

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: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator
DATE: June 21, 2011
SUBJECT: Declaration of Surplus Lands – Perry Spray Field, Chitty Bend East, and Chitty Bend West

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Board declare three parcels of District property as no longer needed for conservation purposes. In addition, staff requests authorization to conduct appraisals on the properties, contract with qualified real estate brokers for marketing the properties and contract with qualified surveyors if the need arises to prepare legal descriptions.

BACKGROUND

As part of the District’s effort to dispose of property not needed for conservation purposes, three tracts have been selected for surplus. The Perry Spray Field, Chitty Bend East and Chitty Bend West tracts have been thoroughly examined by the Governing Board Surplus Lands Committee (Committee) comprised of Carl Meece and Ray Curtis. All three tracts were purchased with Water Management Lands Trust Funds.

Tract Name	Acres +/-	County	Zoning	Tract Divisions	Appraisal Assignment
Perry Spray Field	248	Taylor	Cons – 1/40	None	Fee Simple and CE
Chitty Bend East	20	Hamilton	Cons – 1/40	None	Fee Simple

Chitty Bend West	121	Madison	Cons – 1/40	None	Fee Simple and CE
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At the Committee's direction, it is staff recommendation that these tracts be prepared for sale. The tracts were evaluated based on guidelines provided in Program Directive 2011-03, which was adopted by the Governing Board in June 2011. After successful negotiations, the Governing Board will have the opportunity to review and approve the sale as acceptable offers are received.

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**SRWMD
SURPLUS PARCEL ASSESSMENT**

TRACT: Perry Spray Field

COUNTY: Taylor

ACREAGE: 248 acres ±

TRACT DESCRIPTION: The Perry Spray Field parcel contains slash pine planted in 1998 and 2006 and some wetland hardwoods.

PARENT TRACT: 530 acres were purchased from Foley Timber and Land Company in September 2001. 282 acres have been conveyed to the City of Perry for wastewater treatment purposes. This proposal represents 100% of the remaining parent tract.

ACCESS: The property has frontage along CR 356.

CURRENT ZONING: Conservation, 1 residence/40 acres

INTERESTS TO BE RETAINED: The tract is recommended to be sold with a conservation easement in place. An alternative may be to convey the property to Taylor County for recreational purposes.

ESTIMATED TRANSACTION COSTS: Based on an estimate of \$1,800/acre for underlying fee simple value, approximate costs of the transaction including but not limited to documentary stamps, title insurance, survey, and brokerage fees are \$36,947.80. This does not include any fees that may be charged for zoning changes, if requested.

RESOURCE REVIEW

(a) Water Resources:

- Recharge: 0% (0 acres)
- Springs Protection: 0% (0 acres)
- Surface Water Protection: 7% (18 acres)
- 100-year Floodplain: 91% (226 acres)

(b) Management Efficiency:

The proposal is to completely divest the District from ownership and management of the entire tract. The District owns no other adjacent properties. The City of Perry and Foley Timber and Land Company retain easements on the property to gain access to their respective properties.

(c) Public Use:

There is no public use on this proposed parcel.

(d) Archaeological, Historical:

7.8 acres have Florida Master Site File records, but they are not rated as significant using SRWMD protocol of National Historic Register eligible.

Ecological Records:

Protected Plants: No Records

Protected Animals: Swallow-tailed Kites flying
Wood Stork flying

Exotic Plants: No Records

Natural Communities:	Mesic flatwoods	228 acres
	Dome swamp	6 acres
	Bottomland forest	6 acres
	Basin swamp	4 acres
	Wet flatwoods	3 acres
	Depression marsh	2 acres

(e) Linkage:

This area is not in any proposed acquisition plan.

(f) Adverse Impact to Future Management:

There will be no SRWMD management interests.

(g) Marketability:

The property is presumed to be marketable on the open real estate market.

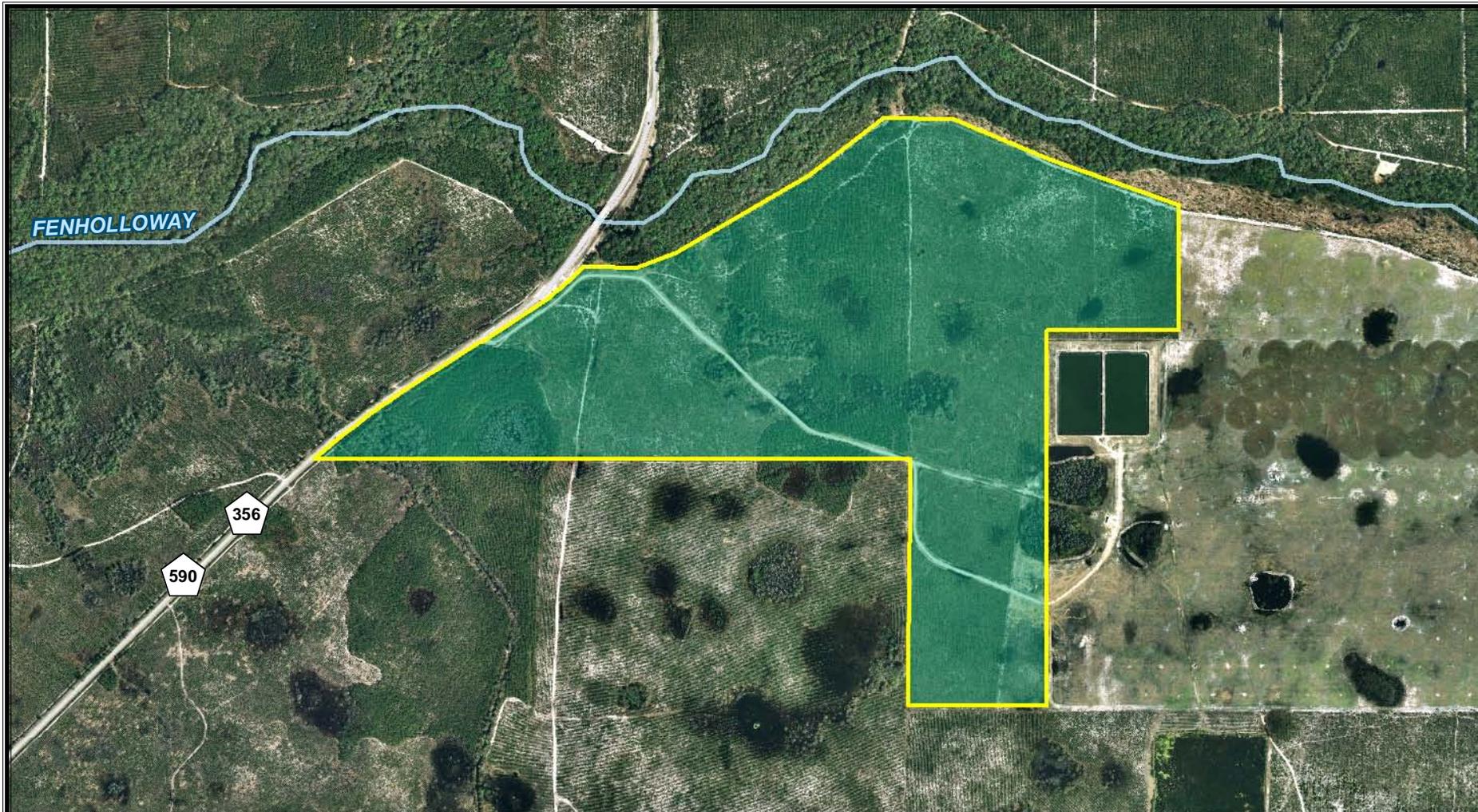
(h) Other Public Land Managers:

Public managers will be notified if the Committee approves the parcel for second hearing.

(i) Preservation 2000:

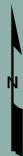
Water Management Lands Trust Funds were expended in this acquisition.

ANALYSIS: The 248 acres of the Perry Spray Field parcel is recommended for surplus while retaining a conservation easement to protect the floodplain.



