



# SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

## Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands

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	Fee simple Acres <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Less-than- fee Acres <sup>4,5</sup>
<b>FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
USDA Forest Service	1,192,723	1,726
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service <sup>6</sup>	0	134,701
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	477,042	9,142
USDI National Park Service	1,748,091	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	659,903	0
US Other	1001	0
<b>TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,078,759</b>	<b>146,906</b>
<b>STATE CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,147,037	31,502
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	666,787	0
DEP Florida Coastal Office	48,860	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	130,439
DEP Northwest District	0	12,907
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	5,696	14,416
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,418,389	44,859
Dept. of Military Affairs	70,867	0
Dept. of Management Services	84	0
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	11	0
State Universities	15,030	68
Water Management Districts	1,460,012	423,327
<i>Undesignated State Lands<sup>7</sup></i>	4,673	0
<b>TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,837,446</b>	<b>657,518</b>
<b>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS</b>	<b>487,361</b>	<b>9,785</b>
<b><i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i></b>	<b><i>9,403,566</i></b>	<b><i>814,209</i></b>
Private Conservation Lands	120,830	67,916
Private Mitigation Banks	85,697	0

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LAND AREA OF STATE OF FLORIDA 34,721,280 acres<sup>8</sup>

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.7 %	0.4 %
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	13.9 %	1.9 %
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.4 %	0.03 %

<sup>1</sup> Acreages may be different from previous years due to introduction of GIS acres being used to determine land and submerged acres for most conservation lands. State park and state forest acreages come solely from the managing agencies.

<sup>2</sup> Acreages 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.

<sup>3</sup> Acreages listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,750,442 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

<sup>4</sup> Numbers include a total of 882,124 acres less-than-fee properties (8.4% of total conservation lands).

<sup>5</sup> Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2018. 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.

<sup>6</sup> Acreage total includes all permanent easements (WRP, GRP, and Wetland Reserve Easements) held by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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

<sup>8</sup> Source: 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 2018**  
tracked by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

Acreage figures are obtained directly from the land managing or owner agencies, or calculated from GIS boundary files. 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	1,201,967	7,519	1,194,449
Dept. of Agriculture: NRCS	134,938	237	134,701
Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>1</sup>	997,002	510,818	486,184
National Park Service <sup>2,3</sup>	2,639,717	890,289	1,749,428
Dept. of Defense: Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps	664,383	4,480	659,903
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	381	0	381
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	277	0	277
Bureau of Land Management	336	3	333
	<b>5,639,011</b>	<b>1,413,346</b>	<b>4,225,665</b>
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,180,526	1,987	1,178,539
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	795,105	128,318	666,787
DEP Florida Coastal Office <sup>4</sup>	2,193,614	2,144,754	48,860
DEP Division of State Lands <sup>5</sup>	130,462	23	130,439
DEP Northwest District <sup>5</sup>	13,388	481	12,907
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	20,111	0	20,111
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,470,129	6,882	1,463,247
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,143	2,276	70,867
Dept. of Management Services	84	0	84
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	24	13	11
Universities	15,544	447	15,098
	<b>5,892,130</b>	<b>2,285,181</b>	<b>3,606,950</b>

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	221,372
St. Johns River WMD	535,772
South Florida WMD	498,943
Southwest Florida WMD	351,296
Suwannee River WMD	275,955
	<b>1,883,339</b>
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>5,490,289</b>
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>497,146</b>
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	188,745
<u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	85,697

<sup>1</sup>Submerged acres include, but are not exclusive to Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (198,632 acres), Key West NWR (207,964 acres), Merritt Island NWR (57,186 acres), Chassahowitzka NWR (21,937 acres), J. N. Ding Darling NWR (2,234 acres), and Ten Thousand Islands NWR (13,189 acres). Acreage total excludes lands within Merritt Island NWR that are managed solely by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

<sup>2</sup>Totals 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.

<sup>3</sup>Submerged acres include Everglades National Park (572,072 acres), Biscayne National Park (165,834 acres), Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (11,485 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (59,178 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,667 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (16,614 acres).

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

<sup>5</sup>DEP 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.