

# **Appendix 10-1: Potential Funding Sources**

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Program	Purpose
<b>Federal</b>	
<b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</b>	
Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects are eligible for 50/50 cost sharing per WRDA, 2000 <sup>1</sup> . <a href="http://www.evergladesplan.org/">http://www.evergladesplan.org/</a>
Various Programs	Individually Authorized Studies and Projects Planning Assistance to States Flood Plain Management Services Continuing Authorities Program Projects <a href="http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/WaysWeHelp.aspx">http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/WaysWeHelp.aspx</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Interior - federal land acquisition programs</b>	
Land and Water Conservation Fund – Federal Land Acquisition	Acquisition for various federal agencies [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Forest Service]. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/">http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/</a>
Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (United States Fish and Wildlife Service USFWS)	Receipts in this account allow USFWS to acquire important migratory breeding areas, migration resting places, and wintering areas. Areas acquired become part of the refuge system. <a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuges/realty/mbcc.html">http://www.fws.gov/refuges/realty/mbcc.html</a>
<b>Grant programs strictly for land acquisition by non-federal entities</b>	
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Act Program (USFWS)	To provide grants to states for Recovery Land Acquisition. (There is additional funding for Habitat Conservation Fund Land Acquisition Grants.) <a href="http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/">http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/</a>
<b>Grant programs that may be used for land acquisition and other purposes by non-federal agencies</b>	
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (USFWS)	To help states and tribes implement comprehensive wildlife conservation plans and activities. <a href="http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/SWG/SWG.htm">http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/SWG/SWG.htm</a>
Sport Fish Restoration – Grants to States (USFWS)	To provide funding for fisheries recreation and conservation efforts in the United States. Non-competitive apportionment-based program. <a href="http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/SFR/SFR.htm">http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/SFR/SFR.htm</a>
Federal Aid and Wildlife Restoration – Grants to States	This program apportions funds to states and for U.S. Insular Areas use in restoring and protecting wildlife. <a href="http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR.htm">http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR.htm</a>
<b>Grant programs that may be used for land acquisition and other purposes by federal and non-federal agencies</b>	
North American Wetlands Conservation Act (USFWS)	May fund the acquisition of habitat for waterfowl and migrating birds in support of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtml">http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtml</a>
Sport Fish Restoration – Coastal Wetlands Grants (USFWS)	To acquire, restore and enhance wetlands in coastal states. <a href="http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/CW/CW_Funding.htm">http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/CW/CW_Funding.htm</a>

<sup>1</sup> Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000. U.S. Congress, Public Law 106-541—December 11, 2000. Available online at <http://www.fws.gov/habitatconservation/omnibus/wrda2000.pdf>

Program	Purpose
<b>Other partnership programs supporting non-land acquisition conservation activities</b>	
Private Stewardship Grants Program (USFWS)	To provide grants for on-the-ground conservation projects on private lands benefiting federally listed, threatened, endangered species or other at-risk species. <a href="http://training.fws.gov/courses/csp/csp3115/resources/ESA_Folder/private_stewardship5_04.pdf">http://training.fws.gov/courses/csp/csp3115/resources/ESA_Folder/private_stewardship5_04.pdf</a>
Landowner Incentive Program (USFWS)	Establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical or financial assistance, including habitat protection and restoration, to private landowners to benefit species at risk. <a href="http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/LIP/LIP.htm">http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/LIP/LIP.htm</a>
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (Fish and Wildlife Service)	To provide assistance to landowners to voluntarily restore wetlands, streams, grasslands, woodlands, and other important habitat that support fish and wildlife. <a href="http://www.fws.gov/partners/">http://www.fws.gov/partners/</a>
Coastal Program	To work with coastal communities and other partners to focus and leverage resources on high-priority coastal habitat issues by providing important technical and financial support to our existing and new partners, including the Everglades/South Florida Ecosystem. <a href="http://www.fws.gov/coastal/">http://www.fws.gov/coastal/</a>
National Park Service Challenge Cost Share	The Challenge Cost Share Program supports local projects that promote conservation and recreation, environmental stewardship, education, and engaging diverse youth participants. Local project partners work with National Park Service parks and programs to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. NPS administered parks and programs are eligible such as National Trails, Heritage Areas, and Wild and Scenic Rivers. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/">http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/</a>
USFWS Challenge Cost Share	Foster innovative and creative cooperative efforts to restore natural resources and establish or expand wildlife habitat, with an emphasis on federal lands and resources. <a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuges/policiesandbudget/challengecostshareprogram.html">http://www.fws.gov/refuges/policiesandbudget/challengecostshareprogram.html</a>
Bureau of Land Management Challenge Cost Share	To leverage federal dollars with private and state funding for Conservation efforts, benefiting resources on Bureau of Land Management administered public lands. The program solicits partnerships and partnership funding through a variety of resource management programs, including fisheries, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and recreation. <a href="https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&amp;mode=form&amp;tab=core&amp;id=3afdedce9da13d17e25240d60b868d29">https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&amp;mode=form&amp;tab=core&amp;id=3afdedce9da13d17e25240d60b868d29</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>	
National Scenic Byways Program	To provide grants in support of eligible projects, including protection of natural resources in an area adjacent to a scenic byway. <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/</a>
Federal Lands Highway Program	To provide funds for eligible projects to include acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites. <a href="http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/">http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/</a>

