Charlie Houder Bio

Charlie Houder is the Director for the Office of Land Conservation and Management. He has been with Alachua County since 2017. During this time, he has worked in natural resource assessment, conservation and management. Charlie has worked in both the public and private sectors for over 40 years. His experience extends across the southeastern United States, focused primarily in northeast Florida. Charlie has also worked in land acquisition and management for the St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts for 28 years. In his current role, Charlie is responsible for the management of over 20,000 acres of nature preserves and the acquisition of environmental lands under the Alachua County Forever program.

Charlie received a BS in Forestry from the University of Florida in 1974. He maintains an active role in the university’s School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatic Sciences (FFGS) as guest lecturer and serving on the FFGS Advisory Board. Charlie is a Certified Forester through the Society of American Foresters. He has held several offices with the organization and was named a Fellow in 2009. His hobbies include nature photography and paddling. He and his wife have three sons and three grandchildren.