

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

## Land Acquisition and Management

The following materials have been reviewed and approved for distribution to the Governing Board and the public.

Director of Land Acquisition  
and Management

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Richard M. Rocco, Real Estate Coordinator  
DATE: October 12, 2010  
SUBJECT: Grady and Honor Hartzog/Stuart's Landing Parcel, 82 acres ± on the Suwannee River in Suwannee County

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests Governing Board authorization to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for a conservation easement purchase of the 82-acre ± Hartzog/Stuart's Landing parcel in Suwannee County.**

### BACKGROUND

Grady and Honor Hartzog, working with the Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc., have offered this conservation easement to the District. Coupled with this is the donation of a 112-acre riverfront tract on the Santa Fe River to the Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc. A separate map highlights the intended donation acreage on the Santa Fe River.

The Hartzog Suwannee County property is in an identified project area of the 2010 Florida Forever Work Plan. It would have adjoined the 318-acre Mangles/Shingle Spring tract in Suwannee County that was offered to the District in 2008 for purchase of a conservation easement. The Mangles did not accept the District's offer and the project is now inactive.

Pending Governing Board approval, staff will research the title, refine the details of a conservation easement and request appraisals to determine the property's fair market value. After independent appraisal review, market value recommendations would be provided to Board members prior to entering into an agreement for purchase.

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## PARCEL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

**TRACT:** Stuart's Landing  
Conservation Easement

**SELLER:** Grady and Honor Hartzog

**RIVER:** Suwannee

**COUNTY:** Suwannee

**S-T-R:** S 28, T 7S; R 14E

**CURRENT ASKING PRICE:** \$1,600 per acre for a conservation easement

**ACREAGE:** 82 acres +/-

**RIVER FRONTAGE:** 1426 feet (.27 miles)

**WATER RESOURCE VALUES:**

100-Year Floodplain: 35% (29 acres)

Surfacewater Protection: 11% (9 acres)

Recharge: .00% (0 acres)

Springs Protection: 99% ( 82 acres)

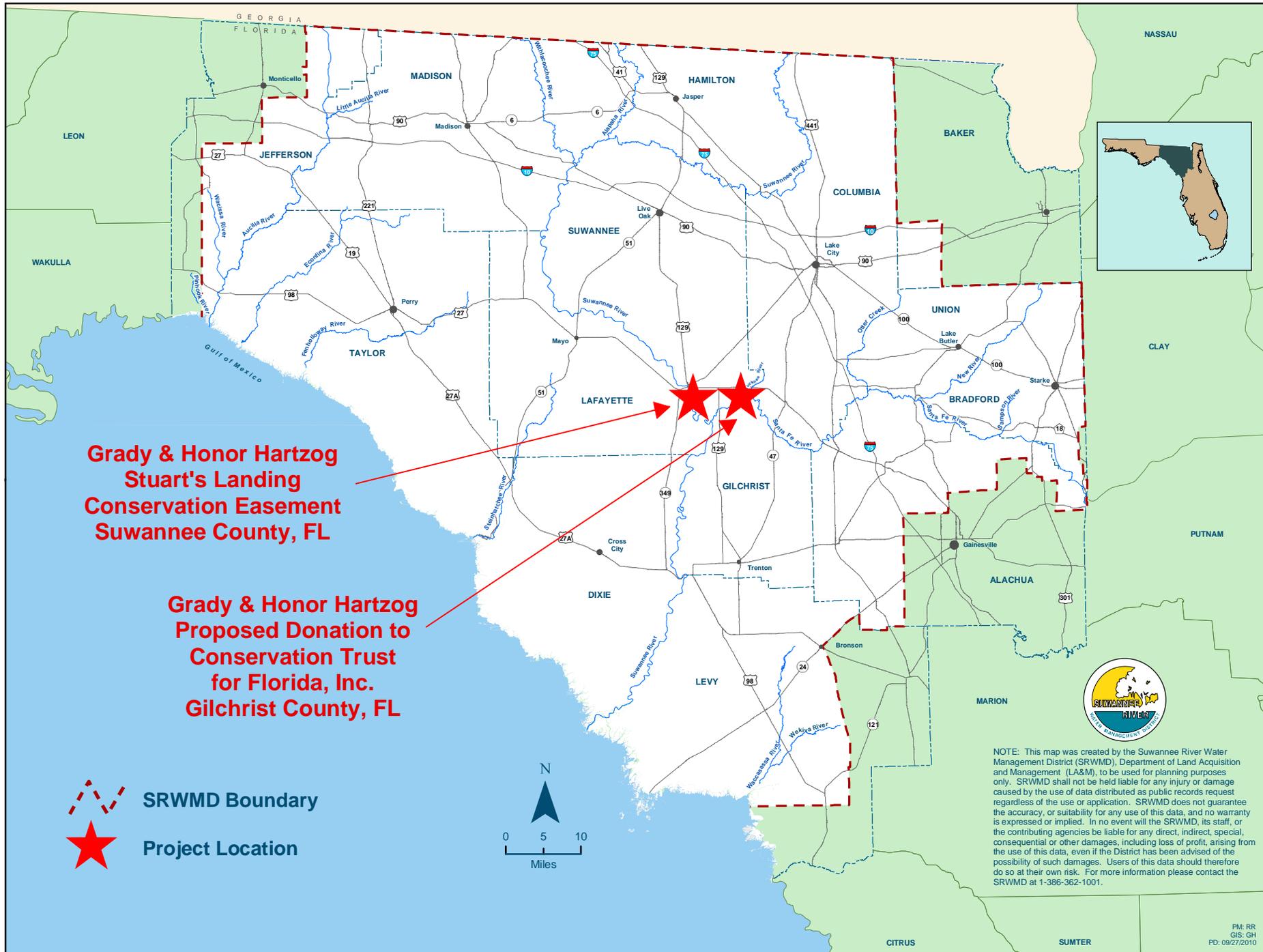
Floodway: 7.3% (6.0 acres)

