

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Roary E. Snider, Esq., Chief of Staff

DATE: April 3, 2017

RE: Authorization for Executive Director to Enter into a Contract to Purchase the Ware Forest Tract, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County and further Authorizing the Executive Director of the District, the Governing Board Attorney and all Other Officers and Employees of the District to do all things Necessary to Complete the Acquisition.

## RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract to purchase the Ware Forest Tract, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County from Ware Forest, LLC, its successors or assigns for an amount not to exceed \$244,800.00.**

## BACKGROUND

At its December 8, 2015 meeting, the Governing Board approved the staff recommendation to conduct detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Ware Forest, LLC, ("Ware Forest") concerning the District's possible purchase of the Ware Forest Tract, 160 +/- acres in Jefferson County, Florida (the "Ware Forest Tract").

The District has declared the Aucilla River corridor to be an area of interest for land acquisition to protect the unique characteristics of the region. As presented to the Board at the December 2015 meeting, the Ware Forest Tract provides both protection of sensitive riverine and cypress communities, as well as providing connectivity between adjacent District-owned parcels and conservation easements.

As part of the District's focus on the Aucilla River corridor, the Board provided staff with the authority to assess properties within the corridor for potential acquisition, in an effort to develop partnerships for potential acquisitions. In furtherance of this goal, the staff requests that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into an agreement pursuant to Section 373.129(3)(a), Florida Statutes with any potential acquisition partner concerning the Ware Forest Tract so that the District can share its appraisal information with potential partners. Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract to purchase the Ware Forest Tract, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County from Ware Forest, LLC, its successors or assigns for an amount not to exceed \$244,800.00.

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November 3, 2015

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Resolution No. 2015 - 051915 - 01

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ADOPTED by the JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk of Court

# City of Monticello

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c/o Ms. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director  
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RE: Monticello City Council Resolution 2015-08

**Gerrold Austin**  
Group 5, Vice-Mayor

Dear Members:

**Emily Anderson**  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution 2015-08 adopted by the Monticello City Council on May 5, 2015 regarding a threat from proposed cutting of old-growth cypress in or near the Aucilla River in Jefferson County, Florida.

**Steve Wingate**  
City Manager

If I can be of any assistance or provide further information on behalf of the Monticello City Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Emily Anderson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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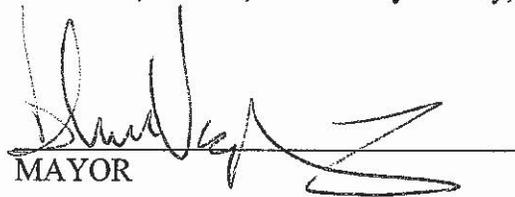
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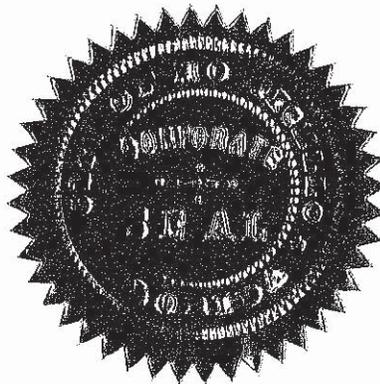
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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, this 5th day of May, 2015.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK



**From:** Julie Conley [<mailto:jcedc@embarqmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** 'Thomas, Hill'  
**Cc:** 'Arogeti, Jonathan'  
**Subject:** Jefferson County / Aucilla River issues

Thomas:

As you know, I spoke with Jonathan yesterday regarding the Aucilla River and concerns over the proposed harvesting of old growth cypress at the river's edge. The subject parcels are owned by Ware Forest, Inc., a Georgia corporation. It is our understanding that Ware has a contract to supply cypress timber to a log home manufacturer in the Valdosta area, and intends to harvest timber from the Aucilla tracts to fulfill the contract.

To see the proximity of the parcels to the Aucilla River, and to understand our concerns relating to wetland and surface water impacts and wildlife and ecosystem protection, please go to the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's website [www.jeffersonpa.net](http://www.jeffersonpa.net) and do a record search for the following parcels:

15-2N-6E-0000-0020-0000  
10-2N-6E-0000-0020-0000

Also note that Ware Forest, Inc., lacks legal access to the parcels. However, an individual purporting to represent the company has begun negotiations (or, at least, conversations) with property owners in the Aucilla Shores neighborhood, in an attempt to gain access. The Neighborhood Association has not made a decision on granting access, use and repair of their private road system, etc.

In the event Ware is successful in acquiring access and, in fact, intends to harvest the timber, we want to make certain the operation is fully permitted and performed pursuant to Florida DEP, Water Management District and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers standards.

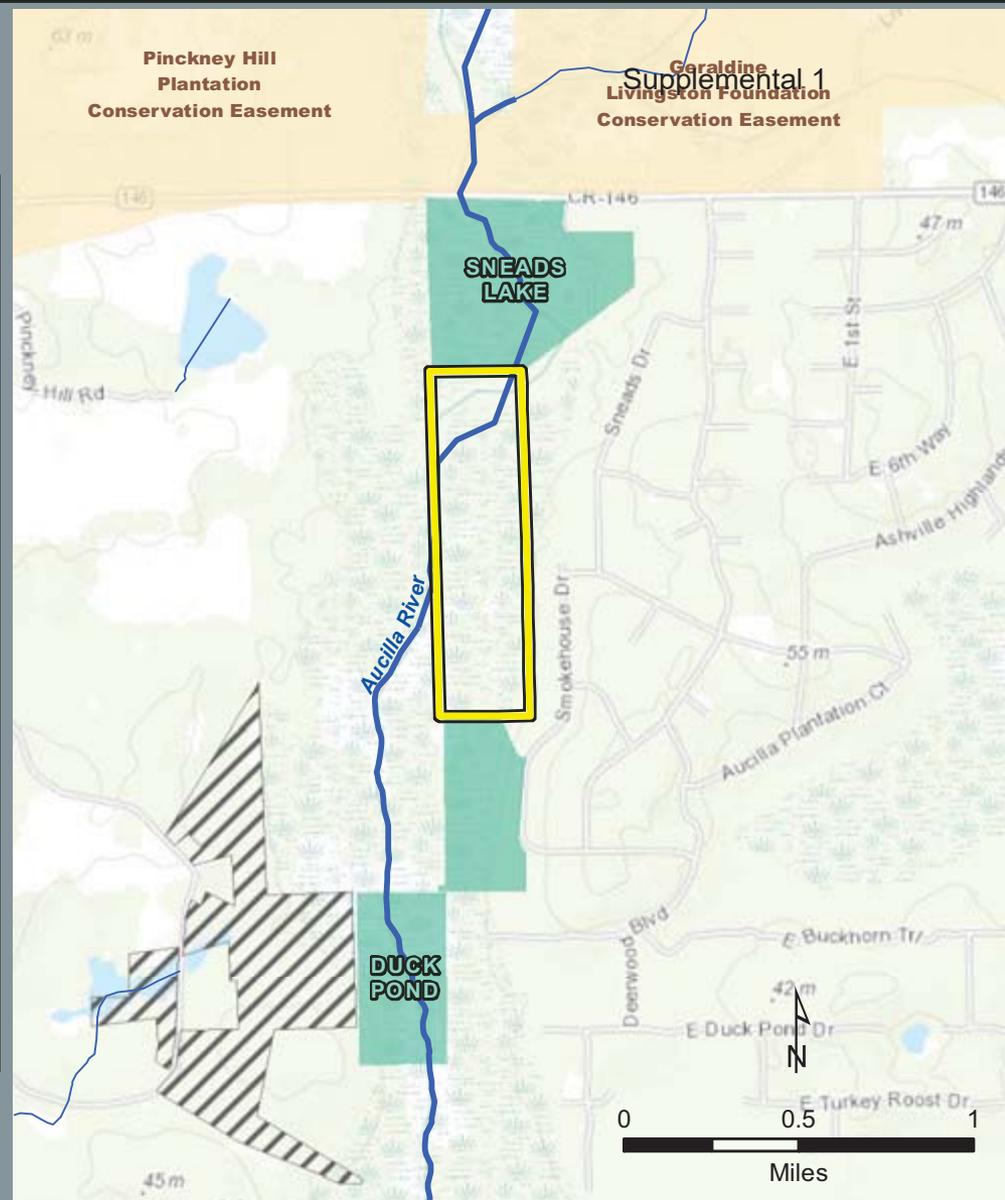
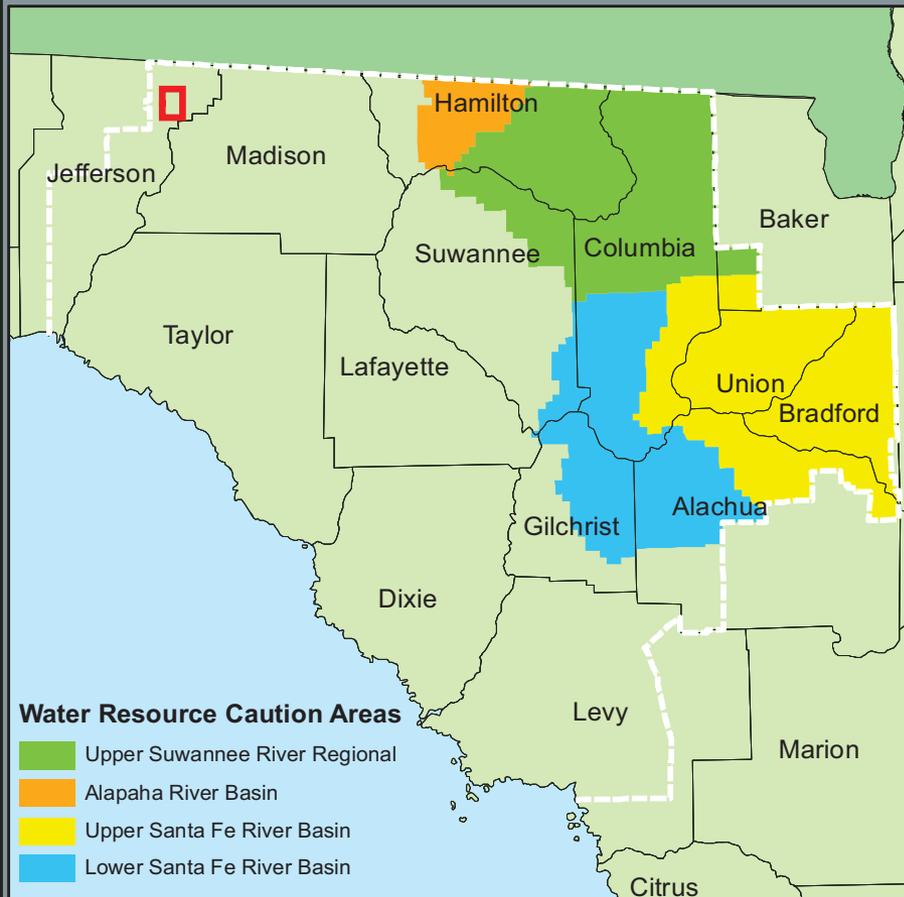
A group of local citizens has recently formed a non-profit corporation in an effort to raise awareness of this and other issues relating to preservation of our river systems. The group is known as the Aucilla/Wacissa Riverkeeper, Inc., and I am writing this on their behalf. However, I also have a strong interest in this issue as the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Economic Development Council, which considers eco-tourism one of the targeted industry sectors in our community. Additionally, I am an elected official with the City of Monticello and represent the City on the Tourist Development Council.

