



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

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	Fee simple Acres ^{1,2,3}	Less-than- fee Acres ^{4,5}
FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS		
USDA Forest Service	1,192,785	1,719
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service ⁶	0	125,420
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	494,738	9,351
USDI National Park Service	1,724,784	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	658,760	0
US Other	976	0
TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,072,043	137,827
STATE CONSERVATION LANDS		
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,164,624	61,108
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	690,844	0
DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection	77,571	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	177,582
DEP Northwest District	0	13,070
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	7,190	14,669
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,548,563	58,075
Dept. of Military Affairs	70,867	0
Dept. of Management Services	84	0
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	93	0
State Universities	42,194	68
Water Management Districts	1,467,649	462,244
<i>Undesignated State Lands</i> ⁷	4,668	0
TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands	5,074,346	786,818
LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS	501,546	22,199
<i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i>	9,647,935	946,843
Private Conservation Lands	127,527	76,928
Private Mitigation Banks	137,654	0

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

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.7%	0.4%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	14.6%	2.3%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.4%	0.06%

¹ Acreages may be different from previous years earlier than 2021 due to introduction of GIS acres being used to determine land and submerged acres.

² 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.

³ Acreages listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,654,072 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

⁴ Numbers include a total of 965,917 acres less-than-fee properties (9% of total conservation lands).

⁵ Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2021. 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.

⁶ Acreage total includes all permanent easements (WRP, GRP, and Wetland Reserve Easements) held by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

⁷ Lands owned by the State that are not currently leased to a governmental agency.

⁸ 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 January 2022
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Acreage figures are 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	1,202,012	7,508	1,194,504
Dept. of Agriculture: NRCS	125,420	0	125,420
Fish and Wildlife Service ¹	998,488	494,400	504,088
National Park Service ^{2,3}	2,590,290	864,169	1,726,122
Dept. of Defense: Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps	663,093	4,333	658,760
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	368	0	368
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	9	0	9
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	277	0	277
Bureau of Land Management	325	3	322
	5,580,283	1,370,413	4,209,869
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,227,715	1,983	1,225,732
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	802,599	111,755	690,844
DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Prot. ⁴	2,198,740	2,121,168	77,571
DEP Division of State Lands ⁵	177,588	6	177,582
DEP Northwest District ⁵	13,388	317	13,070
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	21,859	0	21,859
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,653,913	47,275	1,606,638
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,143	2,276	70,867
Dept. of Management Services	84	0	84
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	111	19	93
Universities	42,566	305	42,262
	6,211,705	2,285,103	3,926,602
<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>			<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD			222,956
St. Johns River WMD			552,340
South Florida WMD			524,546
Southwest Florida WMD			354,009
Suwannee River WMD			276,042
			1,929,894
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>			5,856,496
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>			523,745
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>			204,455
<u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u>			137,654

¹Submerged acres include, but are not exclusive to Key West NWR (207,963 acres), Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (197,794 acres), Merritt Island NWR (56,301 acres) and Ten Thousand Islands NWR (1,924 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.

³Submerged acres include Everglades National Park (570,499 acres), Biscayne National Park (165,721 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,667 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (45,975 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (16,614 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.