS - Partners for Fish and Wildlife
  - www.fws.gov/southeast/partners
- NWTF – Operation Oak Program
  - www.nwtf.org/conservation
- Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site Program
  - www.myfwc.com
- Safe Harbor Program
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- Amendment IV
- Always something new...Stay connected!
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