

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

January 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair
Amendments Recommended by Staff: None
4. Public Comment
5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
 - Agenda Item No. 6 - Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2019 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, Audit Committee Minutes, and December 12, 2019 Lands Committee Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 10 - Approval to Proceed with Detailed Analysis and Negotiations for the Acquisition of Four Parcels, 39.8 +/- Acres, Hamilton County
 - Agenda Item No. 11 - Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for the Acquisition of a Conservation Easement on 512 +/- Acres, Columbia County
 - Agenda Item No. 12- Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for an Interest in 282 +/- Acres, Columbia County
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - Decline Offer to Purchase Three Parcels of Real Property Comprising 3.85 +/- Acres, Dixie County
 - Agenda Item No. 14 - Approval to Surplus a 101 +/- Acre Parcel of Real Property to the Town of Fort White, Columbia County
 - Agenda Item No. 17 - Approval of November 2019 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 18 - Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 20-0001, Finance Directive
 - Agenda Item No. 19 - Approval of Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter
 - Agenda Item No. 21 - Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2020-2024
6. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2019 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, Audit Committee Minutes, and December 12, 2019 Lands Committee Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Presentation of Hydrologic Conditions by Fay Baird, Senior Hydrologist, Water Resource Division
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - C. Staff Recognition – Scott Gregor (15 years)

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Tom Reeves

- LC Page 1 8. Approval of Final Order of Dismissal Dismissing a Petition for an Administrative Hearing on the Final Order Granting Variance Issued by the Governing Board on November 12, 2019

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director

Administration

- BCS Page 1 9. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Update
- BCS Page 4 10. Approval to Proceed with Detailed Analysis and Negotiations for the Acquisition of Four Parcels, 39.8 +/- Acres, Hamilton County - **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 11 11. Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for the Acquisition of a Conservation Easement on 512 +/- Acres, Columbia County - **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 21 12. Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for an Interest in 282 +/- Acres, Columbia County - **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 29 13. Decline Offer to Purchase Three Parcels of Real Property Comprising 3.85 +/- Acres, Dixie County - **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 38 14. Approval to Surplus a 101 +/- Acre Parcel of Real Property to the Town of Fort White, Columbia County- **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 51 15. Approval of District as the Operation and Maintenance Entity for the Water Resource Management Structures on the West Ridge Camp Blanding Buffer Property
- BCS Page 75 16. Consideration of the Lands Committee Recommendation to Move Forward with Acquiring a Conservation Easement on 2,015 +/- Acres, Levy County

Finance

- BCS Page 82 17. Approval of November 2019 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 92 18. Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 20-0001, Finance Directive - **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 98 19. Approval of Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter - **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

- BCS Page 103 20. Permitting Summary Report
- BCS Page 106 21. Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2020-2024 - **Recommend Consent**

- BCS Page 119 22. Approval of the List of Qualified Firms for Implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk MAP Program

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- BCS Page 120 23. Approval to Enter into Contract with Southern Cross Dairy, LLC. to Provide Agricultural Cost-Share Funding
- BCS Page 123 24. Authorization to Revise the Agricultural Cost-Share Program
- BCS Page 124 25. Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Springs Grant Funds and to Enter into Local Cooperative Agreements

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES
Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director

Land Management Program

- WLR Page 1 26. District Land Management and Twin River State Forest Activity Summary
- WLR Page 5 27. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Land Management Report

Water Resources Program

- WLR Page 39 28. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

- EO Page 1 29. District's Weekly Activity Reports
- EO Page 12 30. **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2020 Florida Forever Work Plan Update
- EO Page 13 31. **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2019 Annual Work Plan
32. Announcements

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida

February 11, 2020 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
Workshop / Committee Meetings

****Board Workshops immediately follow Board Meetings unless otherwise noted.**

33. Adjournment

Any member of the public, who wishes to address the Board on any agenda item, or any other topic, must sign up (including the completion of the required speaker forms) with the Executive Director or designee before the time designated for Public Comment. During Public Comment, the Chair shall recognize those persons signed up to speak on agenda items first. To the extent time permits, the Chair shall thereafter recognize those persons signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Unless, leave is given by the Chair, (1) all speakers will be limited to three minutes per topic, (2) any identifiable group of three persons or more shall be required to choose a representative, who shall be limited to five minutes per topic. When recognized by the Chair during Public Comment, a speaker may request to be allowed to make his or her comments at the time the Board considers an agenda item. The Chair may grant or deny such request in the Chair's sole discretion.

Definitions:

- "Lobbies" is defined as seeking to influence a district policy or procurement decision or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. (112.3261(1)(b), Florida Statutes [F.S.]

- "Lobbyist" is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. (112.3215(1)(h), F.S.)

The Board may act upon (including reconsideration) any agenda item at any time during the meeting. The agenda may be changed only for good cause as determined by the Chair and stated in the record. If, after the regular time for Public Comment, the agenda is amended to add an item for consideration, the Chair shall allow public comment on the added agenda item prior to the Board taking action thereon.

All decisions of the Chair concerning parliamentary procedures, decorum, and rules of order will be final, unless they are overcome by a majority of the members of the Board in attendance.

If any person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any action considered at the above referenced meeting and hearing, such person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

January 14, 2020
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- Groundwater / Surfacewater Overview
- BMP Presentation
- Sustainable Suwannee Discussion

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
December 10, 2019

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Sec./Treas.	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Vice Chair		X
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Vacant		-	-
Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Gary Jones		X	
At Large	Charles Keith		X	

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Leadership Team

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Jeff Butler, Atkins	Madeline Hart, FDACS OAWP
Kathleen Greenwood, FDACS	Patty Street, Our Santa Fe River
Greg DeAngelo, FDEP	Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Stacie Greco, Alachua County EPAC	David Moritz, Alachua County EPAC
Joel DeCoursey, Jr., City of High Springs	Dale Townsend, Townsend Brothers
Patsy Andersen, Adventure Outpost	Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Job Garrison, Townsend Brothers Farm	Yong Jung, AECOM
Raira Dank, Tulsi, Indira & Jhani	Carol Burton, CAPM
Cindy North, CAPM	Maryanne Devensky, Sierra Club
Kelly Aue, Suwannee River Partnership	Dave Hearn, Kleinfelder
Glenn Horvath, FDACS	Martha Strawn, Our Santa Fe River
Craig Varn, Manson & Bolves	Doug Manson, Manson & Bolves
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Michelle Colson, Mermaids of the Springs
Paul Still, Bradford Environmental Forum	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Katrina Shadix, Bear Warriors United	John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers

Jeff Butler, Atkins
Jane Blais, River Rise Resort
Jacqui Sulak, Audubon Florida
Anne Harvey, Save the Manatee
Jennifer Sagan, Wood
Mark Hammond
Georgia Schmitz
Lucy Anstey
Isaac Augspurg
Brian O'Brian
Pam Smith
Hilda Gilchrist
Karen Mullins
Kate Gallagher
Maxine Connor

Wayne Kinard, Amigo Dive Center
Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River
Ryan Smart, FSC
Tom Bartol, JEA
Veronica Zacharow
Cliff Townsend
Warren Whistler
Maya Zacharow
Lindsey Dank
Garth Brewster
Allison Guy, Sum of Us
Melina Rayna S. Farley-Barratt
Laura Dailey

Staff:

Katelyn Potter
Pam Shaw
Pat Webster
Matt Cantrell
Warren Zwanka
Christina Green
Lindsey Garland

Leroy Marshall
Tilda Musgrove
Steve Schroeder
Stefani Weeks
Fay Baird
Tyler Jordan
Gwen Lord

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Brian O'Brian - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Lucy Anstey - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Pam Smith - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Kristin Rubin - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Martha Strawn, Our Santa Fe River - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Russ Augspurg – Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Isaac Augspurg - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Michelle Colson, Mermaids of the Springs - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Lindsey Dank - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers - Valdosta sewage spill and Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Garth Brewster - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Allison Guy, Sum of Us – Provided signatures against the Seven Springs WUP application.
- Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Katrina Shadix, Bear Warriors United - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Melina Rayna S. Farley-Barratt - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Jane Blais, River Rise Resort - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Laura Dailey - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Maya Zacharow - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Veronica Zacharow - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Chris Mericle - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.

- Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Hilda Gilchrist - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Karen Mullins - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Kate Gallagher – Deny all WUP applications in District.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanked District for Christmas on the Square participation.
- Maxine Connor - Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Paul Still, Bradford Environmental Forum – Chemours mine expansion concerns.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 6 - November 12, 2019 Governing Board and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Approval of October 2019 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Williams Timber, Inc. for the Natural Well Branch #2 Timber Sale

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes - November 12, 2019 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- Faye Baird gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – Kelly Aue, Suwannee River Partnership, and Jacque Sulak, Florida Audubon, provided comments and a presentation to the Board.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. No updates.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization to Enter into Contract with Gray Construction Services, Inc. for Restroom Renovations. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of October 2019 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Consolidated Special Revenue Fund Structure for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Financial Reporting. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of Resolution No. 2019-09 for Release of Funds from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund. Christina Green, Senior Budget & Fiscal Analyst, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Submission. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 – FEMA Dashboard Update. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, provided a powerpoint presentation on the FEMA Dashboard.

Jeff Butler, Atkins, provided comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of the 2019 FEMA Risk MAP Program Five-Year Business Plan. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Authorization to Enter into Contract with AECOM for FEMA FY 2017 and 2018 Risk MAP Product Production Consultant Services. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval to Enter into Contract with Grimmway Enterprises, Inc. for Agriculture Cost-Share Funding. Matt Cantrell, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with Cooperators for Alternative Water Supply Grant Projects. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 21 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Williams Timber, Inc. for the Natural Well Branch #2 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources Program

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 24 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 1:33 p.m.

BMAP Presentation

Greg DeAngelo, FDEP, provided a powerpoint presentation on the BMAPs within the District.

2019 Strategic Plan Annual Update & 2020-2024 Strategic Plan Discussion

Katelyn Potter, Communications Chief, provided a powerpoint presentation on the 2019 Strategic Plan Annual Update and the 2020-2024 proposed Strategic Plan.

Lower Santa Fe/Ichetucknee MFL Technical Report

John Good, Senior Professional Engineer, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Lower Santa Fe/Ichetucknee MFL.

Workshop ended at 2:59 p.m.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

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December 10, 2019
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 3:06 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Don Quincey		X
Virginia Johns	X	
Richard Schwab	X	

*Board Member Mr. Keith also attend the Audit Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

3. Discussion Items:

- GBD20-0001 - Finance Directive Discussion. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this recommendation to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JOHNS TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL WITH CHANGES EXPRESSED BY COMMITTEE REGARDING ASSISTANT TREASURER NOMINATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REQUIEIMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

- Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter. Mrs. Shaw presented this recommendation to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JOHNS TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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December 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 9:01 a.m.

Committee Members

	Present	Not Present
Don Quincey	X	
Virginia Sanchez	X	
Gary Jones	X	

Board Legal Counsel

Tom Reeves	X	
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Guest:

David Kraus, Columbia County	Rocky Ford, Commissioner, Columbia County
Melissa Hill, Alachua Conservation Trust	Erica Hernandez, Alachua Conservation Trust
Ronnie Frazier, Mayor, Town of Fort White	Danny LeJeune, Kleinfelder
Rebecca Perry, North Florida Land Trust	Connie Henderson, Chemours
Katye Hughes, Town of Fort White	

Staff:

Hugh Thomas	Steve Minnis
Robin Lamm	Tyler Jordan
Hugh Thomas	Steve Schroeder
Katelyn Potter	Bill McKinstry
Kevin Flavin	Patrick Webster

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates

3. 2020 Florida Forever Work Plan. Katelyn Potter, Communications Chief, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR ACCEPTANCE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. West Ridge Operation and Maintenance Agreement. Kevin Flavin, Project Manager, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

5. Alapaha Point (Hickman) - Hamilton County. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Columbia County Grasslands (ACT) – Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

Erica Hernandez, Alachua Conservation Trust, provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Zow – Santa Fe Springs – Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

Melissa Hill, Alachua Conservation Trust, provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Madison Avenue LLC. Property Offer - Levy County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO MOVE THE OFFER FORWARD TO FULL BOARD AND THAT STAFF VISIT THE PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Log Landing (Martin) Property Offer - Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Surplus Lands

10. Ft. White Wellfield Surplus – Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

Ronnie Frazier, Town of Fort White, provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Announcements: None

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: George T. Reeves, General Counsel

DATE: January 2, 2020

RE: Approval of Final Order of Dismissal Dismissing a Petition for an Administrative Hearing on the Final Order Granting Variance Issued by the Governing Board on November 12, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

The General Counsel recommends that the Governing Board dismiss a petition for administrative hearing, with prejudice, filed by Paul Still concerning the Final Order Granting Variance #19-0005.

The following is brief synopsis of the relevant facts:

1. At its November 12, 2019 regular meeting, the Governing Board entered its order No. 19-0005 (the "Variance Order"), and which approved a request for a variance by Bradford County, Florida (the "County"). The County is seeking an exemption from permitting for the work it has done to one of its roads (the "Project").
2. The Variance Order did not approve the exemption. Rather the only effect of the Variance Order was to waive the pre-work notice requirement of the applicable rule. The County asserted that it had not given such notice because of Hurricane Irma.
3. On December 6, 2019, Dr. Paul Still filed a petition for formal hearing on the Variance Order.
4. On December 10, 2019, the District issued to the County Environmental Resource Permit (ERP): Exemption, ERP-007-2336967-2 (the "Exemption") determining that the Project was exempt from permitting under Rule 62-330.051(4)(e), Florida Administrative Code.
5. On December 19, 2019, I dismissed the petition, without prejudice, for lack of standing. The reason for this is that the Variance Order only waived the rule's notice requirement. The rule's notice requirement required that notice be given to the District and did not require that notice be given to Dr. Still or anyone else. Therefore, in the petition, Dr. Still was challenging the waiver of a notice that Dr. Still was not entitled to receive in the first place. This shows that the Variance Order did not affect Dr. Still's substantial interests and therefore Dr. Still lacked standing to challenge the Variance Order.

6. On December 23, 2019, Dr. Still filed an amended petition, a copy of which is also enclosed. The amended petition did not show anything new as to why Dr. Still's substantial interests would be affected by the District's waiver of the rule's notice requirement. Therefore, I am recommending that the Governing Board dismiss the petition with prejudice.
7. Also, on December 23, 2019, Dr. Still filed a separate petition requesting a hearing on the grant of the exemption. This order does not affect that separate petition.

/tr

STATE OF FLORIDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PAUL STILL,

Petitioner(s),

v.

ORDER NO. 19-0005

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

Respondents.

FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL, WITH PREJUDICE

THIS CAUSE having come before the GOVERNING BOARD (the “BOARD”) of the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (the “DISTRICT”) on the PETITION REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING REVIEW OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT’S FINAL ORDER 19-0005 GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER ERP-007-233697-2 BY BRADFORD COUNTY (the “PETITION ON VARIANCE”), filed on December 6, 2019 and the AMENDED PETITION REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING REVIEW OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT’S FINAL ORDER 19-0005 GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER ERP-007-233697-2 BY BRADFORD COUNTY (the “AMENDED PETITION ON VARIANCE”), filed on December 23, 2019 by the petitioner, PAUL STILL (the “PETITIONER”), the BOARD hereby finds as follows:

GENERAL

1. BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA (the “COUNTY”) has sought an exemption from permitting a certain road project it has undertaken on SW 101st Avenue, in Bradford County, Florida (the “PROJECT”) under the provisions of Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e). Such rule contains eight subsections each providing requirements which must be met for the PROJECT to be determined to be exempt under Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e). Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 requires the COUNTY to give prior notice to the DISTRICT before beginning work on the project.

2. On October 8, 2019, the COUNTY submitted its PETITION FOR VARIANCE which requested an after-the-fact waiver of the notice requirements of Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 due to issues related to Hurricane Irma.

3. At its November 12, 2019 regular meeting, the BOARD entered its order No. 19-0005 (the “VARIANCE ORDER”), and which approved the PETITION FOR VARIANCE and waived the notice requirements of Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 with regards to the PROJECT.

4. On December 6, 2019, the PETITIONER timely filed the PETITION ON VARIANCE with the DISTRICT requesting a formal hearing on the VARIANCE ORDER.

5. On December 10, 2019, the DISTRICT issued to the COUNTY Environmental Resource Permit (ERP): Exemption, ERP-007-2336967-2 (the “EXEMPTION”) determining that the PROJECT was exempt from permitting under Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e).

6. On December 19, 2019, the DISTRICT’s general counsel entered his ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE dismissing the PETITION ON VARIANCE because the undisputed facts showed that the PETITIONER lacked standing to bring the

PETITION ON VARIANCE. However, in an abundance of caution, the general counsel determined that the dismissal would be “without prejudice”, to give the PETITIONER every opportunity to state a claim. The ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE provided a 15 day time limit for filing an amended petition “curing the above defect(s).”

7. On December 23, 2019, the PETITIONER filed the AMENDED PETITION ON VARIANCE again seeking a formal hearing on the VARIANCE ORDER.

8. Also on December 23, 2019, the PETITIONER filed a separate petition titled PETITION REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING REVIEW OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT’S DETERMINATION THAT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT (ERP) EXEMPTION, ERP-007-233697-2, SW 101ST AVENUE, BRADFORD COUNTY, IS AN EXEMPT ACTIVITY, (the “PETITION ON EXEMPTION”) requesting a formal hearing on the EXEMPTION and asserting that the PROJECT is not exempt under Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e).

9. This order disposes of the PETITION ON VARIANCE and the AMENDED PETITION ON VARIANCE but does not address the PETITION ON EXEMPTION.

DISTRICT’S REQUIRED REVIEW OF PETITIONS

10. Upon receipt of a petition, the DISTRICT is required to review the petition to determine if the petition contains those items required by rule and dismiss the petition if it is not in substantial compliance with such requirements:

Unless otherwise provided by law, a petition or request for hearing shall include those items required by the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5)(b). Upon the receipt of a petition or request for hearing, the agency shall carefully review the petition to determine if it contains all of the required information. A petition shall be dismissed if it is not in substantial compliance

with these requirements or it has been untimely filed. Dismissal of a petition shall, at least once, be without prejudice to petitioner's filing a timely amended petition curing the defect, unless it conclusively appears from the face of the petition that the defect cannot be cured. The agency shall promptly give written notice to all parties of the action taken on the petition, shall state with particularity its reasons if the petition is not granted, and shall state the deadline for filing an amended petition if applicable. This paragraph does not eliminate the availability of equitable tolling as a defense to the untimely filing of a petition.

§ 120.569(2)(c), Fla. Stat. (Emphasis supplied)

11. Further, the DISTRICT is not allowed to refer a petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings unless the petition is in substantial compliance with the applicable rules:

The agency may refer a petition to the division for the assignment of an administrative law judge only if the petition is in substantial compliance with the requirements of paragraph (c).

§ 120.569(2)(d), Fla. Stat. (Emphasis supplied) *See, Brookwood Extended Care Center of Homestead, LLP v. Agency for Healthcare Admin.*, 870 So. 2d 834, 840 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003)

(Holding that an agency properly refuses to forward a petition to DOAH where the petition does not comply with the requirements of § 120.569(2)(c-d), Fla. Stat.)

12. The applicable rules require that the petition contain, among other things, the following:

The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.201(2)(b) (Emphasis supplied); *See also*, § 120.569(1), Fla. Stat.,

(providing in pertinent part that, “[t]he provisions of this section apply in all proceeding in which

the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency.”); § 120.52(13)(b), Fla. Stat., (defining a “party” as “[a]ny other person ... whose substantial interests will be affected by proposed agency action....”)

13. To comply with the requirements of Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.201, a petitioner must do more than give non-specific allegations. A petitioner must identify the disputed facts warranting relief. *See, Brookwood Extended Care Center of Homestead, LLP v. Agency for Healthcare Admin.*, 870 So. 2d 834, 840 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003) (Holding that the “statute and rules are crystal clear. In a proceeding governed by Rule 28-106.201, the burden is ... on the person or entity petitioning for an administrative hearing to state the ultimate facts, to identify the facts that are in dispute, and to allege the facts that warrant, in the petitioner's opinion, reversal ... non-specific allegations ... will no longer suffice.”) Further, a petitioner must “specifically explain” in the petition how the petitioner’s substantial interests will be adversely affected. *See, W. Frank Wells Nursing Home v. State, Agency for Health Care Admin.*, 979 So. 2d 339, 342 (Fla. 1st DCA 2008) (“The nursing home vigorously disputed AHCA's class III deficiency citation, but it did not **specifically explain** in the petition how the citation **adversely affected its substantial interests**. ... Accordingly, we REVERSE the order under review and REMAND the case to AHCA with instructions to allow the nursing home an opportunity to amend its petition.”)

14. Of course, a party’s substantial interests must be affected by a particular agency action for the party to have standing to file a petition under § 120.569, Fla. Stat., concerning such action:

As all of the parties admit, chapter 120 does not actually employ the word “standing,” but the statutory test used is substantially its equivalent. Under the statutory language, a hearing is provided pursuant to section 120.569(1) “in all

proceedings in which the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency.” Thus the concept of “standing” in an administrative proceeding depends on whether the particular entity at issue qualifies as a “party.” Section 120.52(12)(b) defines a “party” as “[a]ny other person who, as a matter of constitutional right, provision of statute, or provision of agency regulation, is entitled to participate in whole or in part in the proceeding, or whose substantial interests will be affected by proposed agency action....””

Peace River/Manasota v. IMC Phosphates Co., 18 So. 3d 1079, 1083 (Fla. 2d DCA 2009)

(Emphasis supplied)

15. Should the undisputed facts alleged in a petition show that the petitioner lacks standing, the DISTRICT may dismiss the petition without the need to refer the petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings. *Daytona Beach Kennel Club, Inc. v. Dep’t of Bus. & Prof’l Reg.*, 33 So. 3d 799, 800 (Fla. 5th DCA 2010) (“We further find no error in the failure to refer the petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing. The issue of standing is normally a question of law, as it was in this case. Dismissal is appropriate where undisputed facts demonstrate that a party lacks standing.”); *Village of Key Biscayne v. Department of Environmental Protection*, 206 So. 3d 788, 792 (Fla. 3d DCA 2016) (“[W]e pause to address the Village's argument that the DEP's General Counsel violated the Village's due process rights when he, and not an Administrative Law Judge, determined the Village's standing. Our research reveals that state agencies routinely dismiss petitions for administrative hearing for failure to plead a sufficient basis for the petitioner's standing to bring the petition.”); *Washington County v. Northwest Fla. Water Manage. Dist.*, 85 So. 3d 1127, 1130 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012) (Affirming a water management district’s dismissal of a petition challenging a regional water supply plan for lack of standing without referring the petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings.)

WHETHER PETITIONER'S SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED

16. Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e) provides an exemption from permitting for certain activities provided the requirements of subsections 1 through 8 are met.

17. The VARIANCE ORDER grants a waiver concerning only one of these subsections. The waived subsection provides that, to be entitled to such exemption:

Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work;

Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 (Emphasis supplied)

18. Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 requires notice be provided "to the Agency," in this case, the DISTRICT. Neither Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e) nor any other rule or statute requires that the Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 notice be provided to anyone other than the DISTRICT.

19. The Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 notice would not be posted on the DISTRICT's public's permitting website or otherwise displayed publically by the DISTRICT.

20. As the PETITIONER was never entitled to receive the Fla. Admin. Code R. 62-330.051(4)(e)7 notice, the VARIANCE ORDER's waiver of such notice cannot affect the PETITIONER's substantial interests. *Opacmare USA, LLC v. Lazzara Custom Yachts, LLC*, 314 F. Supp. 3d 1276, 1281 (M.D. Fla. 2018) ("Without an entitlement to receive notice, [the objecting party] has no standing to object to the propriety of the notice."); *iFlex Inc. v. Electroply, Inc.*, No. CIV. 03-2513, 2004 WL 502179, at *2 (D. Minn. Mar. 4, 2004) ("Electroply is not entitled to notice of the sale under these provisions, and thus, Electroply cannot challenge the lack of notice."); *Stop-N-Go Foods, Inc. v. N.L.R.B.*, 825 F. 2d 411, (Table)

1987 WL 38328, Page 2 (6th Cir. 1987) (“Ordinarily, only a party entitled to notice will be heard to complain of lack of notice.”)

21. Further, any assertion as to what the DISTRICT might have done with such notice is too speculative to show that the PETITIONER’s substantial interests have been affected. *South Broward Hosp. Dist. v. State, Agency For Health Care Admin.*, 141 So. 3d 678, 681 (Fla. 1st DCA 2014) (“Under the first prong of Agrico, the injury-in-fact standard is met by a showing that the petitioner has sustained actual or immediate threatened injury at the time the petition was filed, and ‘[t]he injury or threat of injury must be both real and immediate, not conjectural or hypothetical.’”); *Village Park Mobile Home Ass'n, Inc. v. State, Dept. of Business Regulation, Div. of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums and Mobile Homes*, 506 So. 2d 426, 430 and 433 (Fla. 1st DCA 1987) (Finding that the petitioner’s concerns were “speculative” and that, “In the instant case, appellants, at the time they filed their petition, had failed to demonstrate through their allegations that they had sustained either actual injury-in-fact or that they were in danger of sustaining some direct injury as a result of the agency's action.”)

PRIOR DISMISSAL

22. The ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE dismissed the PETITION ON VARIANCE because the PETITIONER had not shown how his substantial interest were affected but such dismissal was “without prejudice” to give the PETITIONER every opportunity to state a claim. Like in the PETITION ON VARIANCE, in the AMENDED PETITION ON VARIANCE, the PETITIONER did not explain how the PETITIONER’s substantial interests could be affected by the DISTRICT waiving a notice that would not have been given to the PETITIONER.

THEREFORE it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

1. Neither the PETITION ON VARIANCE nor the AMENDED PETITION ON VARIANCE shall be referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings.
2. The PETITION ON VARIANCE and AMENDED PETITION ON VARIANCE are hereby DISMISSED, with prejudice.
3. This order constitutes final agency action of the DISTRICT.
4. The DISTRICT's clerk shall promptly provide a copy of this order to all parties and close the DISTRICT's file on this matter.
5. This order does not affect the PETITION ON EXEMPTION.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek judicial review of this Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the clerk of the Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060; and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate District Court of Appeal.

The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this Final Order is filed with the clerk of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

DONE and ORDERED on _____, 2020.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE
RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Virginia H. Johns
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Richard Schwab
Secretary Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was filed with the Suwannee River Water Management District on _____, 2020.

Warren Zwanka
Deputy Agency Clerk
Suwannee River Water Management District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the above order was provided to:

Paul Still
14167 SW 101st Ave
Starke, FL 32091
Email: stillpe@aol.com

by email on _____, 2020.

Warren Zwanka
Deputy Agency Clerk
Suwannee River Water Management District

**Amended Petition Requesting an Administrative Hearing Review of
the Suwannee River Water Management District's Final Order 19-0005
Granting a Variance for permit application number ERP-007-233697-2 by
Bradford County**

This Amended Petition is filed in response to SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, **ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE** a PETITION REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING REVIEW OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S FINAL ORDER 19-0005 GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER ERP-007-233697-2 BY BRADFORD COUNTY (the "PETITION"), filed on December 6, 2019, PAUL STILL. The **ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE** was received by email on 12/20/2019.

(a) **Petitioner Information**

Paul Still

14167 SW 101st Ave

Starke, FL 32091

904 368-0291

b) Statement of How and When Petitioner Was Noticed

The Petitioner received notice of the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) Governing Board approval in an email dated 11/26/2019 and copied below.

Re: Bradford County 101st Ave

Tue, Nov 26, 2019 5:40 am

Zwanka, Warren Warren.Zwanka@srwmd.org[Hide](#)

To **Paul Still** stillpe@aol.com

Paul,

The variance was approved at the November Governing Board.

Warren

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 26, 2019, at 4:42 AM, Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com> wrote:

What is the status of the Variance for 101st Ave requested by Bradford County?

Paul Still

All E-mail sent to and from this address may be public records. The Suwannee River Water Management District does not allow use of the District E-mail system and other equipment for non-business related purposes.

(c) Statement of How the Petitioner’s Substantial Interests are Affected

Paul and Kathy Still own 116 acres on the west side of Lake Sampson. The property address is 14167 SW 101st Ave., Starke, FL 32091. The property has two tax id numbers; 00817-0-00000 and 00819-0-00200. The property runs from the right of way of SW 101st Ave to Lake Sampson. The Still property is actively managed for timber production. The Still property has a Consumptive Use permit for freeze protection and irrigation of blueberries. The permit allows the use of the surface water that passes through the 101st Ave culvert and flows through a dug drainage feature that flows through the Still property and is held in wetlands on that property.

FAC 62-330.051(4)(b)3 states: “Culverts shall not be larger than one, 24-inch diameter pipe, or its hydraulic equivalent, and must not reduce the upstream hydraulic discharge capacity;”. The installation of culvert(s) under SW 101st Ave. exceed(s) the 24 inch limit set in FAC 62-330.051(4)(b)3 and causes flooding on the Still property that impacts forestry management practices.

FAC 62-330.051(4)(b)8 states: “All work shall comply with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.”

62-330.050(9), F.A.C. states:

(9) The following apply when specified in an exemption in rule 62-330.051, F.A.C.:

(a) Activities shall not exceed a permitting threshold in section 1.2 of the applicable Volume II;

(b) Construction, alteration, and operation shall not:

...

5. Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards.

Measures to control turbidity, sedimentation, and erosion were not used during the construction work on SW 101st Ave. State water quality standards were exceeded during the construction of SW 101st Ave. and stormwater that exceeded the turbidity limits flowed onto the Still property.

Bradford County failed to design the roadside ditch system to control sediments and turbidity carried in those ditches onto the Still property. This failure continues to cause sediments to be transported off the road and onto the Still property in stormwater. The stormwater from the road ditches continues to exceed the water quality standard for turbidity referenced in 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

The sediments and turbidity make the surface water unusable for the permitted activity and cause environmental degradation of the wetlands on the

Still property. The lack of erosion control is resulting in the migration of recycled asphalt on the Still property. Once the recycled asphalt migrates off the county road it becomes a solid waste. Paul Still has documented the flow and water quality from SW 101st Ave for over 7 years and has images that show the impact of lack of sediment control on the quality of water flowing onto his property.

The SRWMD in the Final order, the TSR and the second FAR notice failed to state that Paul Still had filed objections or comments in a timely manner to the Variance Petition.

