The Nature Conservancy owns about 10,000 acres in the Delta at Staten Island and McCormick Williamson Tract. Staten Island is managed for wildlife habitat, particularly for sandhill cranes and other avian species.

The EIR/EIS should address both the short-term (construction) and long-term (operations) impacts on TNC lands associated with the peripheral canals. Attention should be paid to disturbance during construction and hydrological, water quality, and related impacts during operation.

Any potential benefits to these lands should be identified as well. TNC is willing to work with project proponents to identify potential mitigation and other aspects that might be beneficial to both parties.