There are others in our community who can provide additional information about this matter and would be glad to discuss it with you further. For now, we just want to make you, and others in Congresswoman Graham's office, aware of the situation, and ask for your suggestions on making sure the integrity of this environmentally sensitive area is preserved. Interested parties, including other land owners, are trying to find an amicable resolution that would avoid the harvesting of cypress, and we will keep you advised.

Thank you for your help on this issue, and for all you do for the people of the 2nd Congressional District. Please give my regards to Congresswoman Graham.

Julie S. Conley, Executive Director  
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492 West Walnut Street  
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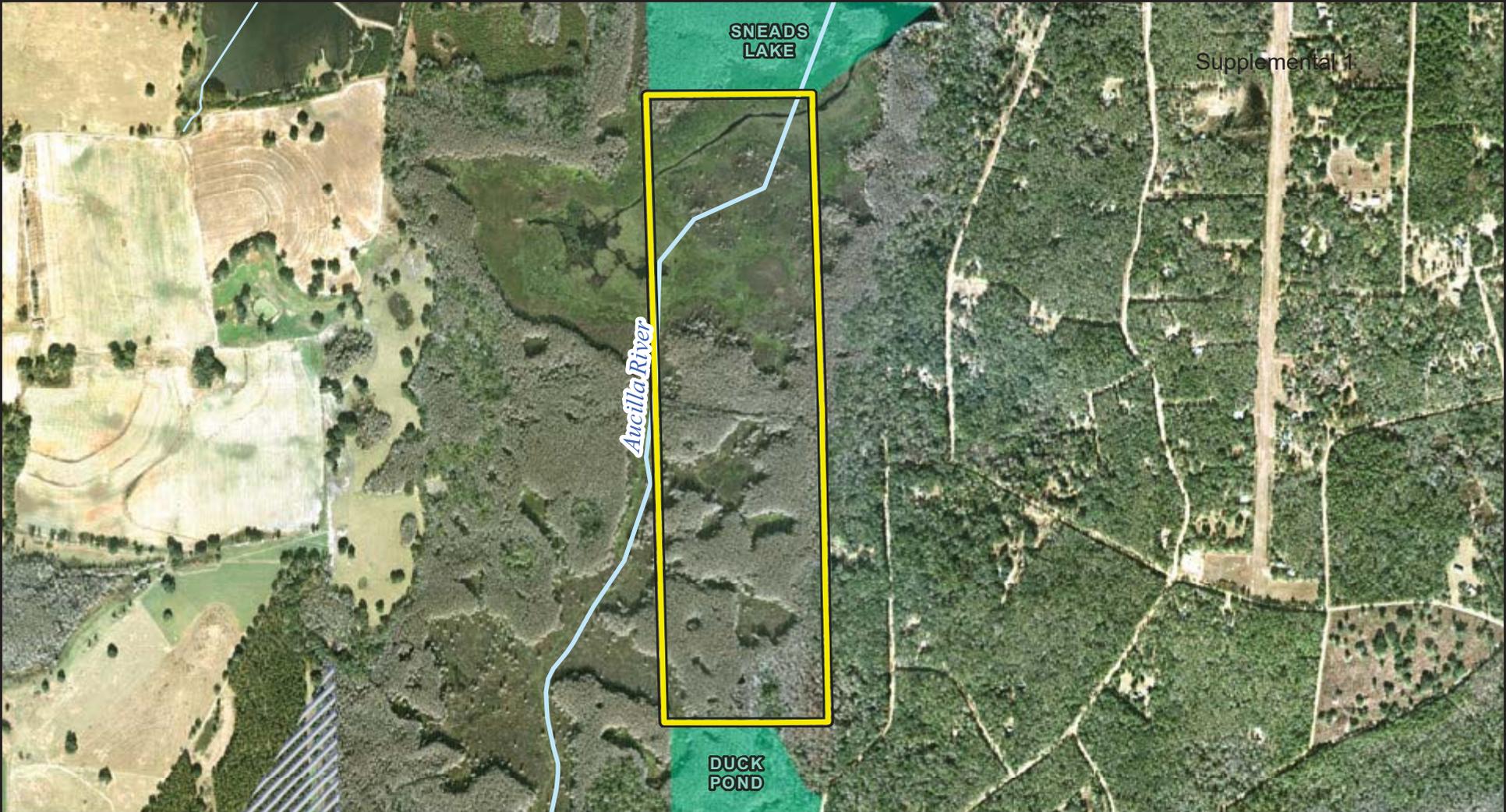
# Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Location Map