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Highway Provisions	Website with numerous fact sheets on specific programs: <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/factsheets.htm">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/factsheets.htm</a>
Transportation Enhancements	To provide reimbursement for 12 eligible activities that enhance the transportation experience, including acquisition of scenic easements and sites. <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_enhancements/">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_enhancements/</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>	
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Funding Opportunities: Financial Assistance	Financial Assistance programs offer financial and technical assistance to help eligible agricultural producers: construct or improve water management or irrigation structures (Agricultural Management Assistance - AMA); improve resource conditions such as soil quality, water quality, water quantity, air quality, habitat quality, and energy (Conservation Stewardship Program - CSP); implement conservation practices, or activities, such as conservation planning, that address natural resource concerns on their land (Environmental Quality Incentives Program - EQIP). <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/programs/?cid=stelprdb1048817">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/programs/?cid=stelprdb1048817</a>
NRCS Funding Opportunities: Financial Assistance	Easements programs are available to eligible landowners to conserve working agricultural lands, wetlands, grasslands and forestlands, including:  Protect working agricultural lands and limit non-agricultural uses of the land, or wetlands and their benefits, through Agricultural Land Easements or Wetland Reserve Easements (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - ACEP) <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/easements/acep/?cid=stelprdb1242695">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/easements/acep/?cid=stelprdb1242695</a>  Help landowners restore, enhance and protect forestland resources on private lands and promote the recovery of endangered or threatened species (Healthy Forest Reserve Program - HFRP) <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/easements/forests/?cid=nrcs143_008387">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/easements/forests/?cid=nrcs143_008387</a>
NRCS Funding Opportunities: Conservation Innovation Grants	This is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds are used to award competitive grants to non-federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, tribes, or individuals. <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/</a>

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NRCS Funding Opportunities: Regional Conservation Partnership Program	The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements. RCPP combines the authorities of four former conservation programs – the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Program, the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative and the Great Lakes Basin Program. Assistance is delivered in accordance with the rules of EQIP, CSP, ACEP, and HFRP; and in certain areas the Watershed Operations and Flood Prevention Program. <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmland/rcpp/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmland/rcpp/</a>
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	To remove marginal agricultural lands from production and establish conservation practices to improve water quality and create wildlife habitat. <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&amp;subject=copr&amp;topic=cep">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&amp;subject=copr&amp;topic=cep</a>
Forest Legacy Program	To help states acquire fees or easements for perpetual forest preservation. <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml">http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml</a>
Rural Development Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Guaranteed and Direct Loans and Grants	U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Guaranteed and Direct Loans and Grants – This program provides a combination of loans and grants for water, wastewater, and solid waste projects to rural communities and small incorporated municipalities. Some nonprofit entities also may be eligible. <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Loans_Grants.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Loans_Grants.html</a>
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>	
Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program	To provide matching funds to states to acquire land or easements to protect or restore coastal areas that have considerable conservation, recreation, ecological, or economic value and are threatened by conversion from their natural state to other uses or could be managed or restored to effectively conserve, enhance or restore ecological function. <a href="http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/">http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/</a>
<b>Other Federal</b>	
Federal Grants web site	Web site where all federal grant announcements are announced. <a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html</a>
Congress – State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program	Provides the opportunity to secure congressional sponsorship of project funding, including water project funding, through the annual federal budget process. The State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account provides grant funds for programs operated primarily by state, local, tribal, and other governmental partners. The account includes two broad types of funds: (1) Infrastructure Assistance, which is used primarily by local governments for projects supporting environmental protection; and, (2) Categorical Grants, which assist state and tribal governments and other environmental partners with the operation of environmental programs. <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php">http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php</a>

