

Conservation Easement Management Plan

This management plan template is intended to be a guide for landowners to use in conjunction with an application to the Acquisition and Restoration Council for determination of whether conservation easements over property less than 40 acres in size fulfill a clearly delineated state conservation policy and yield a significant public benefit. It is intended to address the requirements of Chapter 196.26(4) related to property tax exemptions for lands protected by conservation easements.

The management plan may be incorporated into the baseline documentation report for the conservation easement and does not need to repeat descriptive information already included in the baseline documentation report.

You are under no obligation to use this form. Any plan format is acceptable provided it includes sufficient information for the Acquisition and Restoration Council to understand how the resources of the property will be protected.

A. General Information

1. Property Owner _____

2. Number of Acres _____

3. Name of individual who is managing the property _____

4. Contact person and address

5. Attach a map showing the location and boundaries of the property including:

- a) The location and type of structures or improvements currently on the property
- b) The location and type of proposed improvements.

6. A map showing any adjacent conservation areas.

B. Natural Resources

7. Please identify natural resources on the property that are listed in the Florida Natural Areas Inventory.

8. Are any imperiled natural communities, unique natural features, or any State and federally listed endangered or threatened plant or animal species, on site? YES _____ NO _____

If YES, please describe key management activities necessary to identify, locate, protect and preserve these species. _____

If you would like further information regarding natural resources or endangered species please contact the FNAI

Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI)
1018 Thomasville Road, Suite 200-C
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 224-8207

9. Please identify the water resources including swamps, marshes or other wetlands, on the property including the water quality classification for each water body and if the water body has been designated "Outstanding Florida Waters".

10. Are there any unique natural features, such as coral reefs, beaches, dunes, natural springs, caverns, large sinkholes, virgin timber stands, scenic vistas, and natural rivers and streams, and outstanding native landscapes containing relatively unaltered flora, fauna, and geological features on site?

YES _____ NO _____

If YES, please identify and provide locations on a map.

11. Are there fish or wildlife resources (both game and non-game) on the property?

YES _____ NO _____

If Yes- Please describe-

C. Management Activities

12. Please state the desired outcome for the natural resources on the property and describe the management activities that will be used to ensure protection of those resources. The description should include any applicable activities related to habitat restoration and preservation (including prescribed burning where appropriate), practices for monitoring listed plant and animal species, activities related to hydrological and wetland restoration and preservation, and activities related to sustainable silviculture.

13. Please describe measures used to prevent/control invasive, non-native plants.