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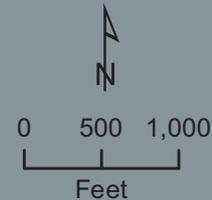
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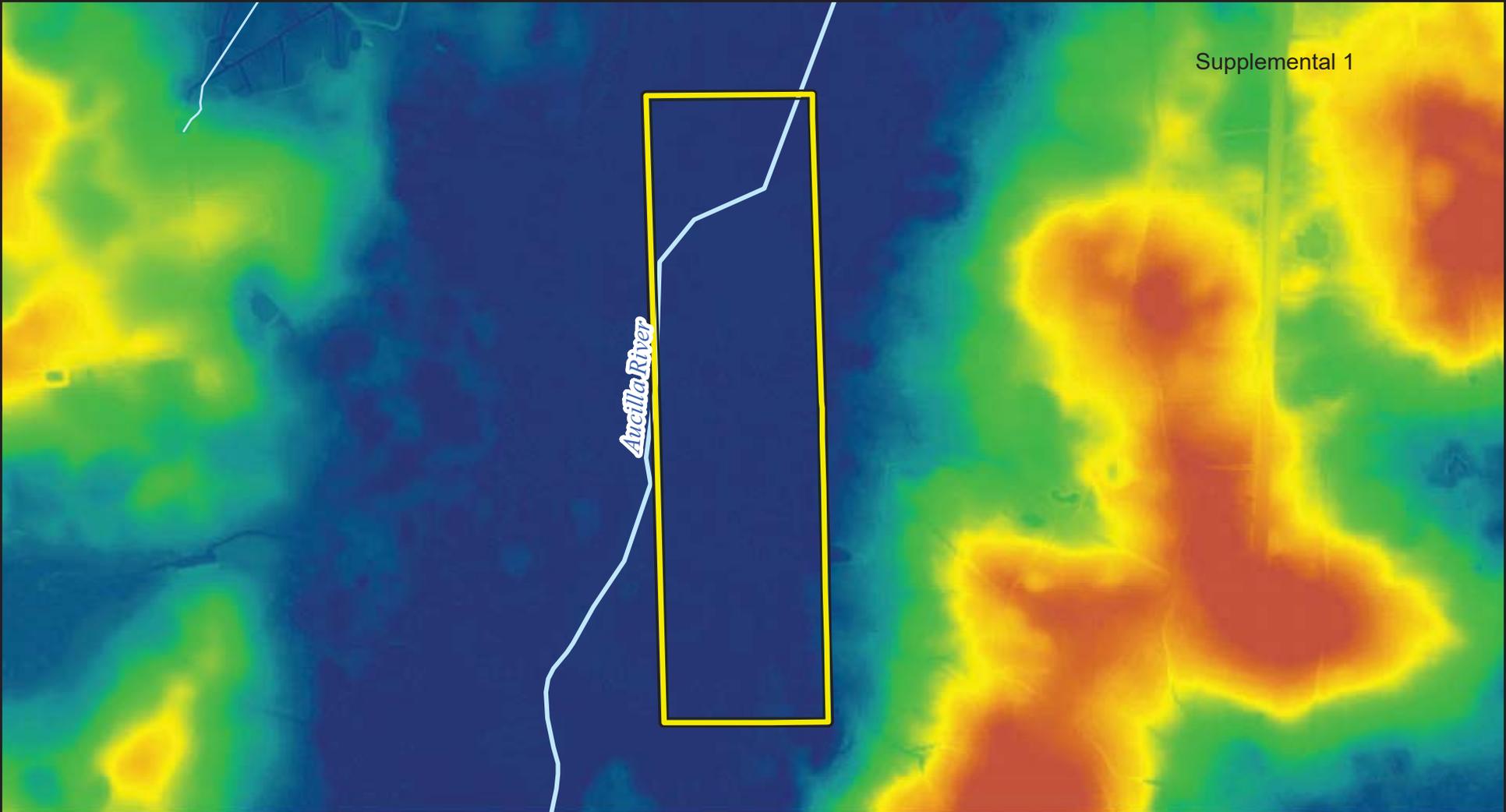


### Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Property Overview

-  Project Boundary - 160 acres +/-
-  Rivers and Streams
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  State Proposed Acquisitions



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Aucilla River

 Project Boundary

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Land Surface Elevation

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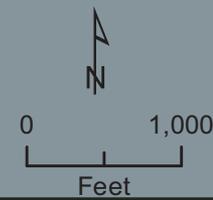
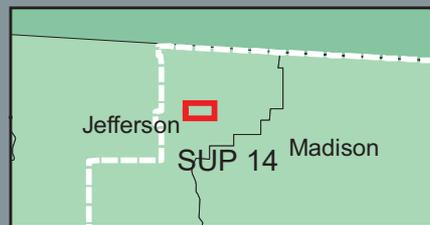


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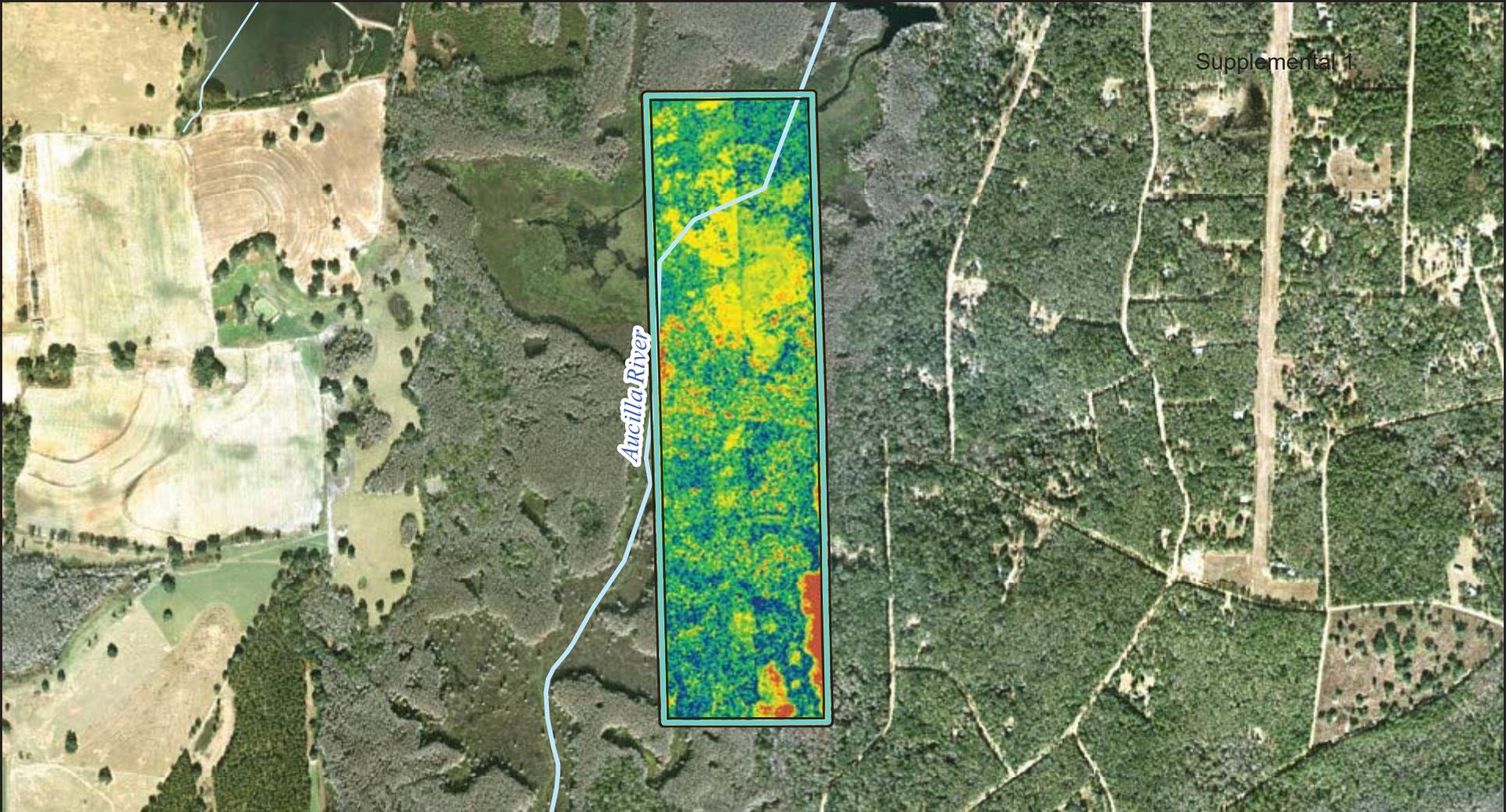
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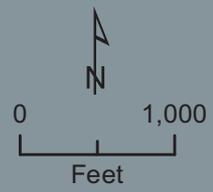
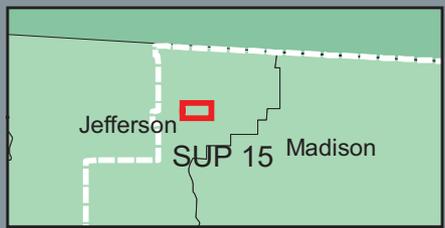
Aucilla River