Paul Still's substantial interests were impacted by the SRWMD's failure to acknowledge his objection to the granting the Petition of Variance. Based on Final Order 19-0005 issued the December 10, 2019, Determination letter that exempted Bradford County from obtaining an ERP for the SW 101st Ave project. The granting of a variance thus is related directly to the continuation damage to Paul Still's property due to flooding and water quality resulting from road ditch stormwater that does not meet clean water standards for turbidity.

d) Statement of Material Facts Disputed by the Petitioner

1. The first paragraph on page 1 of the Final Order states:

The Suwannee River Water Management District ("District") received a petition on October 08, 2019 from Brad Carter on behalf of Bradford County Board of County Commissioners ("Petitioner") seeking a variance from Florida Administrative Code ("Fla. Admin. Code") paragraph 62-330.051 Petitioner seeks this variance to resolve the 30-day advance noticing requirement for the permit exemption verification process for road paving work conducted in Township 06 South, Range 21 East, Sections 16, 21 , 28, 32, and 33 of Bradford County.

2. The Petition for variance attached to the Final Order is dated October 7, 2019, was signed by Chad Rischar not Brad Carter. This October 7, 2019, petition appears to be the Petition received on October 08, 2019.

3. Emails and the E Permitting Portal indicate that the agent document authorizing Chad Rischar to act as an agent for Bradford County was signed on October 8, 2019 and received by SRWMD on October 9, 2019. See email copied below. Formatting of the emails may be changed during copying.

From: Rachel A.Rhoden <rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Diaz, Mary
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Thank you, Mary.

Rachel A.Rhoden

From: Diaz, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Rachel A.Rhoden <rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: FW: 101st Variance to the Board

From: Rachel A.Rhoden <rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Cc: Chad Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>; Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board
Good morning, Ms. Diaz.

Attached is the signed agent authorization form, designating Chad Rischar to act on Bradford County's behalf to process the application for a permit on S.W. 101st Avenue Variance Request.

Thank you,
Rachel Rhoden
Deputy County Manager
Bradford County, Florida
945 North Temple Avenue

Post Office Drawer B
Starke, Florida 32091
Telephone: (904) 966-6327
Facsimile: (904) 368-3903
Email: rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov
Web: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov

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From: Chad A. Rischar [<mailto:CRischar@drmp.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Rachel A. Rhoden <rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Cc: Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: FW: 101st Variance to the Board

Mrs. Rhoden,

I signed the Final Variance Form as the agent this afternoon and remitted to the District. The District will require an agent authorization letter from the County in order for the request to be finalized.

I've attached the Signature Page for your convenience. Please send this to Ms. Diaz tomorrow if possible.

Chad A. Rischar, PWS
Senior Environmental Scientist
Main: 352.371.2741 | Direct: 352.642.8041 | Cell: 352.256.6778
CRischar@drmp.com
DRMP, Inc.
7525 NW 4th Boulevard, Suite 70, Gainesville, FL 32607

From: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:14 PM
To: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>
Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Jason Dodds <jason_dodds@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Mr. Rischar,

I have a few comments on the variance provided:

- Please provide the correct rule in section (d) of the form (62-330.051(4)(e)(7), F.A.C.).

- Please provide the actual citation of the rule and correct the rule to be 62-330.051(4)(e)(7), F.A.C. in section (e) of the form.
- Please provide the rule again on section (f) of the form.
- Please adequately respond to section (g) of the form. Please consider that the question this section needs to answer is “Why does the 30 day notice cause a hardship?”
- Please adequately respond to section (h) of the form. Please consider that the question this section needs to answer is “How was the intent of the 30 day noticing requirement met?”
- Please cite the rule again on section (i) of the form.

Please be aware that in order for us to accept the variance form signed by you, we will need an agent authorization letter from the County.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding my comments.

Thank you,

Mary Diaz, E.I., CFM
 Engineer III, Resource Management Division
 Suwannee River Water Management District
 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060
 386.362.1001
 386.647.3133 (Direct)
 800.226.1066 (FL Toll Free)

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From: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 7:48 PM

To: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton

<will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Marshall, Leroy

<Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Jason Dodds <jason_dodds@bradfordcountyfl.gov>

Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Ms. Diaz,

Thank you for sharing the District's Variance Request Form.

Please review the attached and completed form.

If the District should have any additional requests or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Chad A. Rischar, PWS

Senior Environmental Scientist

Main: 352.371.2741 | Direct: 352.642.8041 | Cell: 352.256.6778

CRischar@drmp.com

DRMP, Inc.

7525 NW 4th Boulevard, Suite 70, Gainesville, FL 32607

From: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:03 PM

To: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>

Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton

<will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Marshall, Leroy

<Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Jason Dodds <jason_dodds@bradfordcountyfl.gov>

Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Mr. Rischar,

The variance request needs to be in a similar format to the attached one. I attached the Word document for convenience.

Thanks,

Mary Diaz, E.I., CFM

Engineer III, Resource Management Division

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From: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:55 PM

To: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Ms. Diaz,

I've attached several documents related to Bradford County's permanent variance request regarding SW 101st Avenue.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or concerns.

Chad A. Rischar, PWS

Senior Environmental Scientist

Main: 352.371.2741 | Direct: 352.642.8041 | Cell: 352.256.6778

CRischar@drmp.com

DRMP, Inc.

7525 NW 4th Boulevard, Suite 70, Gainesville, FL 32607

From: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:55 AM

To: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton

<will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>

Cc: Jason Dodds <jason_dodds@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>;

Marshall, Leroy

<Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>

Subject: 101st Variance to the Board

Gentlemen,

The deadline in order to bring your variance request to the November Governing Board is

tomorrow. The next Board

meeting is on December 10, 2019.

Please keep in mind that the RAI response is due by October 24, 2019.

Thank you,

Please be aware that in order for us to accept the variance form signed by you, we will need an agent authorization letter from the County.

Mary Diaz, E.I., CFM
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4. The October 3, 2019, and the October 6, 2019, email from Mary Diaz states in part: "Please be aware that in order for us to accept the variance form signed by you, we will need an agent authorization letter from the County."
5. The agent designation form is copied on the following page. It is noted on the bottom of the agent designation form Please note: The applicant's original signature (not a copy) is required above. The date the SRWMD received the original signature is unknown. The form used is not the current Form for designation of an agent.

JOINT APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT/AUTHORIZATION TO USE
STATE OWNED SUBMERGED LANDS/FEDERAL DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT

PART 8:

A. By signing and submitting this application form, I am applying, or I am applying on behalf of the applicant, for the permit and any proprietary authorizations identified above, according to the supporting data and other incidental information filed with this application. I am familiar with the information contained in this application and represent that such information is true, complete and accurate. I understand this is an application and not a permit, and that work prior to approval is a violation. I understand that this application and any permit issued or proprietary authorization issued pursuant thereto, does not relieve me of any obligation for obtaining any other required federal, state, water management district or local permit prior to commencement of construction. I agree, or I agree on behalf of my corporation, to operate and maintain the permitted system unless the permitting agency authorizes transfer of the permit to a responsible operation entity. I understand that knowingly making any false statement or representation is a violation of Section 373.430, F.S. and 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

Chad A. Rischar

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant (If no Agent is used) or Agent (If one is so authorized below)


Signature of Applicant/Agent

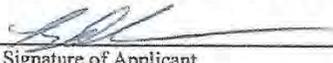
Date: October 8, 2019

(Corporate Title if applicable)

AN AGENT MAY SIGN ABOVE ONLY IF THE APPLICANT COMPLETES THE FOLLOWING:

B. I hereby designate and authorize the agent listed above to act on my behalf, or on behalf of my corporation, as the agent in the processing of this application for the permit and/or proprietary authorization indicated above; and to furnish, on request, supplemental information in support of the application. In addition, I authorize the above-listed agent to bind me, or my corporation, to perform any requirements which may be necessary to procure the permit or authorization indicated above. I understand that knowingly making any false statement or representation is a violation of Section 373.430, F.S. and 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

Brad Carter, County Manager
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant


Signature of Applicant

October 8, 2019
Date

(Corporate Title if applicable)

Please note: The applicant's original signature (not a copy) is required above.

6. The Final Order states on page 1 under PROCEDURE AND ALLEGATIONS

states:

1. Pursuant to Florida Statutes (Fla. Stat.) S 120.542, Petitioner seeks a variance from Fla. Admin. Code paragraph 62-330.051(4)(e)7., for permit application number ERP-007-233697-2.

7. This statement appears to connect the Variance Petition to a specific permit ERP-007-233697-2. The actual content of ERP-007-233697-2 becomes important. The emails copied below seem to indicate the content of the application ERP-007-233697-2 is not clear. Formatting may be altered by the copying process. Emails are shown starting with the most recent email from November 4, 2019 and ending with the first email sent on October 3, 2019, on page 14.

From: Marshall, Leroy
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Chad A. Rischar; Will Sexton; Diaz, Mary
Cc: Brad Carter; Rachel A.Rhoden
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Ok wait guys, I thought one of the culverts was existing. I thought you guys replaced one culvert and added a second culvert. Going on that, only one culvert should be blocked. Blocking both culverts (if one was existing) will cause adverse flooding on the upstream landowner and cause even more of a problem because there is no other option for the water to get to the other side of the road except to overtop. I am almost 99% sure there was one culvert there. Please confirm and unblock one of the culverts.

Thanks

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From: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Diaz, Mary

<Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Rachel A.Rhoden

<rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>

Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Please refer to the attached photograph regarding the blocked cross drains at SW 101st Avenue. The metal signs were trenched down along the pipe outlet and backfilled accordingly. Concrete bags were also used to back the metal signs.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Chad A. Rischar, PWS

Senior Environmental Scientist

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From: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 2:51 PM

To: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>;

Diaz, Mary

<Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Rachel A.Rhoden

<rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>

Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Guys,

That is not blocked. Obstructed, but not blocked. Let's not invite problems. Please block the culvert.

Thanks

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To: From: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 2:26 PM Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>;

Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Diaz, Mary

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Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Rachel A.Rhoden

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Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for the clarification and prompt response. I've attached a photo sent to me by the Road Department per your request. I did ask the Road Department to rearrange the concrete bags to further plug the culvert to the best of their ability without damaging the pipes.

Acting as the authorized agent of Bradford County, will the District please amend ERP-007-233697-2 to reflect that the culverts will not be included in this application submittal. The applicant would like to address the culverts in a separate application/ modification process once the Variance Request is reviewed by the Governing Board during their November meeting.

Thank you,
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From: Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:41 PM
To: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>; Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Rachel A.Rhoden <rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board
Good afternoon, Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Rischar will make the adjustment to the application as directed below and we will obtain a photograph and provide it to you as soon as possible.

I have not yet confirmed that Mr. Rischar will attend the November meeting but I will definitely be there.

Can you please confirm the date and time of the meeting and let me know when an agenda will be available?

Thank you for your continuing support.
WES

From: Marshall, Leroy [<mailto:Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>; Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board
Chad,

As I stated in the email below, the culvert must be removed from the application. The county or you, as their agent, must state that the culvert is no longer being proposed and should be removed from the application.

It would be great to get a picture of the blocked culvert. I think, in this case, a little reasonable assurance goes a long way.

In addition, someone from Bradford should schedule to be at the Board Meeting in November.

Thanks

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From: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board
Ms. Diaz and Mr. Marshall,

The culvert was blocked by County staff on Wednesday October 16th.

I'm uncertain of the County's discussions regarding Mr. Still's allegations. I'll confer when the County tomorrow regarding that topic.

Based on my understanding of this email chain, the RAI response due today has been addressed through the variance request request/documents sent to the District on October 8th, 2019.

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From: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>; Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Subject: RE: 101st Variance to the Board

Chad,

Yes, the variance will be going to the November Board meeting.

On the related topic, In conversations with Bradford County after the RAI went out, we agreed that all information about the placement of a culvert would be removed from the application and the culvert that was placed under the road would be blocked, plugged, etc.. until the County was able to address Mr. Still allegations. This should be done, preferably prior to the Board meeting.

If you have any further questions, please call me.

Thanks

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From: Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:55 AM
To: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>; Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>
Subject: FW: 101st Variance to the Board
Ms. Diaz,

Will you please confirm that the variance request will be included in the November Governing Board Meeting? I predict Commissioner Durrance will ask this question at the Thursday night Commission meeting.

On a related topic, the RAI dated July 26th, 2019 contained 4 questions (attached for your convenience). Questions 1-3 were specific to the variance request process and question 4 was related a FDEP NPDES permit. Provided the variance form has been submitted to the District and contingent on the Governing Board's review and decision, what RAI responses would you like me address on behalf of the County on or prior to the October 24th RAI response deadline?

Thank you,

Chad A. Rischar, PWS

Senior Environmental Scientist

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From: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Cc: Jason Dodds <jason_dodds@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Chad A. Rischar <CRischar@drmp.com>; Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>
Subject: 101st Variance to the Board

Gentlemen,

The deadline in order to bring your variance request to the November Governing Board is tomorrow. The next Board meeting is on December 10, 2019.

Please keep in mind that the RAI response is due by October 24, 2019.

Thank you,

Mary Diaz, E.I., CFM

Engineer III, Resource Management Division

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8. When read as a whole the above email string would seem to indicate that there was significant confusion about the actual contents of the application and what actions SRWMD was requiring Bradford County to take as part of the Petition for a Variance.

9. The email From: Will Sexton will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:41 PM states "Mr. Rischar will make the adjustment to the application as directed below and we will obtain a photograph and provide it to you as soon as possible."

10. Chad Reschar in the email above sent Thursday, October 24, 2019 2:26 PM states:

"Acting as the authorized agent of Bradford County, will the District please amend ERP-007-233697-2 to reflect that the culverts will not be included in this application submittal. The applicant would like to address the culverts in a separate application/ modification process once the Variance Request is reviewed by the Governing Board during their November meeting."

11. No amended application for ERP-007-233697-2 was found on the E Permitting Portal of the SRWMD when it was checked on 12/3/2019.

12. Culverts are referenced in various parts of the application for ERP-007-233697-2. It is not known how SRWMD did or could amend the application as directed in the email. The absence of a complete amended copy of the application for ERP-007-233697-2 renders the entire Final Order vague because it is not clear what parts of the road work are covered in ERP-007-233697-2 and what parts are covered by the granted variance.

13. The fact that ERP-007-233697-2 was amended on October 24, 2019, is not reflected in the written information submitted to the SRWMD Governing Board November 12, 2019.

14. The Final Order states on page 1 under PROCEDURE AND ALLEGATIONS states:

“2. The Petition for Variance was received on October 08, 2019. A true copy of the Petition for Variance is attached to this Order as Exhibit "A".”

15. The Petition for Variance at (e) states:

(e) The citation to the statute (sic) the rule is implementing:

62-330.051(4)(e)(7), F.A.C.(e)Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where:7. Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work;

16. This appears to be a response to:

FAC 28-104.002 Petition for Variance or Waiver.

(e) The citation to the statute the rule is implementing;

17. The citation provided by Bradford County is to a rule not a statute.

18. The Petition for Variance at (f) states:

(f) Type of variance requested: **permanent variance 62-330.051(4)(e)(7), F.A.C.**

**(e)Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where:
7. Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work;**

19. This appears to be a response to:

FAC 28-104.002 Petition for Variance or Waiver.

(f) The type of action requested;

20. The response does not appear to address the type of action requested.

21. The parts of the Petition for Variance under (g) refer to events related to SW 101st Ave. The events related to SW 101st Ave were addressed in Paul Still's

6/17/2019 petition asking for an Administrative Hearing for the SRWMD granting the exception requested in ERP-007-233697-1. That Petition is included as Attachment A to this Petition. That Petition was dismissed when Bradford County withdrew the application addressed in ERP-007-233697-1.

22. SRWMD should have been aware of the contents of that Petition when they evaluated the Petition for Variance included in the Final Order.

23. The Petition for Variance in the first paragraph at (g) Facts that demonstrate hardship states:

Bradford County was unable to provide a 30-day notice to the District specifically because of the overwhelming abundance of repair and recovery projects immediately following Hurricane Irma. Please refer to the below context and details associated with the post Hurricane circumstances and staff demands.

24. The preparation of a 30 day notice would have been the responsibility of the County Manager, County Attorney, and the County Engineer. They would not have been directly involved in the repair work. Work on SW 101st Ave did not begin for over 60 days after Hurricane Irma. This claim of hardship is without merit.

25. The Petition for Variance in the second paragraph at (g) Facts that demonstrate hardship states:

Bradford County is requesting a permanent variance pursuant to 62-330.051(4)(E). The work included the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Street was conducted as part of an emergency action to ensure residents and emergency response vehicles were accessible to residential properties after the Hurricane Irma storm event damaged the road.

26. This paragraph references SW 101st Street. The work in question was done on SW 101st Ave. There is no 62-330.051(4)(E). If Bradford County is referring

to 62-330.051(4)(e), it is expanding the variance request well beyond a variance for 62-330.051(4)(e)7 F.A.C.

27. Paul Still has images that demonstrate that SW 101st Ave was flooded by late July and mid August 2017 rain events and that the damage to the road was the result of Bradford County's failure to block the road to prevent vehicles from driving through or around flooded parts of the road. Two examples are inserted below.



28. The August 18, 2017 email copied below also addresses the damage being done in August 2017.

SW 101st Ave

Fri, Aug 18, 2017

Paul Still stillpe@aol.com[Hide](#)

To **brad_carter** brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov,

will_sexton will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov,

brian_johns brian_johns@bradfordcountyfl.gov

Trucks are still using 101st Ave and doing additional damage to my property. The County has apparently failed to barricade the road to prevent through traffic.

Each vehicle that drives through the water or on my property is spreading the millings the county applied to my property. If the county does not have the paperwork to show that the millings they applied to my property met the required standard for lead content, the testing and remediation costs to the county could be significant.

Again I urge you to block SW 101st Ave North of my driveway and south of Tom Rowe's driveway to prevent more damage to my property and prevent injury to drivers and passengers in vehicles attempting to drive through the flooded sections of SW 101st Ave.

Paul Still
904 368-0291

29. The above email and the first image in 27 above were included in Attachment A so SRWMD should have been aware that the claim that the road damage was the result of Hurricane Irma could not be supported.
30. The apparent claim that it was Hurricane Irma that damaged SW 101th Ave is not supported by the information provided by Bradford County.
31. There are no residential properties for which access was not possible prior to the repair of the portion of SW 101st Ave that adjoins the Still property. The claim that the work was “an emergency action to ensure residents and emergency response vehicles were accessible to residential properties after the Hurricane Irma storm event damaged the road.” cannot be supported.
32. The Petition for Variance in the third paragraph at (g) Facts that demonstrate hardship states:

The underlying statute authorizes the issuance of the exemptions from the ERP process when certain criteria are met. The Request for Verification of an Exemption submitted by Bradford County contemporaneously with the variance request demonstrates that all seven of the substantive requirements of Rule 62-330.(4)(E) F.A.C. have been met.

33. This is not a statement related to hardship.
34. The statement makes the unsupported claim that “The Request for Verification of an Exemption submitted by Bradford County contemporaneously with the variance request demonstrates that all seven of the substantive requirements of Rule 62-330(4)(E) F.A.C. have been met.”
35. The claim that the Request for Verification of an Exemption submitted by Bradford County was contemporaneous with the variance request cannot be

supported. No Request for Verification of an Exemption was made on or about October 8th or 9th 2019.

36. As noted above there is no Rule 62-330.(4)(E) F.A.C. Bradford County appears to be referring to F.A.C. 62-330.051(4)(e). It is FAC. 62-330.051(4)(e)8 and 62-330.050 Procedures for Review and Agency Action on Exemption Requests copied below that are the cause of Paul Still's concerns.

F.A.C. 62-330.051 (4) Bridges, Driveways, and Roadways –

...

(e) Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where:

...

8. All work is conducted in compliance with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

F.A.C.62-330.050(9) is copied below

62-330.050 Procedures for Review and Agency Action on Exemption Requests.

...

(9) The following apply when specified in an exemption in rule 62-330.051, F.A.C.:

...

(b) Construction, alteration, and operation shall not:

1. Adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands;

...

5. Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards. Turbidity, sedimentation, and erosion shall be controlled during and after construction to prevent violations of state water quality standards, including any antidegradation provisions of paragraphs 62-4.242(1)(a) and (b), subsections 62-4.242(2) and (3) and rule 62-302.300, F.A.C., and any special standards for Outstanding Florida Waters and Outstanding National Resource Waters due to construction- related activities. Erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in the *State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual* (Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, June 2007), incorporated by reference herein (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02530>), and the *Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), incorporated by reference herein (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02531>);

37. Images and text in Attachment A document flooding of the Still property and the turbidity of water flowing onto the Still property.

38. The Petition for Variance in the fourth paragraph at (g) Facts that demonstrate hardship states:

The entirety of work performed on SW 101st Street was conducted between December 7th, 2017 and January 24th, 2018 per Bradford County Work Orders. Supporting documentation has been provided in previous communications; however, this letter serves to specifically address the 30-day advanced notice to the District.

39. This paragraph references SW 101st Street. The work in question was done on SW 101st Ave. Paul Still has images that document the work began before December 7th, 2017. See image copied below.



40. The Bradford County Work Orders do not appear to be part of the record found on the SRWMD E Permits Portal.

41. It is not clear what is being implied by the words “this letter serves to specifically address the 30-day advanced notice to the District”.

42. The paragraph does not appear to be related to facts that demonstrate hardship.

43. The Petition for Variance in the fifth paragraph at (g) Facts that demonstrate hardship states:

Regarding the 30-day advanced notice requirement to the District. Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, the County was focused on providing post storm services to the residents of Bradford County. Bradford County sustained significant flooding, severed transportation infrastructure, and transportation infrastructure damage throughout the County. During the reconstruction phases immediately after the storm and flooding, County staff and resources were focused primarily on infrastructure repair. Provided the transportation infrastructure repair needs throughout Bradford County, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor, and the directives from the Emergency Management office, Bradford County's resources were dedicated to repair and reconstruction work orders. Unfortunately, the 30-day advanced notice was not submitted to the District; however, the nature and intent of the exemption was upheld as previously demonstrated through sketches and documentation responses submitted to the District on May 15, 2019 and July 2, 2019. Furthermore, numerous follow-up communications between the County and the District have transpired through a demonstrated effort between Bradford County and the District to seek resolution regarding the exemption authorization and the variance request.

44. As noted above, the preparation of a 30 day notice would have been the responsibility of the County Manager, the County Attorney, and the County Engineer. They were not directly involved in the repair work.

45. Work on SW 101st Ave did not begin for over 60 days after Hurricane Irma.

46. This claim of hardship is without merit.

47. This paragraph moves from facts that demonstrate hardship to a claim about the nature of and intent of the exemption. The nature of and intent of the exemption were not upheld through sketches and documentation because the survey was not current and does not show current road alignment or the pre storm road alignment. The information provided in Attachment A and this Petition indicate there are three errors in paragraph 5; 1) when the road damage occurred, 2) what caused the road damage, and 3) when the repair work began.

Paul Still has images documenting the damages done by vehicle traffic on SW 101st Ave after the road was flooded in late July 2017.

48. The Petition for Variance Bradford County responses at (g) noted above appear to be a response to:

FAC 28-104.002 Petition for Variance or Waiver.

...

(2) The petition must include the following information:

...

(g) The specific facts that demonstrate a substantial hardship or a violation of principles of fairness that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner;

As noted above the Petition for Variance language does not appear to be responsive to the rule's requirements.

49. The Petition for Variance at (h) state:

(h) The reason the variance or waiver requested would serve the purpose of the underlying statute: The reason the variance meets the rule is that Bradford County was working under the Governors Emergency in effect from September 2017. It was the County's understanding that the Executive Emergency Order allowed repair work to occur without a 30-day notice. Please refer to Appendix I regarding the Executive Emergency Orders following Hurricane Irma.

50. Item (h) appears to be a response to:

FAC 28-104.002 Petition for Variance or Waiver.

...

(2) The petition must include the following information:

...

(h) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute; and

51. While Bradford County appears to be claiming all of the requirements of F.A.C. 62-330.051(4)(e) were met, they have not provided evidence to document that claim.

52. By expanding the road into property not previously used as a road or owned by the Bradford County prior to the August 2017 flooding and by adding

two 24 inch culverts where only one culvert was installed previously Bradford County went beyond the work that would not have required an ERP. The language in 62-330.051(4)(b)3. “Culverts shall not be larger than one, 24-inch diameter pipe, or its hydraulic equivalent, and must not reduce the upstream hydraulic discharge capacity;” is very clear and not addressed.

53. The failure to install vegetated swales to reduce sediment loads and turbidity in stormwater resulted in and continue to result in violations of the water quality standards for turbidity for storm water flowing onto his property. See Appendix A pages 30-33.

54. As a result of the failure of Bradford County to address the issues of flooding and water quality they failed to meet the requirements of

62-330.050 Procedures for Review and Agency Action on Exemption Requests.

...

(9) The following apply when specified in an exemption in rule 62-330.051, F.A.C.:

(b) Construction, alteration, and operation shall not:

1. Adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands;

...

5. Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards. Turbidity, sedimentation, water quality standards,

55. Appendix I of the Petition for Variance is not included as an Attachment to the Final Order.

56. The Petition for Variance at (i) states:

(i) Permanent waiver/variance requested.

It is our wish that a permanent waiver or variance be granted for the following: To resolve the 30-day advance noticing component of the exemption process per 62-330.051(4)(e)(7), F.A.C.

57. Item i appears to be referencing the requirement in

FAC 62-330.395(1)(a)4. The time period for which the variance is sought, including the reasons and facts supporting the time period;

58. No reasons and facts supporting the time period are presented.

59. The statement at (i) also adds uncertainty to the request because it uses the words "waiver or variance". Waiver and variance have different meanings in Florida Statutes.

60. The Final Order states on pages 1 and 2 under PROCEDURE AND

ALLEGATIONS states:

3. District caused a notice to be published in the Florida Administrative Register ("FAR") on October 10, 2019, informing the public that the District had received the Petition for Variance and providing an opportunity to comment or object within fourteen days of the date of publication in the FAR. A true copy of the notice is attached to this Order as Exhibit "B".

61. Exhibit B of the Final order is copied below.

Exhibit B
Notice of Variances and Waivers

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40B-400.091 Publications and Agreements Incorporated by Reference

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 8, 2019, the Suwannee River Water Management District, received a petition for variance from Chad Rischar, an agent for the petitioner, Brad Carter, Bradford County, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, pursuant to Section 120.542, F.S. Petitioner is seeking a variance from subparagraph 62330.051(4)(e)(7) F.A.C., as to repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work. The petition has been assigned Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Number ERP-007-233697-2, SW 101st Avenue. A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Tilda Musgrove, Business Resource Specialist, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live oak, FL 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 in Florida only.

62. The FAR notice does not contain language that would indicate it is providing an opportunity to comment or object to the Petition for Variance.

63. The FAR notice does not contain language that the comments must be submitted within fourteen days of the date of publication in the FAR.

64. The FAR notice has the received date as October 8, 2019. The SRWMD E Permitting Portal indicates the Agent Designation form for Chad Rischar was received on October 9, 2019. The date the original not a copied Agent Designation date is unknown, but may have been after the October 10th, 2019, FAR publication date.

65. The Final Order states on page 2 under PROCEDURE AND ALLEGATIONS states:

4. District has not received an objection to the petition.

66. The screen shot of the SRWMD E Permitting Portal shows Paul Still submitted two objecting comments within 14 days of the FAR notice and one objecting comment after the 14 day period.

Document Type	Document Name	Date	Size	Download Link	Notes
Review Documents	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	11/04/2019	85KB	Application Correspondence - Received	
Review Documents	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	11/04/2019	2MB	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	
Review Documents	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	11/04/2019	143KB	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	
Correspondence	Letter of Objection :: Main/Cover Letter	10/31/2019	1KB	Letter of Objection :: Main/Cover Letter	Online: Public Input from Paul Still
Review Documents	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	10/24/2019	134KB	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	
Review Documents	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	10/24/2019	105KB	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	
Review Documents	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	10/24/2019	98KB	Supporting Document :: Application Correspondence - Received	
Correspondence	RAI Response - Partial :: Supporting Document	10/24/2019	177KB	RAI Response - Partial :: Supporting Document	
Correspondence	Letter of Objection :: Main/Cover Letter	10/21/2019	1KB	Letter of Objection :: Main/Cover Letter	Online: Public Input from Paul Still
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67. The objections noted in the screen shot above are copied below. The first two comments are shown above as being made on 10/21/2019 within the 14 day time limit. The third comment is shown as being made on 10/31/2019.

Comment Type : Objection
Permit# :ERP-007-233697-2
Project Name: SW 101st Avenue
Name :Paul Still
Address :14167 SW 101st Ave
City :Starke
State :FL
Zip :32091
Phone Number :9043680291
Ext. :

Email :stillpe@aol.com
Comments: The response fails to address the two issues associated with the Still property the expansion of the road onto land not previously owned by the county and the addition of a second 24 inch culvert that is causing flooding on the still property. The road work was long after Irma. See information provided in the closed application for 101st Ave.

Comment Type : Objection
Permit# :ERP-007-233697-2
Project Name: SW 101st Avenue
Name :Paul Still
Address :14167 SW 101st Ave
City :Starke
State :FL
Zip :32091
Phone Number :9043680291
Ext. :

Email :stillpe@aol.com
Comments: All the same issues that were raised in my 6/17/2019 Petition for an Administrative Hearing related to the closed permit application for the SW 101st Ave construction apply to this pending application. I am including that Petition by reference in this comment I will file a new Petition for an Administrative Hearing if the variance is granted. The path taken by the SRWMD and Bradford County seems to have just wasted a lot of staff time and money and not resolved the issues which are flooding of our property due to an added 24 inch culvert and contamination of our property with sediments eroding from SW 101st Ave.

Comment Type : Objection
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Name :Paul Still
Address :14167 SW 101st Ave
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Comments: Bradford County's Petition for Variance has the same misleading information presented in the past. In item g they say "after the Hurricane Irma Storm event damaged the road" 101st Ave was flooded in August 2017 and the damage to the road was caused because the county failed to block the road to prevent damage to flooded sections of the road by continuing use by trucks and cars. Emails asking the county to block the road and images confirm the road was damaged prior to Irma. Images also show ditch work was performed prior to Irma which contradicts the statement that all the work was done between December 7, 2017 and January 24, 2018. Irma impacts occurred after September 10, 2017, so there was time to obtain the necessary ERP to raise and expand it onto property the county was purchasing. Bradford Countys submission in g also identifies the work as being done on 101st Street. The referenced Appendix I does not seem to be attached. The document references the previously submitted materials but fails to note the previously submitted survey and drawing were not correct.

68. The text of the ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION
VARIANCE REQUEST TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT ERP-007-233697-2 (TSR)

is copied on the next two pages.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION
 VARIANCE REQUEST TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
 ERP-007-233697-2
 12-Nov-2019

Applicant: Brad Carter
 Bradford County Board of Commissioners
 PO Box B
 Starke, FL 32091-1286
 (904) 966-6327

Owner: Brad Carter on behalf of
 Bradford County Board of Commissioners
 PO Box B
 Starke, FL 32091-1286
 (904) 966-6327

Agent: Chad Rischar
 DRMP, Inc
 Ste 70
 7525 NW 4th Blvd
 Gainesville, FL 32607-2064
 (352) 642-8041

Project Name: SW 101st Avenue
Project Acreage: 23.0
County: Bradford
STR:

Section(s):	Township(s):	Range(s):
16,21,28,32,33	6S	21E

Receiving Water Body:

Name	Class
Sampson River	III Fresh

Authority: 62-330.051(4)(e)7., Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

Interested Parties: Yes

Objectors: No

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize a variance from paragraph 62-330.051(4)(e)7., F.A.C.

