

## Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Program Initial Screening Criteria Form

**Location Description:** NGGE Unit 91, north off 40<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, west of Desoto Blvd. S; surrounded by Dr. Robert H. Gore Preserve

### Property Description

Owner	Address and/or Folio	Acreage
Cypress Cove Conservancy, Inc.	41501440005	10.00

***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):

Mapped as Mixed Wetland Hardwoods and Cypress

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 visible and accessible from 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. The property has been developed for public natural resource based educational opportunities containing walking trails, a main building, an education center, a small gazebo, and a chickee hut.

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 over 50% hydric soils. Tropical Environmental Consultants, LLC. determined that 73% of the parcel contains wetlands.

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):

The parcel contains several listed plant species and Florida panther and black bear have been observed within the property.

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 parcel is adjacent to Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve on all 4 sides.

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

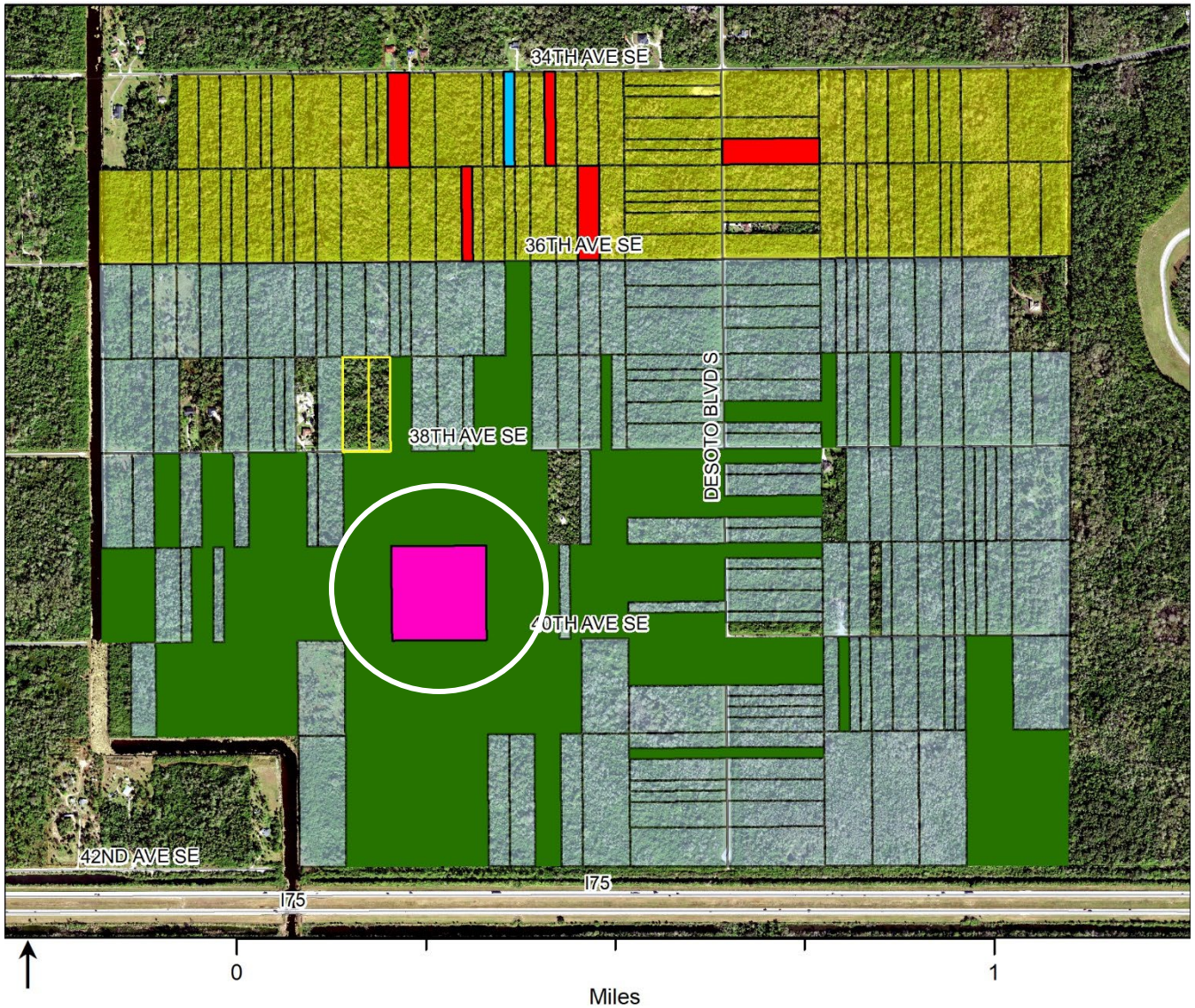
MEETS INITIAL SCREENING CRITERIA

Yes

No

The property satisfies 5 initial screening criteria

**Figure 1: Cypress Cove Conservancy Property Location Map**



- CYPRESS COVE CONSERVANCY INC
- ERICKSON, GERALD W
- Dr. Robert Gore III Preserve
- Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve A-List Parcel
- Gore Preserve Target Protection Mailing Area
- Property Owner Accepted Offer
- Application Received