-  Project Boundary
-  Rivers and Streams
- Land Surface Elevation
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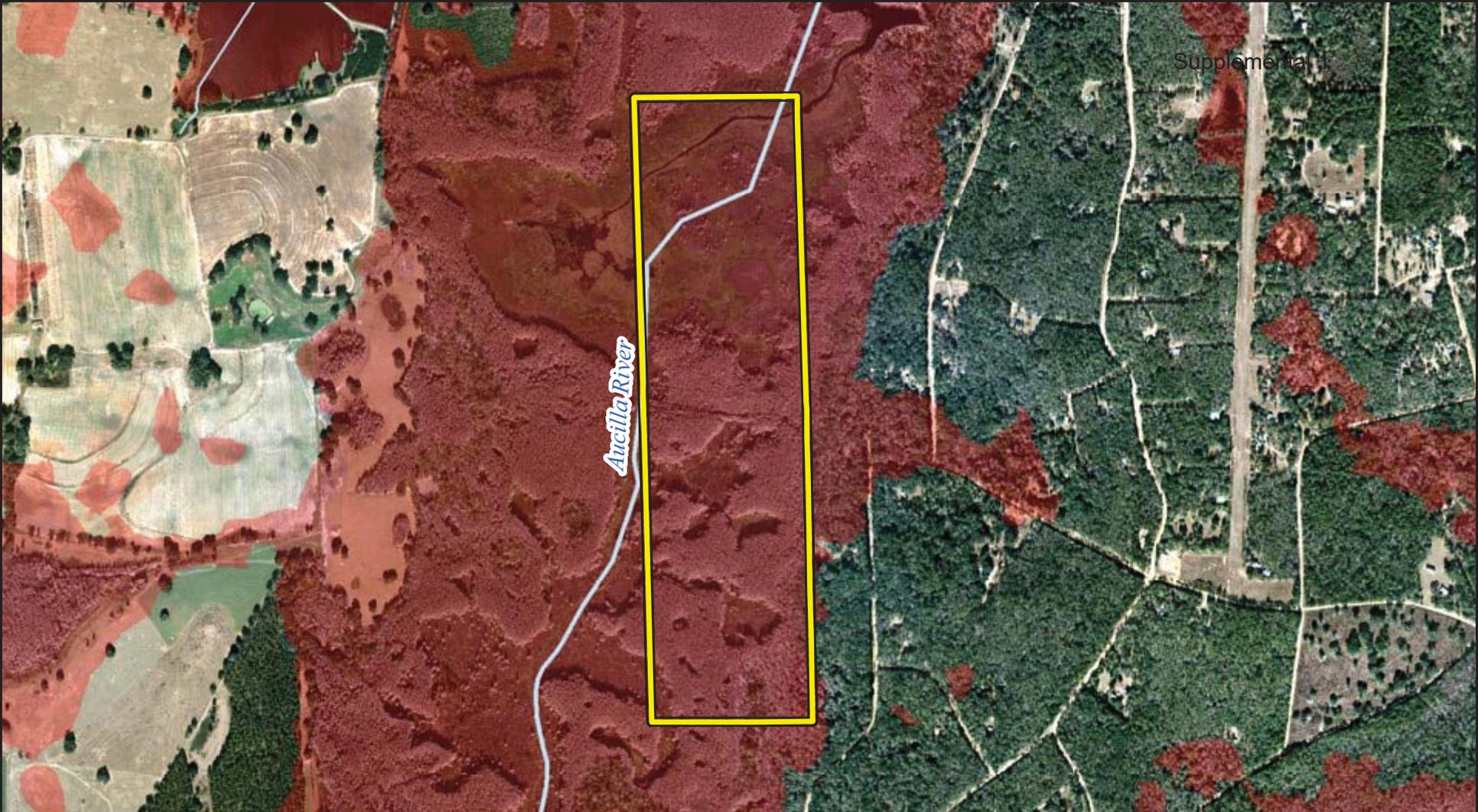
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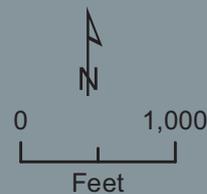
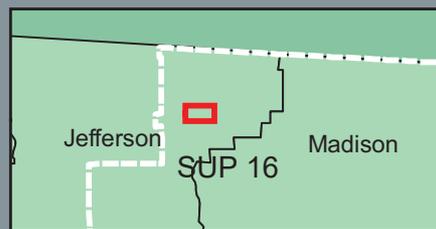


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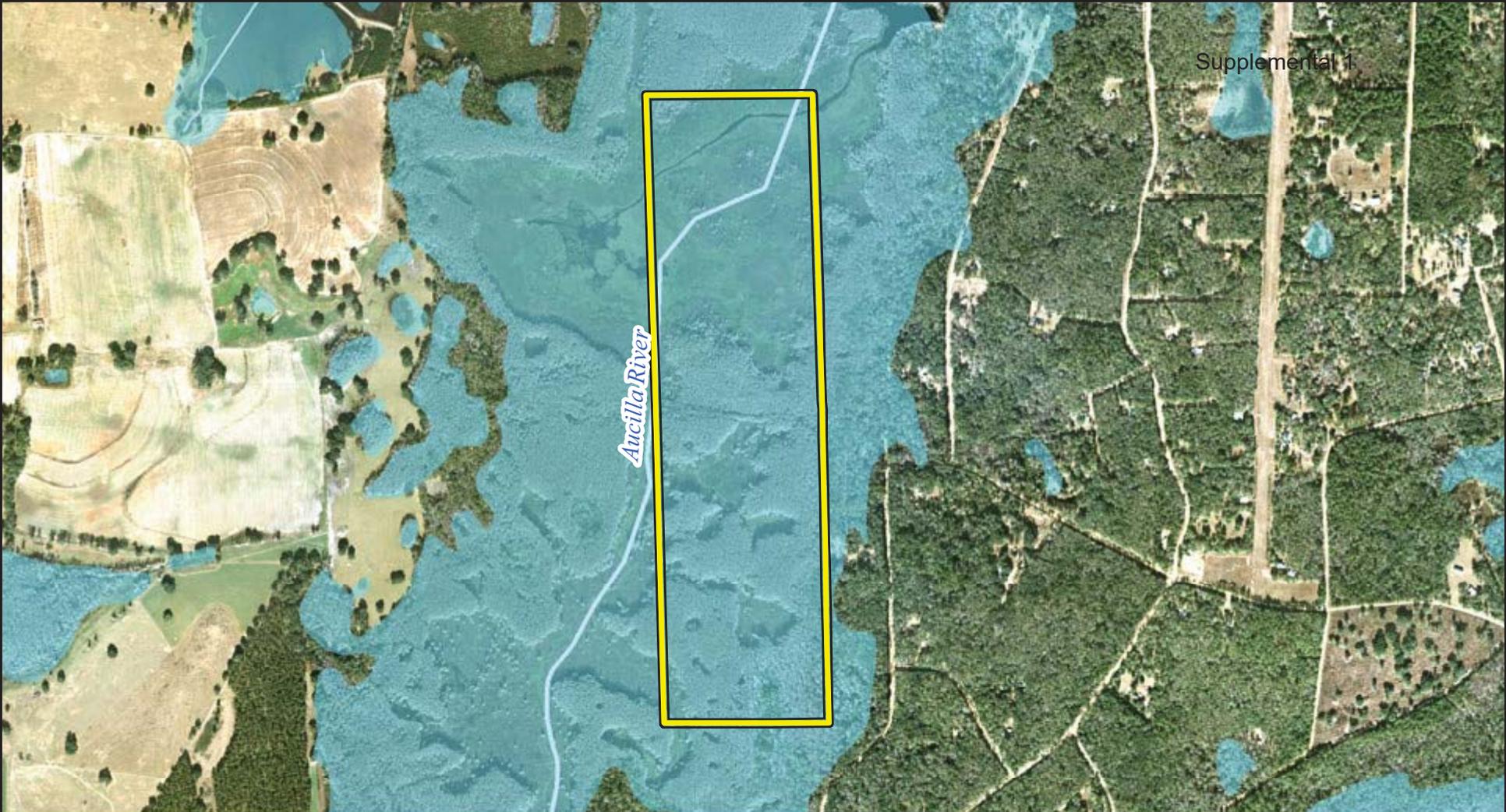


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-  Project Boundary
-  Floodplain Protection - 100%
-  Rivers and Streams



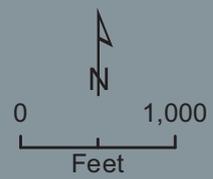
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WHEREAS, the trees proposed for removal are not part of a planted, upland, managed forest, with a relatively short growth cycle, but, instead, are naturally occurring, many located within the River itself, this portion of the Aucilla being extremely wide and vegetated with cypress and related flora;

WHEREAS, it is hard to imagine any action of the District that would be more in fulfillment of its mission and duty than the prevention of the removal of cypress from the River and its adjacent environs, and the resulting maintenance of the integrity of this marvelous riverine ecosystem;

WHEREAS, there is a very strong position that the area proposed for cypress removal maybe under the control by the people of the State of Florida as sovereign land, lying below the ordinary high water line of the Aucilla River, and thus already not available for cypress removal by special, private interests;

WHEREAS, the people of Florida, via the recent adoption of Amendment 1 to the State Constitution (the supreme law of the State), have clearly spoken to dedicate substantial funds to the acquisition and preservation of environmentally sensitive and recreational lands;

WHEREAS, there is no better opportunity to use such funds, or other funds available to the District, than the opportunity presented by this proposed removal of Aucilla River cypress; and

WHEREAS, conservation groups, environmental groups, citizen groups, and individual citizens stand ready to cooperate with public agencies such as the District to safeguard the

integrity of the Aucilla and its environs by achieving a result that prevents the removal of the cypress and the logging of this area;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, urges the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, the GOVERNING BOARD of the District, and personnel of the District put forth the maximum effort to resolve this threat to the Aucilla, by purchase of the claims or interests of those proposing removal of the cypress and placing the same in public ownership or in a perpetual conservation easement that preserves the cypress, by working with conservation /environmental/citizen groups, or by whatever other legal means available.