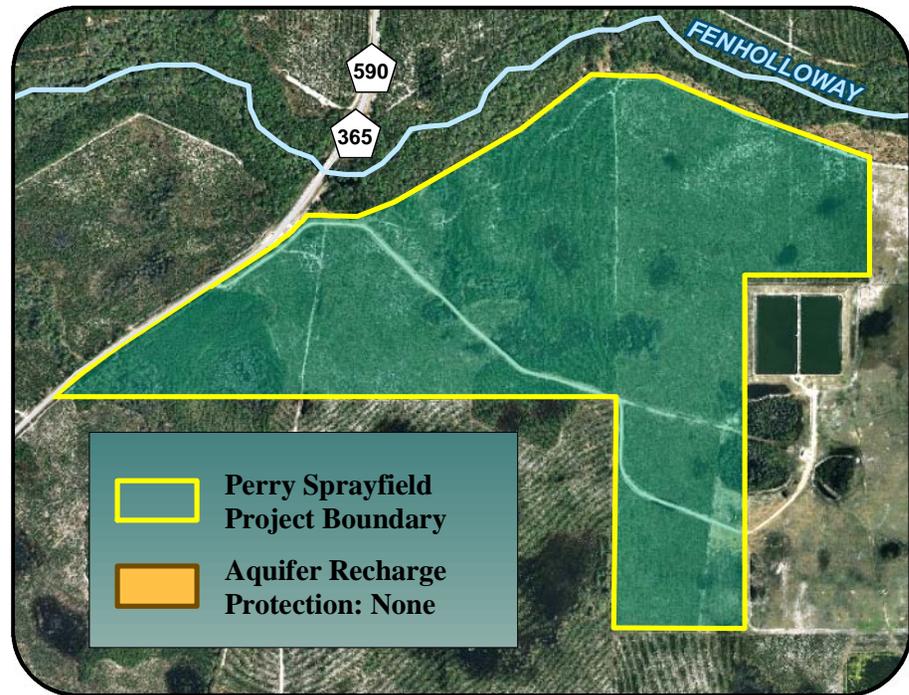
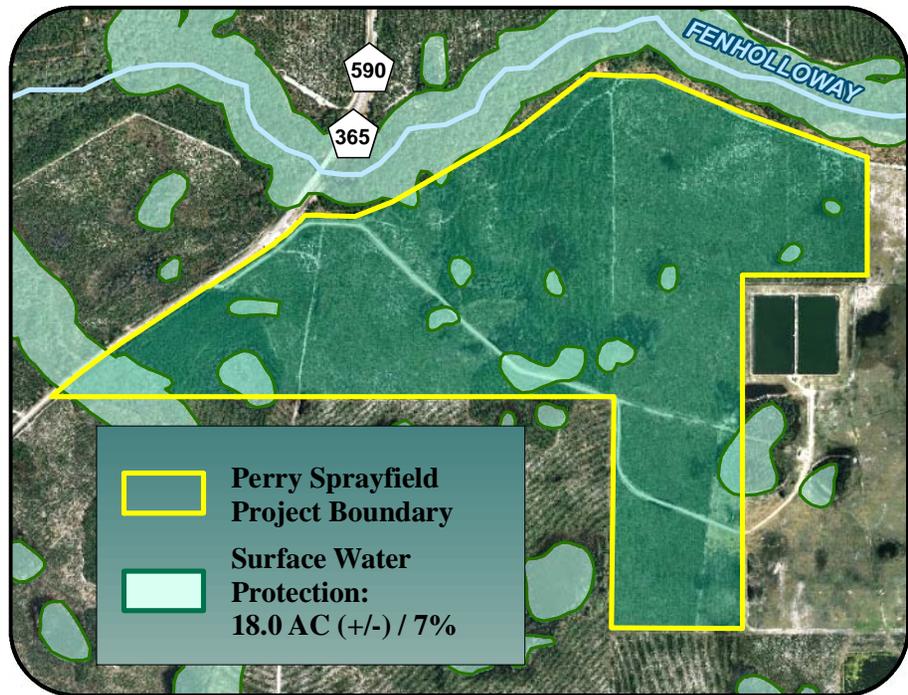
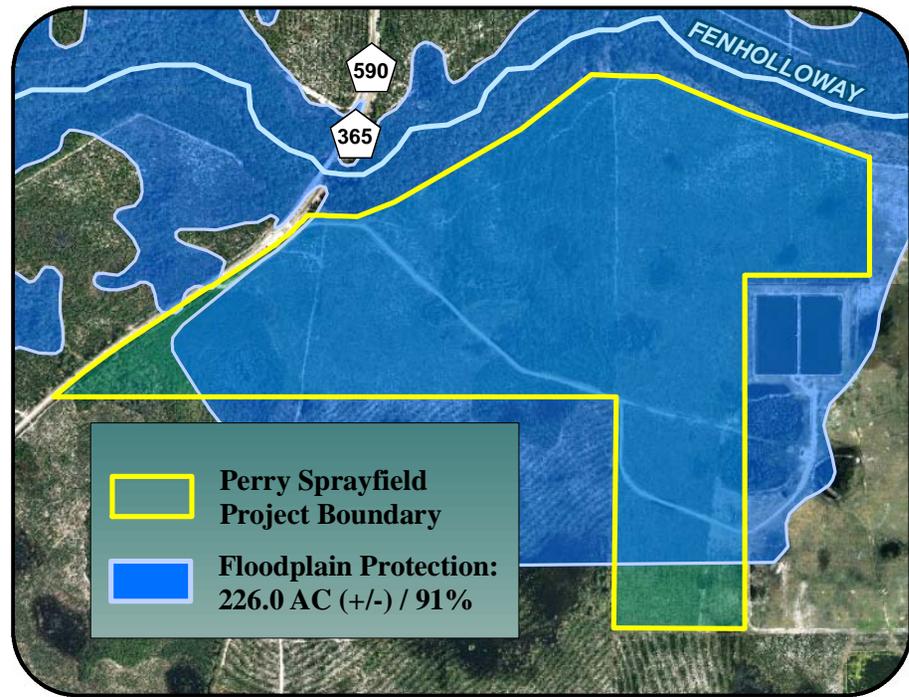
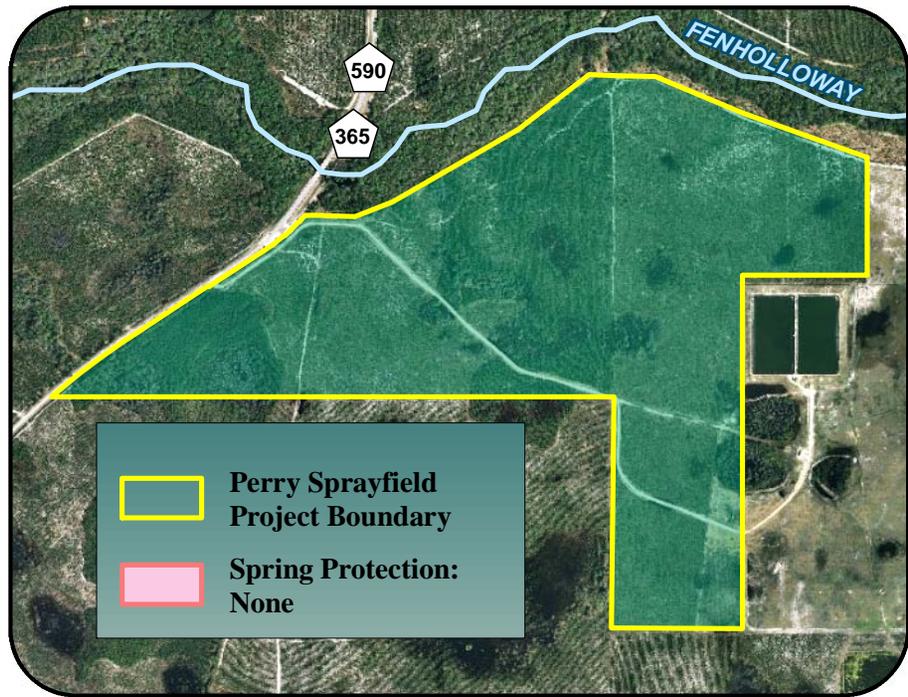
 Land For Review = 248 Acres (+/-)

Perry Sprayfield Taylor County, FL



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Date: 04/18/2011



**SRWMD
SURPLUS PARCEL ASSESSMENT**

TRACT: Chitty Bend East

COUNTY: Hamilton

ACREAGE: 20 acres ±

TRACT DESCRIPTION: The Chitty Bend East parcel is mostly uplands bisected by a county graded road. This parcel is managed by the Florida Division of Forestry as part of the Twin Rivers State Forest.

PARENT TRACT: Bought in December 1988 from Champion Realty, the 296-acre parent tract was part of a larger acquisition from Champion. The tract contains frontage on the Withlacoochee River and associated floodplain and wetlands. This proposal represents 7% of the parent tract.

ACCESS: The property has frontage along Hamilton County NW 34th Street a county graded road.

CURRENT ZONING: Conservation

INTERESTS TO BE RETAINED: The tract is recommended for sale without reservation.

ESTIMATED TRANSACTION COSTS: Based on an estimate of \$3,000/acre for the underlying fee simple value, approximate costs of the transaction including but not limited to documentary stamps, title insurance premium, survey, and brokerage fees is \$7,565. This does not include any fees that may be charged for zoning changes, if requested.

RESOURCE REVIEW

(a) Water Resources:

- Recharge: 0% (0 acres)
- Springs Protection: 0% (0 acres)
- Surface Water Protection: 5% (1 acre)
- 100-year Floodplain: 0% (0 acres)

(b) Management Efficiency:

New fire lines would need to be constructed along the south and west edge of the southern portion of the surplus parcel.

(c) Public Use:

The property is leased to and managed by the Division of Forestry as part of Twin Rivers State Forest. The public access road is approximately 520 feet west of the subject parcel. There are no public use facilities on this parcel.

(d) Archaeological, Historical:

No Records.

Ecological Records:

Protected Plants: No Records

Protected Animals: No Records

Exotic Plants: No Records

Natural Communities:	Upland Pine Forest	10 acres
	Sand Hill	9 acres
	Upland Hardwood Forest	1 acre

(e) Linkage:

This parcel is on the northeast edge of the parent tract. No new acquisitions are planned in this area. The river corridor in Hamilton County remains protected by the remainder of the parent tract.

(f) Adverse Impact to Future Management:

Staff recommends specifically notifying potential buyers that the property is adjacent to public lands managed with prescribed fire. This notice should be placed on the deed to notify all future owners.

(g) Marketability:

The property is presumed to be marketable on the open real estate market.

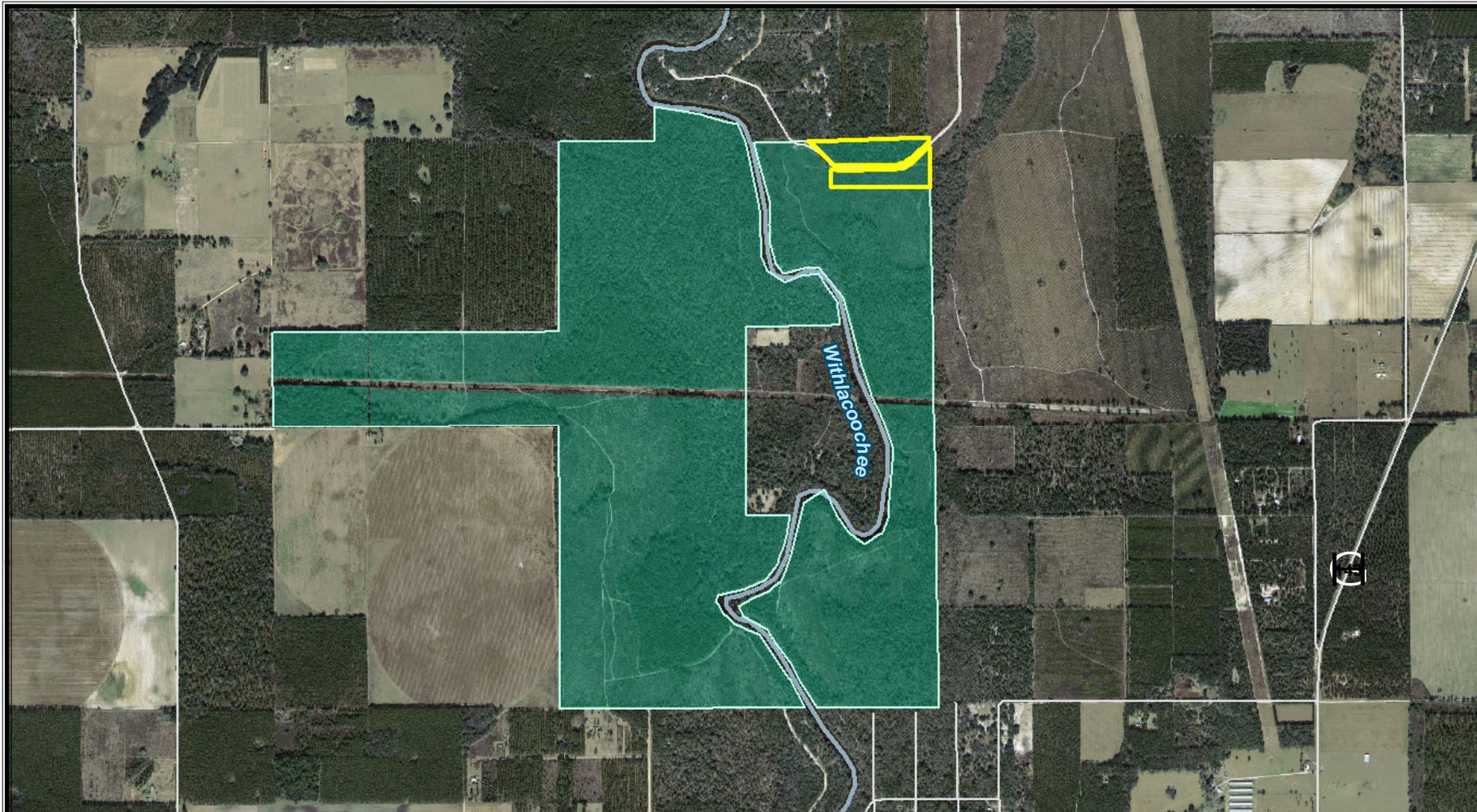
(h) Other Public Land Managers:

Public managers will be notified if the Committee approves the parcel for second hearing.

(i) Preservation 2000:

Water Management Lands Trust Funds were expended in this acquisition.

ANALYSIS: The 20 acres of the Chitty Bend East parcel is in compliance with Program Directive 2011-01 for consideration of a surplus property.



