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Statement for Duke Energy Grant Award for West Volusia Region

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Cuplet Fern Members and Supporters-

The Cuplet Fern Board and Committees are pleased to announce we have been awarded a \$11,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, which elevates our ongoing work to support Florida native plants and natural ecosystems in West Volusia.

The Duke Energy Foundation awards community-focused grants amounting to over \$30 million annually. As stated on their website, “The Duke Energy Foundation is focused on helping strengthen and uplift communities throughout Florida with grant funding highlighting vibrant economies, climate resiliency and justice, equity and inclusion.” The Cuplet Fern grant falls under the climate resiliency funding priority for its focus on conservation and biodiversity.

Cuplet Fern has been working to expand native plant education programs and events in West Volusia. Thanks to Duke Energy Foundation's support of this proposal, titled “Rescue of Native Florida Scrub Species Facing Development,” Cuplet Fern will be able to further involve the local community in the conservation of rare and imperiled Florida native plant species through a series of citizen science and immersive educational events beginning this winter. More information about this project and ways to get involved will be shared via email, social media, and on the Cuplet Fern website.

We are particularly thankful to the residents of Lake Helen, DeLand, Orange City, and Deltona that have shown enduring enthusiasm and receptiveness for learning and advancing our citizen science events and native plant sales. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Lyonia Environmental Center, a natural resource property of Volusia county, for their ongoing support as a partner in these efforts.

You can find more information about us at CupletFern.org or at our parent organization FNPS.org. Cuplet Fern serves Seminole and West Volusia counties, providing a local, direct presence for the conservation, preservation, and restoration of Florida's native plants and native plant communities.

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Our statewide mission is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of Florida's native plants and native plant communities.