

# **CENTRAL FLORIDA** LAKESIDE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

**5000 FIRETOWER ROAD** HAINES CITY, FL 33844

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# 1 PROPERTY INFORMATION

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## Property Overview





	OFFERING SUMMARY			
ť	Sale Price:	Request for Proposals*		
	Lot Size:	114 ± Acres		
	City:	Haines		
	County:	Polk		
	Property Type:	Special Purpose		
	Zoning:	FLU Leisure/Recreation		

\*Request for Proposals Deadline: Thursday, August 8th, 2024

### **PROPERTY OVERVIEW**

Introducing the Central Florida Lakeside Retreat and Conference Center, an exceptional property nestled in the heart of Central Florida's burgeoning landscape. Boasting an array of amenities and a picturesque setting, this retreat is a recreational haven ideal for various ventures, including non-profit organizations seeking a grand location, RV resorts, or government agencies looking for an inspiring venue.

Situated amidst the tranquil beauty of Central Florida's countryside, this property offers a serene escape for guests and visitors alike. The main lodge boasts hotel-style accommodations and breathtaking views of Lake Pierce. Seven luxurious villas, featuring two distinct layouts, provide an intimate retreat for those seeking a private getaway. Each villa is thoughtfully designed to offer areas for rest and to gather.

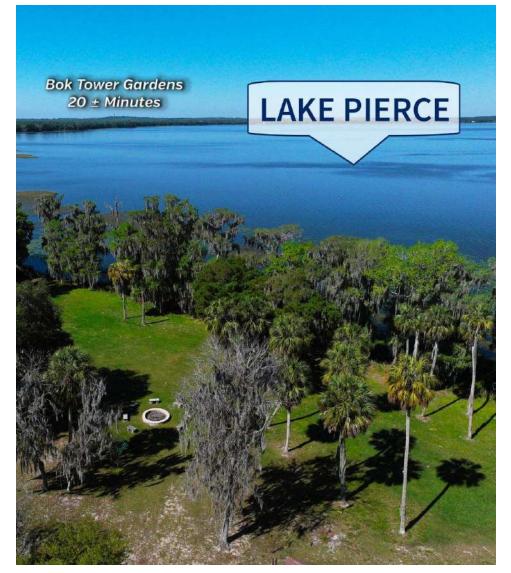
The outdoor pavilion and dock with storage on Lake Pierce offer endless opportunities for outdoor recreation, from lakeside picnics to boating adventures. For those seeking entertainment and team-building activities, the conference center and clay shooting course provide the perfect backdrop for memorable experiences.

Surrounded by charming lakes and parks, the property offers a tranquil environment conducive to a variety of specialized uses. Nearby attractions such as the historic Bok Tower Gardens and the thrilling LEGOLAND Florida Resort add to the appeal, providing guests with ample opportunities for recreation and exploration.

Whether you're an investor seeking a unique and alluring space for specialized endeavors or a non-profit organization looking for a grand location to host events, the Central Florida Lakeside Retreat and Conference Center offers endless possibilities. With its proximity to local attractions and the area's natural beauty, this property is poised to become a premier destination for discerning travelers and organizations alike.

## Location Description





## LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Discover the endless possibilities at Central Florida Lakeside Retreat and Conference Center in Haines City, FL. Situated near numerous attractions, this investment opportunity is surrounded by the magic of Central Florida. Just a short drive from popular destinations such as Legoland, Bok Tower Gardens, and several serene lakes such as Lake Hatchineha and Lake Rosalie, the area offers a perfect blend of tranquility and adventure. The property also enjoys the close proximity of U.S Hwy 27, which sits approximately 7 ± miles away.

Local retailers nearby include Publix, Aldi's, McDonald's, Walmart, Lowe's, and many others. The Regal Eagle Ridge Mall is also within close proximity, situated just  $25 \pm$  minutes away.

