

Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Program Initial Screening Criteria Form

Location Description: S16, T48, R30, North and South side of Oil Well Rd. - ½ mile east of SR 29

Property Description

Owner	Address and/or Folio	Acreage
Wildflowerz Ranch LLC	00233280008	639.17

Nominations to the Conservation Collier Program are based on satisfying at least two of the initial screening criteria below. Qualified sites shall then be further prioritized by secondary evaluative criteria.

- 1. Does the property contain native plant communities? If yes, are any of the following unique and endangered plant communities present on the property? (Ord. 2002-63, Sec 10(1)(a))**

Yes No (If yes, briefly describe how parcel meets the above criteria):

Contains Pine Flatwoods, Pine/Mesic Oak, Mixed Wetland Hardwoods, and Freshwater Marsh

Ordinance Plant Community	Corresponding Priority Natural Community (Florida Cooperative Land Cover System)	Presence
Tropical Hardwood Hammock	Upland Hardwood Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>
Xeric Oak Scrub	Scrub	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Strand	Coastal Upland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native Beach	Coastal Upland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Xeric Pine	Scrub/Pine Flatwood	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riverine Oak	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Marsh (Saline)	Coastal Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tidal Freshwater Marsh	Coastal Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Native Habitats		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 2. Does the property offer significant human social values, such as equitable geographic distribution, appropriate access for nature-based recreation, and enhancement of the aesthetic setting of Collier County? Ord. 2002-63, Sec. 10 (1)(b)**

Yes No (If yes, briefly describe how parcel meets the above criteria):

The property is accessible and visible from Oil Well Rd. Trails that could be utilized for public access already exist within the northern portion of the property. Hiking, photography, horseback riding, fishing, and other passive nature-based recreation are possible on the property. Hunting may also be a possible use on the property.

3. Does the property offer opportunities for protection of water resource values, including aquifer recharge, water quality enhancement, protection of wetland dependent species habitat, and flood control? Ord. 2002-63, Sec. 10 (1)(c)

Yes No (If yes, briefly describe how parcel meets the above criteria):

The property is mapped as containing some hydric soils and mapped as contributing moderately to aquifer recharge. The property contains isolated depression marshes, and numerous wetland dependent species have been observed on-site, including several species of listed wading birds.

4. Does the property offer significant biological values, including biodiversity, listed species habitat, connectivity, restoration potential and ecological quality? Ord. 2002-63, Sec. 10 (1)(d)

Yes No (If yes, briefly describe how parcel meets the above criteria):

Florida panther and black bear telemetry points are located on the property. Gopher tortoise, Big Cypress fox squirrel, crested caracara, and several listed wading birds – including wood stork and limpkin – have been observed on site. Deer and other wildlife in the area also use the property. The entire property is within an Area of Critical State Concern.

5. Does the property enhance and/or protect the environmental value of current conservation lands through function as a buffer, ecological link or habitat corridor? Ord. 2002-63, Sec. 10 (1)(e)

Yes No (If yes, briefly describe how parcel meets the above criteria):

The property is adjacent to a private conservation easement to the south, which, through other private conservation lands, connects the property to Big Cypress National Preserve.

Any qualified land which meets at least two of the above criteria and has matching funds available and/or which Conservation Collier funds availability would leverage a significantly higher funding rank in another acquisition program. Ord. 2002-63, Sec. 10 (1)(f)

Is the property within the boundary of another agency’s acquisition project?

Yes No

If yes, will use of Conservation Collier funds significantly increase the rank or funding priority of the parcel for the other agency’s acquisition program?

