

The St. Lucie County Environmental Lands

This project began in 1994 with the passage of a \$20 million local bond program. The mission of the program is to preserve, protect and restore eco-systems in their natural state while providing compatible public use.

- Natural communities are maintained through the use of prescribed fires.
- Wetlands are restored to historic levels and coverage
- Non-native populations of plants and animals are controlled.

*Site use by reservation only
**Site not open to public

Nature Programs Offered December Through April
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Northeast Region

1. Indrio Savannahs

Site is adjacent to and includes an extensive freshwater wetland system. Recreation opportunities include an observation tower, three miles of hiking trail, and fishing (*catch and release only*) (*electric motors are permitted*). Located 6/10 of a mile north of Indrio Road, at the corner of Tozour Road and U.S. 1. (407 acres)



2. Indrio Scrub

The site supports rare scrub flora and fauna, and contains a half mile self-guided interpretive trail. Located along Old Dixie, north of Indrio Road. (13 acres)



3. D.J. Wilcox

A canoe launch, fishing dock, and a half mile interpretive trail. Historical interest. Located east of Old Dixie highway at Indrio Rd. (105 ac)



4. St. Lucie Village Heritage Preserve

Unique property with hammocks, bay swamp, and mangrove forest. Contains one mile of interpretive trails, picnic area, disc golf course, horseshoes and volleyball court. Located at the intersection of Torpey Rd. and Old Dixie Highway. (75 acres)



5. Queens Island

Contains a canoe launch and fishing/crabbing pier. Located 3/4 mile North of Regal Rd. on North Hutchinson Island. (281 acres)



6. Kings Island

Site can be accessed through Jack Island. Recreational opportunities include nature viewing, hiking, cycling, fishing and bird watching. Located 1/4 mile North of Jackson Way on North Hutchinson Island. (174 acres)



7. Wildcat Cove

Recreational opportunities include hiking, bicycling, fishing and bird watching. Located on North A1A adjacent to fire station. (114 acres)



8. Sheraton Scrub

Acquired to protect several threatened species, the site contains a one mile self-guided interpretive trail and observation tower. Scrub-Jays are seen at this site frequently. **Do Not Feed Wildlife.** Located at Juanita Ave. and North 41st St. (65 acres)



9. Lakewood Park Preserve

Located within Lakewood Regional Park, this natural area contains 2 miles of nature trail. Located on Emerson Rd. 2 miles north of Indrio Rd. (120 acres)



Southeast Region

10. Blind Creek

Recreational opportunities include fishing, boat launch and beach access. Future plans include a nature trail. Located on south A1A North of FPL Nuclear Power Plant. (409 acres)



11. Ocean Bay

This site supports unique coastal vegetation. Recreational opportunities include an interpretive trail and hiking. A worm reef is located along the shoreline. Located one mile south of the FPL Nuclear Power Plant on south A1A. (33 acres)



12. Walton Scrub

Contains a 1/2 mile interpretive trail and a view of the Indian River Lagoon. Located one driveway south of 10809 South Indian River Drive. (33 acres)



13. Spruce Bluff

Site of an early pioneer settlement and prehistoric Indian mound, along the banks of the St. Lucie River first settled in 1891. Recreation includes two interpretive trails and boardwalks. Located off Southbend Blvd., at the intersection of Peru St. & Dar Lane. (97 ac)



Central Region

14. Sweetwater Hammock

A quarter mile interpretive trail winds through a hammock to a canoe launch. Located on South 25th Street just south of Bell Avenue. (8 ac)



15. Ancient Oaks

An interpretive nature trail winds through a mature hammock and is adjacent to a playground and athletic fields of Weldon Lewis Park. Located 1/2 mile north of Midway Road on Oleander Avenue. (43 ac)



16. Oxbow Eco-Center

Borders the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, containing two miles of trail, canoe dock, boardwalks, nature center and observation towers. Located at 5400 N.E. St. James Blvd., Port St. Lucie. (220 acres)



17. Gordy Road Recreation Area

The site contains a 9 acre lake, (*Catch & Release only- electric motors are permitted*), canoe launch, compost restrooms, pavilion, picnic tables, half mile hiking trail and an 18 hole disc golf course. Located on Gordy Rd., one mile south of S.R. 70. (55 acres)



18. North Fork

Several parcels located along the river are accessible by canoe. Hiking trails and picnic tables are available. (130 acres)



19. Ten Mile Creek Preserve

A canoe launch and interpretive nature trail wind through a floodplain forest. Located on Gordy Rd., 0.8 miles south of S.R. 70. (31 acres)



20. George LeStrange Preserve

Site includes a lake (*catch and release - electric motors allowed*), interpretive trail and Canoe launch. Located on Ralls Rd. 1/5 mile north of Selvitz Rd. (94 acres)



Southwest Region

21. Paleo Hammock

The site has a one mile interpretive trail and observation tower. Historical interest. Located 4 miles south of S.R. 70 on Carlton Rd. Parking area on the west side of road. (120 acres)



22. Teague Hammock

Unusual tropical trees and plants are found in the hammocks. One mile interpretive trail and wildlife blinds. Located across the street from Paleo Hammock. (300 acres)



23. Pinelands

Site containing six miles of trails and two observation towers. Located 14.5 miles west of Kings Highway off S.R. 70. Turn left on VPI Grove Road and follow the signs. (755 acres)



