



## SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands February 2011

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	Fee simple Acres <sup>1,2</sup>	Less-than-fee Acres <sup>3,4</sup>
<b>FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
USDA Forest Service	1,183,108	1,696
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	502,361	2,402
USDI National Park Service <sup>5</sup>	1,684,435	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	664,239	0
US Other	4,811	0
<b>TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,038,954</b>	<b>5,435</b>
<b>STATE CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
DACS Division of Forestry	1,057,234	3,200
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	592,172	0
DEP Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas	54,117	0
DEP Office of Greenways and Trails	84,349	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	96,150
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	5,710	14,601
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,417,506	42,888
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	14,260	66
Water Management Districts	1,471,260	403,887
<i>Undesignated State Lands<sup>6</sup></i>	4,754	0
<b>TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,865,877</b>	<b>560,792</b>
<b>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS</b>	<b>461,668</b>	<b>7,324</b>
<b><i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i></b>	<b>9,366,499</b>	<b>573,551</b>
Private Conservation Lands	<b>128,029</b>	<b>55,553</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%	0.02%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	14.0%	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 3,701,172 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 629,104 acres less-than-fee properties (6.2% of total conservation lands).

<sup>4</sup> Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2011. 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 February 2011**  
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	1,184,804	0	1,184,804
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	4,236	0	4,236
Bureau of Land Management	313	0	313
Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>1</sup>	970,846	466,083	504,763
National Park Service <sup>2,3</sup>	2,598,791	913,019	1,685,772
	<b>5,423,491</b>	<b>1,379,102</b>	<b>4,044,389</b>
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Division of Forestry	1,060,434	0	1,060,434
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	704,963	112,791	592,172
DEP Office of Coastal & Aquatic MAs <sup>4</sup>	2,263,214	2,209,097	54,117
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm.	1,460,576	182	1,460,394
DEP Office of Greenways & Trails	84,349	0	84,349
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	14,326	0	14,326
DEP Division of State Lands <sup>5</sup>	96,150	0	96,150
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	20,311	0	20,311
	<b>5,868,838</b>	<b>2,322,070</b>	<b>3,546,768</b>

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	221,786
St. Johns River WMD	537,343
South Florida WMD	502,242
Southwest Florida WMD	344,811
Suwannee River WMD	268,965
	<b>1,875,147</b>
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>5,421,915</b>
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>468,992</b>
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>183,582</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.