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Donate by Check or Money Order

Make checks payable to: Pinellas Community Foundation
Memo line: Gladys Douglas Preserve Fund
Mail to: 17755 US Highway 19 N, Suite 150,
Clearwater, FL 33764

Donate Online

pinellascf.org/douglas-preserve/#donate

Donate Stock or Property or Make a Pledge

Contact PCF Director of Development Suzanne Ruley:
727-306-3142 or sruley@pinellascf.org

Sign the petition for Pinellas County to Purchase the Douglas Property

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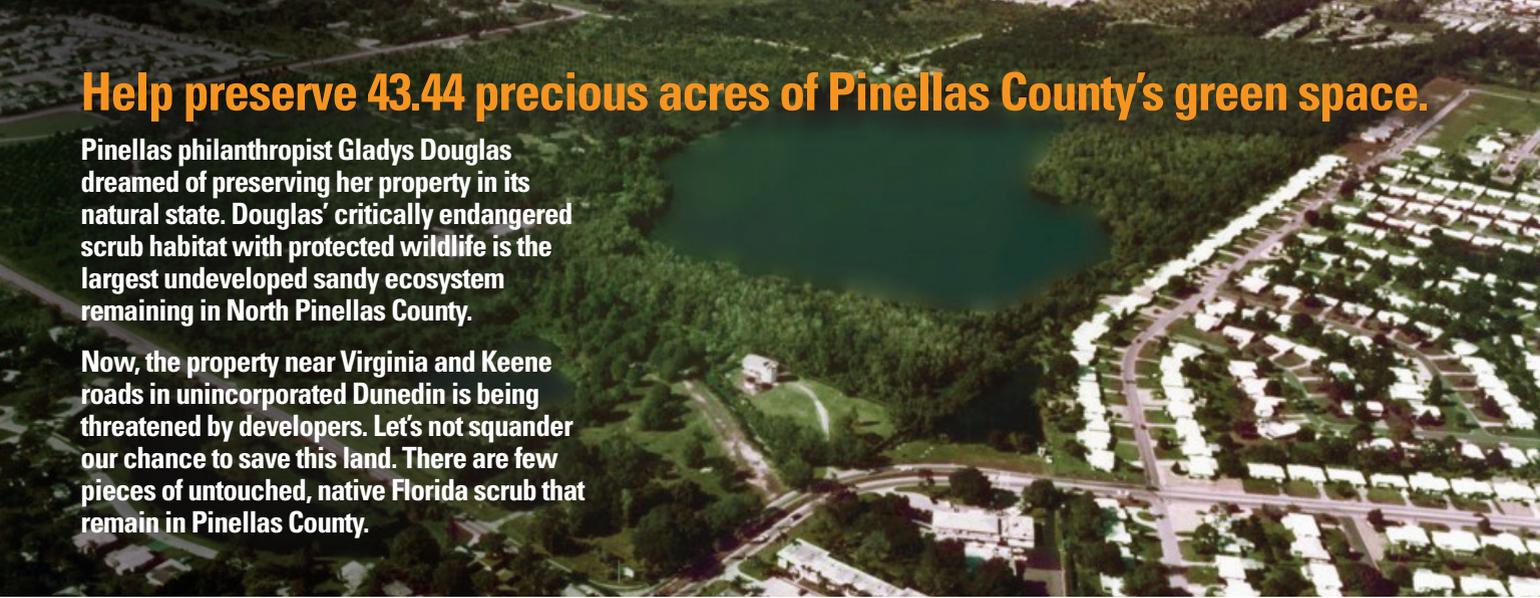
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Gladys Douglas PRESERVE

It may be preserved
but it cannot be recreated.





Help preserve 43.44 precious acres of Pinellas County's green space.

Pinellas philanthropist Gladys Douglas dreamed of preserving her property in its natural state. Douglas' critically endangered scrub habitat with protected wildlife is the largest undeveloped sandy ecosystem remaining in North Pinellas County.

Now, the property near Virginia and Keene roads in unincorporated Dunedin is being threatened by developers. Let's not squander our chance to save this land. There are few pieces of untouched, native Florida scrub that remain in Pinellas County.

We Need Your Help

Help preserve the last precious green space of its size in north Pinellas County.

Support the many values of biodiversity and nature, including protected wildlife and the environmentally sensitive rosemary scrub, for future generations to experience.

We Have a Deadline

The city of Dunedin and Pinellas County have until January 18, 2021, to make an offer on the property.

What's the Plan for the Park?

The 43.44 acres abuts a 55-acre lake owned by Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Together, these two properties could become nearly 100 acres of high-quality, publicly accessible habitat within Florida's most densely populated county. In fact, the Douglas property ranks No. 1 on the county's list of 60 potential purchases. Preserving it would be a testament to the values of our community.

What Will I Be Saving?

The entire Gladys Douglas Preserve will be conserved. While under contract with a previous developer, swaths were gouged throughout the property, destroying the land and killing protected wildlife. Luckily, the contract fell through.

Now is our last opportunity to save the preserve.

This undeveloped land in the heart of Dunedin has a lake and a wetland. It serves as a refuge for native species, including rare rosemary scrub, sand pine, and threatened gopher tortoises. Together, they paint a living portrait of

Florida's natural history. Over time, our state has lost more than 90% of this once-widespread scrub habitat that is exclusive to the southeastern United States. Pinellas County has maintained a mere 1% of these vanishing ecosystems.

We must conserve this unique mosaic of species and land for generations to witness and cherish.

Who is Supporting This Project?

Community Support includes:

- Sierra Club (aka Sierra Club Florida Chapter Suncoast Group)
- Preserve the Douglass Hackworth Property Group (a grassroots community group)
- Florida Native Plant Society Inc.
- Blue-Green Connections Inc.
- WK Preservation Group Inc.
- Pinellas Community Foundation
- City of Dunedin
- Pinellas County

Charitable gifts received for this fund will contribute to the offer proposal submitted by the county to the Estate for the acquisition of the parcel to be preserved in perpetuity.

Should fundraising totals exceed goals, funds will be allocated for development and maintenance of the property.

If the first two objectives of the fund are met, any excess gifts will be managed for future land preservation projects in Pinellas County by the Fund Advisory Committee.