

Tibet-Butler (managed by Orange County)

Orange County

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| Area within planning boundary footprint | 438.6 acres |
| District fee-simple ownership | 438.6 acres |
| Other public fee-simple ownership | 0 acres |
| Area under other regulatory protection (conservation easement, platted preserve area, etc.) | |
| *acreages are estimates | 0 acres |

Site Overview

The Tibet-Butler preserve is situated on the southwest shore of Lake Tibet.

Core Mission Value

Tibet-Butler was acquired under the Save Our Rivers program to preserve a locally significant wetland resource. Prior to its purchase, the flatwoods and scrub were slated for residential development.

Other Resource Value

The Preserve contains high quality uplands and nearly 300 acres of wetlands. Natural communities include pine flatwoods, scrub, bog, cypress/bay swamp, and lakeshore wetlands.

Management Issues

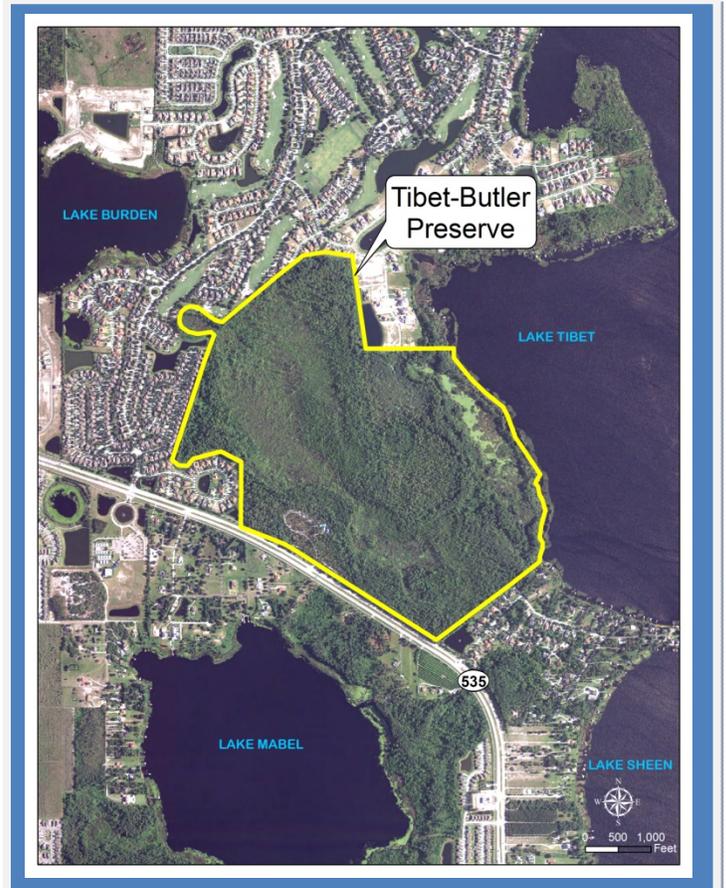
The area is operated and managed by the Orange County Parks Department. The County operates the site under a lease from the District. The lease was executed in 1987 and was amended in 1996 to extend the term until 2094.

Public Use and Recreation Value

The principal public use facility at Tibet-Butler is the Vera Carter Environmental Center which provides a variety of exhibits, displays, and environmental education programs. Visitors may also hike on several miles of trails.

Assessment Units

None –the site is fairly small and managed by Orange County as a natural area and education center.



The Tibet-Butler Preserve, managed by Orange County

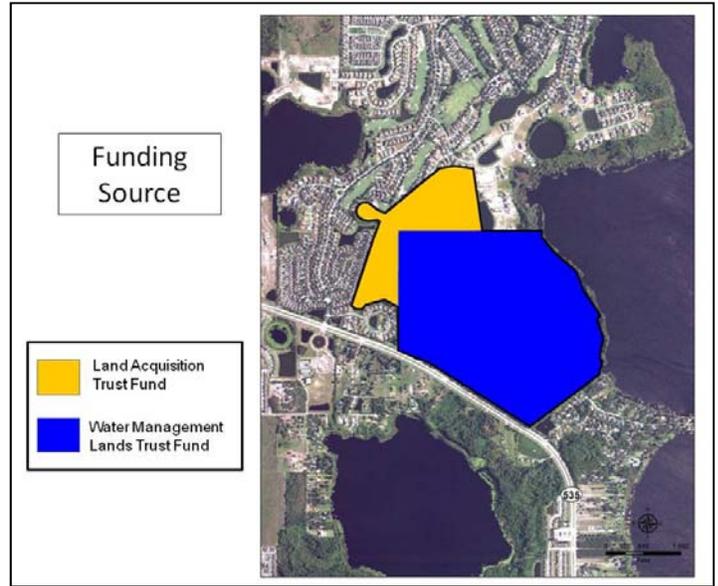
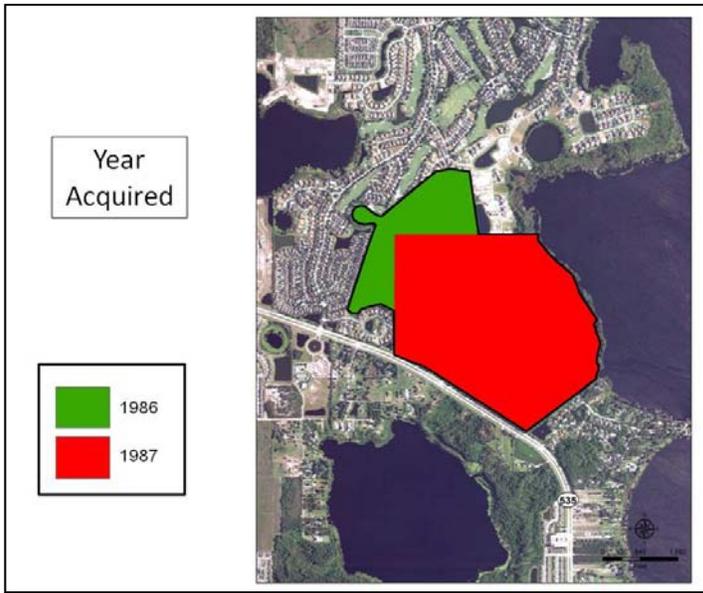