Reviewers: Warren Zwanka, Leroy Marshall; Mary Diaz; Christina Carr; Ashley Stefanik

BCS 80

Project Location

The project is located in Starke, FL in Township 06 South, Range 21 East, Sections 16, 21, 28, 32, and 33 of Bradford County.

Project Description

The applicant has requested a variance to paragraph 62-330.051(4)(e)7., F.A.C., which requires a 30-day advance notice to the District before commencing road repair. The rule states in part, "Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where: Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work."

The variance is requested pursuant to section 120.542, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which states:

"Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when the application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver."

The applicant has demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been achieved by performing the repair while the Governor's Executive Emergency Orders 17-235, 17-286, and 17-330 were in effect. The applicant has also demonstrated that a hardship would be created by the noticing requirement due to the immediate need to repair transportation routes following the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Therefore, the applicant has met the requirements for a variance under Fla. Stat. § 120.542.

The District published a notice regarding the project in the Florida Administrative Register on October 10, 2019. To date, no objections to the variance request have been received.

69. The last paragraph in the TSR states:

The District published a notice regarding the project in the Florida Administrative Register on October 10, 2019. To date, no objections to the variance request have been received.

70. The email string below reference the “no objections” statement.

From: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>
To: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>; Zwanka, Warren <Warren.Zwanka@srwmd.org>; Thomas, Hugh <Hugh.Thomas@srwmd.org>
Subject: RE: Bradford County Variance 101st Ave
Date: Mon, Nov 4, 2019 2:09 pm

Thank you Paul for the email. At the time that the Board package was written, we had not received an objection to the variance. We have since received your objection and the Board will be informed of your objection.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.
Thanks

Leroy Marshall, P.E., PMP, CFM
Chief Professional Engineer
Office of Engineering/ERP
Suwannee River Water Management District
www.mysuwanneeriver.com

From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 2:06 PM
To: Zwanka, Warren <Warren.Zwanka@srwmd.org>; Thomas, Hugh <Hugh.Thomas@srwmd.org>; Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>
Subject: Bradford County Variance 101st Ave

I just noticed the approval of the Bradford County Variance 101st Ave is on the SRWMD agenda. The final order states in part

3. District caused a notice to be published in the Florida Administrative Register (“FAR”) on October 10, 2019, informing the public that the District had received the Petition for publication in the FAR. A true copy of the notice is attached to this Order as Exhibit “B”

4. District has not received an objection to the petition.

I have left several objections on E permits about the variance.

Thanks,
Paul Still

All E-mail sent to and from this address may be public records. The Suwannee River Water Management District does not allow use of the District E-mail system and other equipment for non-business related purposes.

71. Based on the above email both the Final Order and the TSR may have been written before the 14 day time limit for objections had expired. This may have resulted in a significant error in the Final Order, the TSR, and the FAR notice published 11/22/2019 regarding objections or comments to or about the Variance Petition. The three documents all state “no objections have been received” when in fact objections had been filed via the SRWMD E Permitting Portal.

72. The FAR notice published 11/22/2019 is copied below.

Notice of Variances and Waivers

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS
Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40B-400.091 Publications and Agreements Incorporated by Reference

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) hereby gives notice: that on November 12, 2019 Final Order 19-0005 has been issued. This order grants variance under Section 120.542, F.S. subparagraph 62-330.051(4)(e)(7) F.A.C., to Chad Rischar, an agent for the petitioner, Brad Carter, Bradford County, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, as to repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work. The petition has been assigned Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Number ERP-007-233697-2, SW 101st Avenue. The petition for variance was received by the District on October 8, 2019. Notice of receipt of the petition requesting variance was published in F.A.R., Volume 45, Number 198 on October 10, 2019. There were no public comments received for this project. SRWMD granted the petition because the petitioner demonstrated that the purpose of the statute underlying the rule will be met and that a substantial hardship would be created if the petitioners were required to comply with this rule.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Tilda Musgrove, Business Resource Specialist, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 in Florida only.

73. The Petition for Variance fails to identify if the Petition for Variance is filed as a FS 120.542 petition or as a 62-330.395 Variances petition.

74. The Final Order on pages 1 and 2 states

8. Petitioner is required to demonstrate that (1) the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means and (2) that application of Fla. Admin. Code paragraph 62- 330.051(4)(e)7., would create a substantial hardship or would violate the principles of fairness.

9. The purpose of Chapter 373 of the Fla. Stat. is to prevent harm to the water

resources of the state. To achieve this purpose, District is authorized to require permits for the construction of stormwater management systems. To obtain a permit under Chapter 373, an applicant must provide reasonable assurance that the construction will not obstruct the free flow of waters of rivers and streams within the District. See, Fla. Stat. § 373.086 (Providing for works of the district). 10. Section 373.4131 of the Fla. Stat. authorizes the District to implement Florida Admin. Code Chapter 62 -330 as a statewide program. Florida Admin. Code rule 62- 330.051 became effective as District rule on October 01, 2013, and the most recent amendment became effective on June 01, 2018.

75. Based on the fact that it is FS 373 and FAC Chapter 62-330 the logical choice for processing The Bradford County Petition for a Variance would be the FAC 62-330.395 Variances procedures absent a request by Bradford County to use the process provided in FS 120.542 and FAC 28-104.002 Petition for Variance or Waiver. FAC 62-330.395 requires notices in local papers a reasonable requirement for the Bradford Petition for Variance.

(e) Statement of Facts That the Petitioner Contends Warrant Reversal or Modification.

76. The date on the Petition for Variance signed by Chad A, Rischar was October 7, 2019. The date on the agent designation form was October 8, 2019. Chad Rischar was not authorized to submit the October 7, 2019, Petition for Variance. That Petition for Variance is not valid and should have not been used in the Final Order. The Final Order is thus invalid. See 1 through 5 above.

77. Paul Still contends that it was the responsibility of Bradford County to submit an amended application that would have had the exact language and documents that were being referenced in the Petition for Variance. An October 24, 2019, email asking SRWMD to amend the Application for ERP-007-233697-2 leaves a vague and confusing application that is being referenced by the Petition for

Variance. In addition, the requested amendment came after the Petition for Variance was submitted. See 6-13.

78. The Petition of Variance has several errors and fails to adequately address the elements required by FAC 28-04.002. See 14-59.

79. The first FAR notice had an error in the received date and did not match the description of the FAR Notice in the Final Order. See 60-64.

80. The SRWMD in the Final order, the TSR and the second FAR notice stated no objections or comments (second FAR notice) had been received when in fact objections had been received. See 65-72.

81. The SRWMD chose to evaluate the Bradford County Petition for Variance as a FS 120.542 even though Bradford County did not indicate they were seeking a FS 120.542 variance. See 73-75.

(f) Statement of Rules or Statutes the Petitioner Contends Requires Reversal of the Agency Action

82. The applicable rules and statutes are listed below followed by the items in this Petition in ***(bold italics)***.

Florida Statutes 120.569 ***(this Petition)***

Florida Statutes 120.542 Variances and waivers. ***(78)***

Florida Statutes 120.02 ***(standing, 78)***

FAC 28-104.002 Petition for Variance or Waiver. ***(78)***

FAC 28-104.003 Comments on Petition. ***(80)***

Florida Statutes 373 ***(76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81)***

Florida Statutes 373.430 ***(76, 77, 78, 79, 80)***

CHAPTER 62-330 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMITTING **(76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81)**

62-330.050 Procedures for Review and Agency Action on Exemption Requests. **(76, 77, 78)**

62-330.051 Exempt Activities. **(76, 77, 78)**

62-330.060 Content of Applications for Individual and Conceptual Approval Permits. **(76)**

62-330.395 Variances. **(81)**

(g) Response to The ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE

83. The **ORDER DISMISSING PETITION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE** on pages 5-7 in the section WHETHER PETITIONER'S SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED 10-15 appears to be focusing on Paul Still's last sentence in the section **(c) Statement of How the Petitioner's Substantial Interests are Affected** which states:

"Had Bradford County applied for the required Environmental Resource Permit for the work done on 101st Ave 30 days in advance of the work he would have had an opportunity to comment on the proposed work."

This sentence has been deleted from this amended petition.

84. Language has been added to **(c) Statement of How the Petitioner's Substantial Interests are Affected** to more clearly establish the Petitioner's Substantial Interests with the Petition for Variance Final Order.

85. The issue of substantial interest and standing has been addressed and expanded in recent cases.

86. *Brookwood Extended Care Center of Homestead, LLP v. Agency for Healthcare Admin*, 870 So.2nd 834 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003) reads:

See McIntyre v. Seminole County Sch. Bd., 779 So. 2d 639 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001)(where only item employee failed to include in hearing request was how he became aware of School Board's action, the deficiency would not be deemed dispositive, and employee's letter was sufficient to meet the minimum requirements listed in section 120.54(5)(b) 4 for a hearing request).

87. *Brookwood Extended Care Center of Homestead, LLP v. Agency for Healthcare Admin*, 870 So.2nd 834 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003) (Cope, J., specially concurring) reads:

This also follows from the wording of the statute itself. The statute allows dismissal only if the petition "is not in substantial compliance with these requirements...." § 120.569(2)(c), Fla. Stat. (emphasis added); *see also id.* § 120.569(2)(d). The statute requires the agency to look at the substance of the petition. Substantial compliance, not perfect compliance, is all that is required. Nitpicking and hypertechnical reading of petitions are not allowed.

88. In *Henry C. Ross Petitioner, vs City of Tarpon Springs and Southwest Florida Water Management District*, No. 1-10214 (April 22, 2011) Administrative Law Judge David M. Maloney addressed this expansion in his Amended Recommended Order. The relevant sections of that Amended Recommended Order are copied below.

78. In *Gibby Family Trust v. Blueprint 2000 and Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, Case No. 10-9292 (DOAH April 11, 2011), Administrative Law Judge Johnston recently *wrote the following with regard to the "standing" standard in a section 120.57 administrative proceeding*:

32. For years, standing to be a party in a proceeding under section 120.57 was determined under the standard set out in *Agrico Chemical Co. v. Department of Environmental Regulation*, 406 So. 2d 478, 482 (Fla. 2d DCA 1981):

[B]efore one can be considered to have a substantial interest in the outcome of the proceeding he must show 1) that he will suffer *injury in fact which is of sufficient immediacy to entitle him to a section 120.57 hearing*, and 2) that his substantial injury is of a type or nature which the proceeding is designed to protect. The first aspect of the test deals with the degree of injury. The second deals *with the nature of the injury*.

Although *Agrico* was decided on the second prong of the test, its first prong also has been applied make standing determinations.

33. More recent appellate decisions have clarified the first prong of the *Agrico Test*. In order for a third party to have standing as a petitioner to challenge agency action in an administrative proceeding, the evidence must prove that the petitioner has substantial rights or interests that *reasonably could be affected by the agency's action*. See *St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc., et al. v. St. Johns River Water Mgmt. Distr., et al.*, Fla. 5th DCA Case No. 5D09-1644, Op. Filed February 18, 2011; *Palm Beach Cnty. Env'tl. Coal. V. Fla. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, 14 So. 3d 1076, 1078 (Fla. 4th DCA 2009) *Peace River/Manasota Reg'l Water Supply Auth. v. IMC Phosphates Co.*, 18 So. 3d 1079, 1082 (Fla. 2d DCA 2009); *Reily Enters., LLC v. Fla. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, 990 So. 2d 1248, 1251 (Fla. 4th DCA 2008). See also §403.412(5), Fla. Stat. ("*A citizen's substantial interests will be considered to be determined or affected if the party demonstrates it may suffer an injury in fact which is of sufficient immediacy and is of the type and nature intended to be protected by this chapter.*") *Gibby Family Trust*, at 14-16.

79. The Fifth DCA *St. Johns Riverkeeper* case and the three cases which preceded it cited above, two of which were decided by the Fourth DCA and one by the *Second DCA*, (the "*St. Johns 27 Riverkeeper Line of Cases*") appear to have relaxed the first prong of the *Agrico* test for a party to have standing in a 120.57 proceeding. Rather than prove an actual injury in fact of sufficient immediacy as required by the first prong of the *Agrico* test, a party need only allege such an injury and then prove that it was reasonable to expect that such an injury could occur. Proof that the actual injury would occur should the agency action be implemented is not necessary under the *St. Johns Riverkeeper Line of Cases* for a party to have standing.

89. The last two sentences above appear to be applicable in Paul Still's case.

"Rather than prove an actual injury in fact of sufficient immediacy as required by the first prong of the *Agrico* test, a party need only allege such an injury and then prove that it was reasonable to expect that such an injury could occur. Proof that the actual injury would occur should the agency action be implemented is not necessary under the *St. Johns Riverkeeper Line of Cases* for a party to have standing."

90. The injury that Paul Still suffered in this case resulted from the SRWMD's failure to acknowledge that he had filed statements of opposition to the Bradford County Petition for Variance.

(h) Statement of Relief Sought by the Petitioner.

The SRWMD Governing Board should revoke Final Order 19-0005.

Bradford County should withdraw its Petition for Variance and its application for ERP-007-233697-2.

Bradford County should apply for an Environmental Resource Permit for the culvert and the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Ave.

Paul Still /s/

The above typed name should be considered an electronic signature

Date 12/23/2019

Paul Still

14167 SW 101st Ave

Starke, FL

32091

Email stillpe@aol.com

904 368-0291

Attachment A

To

Amended Petition Requesting an Administrative Hearing Review of the Suwannee River Water Management District's Final Order 19-0005 Granting a Variance for permit application number ERP-007-233697-2 by Bradford County

the

Petition Requesting an Administrative Hearing Review of the Suwannee River Water Management District's Determination that Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Exemption, ERP-007-233697-1, SW 101st Avenue, Bradford County, is an Exempt Activity

Petition Requesting an Administrative Hearing Review of the Suwannee River Water Management District's Determination that Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Exemption, ERP-007-233697-1, SW 101st Avenue, Bradford County, is an Exempt Activity

(a) Petitioner Information

Paul Still

14167 SW 101st Ave

Starke, FL 32091

904 368-0291

(b) Statement of How and When Petitioner Was Noticed

The Petitioner received notice of the Agency Action in an email dated 6/10/2019 with the letter copied below as an attachment from the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD). The text of the June 10, 2019, letter is copied below. The formatting may not be the same as the screen shot of the document which is included after the text.

Dear Mr. Carter:

The above referenced project has been determined by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) to be an exempt activity. This decision was based on the documentation submitted on or before May 20, 2019. The development consisted of the construction of a culverted crossing on SW 101st Street in Bradford County. The development also included the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Street. The project shall adhere to the exemption request submitted to the District by Brad Carter, of Bradford County, and subsections 62-330.051(4)(b) & (e), F.A.C.

Please ensure that turbidity, sedimentation, and erosion are controlled during and after construction of the exempt activity to prevent violations of state water quality standards, including any antidegradation provisions of paragraphs 62-4.242(1)(a) and (b), subsections 62-4.242(2) and (3) and Rule 62-302.300, F.A.C., and any special standards for Outstanding Florida Waters and Outstanding National Resource Waters. Erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in the State of Florida

Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation, June 2007) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02530>), and the Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02531>).

In addition, construction, alteration, and operation shall not:

- Exceed any of the thresholds as found in 62-330.051, F.A.C.
- Adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands;
- Cause an adverse impact to the minimum flows and levels established pursuant to Section 373.042, F.S.
- Cause adverse impacts to a Work of the District established pursuant to Section 373.086, F.S.;
- Adversely impede navigation or create a navigational hazard; or
- Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards.

This authorization does not exempt you from obtaining permits from any other regulatory agency. Any modifications to the authorized plans shall require reconsideration by the District prior to commencement of construction. If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 386.362.1001 or by email at MAD@srwmd.org.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Diaz, E.I, CFM
Division of Resource Management



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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June 10, 2019

Brad Carter
Bradford County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box B
Starke, FL 32091

Subject: Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Exemption, ERP-007-233697-1,
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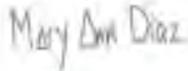
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(c) Statement of How the Petitioner’s Substantial Interests are Affected

Paul and Kathy Still own 116 acres on the west side of Lake Sampson. The property address is 14167 SW 101st Ave. Starke, FL 32091. The property has two tax id numbers; 00817-0-00000 and 00819-0-00200. The property runs from the right of way of SW 101st Ave to Lake Sampson. The Still property is actively managed for timber production. The Still property has a Consumptive Use permit for freeze protection and irrigation of blueberries. The permit allows the use of the surface water that passes through the 101st Ave culvert and flows through a dug drainage feature that flows through the Still property and is held in wetlands on that property. The installation of a second 24 inch culvert under SW 101st Ave. causes flooding on the Still property that impacts forestry management practices. Sediments are transported off the road and onto the Still property as is stormwater that exceeds water quality standard for turbidity as a result of Bradford County’s failure to install sediment control elements on the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Ave. The sediments and turbidity make the surface water unusable for the permitted activity and cause environmental degradation of the wetlands on the Still property. The lack of erosion control is resulting in the migration of recycled asphalt on the Still property. Once the recycled asphalt migrates off the county road it becomes a solid waste.

(d) Statement of Material Facts Disputed by the Petitioner

The June 10, 2019, exemption determination document states “The development consisted of the construction of a culverted crossing on SW 101st Street in Bradford County. The development also included the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st

Street.” The road is not correct in the above statement. The road is SW 101st Ave. This error appears to have been made by SRWMD staff not Bradford County.

This Petition involves a REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION submitted after the work had been done and the granting of an exemption for that work by the SRWMD.

This case is unique because the work was done in late 2017 and early 2018 so the actual impacts of the work can be evaluated with respect to the requirements that are included in the June 10th, 2019, letter granting the exemption. The case is also unique in that several hundred digital images of the work and its impacts exist.

The Bradford County REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION signed on 12/6/2018 may have been in response to the email string about the silt fence installed along the Petitioners property copied below.

From: Paul Still
<stillpe@aol.com>
To: Leroy.Marshall
<Leroy.Marshall@srwm
d.org>

Subject: Re: Silt fence on SW
101st Ave Bradford
County **Date:** Fri, Nov 2,
2018 6:13 pm

Culvert addition

Bradford County added a second 24 inch culvert to an existing 24 inch culvert. Increased flow impacted downstream property by causing sediments to be moved by the increased flow.

Road work

Bradford County failed to include roadside swales or other effective means of stormwater treatment. The steep slopes of the roadside ditch causes millings to eroded into the ditch which will eventually result in the millings contaminating the Still property. Millings are mechanically moved into the roadside ditch when vehicles drive off the road and during road maintenance operations. It is the millings content of the stormwater that is the concern.

The road was realigned.

Thanks,
Paul Still

-----Original Message-----

From: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>

To: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>

Cc: Carr, Christina <Christina.Carr@srwmd.org>

Sent: Thu, Nov 1, 2018 5:03 pm

Subject: FW: Silt fence on SW 101st Ave Bradford County

Mr. Still,

Chrissy forwarded your email and asked me to respond. I reviewed your email and found three concerns. I have not seen the work, so I can only respond to what you have in your email.

First, the addition of a culvert. The addition of a roadway crossing may be an exempt activity and if so, does not require the County to notify the District to construct the culvert as long as they meet the criteria in the exemption. Rule 62-330.051(4)(b) states

(b) Construction, alteration, or maintenance, and operation, of culverted driveway or roadway crossings and bridges of wholly artificial, non-navigable drainage conveyances, provided:

1. The construction project area does not exceed one acre and is for a discrete project that is not part of a larger plan of development that requires permitting under this chapter. However, these limitations shall not preclude use of this exemption to provide access to activities that qualify for the general permit in section 403.814(12), F.S.;
2. The culvert or bridge shall be sized and installed to pass normal high water stages without causing adverse impacts to upstream or downstream property;
3. Culverts shall not be larger than one, 24-inch diameter pipe, or its hydraulic equivalent, and must not reduce the upstream hydraulic discharge capacity;
4. The crossing shall not:

- a. Be longer than 30 feet from top-of-bank to top-of-bank;
- b. Have a top width of more than 20 feet or a toe-to-toe width of more than 40 feet; and,
- c. Have side slopes steeper than three feet horizontal to one foot vertical;
- 5. There are no more than two crossings on any total land area, with a minimum distance of 500 feet between crossings;
- 6. If dewatering is performed, all temporary work and discharges must not cause flooding or impoundment, downstream siltation, erosion, or turbid discharges that violate state water quality standards;
- 7. Any temporary work shall be completely removed and all upstream and downstream areas that were disturbed shall be restored to pre-work grades, elevations and conditions; and,
- 8. All work shall comply with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

If the work that was performed does not meet the criteria, please provide information documenting what criteria they do not meet.

Second, the work on the road. The exemption that they may be using does not disqualify the use of the exemption just because the road is expanded onto property purchased from you. The work would need to exceed the criteria found in the exemption. If the work does, then they would not be eligible for the exemption. The exemption does say that they are to notify the District prior to the use of the exemption. I have notified the County and they will submit an after-the-fact authorization within 2 weeks. Rule 62-330.051(4)(e) states

(e) Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where:

- 1. They were in existence on or before January 1, 2002, and have:
 - a. Been publicly-used and under county or municipal ownership and maintenance thereafter, including when they have been presumed to be dedicated in accordance with section 95.361, F.S.;
 - b. Subsequently become county or municipally-owned and maintained; or
 - c. Subsequently become perpetually maintained by the county or municipality through such means as being accepted by the county or municipality as part of a Municipal Service Taxing Unit or Municipal Service Benefit Unit; and
- 2. The work does not realign the road or expand the number of traffic lanes of the existing road, but may include safety shoulders, clearing vegetation, and other work reasonably necessary to repair, stabilize, pave, or repave the road, provided that the work is constructed using generally accepted roadway design standards;

3. Existing bridges are not widened more than is reasonably necessary to properly connect the bridge with the road to match the width of the roadway travel lanes and safely accommodate the traffic expected;
4. No debris from the original bridge shall be allowed to remain in wetlands or other surface waters;
5. Roadside swales or other effective means of stormwater treatment are incorporated as part of the work;
6. No more dredging or filling of wetlands or water of the state is performed than is reasonably necessary to perform the work in accordance with generally accepted roadway design standards;
7. Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work; and
8. All work is conducted in compliance with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

If the work that was performed does not meet the criteria, please provide information documenting what criteria they do not meet.

Third, the use of millings. There is nothing in 62-330, F.A.C. which prohibits or restricts the County from using millings. The decision to use the milling was made by the County and has no bearing on the District's review of the situation.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks

From: Carr, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>
Subject: RE: Silt fence on SW 101st Ave Bradford County

From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Carr, Christina <Christina.Carr@srwmd.org>
Subject: Silt fence on SW 101st Ave Bradford County

The silt fence is not on the Still property.

I believe the work done on SE 101st Ave along our property required an ERP. I do not believe the work was covered under the exemption for an existing road. The Road was

expanded to the east of 101st Ave easement on to land that Bradford County purchased from us.

I am not sure if there was a permit for the second culvert installed for the drain that runs through our property. Adding the second culvert adds to flooding of our property. It also increases the velocity of the water flowing in the drainage ditch which increases the likelihood that our property will be contaminated by milling materials coated with petroleum products and containing micro silicon. The millings materials are currently in the road ditches and will likely be carried onto our property during the next major rain event. SRWMD's failure to address sediment control features for the work done on SW 101st Ave may have contributed to the risk of the millings reaching our property. Once the millings leave the County property they become a solid waste. I will be requesting that Bradford County and the SRWMD take action to remove any millings carried onto our property.

There are two location where millings are likely to be carried from the road. One at the drain and another at an area where the road ditch does not prevent water from flowing east onto our property.

I requested that Bradford County not use millings on the road along our property because of the potential of contamination. They chose to accept the risk associated with the use of millings.

Thanks,
Paul Still

From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
To: Mary.Diaz <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Subject: Re: Bradford County Culvert Permit Exemption
Date: Thu, Apr 25, 2019 3:39 pm
Attachments: image001.png (5K)

They expanded the road to the east from the original road right of way. This to meet meets the definition of realignment.

May 1st in the morning would work for me.

It would help if you could get copies of the two surveys I referenced.

Thanks,
Paul Still

-----Original Message-----
From: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

To: stillpe@aol.com <stillpe@aol.com>
Cc: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Carr, Christina <Christina.Carr@srwmd.org>
Sent: Thu, Apr 25, 2019 3:25 pm
Subject: RE: Bradford County Culvert Permit Exemption

Mr. Still,

I apologize, I am not understanding. Maybe there is confusion on the terms. If they did not have to *move* the road, how did they *realign* the road? My RAI question asked for assurance that the road was not realigned. That means that they must keep the existing footprint of the existing road. Are you saying they did **not** keep the existing footprint of the road the same?

We can schedule a meeting to discuss if you would prefer that. Would Wednesday the 1st in the morning work for you?

Thank you,

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From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Cc: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Carr, Christina <Christina.Carr@srwmd.org>
Subject: Re: Bradford County Culvert Permit Exemption

That is correct. The county should supply the current survey of the land they purchased so they would not have to move the road.

The issue arose because the county was continuing to expand the road ditch into our property every time they pulled the ditches or did ditch work.

There should be two surveys. The first established the encroachment of road and ditch onto our property and the second established the added area that was to be purchased to account for the road and ditch system and an area beyond the ditch. The new property line is still marked with pvc pipe with the exception of one key point in a curve.

The actual land purchase also included half of the right of way shown on the outdated survey because the county had no record of any easement for the old road right of way.

I would be glad to meet with SRWMD staff and show you my concerns about the road ditch system and the need for sediment control.

The added culvert and the flooding that occurred on our property as a result of the added flow is also a major concern.

Thanks,
Paul Still

-----Original Message-----

From: Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

To: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>

Cc: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Carr, Christina <Christina.Carr@srwmd.org>

Sent: Thu, Apr 25, 2019 1:58 pm

Subject: RE: Bradford County Culvert Permit Exemption

Mr. Still,

Please clarify your statement:

"The County submitted the same old survey that does not seem to show the current road alignment or the fact that Bradford County purchased land from us rather than move the road"

Are you saying that the road was re-aligned?

Thank you,

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From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 2:07 PM

To: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>

Subject: Bradford County Culvert Permit Exemption

I have reviewed the Bradford County's response to the SRWMD RAI for the culvert they installed on SW 101st Ave (the SRWMD has it filled as SW 101st ST) that is causing flooding on our property. Their response does not address the flooding issue.

There is also the issue of the expanded roadway and the use of millings and the failure to install sediment control features for the expanded road surface that has not been addressed.

The millings have migrated of County property because the county failed to install erosion control when they expanded the road and applied the millings.

The County submitted the same old survey that does not seem to show the current road alignment or the fact that Bradford County purchased land from us rather than move the road.

Thanks,

Paul Still

A print screen copy of parts of the application for the REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION is copied below as a screen shot.

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. CONTACT		
Name: Last: Carter	First: Bradley	Middle: D.
Title: County Manager		Company: Bradford Co. Board of Co. Commissioners
Address: 945 N. Temple Avenue		
City: Starke	State: FL	Zip: 32091
Home Telephone: N/A		Work Telephone: 904.966.6327
Cell Phone: N/A		Fax: N/A
E-mail Address: rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov		
Preferred correspondence method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail		

B. Location of proposed activities: Tax Parcel Identification Number:		C.R. S.W. 101st Ave.
Address: S.W. 161st Avenue		
City: Starke	County: Bradford	Zip: 32091
Latitude (DMS) 29° 55' 40.5"		Longitude (DMS) 82° 12' 54.7"
C. Date activity is proposed:	To Commence: Completed	To be Completed: Completed

D. Proposed Activities (be specific; use additional sheets as necessary)
Describe in general terms the proposed project, system, or activity (including materials to be used and construction methods):
<p>4 (B): Added one 24" dia. CMP cross drain at approx. location shown on attached map.</p> <p>4 (E): Placed millings (stabilizing) on existing road bed.</p> <p>See attached road typical section.</p> <p>See attached flood maps.</p> <p>See attached wetland maps.</p>

<p>E. Is any work proposed in wetlands or other surface waters? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. If yes, please specifically describe, with specific references as to how the limits of the proposed work will comply with the terms and conditions of the above exemption.</p>
<p>F. Please provide a description of all sediment and erosion controls to be used during the completion of this activity (such as use of turbidity and erosion controls).</p> <p>Work completed. Silt screens used.</p>

PART 2: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand this notice is being provided solely to seek verification of qualification to use this exemption(s), and that I am NOT requesting the Agency to process this notice as an application for a permit.

I hereby understand that the Agency will undertake reasonable efforts to determine, within 30 days of receipt of this notice, whether the activity contained in this notice qualifies for the above exemption. If it does not, the Agency will provide its determination that the requested activity does not meet the terms and conditions of the exemption, at which time I may provide a new notice with additional or modified information, or I may submit an application for an Environmental Resource Permit. In either case, denial of qualification to use an exemption will be made without prejudice, pending submittal of clarification of any errors or omissions contained in this notice or other information that demonstrates compliance with the terms and conditions of the exemption.

Brad Carter
 Typed/Printed Name


 Signature

12/06/18
 Date

The following errors are noted in the REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION document.

1. C.R.S.W. 101st Ave is not a Tax Parcel Identification Number.

2. The address of the Proposed Work Activity is shown as SW 161st Ave. There appears to be no SW 161st Ave in Bradford County.
3. The longitude and latitude information are close to the culvert location but do not identify the location of the road work done which was several miles long.
4. Under proposed activities the rebuilding and realignment of the road bed are not listed, the attached survey is out dated, not dated, and incorrect, and the road typical section does not represent the conditions at the time of the application because of the large variation in road cross sections.

The SRWMD E documents file for this determination has the following document.

Good afternoon, Mr. Marshall:

Attached is the revised permit application on S.W. 101st Avenue. Below are comments from County Engineer Jerome Kelley.