-  Chitty Bend East = 20 Acres (+/-)
-  SRWMD Fee Land
-  Rivers & Streams

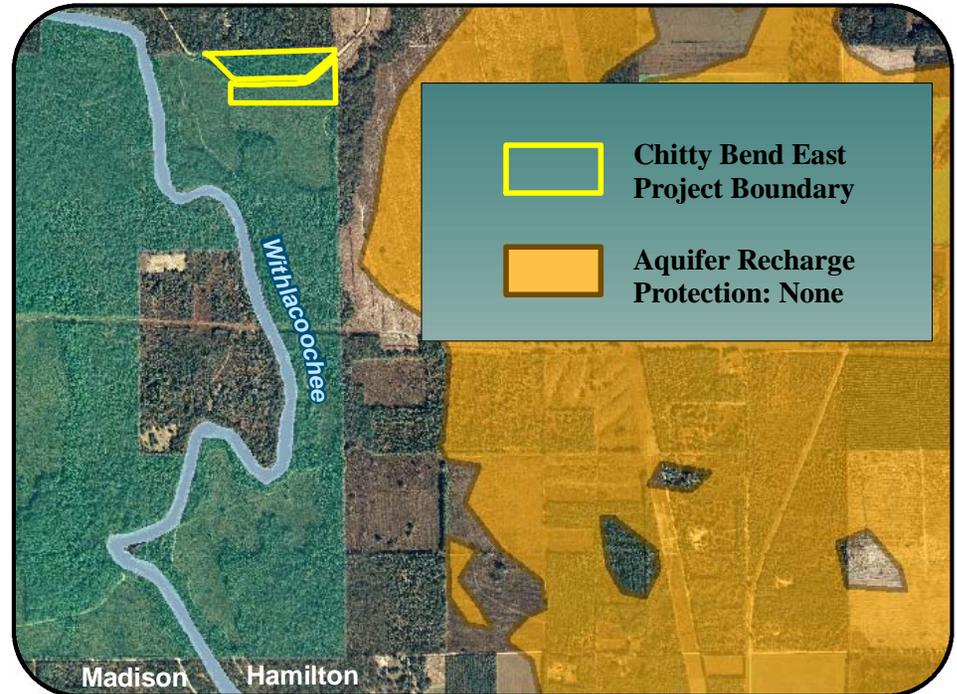
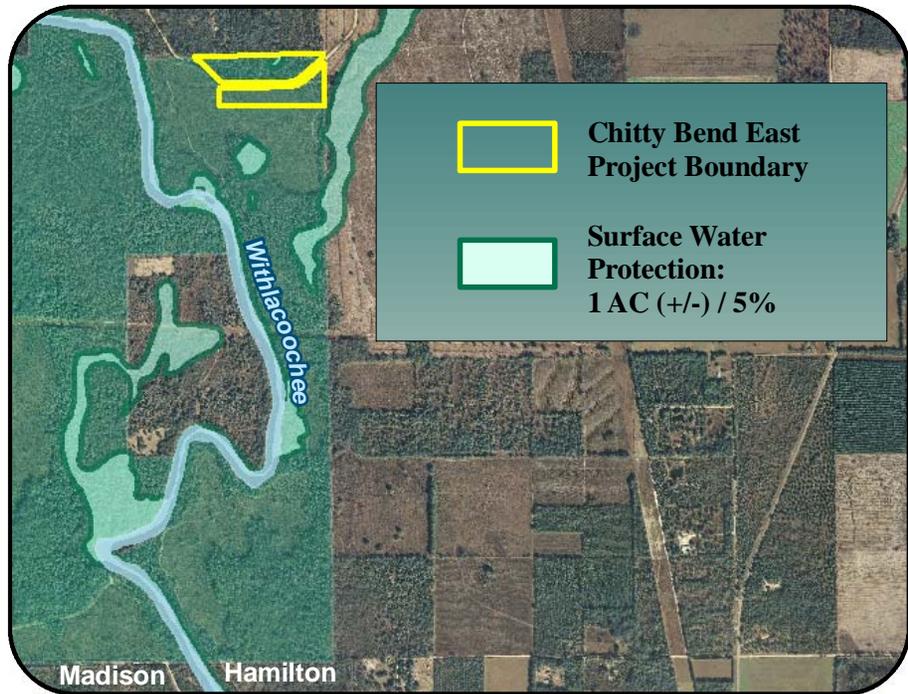
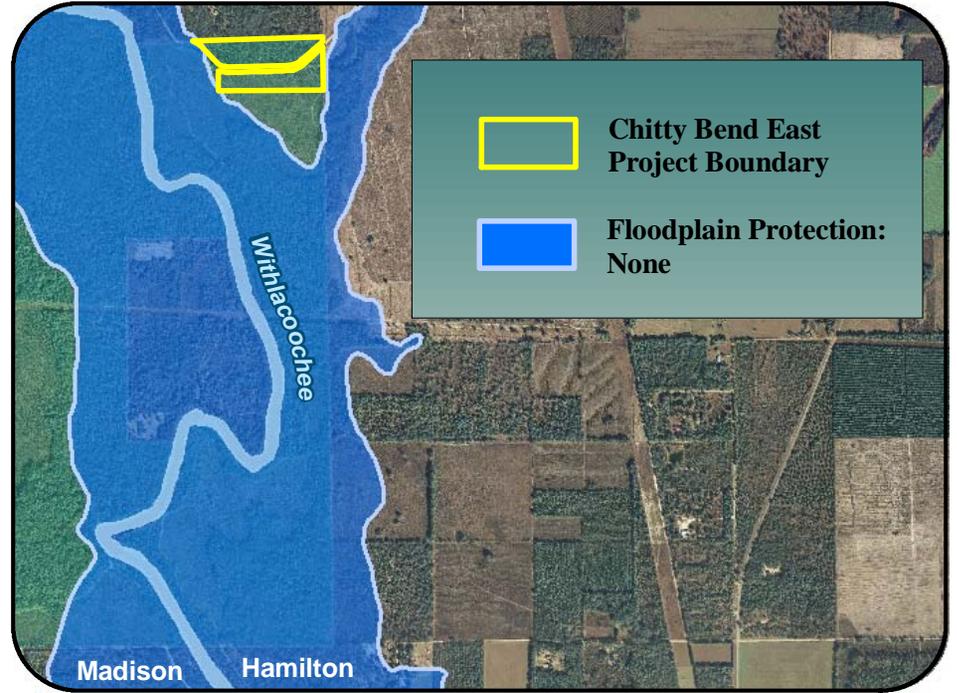
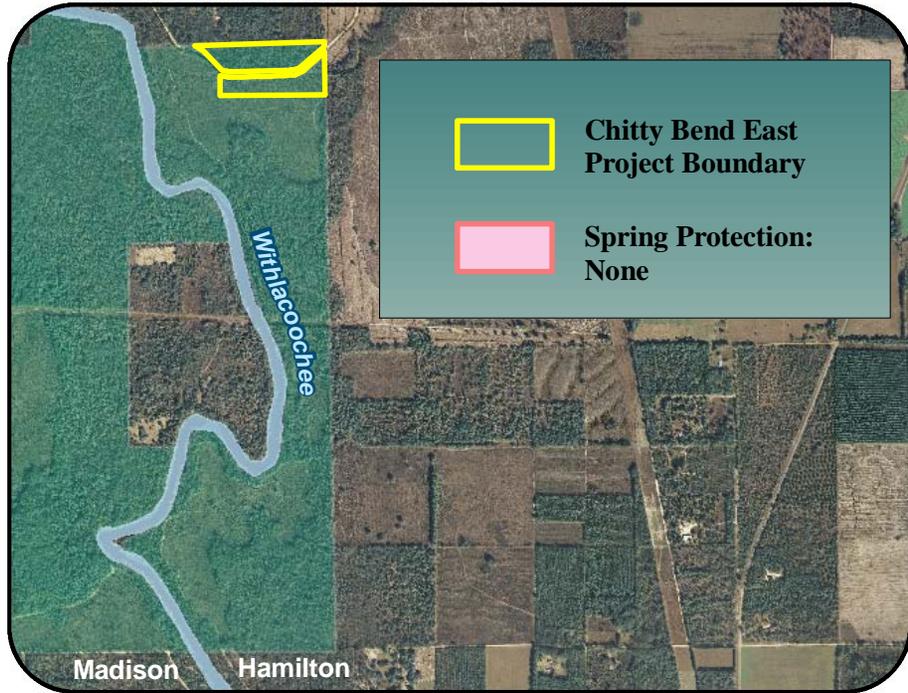


