





MANATEE COUNTY

About 34% of Manatee County is within the CHNEP Area. The portion of the county that is within the CHNEP area is primarily agricultural, with the majority of the county’s population concentrated at the coast, however the natural resources in within the CHNEP area provide significant economic benefits. The total economic impact of natural resources in Manatee County within the CHNEP area is approximately \$299.7 million annually. The primary driver in the county is natural resource-based recreation (primarily tourism), followed by agriculture. Agriculture is dominated by fresh market crops, ranching and timber. While Manatee is a coastal county, the portion of Manatee within the CHNEP is inland does not support commercial fishing.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Natural resources in the CHNEP region generate economic impacts for Manatee County through:

			
Annual Recreation Spending	Annual Commercial Fishing Production	Annual Agriculture Production Value	Property Value Impacts*
\$84,223,000	\$N/A	\$146,402,000	\$N/A*

*not annualized; primarily agricultural lands

Annual spending driven by natural resources in the CHNEP area **creates indirect spending through other businesses and induced spending through jobs as well as tax revenues.** The table below shows the components of the annual economic impacts in Manatee County:

Activity	Total Output	Labor Income	Value Added	Jobs
Recreation	\$112,108,000	\$35,972,000	\$57,059,000	
Commercial Fishing	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Agriculture	\$187,371,000	\$71,951,000	\$101,954,000	
Total	\$299,691,000	\$108,007,000	\$159,127,000	3,723



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Annual capital investments within **Manatee County** total **\$4,589,000**. These investments in protection of natural resources in **Manatee County** results in fiscal benefits of **\$4,200,000 annually**. Fiscal impacts include tax revenues from resource-based activity, improved property values, and return on investment from specific capital projects.



ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

The Habitat Restoration Needs Plan (HRN) was developed to guide habitat preservation/conservation, connectivity, management, restoration, sustainability, and resiliency through the CHNEP Area. **At full implementation, the HRN would preserve/conserv**e an additional **\$175,000** of land value in Manatee County. It is estimated that these investments will generate economic benefits of **\$211,000** every year.

