

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>Remaining Project Acres</i>	1,612
<i>2024 Assessed Value of Remaining Acres</i>	\$934,739

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 and Farmton-Brevard conservation easement, both managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). Other conservation properties in the area include Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary, 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 (*Ursus americanus floridanus*), little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*) and gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*).

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

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





Public Use

The Maytown Flatwoods project 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 issued. Approximately 4,052 acres of this bank would be inside the project boundary when the project was started.

2009

On December 11, 2009, the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) recommended that this project be added 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 SJRWMD, 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 that easement are within the project boundary.

2021

On December 10, 2021, ARC approved an addition of 554.75 acres in Volusia County to the project boundary.

Coordination

The Nature Conservancy is considered a partner on this 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, the Maytown Flatwoods project would be managed by the landowner as outlined in the conservation easement.

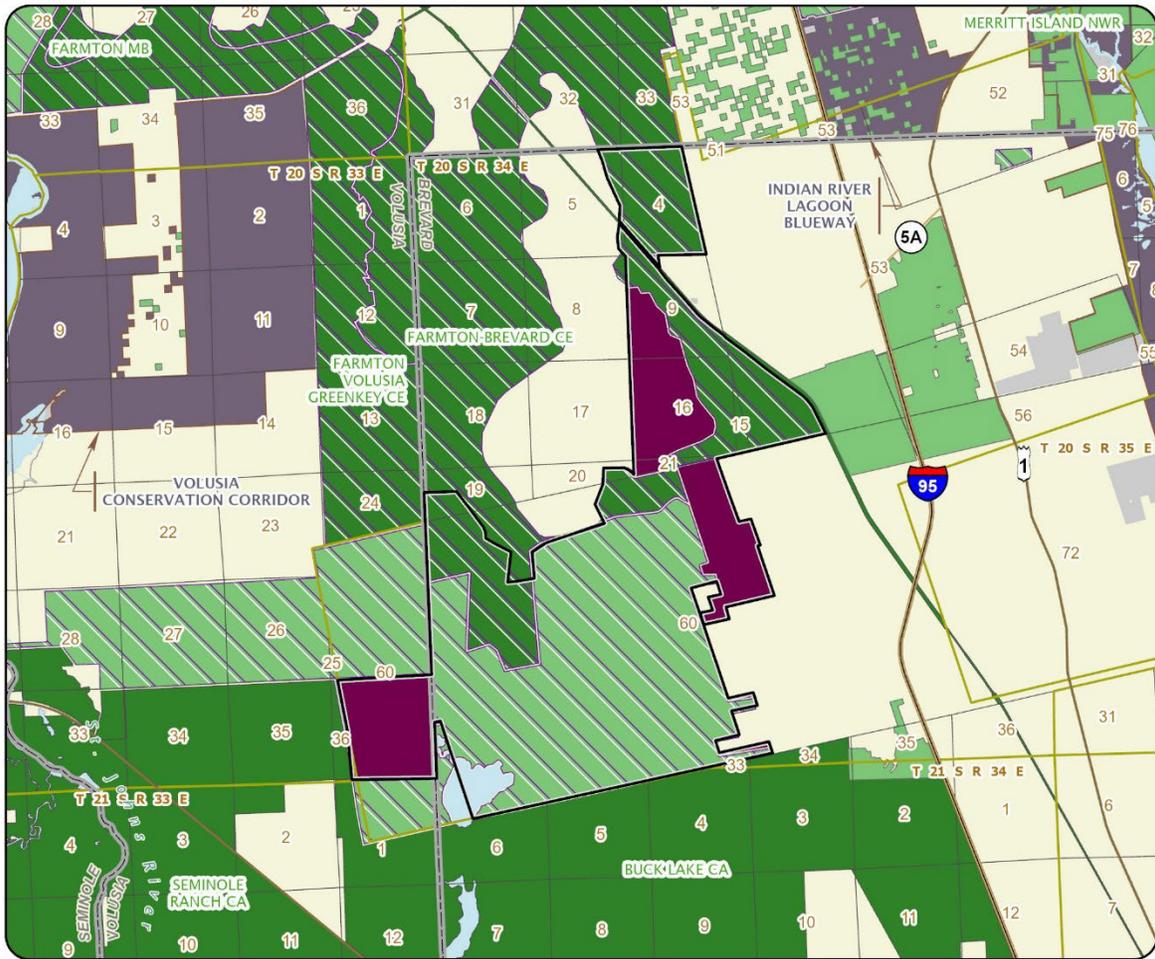
Manager(s)

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

Management Prospectus

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





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