

D Ranch Preserve and Nature Center



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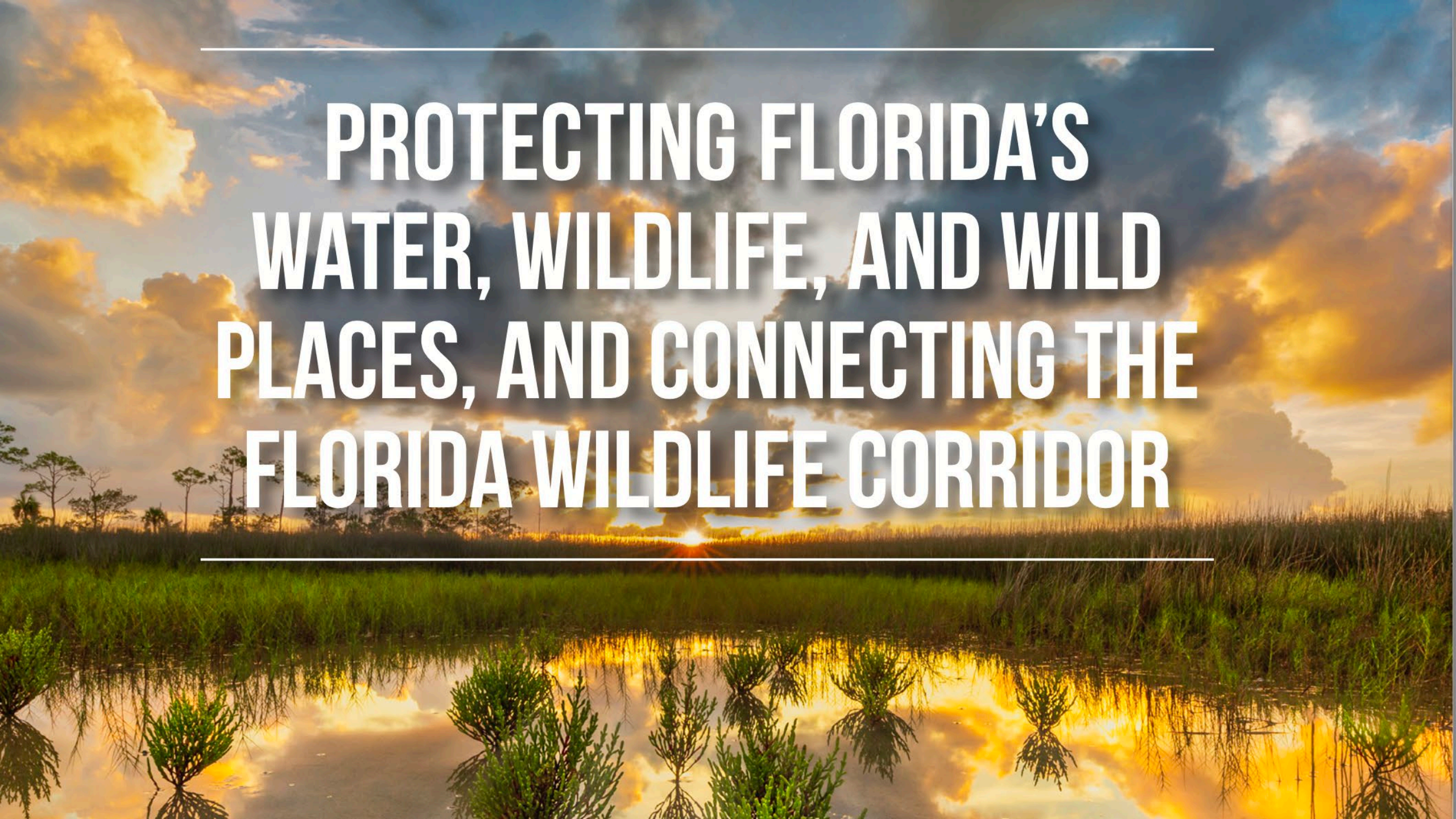