(b) Construction, alteration, or maintenance, and operation, of culverted driveway or roadway crossings and bridges of wholly artificial, non-navigable drainage conveyances, provided:

1. The construction project area does not exceed one acre and is for a discrete project that is not part of a larger plan of development that requires permitting under this chapter. However, these limitations shall not preclude use of this exemption to provide access to activities that qualify for the general permit in section 403.814(12), F.S.;
- Construction area is less than one acre.
2. The culvert or bridge shall be sized and installed to pass normal high water stages without causing adverse impacts to upstream or downstream property;
3. Culverts shall not be larger than one, 24-inch diameter pipe, or its hydraulic equivalent, and must not reduce the upstream hydraulic discharge capacity;
- The culvert added is one 24' CMP
4. The crossing shall not:
 - a. Be longer than 30 feet from top-of-bank to top-of-bank; - Meet

- b. Have a top width of more than 20 feet or a toe-to-toe width of more than 40 feet; and,
- c. Have side slopes steeper than three feet horizontal to one foot vertical;

5. There are no more than two crossings on any total land area, with a minimum distance of 500 feet between crossings; **N/A**

6. If dewatering is performed, all temporary work and discharges must not cause flooding or impoundment, downstream siltation, erosion, or turbid discharges that violate state water quality standards; **N/A**

7. Any temporary work shall be completely removed and all upstream and downstream areas that were disturbed shall be restored to pre-work grades, elevations and conditions; and, - **Meet**

8. All work shall comply with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

(e) Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where: - **Stabilization with added millings**

1. They were in existence on or before January 1, 2002, and have: - **Meet**

a. Been publicly-used and under county or municipal ownership and maintenance thereafter, including when they have been presumed to be dedicated in accordance with section 95.361, F.S.; - **Meet**

b. Subsequently become county or municipally-owned and maintained; or

c. Subsequently become perpetually maintained by the county or municipality through such means as being accepted by the county or municipality as part of a Municipal Service Taxing Unit or Municipal Service Benefit Unit; and

2. The work does not realign the road or expand the number of traffic lanes of the existing road, but may include safety shoulders, clearing vegetation, and other work reasonably necessary to repair, stabilize, pave, or repave the road, provided that the work is constructed using generally accepted roadway design standards;

- **The road is a graded road with stabilization and was not realigned.**

3. Existing bridges are not widened more than is reasonably necessary to properly connect the bridge with the road to match the width of the roadway travel lanes and safely accommodate the traffic expected; - **N/A**

4. No debris from the original bridge shall be allowed to remain in wetlands or other surface waters; - **N/A**

5. Roadside swales or other effective means of stormwater treatment are incorporated as part of the work; - Use existing roadside ditches

6. No more dredging or filling of wetlands or water of the state is performed than is reasonably necessary to perform the work in accordance with generally accepted roadway design standards; N/A

7. Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work; and – N/A

8. All work is conducted in compliance with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

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This document also has a number of errors or omissions.

1. Item 1: The millings were added to several miles of road so the construction area was more than 1 acre. The rebuilding and realignment of the road before the stabilization with added millings was not addressed.

2. Item 2: No response provided.

3. Item 3: Was not responsive because it failed to note that there was an existing 24 inch CMP at the same location.

4. With respect to F.A.C. 62-330.050(9)(e)1a, the road was not owned or had a documented easement to Bradford County prior to 1/5/2018.

5. With respect to F.A.C. 62-330.050(9)(e)2, the road was realigned because it was

expanded onto land that was not owned by Bradford County until it was purchased from Paul and Kathleen Still on 1/5/2018. (see section **Realignment of SW 101st Ave**)

6. With respect to F.A.C. 62-330.050(9)(e)5, swales were not used and the use existing roadside ditches have failed to control erosion and turbidity of stormwater leaving the county property. The roadside ditches for the most part did not exist because vehicles crossed the ditches and dove n the Still property to avoid washouts. In many sections the roadside ditches were installed on property Bradford County had agreed to purchase from Paul and Kathleen Still.

A second Request for Additional Information (RAI) was sent to Bradford County from the SRWMD in a letter dated March 26, 2019. Bradford County replied to that RAI in a letter dated May 7, 2019 that included the March 26, 2018, SRWMD RAI letter. The text of the May 7, 2019, letter with the March 26, 2019, letter is copied below followed by a screen shot of the document. The copied text's format differs from the original document.

May 7,2019

Mary Ann Diaz, E.I
Engineer III
9225 CR49
Live Oak, Florida 32060

RE: ERP-007-233697-1, S.W. 101't Street - Response to Request for Additional Information

Dear Ms. Diaz:

Please be advised that I have consulted with Jerome Kelley with DRMP, engineer firm for the county, for a response to your letter requesting additional information on S.W. 101't Street (letter attached).

Please accept the following responses:

1. The culvert installed was following a hurricane washing out the road in an emergency to put the road back in service. Under these conditions, I can support the added culvert will help pass the storm events with less damage to the road.

2. Culvert was installed under emergency action to open road.

3. By adding a culvert, more runoff will be safely transported (piped) under the road, thereby mitigating road damage and reducing sediment (roadbed) transported.

4. This construction will improve the water quality by reducing sediment transported during similar runoff events.

5. Thanks for the note concerning NPDES permitting.

Should questions arise, please contact this office.

March 26, 2019

Brad Carter

Bradford County Board of County Commissioners

P.O. Box Drawer B

Starke, FL 32091

Subject:

Request for Additional information (RAI) for SW 101st Street, ERP-007-233697-1,
Bradford County

Dear Mr. Carter,

The item(s) discussed below must be provided before project review can be completed as per Chapters 408-400 and 62-330, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Please submit the following items to the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) by July 25, 2019.

1. Please provide reasonable assurance that the culvert shall be sized and installed to pass normal high-water stages without causing adverse impacts to upstream or downstream property [See 62-330.051(4)(b)(2), F.A.C.].
2. Please be aware that the notice of intent to use exemption 62-330.051(4)(e) should be provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work [See 62-330.051(4)(e)(7), F.A.C.].
3. Please provide reasonable assurance that the construction, alteration, and operation shall not adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving waters and adjacent lands [See 62-330.050(9)(b)(1), F.A.C.].

4. Please provide reasonable assurance that the construction, alteration, and operation shall not cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards [See 62-330.050(9)(b)(5), F.A.C.].

5. Please note: your project may require a Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge for Large and Small Construction Activities, as part of the Florida NPDES stormwater program regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). This permit is separate from the Environmental Resource Permit for which you are applying.

Please refer to FDEP's program website, <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/>, for more information.

This letter constitutes a request for additional information pursuant to Chapters 408-1 and 40B-400 or 62-330, F.A.C., and Chapters 120 and 373, Florida Statutes. It is a violation of District rules to begin any work on the project before a permit is issued. When submitting requested information, please use the E-permitting system as the District prefers electronic submittals to paper submittals. You can access the E-permitting system from our website, www.mysuwanneeriver.com

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 386.362.1001 or by email at MAD@sruvmd.org.



Bradford County Manager's Office

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May 7, 2019

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County Manager Brad Carter


J. Kelley DRMP Engineer
Representing Bradford County



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March 26, 2019

Brad Carter
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Subject: Request for Additional Information (RAI) for SW 101st Street, ERP-007-233697-1, Bradford County

Dear Mr. Carter,

The item(s) discussed below must be provided before project review can be completed as per Chapters 40B-400 and 62-330, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Please submit the following items to the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) by July 25, 2019.

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3. Please provide reasonable assurance that the construction, alteration, and operation shall not adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving waters and adjacent lands [See 62-330.050(9)(b)(1), F.A.C.].
4. Please provide reasonable assurance that the construction, alteration, and operation shall not cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards [See 62-330.050(9)(b)(5), F.A.C.].
5. Please note: your project may require a Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge for Large and Small Construction Activities, as part of the Florida NPDES stormwater program regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). This permit is separate from the Environmental Resource Permit for which you are applying. Please refer to FDEP's program website, <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/>, for more information.

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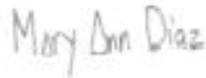
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Application No. ETP-007-23957-1

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 386.362.1001 or by email at MAD@snwend.org.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Diaz, E.I
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CC: Rachel Rhoden

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The Culvert Addition as emergency action

The letter indicates the road was washed out by a hurricane and there was an emergency repair. It is not clear if this statement was meant to address the requirement that the exemption notice must be provided 30 days before the work begins.

The Hurricane washout referenced was for Irma that caused flooding beginning in mid September 2017. However, rain events in late July 2017 caused a number of washouts along 101st Ave. The washout at the culvert location is shown in the image below.



Bradford County put up a sign saying road closed but failed to block the road to prevent vehicle traffic. This failure was referenced in the August 18, 2017, email copied below.

From: Paul Still [mailto:stillpe@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 10:17 AM

To: Brad Carter; Will Sexton; Brian Johns

Subject: SW 101st Ave

Trucks are still using 101st Ave and doing additional damage to my property. The county has apparently failed to barricade the road to prevent through traffic.

Each vehicle that drives through the water or on my property is spreading the millings the county applied to my property. If the county does not have the paperwork to show that the millings they applied to my property met the required standard for lead content, the testing and remediation costs to the county could be significant.

Again I urge you to block SW 101st Ave North of my driveway and south of Tom Rowe's driveway to prevent more damage to my property and prevent injury to drivers and passengers in vehicles attempting to drive through the flooded sections of SW 101st Ave.

Paul Still
904 368-0291

The digital images inserted below establish that the road work and the installation of the culvers occurred long after emergency conditions and any declared state of emergency.



The above image shows the road had been repaired and was in service on or before 12/6/2017 and only one culvert was in place.



The above images show the old culvert was replaced and an additional culvert added sometime between 1/8/2018 and 1/19/2018 when the image on the right was made.

The road was raised by adding soil and recycled asphalt.

The information in the May 7, 2019, is not responsive to the items listed in the SRWMD March 26, 2019, RAI letter. The following items were not addressed:

1. that the culvert shall be sized and installed to pass normal high-water stages that would not cause adverse impacts to downstream property of the Petitioner;
2. that the notice of intent to use exemption 62-330.051(4)(e) should be provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work;
3. that the construction, alteration, and operation shall not adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving waters and adjacent lands or cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving waters and adjacent lands of the Petitioner;

4. construction, alteration, and operation shall not cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards.

Realignment of SW 101st Ave

Starting in October 2015 the Petitioner raised issues about the encroachment of SW 101st Ave onto the Still property. The issue of encroachment was addressed in the emails that are copied below.

From: StillPE <StillPE@aol.com>
To: brad_carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; will_sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; brian_johns <brian_johns@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; danny_riddick <danny_riddick@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; bccriddick <bccriddick@yahoo.com>; eddie_lewis <eddie_lewis@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; kenny_thompson <kenny_thompson@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; nthompson1978 <nthompson1978@centurylink.net>; lila_sellers <lila_sellers@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; sellars.lila <sellars.lila@mybradford.us>; ross_chandler <ross_chandler@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; paschan0403 <paschan0403@embarqmail.com>
Subject: !0!st Ave
Date: Tue, Oct 6, 2015 3:53 pm

Thanks, for not using millings along 101st Ave on my property.

I want to point out several design issues with 101st avenue along my property. If the easement location on the Property Appraisers website is correct, the road has shifted from the center of the easement to my side and may be or is close to encroaching on my property. The County might need to verify the lines on the website with a survey.

I hope the County over time can move the road so it is more in the center of the easement.

The drainage needs to be corrected along 101st ave. There is no culvert under the road to the hunt club. This makes the west ditch ineffective and water flows over the road and caused the mud hole that was partly filled will lime rock. If a culvert is not installed under the hunt club road 101st Ave will wash out again.

I have a consumptive use permit to use the water from the culvert under 101st ave. That is why I am concerned about the use of millings along the road that drains into that

drainage ditch. Lead and VOCs can be present in millings. Did the county get a MSDS from the sources of the millings?

Thanks,
Paul Still

From: Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
To: StillPE@aol.com <StillPE@aol.com>
Cc: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Rachel A. Rhoden <rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: FW: 101st Ave Easement Survey
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 3:42 pm

Dr. Still:
I have asked Pat Welch to look into this issue.

As soon as we have some additional information, I will let you know.
Thanks!
Will

From: Brad Carter
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Will Sexton
Cc: Rachel A.Rhoden
Subject: FW: 101st Ave Easement Survey
Please review, discuss with Mr. Funderburk and provide me with a suggested response.
BDC

From: Paul Still [mailto:stillpe@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Brad Carter; Bocc

Subject: 101st Ave Easement Survey

A road crew was starting to expand the road ditch on 101st Ave along my property this morning. The survey has not been done to show the extent of the road easement along my property so I ask the crew move to another location which they did. I believe the current road alignment encroaches on my property in some sections. The Gradall work that was being done was expanding the road ditch even farther.

Because of the nature of the work I believe silt control is required for the ditch work. Without silt control damage to my property can occur.

I believe the survey is needed and silt control needs to be in place before the ditch work along my property is started.

It is going to be more costly to repair the damage to my property than it will be to avoid the damage. I hope the county will address the issue of the road alignment and silt control. I raised these issues several month ago and the county took no action to insure the survey was done.

Thanks,
Paul Still

From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
To: brad_carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; will_sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: 101st Ave
Date: Sun, Mar 12, 2017 5:07 pm
I see the grader the county uses to pull ditches is parked at Sampson City.

I hope the Road Department is not planning to pull the ditches along 101st Ave.

Now we know that 101st Ave is out of its easement pulling ditches would create some serious regulatory issues like the need to obtain an Environmental Resource Permit.

Thanks,
Paul Still
904 368-0291

From: Brad Carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
To: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>; Will Sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; Brian Johns <brian_johns@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: RE: SW 101st Ave
Date: Fri, Aug 18, 2017 4:36 pm

Pat Welch is trying to get in touch with you to resolve this matter. Please contact him.
BDC

A survey by the County Surveyor Pat Welch determined that parts of the existing road were already on Still property. The Still's offered to sell property to Bradford County rather than require Bradford County to move the encroaching parts of the road back into what was thought to be a documented road easement. When it was determined

that there was no record of an easement for SW 101st Ave, Bradford County agreed purchased the 30 foot of the 60 foot road shown on the survey submitted by Bradford County in its REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION that was Still property.

A verbal agreement in which the county would purchase more of the Still property to accommodate the rebuilding of SW 101st Avenue after Hurricane Irma was reached between Pat Welch representing Bradford County and the Still's. Additional land was purchased to accommodate SW 101st Ave when it was rebuilt after Irma.

The culmination of that verbal agreement is noted in Bradford County Commission Minutes for the January 2, 2018, on page 2 which is copied below.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS-Will Sexton:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM PAUL STILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING THE COURSE OF S.W. 101st AVE. PURCHASE NEGOTIATED BY COUNTY SURVEYOR PATRICK B. WELCH. TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE TBD.

Mr. Sexton advised that Mr. Welch handled the negotiations with Dr. Still. Mr. Welch and the title company he works with are preparing the closing statement. The purchase price provided this morning is \$8,900.00 for 1.78 acres (\$5,000.00 per acre). There will be some minimal closing costs.

Mr. Sexton requested approval of the purchase at a not to exceed price of \$ 10,000.

The closing of the sale was on 1/5/2018

Bradford County should have provided the survey of the road alignment that included the land purchased from the Paul and Kathleen Still on 1/5/2018. This survey would demonstrate the realignment of SW 101st Ave.

Sediment and Erosion Control and Water Quality Standards

The Petitioner had documented that normal maintenance of SW 101st Ave had resulted in the violation of the turbidity water quality standard for stormwater entering the Still property.

The email copied below asks the Bradford County to address sediment control requirements during the rebuilding of SW 101st December 2018.

From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
To: brad_carter <brad_carter@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; will_sexton <will_sexton@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; paul_funderburk <paul_funderburk@bradfordcountyfl.gov>; frank_durrance <frank_durrance@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: 101st Ave Sediment Control
Date: Fri, Dec 8, 2017 2:05 pm

When I went out to get my mail I checked the sediment control measures on 101st Ave.

Unfortunately, most of the sediment fence was put where it was not needed (just north of my driveway) and was not put up where it is needed. The sediment fence stops about half way through the section that needs the fence. The low point where silt and millings are going to be moving onto my property has no sediment fence.

Sediment socks are also needed in the ditches on both sides of the road and north and south of the culvert and across the drainage ditch that receives the flow from the culvert and the road ditches.

The road south of the culvert is already very rutted.

Also the culvert is bent upward on the west side and smashed in on the east side. It will not likely be able to handle a heavy rain and the road will wash out again at that location.

I thought equalizer culverts were going to be installed at the previous road wash outs.

Thanks,
Paul Still

The images that follow demonstrate potential violation of the turbidity water quality standard during the rebuilding of SW 101st during December 2017. The images were made on 12/9/2017 in the morning after a 2.5 inch rain event.



Stormwater with high turbidity can be seen in the roadside ditches mixing with the clear water from the wetlands flowing from the culvert.



The image on the left from 12/9/2017 shows the impact of the turbid roadside ditch water as it arrives at a point 289 yards into the Still property. The image on the right made on 12/11/2018 is included for comparison.

High turbidity in the roadside ditches was also observed during rain events in December 2018. The image below shows the comparison of roadside ditch water and the

clear water from the upstream wetlands. The white PVC pipe shows the location of the eastern boundary of the Bradford County property.



Flooding of the Still Property Resulting from the Added Culvert

The impact of adding the second culvert on flooding of the Still property was not apparent until significant rain events in December 2018. Those rain events caused water to flow over the banks of the dug drainage canal that runs through the Still property and onto the Still property used for timber production. The Petitioner contends that had the second culvert not been added the water would have been retained upstream of the culverts and would have not flooded the Still property.

The image below is of the flow out of the two culverts on 12/21/2018. The image illustrates that the capacity of the two culverts at the time flooding occurred in the Still property was greater than the flow would have been if only one culvert was in place.



The issue of flooding of the still property was addressed in the following emails to SRWMD staff and e documents.

From: Paul Still <stillpe@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Marshall, Leroy <Leroy.Marshall@srwmd.org>; Diaz, Mary <Mary.Diaz@srwmd.org>
Subject: Bradford County Culvert Permit Exemption

I have reviewed the Bradford County's response to the SRWMD RAI for the culvert they installed on SW 101st Ave (the SRWMD has it filled as SW 101st ST) that is causing flooding on our property. Their response does not address the flooding issue.

There is also the issue of the expanded roadway and the use of millings and the failure to install sediment control features for the expanded road surface that has not been addressed.

The millings have migrated of County property because the county failed to install erosion control when they expanded the road and applied the millings.

The County submitted the same old survey that does not seem to show the current road alignment or the fact that Bradford County purchased land from us rather than move the road.

Thanks,

Paul Still

From 5/20/2019

Comment Type : Objection
Permit# :ERP-007-233697-1
Project Name: SW 101st Avenue
Name :Paul Still
Address :14167 SW 101st Ave
City :Starke
State :FL
Zip :32091
Phone Number :9043680291

Ext. :

Email :stillpe@aol.com

Comments :I am planning to harvest the timber this winter in blocks that are flooded by the addition of this culvert. I would experience a significant economic loss if those blocks are flooded because the culvert was installed without a permit and without an evaluation of downstream flooding. Getting this issue resolved before rains begin is critical for me. Flooding Of my property is occurring with even 1.5 and 2 inch rain events once the wetlands are saturated.

(e) Statement of Facts That the Petitioner Contends Warrant Reversal or Modification of the Agency Action

The Portioner contends that the SRWMD failed to follow the standards established in Rule when it issued its the Exemption from permitting to Bradford County in a letter dated June 10, 2019. Any one of 9 items listed below should have required Bradford County to obtain an ERP for the work done.

1. The REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION was dated 12/6/2018. This would have been 11 months after the work was done and not the required 30 day before the work is to be done.
2. The repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Ave covered more than 1 acre.
3. The addition of a second 24 inch culvert exceeded the 24 inch limit on the issuance of an exemption.
4. The addition of a second 24 inch culvert caused flooding on the Still property.
5. The road work was a realignment of SW 101st Ave
6. The initial road building and the continuing road maintenance resulted/results in the violation of the water quality standard for turbidity.

7. The failure to control the erosion of recycled asphalt will result in the disposal of solid waste on the Still property by Bradford County.

8. Bradford County did not own the land at the time the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Ave was done.

9. The road work changed the elevation of the road by adding soil and recycled asphalt.

(f) Statement of Rules or Statutes the Petitioner Contends Requires Reversal of the Agency Action

The applicable rules are copied below. The item number from above is added in (*bold italics*) after the rule subsection that applies to the item.

62-330.050 Procedures for Review and Agency Action on Exemption Requests.

(9) The following apply when specified in an exemption in rule 62-330.051, F.A.C.:

(a) Activities shall not exceed a permitting threshold in section 1.2 of the applicable Volume II;

(b) Construction, alteration, and operation shall not:

1. Adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands; (*Items 4,6 &7*)

5. Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards. Turbidity, sedimentation, and erosion shall be controlled during and after construction to prevent violations of state water quality standards, including any antidegradation provisions of paragraphs 62-4.242(1)(a) and (b), subsections 62-4.242(2) and (3) and rule 62-302.300, F.A.C., and any special standards for Outstanding Florida Waters and Outstanding National Resource Waters due to construction-related activities. Erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in the *State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual* (Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, June 2007), incorporated by reference herein (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02530>), and the *Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), incorporated by reference herein (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02531>); nor (*Items 4,6 &7*)

62-330.051 Exempt Activities.

The activities meeting the limitations and restrictions below are exempt from permitting. However, if located in, on, or over state-owned submerged lands, they are subject to a separate authorization under chapters 253 and 258, F.S., as applicable.

(4) Bridges, Driveways, and Roadways –

(b) Construction, alteration, or maintenance, and operation, of culverted driveway or roadway crossings and bridges of wholly artificial, non-navigable drainage conveyances, provided:

1. The construction project area does not exceed one acre and is for a discrete project that is not part of a larger plan of development that requires permitting under this chapter. However, these limitations shall not preclude use of this exemption to provide access to activities that qualify for the general permit in section 403.814(12), F.S.; **(Item 2)**

2. The culvert or bridge shall be sized and installed to pass normal high water stages without causing adverse impacts to upstream or downstream property; **(Items 4,6 &7)**

3. Culverts shall not be larger than one, 24-inch diameter pipe, or its hydraulic equivalent, and must not reduce the upstream hydraulic discharge capacity; **(Item 3)**

8. All work shall comply with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

(d) Resurfacing and repair of existing paved roads, and grading of existing unpaved roads, provided:

2. No substantive changes occur to existing road surface elevations, grades, or profiles; and **(Item 9)**

3. All work is conducted in compliance with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C.

(e) Repair, stabilization, paving, or repaving of existing roads, and the repair or replacement of vehicular bridges that are part of the road, where:

1. They were in existence on or before January 1, 2002, and have:

a. Been publicly-used and under county or municipal ownership and maintenance thereafter, including when they have been presumed to be dedicated in accordance with section 95.361, F.S.;

b. Subsequently become county or municipally-owned and maintained; or

c. Subsequently become perpetually maintained by the county or municipality through such means as being accepted by the county or municipality as part of a Municipal Service Taxing Unit or Municipal Service Benefit Unit; and **(Item 8)**

2. The work does not realign the road or expand the number of traffic lanes of the existing road, but may include safety shoulders, clearing vegetation, and other work reasonably necessary to repair, stabilize, pave, or repave the road, provided that the work is constructed using generally accepted roadway design standards; **(Item 5)**

7. Notice of intent to use this exemption is provided to the Agency 30 days before performing any work; and **(Items 1)**

8. All work is conducted in compliance with subsection 62-330.050(9), F.A.C. **(Items 4,6 &7)**

(g) Statement of Relief Sought by the Petitioner.

SRWMD should require Bradford County obtain an Environmental Resource Permit for the added culvert and the repair, stabilization, and paving of SW 101st Ave.

Paul Still

The above typed name should be considered an electronic signature

Date 6/17/2019

Paul Still

14167 SW 101st Ave

Starke, FL

32091

Email stillpe@aol.com

904 368-0291

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

Attached is the Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report.

Please feel free to contact staff prior to the Governing Board meeting should you need any clarification.

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Attachments

LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION ACTIVITY REPORT
JANUARY 2020

Property Offers						
Tract	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
Gilchrist Lyme	17,854	Gilchrist	3.12.2019	Exchange acreage dependent on configuration/ Sandlin Bay 2,023 acre (USFS)	Easement	Tabled by Lands Committee June 2019. Offeror has contract for sale of property. On hold.
Long Pond	964	Levy	9.18.2018	\$2,200,000	Fee	Board approved to be included on springs project list April 2019. Offeror has requested to be reconsidered.
Quail Heights	40.63	Columbia	7.8.2019	\$2,000,000	Fee	Staff review on 8.8.19 recommends purchase in partnership with FDOT. On hold pending conceptual project plan developed with additional partners.
Loncala/High Springs Wellfield	TBD	Hamilton	7.19.2019	Trade for acreage of equal or greater value.	Fee	On hold pending formal action by City of Alachua and the City of High Springs.
Alapaha Point (Hickman)	39.8	Hamilton	8.21.2019	\$159,200	Fee	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by Lands Committee December 2019. On Governing Board agenda for January 2020.
Columbia County Grasslands (ACT) a/k/a Wilson Trust	512	Columbia	8.7.2019	TBD	Conservation Easement	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by Lands Committee 12.12.19. On Governing Board agenda for January 2020.
Santa Fe Springs (ACT) a/k/a Zow, Graham Springs	282	Columbia	8.7.2019	\$139,041	Fee	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by Lands Committee 12.12.19. On Governing Board agenda for January 2020.
Log Landing (Martin)	3.85	Dixie	9.18.2019	\$450,000	Fee	Staff recommendation that offer be declined approved by Lands Committee 12.12.19. On Governing Board agenda for January 2020.
Madison Avenue (2017) LLC	2,015	Levy	10.17.2019	TBD based on appraisal.	Conservation Easement	Staff recommendation that offer be declined submitted to Lands Committee 12.12.19. On 12.12.19 Lands Committee favorable recommended to Governing Board On January 2020 Governing Board agenda.

Easement Requests					
Name	Type	County	Acres	Comments	
Carter Estate Conservation Easement	Amendment to existing CE	Columbia	575	Pending receipt of survey and appraisal for the proposed road.	

Approved for Detailed Assessment				
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Comments
McB-Pinehatchee	Steinhatchee North/ RO Ranch West- Equestrian	2950/1,277	Lafayette	Approved at November 2019 Governing Board.
Drufner	Withlacochee Hills	10	Hamilton	Approved at November 2019 Governing Board. Offer being prepared.
Michael and Freda Shaw	Shaw Conservation Easement Exchange	1,099	Lafayette	Negotiations ongoing.
Tim Walker, Et al.	Tim Walker Conservation Easement	90	Lafayette	Appraisal required.

Proposed for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
Mud Swamp (Stuebe)	25	Suwannee	12.13.2004	Florida Forever	TBD	To be determined by appraisal.	Offer to purchase 25 acres of upland land for timber operations. Staff recommends to decline the offer as not being of benefit to the District. Selling would limit access to remaining portion of the property. Staff recommendation relayed to offeror. Awaiting withdrawal or revised proposal .
Ft. White Wellfield	101	Columbia	12.21.2007	Florida Forever	TBD	To be conveyed.	Staff recommendation to surplus and negotiate conveyance to Town of Ft. White approved by Lands Committee on 12.12.19. On January 2020 Governing Board agenda.

Authorized for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	5.13.2015	Florida Forever	5.24.2015	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review.
Bay Creek	55	Columbia	2.1.1988	Save Our Rivers	N/A	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review. Staff review scheduled for 8.8.19. Staff recommends removing from surplus process 8.8.19. Awaiting further review by staff.
Three Rivers Estates	1	Columbia	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	TBD	TBD by appraisal update.	Staff recommended for surplus. Lands Committee accepted staff recommendation July 2019. Board approved recommendation 8.8.19. To be offered to adjacent property owners.
Branford Bend	50	Suwannee	6.30.2004	Florida Forever	N/A	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review. Staff review scheduled for 8.8.19. Staff recommends continuing surplus process to explore potential land exchanges adjacent to tract. Appraisal update required.
Country Club Road	80	Columbia	7.1.2015	Enforcement Action	TBD	TBD by appraisal update.	Title Commitment and survey completed. Governing Board reaffirmed surplus 7.9.2019.
Santa Fe Oasis (Weaver)	1	Gilchrist	4.28.1998	Save Our Rivers	TBD	TBD by appraisal update.	Approved by Governing Board on 10.8.2019. To be offered to adjacent property owners.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval to Proceed with Detailed Analysis and Negotiations for the Acquisition of Four
Parcels, 39.8 +/- Acres, Hamilton County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Lands Committee recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations for the acquisition of four parcels comprising 39.8 +/- acres located in Hamilton County.

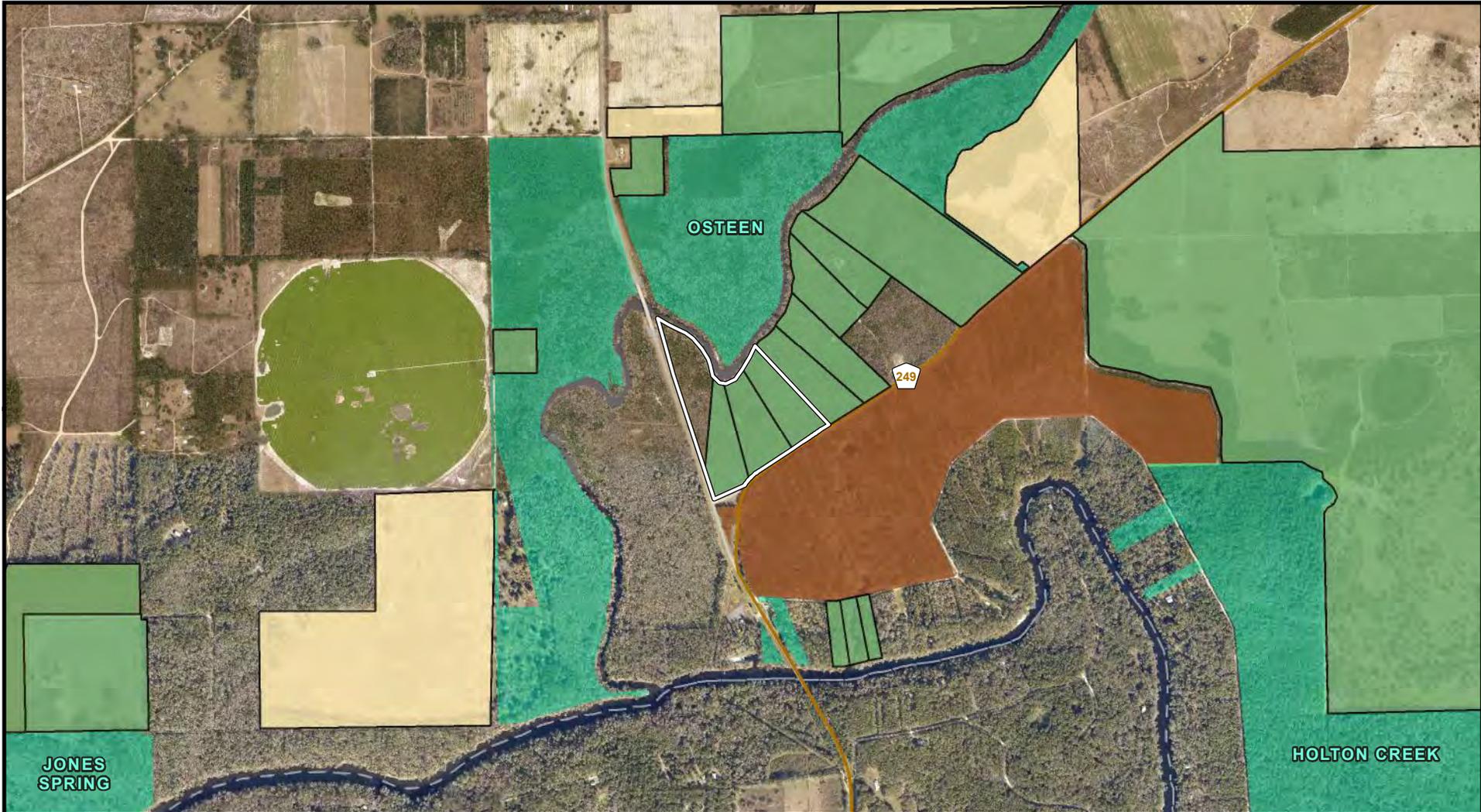
BACKGROUND

The District received an offer to purchase four parcels, currently identified as the Alapaha Point Hickman Property, of real property comprising 39.8 acres +/- in Hamilton County for a total offer price of \$159,200. Staff reviewed the offer and is recommending that District proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations for the purchase. The property is located on the Alapaha River. Purchasing the property will increase protection of the floodplain from future development, and provide springshed and surface water protection.

