

**Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site Pre-screening Checklist**

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check all that apply.*

- Does the property have at least 25 acres (for short-term protected/unprotected sites) or at least 40 acres (for long-term protected sites) of contiguous uplands that provide suitable gopher tortoise habitat?
  
- Do the areas that provide gopher tortoise habitat contain soils with a mid-range depth to seasonal high water table of  $\geq 1.5$  feet?
  - Do you know the names of the soil types present? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Do you currently have gopher tortoises living on the property?
  - Have any surveys been conducted to estimate the tortoise population or identify what areas they occupy? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Do you have at least 30% herbaceous ground cover [low-growing soft-stemmed plants (i.e. broadleaf grasses, grass-like asters or legumes)]?
  
- Do you have less than 60% tree canopy cover?
  
- Is the property adjacent to any conservation lands that together provide >200 acres of contiguous gopher tortoise habitat?
  
- Do you have sandhills, scrubby flatwoods, or dry prairies within the property?
  - How many acres of the property are covered by these habitat types? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Is there currently a conservation easement on the property?
  - If yes, who was the easement granted to, and what is the duration/time limit of the easement? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Are you willing to grant a conservation easement to the FWC on the property?
  
- Do you regularly use some type of habitat management practices within the property (e.g., mechanical removal of vegetation, burning, roller chopping, etc.)?
  
- Are you currently involved with any state or federal landowner assistance programs such as cost share or cost reimbursement?
  
- Do you currently have a habitat management plan for the property?
  - If yes, who prepared the management plan for you? \_\_\_\_\_