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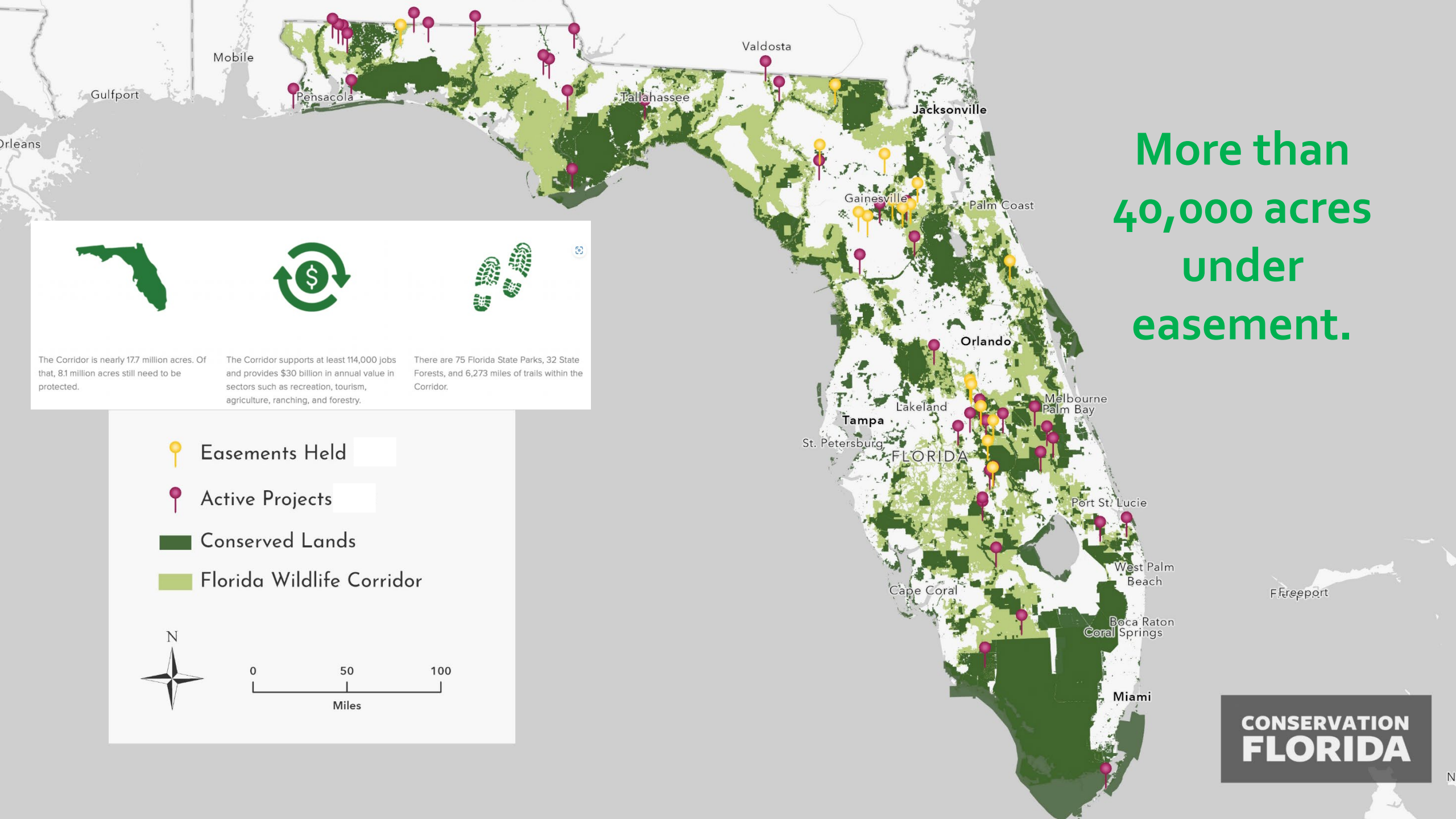