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## Specifications & Features



## **SPECIFICATIONS & FEATURES**

Land Types:	Land Investment		Building Measurements are Approximates:
Uplands / Wetlands:	<ul> <li>Land Other</li> <li>Uplands: 55.2 Wetlands 59.3</li> </ul>	Main Lodge: 15284 SqFt (1992)	
opianus / wetianus:			Conference Center: 15676 SqFt (2004)
Soil Types:	Bassinger Fine Sand Tavares Fine Sand Satellite Sand		Pavilion: 30'X60' (1990)
	Placid Fine Sand Duette Fine Sand		Bathhouse: 408 SqFt (1990)
	Astatula Sand Various Muck		Villa 1: 2389 SqFt (1992)
Zoning / FLU:	FLU Leisure/Recreation		Villa 2: 2389 SqFt (1992)
Lake Frontage / Water Features:	Over a mile of frontage on Lake Pierce	Structures & Year Built:	Villa 3: 2389 SqFt (1996)
<u> </u>	Access to the property off of Firetower Road		Villa 4: 2026 SqFt (1996)
Road Frontage:			Villa 5: 2026 SqFt (1997)
Nearest Point of Interest:	Orlando: 55 ± miles Lakeland: 37 + miles		Villa 6: 2026 SqFt (1997)
Nearest Fornt of Interest.	Winter Haven: 21 ± miles		Villa 7: 2026 SqFt (2009)
	The property is currently referred to as the Florida FFA Leadership and Training		Guest House: 1640 SqFt (1992)
Current Use:	Center. It welcomes FFA members and other groups to the property for		Maintenance Building: 2500 SqFt
	education, recreation, and leadership development opportunities. The		Clay Shooting Clubhouse 1344 SqFt
	property also generates income from renting out various lodging rooms,		Clay Shooting Pavilion: 30'X60"
	hosting weddings, corporate retreats, and more. The property also features an approximate 35 acre clay shooting course.		Manufactured Home: 910 SqFt
Potential Recreational / Alt Uses:	RV Campground, corporate retreat,		

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government use.

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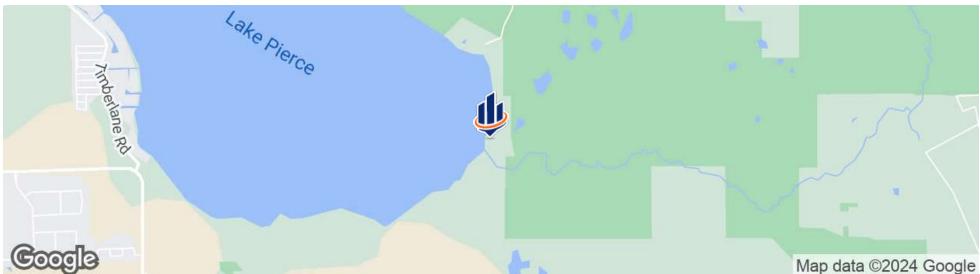
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## Regional & Location Map







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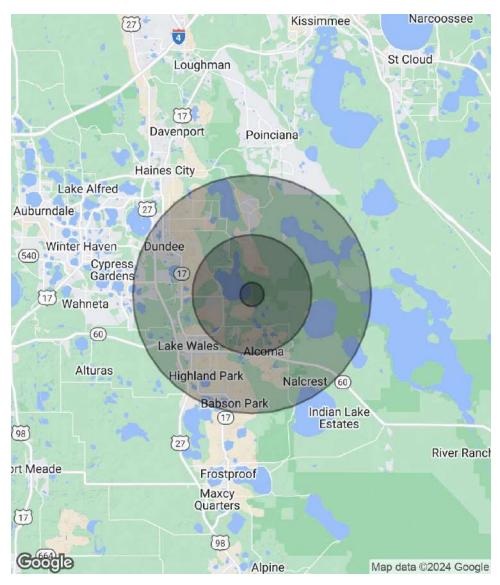
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## Demographics Map & Report



POPULATION	1 MILE	5 MILES	10 MILES
Total Population	160	10,383	75,608
Average Age	51.2	41.9	41.7
Average Age (Male)	54.4	43.7	41.6
Average Age (Female)	48.9	40.4	42.8
HOUSEHOLDS & INCOME	1 MILE	5 MILES	10 MILES
HOUSEHOLDS & INCOME Total Households	<b>1 MILE</b> 96	<b>5 MILES</b> 4,637	<b>10 MILES</b> 35,022
Total Households	96	4,637	35,022

2020 American Community Survey (ACS)



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#### POLK COUNTY

FLORIDA

Founded	1861	Density	386.5 (2019)
County Seat	Bartow	Population	775,084 (2023)
Area	1,875 sq. mi.	Website	polk-county.net