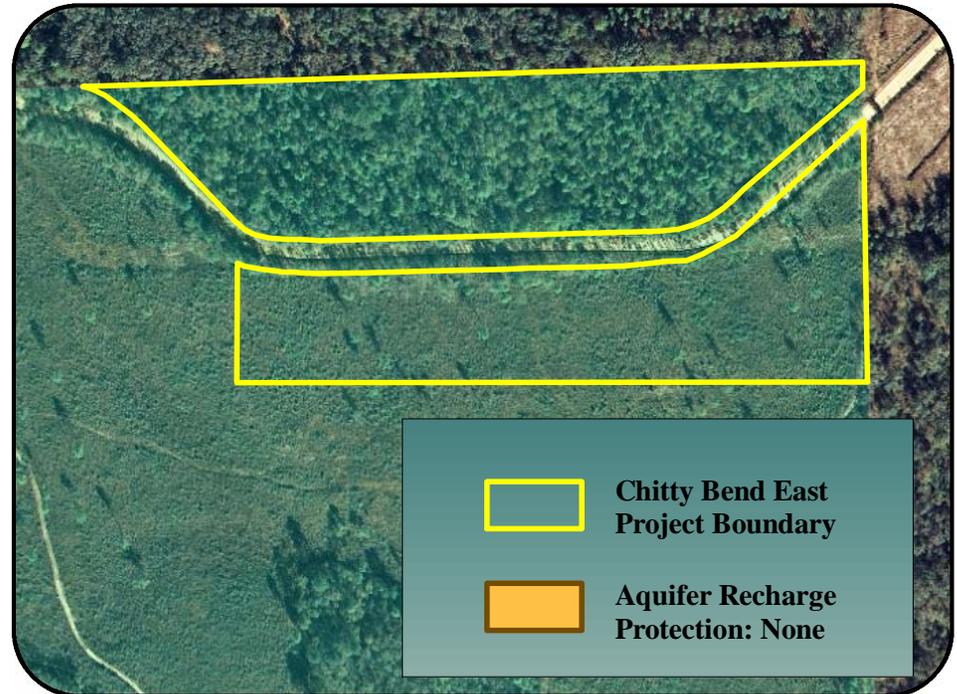
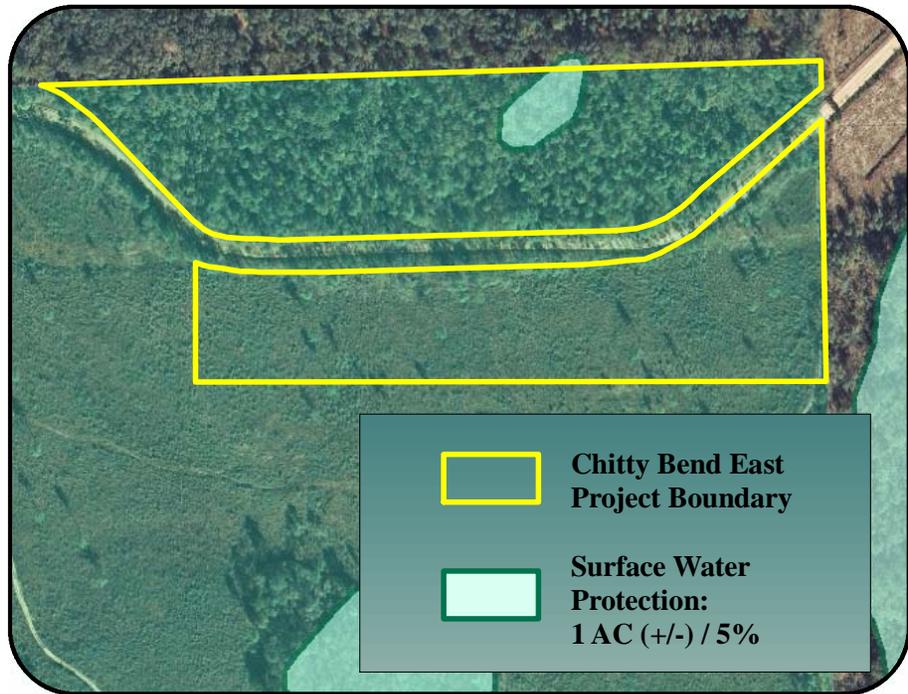
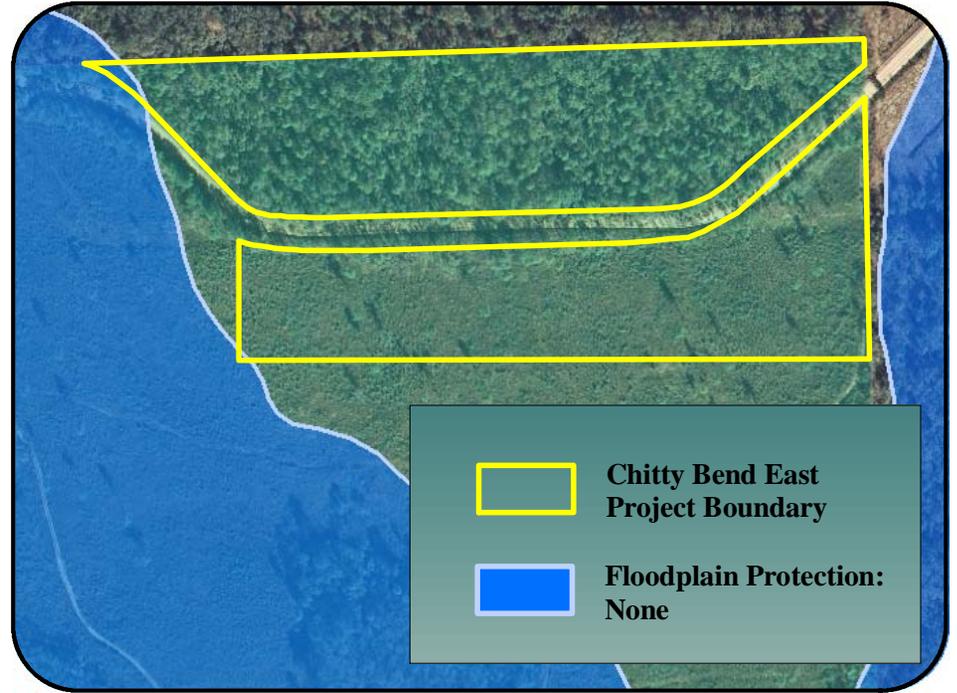
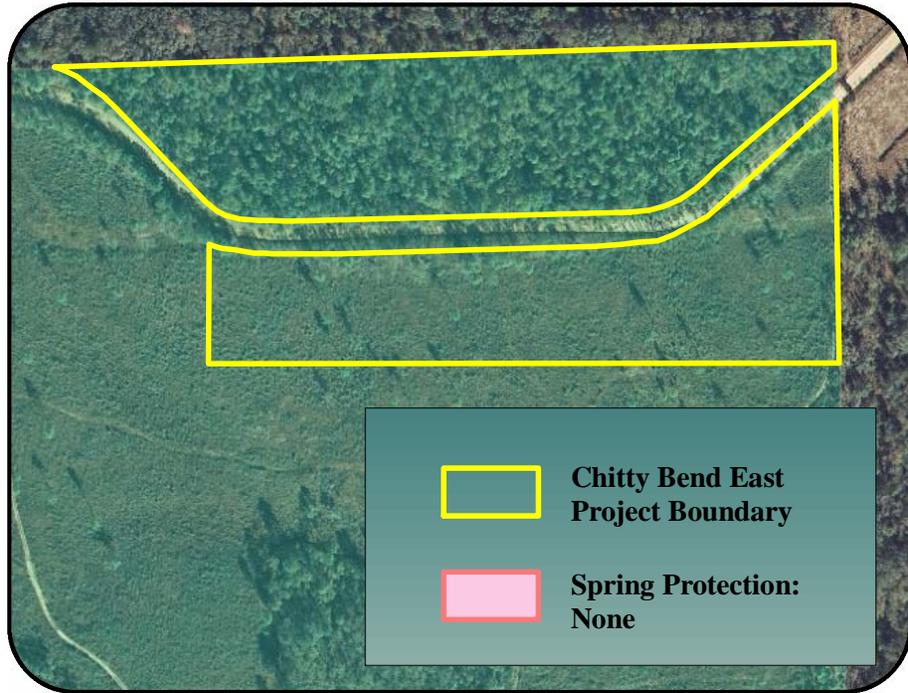
Chitty Bend East Hamilton County, FL



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Date: 05/18/2011





**SRWMD
SURPLUS PARCEL ASSESSMENT**

TRACT: Chitty Bend West

COUNTY: Madison

ACREAGE: 121 acres ±

TRACT DESCRIPTION: The Chitty Bend West parcel is entirely uplands with a power line transmission easement running through the tract. Two access easements to private individuals are also on the property. This is part of the Twin Rivers State Forest managed by the Florida Division of Forestry.

PARENT TRACT: Bought in December 1988 from Champion Realty, the 651-acre parent tract was part of a larger acquisition from Champion. The tract contains frontage on the Withlacoochee River, and associated floodplain and wetlands. This proposal represents 19% of the parent tract.

ACCESS: The property has frontage along Madison County Cottonwood Street, a county graded road.

CURRENT ZONING: Conservation

INTERESTS TO BE RETAINED: A conservation easement is recommended to protect the high recharge values of the property. A 100-foot-wide fee strip will be retained along the south line to provide SRWMD and public access to the remainder of the parent tract.

ESTIMATED TRANSACTION COSTS: Based on an estimate of \$2,800/acre for the underlying fee simple value, costs of the transaction including, but not limited to documentary stamps, title insurance, survey, road construction (\$45,000-\$50,000) and brokerage fees approximate costs are \$83,468.60.

RESOURCE REVIEW

(a) Water Resources:

- Recharge: 33% (40 acres)
- Springs Protection: 0% (0 acres)
- Surface Water Protection: 0% (0 acres)
- 100-year Floodplain: 0% (0 acres)

(b) Management Efficiency:

The District would retain a 100-foot access through the property from Cottonwood Street; however a road would need to be constructed for public and management access.

(c) Public Use:

As part of the Twin Rivers State Forest there is currently public access to the property. The proposal includes the construction of an access road for public and management purposes.

(d) Archaeological, Historical:

No Records.

Ecological Records:

Protected Plants: No Records

Protected Animals: Gopher Tortoise

Exotic Plants: No Records

Natural Communities: Mesic flatwoods 121 acres

(e) Linkage:

This parcel is on the edge of the parent tract on the west. No new acquisitions are planned in this area. The river corridor in Madison County remains protected by the remainder of the parent tract.

(f) Adverse Impact to Future Management:

Staff recommends specifically notifying potential buyers that the property is adjacent to public lands managed with prescribed fire. This notice should be placed on the deed to notify all future owners.

(g) Marketability:

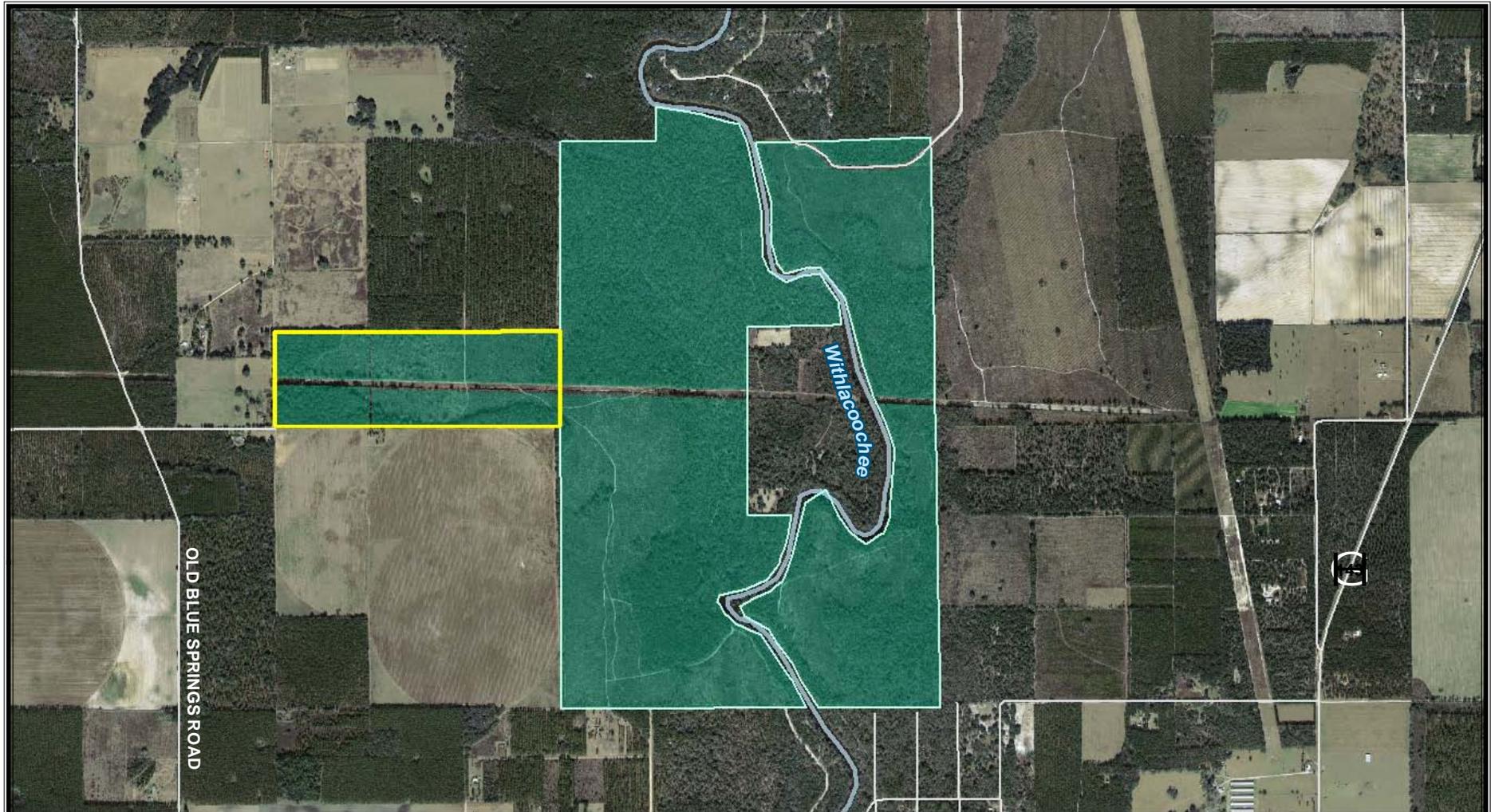
The property is presumed to be marketable on the open real estate market.

(h) Other Public Land Managers:

Public managers will be notified if the Committee approves the parcel for second hearing.

(i) Preservation 2000: Water Management Lands Trust Funds were expended in this acquisition.