ADOPTED by the JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk of Court

# City of Monticello

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## CITY COUNCIL

**George Evans**  
Group 1

May 6, 2015

**Tom Vogelgesang**  
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Governing Board Members  
Suwannee River Water Management District  
c/o Ms. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director  
9225 CR 49  
Live Oak, FL 32060

**Julie Conley**  
Group 3

**John Jones**  
Group 4

RE: Monticello City Council Resolution 2015-08

**Gerrold Austin**  
Group 5, Vice-Mayor

Dear Members:

**Emily Anderson**  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution 2015-08 adopted by the Monticello City Council on May 5, 2015 regarding a threat from proposed cutting of old-growth cypress in or near the Aucilla River in Jefferson County, Florida.

**Steve Wingate**  
City Manager

If I can be of any assistance or provide further information on behalf of the Monticello City Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Emily Anderson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Resolution No. 2015-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE AUCILLA RIVER AND ITS ENVIRONS BY RESOLVING A THREAT FROM PROPOSED CUTTING OF OLD-GROWTH CYPRESS IN OR NEAR THE RIVER

WHEREAS, the Aucilla River, especially the upper portion of the River located wholly within Jefferson County, in which County also is located the City of Monticello, is a most magnificent part of the wonder of God's creation, appreciated by many for its beauty, recreational enjoyment, watershed and ecosystem protection and integrity, and ecotourism economic contribution;

WHEREAS, this portion of the River is under threat from proposed logging of old-growth cypress trees which must remain uncut and undisturbed for the continued health, beauty, recreational enjoyment, and ecotourism of the River, its aquatic life, wildlife, and water quality;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District is entrusted and tasked by law with the duty and responsibility to protect the water resources within its boundaries, including all of the Aucilla River;

WHEREAS, the District holds lands or interests both directly upstream and directly downstream of the site proposed for removal of the old-growth cypress and thus is particularly committed via these interests to the area proposed for cypress removal remaining uncut, intact, and undisturbed;

WHEREAS, the cutting of said cypress would cause tremendous damage to the River and related ecosystems, both short-term and long-term, including degradation of water quality, fish kills, impeding of vessel and recreational access, and obliteration of breathtaking scenic vistas;

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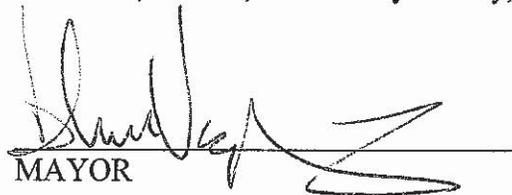
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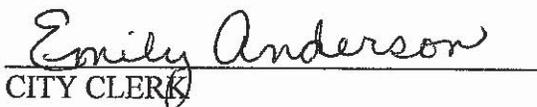
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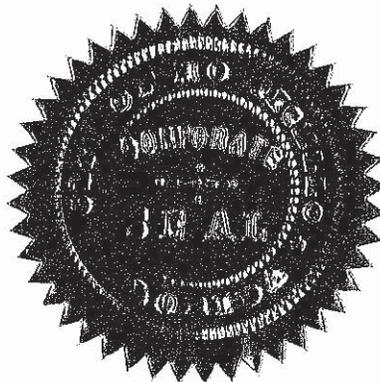
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MONTICELLO urges that the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, the GOVERNING BOARD of the District, and personnel of the District put forth the maximum effort to resolve this threat to the Aucilla, by assertion of sovereign land ownership of the area proposed for logging, by purchase of the claims or interests of those proposing removal of the cypress and placing the same in public ownership or in a perpetual conservation easement that preserves the cypress, by working with conservation/environmental/citizen groups, or by whatever other means available.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, this 5th day of May, 2015.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK



**From:** Julie Conley [<mailto:jcedc@embarqmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** 'Thomas, Hill'  
**Cc:** 'Arogeti, Jonathan'  
**Subject:** Jefferson County / Aucilla River issues

Thomas:

As you know, I spoke with Jonathan yesterday regarding the Aucilla River and concerns over the proposed harvesting of old growth cypress at the river's edge. The subject parcels are owned by Ware Forest, Inc., a Georgia corporation. It is our understanding that Ware has a contract to supply cypress timber to a log home manufacturer in the Valdosta area, and intends to harvest timber from the Aucilla tracts to fulfill the contract.

To see the proximity of the parcels to the Aucilla River, and to understand our concerns relating to wetland and surface water impacts and wildlife and ecosystem protection, please go to the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's website [www.jeffersonpa.net](http://www.jeffersonpa.net) and do a record search for the following parcels:

15-2N-6E-0000-0020-0000  
10-2N-6E-0000-0020-0000

Also note that Ware Forest, Inc., lacks legal access to the parcels. However, an individual purporting to represent the company has begun negotiations (or, at least, conversations) with property owners in the Aucilla Shores neighborhood, in an attempt to gain access. The Neighborhood Association has not made a decision on granting access, use and repair of their private road system, etc.

In the event Ware is successful in acquiring access and, in fact, intends to harvest the timber, we want to make certain the operation is fully permitted and performed pursuant to Florida DEP, Water Management District and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers standards.