In Florida, Polk County is a leading contributor to the state's economy and politics. Concerning the local economy, industries like citrus, cattle, agriculture, and phosphate have all played extremely vital roles in Polk County. An increase in tourist revenue has also significantly contributed to the county's economic growth in recent years. As the heart of Central Florida, Polk County's location between the Tampa and Orlando Metropolitan Areas has aided in the development and growth of the area. Residents and visitors alike are drawn to the unique character of the county's numerous heritage sites, cultural venues, stunning natural landscapes, and plentiful outdoor activities.

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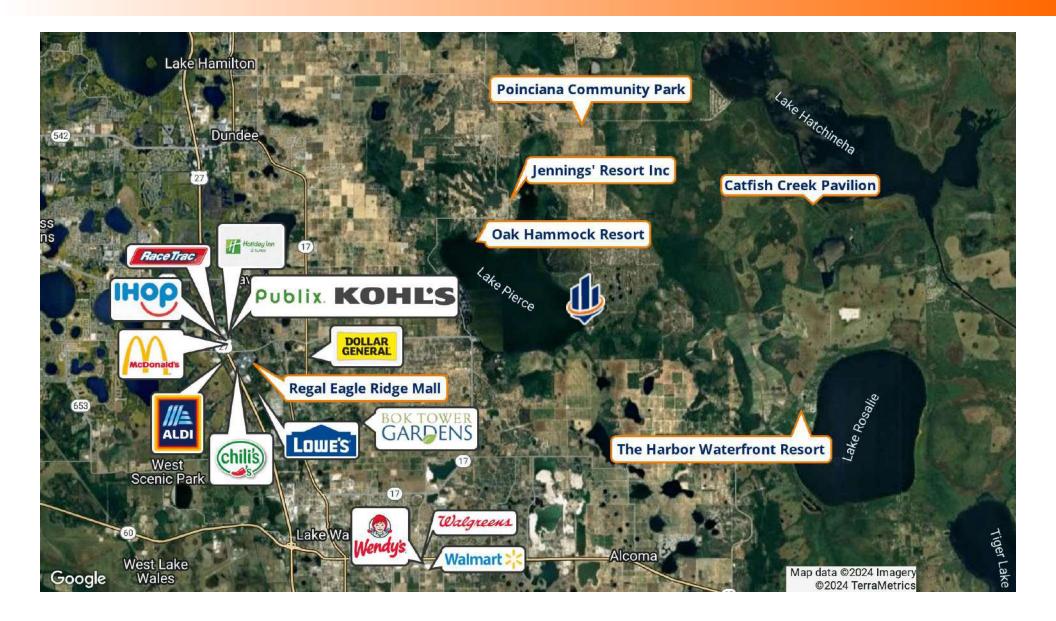


