### About Land Trusts

A land trust is a nonprofit organization that, as all or part of its mission, actively works to conserve land by undertaking or assisting in land conservation or easement acquisition, or by its stewardship of such land or easements.

The popularity of land trusts has increased dramatically in recent years as people across the nation have become more and more concerned about the unmitigated loss of open space in their communities. As they see subdivisions and commercial real estate supplant the open space they once enjoyed, they are turning to land trusts as a cooperative, community-based method of preserving some of the remaining land in their area.

Today there are land trusts in every U.S. state, operating independently of government and working at the grass roots level to help preserve open spaces, natural lands and special places in their local communities.

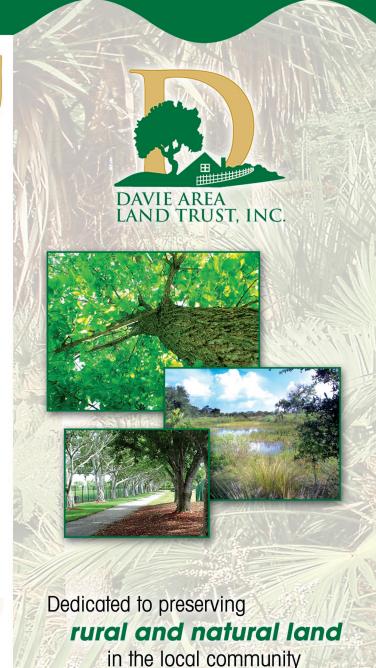
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### FYI...

The 2005 National Land Trust Census, released by the Washington, D.C.-based Land Trust Alliance, reported that there are currently 1,667 private land trusts operating in every state of the nation — a 32% increase since the year 2000.

The Census also reported a 54% increase in the pace of land conservation during the five year periods between 1995-2000 and 2000-2005 - or a total of 37 million acres conserved by local, state and national land trusts from 2000—2005, compared with 24 million acres from 1995-2000.









# Our LAND is a Limited Resource!

Davie is rapidly losing its remaining unprotected open space due to development. In the past 10 years alone, Davie has lost thousands of acres of its rural landscape.

Anticipating this trend, the Town of Davie began an open space land acquisition program more than 20 years ago, focusing on the purchase of ecologically and/or historically significant parcels. In addition, the Town has amended its code with a Rural Lifestyle Initiative which supports land preservation objectives through various zoning and site plan requirements.

With less and less available land and skyrocketing values, the direct purchase of additional parcels by the Town has become cost prohibitive, creating a need for preservation alternatives such as the Land Trust.



#### **Our Mission**

The Davie Area Land Trust is dedicated to perpetuating the agricultural, recreational, scenic, and historic values of our local lands for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

#### **About Us**

We are a community-based membership organization comprised of concerned local citizens. As an independent, not-for-profit organization, we work directly with land owners to find mutually beneficial methods of protecting their land from development. Our structure allows us to be more flexible than government agencies, and also enables us access to certain grants only available to private, nonprofit entities.

We are funded through our basic membership structure, individual and corporate donations, and public or private grants. Our operations are guided by an active Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers.

## The Davie Area Land Trust saves land by:

- Accepting land donations, which may offer tax benefits to donors
- Accepting financial donations, which may offer tax benefits to donors and helps fund our activities
- Working with land owners to establish conservation easements on their property
- Assisting land owners in conservation through estate planning
- Educating the public on beneficial alternatives to commercial land development

#### JOIN THE LAND TRUST

Joining the Davie Area Land Trust is easy. And, just by joining the organization, you can help us raise funding to fulfill our mission.

Land Saver	\$35
Land Protector	\$100
Land Steward	\$250
Land Guardian	\$500
Land Conservator	\$1,000
☐ Trustee	\$2,500
President's Circle	\$5,000+
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