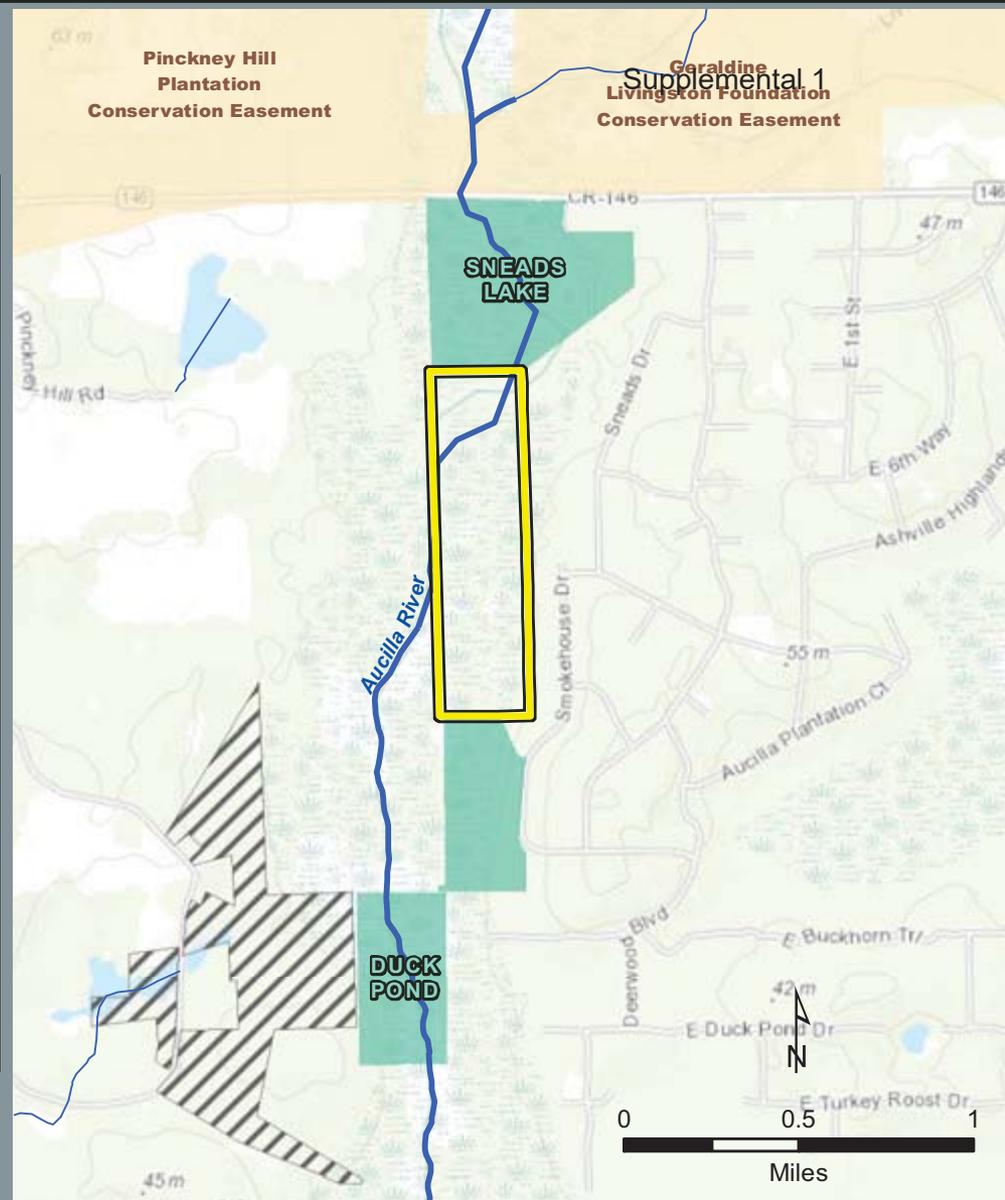
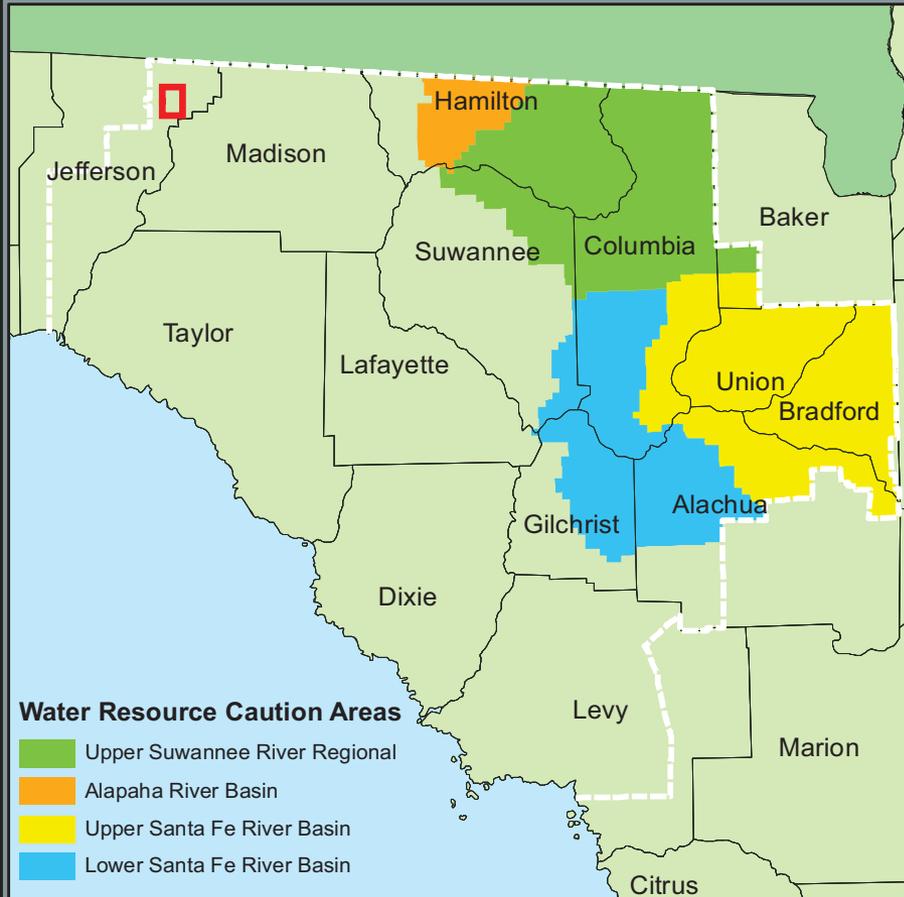
A group of local citizens has recently formed a non-profit corporation in an effort to raise awareness of this and other issues relating to preservation of our river systems. The group is known as the Aucilla/Wacissa Riverkeeper, Inc., and I am writing this on their behalf. However, I also have a strong interest in this issue as the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Economic Development Council, which considers eco-tourism one of the targeted industry sectors in our community. Additionally, I am an elected official with the City of Monticello and represent the City on the Tourist Development Council.

There are others in our community who can provide additional information about this matter and would be glad to discuss it with you further. For now, we just want to make you, and others in Congresswoman Graham's office, aware of the situation, and ask for your suggestions on making sure the integrity of this environmentally sensitive area is preserved. Interested parties, including other land owners, are trying to find an amicable resolution that would avoid the harvesting of cypress, and we will keep you advised.

Thank you for your help on this issue, and for all you do for the people of the 2nd Congressional District. Please give my regards to Congresswoman Graham.

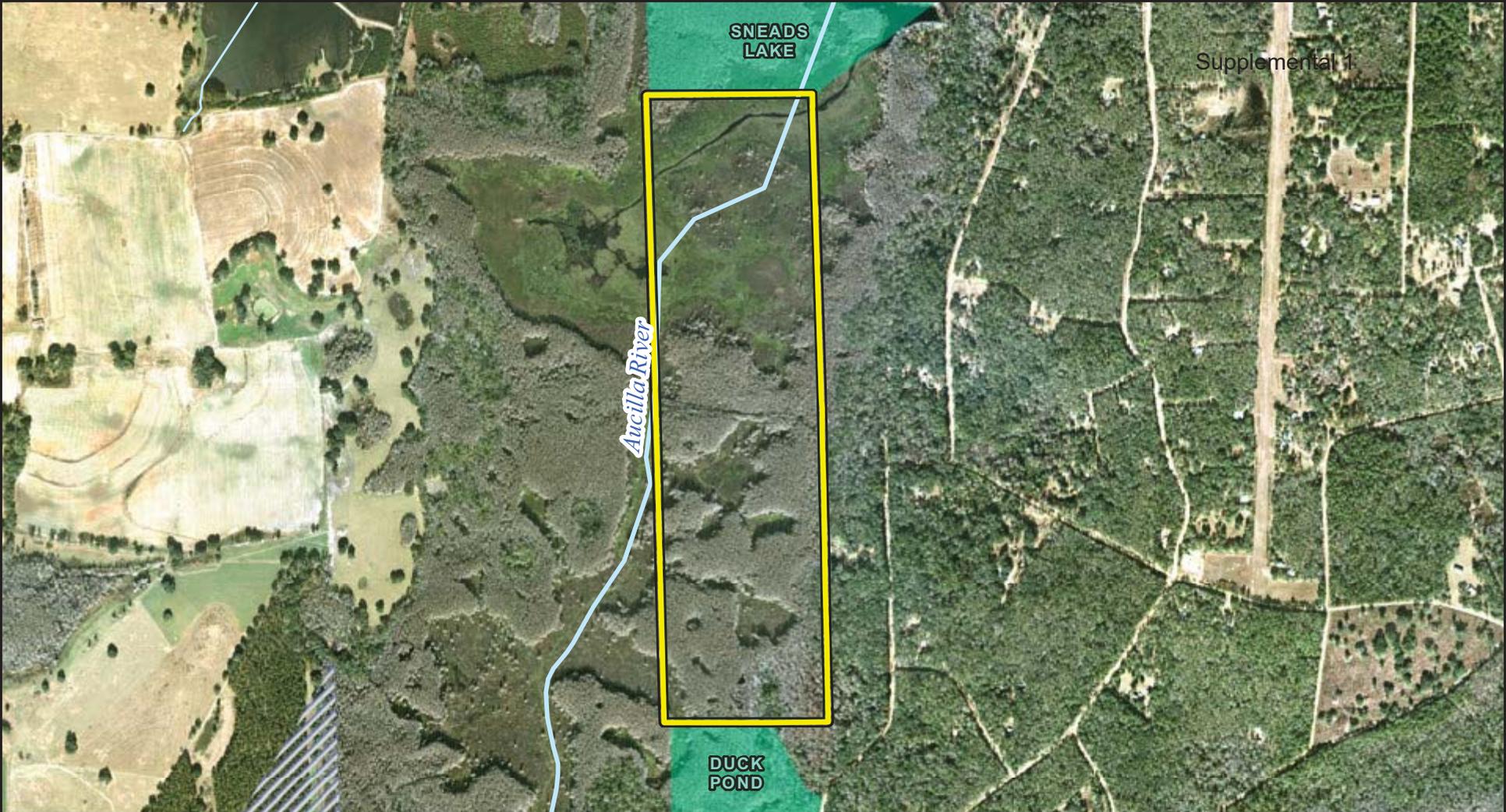
Julie S. Conley, Executive Director  
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# Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Location Map



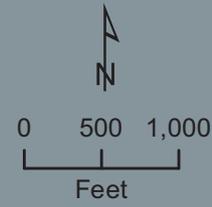
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-  SRWMD Ownership
-  State Proposed Acquisition
-  SRWMD Boundary
-  Conservation Easements

