

“The health of our waters depends upon how well we live on the land.” ~ Luna Leopold



**CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION**
of the Gulf Coast

We envision a future where the human and natural worlds of Southwest Florida flourish together.

Our mission is to protect the land and water in Southwest Florida for the benefit of people and nature.

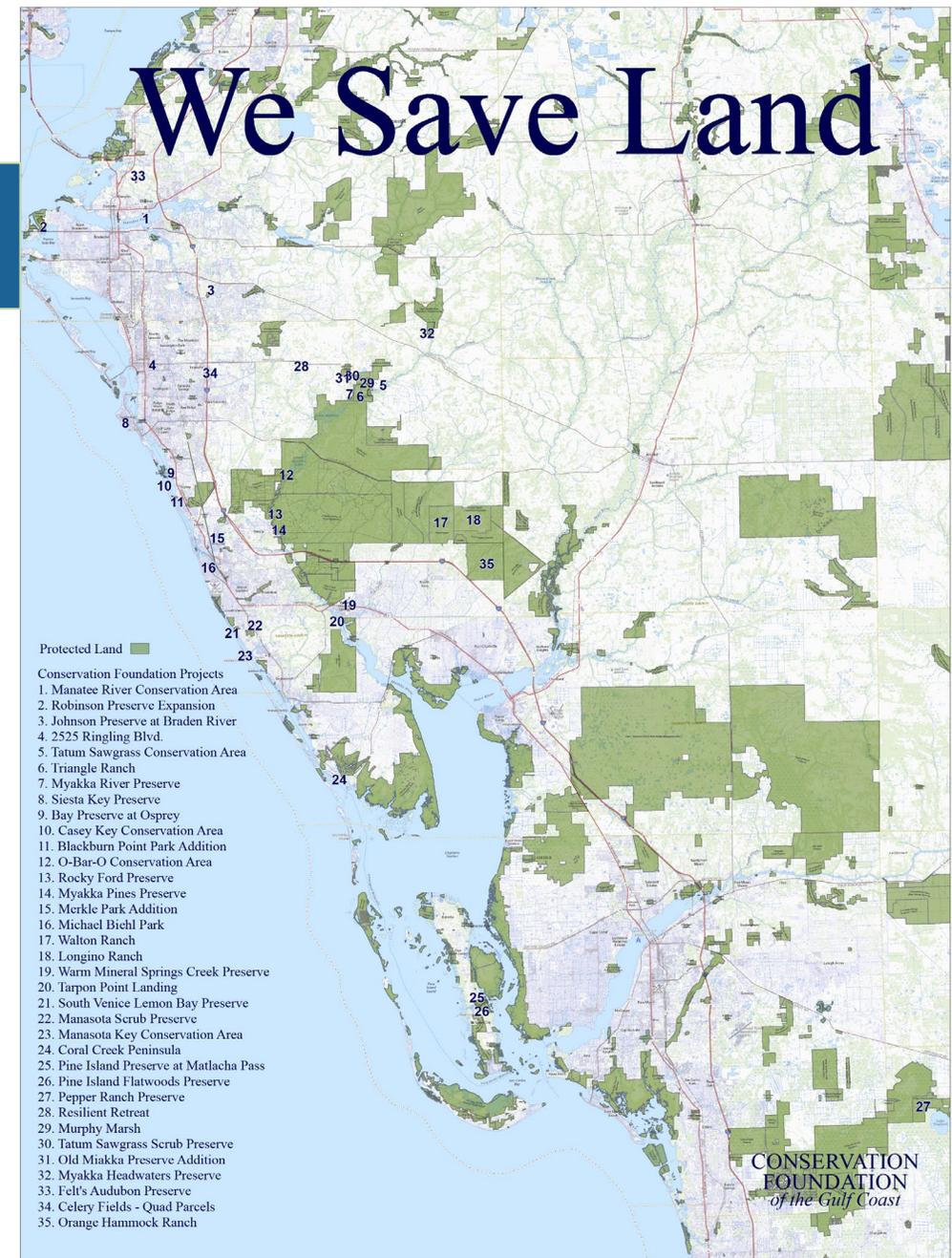
WE SAVE LAND, FOREVER.

Focus

- Waterfront
- Imperiled wildlife
- Connectivity
- Unique public access

Accomplishments

- 56 properties
- Over 19,200 acres



WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?



A land trust or a land conservancy is a nonprofit organization that works with landowners and the community to conserve land, as well as steward or take care of the conserved land forever.

Land Conservation Protects Water Quality (and possibly improves it too!)