D Ranch
IS YOUR PRESERVE!



**PROTECTING FLORIDA'S
WATER, WILDLIFE, AND WILD
PLACES, AND CONNECTING THE
FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR**





More than
40,000 acres
under
easement.

The Corridor is nearly 17.7 million acres. Of that, 8.1 million acres still need to be protected.

The Corridor supports at least 114,000 jobs and provides \$30 billion in annual value in sectors such as recreation, tourism, agriculture, ranching, and forestry.

There are 75 Florida State Parks, 32 State Forests, and 6,273 miles of trails within the Corridor.

- Easements Held
- Active Projects
- Conserved Lands
- Florida Wildlife Corridor

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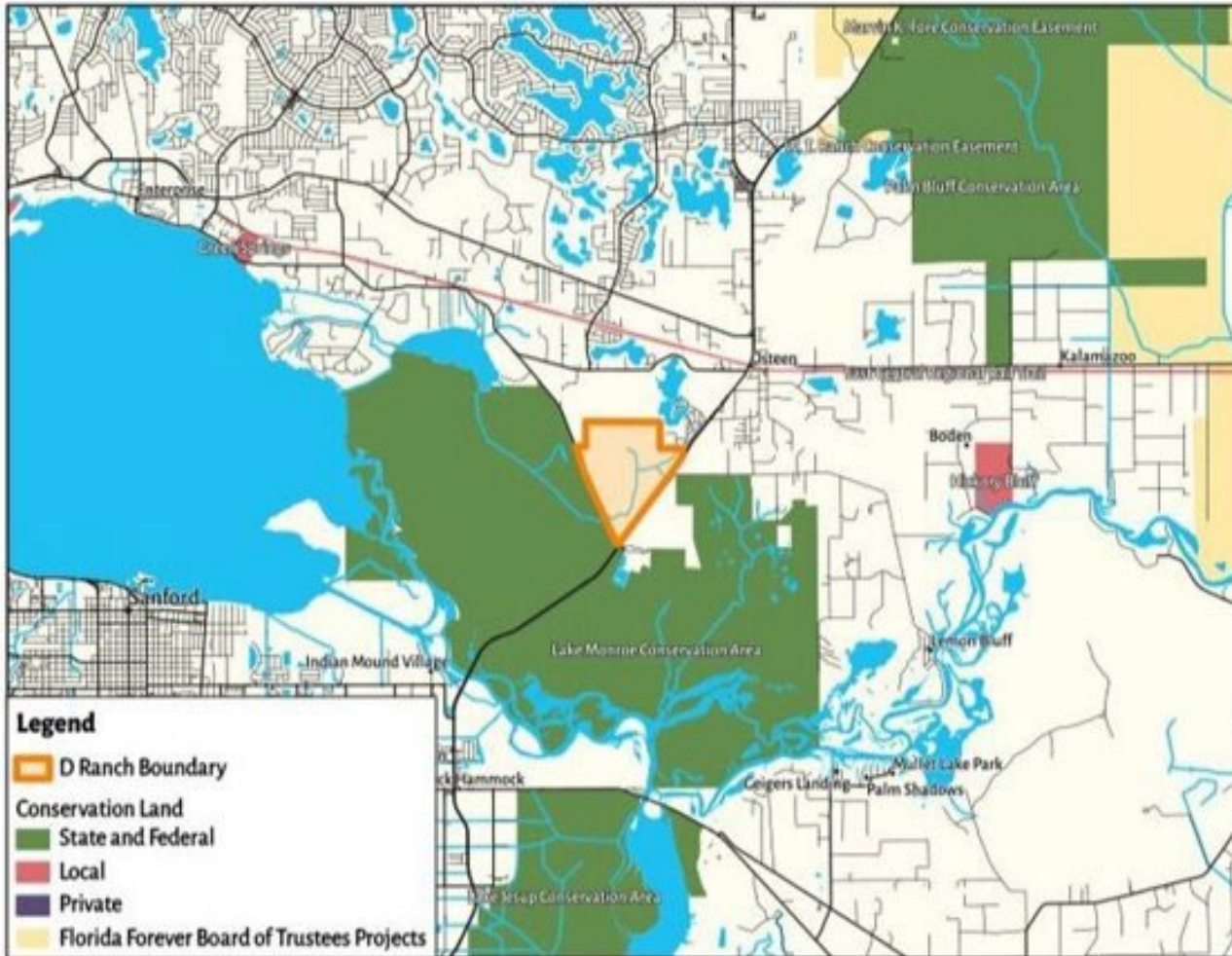
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Property Details

