



## Perico Preserve Restoration

### Natural Resources

Manatee County acquired Perico Preserve, 178 acres on Perico Island between Sarasota Bay and south Tampa Bay, for conservation and passive recreation in 2010. The end goal is to restore the overgrown and fallow farmland to its natural habitat of estuarine forests and marshes.

Manatee County staff worked with consultants to inventory and document pre-restoration conditions and future management methods, conceptualize a restoration strategy and then develop/permit a large-scale restoration plan. When complete in 2013, the project will be the first of its kind to create a successful seagrass mitigation area from uplands.