



# 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	1,185,255	1,705
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service <sup>6</sup>	0	138,428
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	579,795	9,319
USDI National Park Service	1,757,933	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	667,931	0
US Other	978	0
<b>TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,191,891</b>	<b>150,790</b>
<b>STATE CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,145,338	55,566
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	667,337	0
DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	231,391	6
DEP Division of State Lands	0	149,598
DEP Northwest District	0	13,377
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	7,208	14,601
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,427,771	44,892
Dept. of Military Affairs	70,867	0
Dept. of Management Services	84	0
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	111	0
State Universities	15,045	66
Water Management Districts	1,477,853	425,600
<i>Undesignated State Lands<sup>7</sup></i>	4,696	0
<b>TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>5,047,702</b>	<b>703,705</b>
<b>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS</b>	<b>506,269</b>	<b>13,782</b>
<b><i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i></b>	<b><i>9,745,862</i></b>	<b><i>868,278</i></b>
Private Conservation Lands	138,558	72,681
Private Mitigation Banks	87,387	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	12.1%	0.4%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	14.5%	2.0%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.5%	0.04%

<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 3,344,309 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 940,959 acres less-than-fee properties (8.6% of total conservation lands).

<sup>5</sup> Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2020. 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 2020**  
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	1,191,603	4,643	1,186,960
Dept. of Agriculture: NRCS	138,428	0	138,428
Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>1</sup>	1,071,830	482,716	589,114
National Park Service <sup>2,3</sup>	2,605,645	846,375	1,759,271
Dept. of Defense: Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps	669,571	1,641	667,931
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	1	335
	<b>5,678,056</b>	<b>1,335,375</b>	<b>4,342,681</b>
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,202,493	1,589	1,200,904
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	795,560	128,223	667,337
DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Prot. <sup>4</sup>	2,095,166	1,863,769	231,397
DEP Division of State Lands <sup>5</sup>	149,598	0	149,598
DEP Northwest District <sup>5</sup>	13,377	0	13,377
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	21,809	0	21,809
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,475,221	2,558	1,472,663
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,143	2,276	70,867
Dept. of Management Services	84	0	84
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	124	13	111
Universities	15,512	401	15,111
	<b>5,842,087</b>	<b>1,998,829</b>	<b>3,843,258</b>

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	221,306
St. Johns River WMD	554,923
South Florida WMD	499,035
Southwest Florida WMD	351,995
Suwannee River WMD	276,194
	<b>1,903,452</b>
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>5,746,711</b>
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>520,051</b>
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	211,239
<u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	87,387

<sup>1</sup>Submerged acres include, but are not exclusive to Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (197,800 acres), Key West NWR (206,289 acres), Merritt Island NWR (56,253 acres) and Ten Thousand Islands NWR (13,028 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 (165,843 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (25,643 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,667 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>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.