



SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands

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| | Fee simple Acres ^{1,2} | Less-than- fee Acres ^{3,4} |
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| FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS | | |
| USDA Forest Service | 1,189,408 | 1,705 |
| USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service ⁵ | 0 | 128,615 |
| USDI Fish and Wildlife Service | 501,453 | 9,118 |
| USDI National Park Service ⁶ | 1,684,308 | 1,337 |
| US Dept. of Defense | 667,200 | 0 |
| US Other | 979 | 0 |
| TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands | 4,043,348 | 140,775 |
| STATE CONSERVATION LANDS | | |
| DACS Florida Forest Service | 1,070,368 | 18,391 |
| DEP Division of Recreation and Parks | 662,934 | 0 |
| DEP Florida Coastal Office | 58,715 | 0 |
| DEP Division of State Lands | 0 | 129,924 |
| DEP Northwest District | 0 | 13,377 |
| DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation | 5,710 | 14,601 |
| Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission | 1,423,102 | 44,892 |
| Babcock Ranch Preserve (managed by Tarpon Blue Resources and Land Management) | 67,619 | 0 |
| Dept. of Corrections (managed by P.R.I.D.E.) | 18,200 | 0 |
| Dept. of Military Affairs | 73,974 | 0 |
| Dept. of Management Services | 83 | 0 |
| State Universities | 15,501 | 66 |
| Water Management Districts | 1,481,129 | 427,840 |
| <i>Undesignated State Lands⁷</i> | 4,764 | 0 |
| TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands | 4,882,099 | 649,090 |
| LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS | 496,494 | 9,559 |
| <i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i> | <i>9,421,941</i> | <i>799,424</i> |
| Private Conservation Lands | 129,963 | 66,805 |
| Private Mitigation Banks | 85,798 | 0 |

LAND AREA OF STATE OF FLORIDA 34,721,280 acres⁸

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| PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS | 11.6 % | 0.4 % |
| PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS | 14.1 % | 1.9 % |
| PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS | 1.4 % | 0.03 % |

¹Acres are counted once under the primary managing agency even though there may be several owners and/or managers. For this reason, total acres for some agencies may be higher than the acres to which they hold title and others may be lower.

²Acres listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,561,327 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

³Numbers include a total of 866,229 acres less-than-fee properties (8.3% of total conservation lands).

⁴Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2017. All properties are owned by either private individuals or private foundations or corporations. Lands are classified by the agency or organization that monitors the easement on the property. The same agency or organization usually holds title to the easement, but there are a few exceptions.

⁵Acres total includes all permanent easements (WRP, GRP, and Wetland Reserve Easements) held by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

⁶Acres total includes all non-submerged acres within official federally designated boundaries of National Park Service lands.

⁷Lands owned by the State that are not currently leased to a governmental agency.

⁸Source: Atlas of Florida, 1996. E. A. Fernald and E. D. Purdum, eds., University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL

SUMMARY OF MANAGED CONSERVATION AREA ACREAGES February 2017
tracked by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

All acreage figures are obtained directly from the land managing or owner agencies. The acreage of each managed area may include some lands that are managed for purposes other than conservation. Non-submerged acres are the only acres considered in the previous fee simple/less-than-fee summary table.

| <u>FEDERAL</u> | <u>combined acres</u> | <u>submerged acres</u> | <u>non-submerged acres</u> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Dept. of Agriculture: Forest Service | 1,191,114 | 0 | 1,191,114 |
| Dept. of Agriculture: NRCS | 128,615 | 0 | 128,615 |
| Fish and Wildlife Service ¹ | 979,991 | 469,420 | 510,571 |
| National Park Service ^{2,3} | 2,598,665 | 913,020 | 1,685,645 |
| Dept. of Defense: Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps | 667,200 | 0 | 667,200 |
| Dept. of Agriculture (other) | 381 | 0 | 381 |
| Dept. of Commerce: NOAA | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard | 252 | 0 | 252 |
| Bureau of Land Management | 336 | 0 | 336 |
| | 5,566,563 | 1,382,440 | 4,184,123 |
| <u>STATE</u> | | | |
| DACS Florida Forest Service | 1,088,759 | 0 | 1,088,759 |
| DEP Division of Recreation & Parks | 791,270 | 128,336 | 662,934 |
| DEP Florida Coastal Office ⁴ | 2,107,167 | 2,048,452 | 58,715 |
| DEP Division of State Lands ⁵ | 129,924 | 0 | 129,924 |
| DEP Northwest District ⁵ | 13,377 | 0 | 13,377 |
| DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation | 20,311 | 0 | 20,311 |
| Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission | 1,470,094 | 2,100 | 1,467,994 |
| Babcock Ranch Preserve | 67,619 | 0 | 67,619 |
| Dept. of Corrections (P.R.I.D.E.) | 18,200 | 0 | 18,200 |
| Dept. of Military Affairs | 73,974 | 0 | 73,974 |
| Dept. of Management Services | 83 | 0 | 83 |
| Universities | 15,566 | 0 | 15,566 |
| | 5,796,344 | 2,178,888 | 3,617,456 |

| <u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u> | <u>total acres</u> |
|---|--------------------|
| Northwest Florida WMD | 223,389 |
| St. Johns River WMD | 556,890 |
| South Florida WMD | 499,964 |
| Southwest Florida WMD | 352,202 |
| Suwannee River WMD | 276,524 |
| | 1,908,969 |
| <u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u> | 5,526,425 |
| <u>LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u> | 506,053 |
| <u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u> | 196,768 |
| <u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u> | 85,798 |

¹Submerged acres include Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (182,706 acres), Key West NWR (206,289 acres), Merritt Island NWR (55,000 acres), Chassahowitzka NWR (16,283), J. N. Ding Darling NWR (2,100 acres), and Ten Thousand Islands NWR (13,457 acres). Acreage total excludes lands within Merritt Island NWR that are managed solely by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

²Totals include private properties within official federally designated boundaries of National Park Service lands. Numbers have been adjusted to account for overlap between Canaveral National Seashore and Merritt Island NWR.

³Submerged acres include Everglades National Park (625,000 acres), Biscayne National Park (168,478 acres), Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (11,541 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (25,643 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,597 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (17,761 acres).

⁴Includes state aquatic preserves and national estuarine research reserves but not Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

⁵DEP Division of State Lands is the monitoring agency for most conservation easements (less-than-fee lands) held by the State of Florida. DEP Northwest District is responsible for monitoring several large state-held conservation easements in the Florida Panhandle.