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## Local Retailer Map



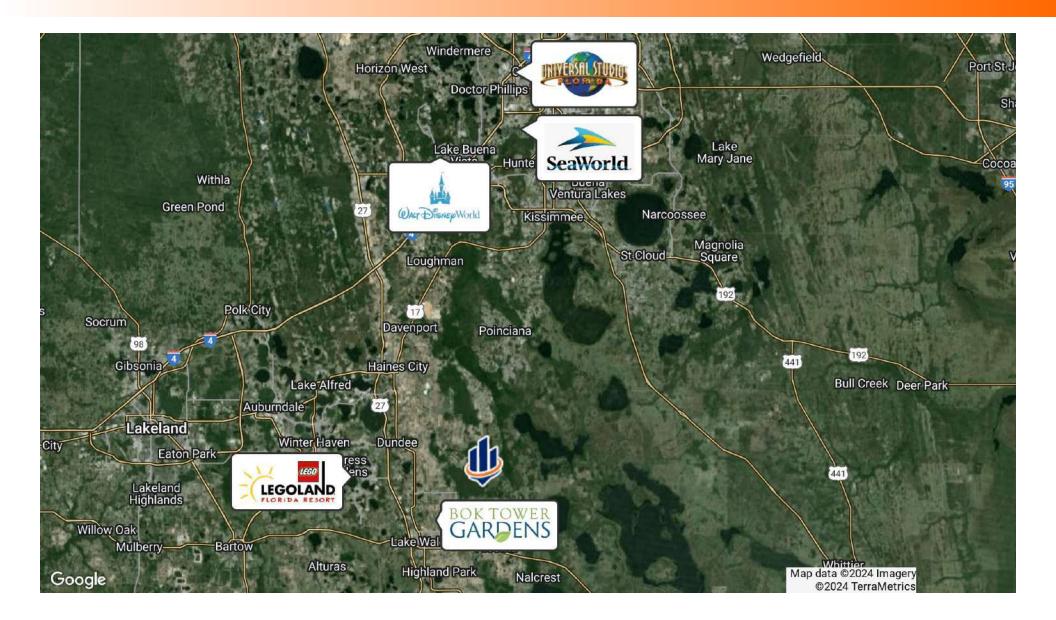


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## Regional Map





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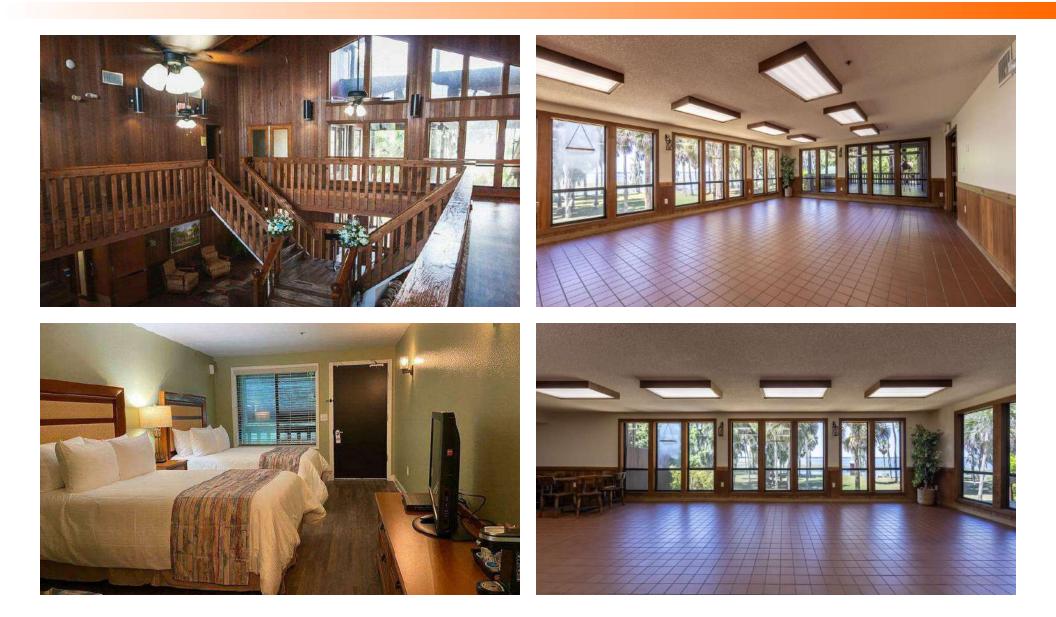


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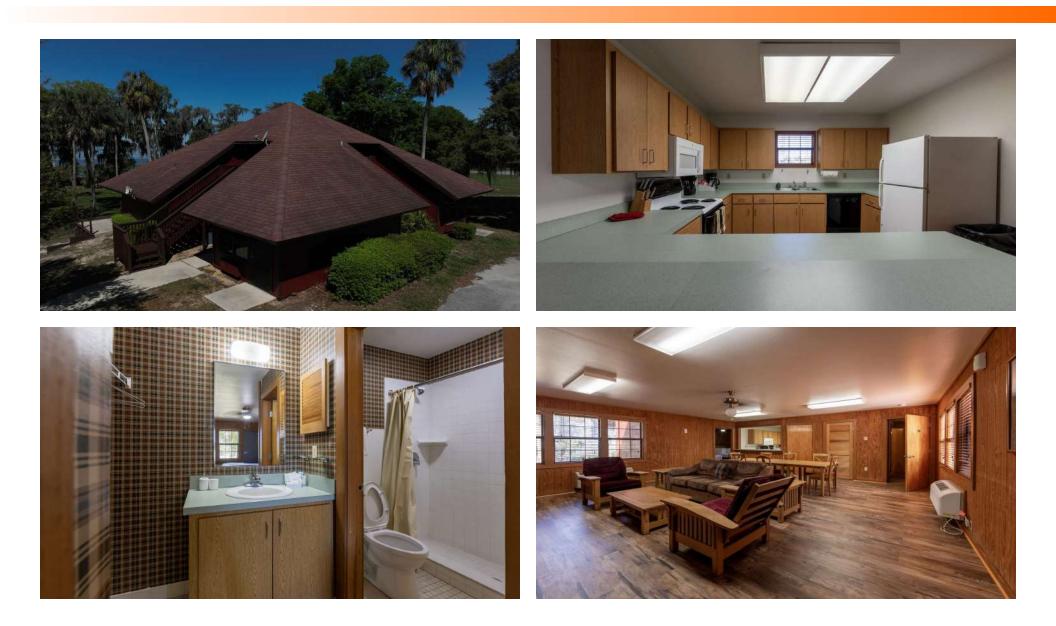


