## Panther Island Mitigation Bank Collier County, Florida

Panther Island Mitigation Bank is one of the premier wetland restoration projects in Southwest Florida.



Located contiguous with portions of the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and CREW SOR lands, Panther Island Mitigation Bank provides a regional significant wetland restoration and enhancement program which will have significant benefit to both the freshwater wetland systems and habitat value in the Corkscrew Regional Eco-System Watershed. Panther Island Mitigation Bank received its Mitigation Banking Instrument and the South Florida Water Management District Permit in April 1999. The first transfer took place in late 1999. We have successfully completed over 890 acres of major ecosystem restoration and to-date we have transferred and/or sold over \$10 million in mitigation credits.



The total Mitigation Bank site is 2,778 acres and when completed, this site will generate a total of 934 mitigation credits for the work done on the restoration, enhancement, preservation and perpetual management of the entire bank site. As of May 2002, a total of over 300 acres of prior pastures have been restored to herbaceous freshwater marsh wetlands with tremendous success in enhanced hydrology, plant survival and the return and utilization of wildlife.



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