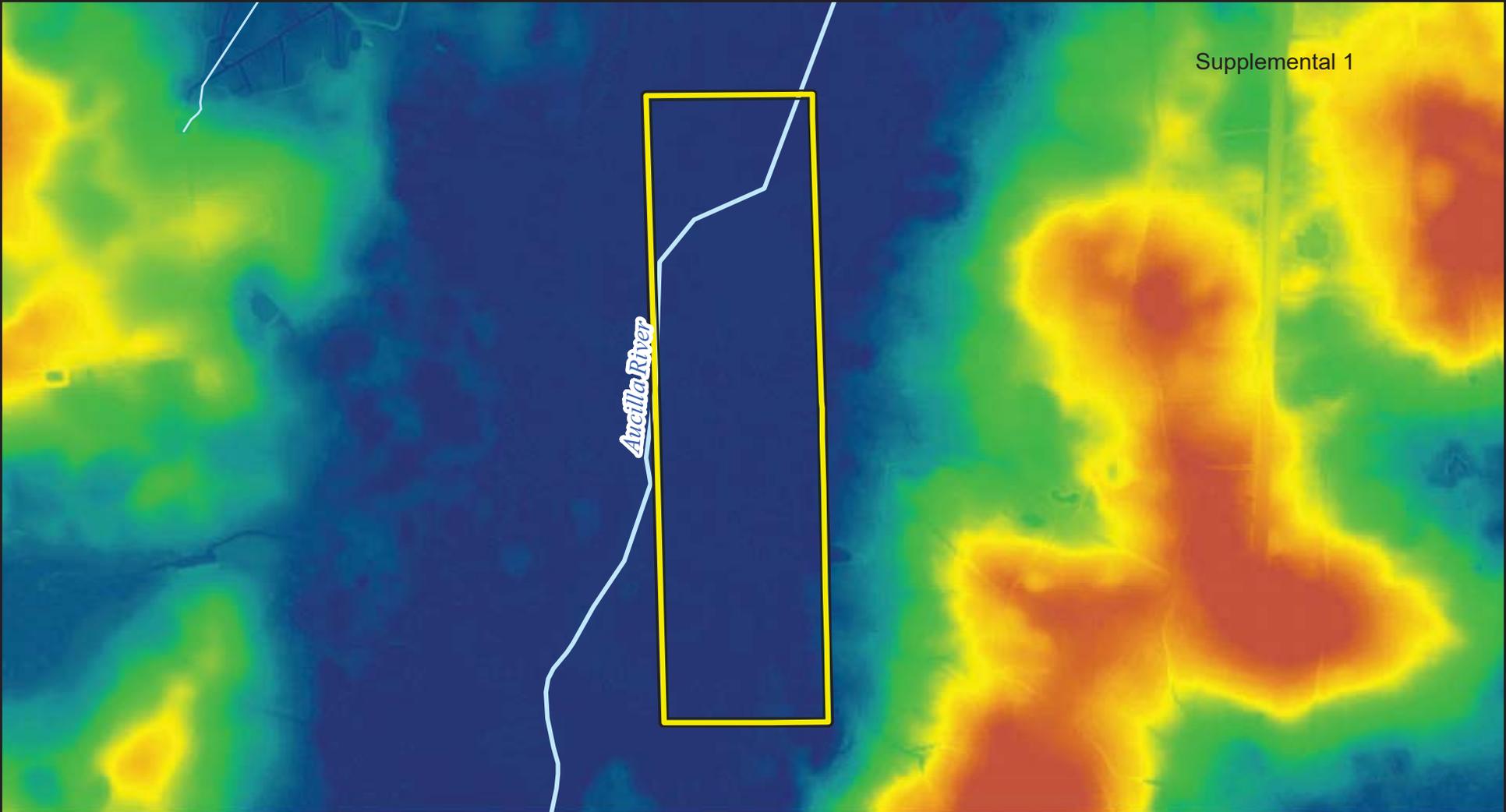


### Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Property Overview

-  Project Boundary - 160 acres +/-
-  Rivers and Streams
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  State Proposed Acquisitions



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 Project Boundary

 Rivers and Streams

Land Surface Elevation

High : 188'

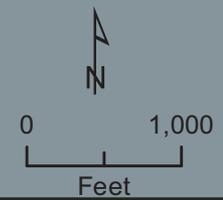
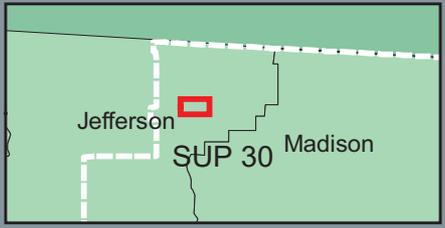


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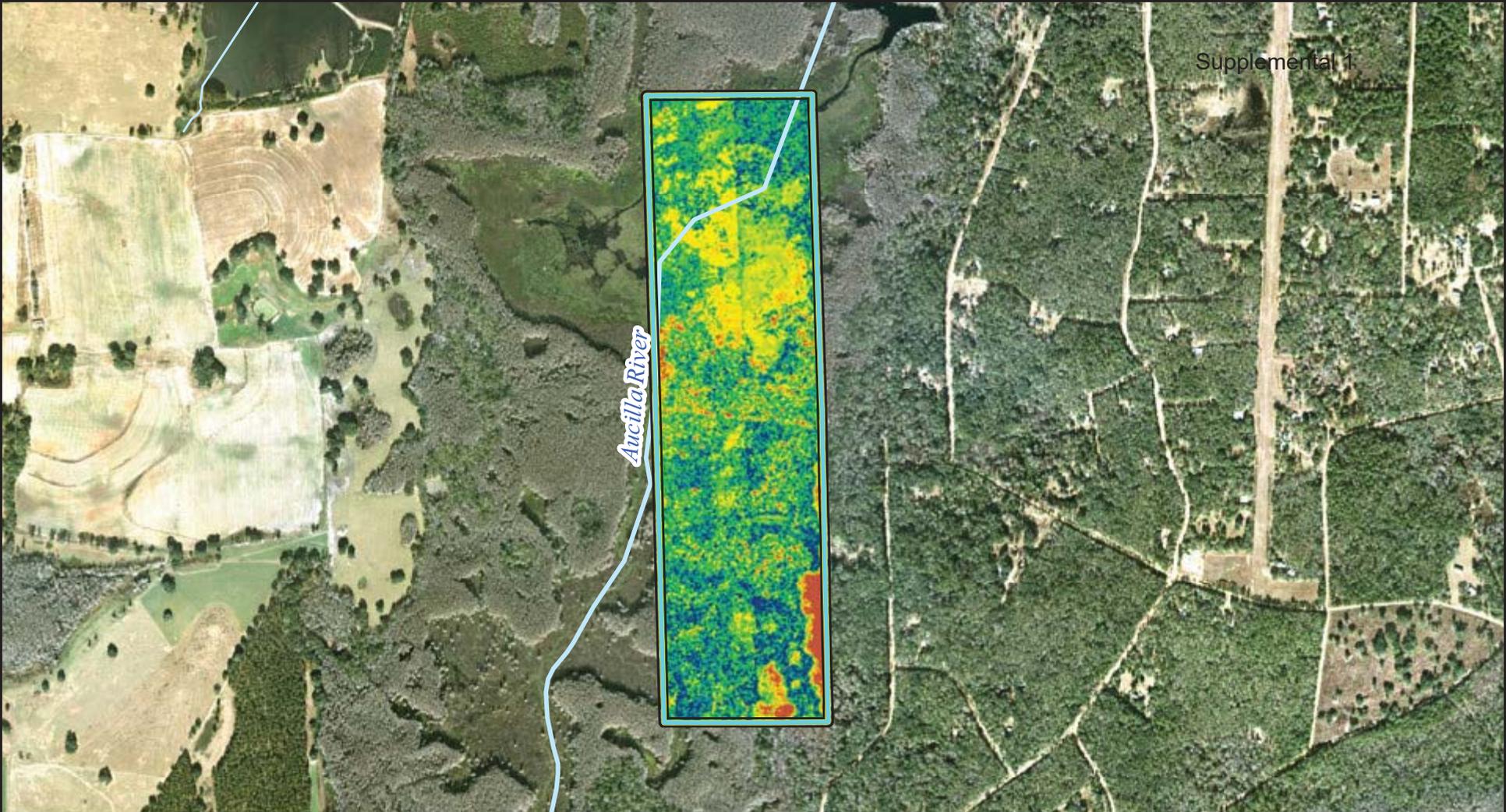
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### Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer LiDAR Overview



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Aucilla River

 Project Boundary

 Rivers and Streams

Land Surface Elevation

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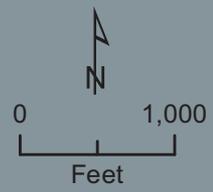
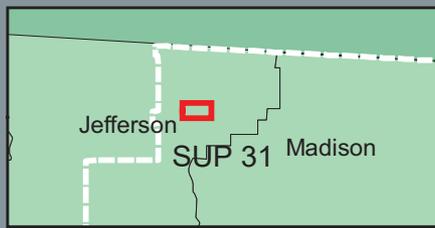


