

Lafayette Blue State Park

Land Use Component Objectives

Conceptual Land Use Plan

Allen Mill Pond Trail

- Turn service road into a hiking trail.
- Install signage.

Support Area

- Upgrade electric.
- Replace staff residences.
- Reconfigure shop building.

Headspring Access Area

- Manage erosion around headspring by controlling visitor access.
- Replace boardwalk.

Campground

- Electrical Inspection and renovation.
- Remove outhouse.
- Remove Metzger house.

Optimum Boundary

Lafayette Blue Springs has many proposed additions to its optimum boundary. To the north of the park, additions would put portions of the Suwannee Riverbank and surrounding lands into conservation status. The addition of these parcels would increase wildlife habitat, act as recharge areas, and further protect the Suwannee River watershed from the damaging agriculture practices surrounding the park.

There is a Lafayette County boat ramp on the northern park boundary that is excluded from the optimum boundary because it is already in conservation status with an appropriate manager.

Moving further south about mid-way through the park, there are individual parcels located in a neighborhood along the Suwannee Riverbank that could be acquired to increase the overall boundary of the park. A home in this neighborhood could potentially be purchased for use as the manager's residence.

Moving southwest of the park boundary there is an almost 500-acre Florida Forever First Magnitude Springs parcel. This conservation land has a vast aquatic cave system that appears to be accessible from multiple sinkholes. By preserving land around the springs, this project will aid in the protection of springs, karst windows and the Floridan Aquifer from the effects of commercial, residential, and agricultural runoff; clearcutting and mining; and unsupervised recreation.