Yes No

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Yes

No

The property satisfies 5 initial screening criteria

Figure 1: Wildflowerz Ranch Property Location Map

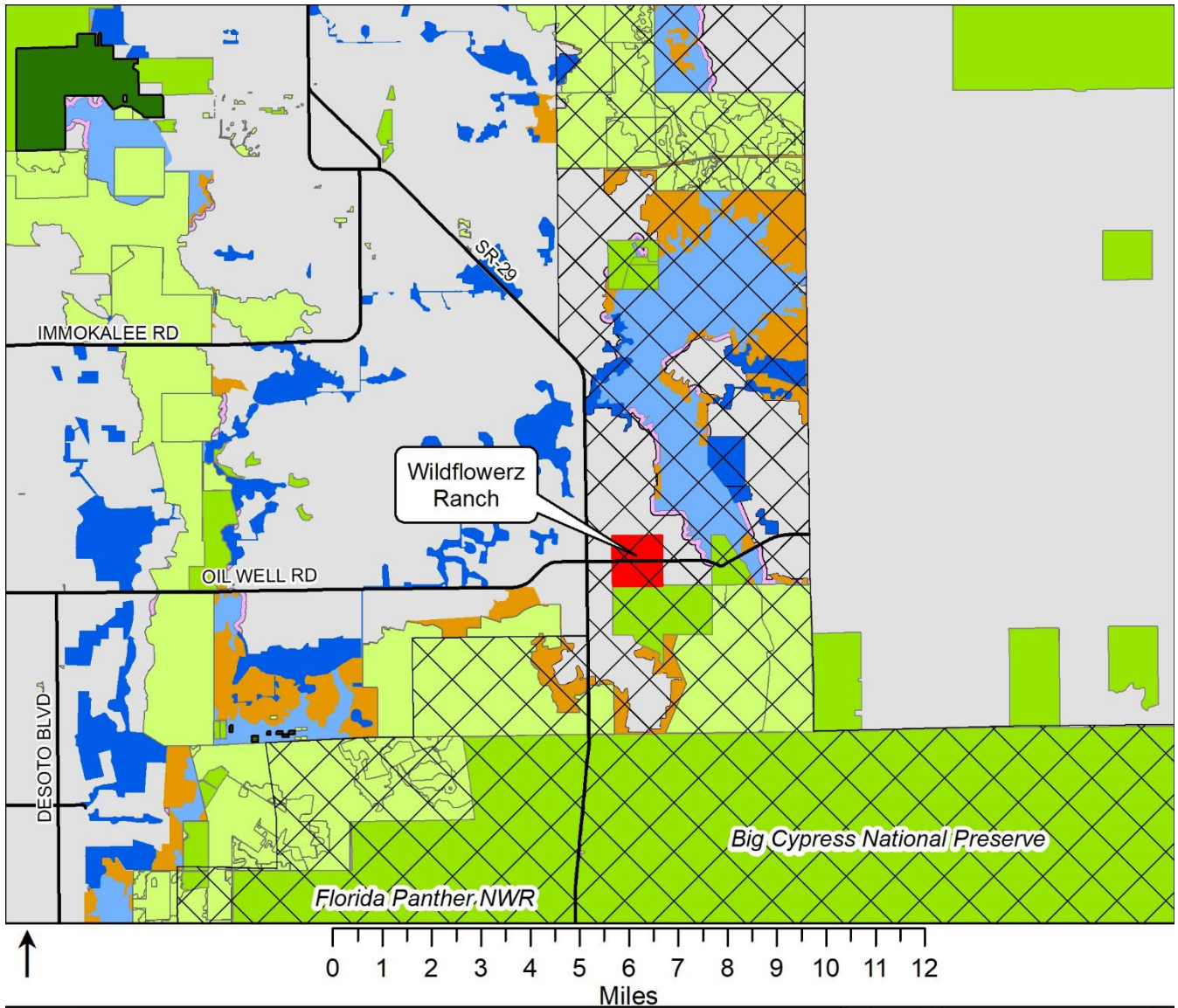
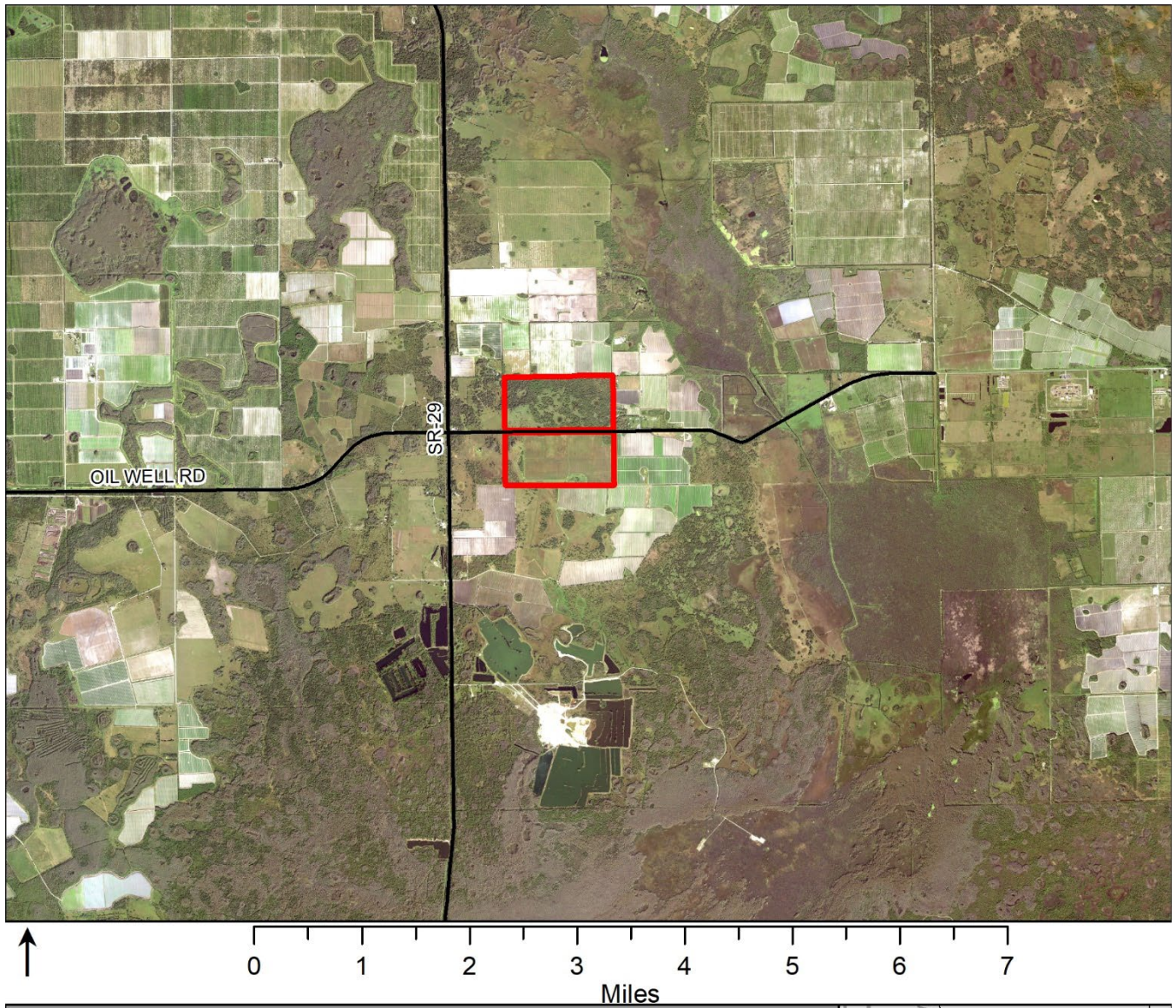