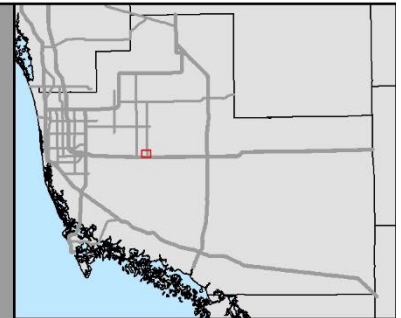
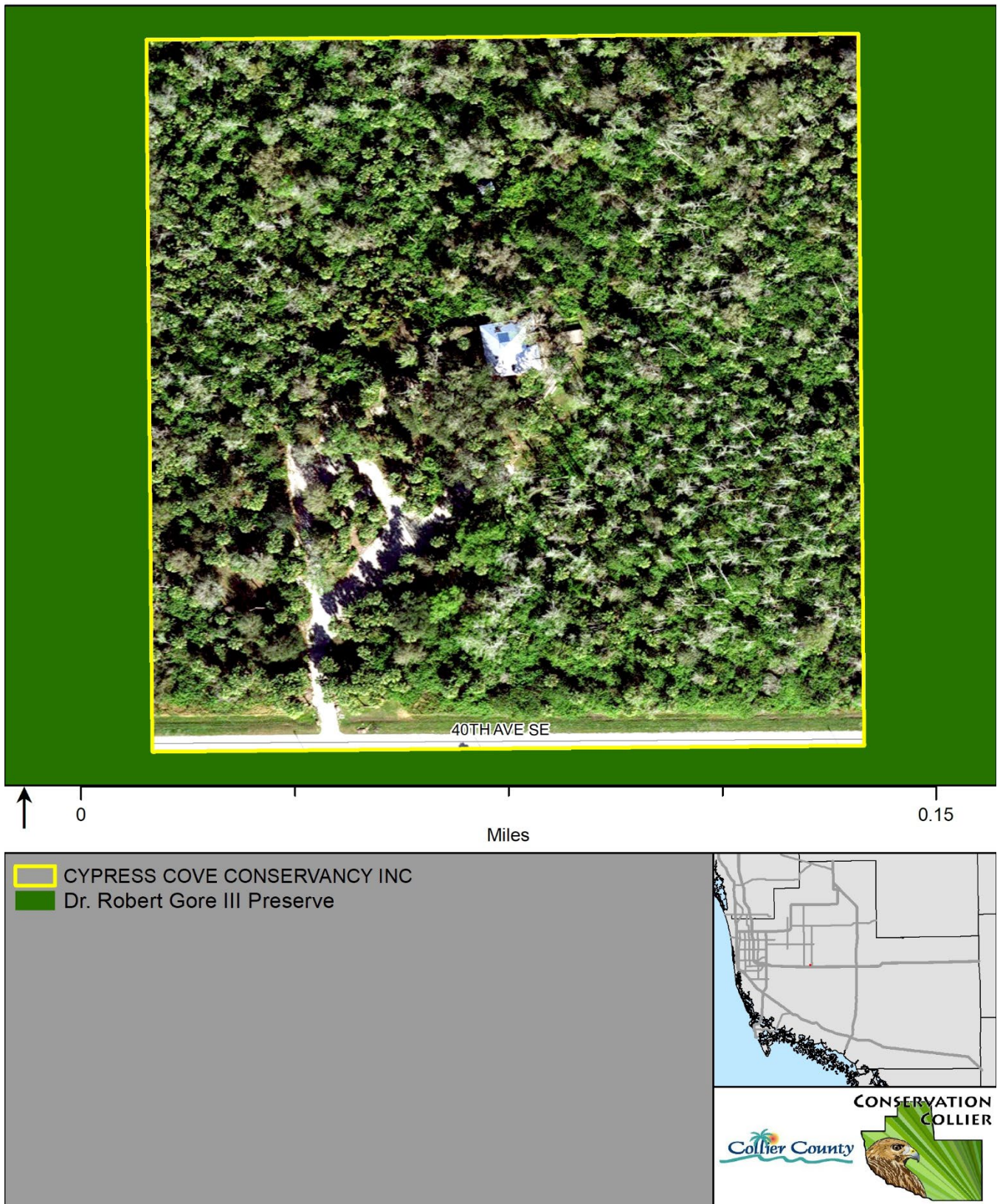


Figure 2: Cypress Cove Conservancy Property Aerial Map



Photos of property