ANALYSIS: The 121 acres of the Chitty Bend West parcel is within the parameters in Program Directive 2011-01 to be sold while retaining a conservation easement to protect the recharge values of the property.



-  Chitty Bend West = 121 Acres (+/-)
-  SRWMD Fee Land
-  Rivers & Streams

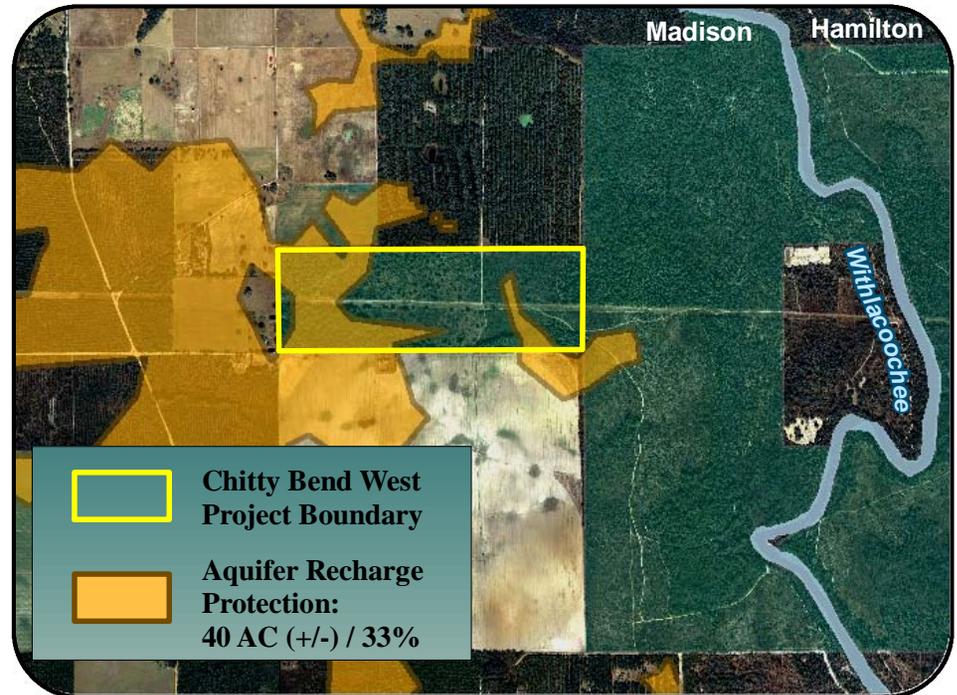
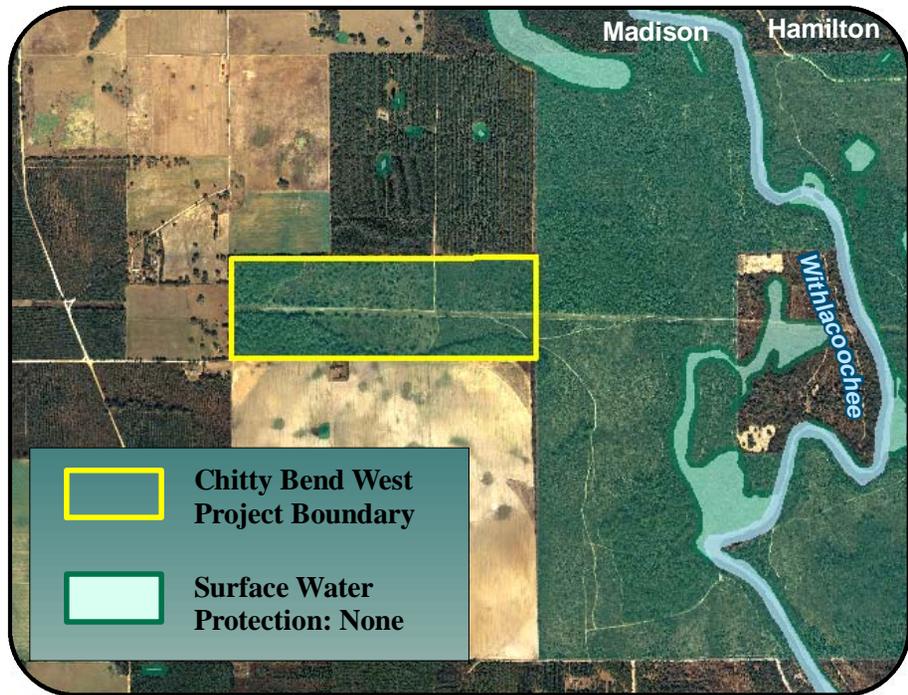
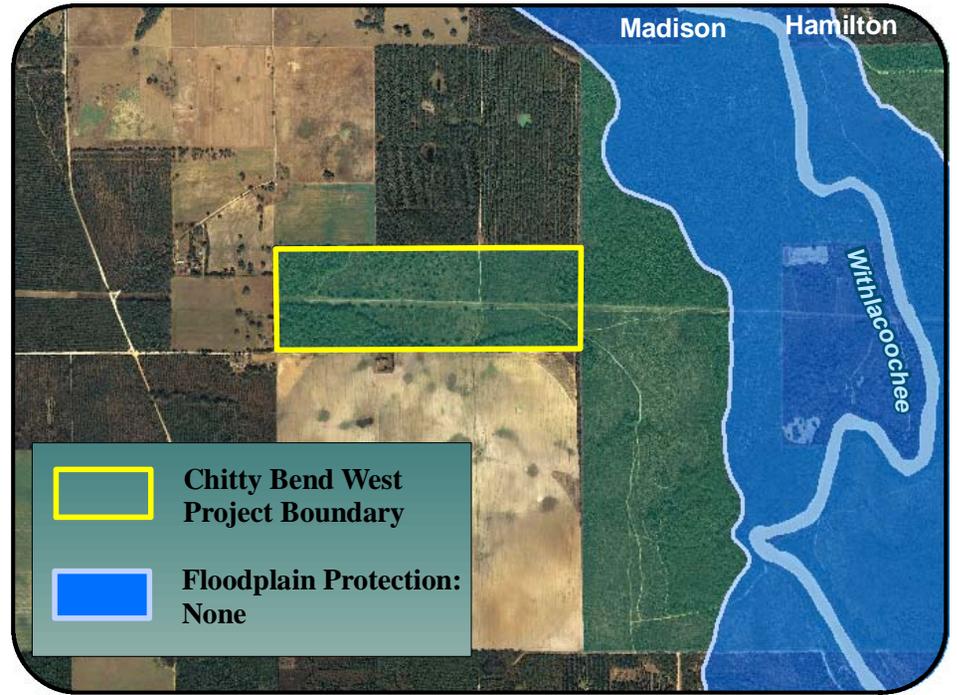
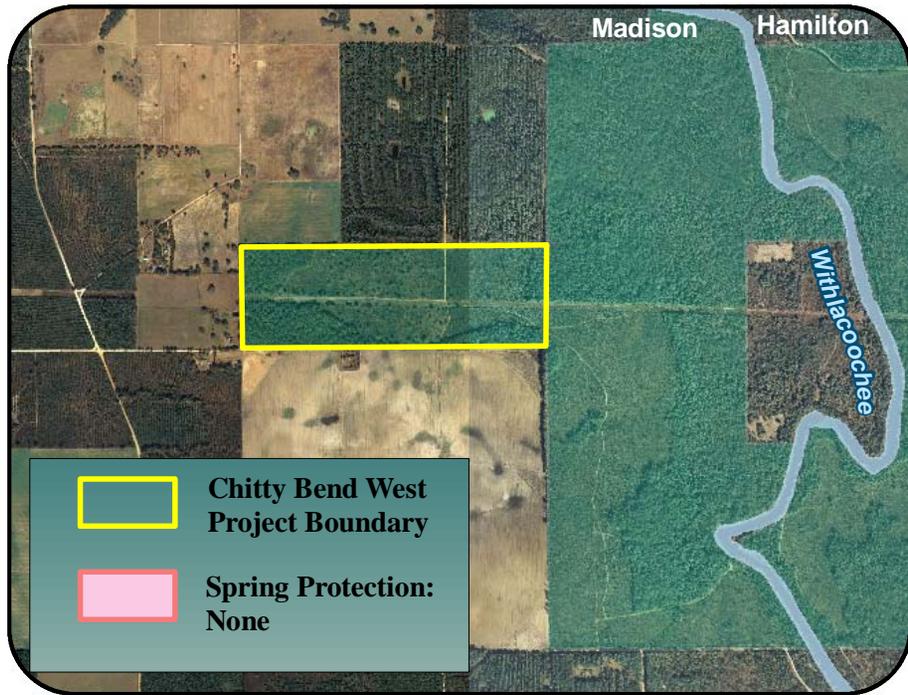