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D RANCH, VOLUSIA COUNTY

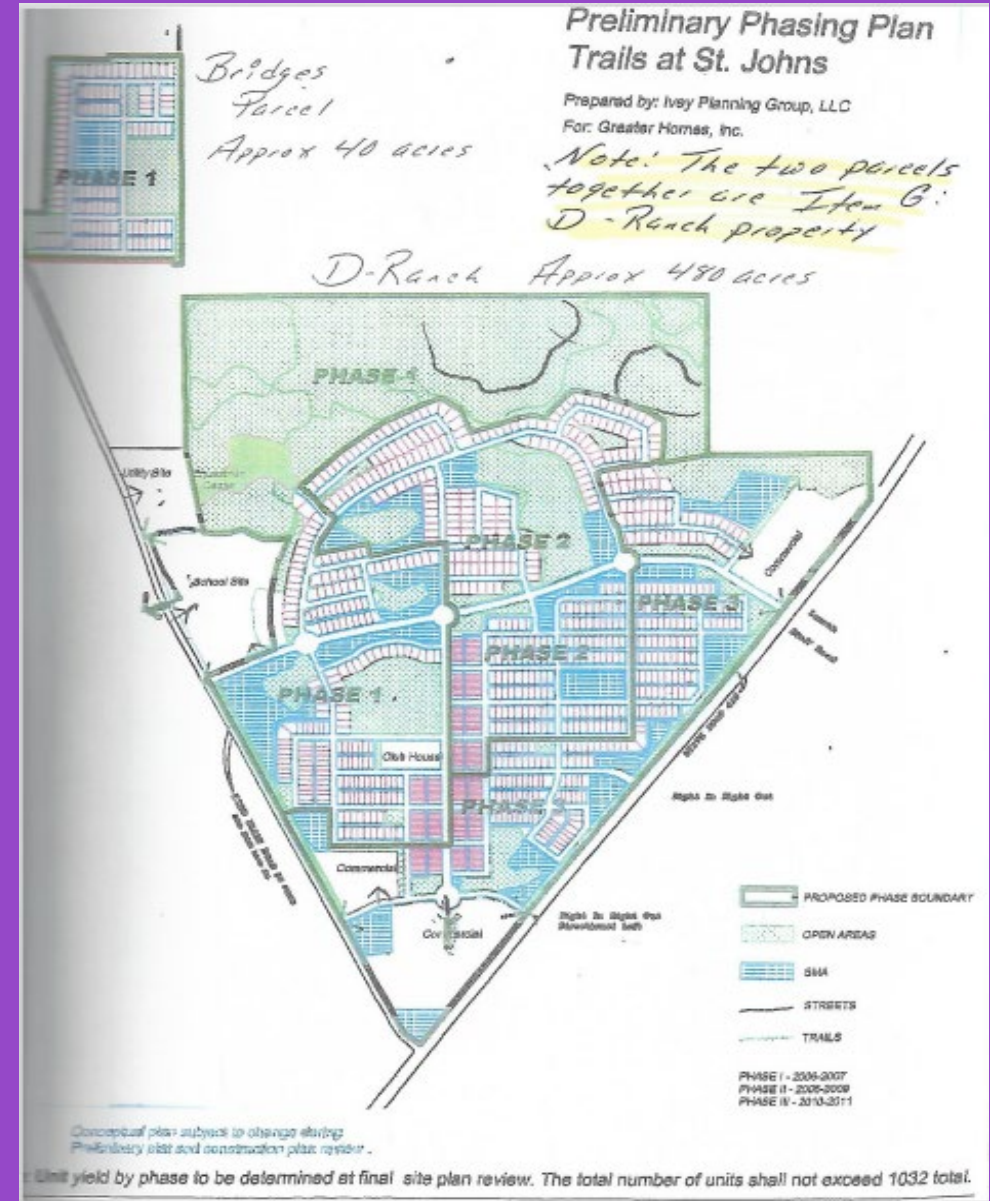
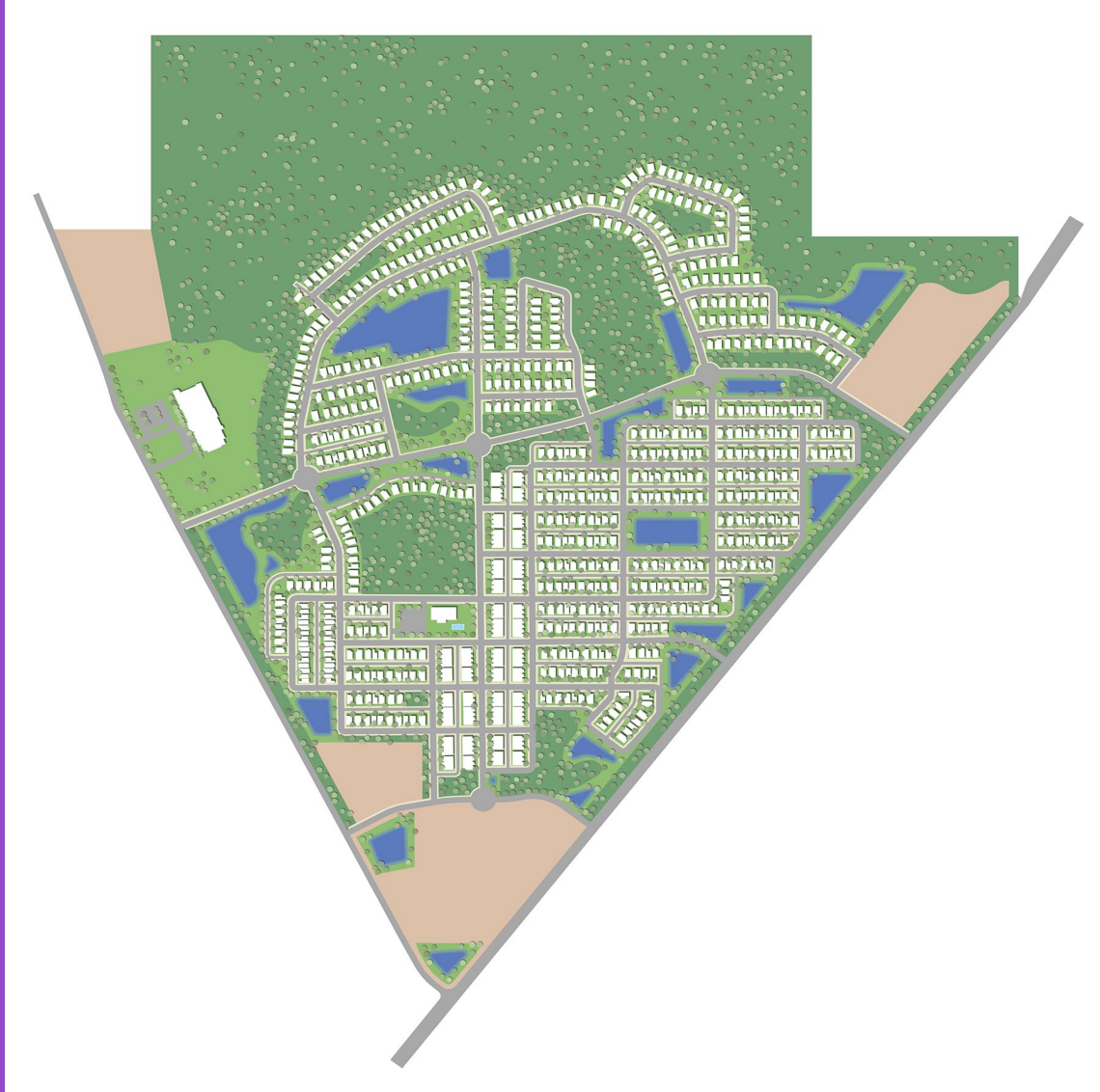


