

Gopher Tortoise Relocation (Conservation) Permit Application

Application Summary

Name Florid Power & Light Company / Gulf Power ES Permit Type:

Gopher Tortoise Conservation

Application Status: Date Submitted: Date/Time Application Printed: Permit Issued 9/02/2020 4/29/2021

Permit Number: Predecessor:

GTC-20-00339

Successor:

Filer type: Agent or Consultant

*The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects social security numbers (SSN) for the issuance of licenses or permits to an individual in accordance with s. 372.561 F.S. and 42 USC 666 for the purposes of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law.

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, of any criminal or non-criminal violation, regardless of adjudication, or plea entered, of any wildlife violation (including a violation of Chapters 379, 370, 372, F.S.; Section 828.12, F.S.; Rules of the commission; Similar laws or rules in another jurisdiction)?

C Yes C No

Application #:

If yes, please explain, and list the type of violation(s) cited and the county/state where the violation occurred:

Have you ever had a fish or wildlife-related permit suspended or revoked?

C Yes C No

Explain, if yes:

Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable state, federal, and local laws.

Contact Information

	Applicant	Agent			
Personal		Personal			
Title		Title	Mr.		
FirstName		FirstName	Matthew		
MiddleInitial		MiddleInitial	D		
LastName		LastName	Goff		
Suffix		Suffix			
Business Name	Florid Power & Light Company / Gulf Power ES	Business Name			
Country of Residence		Country of Residence			
Country		Country	US		
Mailing Address		Mailing Address			
Address1	1230 E 15th Street	Address1	2507 Callaway Road		
Address2		Address2			
Country	US	Country	US		
City	PANAMA CITY	City	TALLAHASSEE		
State/Province	FL	State/Province	FL		
Zip/Postal Code	32405	Zip/Postal Code	32303		
Contact Information		Contact Information			
Contact First Name	Jeffrey	Contact First Name	Matthew		
Contact Last Name	Cole	Contact Last Name	Goff		
Primary Phone Number	850-703-9634	Primary Phone Number	850-545-6423		
Secondary Phone Number	850-703-9634	Secondary Phone Number	850-383-0009		
Fax Number		Fax Number			
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Donor Location

Project Name:	NFRC Columbia County Staging Area
Description:	This is a construction staging area for the North Florida Resliency Connection Project, a new overhead tranmission line. The staging area needs to be developed in advance of the linear project, which will be permitted seperately.
Address 1:	4054 Suwannee Valley Road
Address 2:	
County:	COLUMBIA
City	LAKE CITY, 32056
	The project site is located at 4054 Suwannnee Valley Road, about 10 miles northwest of Lake City and 1,200 east of Interstate 75

Estimated Start Date 9/15/2020

Is the project a Development of Regional Impact (DRI)? © Yes © No

Was a relocation permit previously issued for this or a prior phase of the project? © Yes © No

Project Counties

County
COLUMBIA

Project Location

	Section Township		Township Directional	Range	Range Directional
2	5	2	S	15	E

Project Latitude and Longitude

	Latitude Degrees Latitude Minutes		Latitude Seconds Longitude Degrees		Longitude Minutes	Longitude Seconds	
3	30	17	31	82	46	19	

Project Parcel Location

	Parcel Information
ı	25-2S-15-00093-000

Donor Information

Gopher Tortoise Survey

Total number of acres of project site:	17.89
Total number of acres of gopher tortoise habitat:	17.89
Date of gopher tortoise survey:	7/29/2020
Total number of acres of gopher tortoise habitat surveyed:	17.89
Percentage of gopher tortoise habitat surveyed:	100.00
Number of potential occupied burrows (active and inactive) from survey:	5.00
Estimated total number of potentially occupied burrows:	5.00
Estimated gopher tortoise population (Estimated number of potentially occupied burrows X .50):	3
Requested additional gopher tortoises to be relocated:	1
Total number of gopher tortoises to be relocated:	4

Soil Code	Soil Name	Feet	Inches	Number of Acres
1	Albany fine sand, 0 to 5% slopes		21	0.29
8	Blanton fine sand, 0 to 5% slopes		60	5.11
13	Bonneau fine sand, 2 to 5% slopes		51	0.02
43	Orangeburg loamy fine sand, 2 to 5% slopes		80	2.56
59	Troup fine sand, 2 to 5% slopes		80	9.91

Vegetative Communities

Vegetative Community Name	Dominant Species	Number of Acres
Coniferous Plantations	blackberry, slash pine	17.89

Relocation Information

On-site Relocation

Is this recipient site unit on public conservation land and is contiguous to the proposed public project? C Yes © No

For on-site relocation to short-term protected or unprotected units complete the following section

Unit

Unit

How long will gopher tortoises be temporarily enclosed? months

For on-site relocation to public conservation land that is contiguous to the proposed public project, complete the following section

For off-site relocation complete the following section

Recipient Site

Recipient Site Name	Unit Name	Current Available Capacity*	Reserved Capacity	Lat/Mileage	Date Reserved	Confirmed	Protected
Chinquapin Farm	Phase 1B	20	4	18	9/08/2020	▽	Yes
		Total Gopher	Tortoises to be Relocated · 4				

Total Reserved Capacity : 4

Method of Capture

Capture gopher tortoises using bucket traps

Capture gopher tortoises using live traps

☐ Capture gopher tortoises using hand shovel excavation of gopher tortoise burrows

▼ Transport, marking and release of gopher tortoises

▼ Supervise backhoe excavation of gopher tortoise burrows to capture gopher tortoises

■ Use a pulling rod to remove and capture gopher tortoises from their burrows

Comments

Attachments Document Type **Document Description** Site Plan.pdf Development Plan or Proof of Local Govt Approval 9/2/2020 1:06:21 PM NFRC Staging Area 2 Contract (4) GTs.docx 9/2/2020 1:06:31 PM Recipient site reservation NFRC_Staging2_LULC.pdf Other and use map 9/2/2020 1:07:07 PM NFRC_Staging2_Soils.pdf Other Soils map 9/2/2020 1:07:27 PM NFRC_Staging2_GT.pdf CO-181.000.CY-Jordan-TCE-Executed.pdf Other Burrow and transect map 9/2/2020 1:08:04 PM Other lease agreement 9/2/2020 1:08:32 PM NRRC Staging area 2 Res - 4 Gts.docx 9/8/2020 10:56:24 AM Other