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**Key Points and Importance – Preserve**

**Preserve Design**

- North County Plan establishes a process for assembly of a preserve
- County commits to assembling a preserve that is necessary to protect the covered species
- Developed to protect 63 species included in the North County Plan in 2009
- Will also protect 7 major vegetation communities
- Interconnected system of conserved lands to allow for movement due to climate change and other factors
  - Diversity of vegetation communities
  - Range of elevations
- Developed to meet a series of design principles:
  - Large blocks of habitat containing large populations of species are superior to small blocks of habitat containing small populations
  - Interconnected blocks of habitat serve conservation purposes better than isolated blocks of habitat
  - Habitat that occurs in less fragmented, contiguous blocks is preferable to habitat that is fragmented or isolated by urban lands
  - Contiguous habitat minimizes edge effects of urban lands
  - Blocks of habitat that do not have road access or are otherwise inaccessible to human disturbance serve to better conserve species
  - Blocks of habitat should contain a diverse representation of physical and environmental conditions

**Pre-Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA)**

- PAMA is larger than the preserve goal – development is allowed within PAMA
  - Size of PAMA: 146,000 acres
  - Preserve goal: 102,000 acres (~70% of PAMA)
- Build preserve within PAMA by encouraging development outside PAMA and encouraging conservation within PAMA through mitigation ratios
- Lands placed in the preserve will be managed, maintained, and monitored to ensure conservation goals are achieved