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## The Villas





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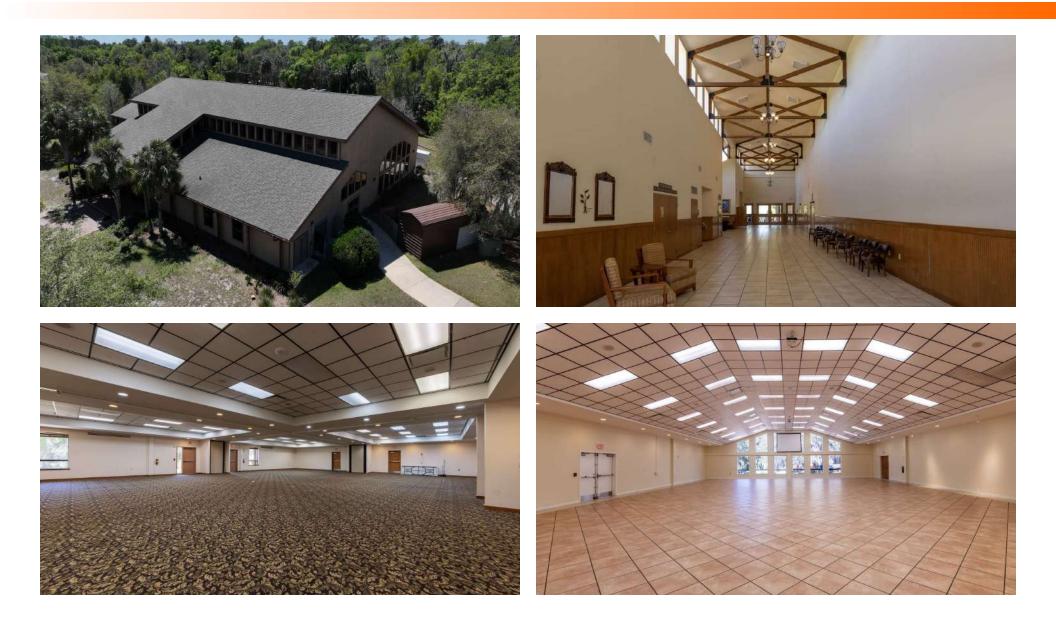


