

Historic Green Island Ranch in Osceola County Goes on Market for \$140 Million

5,977-Acre Property Near Disney World Is Unique, Entitled Mixed-Use Development Tract for Up to 17,000 Residential Units

LAKELAND, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, March 24, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dusty Calderon, a senior advisor at SVN | Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate, recently announced the listing of <u>Green Island Ranch</u> in Osceola County for sale at \$140,000,000.

Florida's Turnpike Runs through Green Island Ranch Near Walt Disney World

Calderon is a member of the family that owns the 5,977-acre development

property which is co-listed with Dean Saunders, ALC, CCIM, founder, managing director and senior advisor of the brokerage.



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Green Island Ranch is a rare opportunity in the Florida land market due to its size, history, and location and because it is an entitled mixed-use development for up to 17,000 residential units.

For over 100 years, this working ranch has been in the Partin family's ownership and, at one time, was the largest ranch east of the Mississippi River at 60,000 acres. This family holds an esteemed position in Florida's history since the first patriarch arrived in 1847. The Partins introduced Brahman cattle and quarterhorses to Florida. Later, their

quadrille horsemanship performances morphed into the famous Silver Spurs Rodeo.

Florida is the third most populated state in America and residential development land is in high demand. With over 21 million people, Florida grows by almost 900 people per day and Central Florida grows by about 1,500 people per week. Orlando's growth rate is the second fastest of the 30 largest U.S. cities, so housing growth continues to be extremely strong across the I-4 corridor.

Currently, demand exceeds supply, so residential development of houses, townhomes, and apartments continues to increase.

Green Island Ranch is 25 minutes from Disney World and the Orlando International Airport in Florida's I-4 corridor. Its desirable location is near a new expressway, which is part of a sizable regional connectivity project, and the Florida Turnpike also runs through the property with an exit just six miles away. The property also has more than two and a half miles of lake frontage on Lake Tohopekaliga, the seventh-largest lake in Florida, and is over 70% uplands with no previous mitigation.

The development potential of Green Island Ranch is expansive and open to the unique interpretation of the buyer. In 2008, a Development Regional Impact (DRI) plan for 13,000 residential units with additional commercial and mixed-use projects was approved. In place until 2030, this DRI offers a clear path to rapid development. However, since the sellers received the DRI approval, the Osceola County Commission also added the South Lake Toho Element to the Osceola County



Florida's Iconic Partin Family



Green Island Ranch features more than two and a half miles of frontage on Lake Tohopekaliga.

Comprehensive Plan. This more recent plan supports the development of up to 17,000 residential units in a higher density residential market than the approved DRI. The county's comprehensive plan includes supportive recreational amenities in conjunction with non-residential uses to create a flexible live, work and play environment.

Business development opportunities include a marina, urban center, regional mall, industrial, office, hotel and civic space. Recreational development possibilities include a theme park, ecotourism, or outdoor concert venues in one of the world's most popular recreation destinations.

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many people today may not even know about," said Saunders. "It's an honor to have Dusty on our team and to work with him to broker this historic ranch."

ABOUT DUSTY CALDERON

Dusty grew up in the land, cattle and grove business working on ranches since the age of six, so he brings years of industry experience to his role in real estate. He has worked in ranch and grove management, development project management, land sales and acquisitions and entitlement processes. Learn more about Dusty at svnsaunders.com/dustycalderon.

ABOUT DEAN SAUNDERS, ALC, CCIM

Since 1985, Dean has specialized in Florida agricultural and transitional land and conservation easements. He served in the U.S. Senate as Agricultural Liaison, Special Assistant and Director of External Affairs to U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles, then Governor Chiles (D-FL). Dean earned the APEX 2018 and 2020 Top National Producer Award for the largest transaction volume of land brokers in the U.S. He also was named one of Florida Trend's Florida 500 in 2019 and 2020 for his work in the real estate industry based on extensive contacts in regional business circles, hundreds of interviews and months of research. Learn more about Dean at synsaunders.com/deansaunders.

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