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U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works and Development Facilities Program	U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works and Development Facilities Program – The program provides funding to help distressed communities in economic decline revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long- term, private sector jobs and investment. The program focuses on redeveloping existing infrastructure. <a href="http://www.eda.gov/">http://www.eda.gov/</a>
<b>State of Florida</b>	
Florida Forever (Department of Environmental Protection, DEP)	Florida Forever is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving natural resources and renewing Florida's commitment to conserve the state's natural and cultural heritage. Florida Forever replaces Preservation 2000 (P2000), the largest public land acquisition program of its kind in the United States. With approximately <u>9.9 million</u> acres managed for conservation in Florida, more than 2.5 million acres were purchased under the Florida Forever and P2000 programs. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/</a>
Florida Communities Trust (Department of Environmental Protection)	Florida Communities Trust assists communities in protecting important natural resources, providing recreational opportunities and preserving Florida's traditional working waterfronts through the competitive criteria in the Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program and the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Florida Forever Grant Program. These local land acquisition grant programs provide funding to local governments and eligible non-profit organizations to acquire land for parks, open space, greenways and projects supporting Florida's seafood harvesting and aquaculture industries. The source of funding for Florida Communities Trust comes from Florida Forever proceeds. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/fl_forever.htm">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/fl_forever.htm</a>
Florida Greenways and Trails (Department of Environmental Protection)	To fund the statewide initiative to create a system of greenways and trails connecting communities and conservation areas. <a href="http://dep.state.fl.us/gwt/acq/">http://dep.state.fl.us/gwt/acq/</a>
Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (Department of Environmental Protection)	To fund the acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation and the acquisition of in-holdings and additions for state parks. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/grants/">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/grants/</a>
Save Our Everglades Trust Fund (Department of Environmental Protection)	To implement CERP. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/everglades/cerp.htm">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/everglades/cerp.htm</a>
Florida Coastal Management Program's Coastal Partnership Initiative (Department of Environmental Protection)	The <u>Coastal Partnership Initiative</u> grant program was developed to promote the protection and effective management of Florida's coastal resources at the local level. The Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) makes National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration funds available, on a competitive basis, to eligible local governments. Eligible local governments are defined as Florida's 35 coastal counties and all municipalities within their boundaries that are required to include a coastal element in their local comprehensive plan. Florida's public colleges and universities, regional planning councils, national estuary programs and nonprofit groups may also apply if an eligible local government agrees to participate as a partner. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/grants/index.htm">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/grants/index.htm</a>

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Department of Environmental Protection)	Loan program provides low-interest loans to local governments to plan, design, and build or upgrade wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source pollution prevention projects. Certain agricultural best management practices may also qualify for funding. Discounted assistance for small communities is available. Interest rates on loans are below market rates and vary based on the economic wherewithal of the community. The Clean Water SRF is Florida's largest financial assistance program for water infrastructure. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/cwsrf">www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/cwsrf</a>
Small Community Wastewater Facilities Grants Program (Department of Environmental Protection)	Program provides grants to fund the construction of wastewater facilities in municipalities with 10,000 or fewer people and <i>per capita</i> income levels below Florida's average <i>per capita</i> income. A local match is required. The program is linked to the Clean Water SRF program outlined above, and is highly competitive. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/cwsrf/smallcwg.htm">www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/cwsrf/smallcwg.htm</a>
Section 319 Grant Program (Federal funds administered by Florida Department of Environmental Protection)	Program administers funds received from EPA to implement projects or programs that reduce nonpoint sources of pollution. Projects or programs must benefit Florida's priority watersheds ("impaired waters") and local sponsors must provide at least a 40% match or in-kind contribution. Eligible activities include demonstration and evaluation of urban and agricultural stormwater best management practices, stormwater retrofits, and public education. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/319h.htm">www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/319h.htm</a>
TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grants (Department of Environmental Protection)	Annually, the state legislature provides funding for the implementation of best management practices, such as regional stormwater treatment facilities, designed to reduce pollutant loads to impaired waters from urban stormwater discharges. This funding is administered by the Department as the TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant, which is set out by rule in <a href="#">Chapter 62-305, F.A.C.</a> and authorized by Section 403.890(2), F.S. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/tmdl_grant.htm">www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/tmdl_grant.htm</a> .
RESTORE Act Funding (Federal funds with state participation in project selections, Florida Department of Environmental Protection)	The RESTORE Act (Act), which was passed by Congress on June 29, 2012 and signed into law on July 6, 2012 by President Obama, provides a vehicle for civil and administrative Clean Water Act penalties from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, which occurred on April 20, 2010, to be shared across the Gulf. The Act provides that 80% of penalties collected as a result of the spill will be allocated to the five Gulf States in a variety of categories. In Florida, the 23 Gulf coastal counties have access to two categories, 35% directly to the counties; and 30% to a consortium of <u>counties</u> . A third category provides that 30% of the funds be used for projects of Gulf-wide significance, and will be allocated according to a Comprehensive Plan developed by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Council). Governor Scott represents Florida on the Council, and has asked the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to propose restoration projects to the Council for inclusion in their Funded Priorities List. There are two other categories of 2.5% each with one category providing monitoring and science support for NOAA and US Fish and Wildlife Service; and the other category providing funding to Centers of Excellence Research Grants. <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/projects_restore_act.htm">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/projects_restore_act.htm</a>

