



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	1,189,408	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

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.