

## **CONSERVATION (CSV)**

### **CSV - GENERAL INTENT**

Conservation lands are areas with valuable environmental resources, such as sensitive vegetation, high value habitat, wetlands, high aquifer recharge potential, carbon sinks and unique coastal areas. Some resource systems are highly sensitive and easily destroyed by indiscriminate human activity. These will be protected through public or private nonprofit ownership and management over time.

Areas in public or private ownership with unique environmental characteristics, such as coastal lands, may be designated as Special Management Areas (SMA) in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation/Coastal Management Element. In order to enhance and protect their unique resources, these areas will be subject to additional land use controls implemented through their specific management plans. The FLUMs include an Environmentally Sensitive Areas Map (ESAM), which is used in concert with the Future Land Use Map series (FLUMs). The boundaries of the flood hazard areas on the ESAM are based on the federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), while the location and boundaries of wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas potentially subject to additional regulatory controls are based on a variety of sources, including St. Johns River Water Management District and generalized United States Geological Survey (USGS) mapping. Accordingly, the location and boundaries of these areas are not precise, but are rather intended to serve as a guide in identifying sites that may be subject to regulatory mechanisms. Exact boundaries will be established for regulatory purposes using detailed site surveys completed prior to the issuance of development orders. These areas are depicted on the FLUMs under appropriate land use categories for which areas around these can be used/developed subject to applicable local, regional, State and federal regulations.

The Conservation category depicted on the FLUMs includes areas that are protected through public or private nonprofit ownership and management. Development potential in these areas is generally limited to open space, resource and recreational uses. Conservation areas may include regional, state or national forests, parks, sanctuaries, preserves and Special Management Areas. More specific uses and activities permitted in these areas are guided by the approved management plans for each area when such plans exist. This category also includes some sites that are presently privately owned, are located in DRIs or PUDs and are protected by development agreements or conveyed development rights, or the sites have been proposed for acquisition.

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