D Ranch Preserve

- **476 Acres**
- **Donated to Conservation Florida in 2019**
- **Located in the City Limits of Deltona**
- **Historically a cattle ranch since the 1950s**
- **Adjacent to Lake Monroe Conservation Area**
 - **Approx. 7,500 acres - >90% Wetlands**

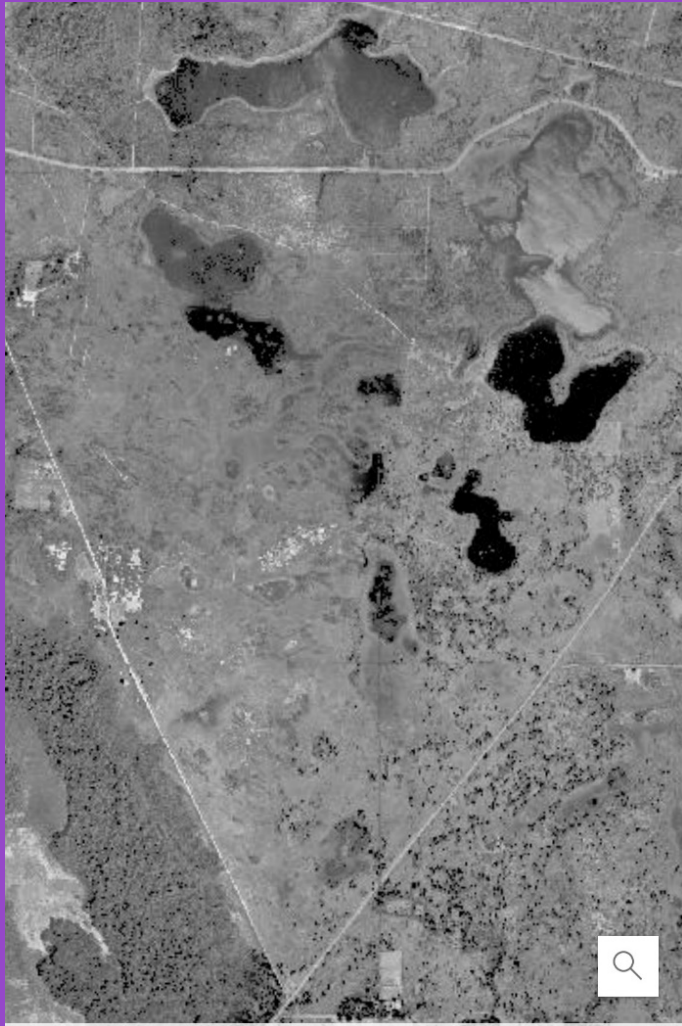
What it could have been!

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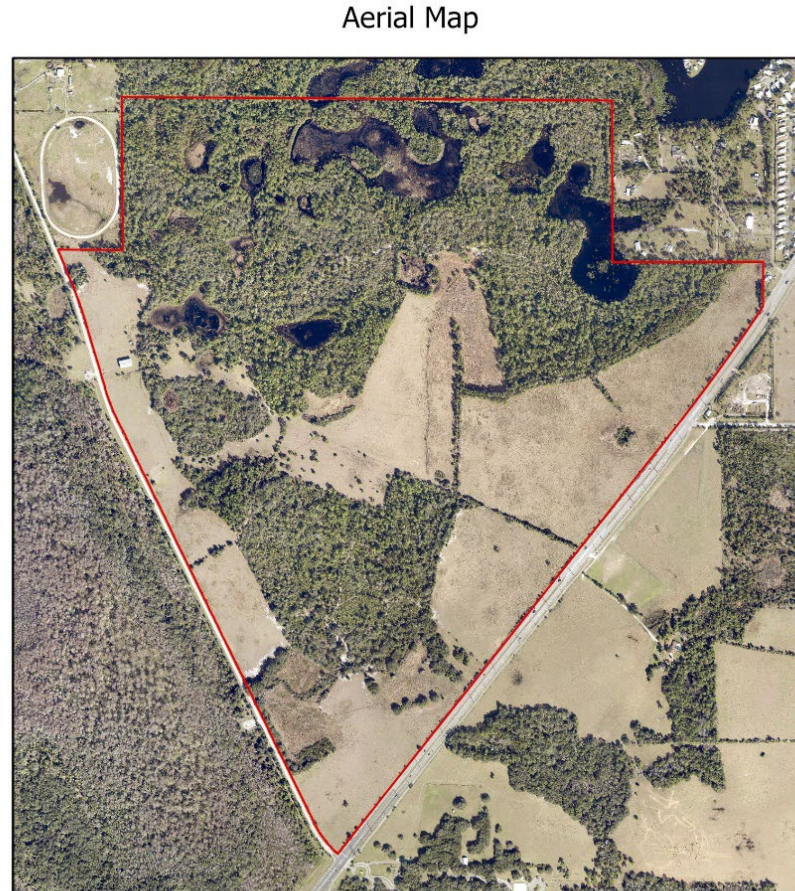


History of Site

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1940s Historical Aerial



Aerial Map

Property Boundary (478.32 AC)