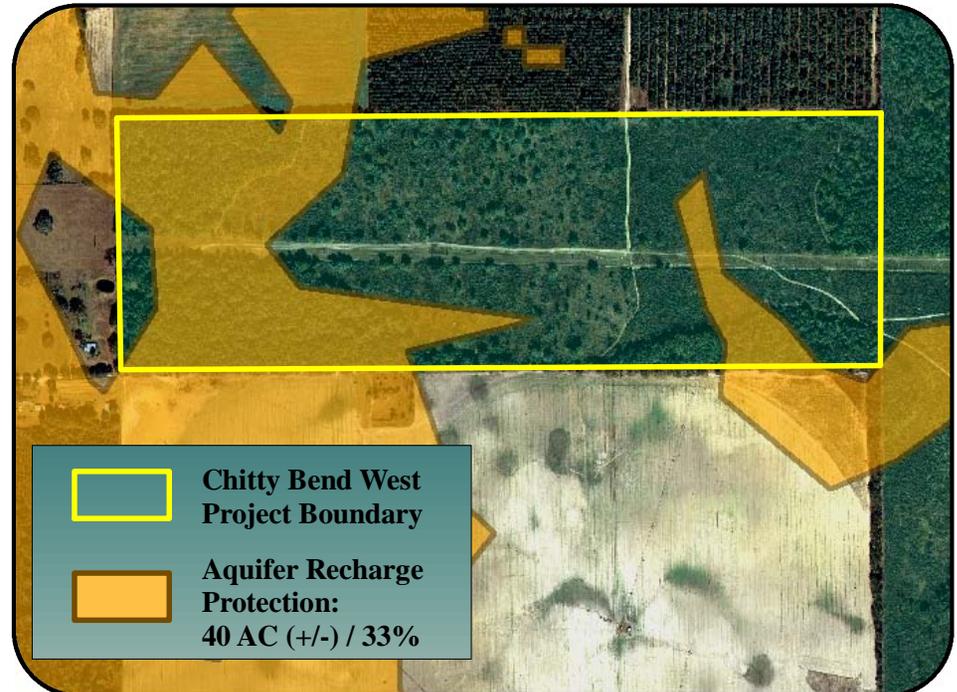
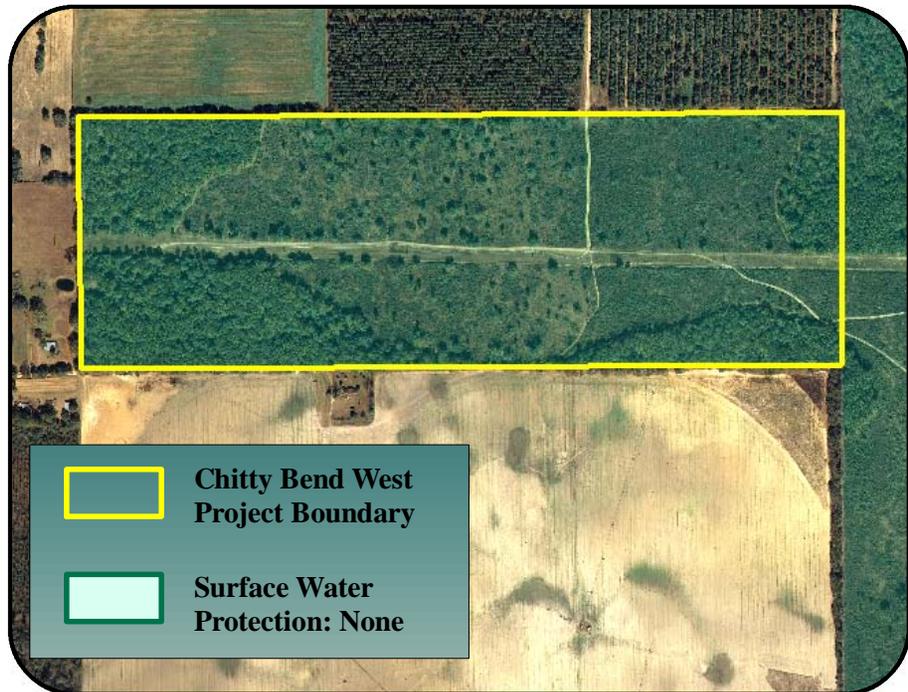
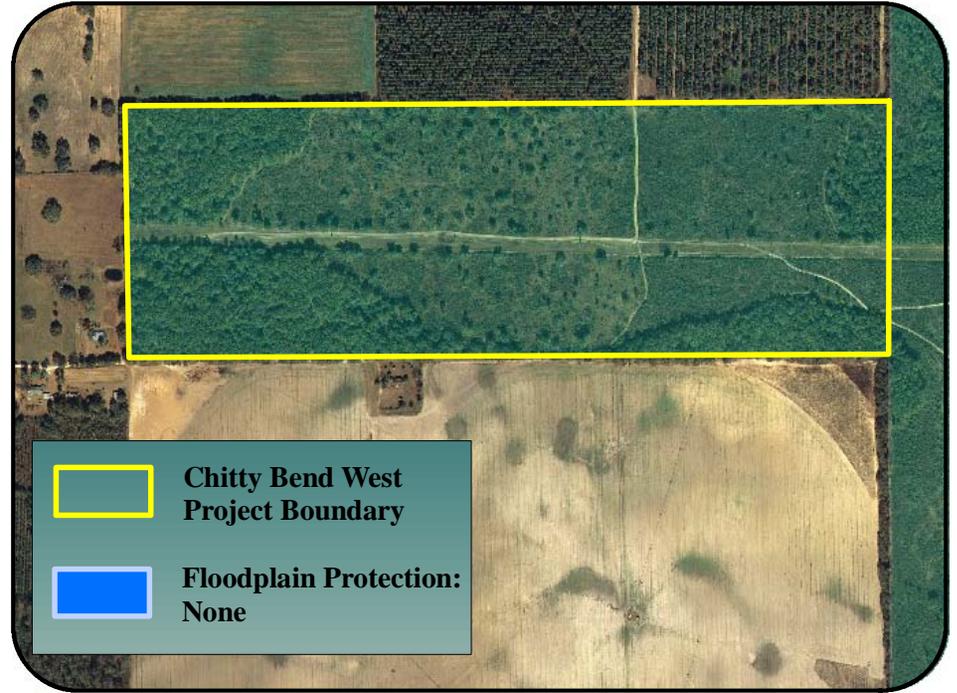
Chitty Bend West Madison County, FL



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Declaration of Surplus Lands – Alligator Lake, Buck Bay, Chiefland Well Head Protection, Cross City Well Field, Poe Springs, and Suwannee Spray Field

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Board declare surplus six parcels of District property as no longer needed for conservation purposes. In addition, it is recommended staff be authorized to begin discussions with units of local government for conveyance of said properties.

BACKGROUND

As part of the District's effort to dispose of property not needed for conservation purposes, six separate tracts have been identified for possible conveyance to units of local government. With the exception of Buck Bay, all of the parcels contain facilities already managed by the unit of local government. The municipalities currently have a lease on the respective properties. These six tracts have been examined by the Governing Board Surplus Lands Committee comprised of Carl Meece and Ray Curtis.

Tract Name	Acres +/-	County	Use	Unit of Local Government
Alligator Lake	43	Columbia	County Park	Columbia County
Buck Bay	60	Alachua	Vacant	City of Gainesville
Chiefland Well Head Protection	8	Levy	Public Well Buffer	City of Chiefland

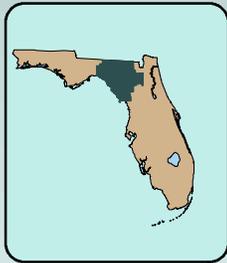
Cross City Well Field	67	Dixie	Well Field	Town of Cross City
Poe Springs	39	Alachua	County Park	Alachua County
Suwannee Spray Field	294	Dixie	Waste Water Treatment	Dixie County

At the committee's recommendation and with Governing Board authorization, staff will contact the units of local government to discuss possible acceptance of the respective properties. Following positive discussions with the units of local government, the Governing Board will have the opportunity to review and approve the recommended properties for conveyance.

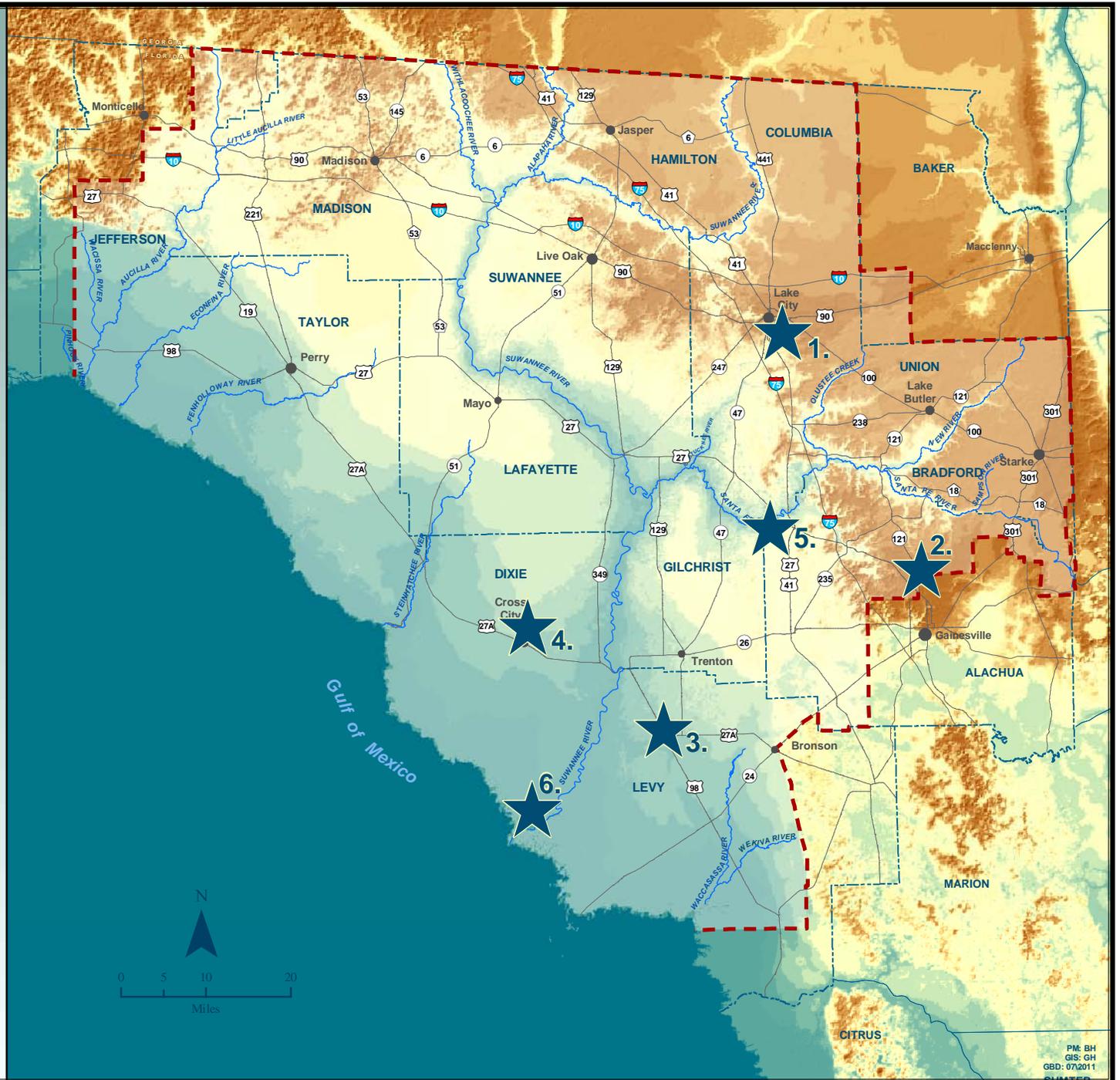
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Surplus Land

1. Alligator Lake
2. Buck Bay
3. Chiefland WHP
4. Cross City WF
5. Poe Springs
6. Suwannee SF



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Surplus Land Alligator Lake

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-  Alligator Lake
Park and
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Area



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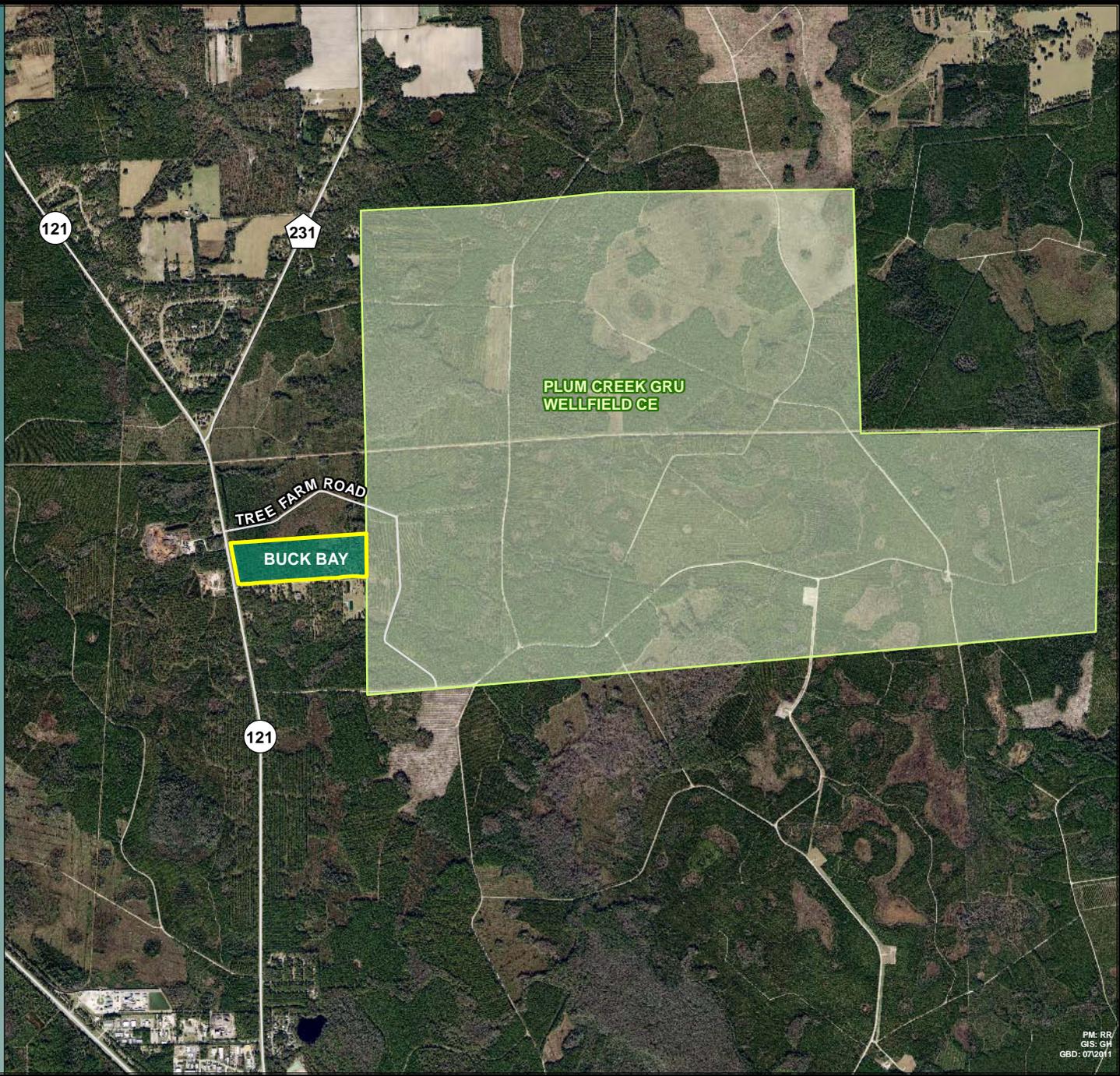
Surplus Land Buck Bay