The Lands Committee accepted the recommendation of staff at its December 12, 2019 meeting and recommends Governing Board approval.

The property offer, maps of the parcel, and a parcel assessment are attached.

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File #19-017



Property Boundary



SRWMD Ownership



Other Public Ownership



SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions

Adjacent Parcels Ranking



Primary



Secondary

Alapaha Point (Hickman)

± 39.8 Ac

Hamilton County

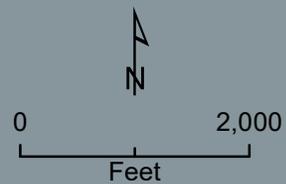
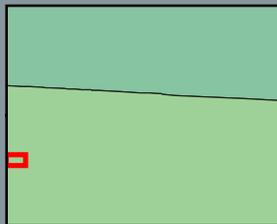


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-  Property Boundary
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)
- SRWMD Major Rivers**
-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other

**Alapaha Point (Hickman)
Property Offer
Surface Water Protection**

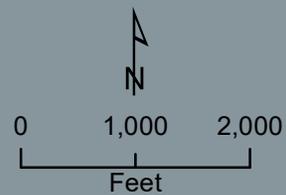


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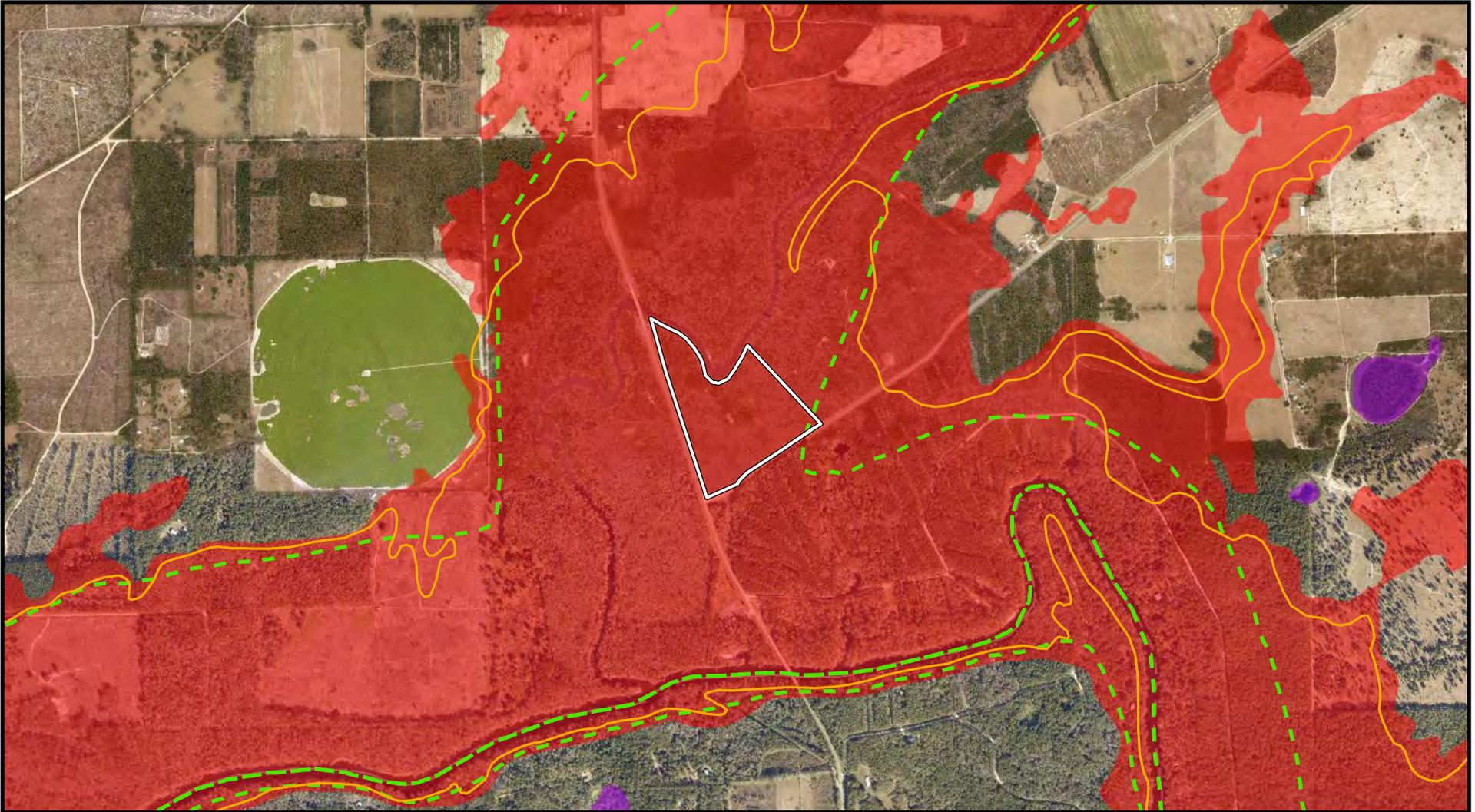


**Alapaha Point (Hickman)
Property Offer
Springs Protection**

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection
-  Spring Locations

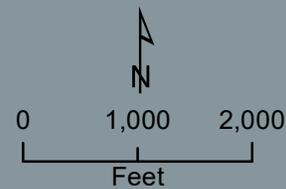


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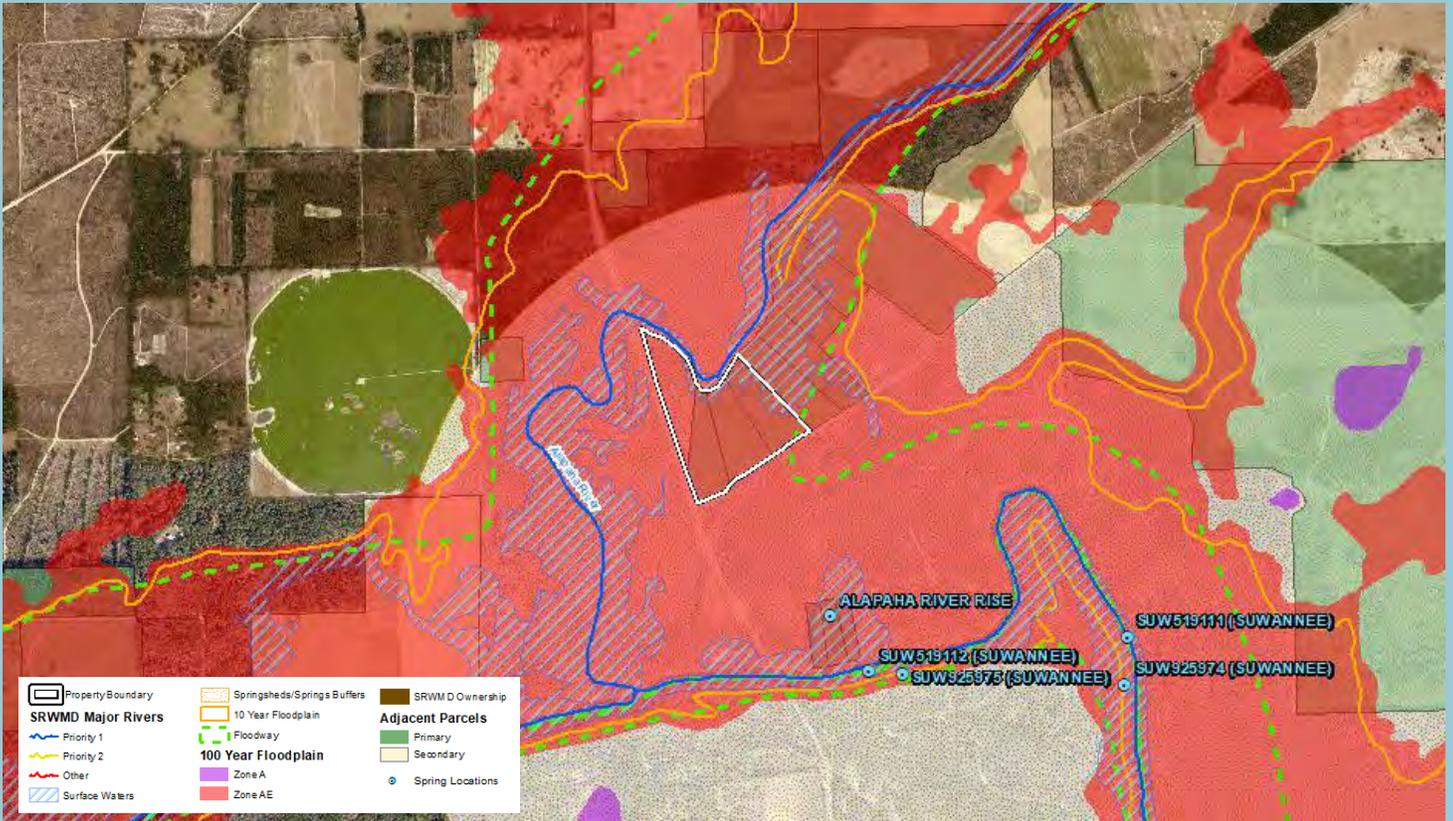
Alapaha Point (Hickman) Property Offer Floodplain Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain**
-  Zone A
-  Zone AE



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Suwannee River Water Management District Triage Analysis Results



Property Name: Alapaha Point
(Hickman)

Acreage: ± 39.8

Transaction Type: Acquisition

Date: 09/12/19

County: Hamilton

Surface Water Protection-

Major River? (Y) [Alapaha - Priority 1]

Riverine Surface Waters? (Y) [± 5.32 ac]

Springs Protection -

Within Springshed or springs buffers?
(Y) [Alapaha Rise Buffer] [± 39.8 ac]

Adjacency

(Y) [Priority 1]

Flood Protection-

Floodway? (Y) [± 39.46 ac]

10 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 39.8 ac]

100 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 39.8 ac]

Miscellaneous:

PFA? (N)

WRCA? (Y) [Eastern]

BMAP? (N)



PARCEL SUMMARY

TRACT: Alapaha Point (Hickman)

OWNER: Robert and Kathryn Hickman

PARCEL: 39.8 acres +/-

PARCEL DESCRIPTION: The Hickman property consists of four lots located on the Alapaha River in an area commonly referred to as Alapaha Point. It is not within the 2019 Florida Forever Work Plan but is presently being proposed to be included in the 2020 Florida Forever Five Year Work Plan. The parcel is on the opposite side of the river of the District owned Osteen tract and is across County Road 249 from land owned by the U.S. Forest Service.

WATER RESOURCE GUIDELINE SCREENING:

Springshed Protection: 100% (39.8 acres)

Floodplain Protection: 100% (39.8 acres)

Surface Water Protection: 17% (5.32 acres)

Priority Focus Area: None

OUTSTANDING INTERESTS: To be determined by title search during detailed assessment.

CURRENT ASKING PRICE: The property is being offered for \$159,200. Upon completion of the appraisal staff will negotiate the value of the property rights to be conveyed to the District in accordance with Florida Statutes.

ASSESSMENT COSTS: Costs of detailed assessment are estimated to be from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

ACCESS: This property has access via direct abutment to CR 249.

MANAGEMENT: District staff has visited the site and have determined that it presents no issues for management.

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File #19-017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for the Acquisition of a Conservation Easement on 512 +/- Acres, Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Lands Committee recommendation to proceed with negotiations for a grant match contribution to the Alachua Conservation Trust for the acquisition of a conservation easement on 512 +/- acres located in Columbia County.

BACKGROUND

The District received an offer from the Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) inviting the District to contribute to the match required by a grant being awarded for the acquisition of a conservation easement (CE) on a 512 +/- acres parcel, currently identified as the Columbia County Grasslands Property, of real property located in Columbia County. The total purchase price for the CE is \$952,000; a Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grant in the amount of \$714,000 is expected and requires that ACT provide a match in the amount of \$238,000. ACT is requesting the District to contribute 10% towards the acquisition in the amount of \$95,200. Staff has reviewed the offer and recommends that the District contribute to the match on the following terms:

- District will submit 10% (\$95,200) of total purchase price as a springs protection grant project;
- Detailed analysis items will be subjected to staff approval;
- District will have rights to pursue projects on the property; and
- No nitrates shall be used on the property.

The Lands Committee accepted the recommendation of staff at its December 12, 2019 meeting and recommends Governing Board approval.

The property offer, maps of the parcel, and a summary of the project and parcel are attached.

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Attachments
File #19-009

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPERTY OFFER APPLICATION**

9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060
(386)362.1001
E-Mail: acquisitions@srwmd.org

Rule 40B-9.041(1), Florida Administrative Code, requires specific information to initiate the acquisition process.

Applicant Information
Name: Erica C. Hernandez
Address: 7204 SE County Road 234 City: Gainesville State FL Zip: 32641
Phone: 352 373 1078 E-Mail: act.eric@gmail.com
Applicant Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/7/2019

Owner of Record (*Owner is Applicant* yes no)
Name: J.Y. Wilson Trust; Trustees Penny Wilson Webber and J.Y. Wilson Jr.
Address: PO Box 35883 City: Gainesville State FL Zip: 32635
Phone: 352 317 6168 E-Mail: pwg8r@yahoo.com

Owner's Authorization: This is to advise the individual named above as applicant is the Authorized Representative of the owner(s) of the property described below. This authorization is for any communication and negotiations concerning conveyance of the property to the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____
Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

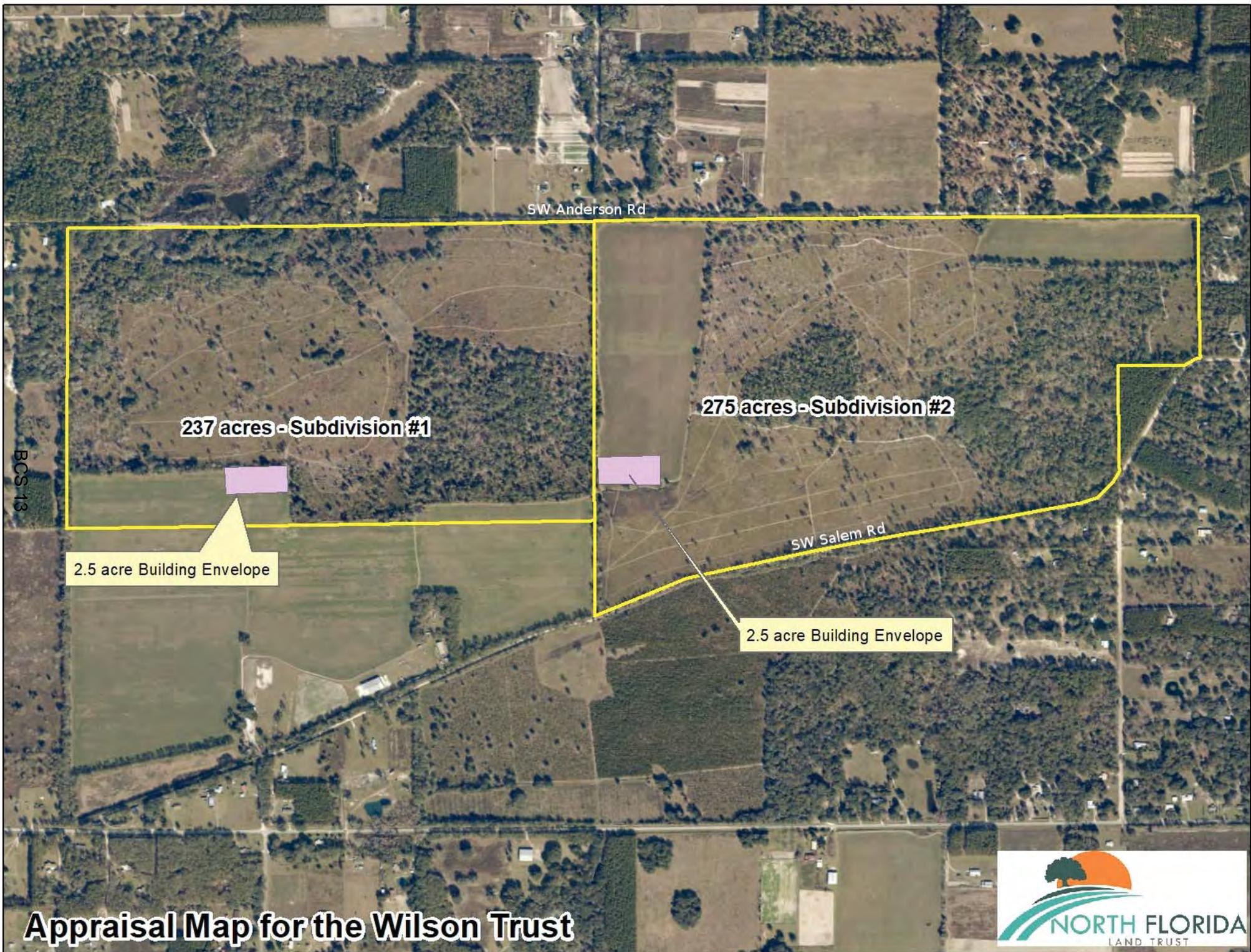
Property/Project Information
Asking Price (Fee): _____ (Conservation Easement) : \$952,000 total value
General Location (address, intersection, etc.): 3415 SW Salem Road Lake City, FL 32042
Acreage: 512 County: Columbia
Tax Parcel Number(s): 24-4S-15-00382-000, 23-4S-15-00371-000
Legal Description: Sections 23 and 24, Township 4 South, Range 15 East, Columbia County, Florida, containing 512 ± acres.
The subject is identified by the Columbia County Property Appraiser's office as Parcel Numbers 23-4S-15-00371-000 and 24-4S-13- 00382-000.
The subject has 1.6± miles of frontage along the south side of SW Anderson Street, a two-lane, graded public right-of-way.
It has 0.8± mile of frontage along the north side and 700± feet of frontage along the south side of SW Salem Road, a two-lane, graded public right-of-way.
Improvements: Vacant and unimproved, the property contains 81 acres of hay pasture

In addition, please provide an aerial, survey, or map identifying property boundaries and a copy of the Deed.

Title Condition (*Deed restrictions, easements, mineral interest, rights held by others, etc.*)
Unencumbered

Agreements (*Identify any existing purchase agreement, option contract, listing agreement, or any other arrangement or agreement.*)
This property is under option contract for a Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACEP ALE). ACT is the easement holder,
this project is part of an NRCS Farm Bill Program to protect Grasslands of Special Significance.
Other Pertinent Information (*Please provide any other information that may be helpful in evaluating the request.*)
The property contains 309 ± acres of high quality, fire maintained, native grassland. Federal share for this ALE will be \$714,000. The total estimated match request by Alachua Conservation Trust and North Florida Land Trust is \$238,000.





SW Anderson Rd

237 acres - Subdivision #1

275 acres - Subdivision #2

BCS 13

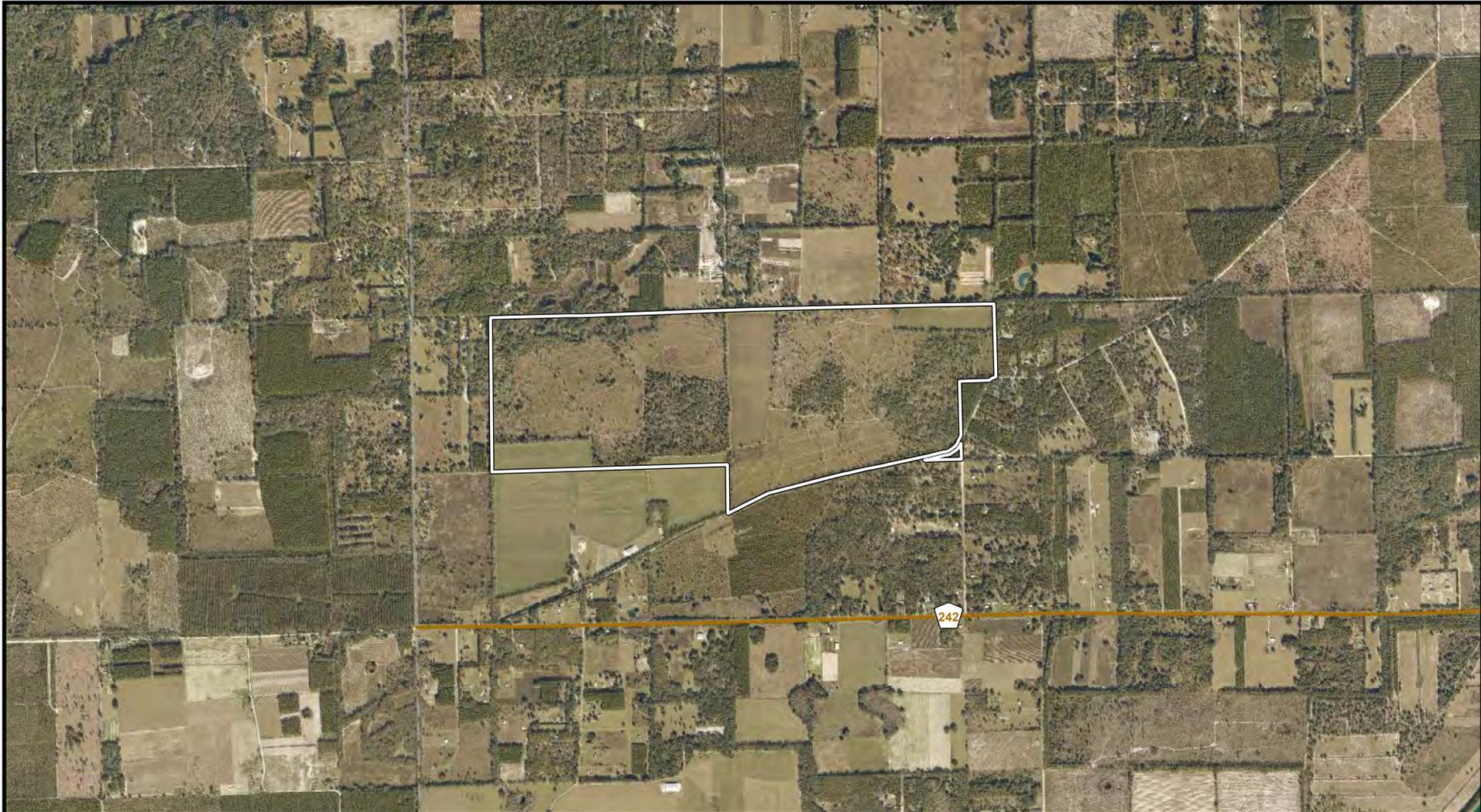
2.5 acre Building Envelope

SW Salem Rd

2.5 acre Building Envelope

Appraisal Map for the Wilson Trust



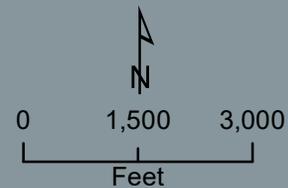


-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership
-  SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions

Adjacent Parcels Ranking

-  Primary
-  Secondary

**Columbia County Grass
± 512 Ac
Columbia County**

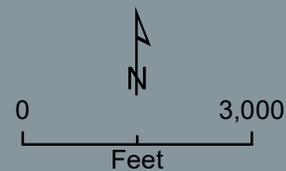


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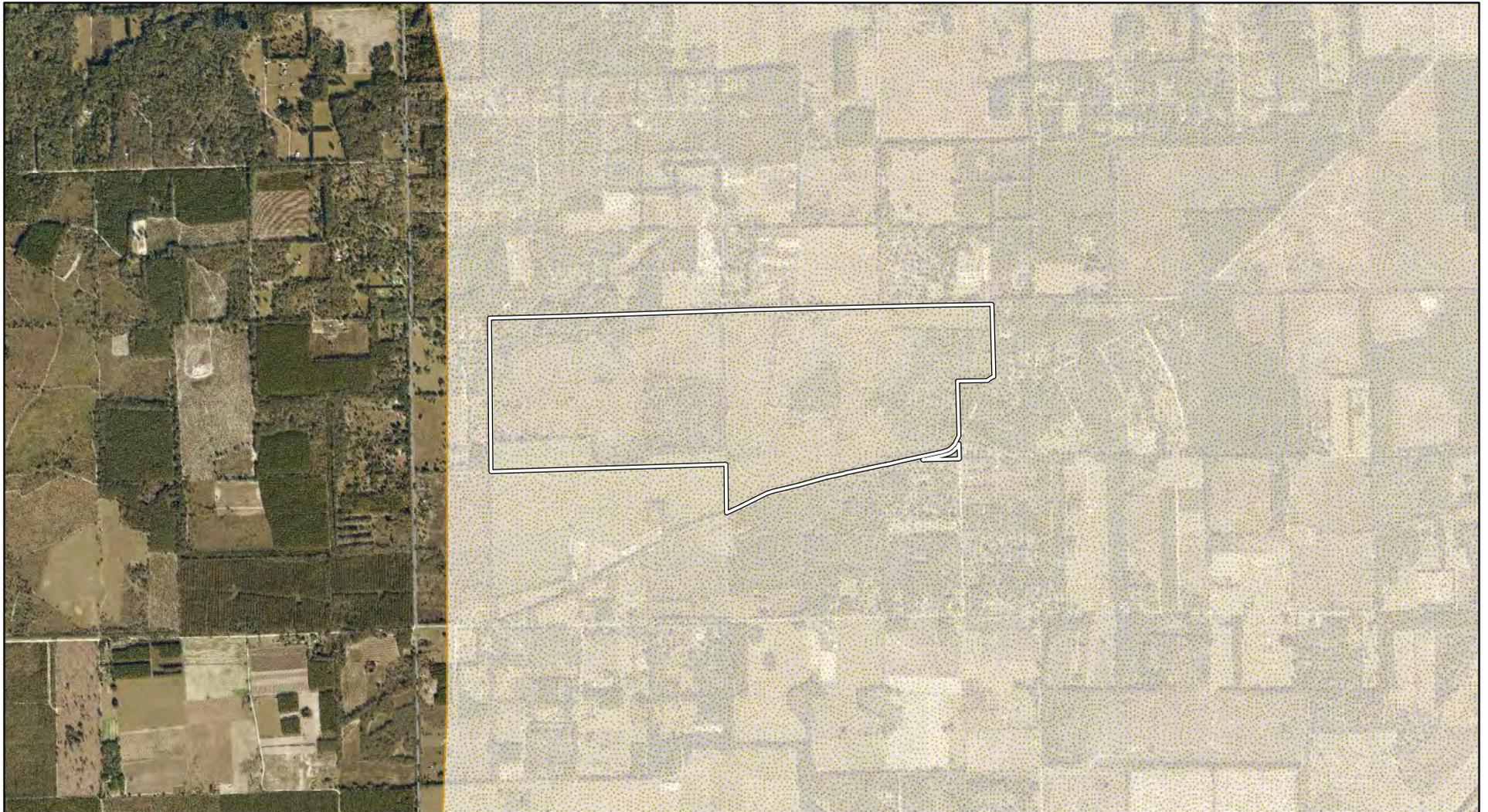


-  Property Boundary
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)
- SRWMD Major Rivers
-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other

Columbia County Grass Property Offer Surface Water Protection

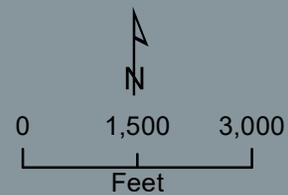


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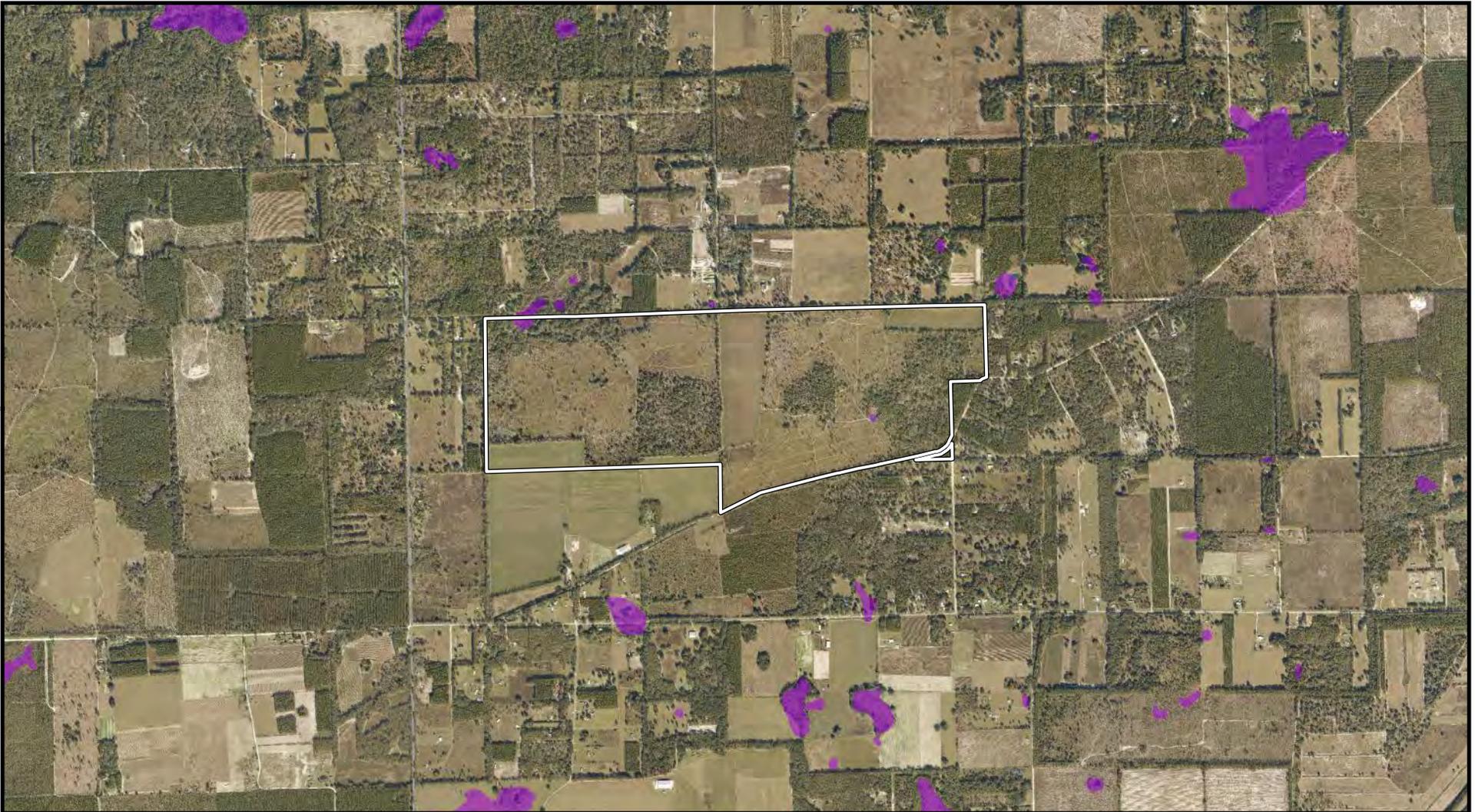


