



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}
FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS		
USDA Forest Service	1,189,268	1,698
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service ⁵	0	109,562
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	499,700	4,903
USDI National Park Service ⁶	1,698,901	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	665,487	0
US Other	4,829	0
TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,058,185	117,500
STATE CONSERVATION LANDS		
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,068,737	5,042
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	671,846	0
DEP Florida Coastal Office	49,411	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	123,499
DEP Northwest District	0	13,377
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	5,710	14,601
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,423,838	43,375
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	73,974	0
Dept. of Management Services	83	0
State Universities	14,619	66
Water Management Districts	1,469,735	415,284
<i>Undesignated State Lands⁷</i>	4,627	0
TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,874,019	615,244
LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS	488,208	8,631
<i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i>	<i>9,420,412</i>	<i>741,375</i>
Private Conservation Lands	128,194	64,741
Private Mitigation Banks	55,237	0

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

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.7 %	0.3 %
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	14.0 %	1.8 %
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.4 %	0.02 %

¹Acreages 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.

²Acreages listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,668,410 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 806,116 acres less-than-fee properties (7.7% of total conservation lands).

⁴Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2015. 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.

⁵Acreage total includes all permanent Wetlands Reserve Program and Grassland Reserve Program easements held by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

⁶Acreage 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 AREA ACREAGES February 2015
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 Agriculture: Forest Service	1,190,966	0	1,190,966
Dept. of Agriculture: NRCS	109,562	0	109,562
Fish and Wildlife Service ¹	974,023	469,420	504,603
National Park Service ^{2,3}	2,598,272	898,034	1,700,238
Dept. of Defense: Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps	665,487	0	665,487
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	4,231	0	4,231
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	252	0	252
Bureau of Land Management	336	0	336
	5,543,139	1,367,454	4,175,685
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,073,779	0	1,073,779
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	784,488	112,642	671,846
DEP Florida Coastal Office ⁴	2,237,543	2,188,132	49,411
DEP Division of State Lands ⁵	123,499	0	123,499
DEP Northwest District ⁵	13,377	0	13,377
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	20,311	0	20,311
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,467,395	182	1,467,213
Babcock Ranch	73,239	0	73,239
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	14,685	0	14,685
	5,900,573	2,300,956	3,599,617

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	223,093
St. Johns River WMD	550,253
South Florida WMD	497,555
Southwest Florida WMD	346,411
Suwannee River WMD	<u>267,707</u>
	1,885,019
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	5,484,636
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	496,839
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	192,935
<u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	55,237

¹Submerged acres include Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (185,086 acres), Key West NWR (206,289 acres), Merritt Island NWR (58,237 acres), Pelican Island NWR (4,132 acres), Crystal River NWR (17 acres), J. N. Ding Darling NWR (2,201 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 (580,377 acres), Biscayne National Park (166,312 acres), Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (11,547 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (58,384 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,597 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (16,818 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.