

# Maytown Flatwoods

Less-Than-Fee

Brevard and Volusia Counties

<i>Year Added to Priority List</i>	2009
<i>Project Acres</i>	7,837
<i>Acquired Acres</i>	6,225
<i>Cost of Acquired Acres</i>	\$0
<i>Remaining Project Acres</i>	1,612
<i>2023 Assessed Value of Remaining Acres</i>	\$796,550

## Purpose for State Acquisition

The Maytown Flatwoods project will contribute to the preservation of strategic and rare species habitat. The project will protect thousands of acres of natural floodplain and water recharge lands benefiting natural features like springs and sinks and providing groundwater protection.

## General Description

The Maytown Flatwoods project is in northern Brevard County, adjacent to the Buck Lake Conservation Area (managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District). Other conservation properties in the area include Charles H. Bronson State Forest, Little Big Econ State Forest, Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area and Seminole Ranch Conservation Area. The property is currently under a long-rotation silvicultural management regime.

The project's natural communities include wet prairie, depression marsh, basin marsh, basin swamp, hydric hammock, dome swamp and pine plantation. Several listed species are likely to occur on the property including Florida black bear, little blue heron and gopher tortoise.

In 1998, the project area was devastated by wildfires that consumed most of the timber on the tract. Following this event, the tract was aerially seeded with slash pine creating an even-age stand. Mechanical treatments to control the understory have been used in lieu of prescribed fire.

## FNAI Element Occurrence Summary

<b><u>FNAI Elements</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>
Florida black bear	G5T4/S4
<i>celestial lily</i>	G2/S2
<i>pine pinweed</i>	G2/S2

## Public Use

Maytown Flatwoods is proposed for less-than-fee acquisition and does not provide for public access. However, the already-established Rails-to-Trails project runs along an abandoned Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way.



## Acquisition Planning

### **2008**

On July 14, 2008, the Farmton Mitigation Bank (23,922 acres) was permitted. Approximately 4,052 acres of the bank would be inside the project boundary when the project was started.

### **2009**

On December 11, 2009, the Acquisition and Restoration Council added the project to the 2010 Florida Forever Priority List as a Less-than-Fee project.

### **2013**

On April 25, 2013, the Farmton-Brevard conservation easement (4,800 acres) was donated to the St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Audubon Society and Brevard County by Swallowtail LLC (a subsidiary of Miami Corp) to satisfy the Farmton Local Plan Agreement. Approximately 2,250 acres of the easement are within the project boundary.

### **2021**

On December 10, 2021, the Acquisition and Restoration Council approved an addition of 554.75 acres in Volusia County to the project boundary.

## Coordination

The Nature Conservancy is considered a partner on the project. Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands program may participate in the acquisition and management of the Swallowtail or Membrey parcel.

## Management Policy Statement

As a less-than-fee acquisition, Maytown Flatwoods would be managed by the landowner as outlined in the conservation easement.

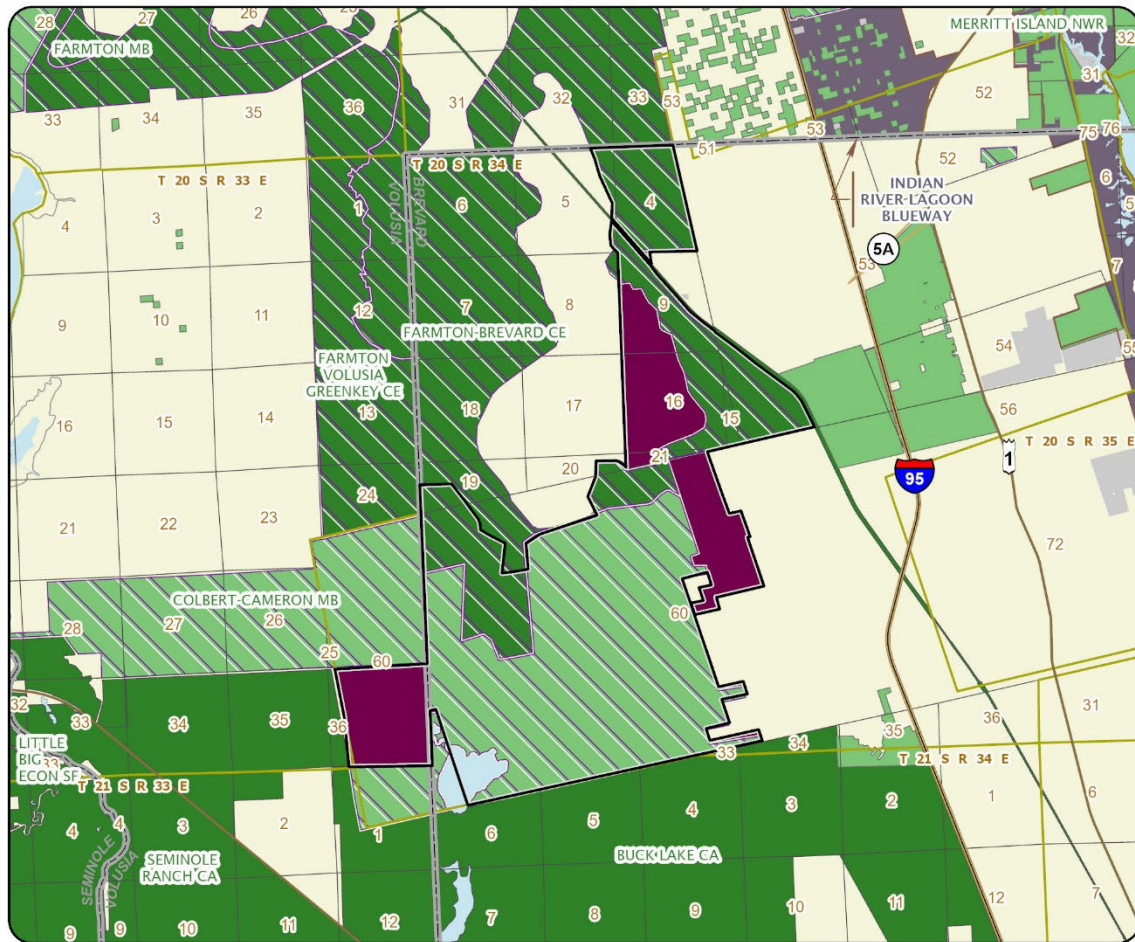
## Manager(s)

If acquired less-than-fee, management responsibility of Maytown Flatwoods would remain with the landowner. Periodic monitoring of the site's management to confirm conservation easement compliance would be coordinated by the Division of State Lands.

## Management Prospectus

The Division of State Lands will periodically monitor the conservation easement, while the management will be conducted by the property owner.





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