The Tibet-Butler Preserve has several upland and wetland habitat types. (Clockwise from upper left) The cypress lakeshore in the summer, and in the winter, a mixed pine/hardwood community, an aerial view of the Tibet-Butler shoreline, a pine flatwood, and a sand pine scrub with rosemary in the foreground.

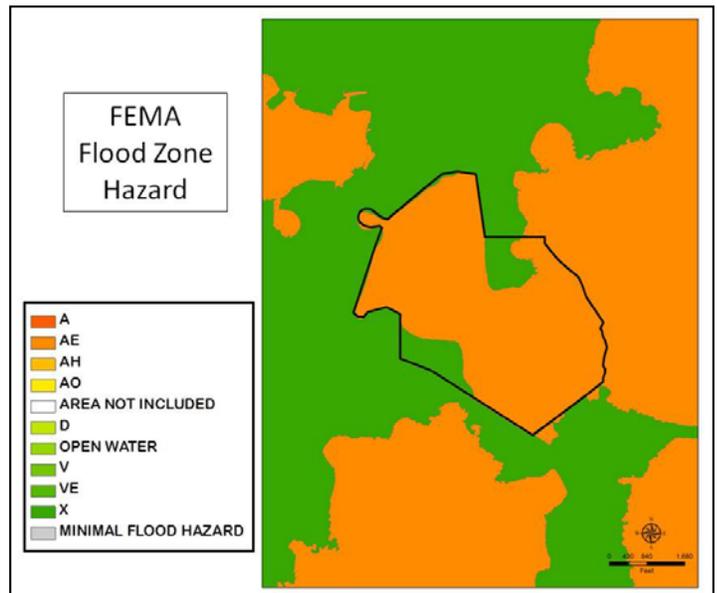
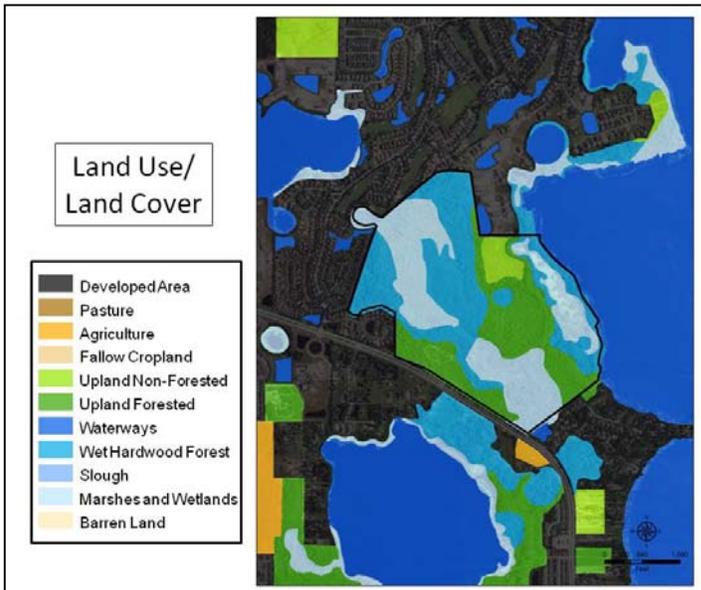


The primary use of the Tibet-Butler Preserve is resource preservation and environmental education. Orange County built and operates the Vera Carter Environmental Center and hosts a wide variety of nature-based educational programs for students and the general public.