Columbia County Grass Property Offer Springs Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection

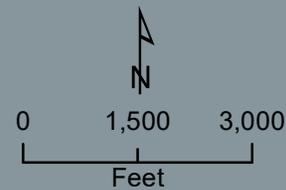
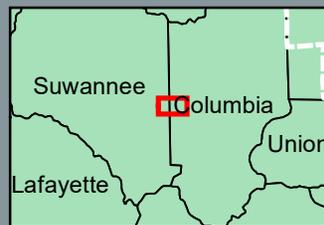


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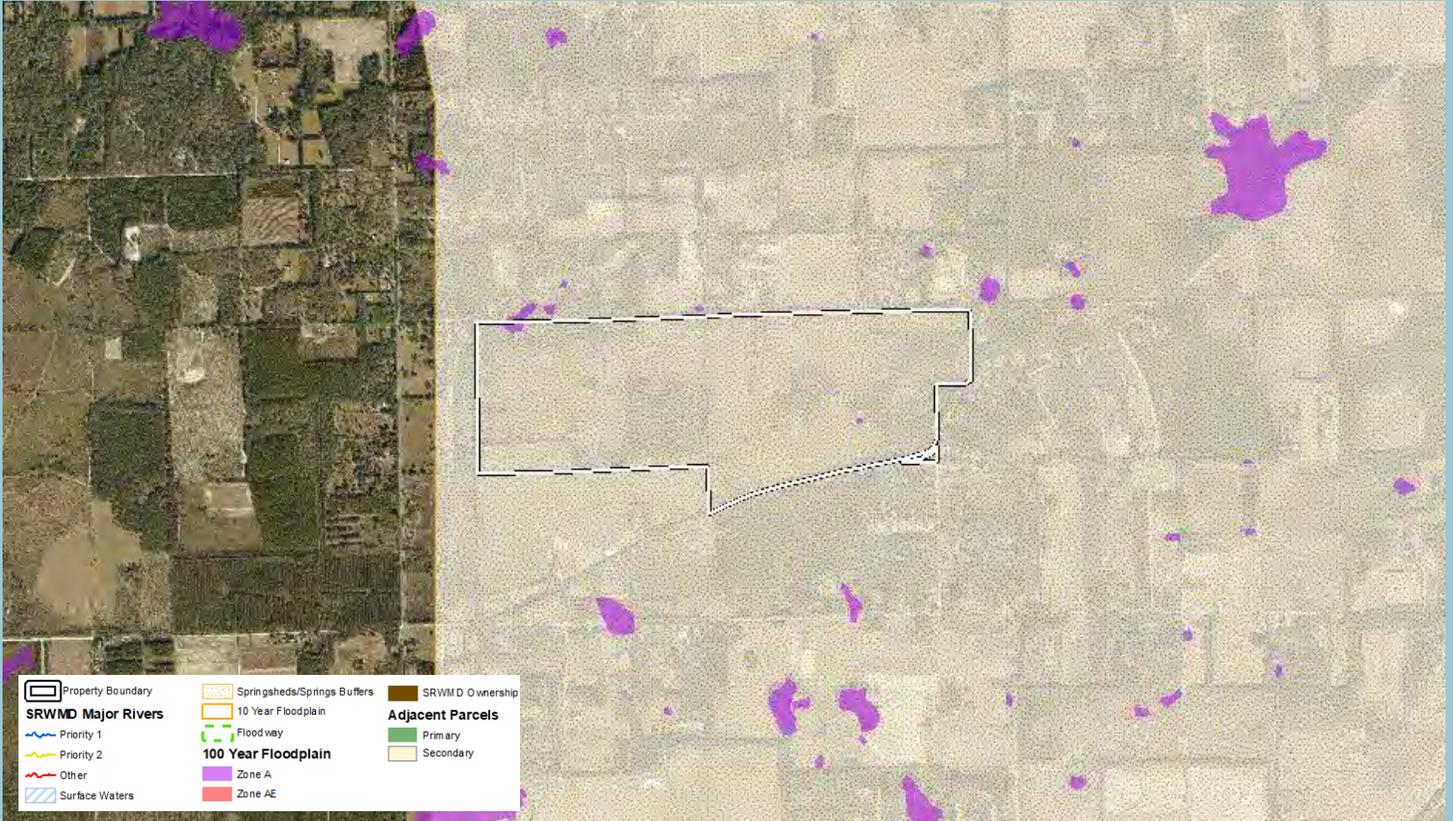
Columbia County Grass Property Offer Floodplain Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain**
-  Zone A
-  Zone AE



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Suwannee River Water Management District Triage Analysis Results



Property Name: Columbia County Grass

Date: 09/12/19

Acreage: 512

County: Columbia

Transaction Type: Acquisition

Surface Water Protection-

Major River? (N)

Riverine Surface Waters? (N)

Springs Protection -

Within Springshed or springs buffers?

(Y) [Itchetucknee] [± 512 ac]

Adjacency

(N)

Flood Protection-

Floodway? (N)

10 Year Floodplain? (N)

100 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 1.5 ac]

Miscellaneous:

PFA? (Y) [Itchetucknee]

WRCA? (Y) [Eastern]

BMAP? (Y) [Santa Fe]



J.Y. Wilson Trust Tract (Columbia Grassland)

Discussion with Erica Hernandez – ACT – 9/26/19

Project is an Agricultural Land Easement Grassland of Special Significance with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

NRCS grant will pay 75% of purchase price of the easement (\$714,000) with Alachua Conservation Trust being responsible for the remaining 25% (\$238,000) plus all acquisition costs. Typical ALEs are a 50:50 match but because the property has the special designation of grassland of special significance (the first for the state of Florida), NRCS will pay 75% of the easement cost.

NRCS does not see a conflict with the District's interest in installing a monitoring well on the property, this could be negotiated into deed restrictions if landowner does not take issue with it as well. Having developed a relationship with the landowner I think it likely they would be interested in a monitoring well.

A relatively small investment by a state agency can bring in over \$714,000 of federal dollars to our region for watershed and water quality protection. The District would not be responsible for management, monitoring or enforcement. This project avoids future potential remediation, restoration or complete loss of native habitat and high recharge soils.

This project is the first Grassland of Special Significance designation in Florida. This designation means the landscape has no noxious species (<0.1 percent), no invasive species, and is subject to threat of conversion to non-grassland use and fragmentation.

The 2013 SRWMD Minimum Flows and Levels report on the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee, identify the project area as being within a high recharge area to the Upper Floridan Aquifer and discharge to the Santa Fe River.

As demonstrated by the 2018 Water Yield Study commissioned by the five water management districts in Florida (Cohen et. al. 2018), areas with lower leaf area index yield the greatest water quantity to recharge. In other words, 390 acres of non-irrigated grassland, of which 309 have native groundcover is a greater contributor to recharge over say a similar property that is forested.

The property is composed of 309 acres of high-quality native ground cover actively managed with prescribed fire, 123 acres of mature oak hammock woodlands and 81 acres of actively farmed hay pasture. The property is not irrigated.

Future use of the land would likely be active agriculture, subdivision and development. SRWMD land use maps from 2016 and 2017 show conversion from agriculture to development along the county road corridor to the property. Adjacent property owners that graze and grow hay have made offers. The owner is using the easement funds to buy out siblings so that the land stays in native cover and is not converted to pasture. The 309 acres of native grassland would be easy to convert because it does not have any tree cover.

ACT is the easement holder over the property to prevent degradation of the high-quality habitat and prohibit the introduction of non-native species. Will also protect existing wildlife populations like gopher tortoises.

By preventing future development or agricultural use, the current minimal production of nutrients will be maintained. Native grasslands low in woody species such as this produces high water infiltration yields to the Florida Aquifer and springs areas.

The land lies entirely within the Ichetucknee Spring Priority Focus Area (PFA). The Department of Environmental Protection delineates PFAs based on ground water travel time to the spring, hydrogeology, and nutrient loads in the springshed. Boundaries are adjusted to identifiable boundaries such as roads or political jurisdictions, therefore being on the edge of PFA does not diminish a property's contribution to the spring.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for an Interest in 282 +/- Acres, Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Lands Committee recommendation to proceed with negotiations for a contribution to the Alachua Conservation Trust an interest in 282 +/- acres located in Columbia County.

BACKGROUND

The District received an offer from the Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) inviting the District to contribute to the match required by a grant being awarded for the acquisition of the fee in several parcels comprising 282 +/- acres, currently identified as the Santa Fe Springs Property, located in Columbia County. The total purchase price is \$1,390,410. ACT has raised \$1,157,475 and is requesting the District to contribute 10% of the purchase price in the amount of \$139,041. Staff has reviewed the offer and recommends that the District contribute to the match on the following terms:

- District will provide 10% (\$139,041) of total purchase price;
- Detailed analysis items will be subjected to staff approval;
- District will have an interested secured in the deed or hold a conservation easement;
- District will be granted a Right of First Refusal in the event of future sale; and
- All assessments and related due diligence must be in accordance with District standards.

The Lands Committee accepted the recommendation of staff at its December 12, 2019 meeting and recommends Governing Board approval.

The property offer, maps of the parcel, a summary of the project and a parcel assessment are attached.

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Attachments
File #19-008

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPERTY OFFER APPLICATION**

9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060
(386)362.1001
E-Mail: acquisitions@srwmd.org

Rule 40B-9.041(1), Florida Administrative Code, requires specific information to initiate the acquisition process.

Applicant Information			
Name: Tom Kay - Alachua Conservation Trust			
Address: 7204 SE County Road 234		City: Gainesville	State: FL Zip: 32641
Phone: 352-373-1078		E-Mail: act.tkay@gmail.com	
Applicant Signature: <u>Tom Kay</u>		Date: 8-7-19	

Owner of Record (<i>Owner is Applicant yes <u>no</u> <u>x</u></i>)			
Name: Andrew Zow; Kiel Graham; Tracy Coates, Alice Pasupathi; Edwin & Margaret Graham (5 landowners- all properties are under contract for purchase)			
Address: _____		City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____		E-Mail: _____	
Owner's Authorization: This is to advise the individual named above as applicant is the Authorized Representative of the owner(s) of the property described below. This authorization is for any communication and negotiations concerning conveyance of the property to the Suwannee River Water Management District.			
Owner Signature: _____		Date: _____	
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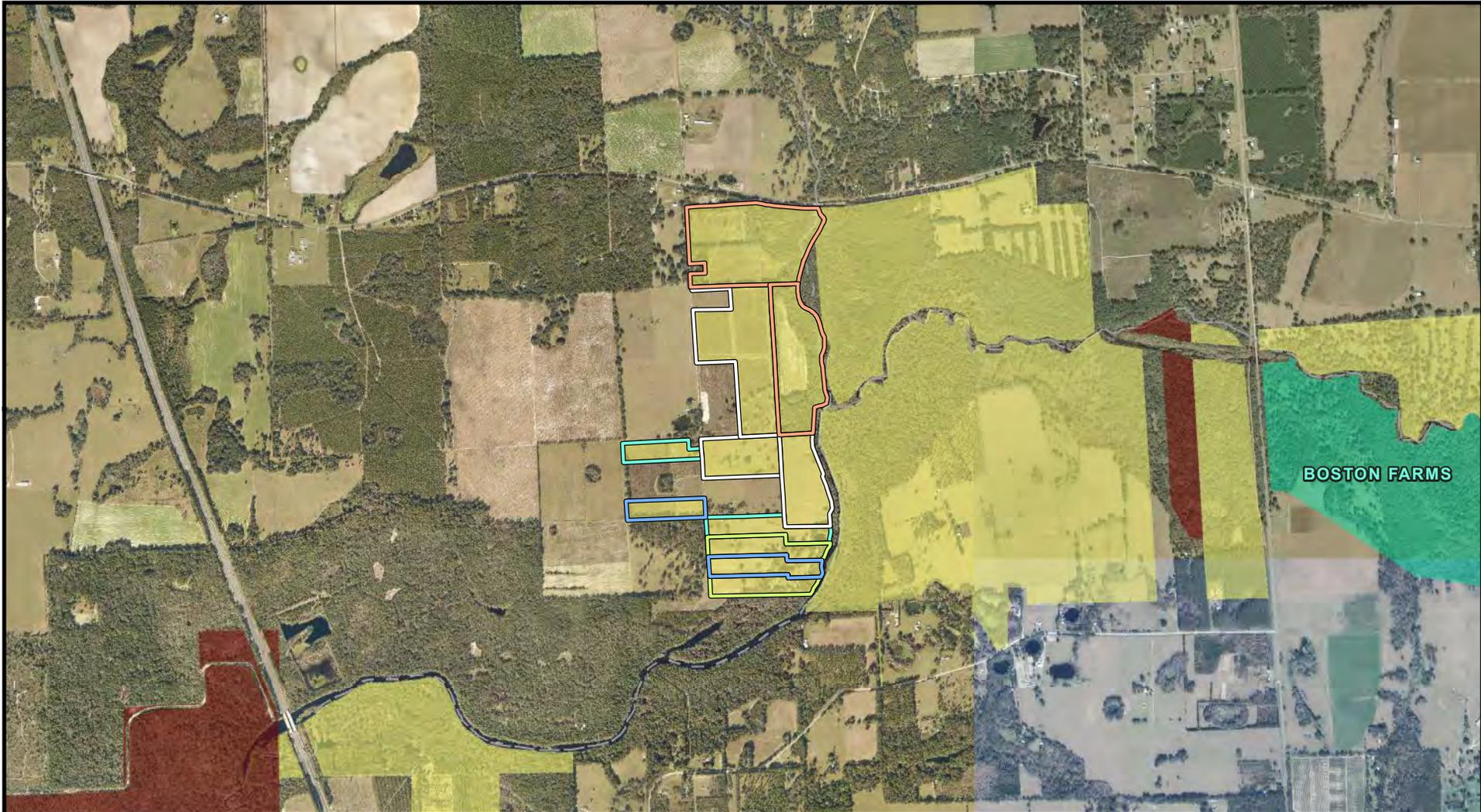
Property/Project Information	
Asking Price (Fee): \$1.345M (Conservation Easement) : _____	
General Location (address, intersection, etc.) Graham Ct. & County Road 18; confluence of Olustee Creek & Santa Fe River	
Acreage: 254 acres MOL County: Columbia County	
Tax Parcel Number(s): 29-6S-18-10649-002 Alice Pasupathi (15 acres)	
Legal Description: 29-6S-18-10649-004 Edwin Doyle & Margaret Graham 32-6S-18-10650-001 (the portion East of Graham Ct. road) Edwin Doyle & Margaret Graham	
29-6S-18-10649-001 Edwin Doyle & Margaret Graham (total ~36 acres)	
Eastern portion of 20-6S-18-10642-000 & 29-6S-18-10648-000 (~73 acres) Andrew Zow map of rough outline attached.	
29-6S-18-10647-000 & 29-6S-18-10643-000 Kiel Graham (105 acres) 29-6S-18-10649-003 Tracy Coates (25 acres)	
Improvements: 1 dilapidated structure on Kiel Graham tract; some fencing	
In addition, please provide an aerial, survey, or map identifying property boundaries and a copy of the Deed.	

Title Condition (<i>Deed restrictions, easements, mineral interest, rights held by others, etc.</i>)

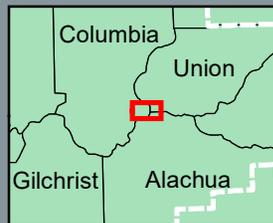
Agreements (<i>Identify any existing purchase agreement, option contract, listing agreement, or any other arrangement or agreement.</i>)
All 5 properties are under contract with closings slated between early October 2019 through the end of January 2020.

Other Pertinent Information (<i>Please provide any other information that may be helpful in evaluating the request.</i>)
Title work complete; ESA 1 complete on Doyle Edwin Graham and Pasupathi lands; ESA 1 on other tracts will be completed next week; boundary survey will begin on Monday, August 12th.

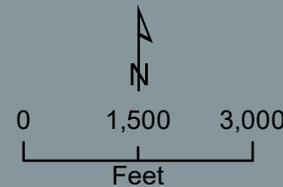




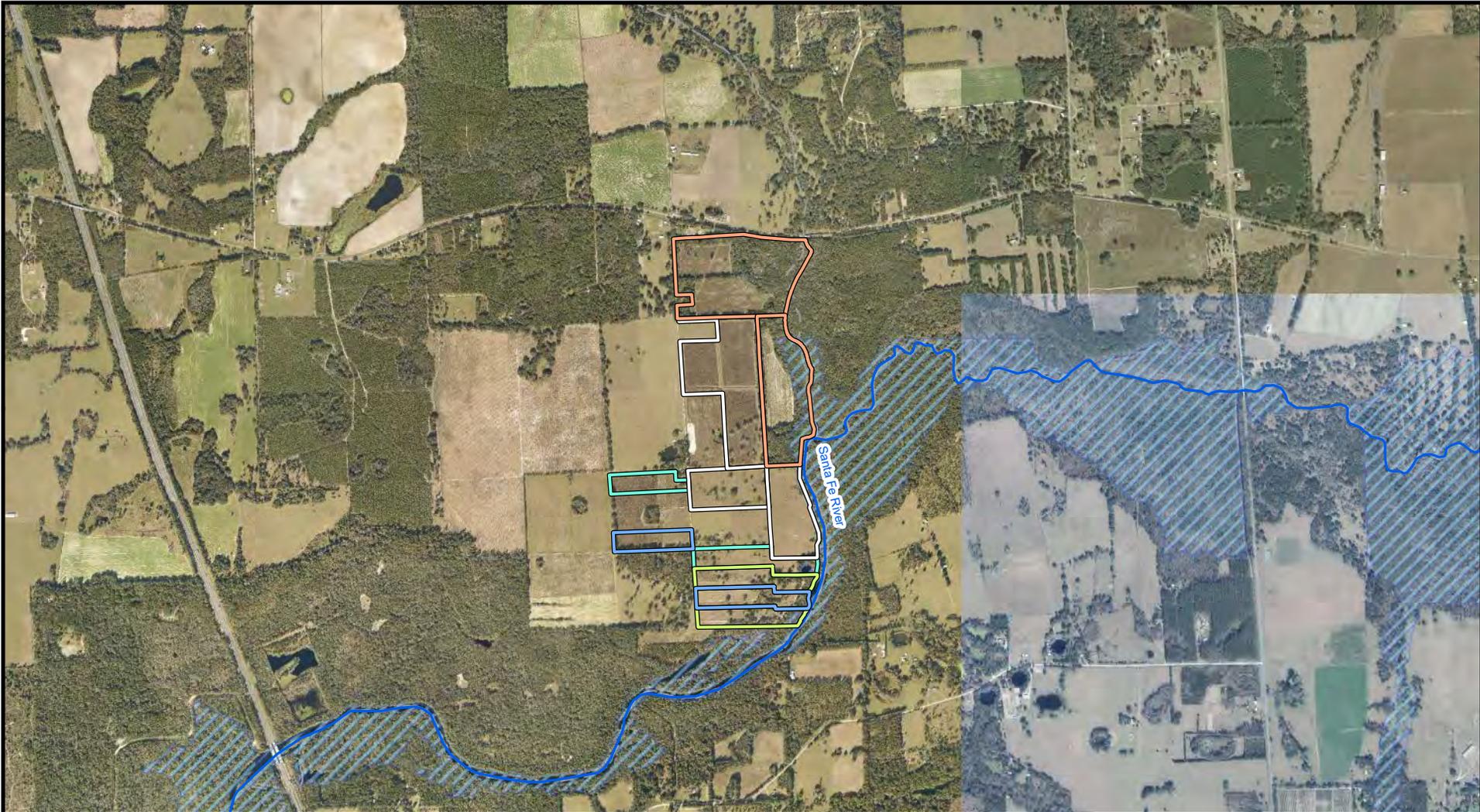
**Santa Fe Springs
± 282 Ac
Columbia County**



-  SRWMD Ownership
 -  Other Public Ownership
 -  SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions
- Adjacent Parcels Ranking**
-  Primary
 -  Secondary
-  Zow ± 105 ac
 -  Macray ± 100 ac
 -  Pasupathi ± 24 ac
 -  Graham ± 28 ac
 -  Coates ± 25 ac



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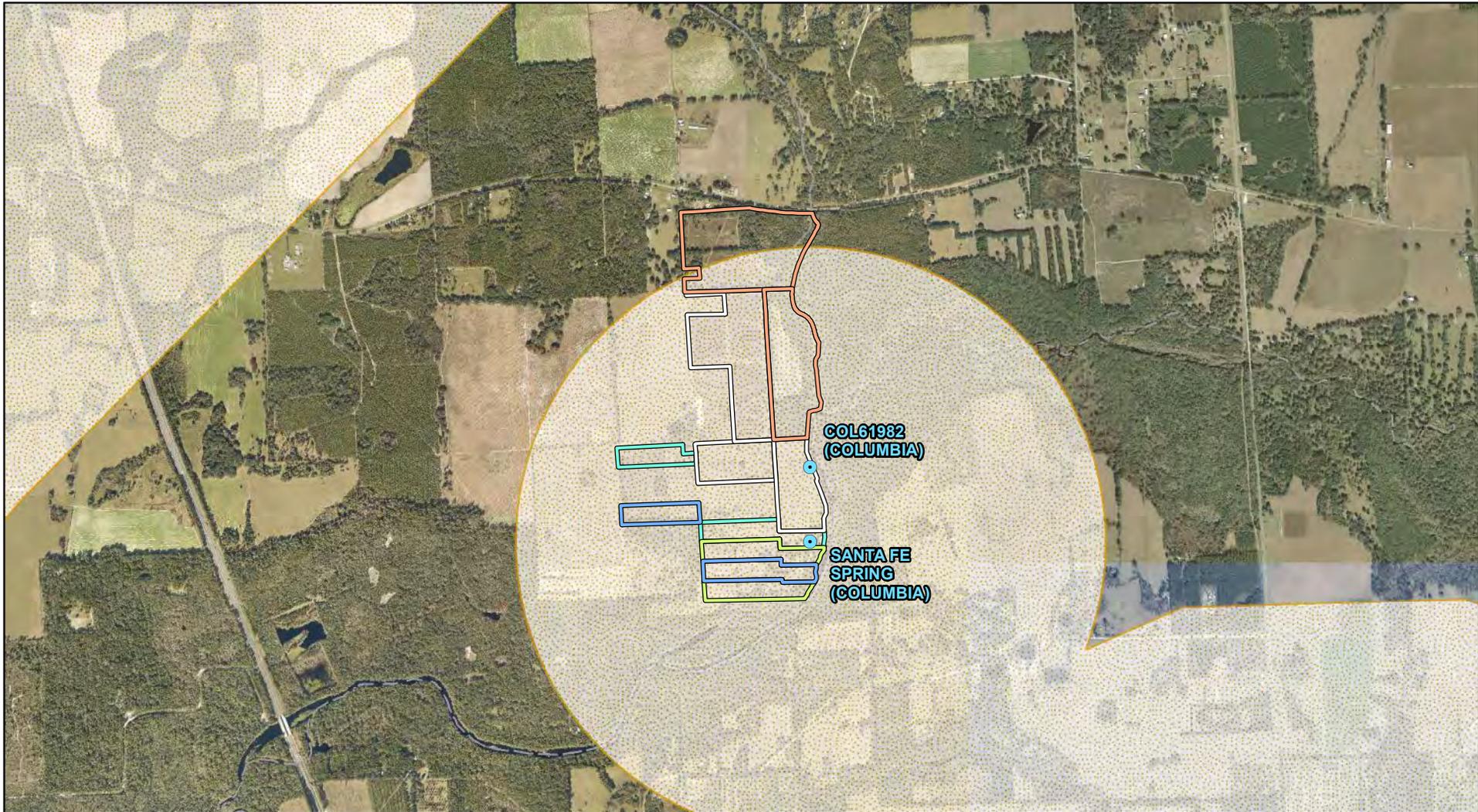


Santa Fe Springs Property Offer Surface Water Protection

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|---|-----------|---|---------------------------|
|  | Zow |  | SRWMD Major Rivers |
|  | Macray |  | Priority 1 |
|  | Pasupathi |  | Priority 2 |
|  | Graham |  | Other |
|  | Coates | | Surface Waters (Riverine) |

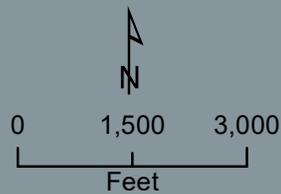
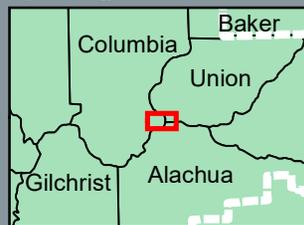


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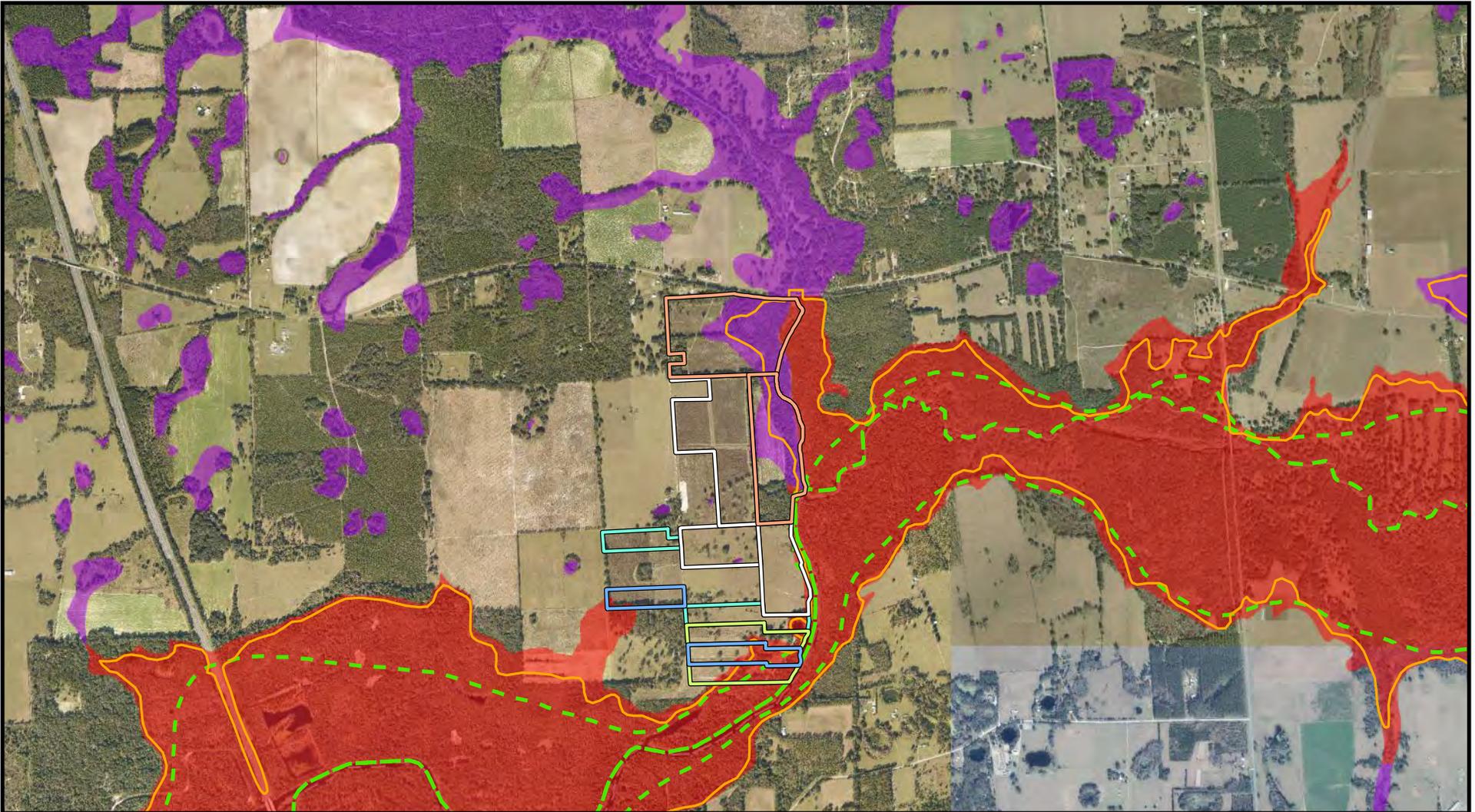


-  Zow
-  Macray
-  Pasupathi
-  Graham
-  Coates
-  Springs Protection
-  Spring Locations

Santa Fe Springs Property Offer Springs Protection

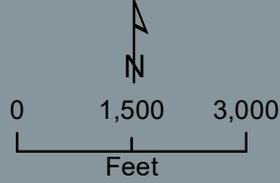


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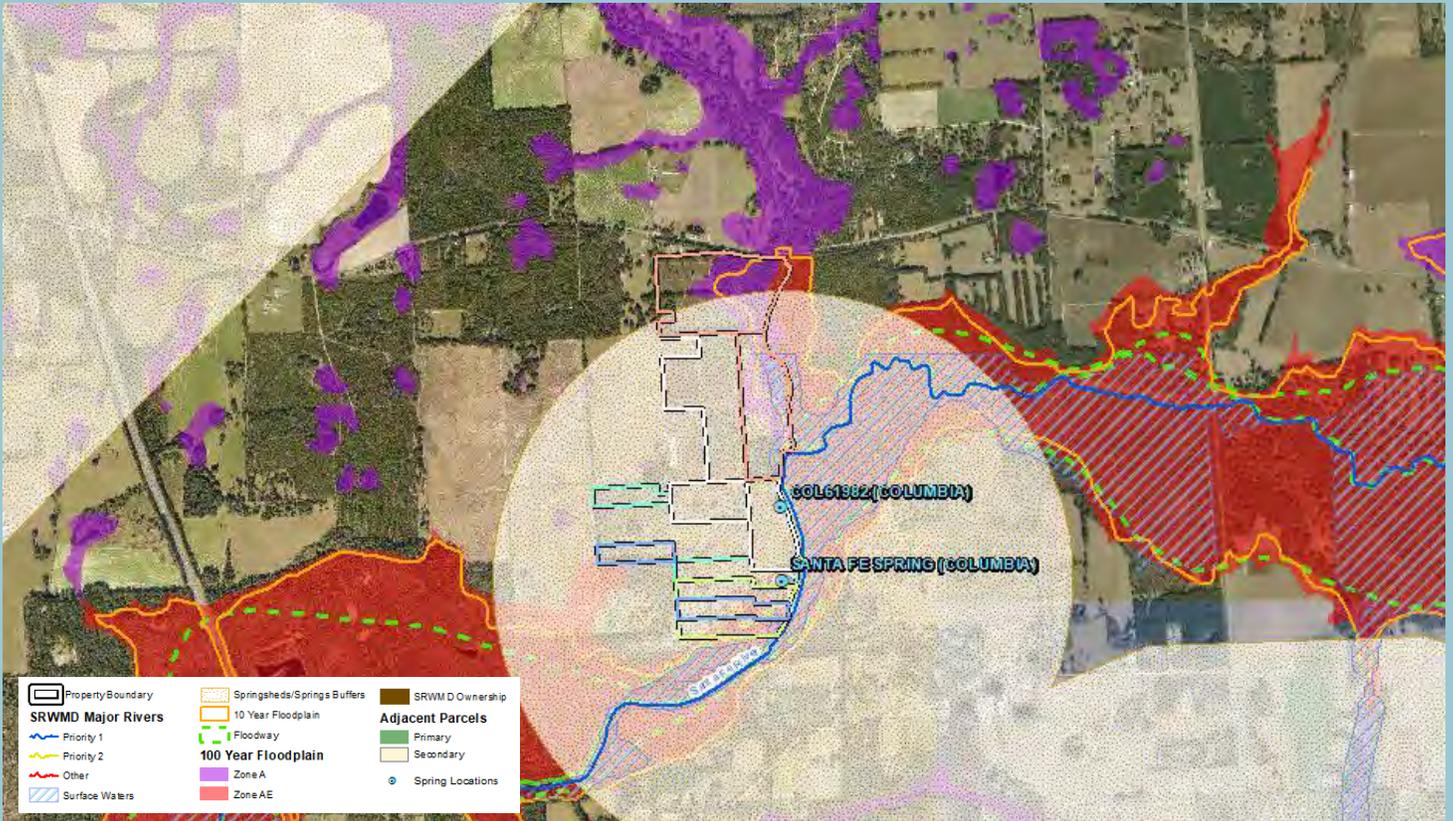
Santa Fe Springs Property Offer Floodplain Protection

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|---|-----------|---|---------------------|
|  | Zow |  | 10 Year Floodplain |
|  | Macray |  | Floodway |
|  | Pasupathi |  | 100 Year Floodplain |
|  | Graham |  | Zone A |
|  | Coates |  | Zone AE |



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Suwannee River Water Management District Triage Analysis Results



Property Name: Santa Fe Springs

Date: 09/12/19

Acreage: ± 282

County: Columbia

Transaction Type: Acquisition

Surface Water Protection-

Major River? (Y) [Santa Fe- Priority 1]

Riverine Surface Waters? (Y) [± 12.32 ac]

Springs Protection -

Within Springshed or springs buffers?
(Y) [Santa Fe Spring /Col61982 Buffer]
[± 243 ac]

Adjacency
(N)

Flood Protection-

Floodway? (Y) [± 8.09 ac]

10 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 47.82 ac]

100 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 81.05 ac]

Miscellaneous:

PFA? (N)

WRCA? (Y) [Eastern]

BMAP? (Y) [Santa Fe]





The Zow Graham Springs Project led by Alachua Conservation Trust, will protect 254-acres, 2 springs, and approximately 1.3 river miles. Alachua Conservation Trust has successfully negotiated this project with five separate property owners, and it is set to close by February 2020.