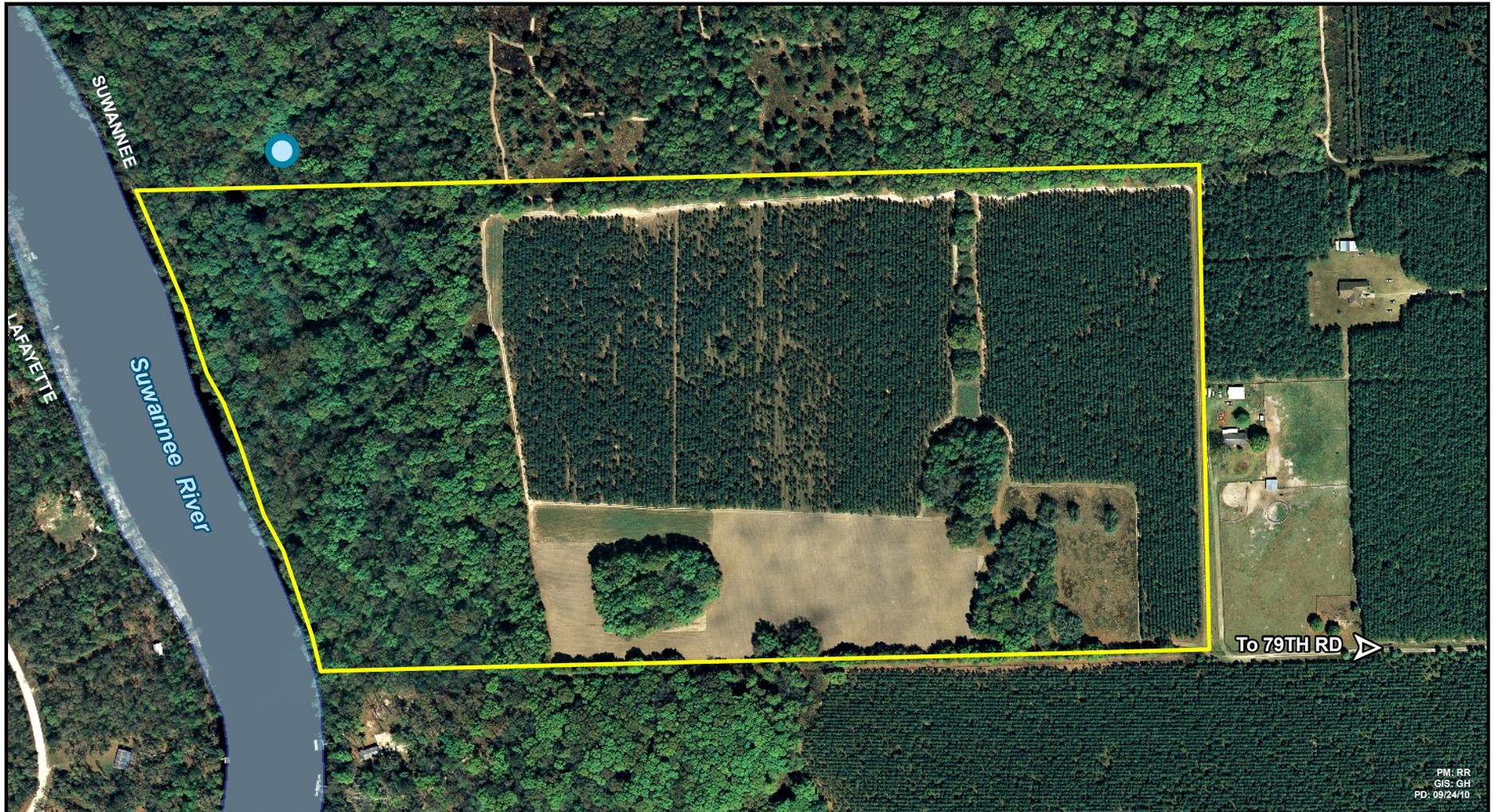
**TRACT DESCRIPTION:** The Hartzog property is situated one mile south of the Town of Branford. A small portion of the spring run of Shingle Spring travels through the northwest corner of the property. The riverfront is buffered by a good quality cypress hardwood floodplain forest. The remainder of the tract is covered by pine plantation and pasture. The Hartzogs have a modular home residence located on site.

**ACCESS:** The property is accessible by county graded SW 79<sup>th</sup> road.

**OUTSTANDING INTERESTS:** Clear title is reported at this time with no encumbrances to title.

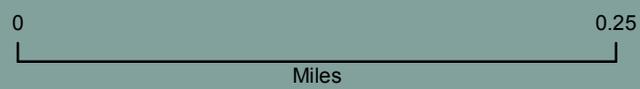
**MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES:** A conservation easement is proposed that would concentrate on preservation and protection of the riverfront floodplain forest. The easement would permit one residence, pine plantation or pasture use, and longleaf pine restoration. It would not allow harvesting or conversion of the floodplain forest.





