



**GOPHER TORTOISE 10 OR FEWER BURROWS  
PERMIT APPLICATION  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
620 S. Meridian St., Mail Station 2A, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600**

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT (LANDOWNER/DEVELOPER) REQUESTING PERMIT**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CUSTOMER ID (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER (IF APPLICANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL) \_\_\_\_\_

FEIN/ FEID (IF APPLICANT IS A BUSINESS) \_\_\_\_\_

**To provide more timely exchange of information please check this box**

I authorize FWC to send me requests for additional information and final agency permitting actions by either e-mail or express delivery. Future agency actions will be provided henceforth by either e-mail or express delivery.

\*The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects social security numbers (SSN) for the issuance of licenses or permits to an individual in accordance with s. 372.561 F.S. and 42 USC 666 for the purposes of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law.

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a wildlife violation or crime involving cruelty to animals?  YES  NO

If yes, please explain and list the type of violation cited and the county/state where the violation occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever had a wildlife-related permit suspended or revoked?  YES  NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable state, federal, and local laws.*

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**Soils (provide an NRCS soils map)**

SOIL Code	Name	depth to water table (ft)	# acres
(Example #2A –Candler fine sand		6+	75

**Vegetative Communities/Vegetative Features (provide a vegetative /land use communities map)**

LAND USE Code –	VEGETATION FEATURES Name	# acres (%of total)	Dominant species
(Example 412 –Longleaf pine sandhill		75ac (100%)	longleaf pine/wiregrass

**RECIPIENT SITE CRITERIA**

**For on-site relocation complete the following section**

**On-site Relocation**

Total number of gopher tortoises to be relocated on-site \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has a permit previously been issued to relocate gopher tortoises to this property?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please enter the permit number \_\_\_\_\_

**For off-site relocation complete the following section** (an authorized gopher tortoise agent is required)

Recipient site is  Privately owned land  
 Publicly owned land  
 Has a conservation easement been recorded over this property?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, please attach a copy of the conservation easement.)

Property Name	Unit Name
Permit #	
Location or Address	County
Section/Township/Range	
Latitude/Longitude Coordinates	
County Parcel Tax ID	
Total number of acres on recipient site	
Total number of acres of gopher tortoise habitat available	
Latitudinal mileage from donor site	

Describe the existing habitat. List the soil types and vegetative communities present by acreage and percentage of area covered. Use standard, accepted vegetation type descriptions (e.g., DOT FLUCCS or FNAI systems) and standard soil type classification used by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

**Soils (provide an NRCS soils map)**

SOIL Code	Name	depth to water table (ft)	# acres	Acceptable	No
(Example #2A –Candler fine sand		6+	75	X	

Vegetative Communities/Vegetative Features (provide a vegetative /land use communities map)

LAND USE	VEGETATION FEATURES				
Code – Name	# acres (%of total)	Dominant species	Acceptable	No	Request Acceptance
(Example 412 –Longleaf pine sandhill	75ac (100%)	longleaf pine/wiregrass	X		

**GOPHER TORTOISE MARKING AND RELEASE** (refer to *Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines* requirements):

What temporary enclosure (soft release) methods (i.e., type of materials, size of enclosures, etc.) will be used to adapt gopher tortoises to the recipient site (attach additional pages as needed)? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the gopher tortoises be marked? \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RECIPIENT SITES**

Has the proposed recipient site been previously used as a recipient site for the relocation of gopher tortoises? If yes, please provide the gopher tortoise relocation permit history. Provide the baseline gopher tortoise population (\_\_\_\_\_) established when the site was first approved as a recipient site and a list of permit numbers for all issued permits authorized to use this recipient site, with the project name and the number of gopher tortoises: a) permitted for relocation, and; b) actually relocated.

Total number of gopher tortoises previously allocated to the site (original baseline + tortoises relocated or previously permitted for relocation) = \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient site name \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Available tortoise capacity \_\_\_\_\_  
Reserved capacity \_\_\_\_\_  
Reservation Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED LAND USES/MANAGEMENT OF GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT**

Please describe the land uses and the habitat management activities that are proposed within the recipient site. Please explain how these uses and activities will be compatible with preserving and maintaining gopher tortoises and suitable gopher tortoise habitat \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

### Completed application

- \_\_\_\_\_ Site plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the applicant's driver's license
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the FWC R.A.I. (if applicable)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Map to delineate survey transects and the location and status of burrows\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location map \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recent aerial photo with property boundaries\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetation/Florida Land-use *and* cover equivalence map\* (using DOT FLUCCS or FNAI classes)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soil type classification map\* (using National Resource Conservation Service type)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mitigation check

\* Items with an asterisk are not required when submitting your initial application; however some applicants may be required to provide this information during the application review process to ensure the project meets the criteria for issuance of this permit.

### For off-site relocations

- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter from the off-site recipient site owner providing proof of reserved capacity at the recipient site
- \_\_\_\_\_ Off-site Recipient site name, county, location, latitude and longitude, township, range and section

**Mail completed application and all supporting documentation to:  
Gopher Tortoise Permit Coordinator  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
620 S. Meridian St., Mail Station 2A, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600  
(850) 921-1031**

**Or e-mail a complete copy of the application and supporting documentation to:**

**[GTPermits@MyFWC.com](mailto:GTPermits@MyFWC.com)**

**Mail a second complete copy of the application and supporting documentation to the regional gopher tortoise permit biologist noted on the gopher tortoise contact list for the county where the recipient site occurs.**

**For additional information, please visit our website at [MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise](http://MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise)**