

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Conforming Bill
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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the conservation easements and
agreements; amending 570.71, F.S.; providing an annual
appropriation from the General Revenue Fund for the
acquisition of conservation easements through the rural
and family lands protection program; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 570.71, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

570.71 - Conservation easements and agreements.

(12) Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025 and each year
thereafter, there shall be appropriated from the General Revenue
Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services \$100
million for the acquisition of conservation easements authorized
in this section. The department may use additional appropriated
funds from the following sources to implement this section:

- (a) State funds;
- (b) Federal funds;
- (c) Other governmental entities;
- (d) Nongovernmental organizations; or
- (e) Private individuals.

Any such funds provided, other than from the Land Acquisition
Trust Fund, shall be deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund
within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
used for the purposes of this section, including administrative

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29 | and operating expenses related to appraisals, mapping, title
30 | process, personnel, and other real estate expenses.
31 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.