Tibet-Butler: Land Acquisition



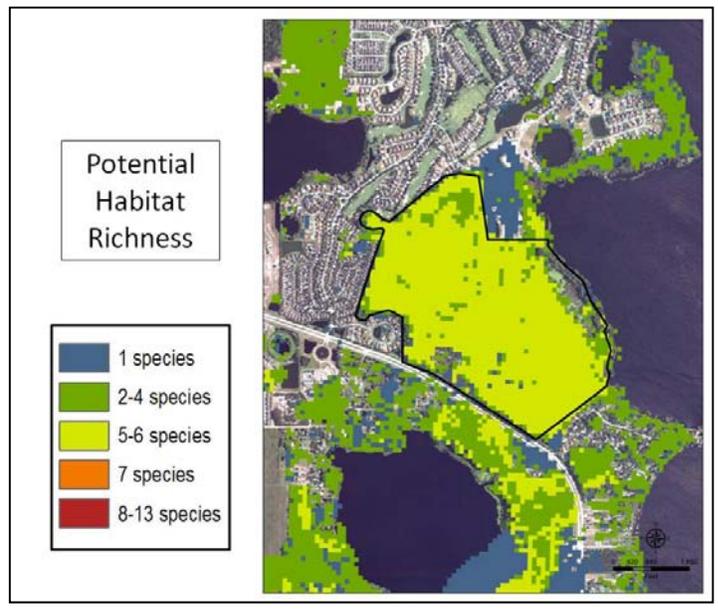
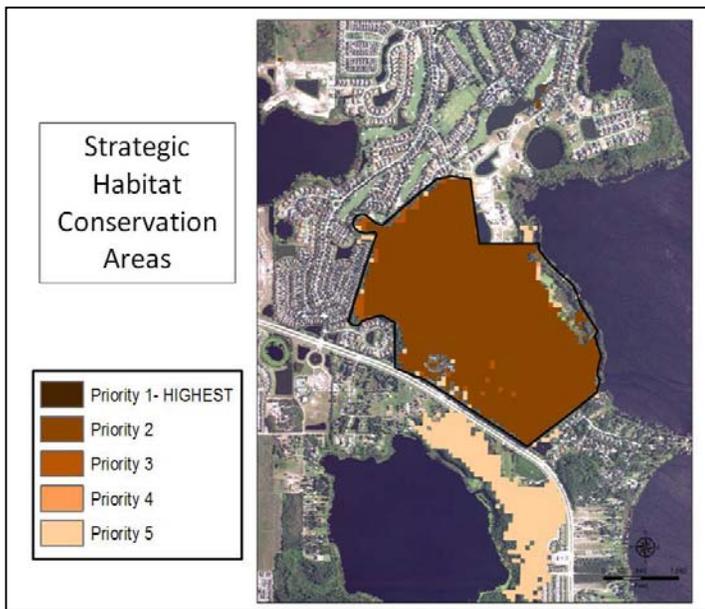
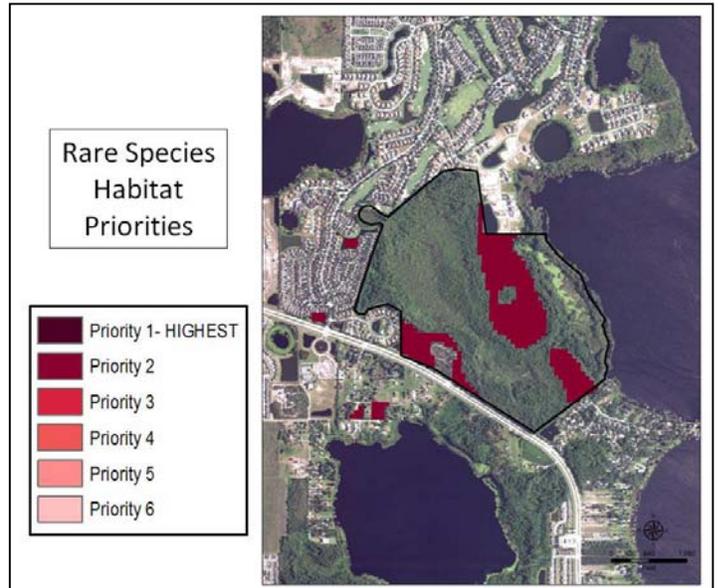
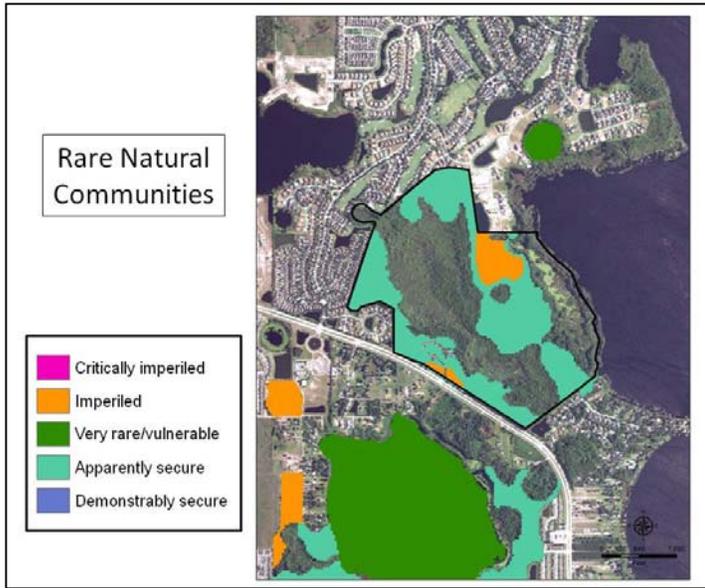
Tibet-Butler: Land Character



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Tibet-Butler: Land Character (Continued)



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