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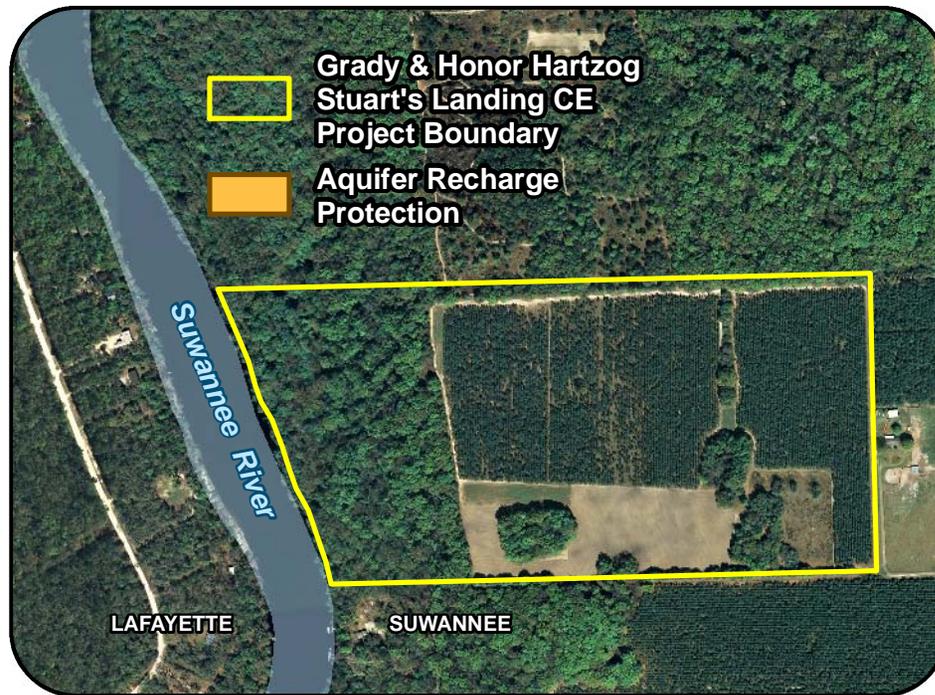
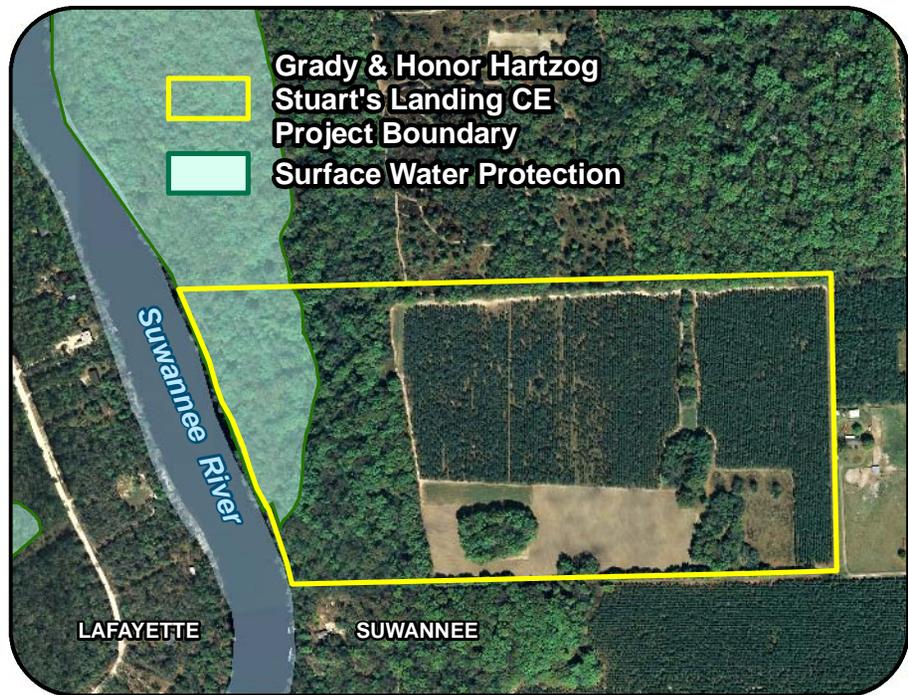
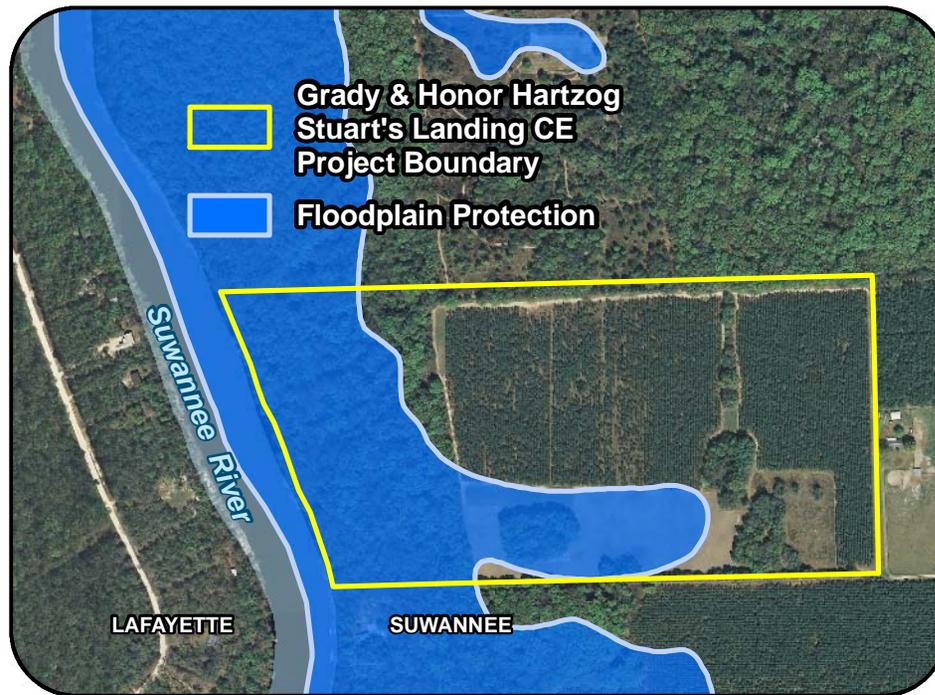
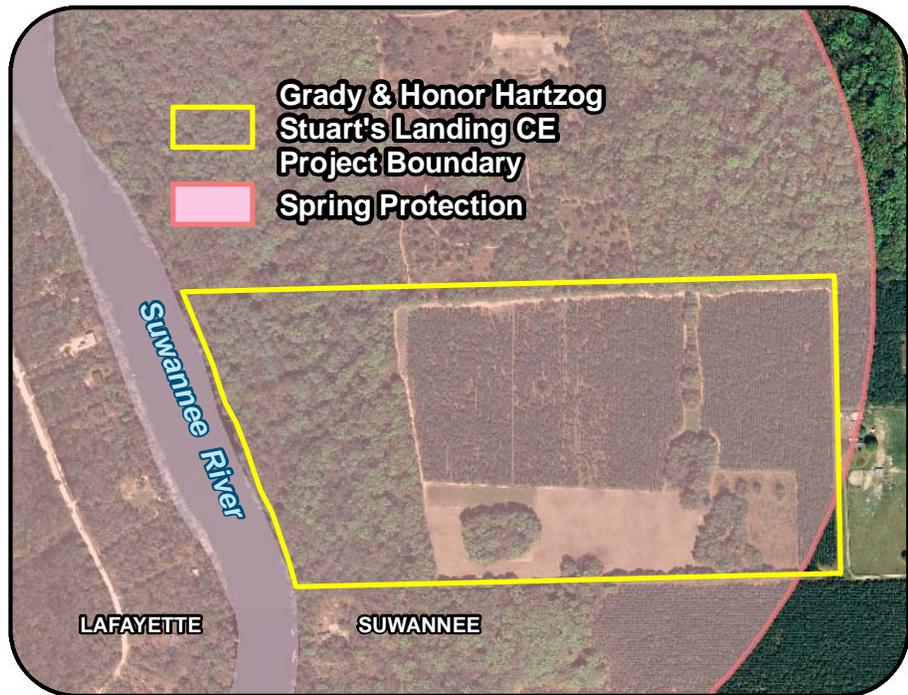
-  Property Offer Boundary
-  Shingle Spring