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Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Florida Department of Economic Opportunity)	Funds are available annually for water and sewer projects that benefit low and moderate income persons. Moneys also may be available for water and sewer projects that serve a specific "job-creating entity" as long as most of the jobs created are for people with low or moderate incomes. <a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/assistance-for-governments-and-organizations/florida-small-cities-community-development-block-grant-program">http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/assistance-for-governments-and-organizations/florida-small-cities-community-development-block-grant-program</a>
Florida's Wildlife Legacy Initiative (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)	These projects are being developed to address the goals of Florida's State Wildlife Action Plan. Florida Wildlife L These projects are being developed to address the goals of Florida's State Wildlife Action Plan. Florida Wildlife Legacy has identified the project need and objectives. Applicants are asked to submit project proposals that detail the approach best suited to meet the stated objectives. Legacy has identified the project need and objectives. Applicants are asked to submit project proposals that detail the approach best suited to meet the stated objectives. <a href="http://myfwc.com/conservation/special-initiatives/fwi/grant/apply">http://myfwc.com/conservation/special-initiatives/fwi/grant/apply</a>
Enterprise Florida	The program is a resource for a variety of public and private projects and activities, including those in rural communities, to facilitate the creation, capital investment, and strengthening and diversification of local economies by promoting tourism, trade, and economic development. The various Enterprise Florida programs and financial incentives are intended, among other things, to provide additional financial assistance to enable communities to better access other infrastructure funding programs. <a href="http://www.eflorida.com">www.eflorida.com</a>
Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services	This program is a partnership between water managers and private landowners to achieve water storage, water quality and habitat improvement benefits in the Northern Everglades. The District solicits projects through their RFP process to which interested entities respond. Projects are ranked according to established ranking criteria and then contracts negotiated for selected projects. <a href="http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20protecting%20and%20restoring/water%20storage%20programs">http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20protecting%20and%20restoring/water%20storage%20programs</a>
St. Lucie River Issues Team (Florida State Legislature with multiple organizations involved with projects)	Initiated in 1998 by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group, the St. Lucie River Issues Team represents 17 different federal, state and local governments, as well as agricultural and environmental organizations. The goal of the issues team is to accelerate and implement "ready-to-go" projects that provide immediate results toward improving water quality and ecosystem functions in the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon. Since the inception of the issues team, the Florida Legislature has funded more than \$63 million in its recommended projects in Martin and St. Lucie counties for the St. Lucie River. Additional funding has included more than \$65 million from local partners and \$2 million from the federal government. Accomplishments include the restoration of more than 4,671 acres of habitat, 4,358 acres of wetlands and 25,940 feet of shoreline throughout the watershed. <a href="http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20protecting%20and%20restoring/stlucie">http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20protecting%20and%20restoring/stlucie</a>
<b>Other Organizations</b>	
Florida Rural Water Association Loan Program	This program provides low-interest bond or bank financing for community utility projects in coordination with the DEP SRF programs discussed above. Other financial assistance may also be available. <a href="http://www.frwa.net/">www.frwa.net/</a> (see links to "Funding" and "Long-Term Financing")

Program	Purpose
Green Horizon Land Trust, Inc.	To preserve environmentally valuable or sensitive lands and open space areas in and around the Central Florida Ridge for the benefit of the general public, and to educate the public as to the importance of such lands and their preservation. <a href="http://greenhorizon.org/">http://greenhorizon.org/</a>
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	To award challenge grants that address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend, work proactively to involve other conservation and community interests, leverage available funding, and evaluate project outcomes. <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.nfwf.org/Pages/default.aspx</a>
The Conservation Fund	To forge partnerships to preserve our nation's outdoor heritage, American's legacy of wildlife habitat, working landscapes and community open space. <a href="http://www.conservationfund.org/">http://www.conservationfund.org/</a>
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	To preserve plants, animals and natural communities representing the diversity of life on earth. TNC works to increase public funding at the local, state and federal level and works with landowners to craft innovative land protection projects. <a href="http://www.nature.org/">http://www.nature.org/</a>
Trust for Public Lands (TPL)	To help agencies and communities create a vision for conservation, raise funds for conservation and complete conservation real estate transactions. TPL raises public, as well as private, funds and packages projects to funders and agencies. <a href="http://www.tpl.org/">http://www.tpl.org/</a>
Lee County Conservation 20/20 Program	Land acquisition and stewardship program to protect and preserve natural wildlife habitat, water quality and supply, protect developed lands from flooding, and provide resource-based recreation. <a href="http://www.conservation2020.org/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.conservation2020.org/Pages/default.aspx</a>