Protects

- Conservation easements extinguish development rights
- Limit stormwater runoff
- Limits nutrient loads
- Allows land to hold water
- Prevents flooding downstream
- Prevents erosion

Improves

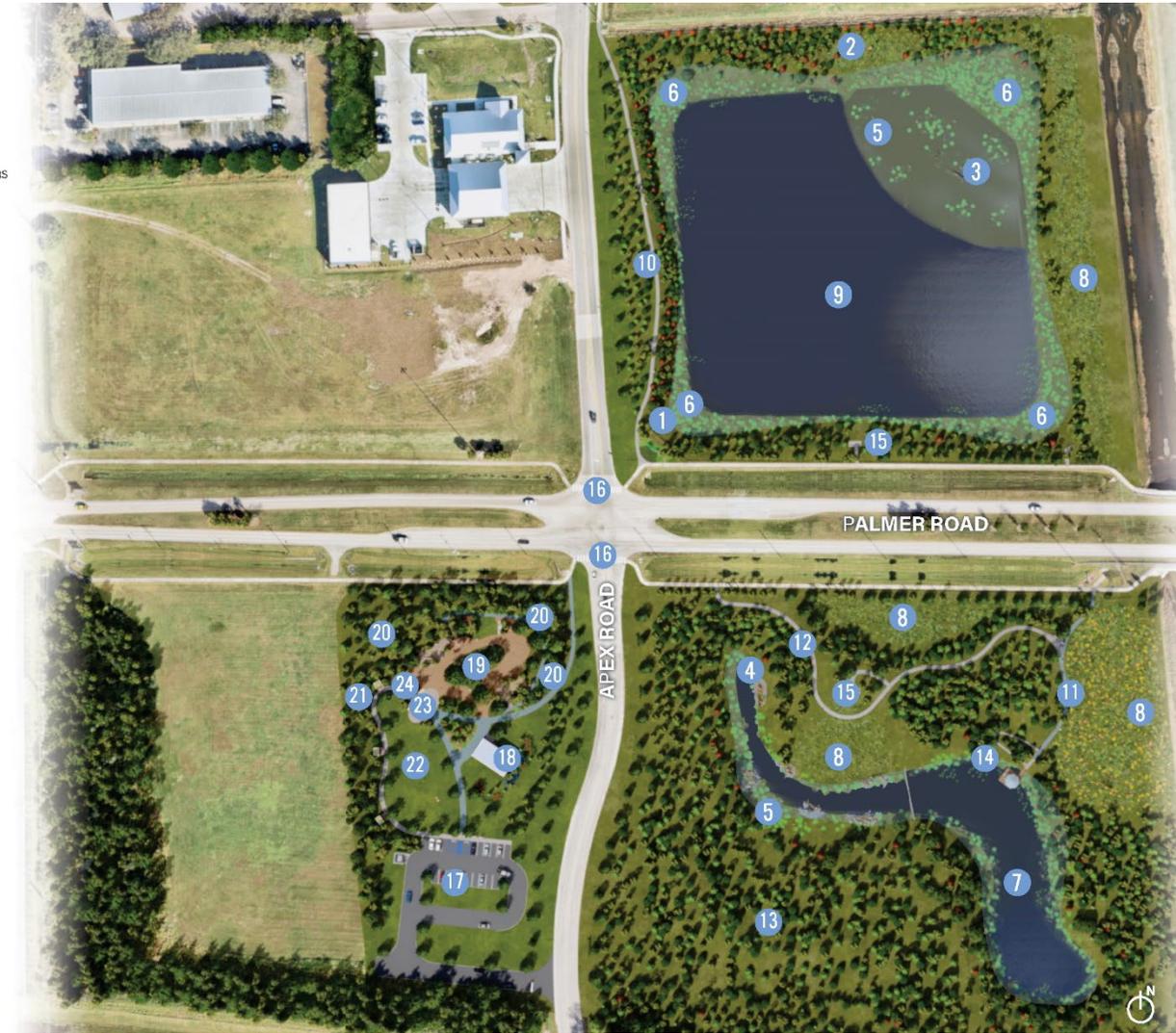
- Incentivizes restoration
 - Gives funders security for restoration investment
 - Many restoration grants require CE
- Many CEs require best management practices (BMPs)
- With signage and marketing, brings community awareness

Re-Wilding the Quads

- Partnered with Sarasota Audubon Society (SAS)
- County donated conservation easements to CFGC
- SAS has Management Agreement with County
- SAS and CFGC
 - Designed project
 - Fundraising
- Benefits
 - Improved water quality
 - Improved habitat
 - Improved amenities

LEGEND

- 1 GATEWAY SIGNAGE
- 2 OSPREY NEST
- 3 GRAND SNAG
- 4 BRANCH SNAG AND NATIVE CAP ROCK BOULDERS
- 5 LITTORAL MUD FLATS
- 6 EXPANDED LITTORAL ZONE
- 7 STREAM
- 8 PRAIRIE
- 9 EXISTING LAKE
- 10 CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- 11 PERVIOUS PAVEMENT
- 12 GRAVEL PATH
- 13 NATIVE TREE MIX
- 14 BIRD BLIND
- 15 BENCH OVERLOOK
- 16 CROSSWALK
- 17 PARKING
- 18 SOLAR PAVILION WITH RESTROOMS
- 19 NATURE THEMED PLAY AREA
- 20 SCULPTURAL LANDSCAPE BERMS
- 21 2-POLE SHADE STRUCTURE
- 22 FLEX LAWN
- 23 DONOR PLAZA
- 24 NATIVE VINE TUNNEL