Alachua County
Florida

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-  SRWMD Conservation Easement



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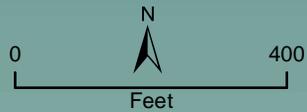


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Surplus Land Chiefland WHP

Levy County
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-  SRWMD Lands



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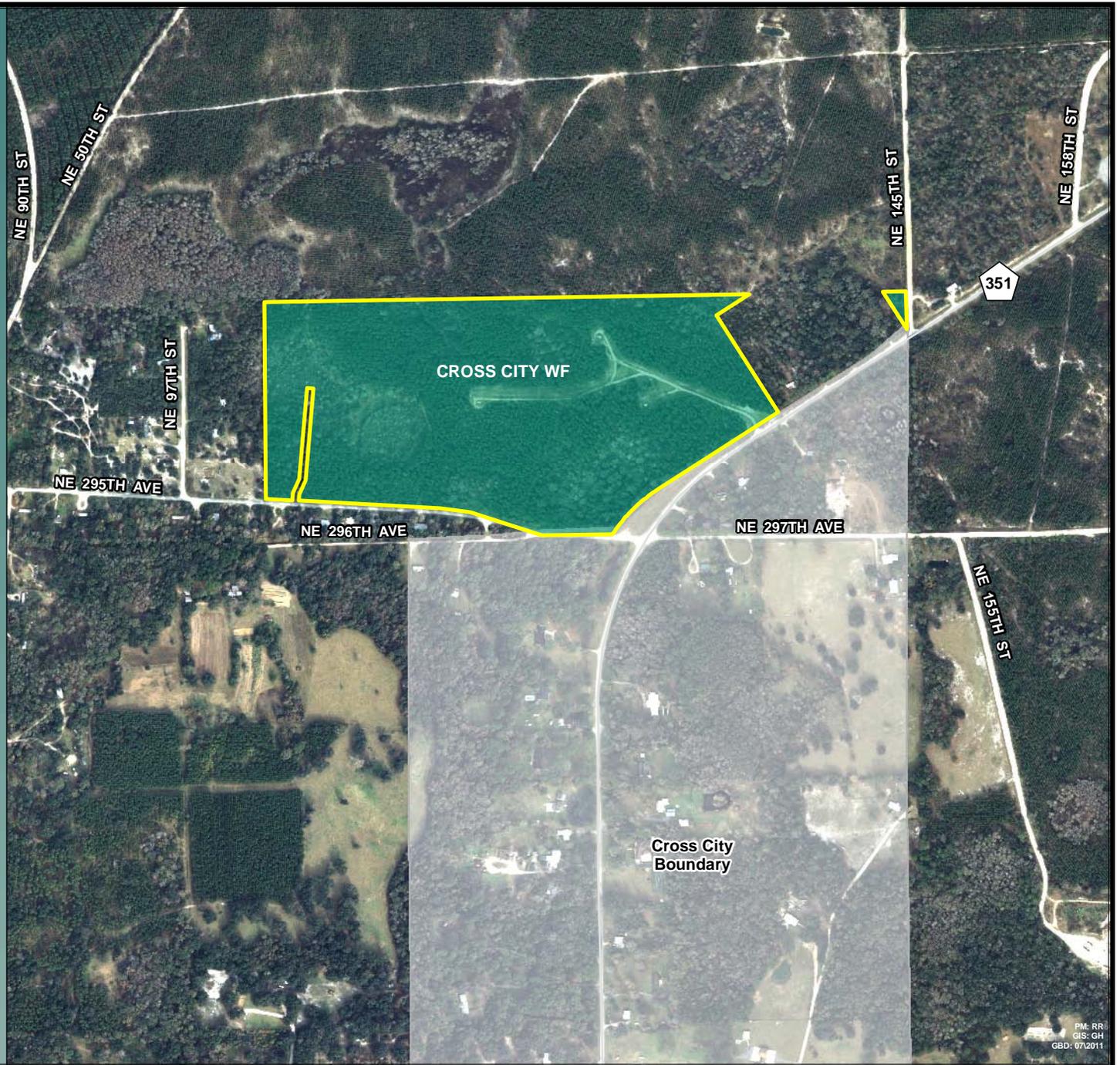
Surplus Land Cross City WF

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-  Surplus Land
-  SRWMD Lands



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**Surplus Land
Poe Springs
Alachua County
Florida**

-  Surplus Land
-  SRWMD Lands
-  Poe Springs Park
-  Poe Springs
-  Canoe Launch



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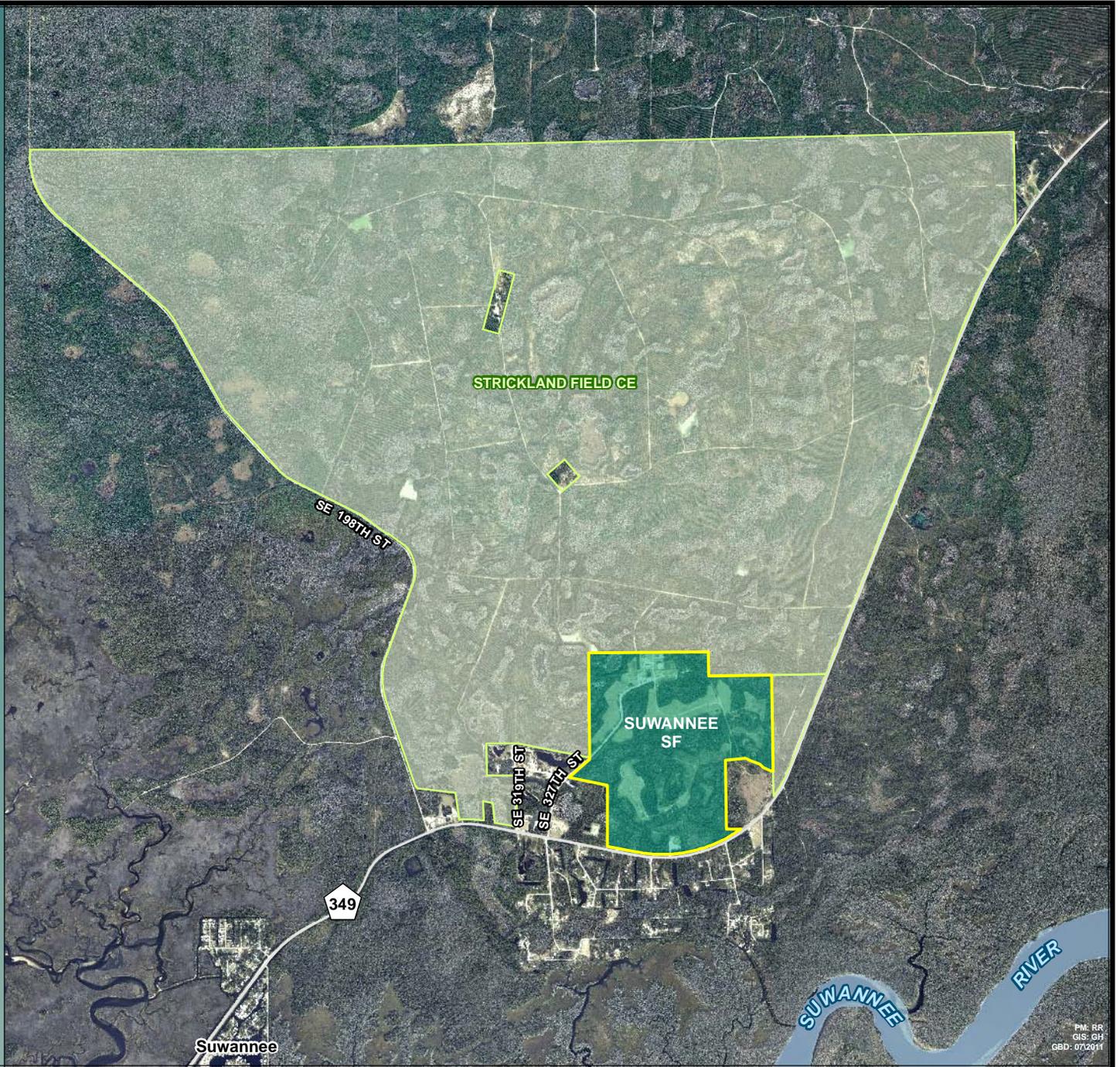
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: June 21, 2011

RE: Qualified Real Estate Appraisers and Review Appraiser List for FY 2011/2012

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests approval of the following firms for real estate appraisal services or appraisal review services for FY 2011/2012.

Appraiser Services:

Appraiser	Firm	Location
William Carlton	Carlton Appraisal Company	Tallahassee
Craig Clayton	Clayton, Roper & Marshall	Altamont Springs
Richard Hale	Hale & Brannon	Lake City
Clay Ketcham	Ketcham Appraisal Services, Inc.	Tallahassee
James Miller	Southeast Appraisal Group	Satellite Beach
Robert Nolan	The Forestry Company	Perry
Lee Pallardy, III	Lee Pallardy, Inc.	Tampa
John Robinson	Property Valuation & Consulting, Inc.	Winter Garden
Lawrence Saucer	Saucer Valuation	Lake City
Robert Sutte	Real Property Analysts	Winter Park
Tommy Tompkins	Tompkins Appraisal Group	Lake City
Tony Wallace	Natural Resource Planning Service	Gainesville

Review Appraiser Services:

Appraiser	Firm	Location
Michael Candler	Candler Appraisal Services, Inc.	Lake City
Tommy Tompkins	Tompkins Appraisal Group	Lake City
Charles Rogers	Rogers Appraisal Group	Jacksonville

BACKGROUND

To ensure a consistent level of quality in appraisals and appraisal reviews and to reduce administrative costs, the District has advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from interested appraisers. This is the third time the RFQ process has been implemented for appraisal services and the first year of requesting qualifications for review services. Mandatory pre-qualification meetings were held on April 29 and May 6, 2011.

