

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today announced a \$1,687,531 competitive grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support conservation efforts in Charlotte County.

“I’m glad the hardworking taxpayers of Charlotte County are getting a return on their federal tax dollars with this \$1.68 million grant,” Rooney said. “This grant will ease the burden on local landowners by providing federal funds to support ongoing local conservation efforts.

This funding will help preserve some of Florida’s threatened and endangered species.”

The competitive grant will provide federal funding for the purchase of the 40-acre Flamingo Waterway Scrub Tract, which will link 500 acres of existing conservation lands in three now-separate tracts managed by Charlotte County for the preservation of the Florida scrub-jay and other dry scrub species. The grant is awarded through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund, which supports participation in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects.

“To learn more about grant related services or to request a letter of support, please contact my office at (772) 288-4668 or visit my [website](#) ,” Rooney said.

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