King Ranch:
Our History and Path to Pine Island

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King Ranch - Overview:

- Founded in 1853
- Still Family Owned
- Diversified Company
- Operations in Texas, Florida and California
- Known for agricultural innovation and land stewardship
- Very Legacy Minded

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The Birthplace of American Ranching

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King Ranch - Historical Context:

Interesting Facts:

- Home to 35,000 cattle and 200 Quarter Horses
- Santa Gertrudis Bulls
- Triple Crown - *Assault*, 1946
- Almost repeated in ‘50 with *Middleground*
- 824,000 acres
- Leather and cotton craftsmanship
- In the top 10 largest private land ownerships in US

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King Ranch - Today:

Interesting Facts:

• TX, FL and CA
• Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, Milo, Sugar Cane, Sod, Palm Trees, Almonds, Pistachios, Oil and Gas, Wildlife
• Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute
• King Ranch Institute on Ranch Management
• 2nd largest citrus producer in US
• Ford Trucks
• Retail Division

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King Ranch - Florida:

Operations:
- Started in 1960’s with Ranching
- Operations in 8 Counties in Florida
- All located south of I-4
- Just under 80,000 Ac.
- 17K - .28K (SEN)
- All Enrolled in BMPs
- Citrus Canker/Greening
- Hurricane Irma
- Alternative Crops

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King Ranch - Pine Island:

Overview:
- Soaring Eagle - 2012
- Riverside Parcel - 2013
- Farm Credit - 2014
- Property Remains in Active Agricultural Use
- Have actually invested in enhancing the palm tree operation

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King Ranch - Just the Facts:

• Conducted Due Diligence
• Have not submitted for any development permits
• Don’t oppose Pine Island “vision”, just the disproportionate Implementation
• Worked with County on equity
• Surprised by misinformation advanced by some/rumor mill
• Could have been an ally

Pine Island Plan Concerns:
• Large Land Owner impacts
• Loss of Property Rights
• Not opposed to “Character”

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King Ranch - Looking Forward:

Opportunities:
- Continue Palm Operation
- Look for Efficiencies in near term
- Consider 2020 Option
  - County Regulations
  - Significant Opportunity
  - Community Assistance could be critical
- If necessary, will continue defending property rights