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## The Conference Center





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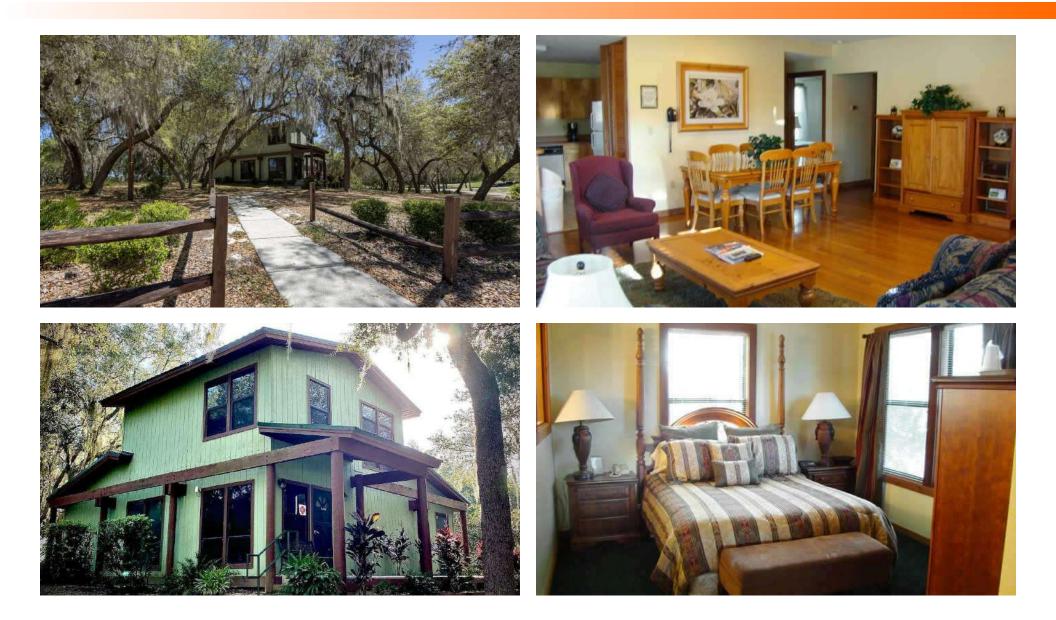


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## The Guesthouse





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## Recreation



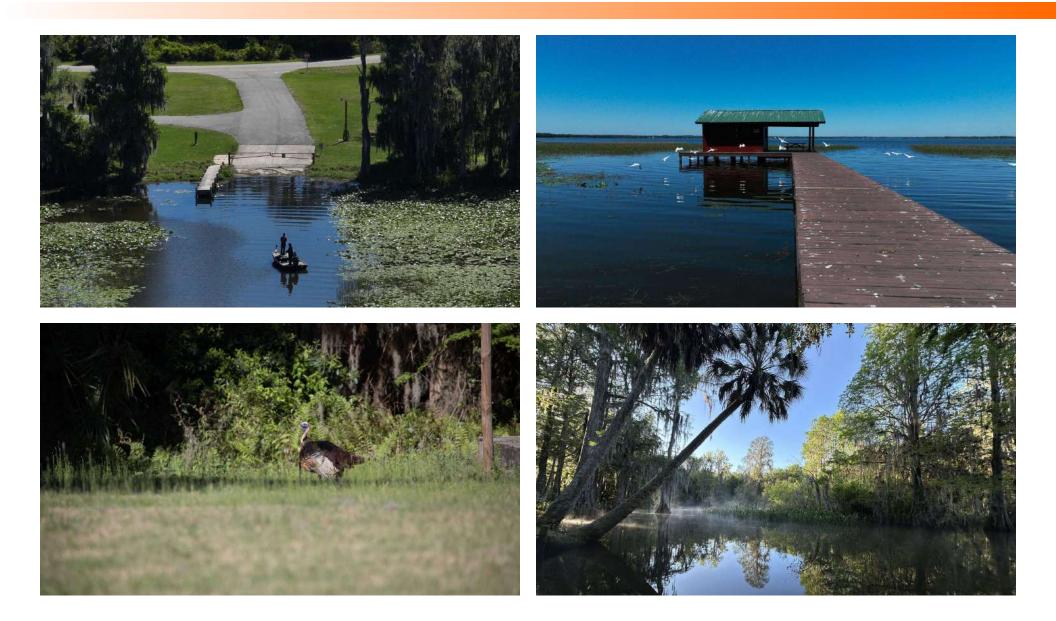


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## Water And Wildlife





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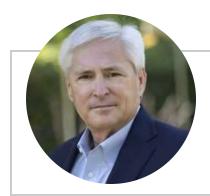
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## Advisor Biography





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#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Dean Saunders, ALC, CCIM is Founder, Managing Director, & Senior Advisor at SVN | Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate in Lakeland, Florida.

Since 1985, Dean has specialized in Florida land and conservation easements. He served in the US Senate as Agricultural Liaison, Special Assistant, and Director of External Affairs to US Senator Lawton Chiles, then Governor Chiles (D-FL).

