

More good news from the North Florida Land Trust which [recently purchased nearly 219 acres](#) along the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to NFLT's River Branch Islands Preserve. The land was sold to NFLT by Atlantic Beach Holding Company, a group of heirs of Harcourt Bull, the first mayor of Atlantic Beach, and his wife, Florence.

LINK: <https://www.nflt.org/2023/02/06/north-florida-land-trust-has-acquired-nearly-219-acres-along-the-intracoastal-waterway/?fbclid=IwAR3OG7GBhjWfFce5U4bAPGd4WyYpGGEM1Cp2aPrK4mzvWvetkgoldJBdkzI>

North Florida Land Trust is joining the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, the Florida Trail Association and Friends of Ravine Gardens for the O2O Expedition Kick-Off and Gateway Community Celebration on February 19. The community is invited to join the organizations for the celebration at Ravine Gardens State Park at 1600 Twigg Street Palatka, FL, 32177. The park entrance fees will be waived for the event.

The nonprofit partners will be celebrating the designation of Putman County as a Florida Trail Gateway Community and will be kicking off the "Ocala to Osceola: Operation Connect, Protect, and Restore" Expedition. There will be an optional guided tour of Ravine Gardens by senior staff starting at 11:30 a.m. The main event will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the pavilion. Guests will be able to hear about the expedition, meet the explorers and commemorate the designation of Palatka as a Florida Trail Gateway Community and celebrate its role in supporting the hiking experience along the Florida Trail.

RSVP: <https://www.nflt.org/2023/02/02/expedition-kick-off-and-florida-trail-association-gateway-community-celebration-february-19th/>

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Read more about Groundwork Jacksonville's [restoration of Hogan's Creek](#) and the major grant it was recently awarded.

LINK: <https://www.groundworkjacksonville.org/gwjax-awarded-5-85-million-grant-for-hogans-creek-design/>

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LINK: <https://twitter.com/Earthjustice/status/1620890114074480641>

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/feb/01/alaska-oil-drilling-biden-conocophillips-willow-project>