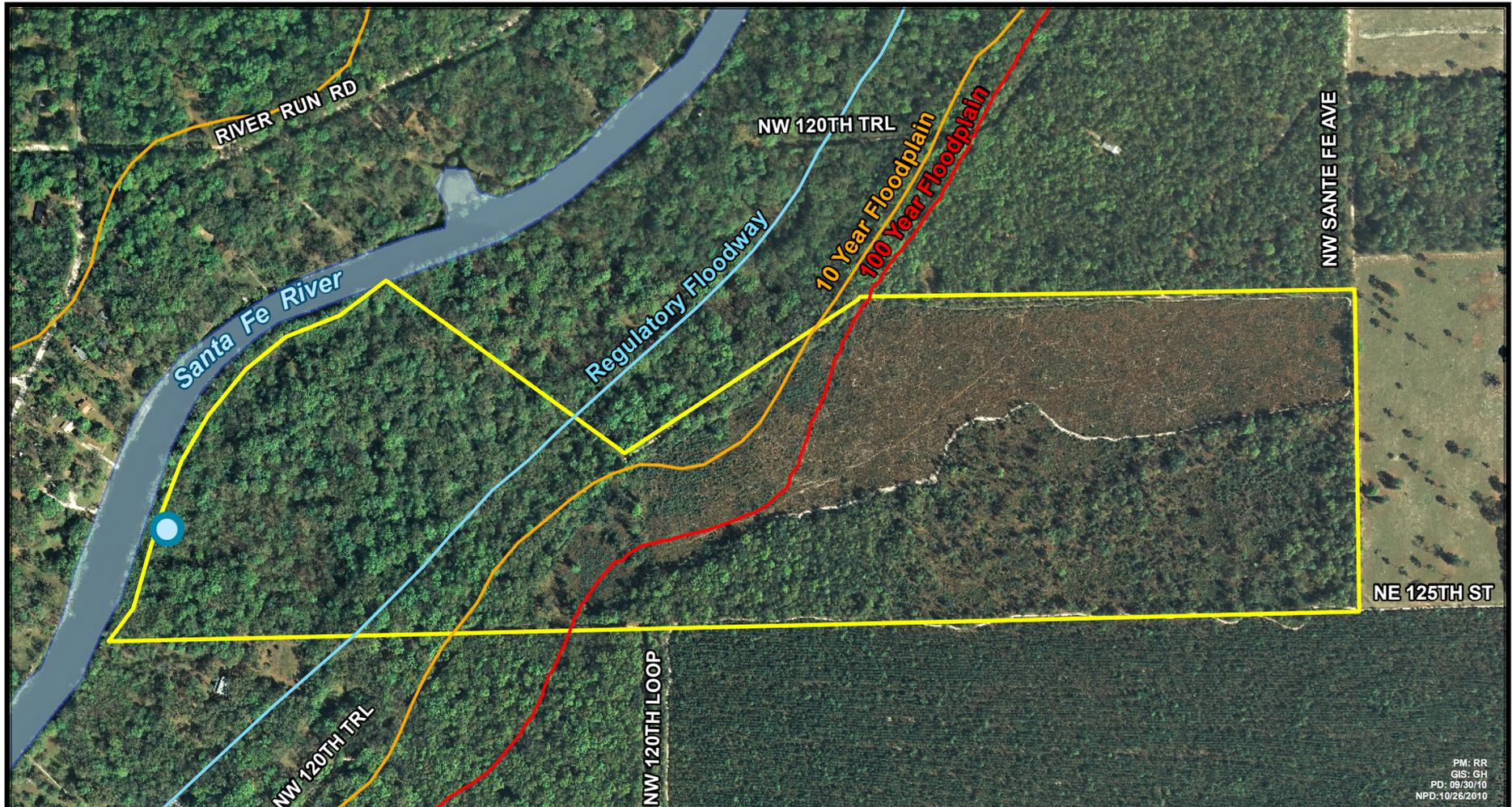


Grady & Honor Hartzog  
Stuart's Landing  
Conservation Easement  
Suwannee County, FL



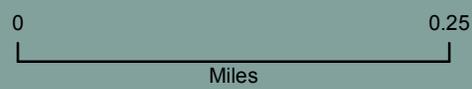
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-  Proposed donation to Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc.
-  Un-Named Spring



Grady & Honor Hartzog  
 Proposed Donation  
 Conservation Trust for Florida Inc.  
 Gilchrist County, Florida



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Richard M. Rocco, Real Estate Coordinator  
DATE: October 14, 2010  
SUBJECT: Rock Bluff Spring, 176 acres ± on the Suwannee River in Gilchrist County

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests Governing Board authorization to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for the fee purchase of the 176-acre ± Rock Bluff Spring parcel in Gilchrist County.**

### BACKGROUND

Rock Bluff Spring was offered to the District in July of 2006. It was appraised and a formal offer was made to landowner Joe H. Anderson Sr. That offer was declined and Mr. Anderson ended negotiations with the District in August of 2007. Rock Bluff Springs Co. LLC reoffered the property to the District on September 14, 2010. Principal for Rock Bluff Springs Co. LLC is Joey H. Anderson.

Rock Bluff Spring is an identified project area of the Florida Forever Work Plan. The Florida Forever Work Plan gives special consideration to spring systems as an important part of protecting surface and groundwater resources. Rock Bluff Spring is a second magnitude spring with an average discharge of 27 cubic feet per second (cfs) or roughly 17.5 million gallons per day. It is one of six second magnitude springs in Gilchrist County. Its flow is exceeded only by second magnitude Hart Springs on the Suwannee River and Ginnie Springs on the Santa Fe River.

Following Governing Board approval, staff will research the title and procure appraisals to determine the property's fair market value. After independent appraisal review, market value recommendations will be provided to Board members prior to tendering an offer to the owner.

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## PARCEL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

TRACT: Rock Bluff Spring      SELLER: Rock Bluff Springs Co. LLC

RIVER: Suwannee      COUNTY: Gilchrist

S-T-R: S 9, T 8S; R 14E

ACREAGE: 176 acres ±

### FRONTAGE:

Feet: 2,789

Miles: 0.53

### WATER RESOURCE VALUES:

100-Year Floodplain: 83% (145 acres)

Surfacewater Protection: 59% (102 acres)

Recharge: .05% (1 acre)

Springs Protection: 100% (176 acres)

**TRACT DESCRIPTION:** Rock Bluff Spring is a second magnitude spring located on the Suwannee River in Gilchrist County. The Rock Bluff Spring pool measures 250 feet north to south and 171 feet east to west. Numerous vents feed the spring pool; the most prominent vent discharges from a deep vertical limestone fissure with an oval or ellipsoidal cavity that is 30 feet long, 6 feet wide and 30 feet deep. The spring flows southwesterly for over 700 feet along its spring run to discharge to the Suwannee River. A mature hardwood and cypress forest surrounds the spring and provides a dense cover of cypress, red maple, black gum and water tupelo along the spring run to the river's edge. The north shore of the spring has a concrete retaining wall and cleared picnic area. The remainder of the tract is forested by hardwood hammock outside of the 10-year floodplain.

