



# SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands  
prepared by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

March 2010

	Fee simple Acres <sup>1,2</sup>	Less-than-fee Acres <sup>3,4</sup>
<b>FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
USDA Forest Service	1,183,060	1,696
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	502,203	1,930
USDI National Park Service <sup>5</sup>	1,684,185	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	664,239	0
US Other	4,811	0
<b>TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,038,498</b>	<b>4,963</b>
<b>STATE &amp; WATER MGMT. DISTRICT CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
DACS Division of Forestry	1,052,849	680
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	590,184	0
DEP Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas	54,117	0
DEP Office of Greenways and Trails	84,212	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	96,150
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	5,103	7,404
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,412,808	41,596
Babcock Ranch (managed by Babcock Ranch Management, LLC)	73,239	0
Dept. of Corrections (managed by P.R.I.D.E.)	18,200	0
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,076	0
State Universities	14,257	66
Water Management Districts	1,443,085	393,064
<i>Undesignated State Lands<sup>6</sup></i>	4,754	0
<b>TOTAL STATE &amp; WMD MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,825,884</b>	<b>538,960</b>
<b>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS</b>	<b>443,658</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b><i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i></b>	<b><i>9,308,040</i></b>	<b><i>550,923</i></b>
Private Conservation Lands	<b>131,143</b>	<b>55,518</b>

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LAND AREA OF STATE OF FLORIDA 34,721,280 acres<sup>7</sup>

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.6%	0.01%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	13.9%	1.6%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.3%	0.02%

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Acreages listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,720,062 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

<sup>3</sup> Numbers include a total of 606,441 acres less-than-fee properties (6.0% of total conservation lands).

<sup>4</sup> Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 March 2010. 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>5</sup> Acreage total includes all non-submerged acres within official federally designated boundaries of National Park Service lands.

<sup>6</sup> Lands owned by the State that are not currently leased to a governmental agency.

<sup>7</sup> Source: Atlas of Florida, 1996. E. A. Fernald and E. D. Purdum, eds., University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL

**SUMMARY OF MANAGED AREA ACREAGES March 2010**  
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 represents the entire management unit and may include some lands that are managed for purposes other than conservation.

<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>combined acres</u>	<u>submerged acres</u>	<u>non-submerged acres</u>
Dept. of Defense: Air Force & Navy	664,239	0	664,239
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	252	0	252
Dept. of Agriculture: Forest Service	1,184,756	0	1,184,756
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	4,236	0	4,236
Bureau of Land Management	313	0	313
Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>1</sup>	970,216	466,083	504,133
National Park Service <sup>2,3</sup>	<u>2,598,542</u>	<u>913,019</u>	<u>1,685,523</u>
	<b>5,422,564</b>	<b>1,379,102</b>	<b>4,043,462</b>
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Division of Forestry	1,053,529	0	1,053,529
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	702,938	112,754	590,184
DEP Office of Coastal & Aquatic MAs <sup>4</sup>	2,282,141	2,228,024	54,117
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm.	1,454,586	182	1,454,404
DEP Office of Greenways & Trails	84,212	0	84,212
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,076	0	73,076
Dept. of Corrections (P.R.I.D.E.)	18,200	0	18,200
Babcock Ranch	73,239	0	73,239
Universities	14,323	0	14,323
DEP Division of State Lands <sup>5</sup>	96,150	0	96,150
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	<u>12,507</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,507</u>
	<b>5,864,902</b>	<b>2,340,960</b>	<b>3,523,942</b>

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	219,524
St. Johns River WMD	532,307
South Florida WMD <sup>6</sup>	474,576
Southwest Florida WMD <sup>7</sup>	342,148
Suwannee River WMD	<u>267,593</u>
	<b>1,836,148</b>
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>5,360,090</b>
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>450,658</b>
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>186,661</b>

<sup>1</sup>Submerged acres include Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (185,086 acres), Key West NWR (206,289 acres), Merritt Island NWR (55,000 acres), Pelican Island NWR (4,132 acres), Crystal River NWR (19 acres), 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.

<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 (625,000 acres), Biscayne National Park (168,477.84 acres), Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (11,541 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (25,643 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,596.62 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (17,761 acres).

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

<sup>5</sup>Division of State Lands is the monitoring agency for most conservation easements (less-than-fee lands) held by the State of Florida.

<sup>6</sup>Decrease from March 2009 total acreage for South Florida WMD reflects the exclusion of certain flowage easements that, although owned by the District, are not managed for conservation.

<sup>7</sup>Southwest Florida WMD total acreage was adjusted to remove the Withlacoochee Flood Detention Area (4,614 acres) which is managed by FL DACS Division of Forestry.