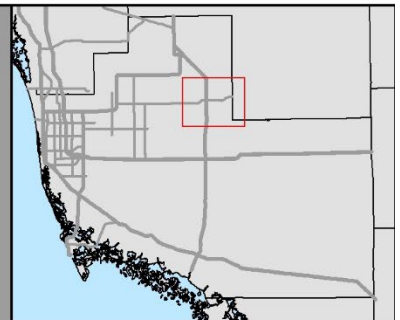


Figure 2: Wildflowerz Ranch Property Surrounding Lands Aerial Map



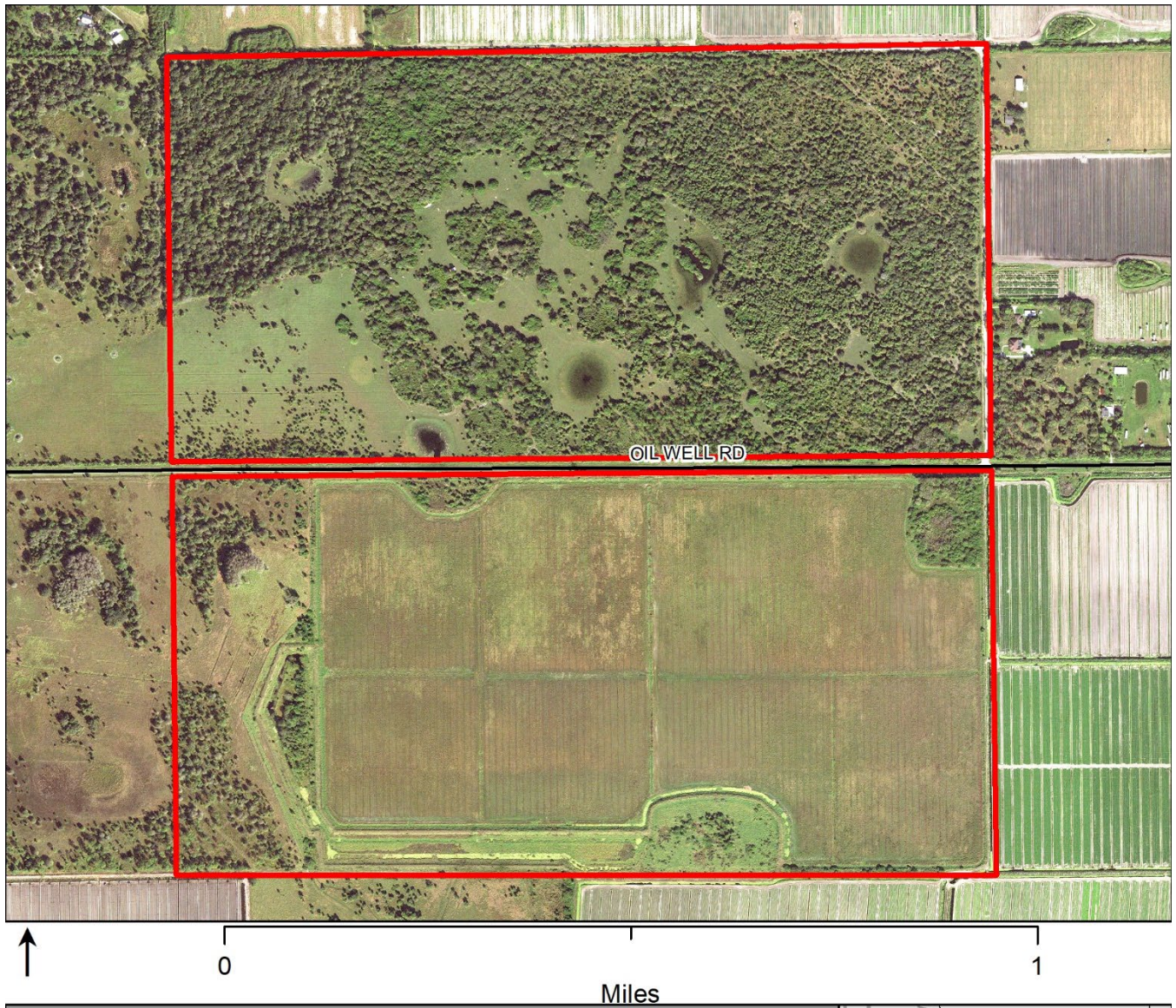
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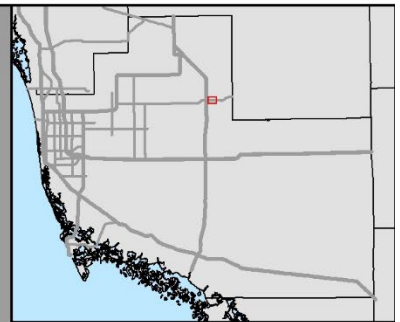
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Figure 3: Wildflowerz Ranch Property Aerial Map



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View of property looking north off Oil Well Rd.



View of property looking south off Oil Well Rd.