Alachua Conservation Trust requests that the Suwannee River Water Management District serves as an acquisition partner for the Zow Graham Springs Project by providing 10%, or \$139,041, of the total project cost. Current project cost is calculated at \$1,390,410. Through private foundations, individual donors, and grants, Alachua Conservation Trust has already secured \$1,157,475 for the project. With assistance from the District, Alachua Conservation Trust is confident to complete the project.

The Zow Graham Springs Project is adjacent to the north of the Bonnett Lake Conservation Easement currently held by the District. In addition to providing connectivity to current District lands, the Zow Graham Springs Project will protect two springs that lie directly within the property boundaries. The first, known as Santa Fe Springs, is a first magnitude spring. The second, is an unnamed fourth magnitude spring. As an acquisition partner, Alachua Conservation Trust would provide the District with increased connectivity and access to the Bonnett Lake Conservation Easement, access to install monitoring equipment on the springs, and the ability to install additional monitoring wells.

Once acquired, Alachua Conservation Trust will manage the project as a public preserve with multiuse trails. Alachua Conservation Trust also plans to restore approximately 160-acres of current pasture with longleaf pine and native ground cover.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Decline Offer to Purchase Three Parcels of Real Property Comprising 3.85 +/- Acres, Dixie County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Lands Committee recommendation to decline the offer to purchase three parcels of real property comprising 3.85 +/- acres located in Dixie County.

BACKGROUND

The District received an offer to purchase three parcels of real property located in Dixie County, from Cody Martin. The combined price for the parcels was \$450,000 but was negotiable. Staff reviewed the offer and determined that ownership of the parcels would not benefit the District. The District does not own any adjacent property.

The offeror was notified of the staff recommendation and has not responded to withdraw the offer or request to appear before the Lands Committee. The Lands Committee accepted the staff recommendation at its December 12, 2019 meeting and recommends the Governing Board approval to decline the offer.

Copies of the property offer forms and property analysis maps are attached.

SCS/tm
Attachments
File #19-016

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPERTY OFFER APPLICATION

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Rule 40B-9.041(1), Florida Administrative Code, requires specific information to initiate the acquisition process.

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail _____
Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Owner of Record (Owner is Applicant yes ___ no ___)

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Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

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Property/Project Information

Asking Price (Fee): _____ (Conservation Easement) : _____
General Location (address, intersection, etc.) _____
Acreage: _____ County: _____
Tax Parcel Number(s): _____
Legal Description: _____

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPERTY OFFER APPLICATION**

9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060

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E-Mail: acquisitions@srwmd.org

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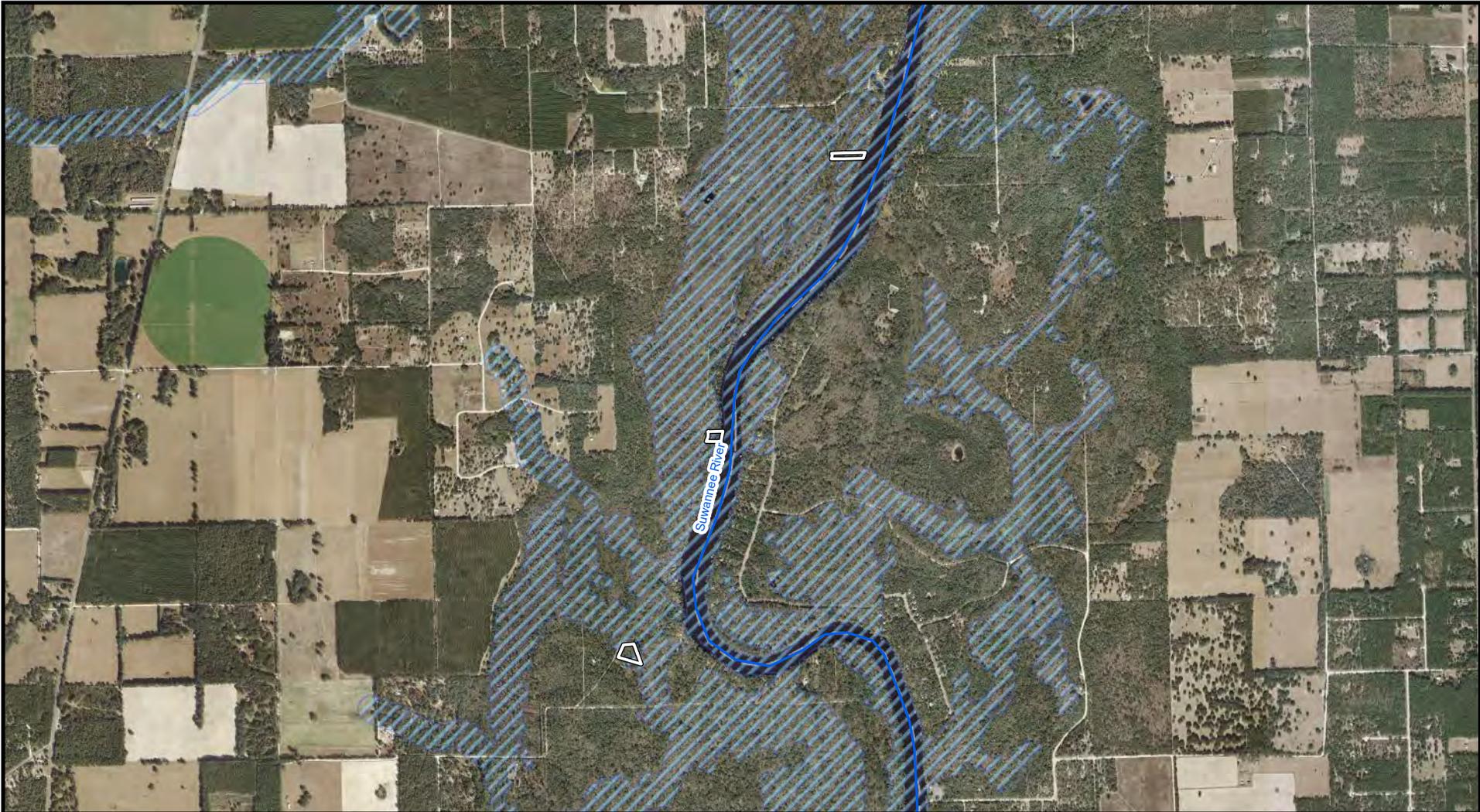
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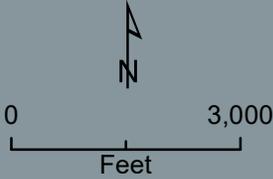
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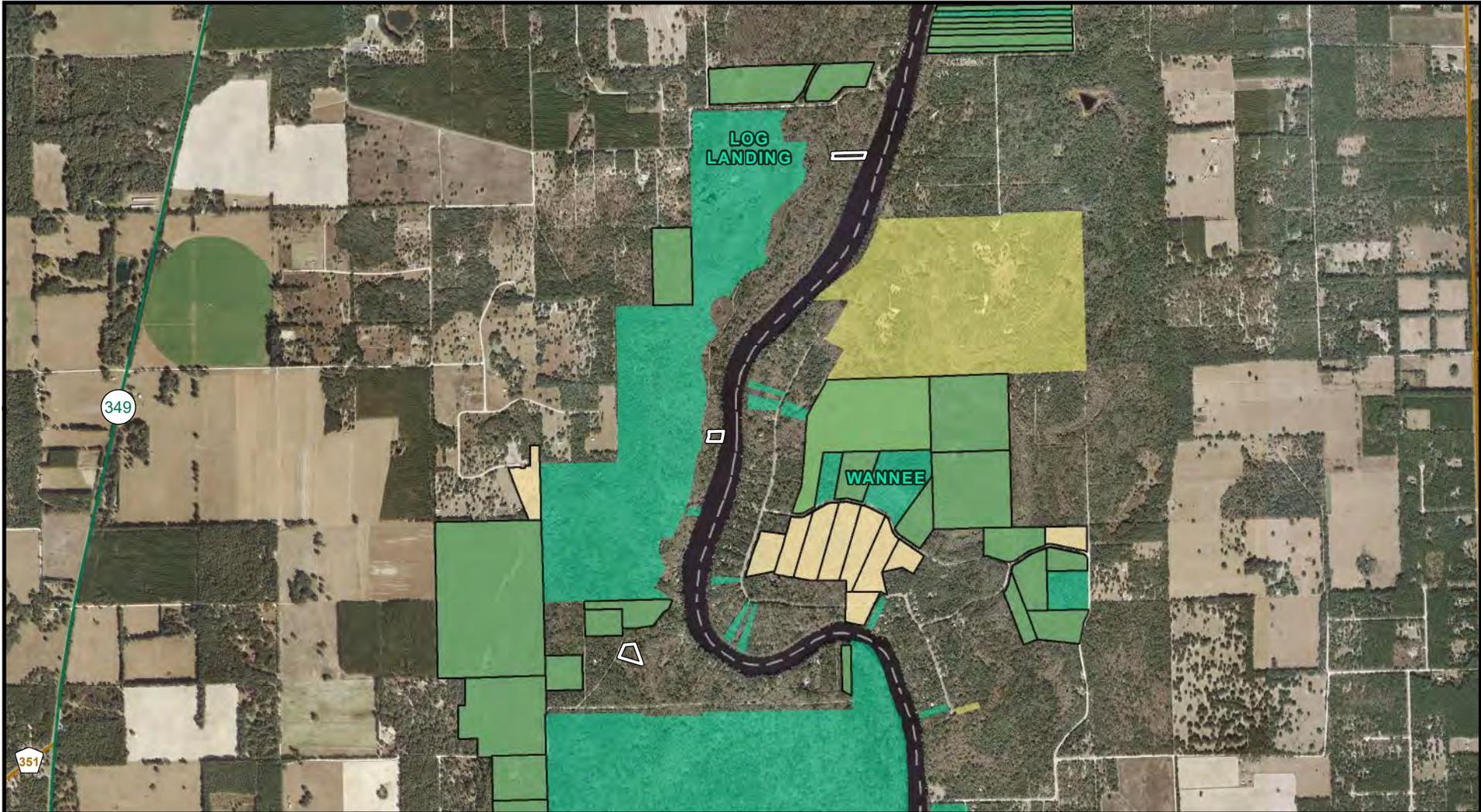


**Log Landing (Martin)
Property Offer
Surface Water Protection**

-  Property Boundary
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)
- SRWMD Major Rivers**
-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other



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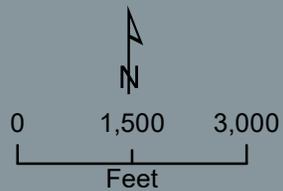


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-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership
-  SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions

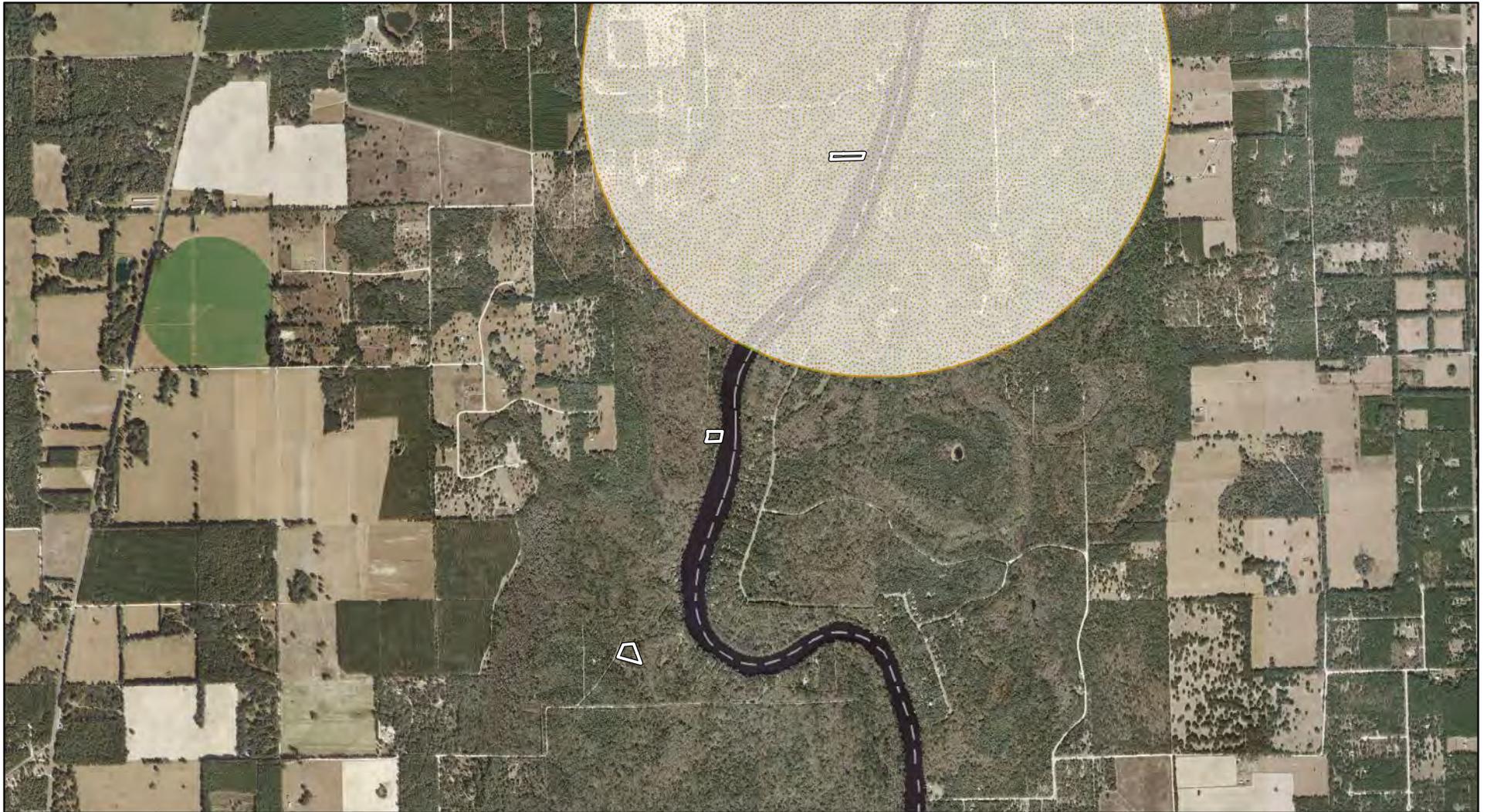
Adjacent Parcels Ranking

-  Primary
-  Secondary

Log Landing (Martin)
 ± 3.84 Ac
 Dixie County

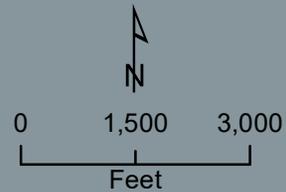


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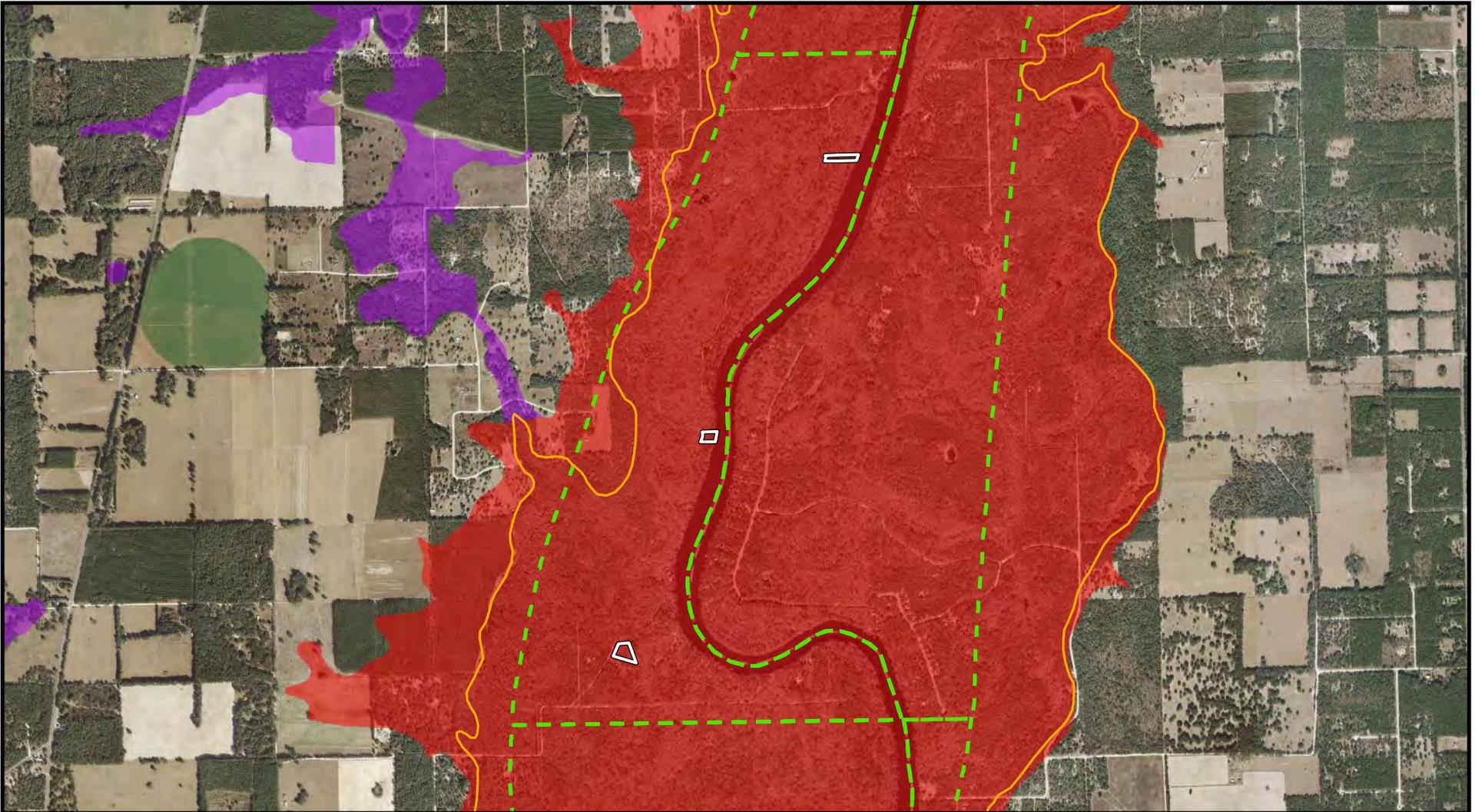


**Log Landing (Martin)
Property Offer
Springs Protection**

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection

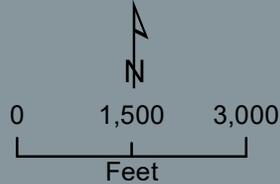


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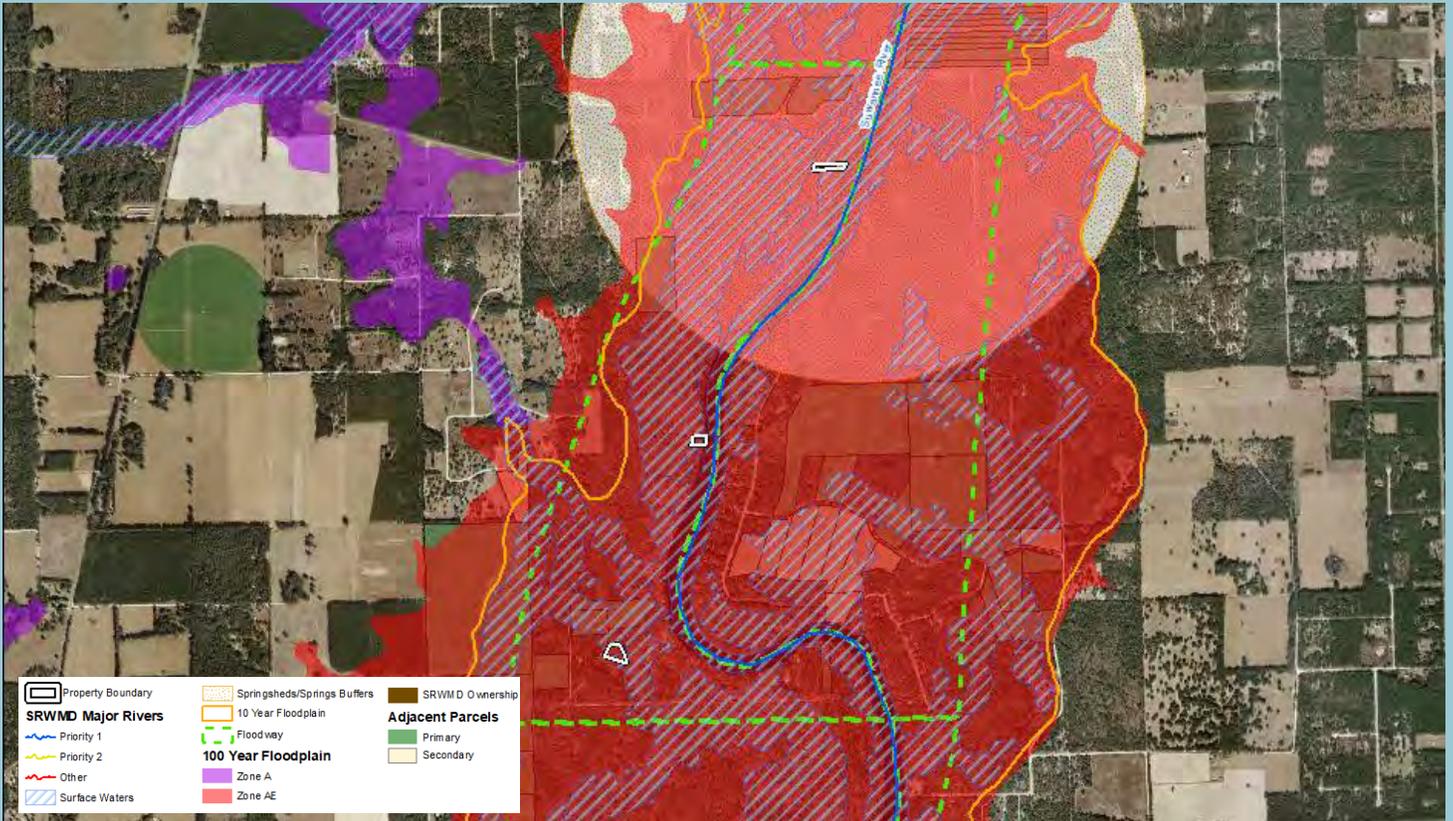
Log Landing (Martin) Property Offer Floodplain Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain**
-  Zone A
-  Zone AE



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Suwannee River Water Management District Triage Analysis Results



Property Name: Log Landing (Martin)

Date: 10/17/19

Acreage: ± 3.84

County: Dixie

Transaction Type: Acquisition

Surface Water Protection-

Major River? (Y) [Suwannee - Priority 2]

Riverine Surface Waters? (Y) [± 2.14 ac]

Springs Protection -

Within Springshed or springs buffers? (Y - Northern parcel only) [Springs buffer] [± 1.20 ac]

Adjacency

(N)

Flood Protection-

Floodway? (Y) [± 3.84 ac]

10 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 3.84 ac]

100 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 3.84 ac]

Miscellaneous:

PFA? (N)

WRCA? (N)

BMAP? (Y) [Suwannee]



MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval to Surplus a 101 +/- Acre Parcel of Real Property to the Town of Fort White, Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Lands Committee recommendation to declare as surplus a 101 +/- acre parcel of real property located in Columbia County and authorize negotiations to transfer the parcel to the Town of Fort White.

BACKGROUND

The District received a request from the Town of Fort White (Town) for the transfer of a 101 +/- parcel of real property located in Columbia County for use as a wellfield for the Town. The District purchased the property in October 2007 for the amount of \$1,542,444. Governing Board Resolution 2007-34 specifically provides that the land is being purchased for “water management purposes” and is purchased pursuant to the Florida Forever Act. The land was purchased using Florida Forever Funds. The Town of Fort White is seeking to obtain ownership of the parcel for purposes of establishing a new wellfield for the Town’s water supply. After review, District staff found that the property does not offer any project potential to the District and that conservation purposes can be maintained within the proposed transaction.

Staff recommends that the parcel be declared surplus and that the District enter into negotiations with the Town for the conveyance to the Town. Staff recommends that any conveyance include restrictions, either through deed restrictions or a conservation easement limiting use by the Town to a wellfield and related infrastructure and facilities and no other development. Further, staff recommends that any conveyance be subject to a reversionary clause that would revert ownership to the District should the Town not utilize the parcel for the intended use within a specified time.

The Lands Committee accepted the recommendation of staff at its December 12, 2019 meeting and recommends Governing Board approval.

Copies of the letter requesting this action from the Town of Fort White, Governing Board Resolution 2007-34, and property maps are attached.

SCS/tm
Attachments
File #05-019

Town of Fort White

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November 4, 2019

Mr. Steve Minnis
Deputy Executive Director, SRWMD
9225 County Road 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

RE: Request for transfer of Levings Property to Town of Fort White (Town)

Dear Mr. Minnis,

The Suwannee River Water Management District conducted a well field siting report in July 2005 and purchased the Levings Property in December 2007 for the Town to relocate the well head. Our greatest concern has become the water quality at the current well location where drinking water is being drawn near the stormwater retention area. Recent testing has shown elevated THM in the Town's water supply and, by relocating the well, we would eliminate or significantly reduce THM, water color, and other contamination issues throughout the distribution system reducing the need for treatment processes.

