

In October 2004, Sarasota County preserved another 146 acres with the purchase of the Venice Minerals parcel. This parcel will add more buffer habitat to the established Green parcel within the Rocky Ford Site, which is contiguous to the County's Pinelands Reserve to the north and the Carlton Memorial Reserve to the east. Swallow-tailed kites have been sighted on the acquired property. For more information about the Venice Minerals Parcel call Brooke Elias of Sarasota County Natural Resources at 861-6259.

