

Maytown Flatwoods

Less-Than-Fee

Brevard, Volusia

<i>Year Added to Priority List</i>	2010
<i>Project Acres</i>	7,837
<i>Acquired Acres</i>	6,225
<i>Cost of Acquired Acres</i>	\$0
<i>Remaining Project Acres</i>	1,613
<i>2020 Assessed Value of Remaining Acres</i>	\$796,031

Purpose for State Acquisition

The Maytown Flatwoods project will preserve 3,060 acres of strategic habitat, 1,189 acres of rare species habitat for wood storks and the Florida sandhill crane, 7,598 acres of land for creating ecological greenways, 2,080 acres of natural floodplain, and various priorities of land that contribute to surface-water protection. The project will also protect thousands of acres of water-recharge land for springs, sinks, and aquifer recharge.

General Description

Parcels identified in the Maytown Flatwoods project are owned by either the Miami Corporation or Swallowtail LLC. The Swallowtail property was purchased by Miami Corporation to assist Brevard County with county conservation goals.

The project is in northern Brevard County, adjacent to the Buck Lake Conservation Area which is managed by the SJRWMD. Other conservation properties in the area include the Charles H. Bronson State Forest, Little Big Econ State Forest, Salt Lake WMA and the Seminole Ranch Conservation Area. Currently the property is under a long- rotation silvicultural management regime. The project is being offered as a less-than-fee acquisition.

Natural communities located within the project include wet prairie, depression marsh, basin marsh and swamp, hydric hammock, dome swamp, and pine plantation. Several listed species are likely to occur on the tract. including the Florida black bear, American alligator, little blue heron, gopher tortoise, and white ibis.

In 1998, the project area was devastated by wildfires that consumed most of the timber on the tract. Following the 1998 wildfires, 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. Scattered across the tract are numerous dome swamps in various conditions.

FNAI Element Occurrence Summary

FNAI Elements	Score
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-Trail's project runs along an abandoned Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way.

Acquisition Planning

2009

On December 11, 2009, the ARC recommended that this project be added to the 2010 Florida Forever list as a Less-than-Fee project. At the time, the project had an estimated tax assessed value of \$7,189,500.

A 4,800-acre conservation easement was donated to the SJRWMD, Florida Audubon 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 is within the boundary of Maytown Flatwoods. The property owner still manages the property and Brevard County, The Audubon Society and the SJRWMD are co-grantees with shared monitoring rights.

2021

On December 10, 2021, the 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, Maytown Flatwoods would be managed for conservation purposes by the landowner as outlined in the conservation easement.

Manager(s)

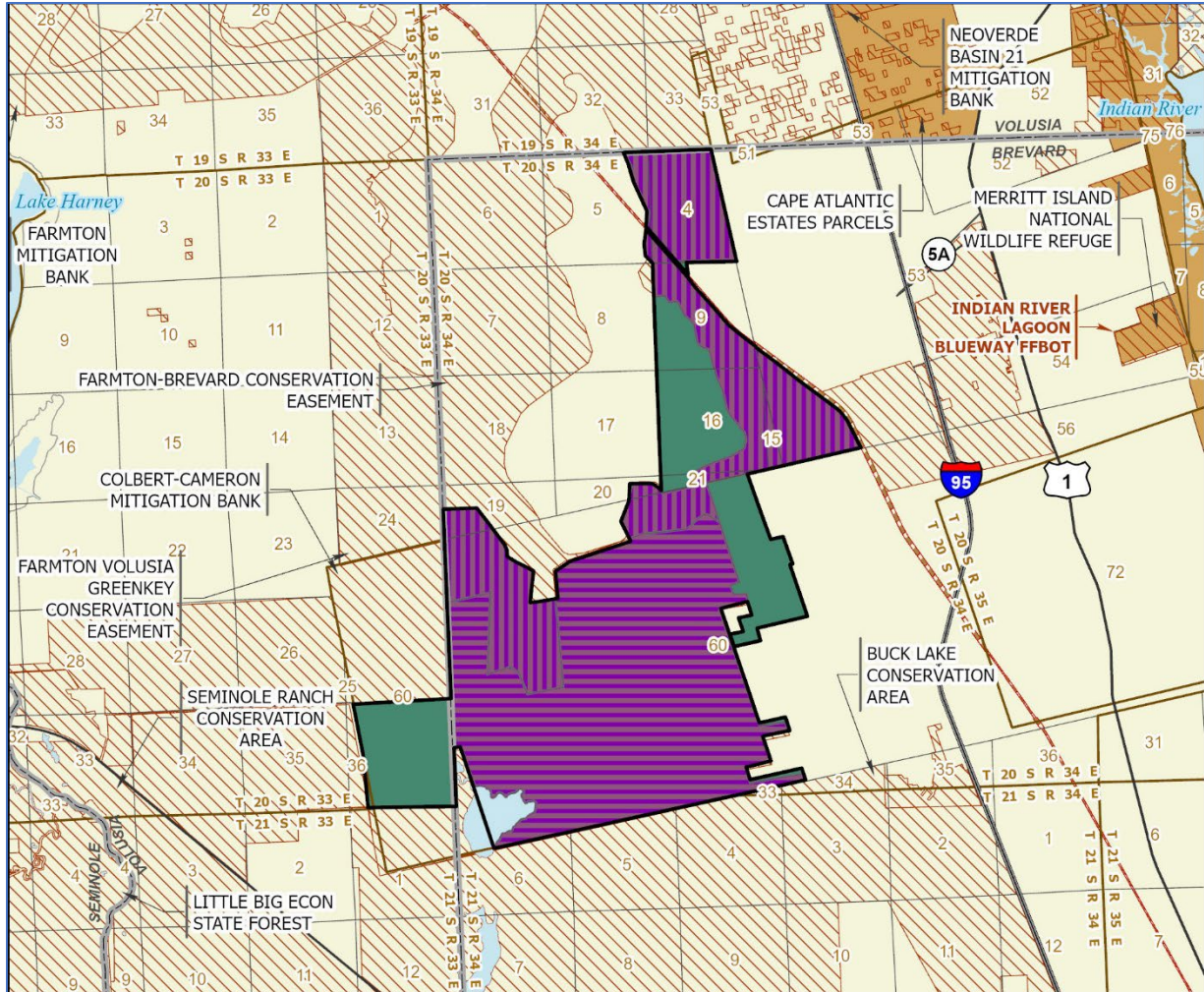
If acquired as less-than-fee, management responsibility of Maytown Flatwoods would remain with the landowner. Periodic monitoring of the site's management to confirm continued compliance with the conditions of the conservation easement would be coordinated by OES.



Management Prospectus

OES will periodically monitor the conservation easement, while the management will be conducted by the property owner.

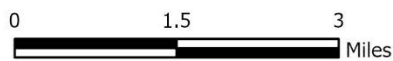




MAYTOWN FLATWOODS

BREVARD COUNTY

-  Florida Forever BOT Project Boundary
-  Acquired for Conservation (Fee Simple)
-  Acquired for Conservation (Less-Than-Fee)
-  Essential Parcel(s) Remaining
-  State Owned Conservation Lands
-  Other Conservation Lands
-  Other Florida Forever BOT Projects



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Map 1: FNAI, February 2022