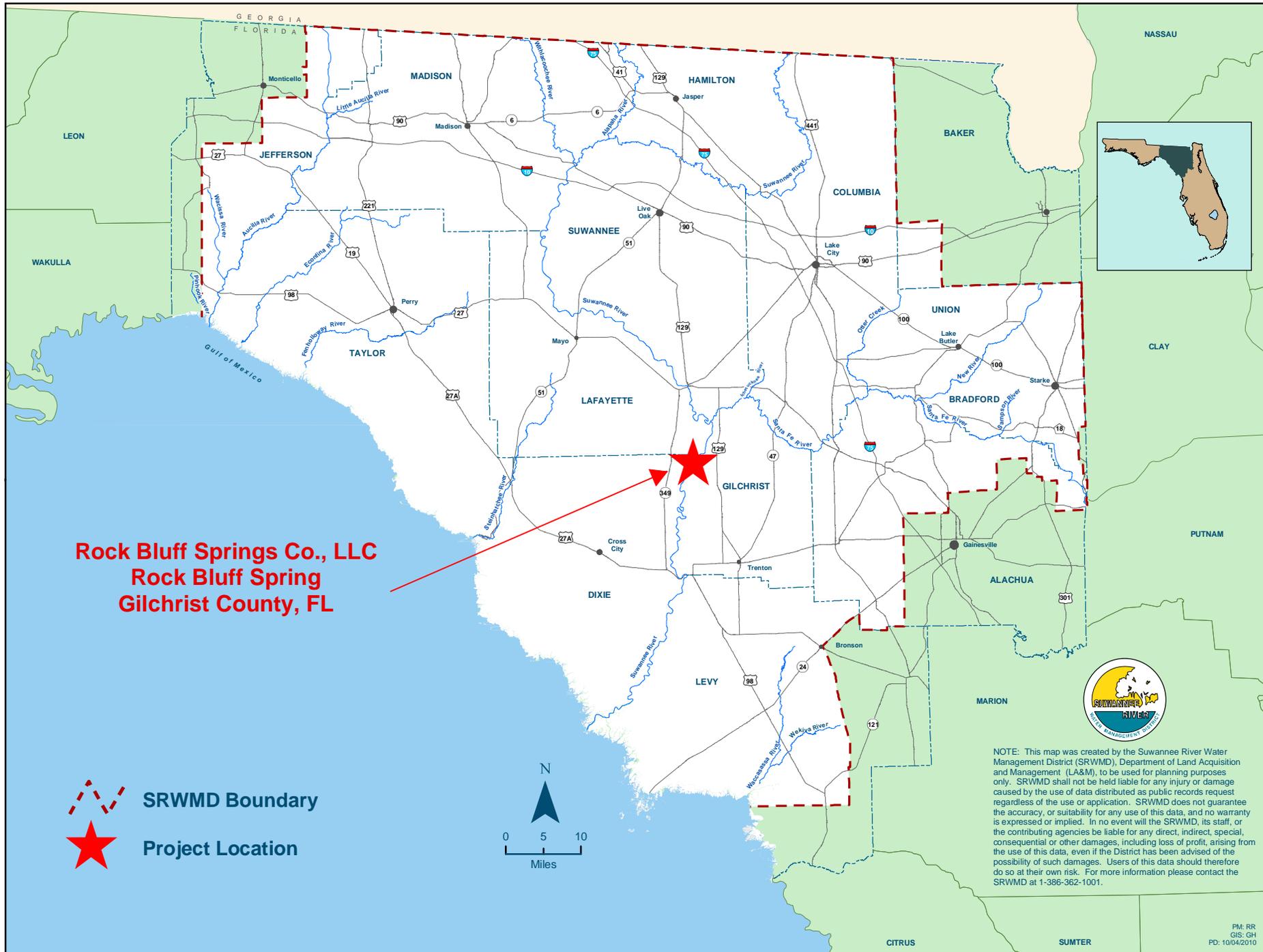
**ACCESS:** The property is accessible along its frontage on paved State Highway 340 about five miles northwest of Bell.

**OUTSTANDING INTERESTS:** Clear title is reported at this time.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** A 1,695 square feet, 1971-constructed concrete block caretaker residence, with new roof is located on the property.

**MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES:** The property has long been closed off to the public by landward access, however the spring is heavily used by boaters accessing the spring from the river. Management would concentrate on preservation and protection of the spring, spring run and adjacent floodplain.

