

Conservation Land Bank Donations

Collier Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting donations of land or other assets. Depending on the agreement, the land may be retained by the CSWCD to protect its natural resources or it may be sold and the proceeds used to acquire or manage other lands with unique natural resources. The donor may benefit by claiming a charitable contribution on income taxes, reduced estate taxes, and in other ways. Landowners may donate full or partial interest, e.g., an easement in property to the CSWCD for conservation purposes. Donated lands may be incorporated into a mitigation bank, scientific and natural area, or other management unit. CSWCD also accepts lands without natural resource value, such as improved real estate, with the understanding that the CSWCD will exchange it for land suitable for natural resource purposes.

Examples of critical habitat include important wetlands, panther habitat, undisturbed plant communities, habitat for rare plant and animal species, native prairie and grasslands, spawning and reproduction areas for fish, and water sources.

CSWCD protects land through acquisitions, gifts of land, management agreements, conservation easements, cooperation with state and local units of government, and enrollment of private landowners in a voluntary registry program.

CSWCD seeks not only land with critical habitat for rare and endangered species or ecosystems, but also trade lands that could be sold and the proceeds used to purchase or manage critical habitat.

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