

Parcel Name: Velez

Target Protection Area: NGGE

Acreage: 6.76 acres

Estimated Market Value: \$270,000

**Highlights:**

- **Location:** NGGE Unit 92 A –north of I-75, east of Everglades Blvd., west of Desoto
- **Met 4 out of 6 Initial Screening Criteria:** native habitat-yes; human social values-yes; water resource values-yes; biodiversity-yes; connectivity-no; within another agencies project boundary-no
- **Habitat:** Cypress – Pine – Cabbage Palm and Mixed Wetland Hardwoods
- **Listed Species:** Common wild pine (E) (*Tillandsia spp.*) and potential for Florida panther
- **Water Resource values:** northern portion contains wetland soils, low Tamiami aquifer recharge, and moderate surficial aquifer recharge
- **Connectivity:** It is within a historic wetland that connects with the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge (FPNWR) to the east, however it is separated by Desoto and the Harley Davidson Test Track. Picayune Strand State Forest is located across I-75 to the south. Everglades Blvd. and developable lots separate the connectivity to the Rural Fringe Mixed Used District.
- **Utilities/Transportation interest:** no stated interest
- **Access:** from an unpaved road, 42nd Ave SE. This road is within the FDOT I-75 ROW. The property owners have the right of ingress and egress, however, neither FDOT for the County maintains the road. If CC were to purchase here and provide public access, we would need to maintain the road ourselves.
- **Restoration needs:** major exotic removal
- **Management issues / estimated costs:** exotics, provide and manage public access / exotics removal, parking, fencing, trail, signage-\$14,100+
- **Partnership Opportunities:** None known
- **TDRs associated:** None
- **Other:** Abandoned structure exists on site, south half of site has also been previously cleared exotic grasses have infested

**Surrounding land uses:**

- **North-** vacant residential estates lots
- **East-** two developed single family residential estates lots, canal, Harley Davidson Test track and FPNWR
- **South:** I-75 and Picayune Strand State Forest