0 375 750 1,500 Feet

2021 Aerial

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Ecosystem Services

- Floodwater protection
- Water quality
- Carbon sequestration
- Corridor connections
- A home for native wildlife and plants

Enhancement Activities

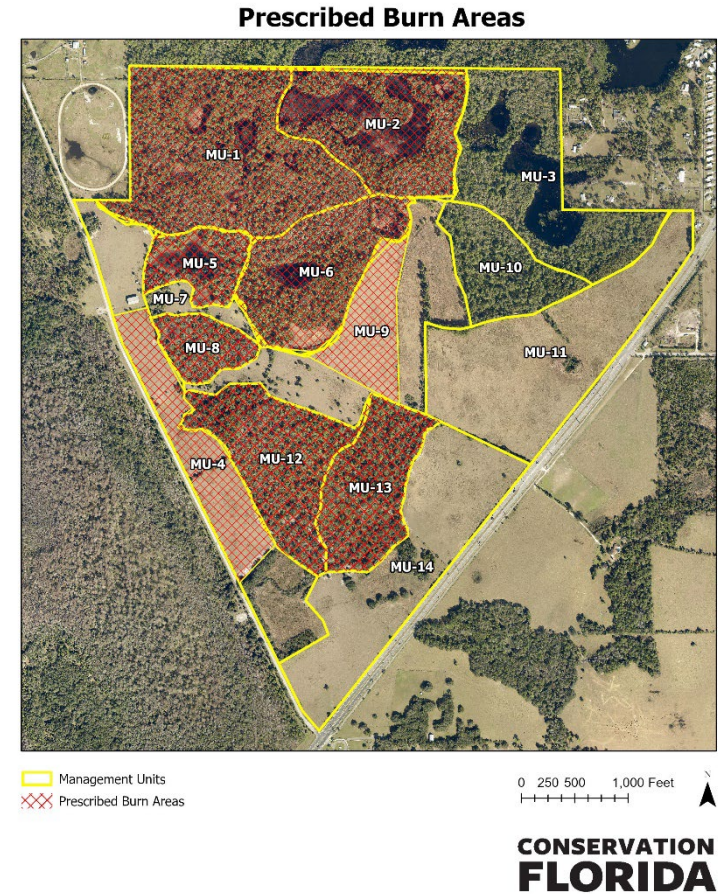
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Land Management Activities

- Timber Projects
- Mulching Activities
- Invasive Species Management
- Prescribed Fire

Responsibly stewarding land is essential for healthy ecosystems and the wildlife that call them home.

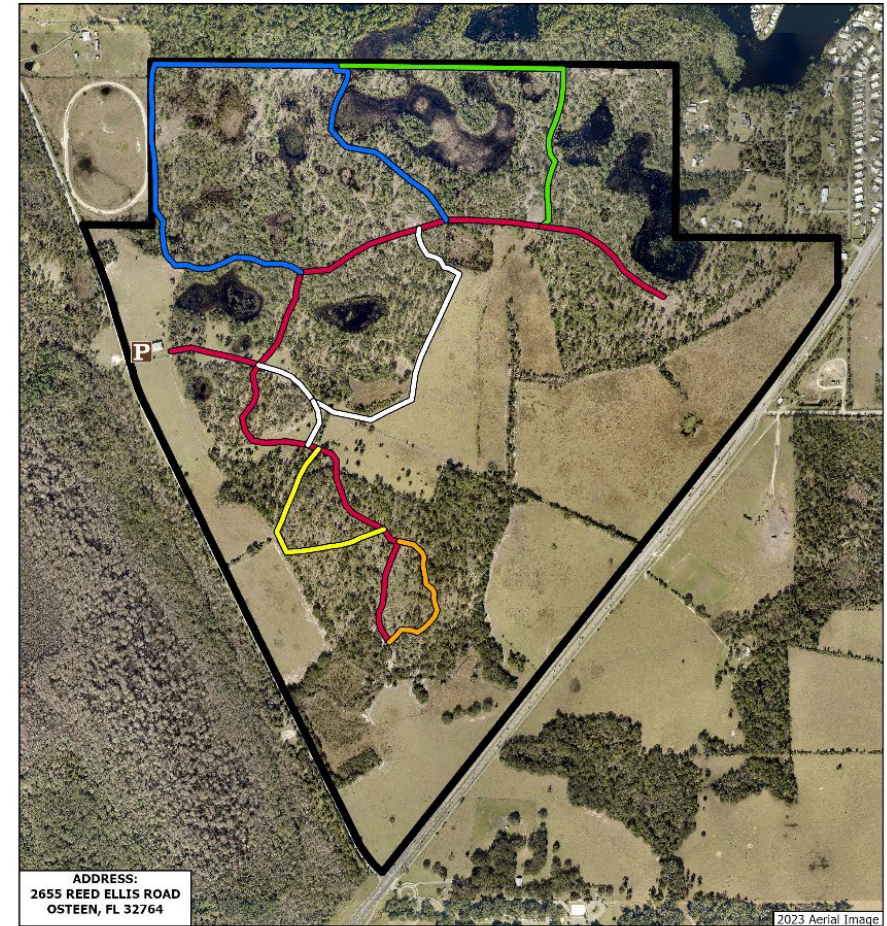
Fun fact: Our prescribed fires are done on horseback!



