Landowner Perspectives on Conservation in the Age of Shrinking Budgets

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The Value of the Land
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Where many perspectives of the value of land can come together
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Prime agriculture land for conservation
Enter the USDA Conservation Programs

- 100% funding for perpetual conservation easements
- Protection of adjacent high quality habitats
- Funds hydrological restoration resulting in dispersed storage
- Restores historical timing of water delivery to Lake Okeechobee
- Continued economic activity (cattle grazing)
Wetland Reserve Program
Fisheating Creek Wetland Reserve Program Special Project

26,000 acre perpetual easement

$89,000,000
“Our analysis strongly suggests that restoration of the Everglades as described and planned in CERP will have large economic benefits. Our best estimate is that restoration will generate an increase in economic welfare of approximately $46.5 billion in net present value terms that could range up to $123.9 billion.”
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Agriculture and Habitat

- Alico lands are made up of Primary and Secondary Habitat for the Florida Panther.
- As landowners, we see first hand, how panthers make a home in ag land.
- Serving as a good steward to the land can also allow Alico to serve as a good steward to the Florida Panther.
The Value of Agriculture and Ecosystem Restoration