

Green PLACE Program

The program protects natural and water resources in Orange County and provides nature-based recreational opportunities. Green PLACE (Park Land Acquisition for Conservation and Environmental Protection) enhances habitats through the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands and land management activities.

STAFF

3 Full Time
2 On-calls
1 Interns



Over 23,300 acres of environmentally sensitive lands are preserved by Orange County or in conjunction with partner organizations.



14 Properties are open for nature-based recreation which includes the following activities: hiking, picnicking, fishing, kayaking, horseback riding, birdwatching and wildlife observation.

Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) Acquisition

The Board of County Commissioners approved \$100M to acquire additional lands with a goal of doubling Orange County's ESL acreage by 2030. The Green PLACE Program has evaluated over 300 ESL parcels for potential acquisition and Orange County closed on the purchase of 5 new parcels.



Outreach Events

National Public Lands Day 2022 volunteers assisted with the **removal of 300 lbs of invasive species** and **170 square feet of fence** on the Bagshaw Hampton property; a newly acquired Environmentally Sensitive Lands property.

Earth Day 2022 volunteers assisted with the **removal of 500 pounds of invasive species** and **50 square feet of fence** on Eagles Roost.

Arbor Day 2022 volunteers **planted 70 trees** on Johns Lake Conservation Area.



Land Management Activities include invasive species management, controlled burning, forest management and more.

30 miles of trail for hiking and horseback riding allow visitors to experience the native habitats of Central Florida.



Parcel Evaluation Matrix

The Green PLACE Program developed a parcel evaluation matrix and companion guide to ensure the evaluation of Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) is consistent and predictable based on the best available scientific resources. We also developed a request for parcel evaluation form and step-by-step guide that allows for the nomination of future parcels to be preserved.

