



TALL TIMBERS

LICK SKILLET PROPERTY EASEMENT

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Protecting the Aucilla River has been a strategic goal of Tall Timbers since its easement program began in the early 1990s. Protecting streams and creeks that flow to the Aucilla River is an important objective of maintaining high water quality.

In collaboration with other conservation organizations, now some 22,000 acres of the Aucilla River floodplain are protected through conservation easements. Tall Timbers accepted a 279-

acre conservation easement from Mr. Jonathan C. Kohler in 2004 for his Lick Skillet property in Madison County, Florida. Lick Skillet was the original name of the nearby town of Lamont in Jefferson County, established in 1848 as a way station on the stagecoach line between Tallahassee

and St. Augustine.

The Lick Skillet property consists of areas of upland islands interspersed with a large basin swamp known as Crossway Pond. This wetland is a portion of a much larger wetland system known as Cuba Bay,



which lies northwest of the property. During the spring and early summer, Crossway Pond serves as a wading bird rookery. In the winter, the pond serves as a resting place for wood ducks and teal. Mr. Kohler is presently

engaged in improving the property by managing the pine upland to reduce the hardwood encroachment. An avid hunter, Jon intends to make the property into a hunting preserve and stock a population of bobwhite quail.