



# WK Preservation Group Inc.

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## Critical Campaign to Save the West Klosterman Preserve

Dear Friend,

We have an urgent deadline to make a difference for the people and the plants and wildlife of Pinellas County. Your help is needed as we will outline below. And by helping us, you are helping yourself, your community, and the generations that follow you live and thrive in a better, healthier world.

By now, you probably know of the efforts over the last two years to save the West Klosterman Preserve from being sold to developers who would bulldoze and transform these 14 acres of ancient natural upland habitat into one more condominium development. While today it is home to over 60 species of plants and animals, several of which are listed as threatened or endangered, none of that would survive the construction project that would result, and this slice of paradise would disappear forever.

Over two years ago, the WK Preservation Group (WKPG) undertook a campaign to save the property from development and keep it natural. Our goal was to raise awareness and funds to buy it from its current owners, Pinellas County Schools. WKPG would then donate it to Pinellas County to join with the county's adjacent Mariner's Point Management Area, where it has functioned as part of the same 90-acre ecosystem for hundreds of years.

Over 1,000 donors and members have been a part of the campaign. Their support helped convince Pinellas County Schools to sign a sales contract giving WKPG the opportunity to buy the property for \$3MM, due by July 1, 2022.

In early 2022, the support had grown to a point that the Florida Legislature approved an appropriation bill for \$3MM to enable the school district, the county and WKPG to finalize the property sale and save the West Klosterman Preserve. Our goal appeared to be accomplished.

But on June 2, Governor DeSantis chose to veto the line item that was the appropriation for the preserve. No longer is there state funding to save the preserve.

So now it is up to all of us to raise the funds and secure the preservation of the West Klosterman property. And we are running out of time. To date, WKPG has raised about \$475,000 towards the purchase. We need your generous contribution to close the financial gap and make this goal a reality.

To donate directly, please go to <https://wkpreserve.com/make-a-donation/> where you will find a donation button, and information on where to mail a check. If you have any questions, you can contact us at the email address below, or by phone to (321)368-2044.

We look forward to working with you and recognizing your contribution on our website and social media. Thank you for helping us make the difference for people, plants, and wildlife.

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