From 1992 to 1996 he served in the Florida House of Representatives. Combining a passion for supporting landowner property rights while also conserving natural land in Florida, Dean wrote the legislation to establish the Green Swamp Land Authority, the first state entity to purchase development rights (PDR) from landowners. The concept of state-owned conservation easements was truly revolutionary 30 years ago and has since rebranded to the purchase of conservation easements. The concept has become widely accepted and adopted by landowners. It has proven to be an effective tool to preserve land by local, state, and federal agencies.

He comes from an eighth-generation Florida agricultural family, earned a BSA from the University of Florida in Fruit Crops, Food and Resource Economics, and is a recognized Florida land and conservation easement authority.

In 1996, Dean formed the real estate brokerage firm, Saunders Real Estate, LLC, and was affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Commercial brand in early 2006. This affiliation brought a national and global presence to the firm.

In 2019, Saunders Real Estate affiliated with the SVN Shared Value Network<sup>®</sup>, a globally recognized commercial real estate brand united by a shared vision of creating value with clients, colleagues, and communities. The brokerage was also more fully integrated with its sister company, Saunders Ralston Dantzler Realty, a comprehensive commercial real estate brokerage, to become SVN | Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate.

As an industry authority, Dean is published and quoted in a variety of respected journals, such as The Land Report, Florida Investor, Florida Trend, and Florida Forests. He produces a real estate Florida land conference based upon his innovative work through the Lay of the Land Market Report. The report is the only source for verified Florida land sales and values for specific land property types.

Dean resides in Lakeland, FL, with his wife, Gina, and enjoys spending quality time with their children and grandchildren. He is an avid hunter with numerous trophy mounts. Each year, the Saunders family commissions an original painting to add to The Saunders Collection: Natural Lands of Florida and Agricultural Heritage from well-known Florida wildlife artists.

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## Advisor Biography





#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Shea Booster is an Associate Advisor at SVN | Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate in Lakeland, Florida.

Shea believes that the quality of a deal is directly related to the quality of relationships he can build with his clients. Plainly speaking, he puts "People First."

Shea holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education and Communication with minors in Leadership and International Studies from the University of Florida. During his time in the "Swamp," Shea was extremely involved on campus. He was President of the University of Florida's Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter, sat on multiple advisory boards, held various leadership roles in his professional agriculture fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, and is a member of Florida Blue Key.

Prior to his time in Florida, Shea served as a National FFA Officer for the National FFA Organization. As the 2018-2019 Western Region National Vice President, Shea traveled over 100,000 miles across the country and internationally, advocating for ranchers, farmers, and agriculturalists at conventions, in boardrooms, and the U.S. Capitol. His time in this role led him to Florida.

In addition to his work at SVN, Shea also owns and operates a leadership development company, People First Leadership Solutions LLC, that provides leadership development training and programming for various companies and universities across the country.

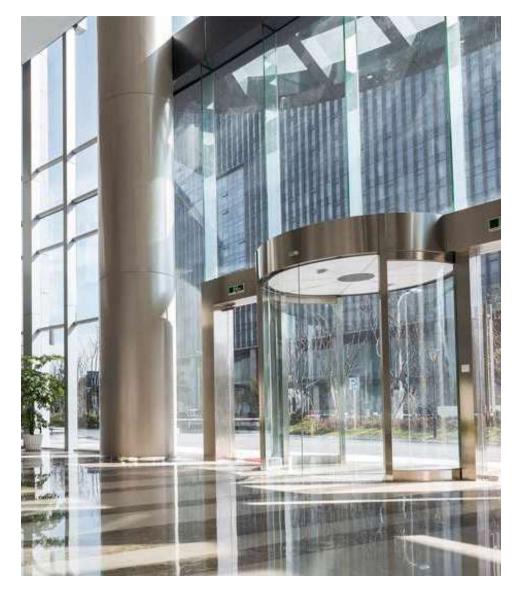
Shea was born and raised in the High Desert region of Central Oregon. Although he is an Oregonian by birth, he is a Floridian by choice. He has a deep passion for agriculture, native landscapes, and people. In his free time, Shea enjoys hunting, traveling, and going to the movie theater with his fiancé, Kourtney.

Shea specializes in:

- Agriculture and Ranch Land
- Conservation Easements
- Hunting and Recreation tracts
- 1031 Tax-Free Exchanges

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