BOBBY JONES GOLF COMPLEX

Vision

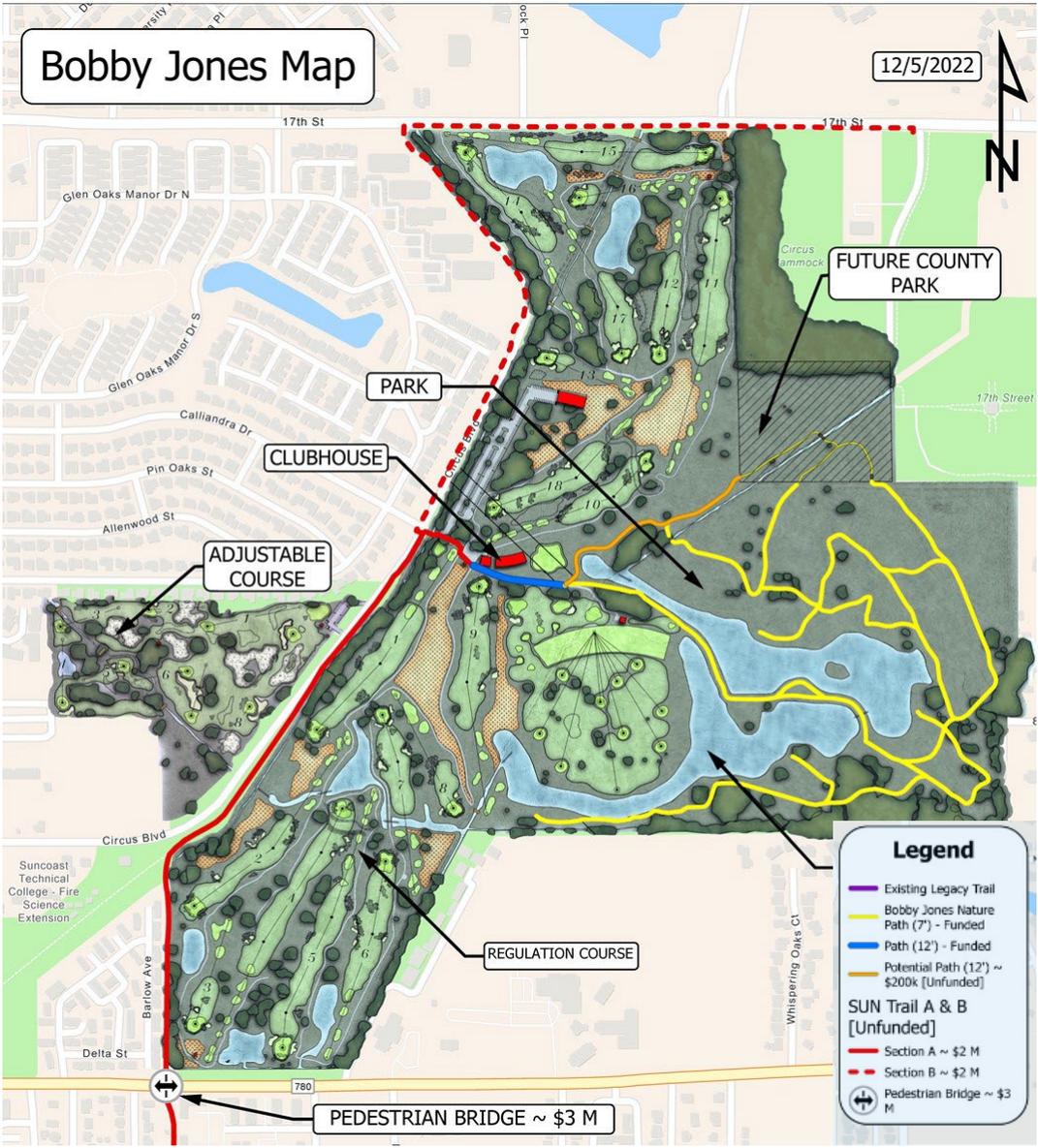
Create a park that works for water, golf, and other public recreation.

- 100 y/o 300-ac municipal golf course (45 holes)
- Was a wetland
- City of Sarasota donated conservation easement to CFGC over entire ~300-acre park
- Construction underway for golf & wetland restoration

Benefits

- Improved water quality
- Improved habitat
- Diversified outdoor recreation





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