**CURRENT ASKING PRICE:** Owner is seeking appraised fair market value.



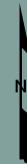


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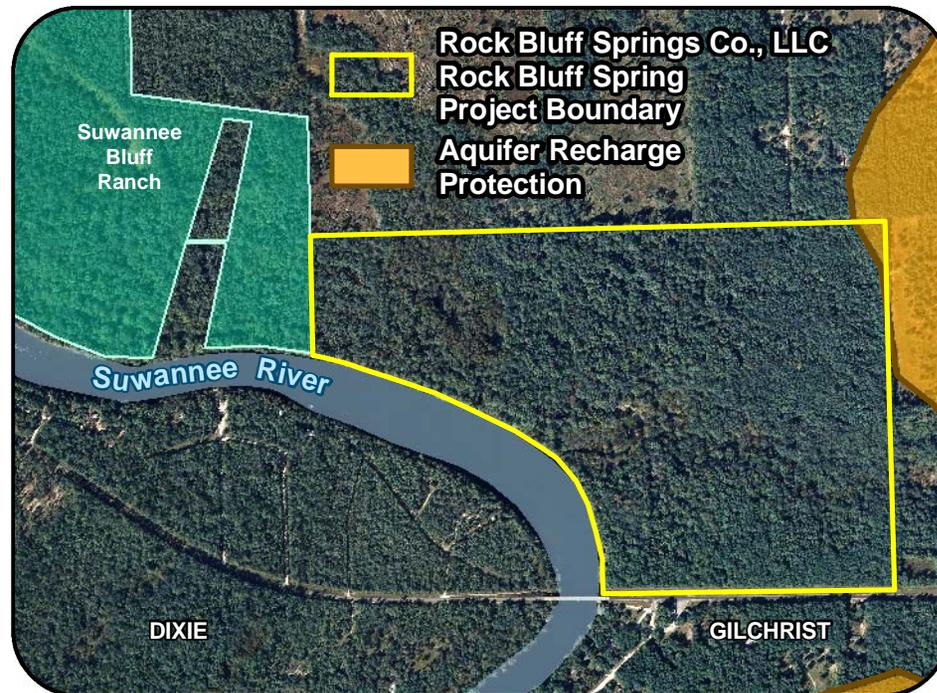
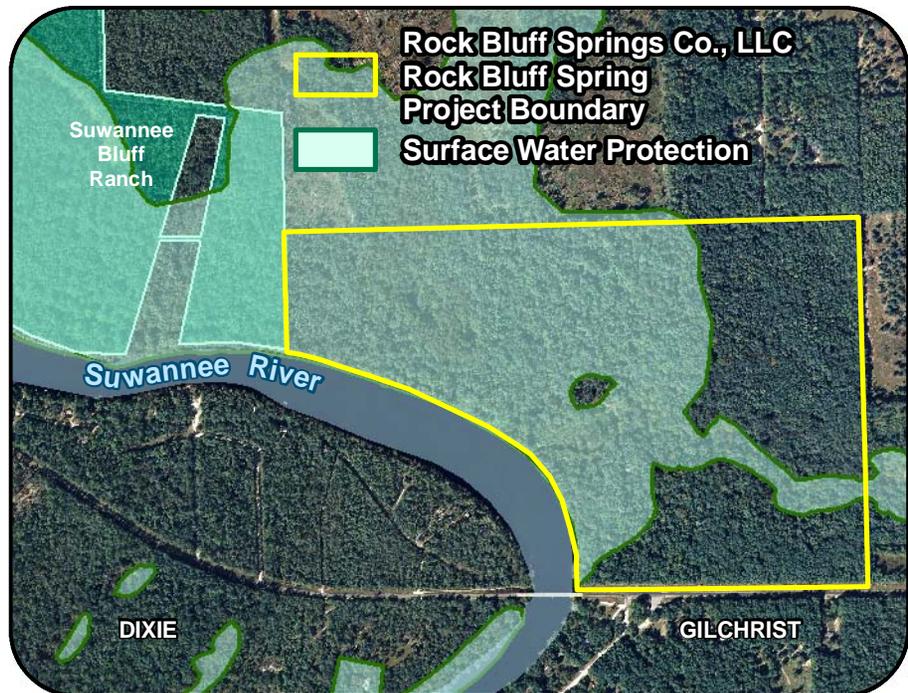
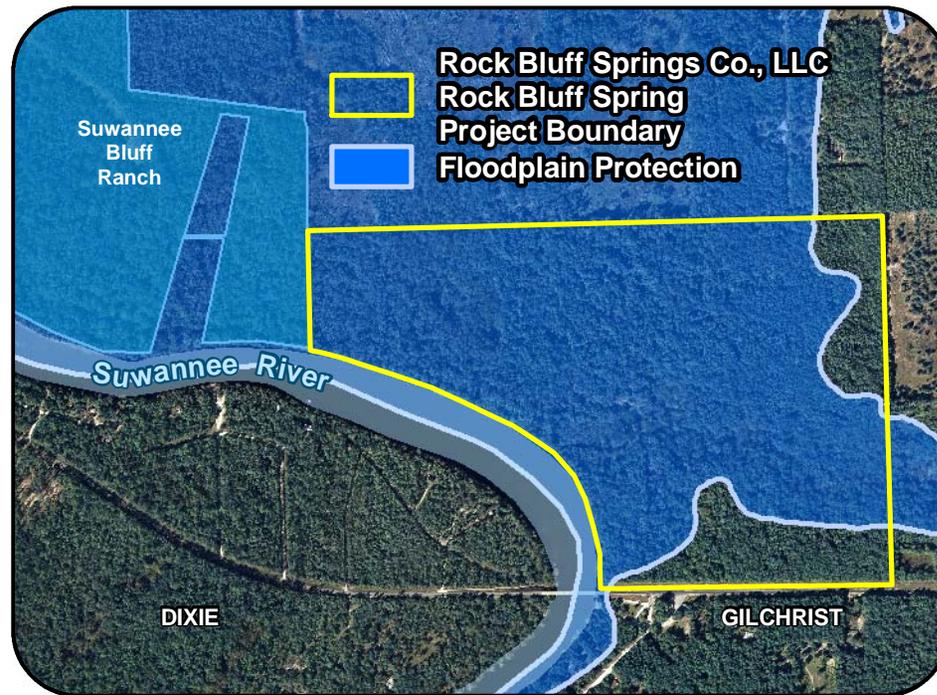
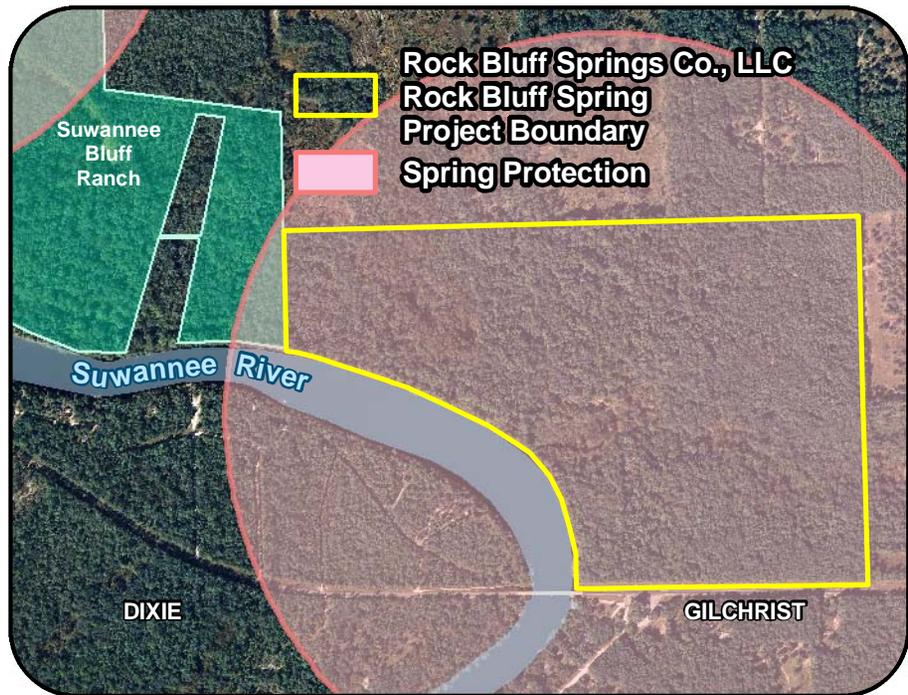
-  Property Offer Boundary
-  SRWMD Lands
-  County Park
-  Rock Bluff Spring
-  Boat Ramp



Rock Bluff Springs Co., LLC  
Rock Bluff Spring  
Gilchrist County, FL



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: October 18, 2010

RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Properties Acquired in Columbia County

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2010-21 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$19,809.59 to Columbia County for lands acquired through 2009.**

### BACKGROUND

In August 2010 the Governing Board authorized payment in lieu of taxes to Columbia County in the amount of \$ 23,183.09. Columbia County is entitled to an additional \$19,809.59 for 123 older parcels that were not previously included on the PILT list.

In order to offset the effect on the tax rolls of the small counties from public acquisition of land, the Legislature enacted the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT) in 1992. Up to 25% of the land management funds are available for the PILT program. To determine the amount of taxes to reimburse a county for a particular parcel, the tax records for the three years prior to the year of acquisition are obtained and the average amount for the three years is used as the reimbursement amount. The reimbursement amount is only calculated one time, and that payment is now paid for as long as the District owns the property.

This year, for the first time, PILT applies to all fee simple properties owned by the District. Columbia County had the greatest number of older parcels that were not included on the PILT list. As a result, more time was needed to calculate the additional amount. Taxes continue to be the responsibility of the landowners for lands on which the District holds conservation easements.