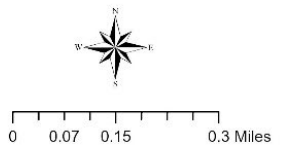
Public Access – Spring 2025

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- More than 3.5 miles of trails for hiking
- Support from Florida Power and Light (FPL) through its charitable arm the NextEra Energy Foundation



D Ranch Preserve	Orange Trail (0.22 Miles)
Parking	Red Connector Trail (1.42 Miles)
TrailName	White Connector Trail (0.62 Miles)
Blue Trail (1.10 Miles)	Yellow Trail (0.32 Miles)
Green Trail (0.57 Miles)	





A Chance for us to Invest in the Future

The nature center will serve a diverse audience, including families, students, nature enthusiasts, and tourists.



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Programs & Operations

Staff and Volunteers Will Greet Visitors and Offer Engaging Activities Year Round



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Building a New Place for Floridians to Learn and Connect



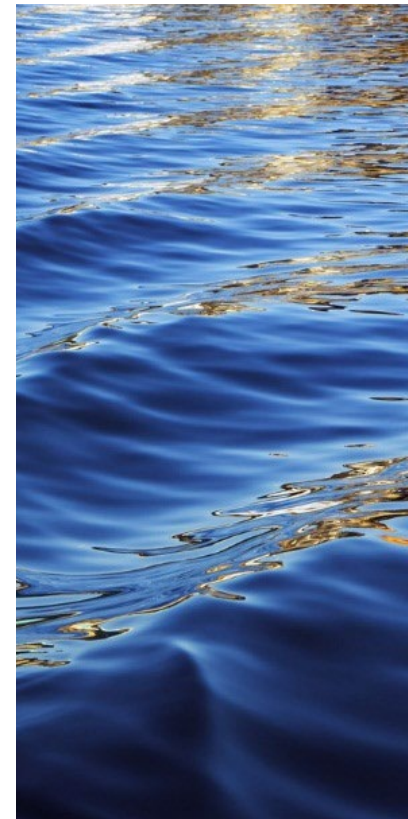
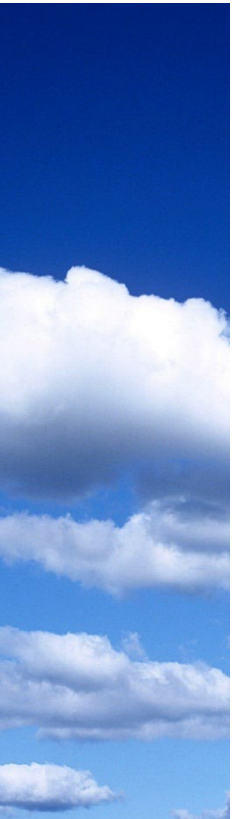
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Keeping it Cool with a Shaded Porch



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Creating a Large Exhibition Space for Learning and Gathering



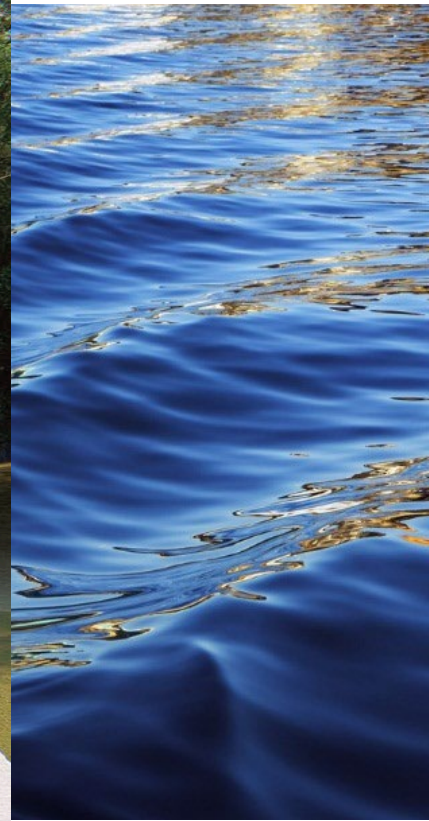
Grounds & Facilities

Beautiful Native Gardens Will Benefit Pollinators



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The Addition of Shaded Areas Will Provide Comfort for Visitors



A Place for Nature and Community

Where wildlife thrives and people enjoy immersive experiences, educational programs, and outdoor activities



