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Cheri Gagné
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RE: 2026 Habitat Management Assistance Funding Award

Dear Cheri Gagné,

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has reviewed your application, and I am pleased to inform you that Broward County has been selected to receive funding through the FWC's Habitat Management Assistance Funding Program for gopher tortoises for the 2026 funding year. Deerfield Island (Parcel ID: 484305000010) has been approved to receive up to \$15,000.00 for 5-acres of manual removal of invasive herbaceous vegetation within a 50-foot buffer around burrows and a 1-acre herbaceous ground cover planting, as proposed in your application. However, we recommend you connect with the FWC's [Landowner Assistance Program](#) to discuss potential strategies for more efficient long-term habitat management for gopher tortoises within this population.

Assistance will be provided through cost reimbursement funded by gopher tortoise mitigation funds. Funding assistance will be distributed upon receipt of an invoice for all habitat management activities completed, as listed on the project application, as well as a final report adhering to the information required in the HMAF Final Project Report Template. Templates for both the invoice and final report are attached.

Projects must be completed with a final invoice and project report submitted to the FWC by Friday, August 21, 2026. Project invoices and final reports shall be submitted to the attention of Caitlin Jones by either the email provided below or ground mail, 1875 Orange Avenue East, Tallahassee, Florida 32311.

Congratulations on the approval of your project! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at LGCoordination@MyFWC.com.

Thank you,

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Enclosure: Project Invoice Template and HMAF Final Project Report Template