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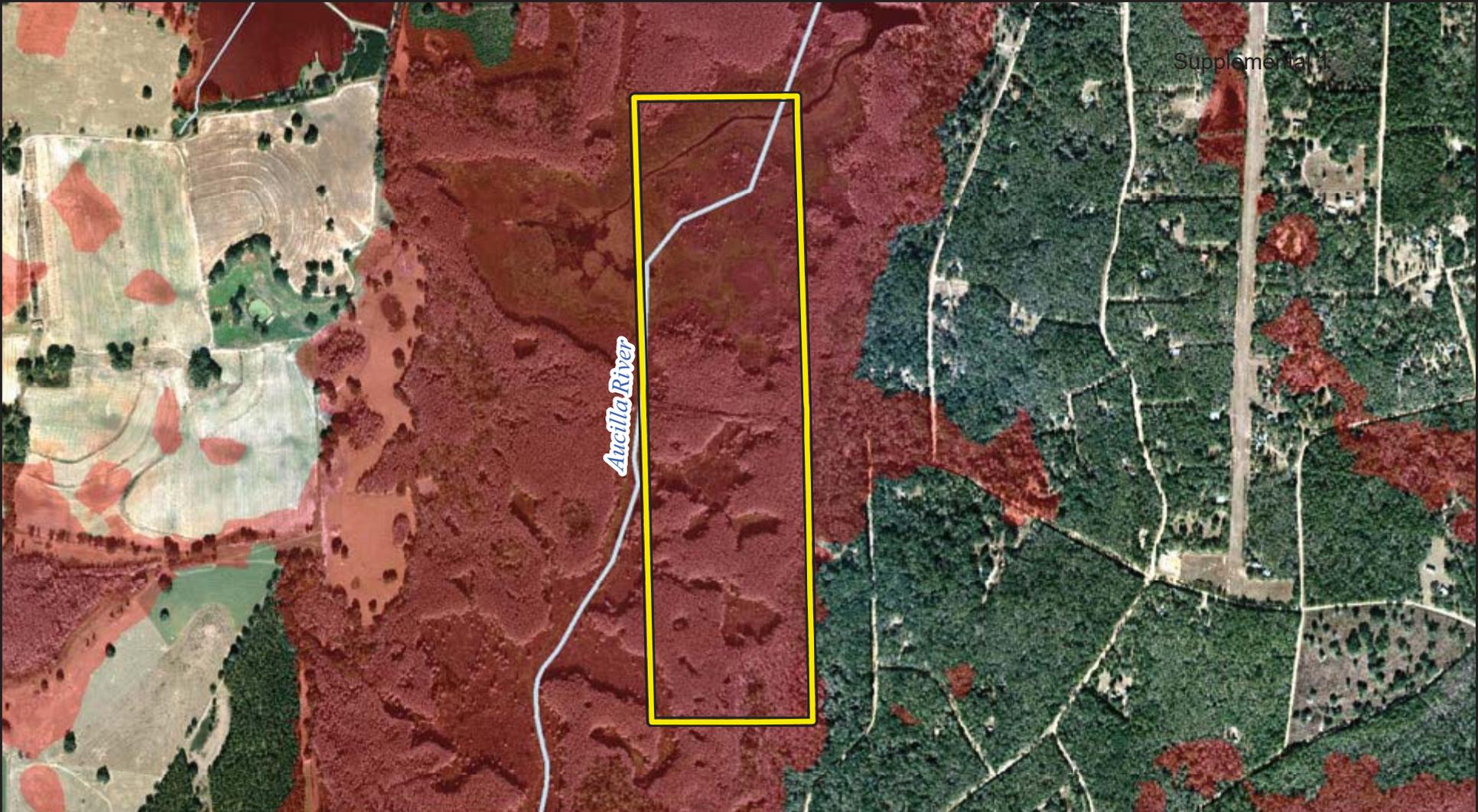
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### Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer LiDAR DEM Property

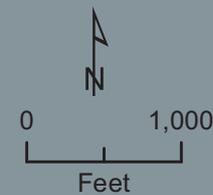
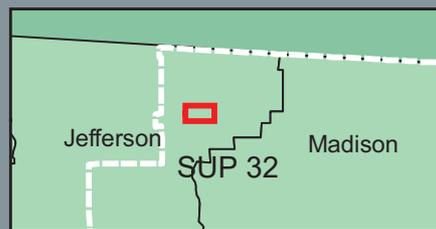


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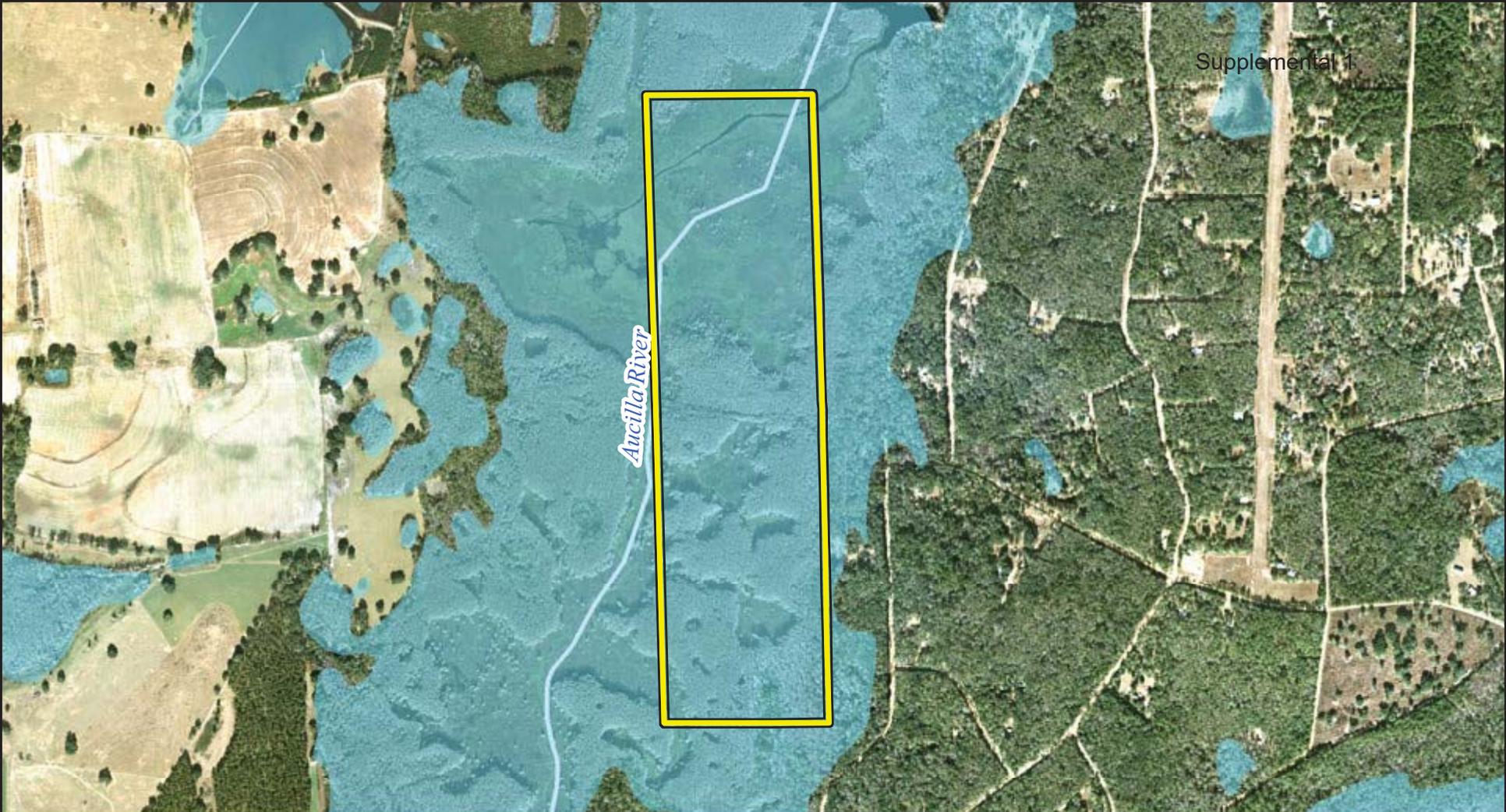


### Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Floodplain Protection

-  Project Boundary
-  Floodplain Protection - 100%
-  Rivers and Streams



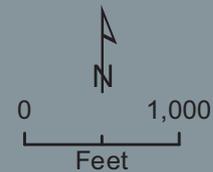
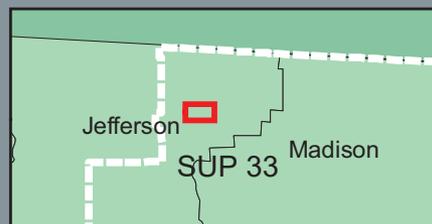
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### Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Surface Water Protection



-  Project Boundary
-  Surface Water Protection 100%
-  Rivers and Streams



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