Other Planned Activities

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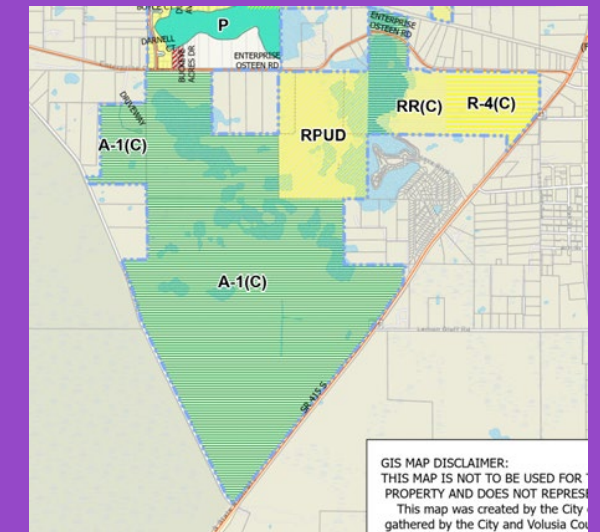
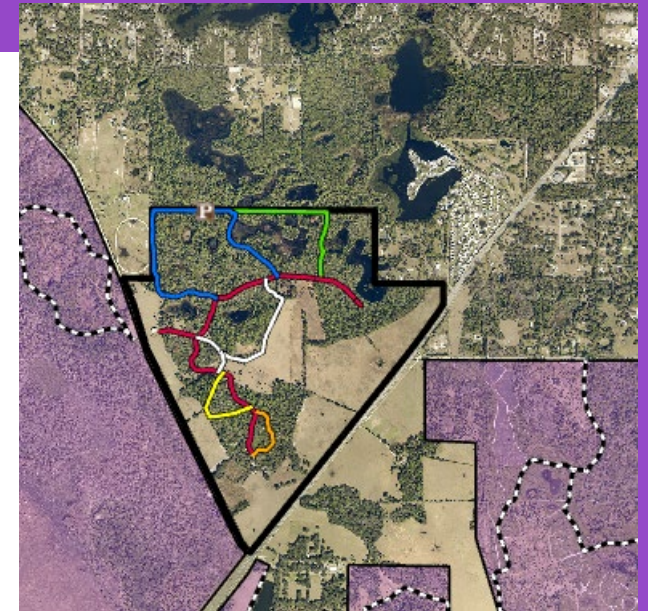
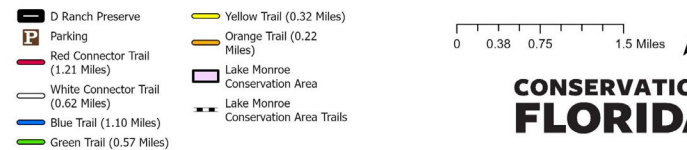
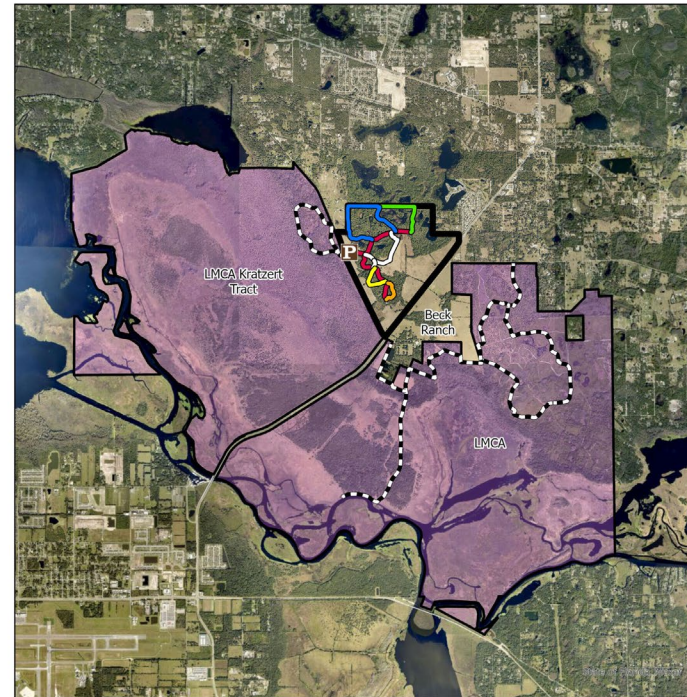
Pedestrian Crossings/Trail Connections

- Partnering with
 - Bike/Walk Central Florida
 - Volusia County Traffic Engineering
 - St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance
 - Volusia County Parks and Recreation
 - SJRWMD

Local Conservation Strategies

- Working with
 - Volusia County's Volusia Forever Program
 - SJRWMD
 - City of Deltona Commissioners
 - Other local advocacy groups/individuals
 - General Public

D Ranch Preserve/Lake Monroe CA Trail Map



GIS MAP DISCLAIMER:
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Volunteer/Educational Events

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D Ranch Discovery Program

- Wild Walks
- Volunteerism
- Recreational Trails Program



Partnership Opportunities

Get involved!

You can sponsor....

- An educational event
- A volunteer event
- Amenities (Bat boxes, bird boxes, trail bridges & more!)

We're also in need of donated items & equipment to prepare for our grand opening and land management needs.

**Your sponsorship will include permanent visible recognition, social media gratitude, and invitations to exclusive events.*



Make An Impact to Conservation

**Florida = \$36
Worth of Land
Protected**

There are *many* ways to give to Conservation Florida.

No act is too small.

Tell your friends, start a Facebook fundraiser, and get the word out!

This is a community space - we're grateful for your support.



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Thank you
from

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