Parcel Name: Winchester Head Multi-parcel Project Acreage: Entire Project – 141-acres

**Target Protection Area: NGGE** 

Estimated Market Value: \$66,000 per acre – total estimated costs if acquired today - \$8.7 million; projected costs over 5 years

closer to \$11 million

## **Highlights:**

- Location: North Golden Gate Estates, Unit 65, along 39<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Aves. NE, east of Immokalee Rd and north of CR 858 (Oil Well Rd.)
- Met 5 out of 6 Initial Screening Criteria, Native habitat-yes; human social values-yes; water resource values-yes; biodiversity-yes; within another agency project boundary-no
- Habitat: 4 native plant communities, mixed wetland hardwoods, cypress, cypress/pine/cabbage palm and freshwater marsh.
- Listed species: 3 listed plant species were observed, no listed wildlife species were observed, though habitat and location would support several listed species (alligator, black bear, woodstork and limpkin). Frogwatch has documented high frog activity.
- Water Resource Values: Entire project area is DEP identified wetlands, contributes substantially to surficial aquifer. Acquisition would assist in area flood control, is part of functioning slough connected to Camp Keais Strand.
- Connectivity: no direct connection closest CREW 3 mi NW, next Florida Panther NWR 5 mi SE
- Utilities/Trans interest: Utilities- ves (wells), Trans-no
- Access: 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE (paved) and 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE (unpaved) are public roads
- Restoration needs: Exotics exist along roads and edges but interior is free of exotics.
- Management Issues: Exotics removal or access development done piecemeal on scattered properties would be problematic.
- Partnership Opportunities: Collier Soil and Water Conservation District has indicated interest in purchasing in this location but has no current funding.
- TDRs associated none.
- Other: DEP has denied wetland impact permits within identified area due to cumulative impacts
- Applications have been submitted for 26.42 acres (see map parcels in yellow); County currently owns 8.88 acres for which \$275,000 was paid (see map parcels in red). Approx. 105 acres remain within project boundaries (see mapped parcels uncolored).

## **Surrounding land uses:**

N: Estates residential

S: Estates residential

W: Estates residential

E: Estates residential, canal and quarry site