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PILT 2010 008-00478

# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21

### REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO COLUMBIA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the 1992 Legislature enacted amendments to Section 373.59 (Florida Statutes) allowing the Suwannee River Water Management District to make payments in lieu of taxes to qualifying counties for actual ad valorem tax losses incurred as a result of lands being purchased by the District under the Save Our Rivers, Preservation 2000 and/or Florida Forever land acquisition programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has reserved sufficient funds within its annual operating budget for payments in lieu of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County has submitted an application requesting payments in lieu of taxes for lands acquired by the Suwannee River Water Management District under the Save Our Rivers, Preservation 2000, and/or Florida Forever programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has verified that the actual taxes lost to the County Commission, as indicated in the applications, are appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has determined that Columbia County is qualified to receive payments in lieu of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia County Tax Collector has certified that the payment amount applied for is the average amount of actual taxes paid on the property for the three years immediately preceding acquisition by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Revenue has certified as correct the current county ad valorem millage rate and, as reasonably appropriate, the actual taxes paid to the taxing authority during the three years immediately preceding acquisition by the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby request \$19,809.59 be disbursed from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund Management Allocation to the District for purposes of making payments in lieu of taxes to the Columbia County Commission, as per the applications submitted by that county.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010 A.D.**

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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GUY N. WILLIAMS**

**ATTEST:**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Beau Willsey, Environmental Scientist  
DATE: October 19, 2010  
RE: Agreement with Chauncey Contracting, Inc., for FY 2011 Tree Planting Services

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Chauncey Contracting, Inc., for FY 2011 tree planting services for a total amount not to exceed \$130,000.

### BACKGROUND

On September 13, 2010, the District released a request for proposals for tree planting services on District lands during the FY11 planting season. The District anticipates V-blade planting approximately 1,400 acres and hand planting 45 acres during FY11. The RFP requested, among references and previous work history, per acre costs for the following tree planting services:

- V-blade plant bare root longleaf pine seedlings  
V-blade plant bare root slash pine seedlings  
V-blade plant containerized longleaf pine seedlings
- Machine plant bare root longleaf pine seedlings  
Machine plant bare root slash pine seedlings
- Hand plant containerized longleaf pine seedlings  
Hand plant bare root slash pine seedlings
- Hand plant bare-root and containerized (1 gallon or less) hardwood seedlings

A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on September 24, and bid response packages were opened October 1. Of the three potential bidders present during the meeting, two submitted the response package. Chauncey Contracting, Inc.,

was the only contractor who bid on V-blade and hand planting. The other contractor, R. A. Burke Services Inc., bid solely on machine planting. Responses are shown below:

Planting Type	Chauncey*	R. A. Burke*
v-blade containerized LLP	\$94.00	
v-blade bare root LLP	\$94.00	
v-blade bare root SL	\$90.00	
Machine plant bare root LLP	\$48.50	\$65.00
Machine plant bare root SL	\$46.50	\$60.00
Hand plant containerized LLP	\$55.00	
Hand plant bare root SL	\$55.00	
Hand plant containerized hardwoods	\$100.00	
Hand plant bare root hardwoods	\$125.00	

\*price per acre

Principals for Chauncey Contracting Inc. are Lynn Chauncey and Terri Chauncey. Funds for this service are budgeted in the Land Management Program in account code 13 2586 6 3100 02 09 007.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Scott Gregor, Natural Resource Specialist  
DATE: October 12, 2010  
RE: Continuation of Contract 08/09-008 with Keen Forest Management Inc. for Woods Mowing and Fireline Establishment and Stand-by Services for Fiscal Year 2011

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends continuing the contract with Keen Forest Management Inc. for woods mowing and fireline establishment and stand-by services for Fiscal Year 2011. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.**

### BACKGROUND

Woods mowing, fireline establishment and prescribed fire stand-by services are three important management activities occurring on District land. These practices are instrumental in helping the District meet its vegetation management goals as well as protecting against the damaging effects of wildfire.

In FY 2009 Keen Forest Management installed over 16 miles of firelines on District property. This contract was not renewed in FY 2010 because of budget constraints. Keen did do extensive work at R. O. Ranch during FY 2010 under a separate contract.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the second and final time this contract is eligible for renewal.

Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget under code 132586631000209002.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry Demott, Sr. Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: October 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Activity Report, Land Acquisition

The attached report summarizes the status of current projects and describes significant activities of staff for the preceding month. Staff will be prepared to address any tracts of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss at the November 9, 2010, Governing Board meeting.

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<b>PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Sante Fe River Hammock LLC/ Santa Fe River Hammock CE Bradford County 167 acres ±	The Governing Board approved purchase of this conservation easement on September 14, 2010. A survey bid is in progress, and staff is preparing a request for bids for environmental audit and baseline inventory.
<b>APPROVED PROJECTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Andrews, Dennis Cedar Key #4 West & Lukens Reserve Levy County 458 acres ±	On October 12, 2010, the Governing Board approved a detailed assessment for conservation easement and fee simple appraisal on this property. Terms of the conservation easement will be discussed, and a title search and review will be initiated.
Cooley Family/Cooley CE Jefferson County 130 acres ±	Detailed assessment for this property was approved on July 13, 2010. Preliminary title search has been received, a draft easement document has been reviewed, and appraisals are due for review by November 8, 2010.
Despres, Jana Suwannee Rovera Addition Gilchrist County .5 acres ±	Acceptance of this donation was approved October 12, 2010. Preliminary title search has been requested. Based on information from the Gilchrist County Tax Collector, average taxes assessed for the last three years were \$577.24.
Floyd Family/Floyd CE Jefferson County 570 acres ±	Detailed assessment for this property was approved on July 13, 2010. Preliminary title search has been requested, the draft easement document has been reviewed, and appraisals are due for review by November 8, 2010.
Guerry, Bryan and Candace Surplus Property Exchange Columbia County	Staff is contracting to conduct a timber thinning operation on the District's proposed exchange property. After the timber is harvested, the District intends to propose an equivalent exchange with Mr. and Mrs. Guerry.
Layman Law Firm/Walker Spring CE Jefferson County 172 acres ±	An abstract opinion of title has been completed, and a draft conservation easement has been prepared. Staff is reviewing title issues prior to requesting bids for appraisal.
Nyman, George and Sharon Suwannee River Oaks CE Gilchrist County 312 acres ±	On October 12, 2010, the Governing Board approved a detailed assessment of the Suwannee River Oaks property. Terms of a conservation easement will be agreed to with the landowner, and a title search and review will be initiated.
Santa Fe Springs LLC/Sawdust Spring Columbia County 234 acres±	On August 10, 2010, the Governing Board approved a detailed assessment of this Santa Fe River parcel. Title search is complete, and a timber cruise is in progress. Bids for appraisal are due October 21, 2010.

