The 21-acre Early Parcel was preserved as part of Sarasota County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program in May 2005. It is located in Englewood south of Ocelot Road and west of Alamander Avenue (see maps below). This purchase adds to the existing the Lemon Bay Protection Priority Site.

The Early Parcel contains scrub and upland habitats that harbor important listed species, including Florida scrub jays, bald eagles, gopher tortoises, and several rare plants. The newly acquired parcel includes almost 1,100 feet of coastal bay frontage and protects water quality for the estuary habitats of Lemon Bay, a State Aquatic Preserve.

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