24. Bluefield Ranch

Site of marsh, scrub and pinelands. Recreation opportunities include a wildlife blind, observation tower, primitive camping and 20 miles of hiking and horse trails. Located at the southern end of Bluefield Rd., 18 miles west of Ft Pierce off of SR70. (3,285 acres)



Restoration / New Acquisitions

25. **Greene Swamp**** - An extensive cypress preserve. (513 ac)

26. **Platt's Creek**** - A future restoration area. (100 acres)

27. **Harbor Branch**** - Future site with interpretive trails to the Indian River through hammocks, baygall, and swamps. (250 acres)

28. **Becker**** - Future site with canoe launch & trails. (13 ac)

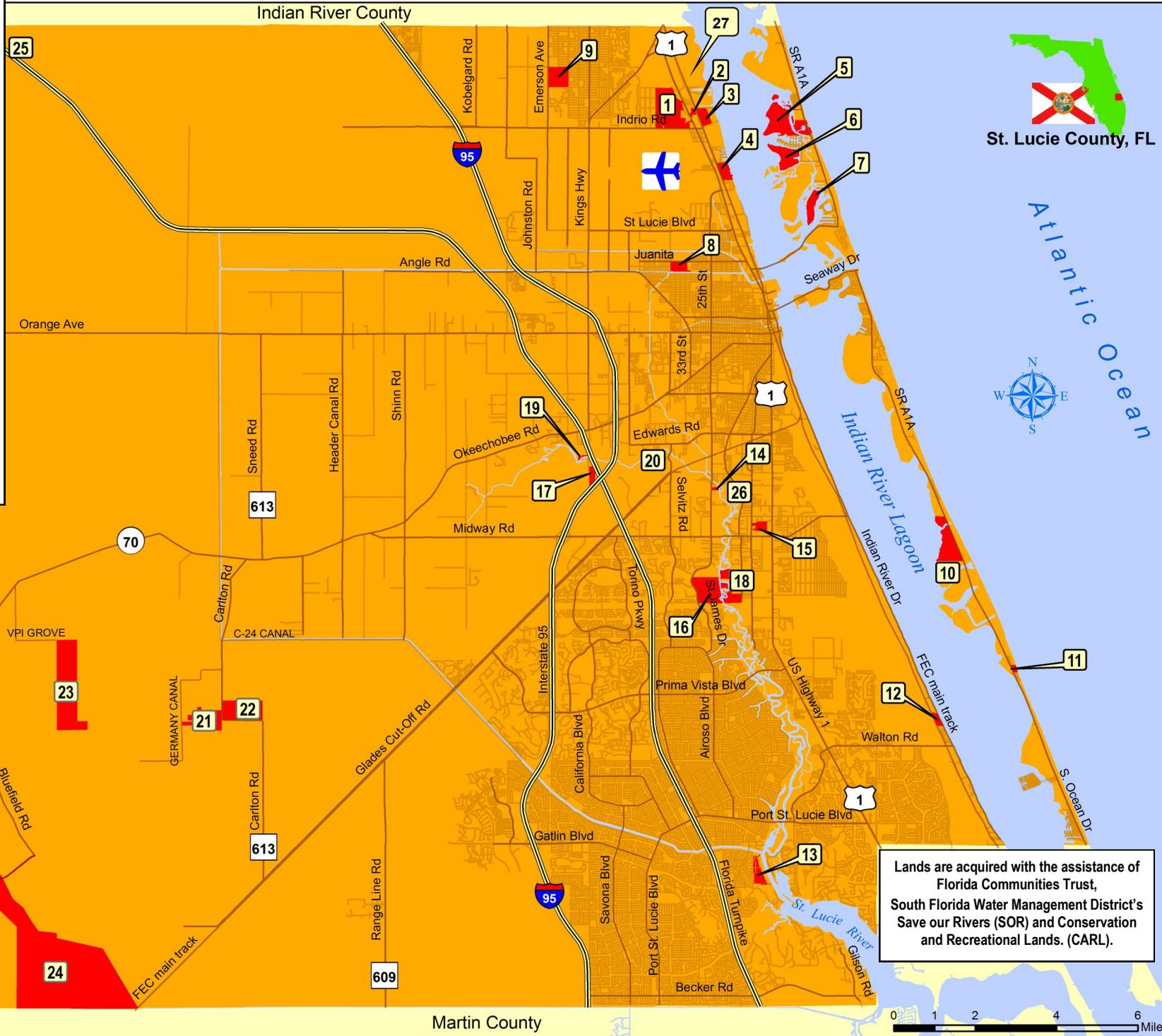
29. **Indian Hills**** - Future site with canoe launch & trail. (64 ac)

30. **Petravice Preserve**** - Future site with canoe launch (30

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* Restoration Areas



Lands are acquired with the assistance of Florida Communities Trust, South Florida Water Management District's Save our Rivers (SOR) and Conservation and Recreational Lands. (CARL).

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Preserves



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Environmental Lands Program Goals

- Preserve and Protect Native Upland Habitat.
- Preserve Ecologically Unique Natural Communities.
- Preserve Endangered and Threatened Species.
- Maintain Natural Flood Protection & Water Quality.
- Provide Passive, Resource-based Recreation Opportunities.