A selection committee comprised of Charlie Houder, Joe Flanagan and Melanie Roberts met to review the submitted qualifications. After the selection committee review, a list of qualified appraisers was compiled to receive requests for proposals for appraisal services for the next fiscal year.

After discussions and negotiations, the firm chosen for review services will be contracted for each job they are chosen to perform. If negotiations are successful with Mr. Candler, he will be the primary review appraiser. If the primary review appraiser should have a conflict of interest for a particular review job, the first alternate will be contracted to conduct the review, and so forth with the second alternate.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Scott Gregor, Natural Resource Specialist
DATE: June 21, 2011
RE: Prescribed Fire Management Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the rankings developed by the Selection Committee as shown below and requests authority to negotiate with Wildlands Fire Service, Inc.; B & B Dugger, Inc.; and The Forestry Company, for Prescribed Fire Management Services on District land for Fiscal Year 2012.

BACKGROUND

Prescribed burning is a critical land management tool used to achieve goals identified in the District Land Management Plan. It is instrumental in meeting long-term vegetation management and natural plant community restoration goals as well as protecting against potential wildfire.

Five firms responded to the District's request for proposals for this service. The Selection Committee comprised of Charlie Houder, Joe Flanagan and Jon Dinges ranked the top three proposers based on their per acre rates, prescribed fire qualifications and experience, and their ability to provide turn-key services as follows:

- 1) Wildlands Fire Services
- 2) B & B Dugger
- 3) The Forestry Company.

Approximately 12,000 acres are planned for prescribed burning in FY 2012. The following two scopes of work are included in this Request for Proposals (RFP):

- 1) Approximately 10,500 acres will consist of general sites where contractors will be paid based on submitted per acre rates.
- 2) Approximately 1,500 acres will consist of small, complex, or smoke sensitive sites where contractors will be asked to submit not to exceed quotes for individual SRWMD Work Orders. These quotes will be based on submitted hourly rates for personnel and equipment. If the quote is reasonable, staff will award the work order to the firm with the lowest quote. Depending on the outcome of these individual quotes, contractors have the ability to receive all or none of this work. This Work Order system will allow staff to maintain budgetary control over the total cost of each work order.

Staff will negotiate with these firms to maximize the acres that can be prescribed burned within the FY 2012 budget. The proposed FY 2012 budget for prescribed fire services and firelines is \$600,000.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Beau Willsey, Environmental Scientist
DATE: June 23, 2011
RE: Agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Natural
Community Restoration at the Withlacoochee Quail Farm Tract

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board enter into an agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and accept a \$75,000 cooperative agreement grant for natural community restoration at the Withlacoochee Quail Farm Tract.

BACKGROUND

Although it is 65% within the 100-year floodplain, the Withlacoochee Quail Farm Tract is a predominately upland pine forest natural community. Of the 620 acres of upland pine forest within the project area, only 35% contains groundcover resources and fine fuels sufficient to manage the community with fire. The remainder of the community's structure has been altered extensively due to lack of frequent fire and subsequent overgrowth of various oak species.

District land managers have prescribed and partially completed oak removal and control to prepare the tract for reforestation during the FY 2013 planting season. Should the District enter into a cooperative agreement with the USFWS under the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the funds spent by the District to prepare the natural community for reforestation will be matched by the USFWS to fund native groundcover reestablishment. This project will achieve multiple resource protection objectives that are detailed within the District Land Management Plan.

The maximum amount awarded to the District for this cooperative project is \$75,000.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry Demott, Sr. Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Activity Report, Land Acquisition

With the exception of three projects, all land acquisition activity has been suspended. Letters were sent to landowners or landowners' agents informing them of the District's actions.

Property closing took place on the Dennis and Roberta Andrews parcels on June 15. Closing on the Dennis, Kelby and Miles Andrews parcels is expected to occur by June 30, 2011.

Work is continuing on acquisition of the Layman Law Firm/Walker Springs property in Jefferson County and the Slezak Trust/Holton Creek Addition in Hamilton County.

The attached report summarized the status of current surplus activities for the preceding month. Staff will be prepared to address any tracts of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss at the July 12, 2011 Governing Board meeting.

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SURPLUS LANDS

Group #	Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price
1	Bay Creek South	46	Columbia	02/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee \$123,750
1	Bay Creek North	24	Columbia	02/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee \$60,720
1	Owens Spring	77	Lafayette	03/1999	P2000	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee \$277,200
1	Westwood West	320	Madison	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Sale of the 320-acre Westwoods West surplus tract to Herring Farms Inc. occurred April 7, 2011.
1	Blue Sink	79	Suwannee	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee entire parcel \$281,600 40-acre parcels \$154,000
1	Levings	69	Columbia	02/1998	WMLTF	6/14/2010	5/11/2011	Fee \$135,860
2	Jennings Bluff	70	Hamilton	02/1989	WMLTF	7/30/2010	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$215,600
2	Adams South	60	Lafayette	05/1990	WMLTF	7/30/2010	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$191,400
3	Hunter Creek	120	Hamilton	09/2002	P2000		11/18/2010	Fee (3 parcels) \$343,200 Conservation Easement (3 parcels) \$243,100

Group #	Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price
3	Santa Fe Oasis	110	Gilchrist	06/1995	P2000	8/27/2010		Leased to FWC
3	Steinhatchee Rise	42	Dixie	02/1996	P2000	8/27/2010	11/18/2010	Fee entire tract \$126,940 Conservation easement \$97,020
3	Timber River	1	Madison	03/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	11/18/2010	Fee entire tract \$10,780
3	Falmouth North (8 lots)	6	Suwannee	04/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	11/18/2010	Fee entire tract (8 lots \$52,030
4	Wolf Creek	30	Jefferson	05/2009	Florida Forever	in progress		
4	Withlacoochee Quail Farm	65	Madison	09/2006	Florida Forever	in progress		
4	Woods Ferry	29	Suwannee	12/1988	WMLTF	in progress		
4	Cuba Bay	22	Jefferson	02/1996	P2000	in progress		
5	Perry Spray Field	248	Taylor	9/2001	WMLTF	pending approval July		
5	Chitty Bend East	20	Hamilton	12/1988	WMLTF	pending approval July		
5	Chitty Bend West	121	Madison	12/1988	WMLTF	pending approval July		

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: June 23, 2011
SUBJECT: Land Management Activity Report

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Six conservation easement properties were inspected in the past month. All of the properties were in compliance with the original terms of the easement document. The inspections included:

CE Tract	County
Plantation at Deep Creek	Columbia
Foster	Jefferson
City of Newberry Well Field	Alachua
Plum Creek Gainesville Well Field	Alachua
Plum Creek Waccasassa Bay	Levy
Plum Creek Suwannee Swamp & Oak Hammock	Levy

Florida Gateway College (formerly Lake City Community College) has applied for and anticipates receipt of a \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation for improvements to the college’s Sustainable Florida Project. This project involves property owned by the District and adjacent to the college. A meeting and short tour was conducted June 8 with District staff participation.

Preservation consultant Marsha Chance completed an archeological survey to identify high and low probability zones for cultural resources on lands newly acquired by the District.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Repairs have been completed on Sandy Grade and the access road to the Land tract in Mallory Swamp. The public access road into the Owen Springs Tract and the road to the Adams Tract River Camp have also been repaired.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Rare species monitoring has been conducted on District lands as follows:

- 8 tracts for the presence of Angle Pod (*Gonolobus suberosus*; Threatened).
- 1 tract for presence of Florida Spiny Pod (*Matelea floridana*; Endangered).

- 7 historic wading bird rookeries located on District tracts were monitored for activity.

District lands were monitored for the presence of invasive weeds. Control methods were applied to active infestations of Chinaberry, Japanese Climbing Fern, Mimosa, Chinese Tallow and Elephant Ear.

Prescribed Fire

Summary Table FY 2011

	2011 Target Acres	Acres Complete
SRWMD	8,500	8,734
DOF TRSF	2,000	1,416
TOTAL	10,500	10,150

Contractors conducting prescribed burns on Suwannee River Water Management District (District) lands this year include B&B Dugger (B&BD), Natural Resources Planning Service (NRPS), The Forestry Company (TFC) and Wildland Fire Services (WFS). Also included are the acres the Florida Division of Forestry burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (DOF TRSF). The Florida Division of Forestry (DOF COOP) will also provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and Twin Rivers State Forest.

Activity Table (May 2011)

TRACT	COUNTY	WFS	NRPS	TFC	B&BD	DOF COOP	DOF TRSF	Total Acres	Total Wildfire Acres
Steinhatchee Falls	Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Sub-total for Period</i>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Previous Acres Burned</i>		3,803	844	2,381	1,706	0	1,416	10,150	95
Total Acres		3,803	844	2,381	1,706	0	1,416	10,150	99

Weather conditions continued to stay excessively hot and dry during the report period. To limit stress and potential mortality on pine trees and to also limit the chance of fires escaping while burning conditions were volatile, no burning activities were conducted. Growing season burns are expected to continue when the summer thunderstorm season begins in June/July.

One wildfire occurred on District land during the report period. It was located on the Steinhatchee Falls tract in Taylor County and was approximately four acres. The cause of the fire is still currently under investigation. Florida Division of

Forestry plowed out the fire and monitored it until it was declared out at the end of May. Fireline rehabilitation work is scheduled for mid-June.

June 15 wildfire update: Two additional wildfires have occurred since the activity table was completed. Six to eight acres burned in Steinhatchee Springs. An estimated 90% or approximately 5,500 acres of District land in Santa Fe Swamp has burned. This is the third major wildfire event at Santa Fe Swamp since 2004. Both fires were started by lightning strikes.

Timber Sales

Contract #	Fiscal Year	Timber Sale Name	Consultant	Sale Date	Estimated Tons	Harvest Completion
09/10-022	2010	Steinhatchee #3	TFC	11/30/2009	21,603	90%
09/10-044	2010	Alapahoochee #1	NRPS	2/5/2010	2,090	100%
09/10-051	2010	Steinhatchee #4	TFC	3/3/2010	8,923	100%
09/10-070	2010	Steinhatchee #5	TFC	4/23/2010	13,728	100%
09/10-085	2010	Westwoods #2	DOF/TRSF	6/7/2010	24,479	70%
09/10-128	2010	Black Tract #2	DOF/TRSF	7/20/2010	3,530	100%
09/10-129	2010	Steinhatchee #7	TFC	7/23/2010	12,007	100%
09/10-137	2010	Steinhatchee #6	TFC	8/20/2010	13,919	100%
10/11-038	2011	Owens Springs #1	NRPS	12/16/2010	9,930	50%
10/11-115	2011	Steinhatchee #8	TFC	5/11/2011	4,376	20%
10/11-116	2011	Jones Mill Creek #1	TFC	pending	29,690	
10/11-117	2011	Little River #3	NRPS	pending	2,500	
10/11-118	2011	Levings #3	NRPS	4/29/2011	2,820	0%
10/11-119	2011	Sullivan #1	DOF/TRSF	pending	6,574	
10/11-120	2011	Ellaville #13	DOF/TRSF	pending	7,905	

PUBLIC RECREATION SERVICES

A Boy Scout Eagle Project has been completed on District lands. As part of this project, Clint Brown marked bicycle trails on the Little Shoals and Falling Creek Tracts.

A presentation was made by District Staff as part of a tour of local springs conducted by the Advent Christian Village.

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

Recreation	Temporary Ingress & Egress	Mallory Swamp ATV Trail	RO Ranch	Goose Pasture Camping ¹	Other	Total
40	2		16	17		75

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