Shaw, Robert Santa Fe Swamp Addition Alachua and Bradford Counties 60 acres ±	On September 14, 2010, the Governing Board approved a detailed assessment of the 60 acres on both sides of the Santa Fe River. Title search and abstract have been ordered, and appraisal bids are due October 21, 2010.
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SURPLUS LANDS	STATUS
	Final appraisals and timber valuations of Group I Land Sales are complete and all Group I parcels have been listed for sale with Poole Realty of Live Oak. Appraisals and timber valuations for Group II parcels are complete and the parcels have been listed for sale with the Daniel Crapps Agency of Lake City. Appraisals and reviews for valuations of Group III Land Sales are complete, and real estate listing contracts are being prepared by legal counsel.

SURPLUS LANDS

Group #	Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price	Sale Date	Sale Price
1	Bay Creek South	46	Columbia	04/1990	WMLTF	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee \$123,750		
1	Owens Spring	77	Lafayette	03/1999	P2000	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee w/all timber \$330,000 w/20% timber \$277,200		
1	Westwood West	320	Madison	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee entire tract \$751,300 80-acre parcels \$194,425		
1	Blue Sink	79	Suwannee	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee entire parcel \$281,600 40-acre parcels \$154,000		
2	Jennings Bluff	70	Hamilton	02/1989	WMLTF	7/30/10	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$215,600		

Group #	Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price	Sale Date	Sale Price
2	Adams South	60	Lafayette	05/1990	WMLTF	7/30/10	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$191,400		
2	47 Runs	20	Levy	12/2000	WMLTF	7/30/10	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$110,000		
3	Hunter Creek	120	Hamilton	09/2002	P2000		11/3/2010	Real estate listing contracts being prepared by Legal Counsel		
3	Santa Fe Oasis	110	Gilchrist	06/1995	P2000	8/27/2010	n/a	In negotiation with FWC		
3	Steinhatchee Rise	42	Dixie	02/1996	P2000	8/27/2010	11/3/2010	Real estate listing contracts being prepared by Legal Counsel		
3	Timber River	1	Madison	03/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	11/3/2010	Real estate listing contracts being prepared by Legal Counsel		
3	Falmouth North (8 tracts)	6	Suwannee	04/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	11/3/2010	Real estate listing contracts being prepared by Legal Counsel		

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager  
DATE: October 13, 2010  
SUBJECT: Land Management Activity Report

### ADMINISTRATION

The District hosted the semi-annual inter-district recreation meeting at the Adams Tract River Camp. All five Districts were represented. Topics discussed included law enforcement on District lands, volunteers and maintenance of District lands. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission also gave a presentation on access for non-motorized boats. The South Florida Water Management District representatives were looking at the River Camps to gather information for potential construction of similar camps on the Kissimmee River.

### FOREST MANAGEMENT

Below is a summary of the Alapahoochee #1 Timber Sale 09/10-044. Timber on this 30-acre tract in Hamilton County was harvested by Levings Forest Products during the period of May 28, 2010, through June 22, 2010.

Product	Harvest (Tons)		Product Prices \$/Ton	Income (\$)	
	Original Cruised	Actual Harvested		Original Cruised	Actual Harvested
Pine Pulpwood	1,700	1,810	\$12.17	\$20,689.00	\$22,027.70
Pine Chip-N-Saw	360	660	\$13.50	\$4,860.00	\$8,910.00
Pine Sawtimber	30	51	\$25.00	\$750.00	\$1,275.00
Hardwood Pulpwood	150	141	\$4.00	\$600.00	\$564.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>2,662</b>		<b>\$26,899.00</b>	<b>\$32,776.70</b>
<b>% Estimate</b>		<b>118.84%</b>			<b>121.85%</b>

### VISITOR MANAGEMENT

Hunting season is open on all wildlife management areas on District lands. The Mallory Swamp ATV trail is now closed. It will reopen next April after the close of Spring Turkey Season.

District Staff has completed six new educational kiosk panels, which will be printed and placed in kiosks on District lands. The panels include information on why the District buys land; why we protect rare plants and animals; how flooding can be beneficial, why we fight invasive exotic plants, when fire is good, and

what a spring is. A new District public use rule sign is also under development. A large (36" x 60") kiosk and panel have been purchased for Otter Springs with information on Otter Springs and its springshed.

The Great Suwannee River Cleanup sponsored by Current Problems and the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail is progressing well. Over 34 groups have signed up for the cleanup, which is scheduled through December 2010. As of October 11 over 11,000 pounds of litter and trash have been removed from the river and its banks.

The following table shows special use authorizations issued during the last month:

<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Temporary Ingress &amp; Egress</b>	<b>Mallory Swamp ATV Trail</b>	<b>RO Ranch</b>	<b>Goose Pasture Camping</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
26	11	0	78	0	0	115

The following table shows use of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail river camps during the last month:

<b>River Camp</b>	<b>Day Users</b>	<b>Overnight Users</b>	<b>Total</b>
Woods Ferry		58	58
Holton Creek		145	145
Dowling Park		104	104
Peacock Slough	170	108	278
Adams Tract		69	69
<b>Total</b>	170	484	654

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Brian Kauffman, Facilities Director  
DATE: October 13, 2010  
RE: R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park Monthly Activity Report

The R. O. Ranch Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled board meeting on October 7, 2010, at the R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park. One member of the public attended. The major action taken by the Board was to rescind the management agreement with the District until Tom Brown can obtain general liability insurance for the park.

McInnis Construction has completed his portion of the visitor education center. Staff is working with local contractors to pour the sidewalks and drainage around the building. Staff is also working with Windstream to bring in phone service to the building.

The bathhouse is progressing well. Subcontractors are finished with the block walls and McInnis is pouring the tie beam. Trusses are onsite and scheduled to be set this week. The driveways and picnic pads for 20 of the 32 campsites are complete, and most of the underground wires have been installed.

The park was open for Mayo Pioneer Days again this year. Approximately 15 campers took advantage of the primitive camping from Thursday through Sunday, October 7-10. Brian Lambert of Branford volunteered to organize the events this year. Approximately 75 people took part in the annual 18-mile trail ride from the park to Mayo on Friday. On Saturday, guests participated in games and enjoyed the food vendors and music. Park volunteers were an important of the activities. Volunteers also represented the park by carrying the Grand Marshalls in the covered wagon during the Chamber of Commerce parade. Staff has received several phone calls and emails from guests expressing their enthusiasm for coming back to the park. Plans are underway for many to return around the first of the year.

The District's inmate crew worked on cleaning up before and after the Pioneer Day activities and installing the camping and horse stall pads in the campground.

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