Conservation Collier Property Summary HHH Ranch December 9, 2021

Property Name: HHH Ranch
Target Protection Area: RFMUD

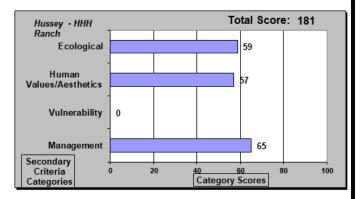
Owner: Hussey and Vega
Acreage: 252± acres

Total Estimated Market Value: \$1,262,000

Highlights:

- **Location:** East of Collier Blvd/951, just north of I-75; immediately east of 960 acres owned by Collier County
- 5 of the 6 Initial Screening Criteria were met
- **Habitat:** Palmetto Prairie, Pine Flatwoods, Cabbage Palm, Cypress
- **Listed Plants:** Giant Wild Pine (*Tillandsia utriculate*)
- **Listed Wildlife:** Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) observed historic nesting/foraging habitat for endangered RCW; Panther telemetry indicates significant utilization.
- Water Resource Values: Wetlands on portions, aquifer recharge, and sheet flow on property.
- Connectivity: Contribute to an important wildlife corridor connecting species from the Florida Panther Refuge, Golden Gate Rural Estates, Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve, as well as the Picayune Strand State Forest and Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve to the south through wildlife underpasses under I-75. Provides an ecological link to the northern range expansion goals of the RCW Recovery Plan.
- Other Division Interest: Transportation advises a roadway could be aligned through portions of the property
- Access: Currently no public right of way access
- Management Issues / Estimated Costs: Initial Exotic Removal estimated at \$125,000 and ongoing annual estimated at \$50,000. Installation of trails \$20,000 with ongoing trail maintenance of \$5,000.
- Partnership Opportunities: None known
- **Zoning/Overlays:** Agricultural; Rural Fringe Mixed Use Overlay-North Belle Meade Overlay-Sending with a portion having Natural Resource Protection Area (A-RFMUO-NBMO-NRPA-Sending)
- Surrounding land uses: Agricultural, residential





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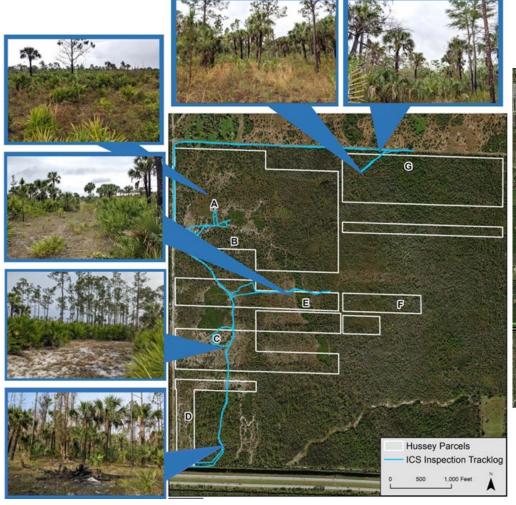
- All Criteria Score: 181 out of 400; high management and ecological values
- Acquisition Considerations:
 - o Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) has become quite rare in Collier County due to increased development. Property also has high utilization by the Florida panther.
 - o LDC section 2.03.08.A describes that **RFMU Sending Lands** and are those lands that have the highest degree of environmental value and sensitivity; and are the principal target for preservation and conservation.
 - o LDC section 2.03.08.B. states:

The purpose and intent of the Natural Resource Protection Area Overlay District (NRPA) is to: protect endangered or potentially endangered species by directing incompatible land uses away from their habitats; to identify large, connected, intact, and relatively unfragmented habitats, which may be important for these listed species; and to support State and Federal agencies' efforts to protect endangered or potentially endangered species and their habitats.... These lands generally should be the focus of any federal, state, County, or private acquisition efforts.

- o Roadway may be aligned through property. Transportation will be required expected to follow the Exception Benefits Ordinance regarding any roadway alignment if the property is acquired by Conservation Collier.
- o Potential for trespass and poaching by ATV

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Hussey Parcels Site Visit Photos 4/21/2021



HHH Ranch - 252 acres next to 960 acres owned by Collier County

