



Silver Springs Forest



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Seize the moment to save one of Florida's most sparkling treasures

Now is the time to save Silver Springs

Once the largest freshwater spring system in the United States and a premiere Florida attraction, this fragile environment is at risk.

A golden opportunity

The Conservation Trust for Florida and its partners have a plan to purchase the last of the unprotected forests within eight miles of the springhead.

A contract to acquire more than 4,800 acres in the heart of the springs' watershed has already been secured, and more than \$10 million has already been pledged for this \$11.4 million purchase.

To fulfill our financial commitment and create the Silver Springs Forest, the Conservation Trust for Florida must raise \$1 million by October 2015.

Your donation today will help protect this irreplaceable resource for future generations.



The Silver Springs Forest provides a valuable opportunity to protect groundwater recharge close to the spring.

THE LAND AND WATER CONNECTION

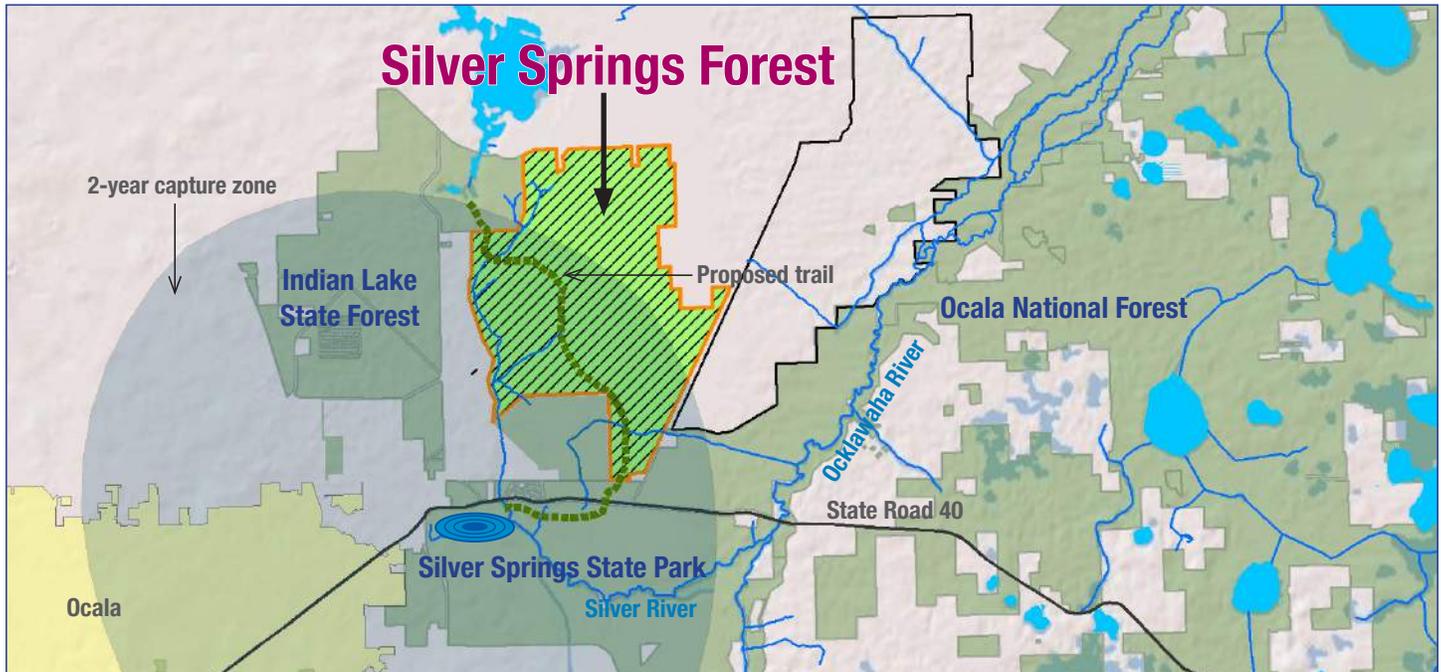
Since 1965, Silver Springs' water flow has declined.

As forests are converted for agriculture and urban uses, the urgency increases to conserve the few remaining undeveloped lands near the springs for aquifer recharge and surface water filtration.

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Making every dollar count

This acquisition will protect more than 4,800 acres of forest land directly north of Silver Springs State Park.

Your donation will leverage over \$10 million in federal, state and private funds to protect forest and water resources critical to the springs' vitality.

Strong support for success

In addition to local support in Marion County, this project ranks fourth nationally out of more than 50 competing projects in the President's 2016 budget proposal for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Legacy program.

SILVER SPRINGS FOREST ACQUISITION BENEFITS

- contributes to an 8-mile buffer zone where forests "capture" rainwater to recharge the aquifer and augment the springs' flow
- protects the headwaters of two tributaries that flow into the Silver and Ocklawaha rivers
- offers opportunities to restore hydrology and improve water quality
- reduces nitrate loading into springs and rivers
- provides a corridor for wildlife including the Florida black bear
- increases recreational opportunities and links Indian Lake State Forest and Silver Springs State Park via a proposed public trail