I am asking that this project continue so Fort White can provide clean, safe drinking water for the approximately 550 residents and 2,000 school children within our Town. The engineering estimate has been completed by North Florida Professional Services and State Appropriation Requests have been submitted along with SRF Funding Requests to allow the Town to move forward with this project. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,



Katy Hughes
Town Clerk

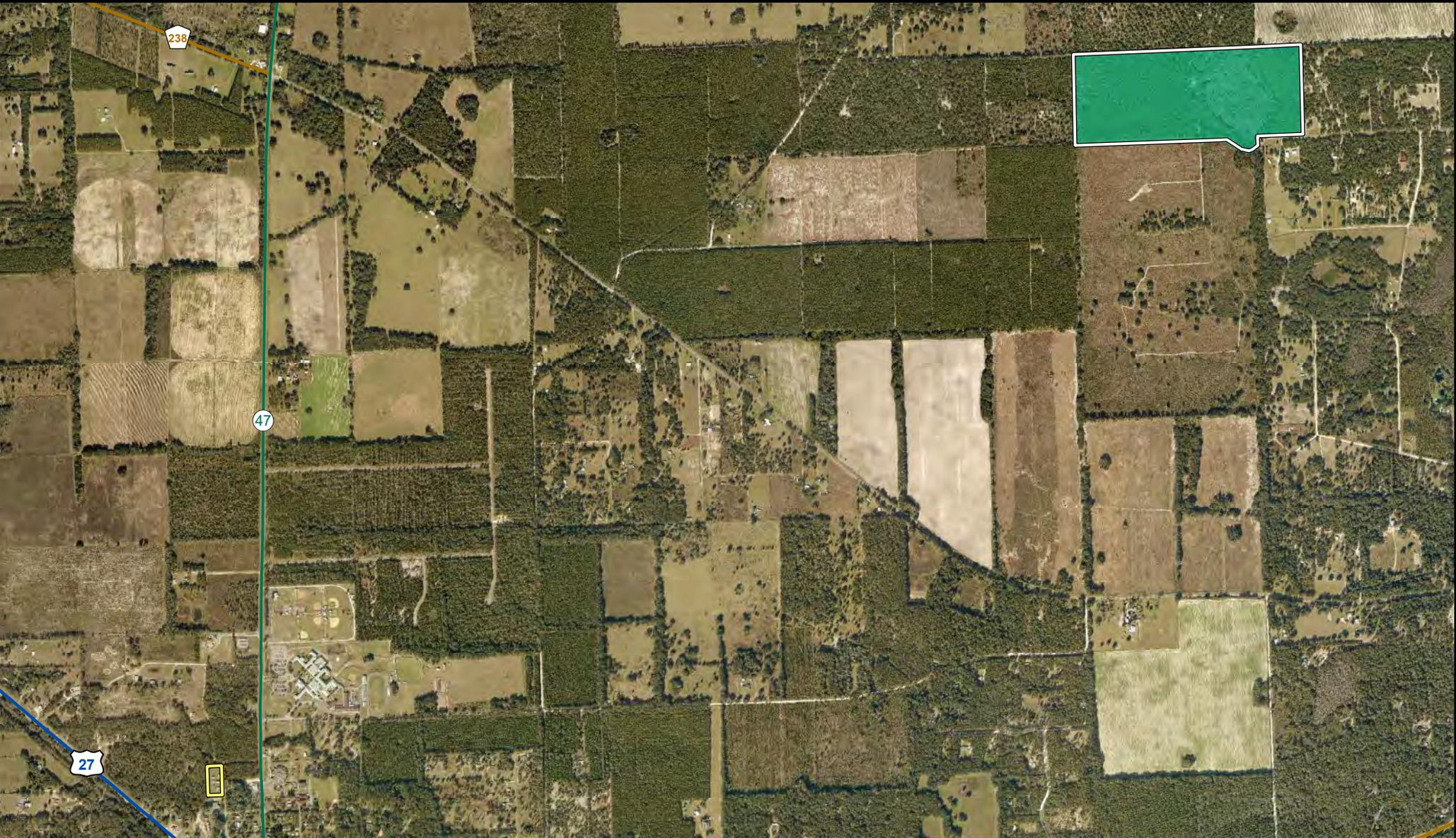
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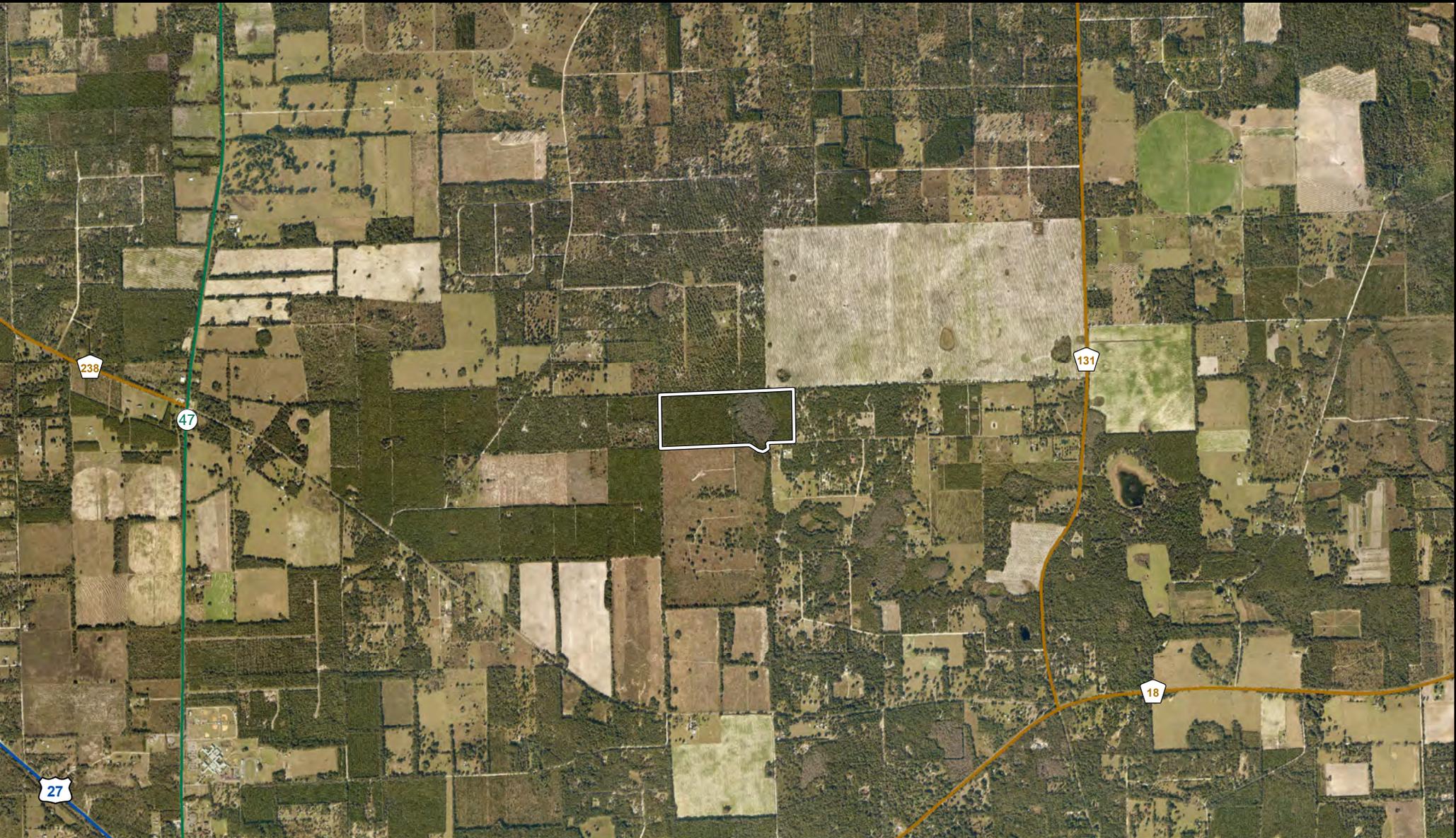
Fort White Wellfield
± 101 Ac
Columbia County



-  Property Boundary (Proposed Wellfield)
-  Current Fort White Wellfield
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership



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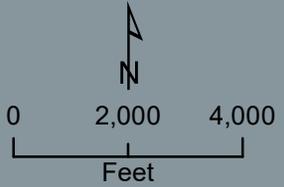
Fort White Wellfield
 ± 101 Ac
 Columbia County



-  Property Boundary
-  Other Public Ownership
-  SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions

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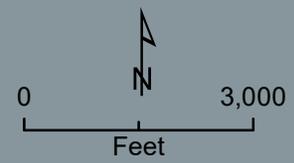


Fort White Wellfield Property Offer Surface Water Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)

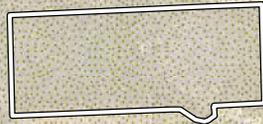
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-  Other



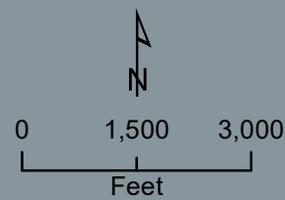
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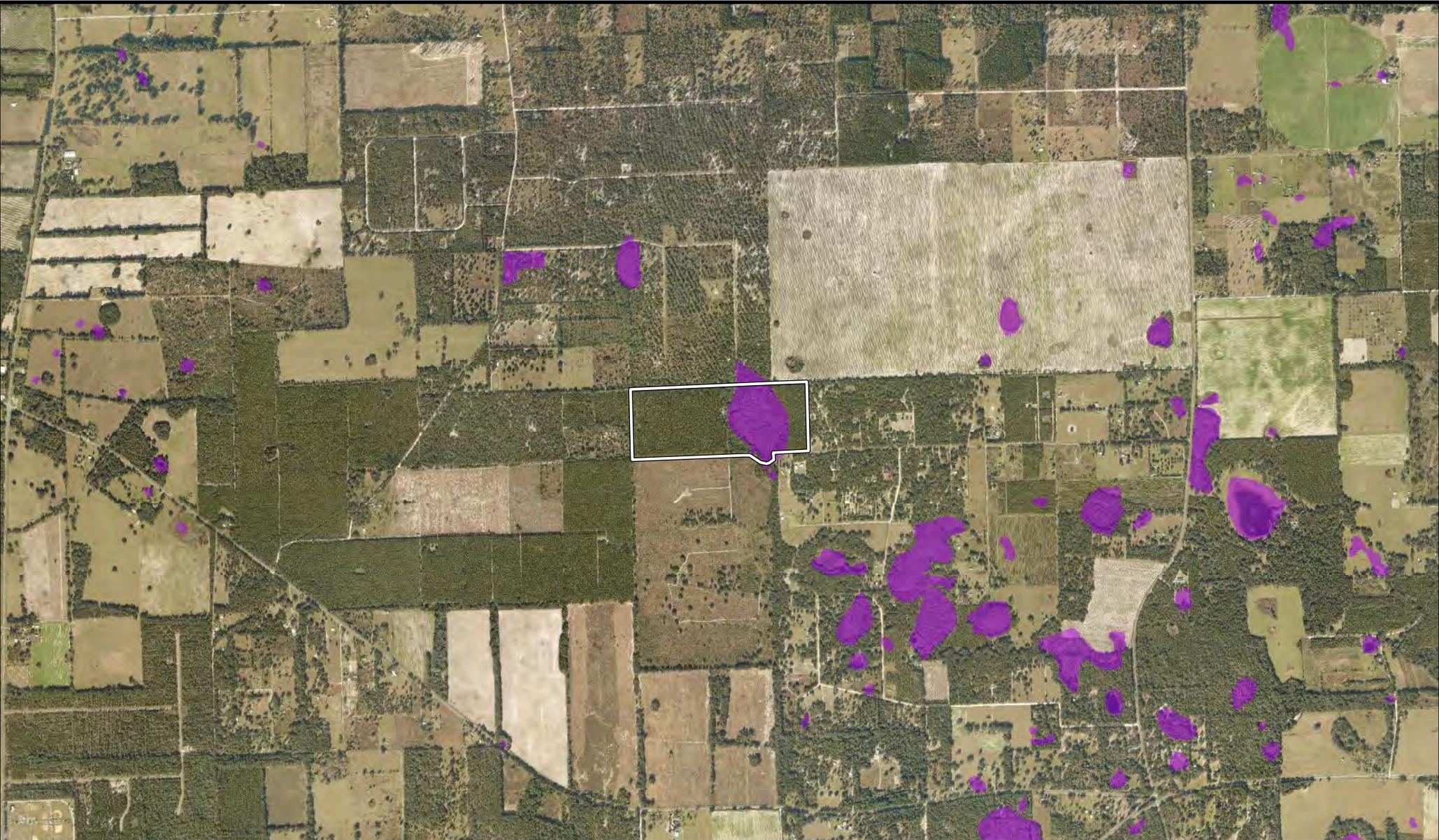


Fort White Wellfield Property Offer Springs Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection

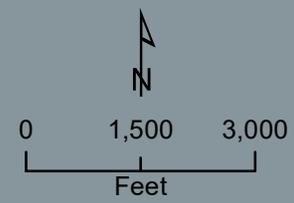


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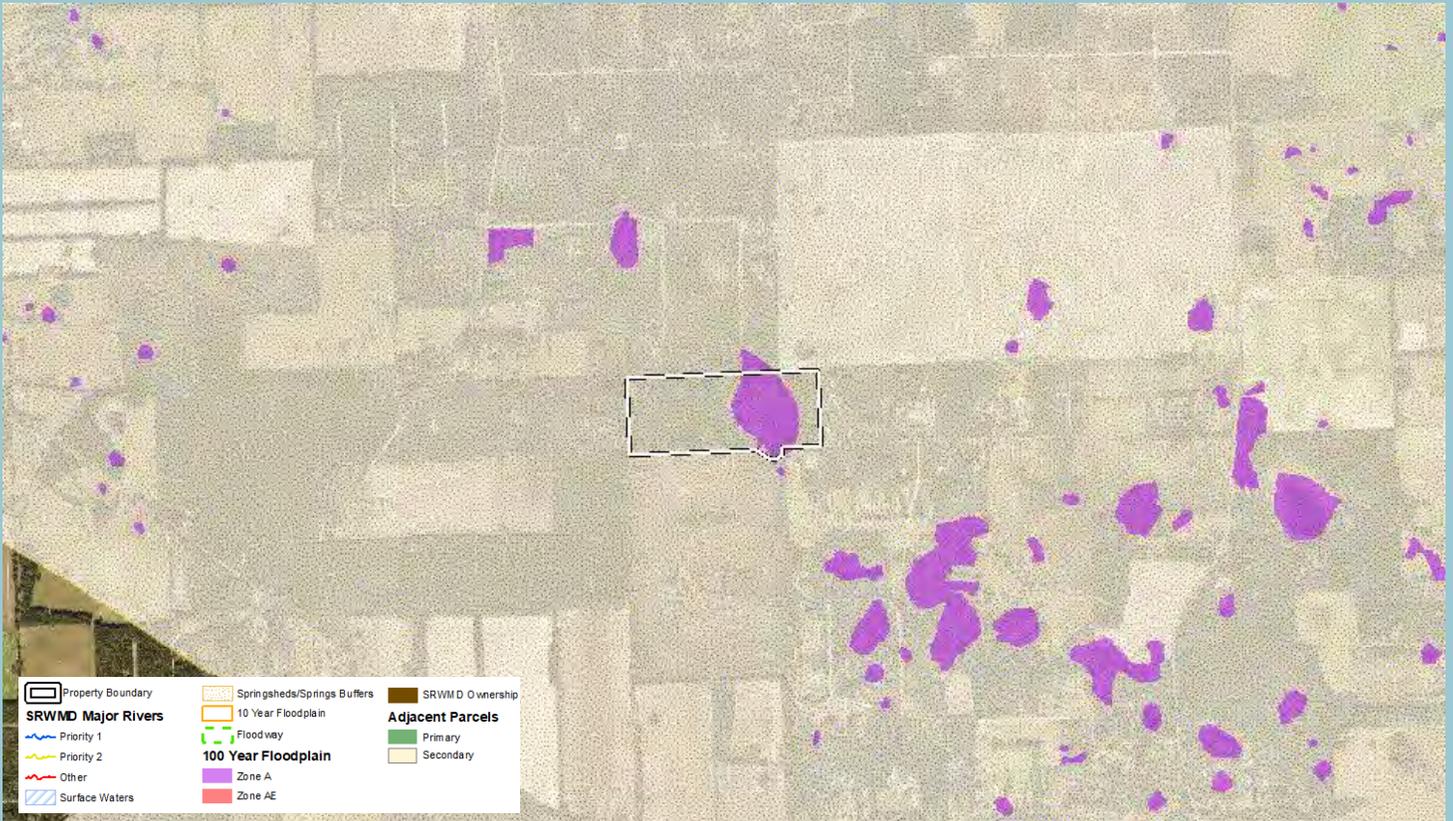
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Suwannee River Water Management District Triage Analysis Results



Property Name: Fort White Wellfield

Date: 11/14/19

Acreage: ± 101

County: Columbia

Transaction Type: Surplus

Surface Water Protection-

Major River? (N)

Riverine Surface Waters? (N)

Springs Protection -

Within Springshed or springs buffers?
(Y) [Itchetucknee Springshed] [± 101 ac]

Adjacency

(N)

Flood Protection-

Floodway? (N)

10 Year Floodplain? (N)

100 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 27.72 ac]

Miscellaneous:

PFA? (Y) [Itchetucknee]

WRCA? (Y) [Eastern]

BMAP? (Y) [Santa Fe]



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-34

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND OWNED BY ALBERT S. LEVINGS, JR., THE EXERCISE OF AN OPTION TO PURCHASE SAID PROPERTY, AND THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA FOREVER TRUST FUND FOR ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District has been offered lands owned by Albert S. Levings, Jr., consisting of approximately 102 acres in Columbia County, Florida, a legal description and map of said lands being attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for said lands shall be \$15,122 per acre for a total of \$1,542,444; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition is consistent with the five-year plan of acquisition filed with the Legislature and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and is consistent with Section 373.199, Florida Statutes (F. S.); and

WHEREAS, said lands serve to protect the water supply of the Ft. White area residents; and

WHEREAS, said lands are being acquired in fee for water management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the funds hereinafter requested will be used only for the acquisition costs of said lands, and that the acquisition costs of said lands shall include fees for survey, appraisal, and legal activities necessary for the proper transfer of title to said real property; and

WHEREAS, said lands meet goal D3 (groundwater recharge areas critical to springs, sinks, aquifers, other natural systems, or water supply) of the Florida Forever Act as described in FS 259.105(4); and

WHEREAS, said lands will be made available for passive general recreational uses not inconsistent with the water management purposes for which they are being acquired; and

WHEREAS, said lands shall be maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner, and to the extent possible compatible with groundwater protection; and

WHEREAS, should this District subsequently dispose of said lands, all revenues derived therefrom will be used to acquire or manage other lands for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources; and

WHEREAS, said lands have been appraised by two independent real estate appraisers and were approved for acquisition after duly noticed public hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the lands to be acquired is less than or equal to the appraised values, based on the certified appraisals used to determine the value of the lands to be purchased; and

WHEREAS, potential claims by the state to sovereignty submerged lands have been considered; and

WHEREAS, said lands are not being acquired as right-of-way for canals or pipelines; and

WHEREAS, an environmental audit shall be performed prior to closing, and before the purchase of any land found to be contaminated a remediation plan will be submitted to the Department; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for payment of the acquisition costs and associated expenses and fees for said parcel through funds deposited in the Florida Forever Trust Fund to the credit of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District:

(1) Acquisition of the described lands owned by Albert Levings, Jr., his successors or assigns, is approved and the Executive Director is authorized to exercise an option on behalf of the District.

(2) The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the acquisition of said parcel is hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's plan of acquisition and Section 373.199, F. S.

(3) District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to approve the release of funds from the Florida Forever Trust Fund in the sum of approximately \$1,542,444 for land and associated closing costs pending documentation of actual District's direct

acquisition costs at a time subsequently requested and documented by District to Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007, A.D.

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

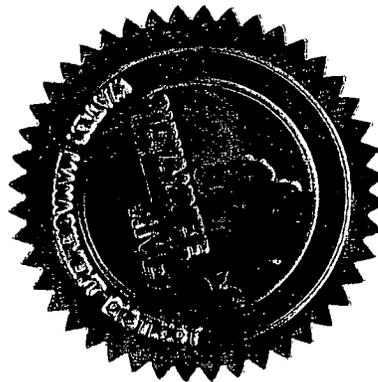
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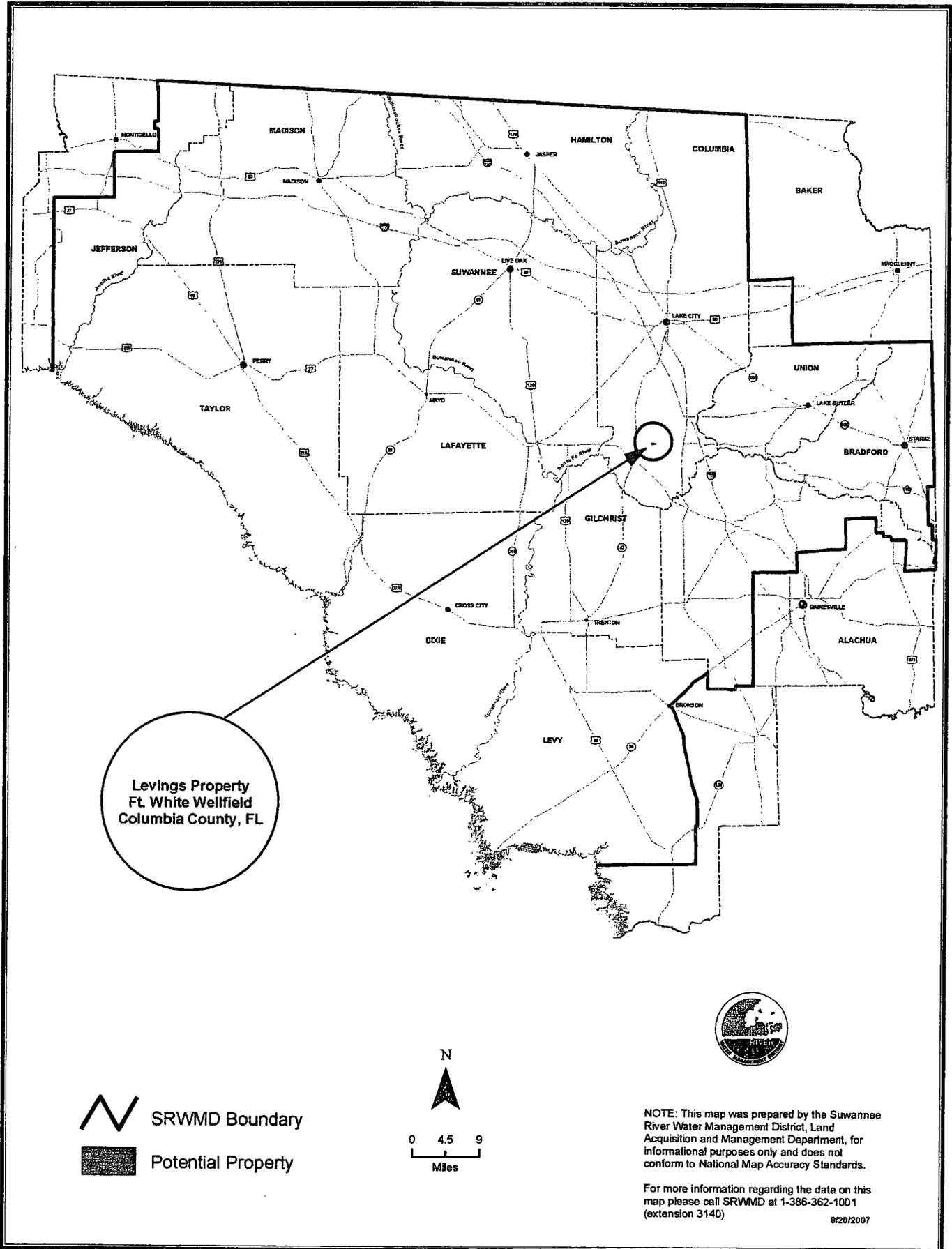
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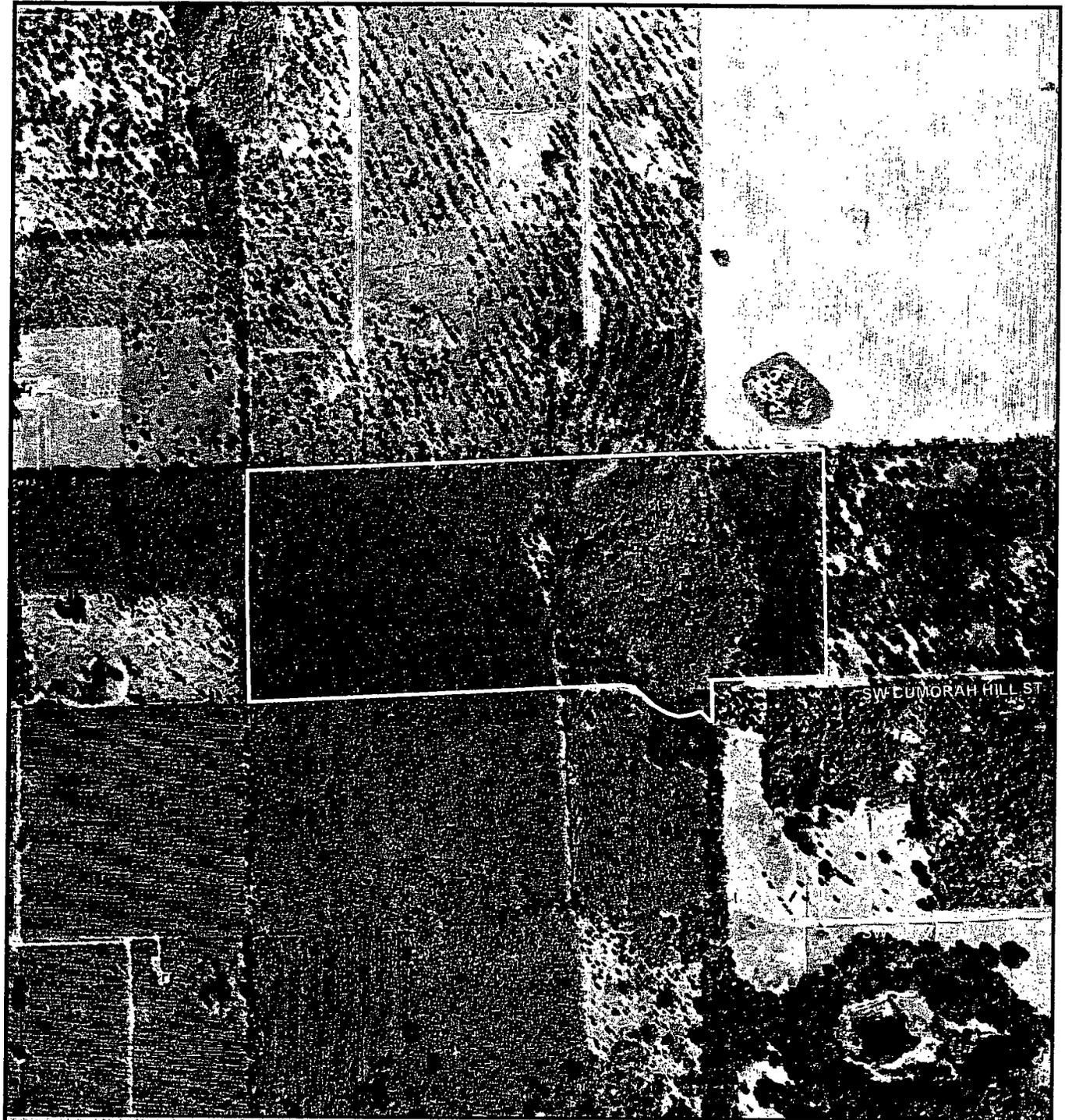
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Levings Property

Levings/Ft. White Wellfield
Ichetucknee CA
Columbia County, FL



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Patrick Webster, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval of District as the Operation and Maintenance Entity for the Water Resource Management Structures on the West Ridge Camp Blanding Buffer Property

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Governing Board approval of the Lands Committee recommendation to approve the District's role as operation and maintenance entity for Environmental Resource Permit MMR_137482-015, subject to authorization by Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the District purchased 640 +/- acres of land in eastern Bradford County. The purchase was funded by the Florida Army National Guard (FLARNG) to provide buffer for Camp Blanding. The District has an agreement with the FLARNG for them to manage this and other Camp Blanding buffer lands owned by the District. Included in this agreement is the ability of the District to utilize these lands in support of District goals.

The eastern half of the 640 +/- acre parcel includes acreage that was previously mined and subject to reclamation as described in a mining Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) MMR_137482-015 issued by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Since purchasing the parcel, the District has been working with the mining entity, the Chemours Company, to develop the parcel's potential for future water resource project opportunities. To that extent, Chemours and the District have arrived at a revised reclamation design that includes landforms and structures which manage surface water runoff in a manner that best fits with the parcel's project potential.

In consideration of the future water resource benefits, the Chemours Company is asking the District as property owners to assume operation and maintenance duties for the constructed features on the District's property, in perpetuity as required by the proposed ERP modification with FDEP, per Chapter 62-330.310, Florida Administrative Code.

Attached is the proposed Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan that will be adopted by FDEP and the District, if approved by the Board. The O&M agreement is consistent with the standard practices employed in stormwater system facilities monitoring and upkeep.

The cost of the proposed land management activities has been estimated by staff at an annual cost of \$50,000 for contractual services for mowing and basic maintenance, plus the cost of staff time for scheduled, and special inspections.

Presently, the FLARNG has agreed that the mowing and general maintenance of the parcel as described in the O&M plan is consistent with the existing land management agreement (15/16-037, see attached) with the District. For the duration of the agreement between the District and the FLARNG, the District would not incur any recurring expense other than staff time for inspections in executing the O&M plan. If a major maintenance issue was to arise, the District would be financially responsible for maintaining the structures and earthwork.

The agreement between the District and the FLARNG is not perpetual and can change at either the District's or the FLARNG's discretion. The District is the only entity that would be bound to the perpetual maintenance of the site.

The Lands Committee accepted the recommendation of staff at its December 12, 2019 meeting and recommends Governing Board approval.

PW/tm
Attachments

Long Term Operation and Maintenance Recommendations

for

Stormwater Management System Structures

Florida Mine – Trail Ridge ERP Permit Modification

No. MMR_0137482-015

Final landforms and water management structures (embankments, conveyance swales, weirs), collectively referred to in this Operation & Maintenance Plan as structures, shall be inspected and documented by the operation and maintenance entity as follows:

- The initial structure inspection shall be completed 1 year after completion of reclamation activities.
- Following the initial inspection, all structures shall be inspected once every 2 years, or after storm events equal to or greater in magnitude than the 25-year, 24-hour storm (approximately 8.5 inches).
- Quarterly inspections shall be completed for the first 2 years along the diversion swale located west of CR-225 or after storm events equal to or greater in magnitude than the 25-year, 24-hour storm (approximately 8.5 inches).

Inspections shall include the following items:

- Inspections should be conducted generally within 24 to 72 hours after a storm.
- Inspect the structures for areas of incised channelized flow, and for areas with erosion and sedimentation accumulation indicating that stabilization of contributing areas is needed or that flow paths are being substantially diverted.
- Inspect structures for deficiencies in structural integrity, degradation of performance due to insufficient maintenance and/or due to improper operation.
- Inspect structures for excessive vegetative growth or presence of debris that would render them inoperable.
- Inspection records shall be maintained (for a period of 5 years) by the operation and maintenance entity and provided for review by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection upon request.

The following maintenance activities should be considered if the inspection indicates that structures do not appear to be functioning in conformance with the design:

- Repair observed erosion gullies over 2 ft. deep that may form on the top and side slopes of the stormwater structures/features.
- Stabilize contributing areas to structures as needed to prevent erosion and sedimentation.
- Remove accumulated debris and/or excessive vegetation to restore the structure to its design function and routing capacity.
- Perform maintenance mowing on the slopes and top of embankments to prevent the establishment of heavy brush and trees.

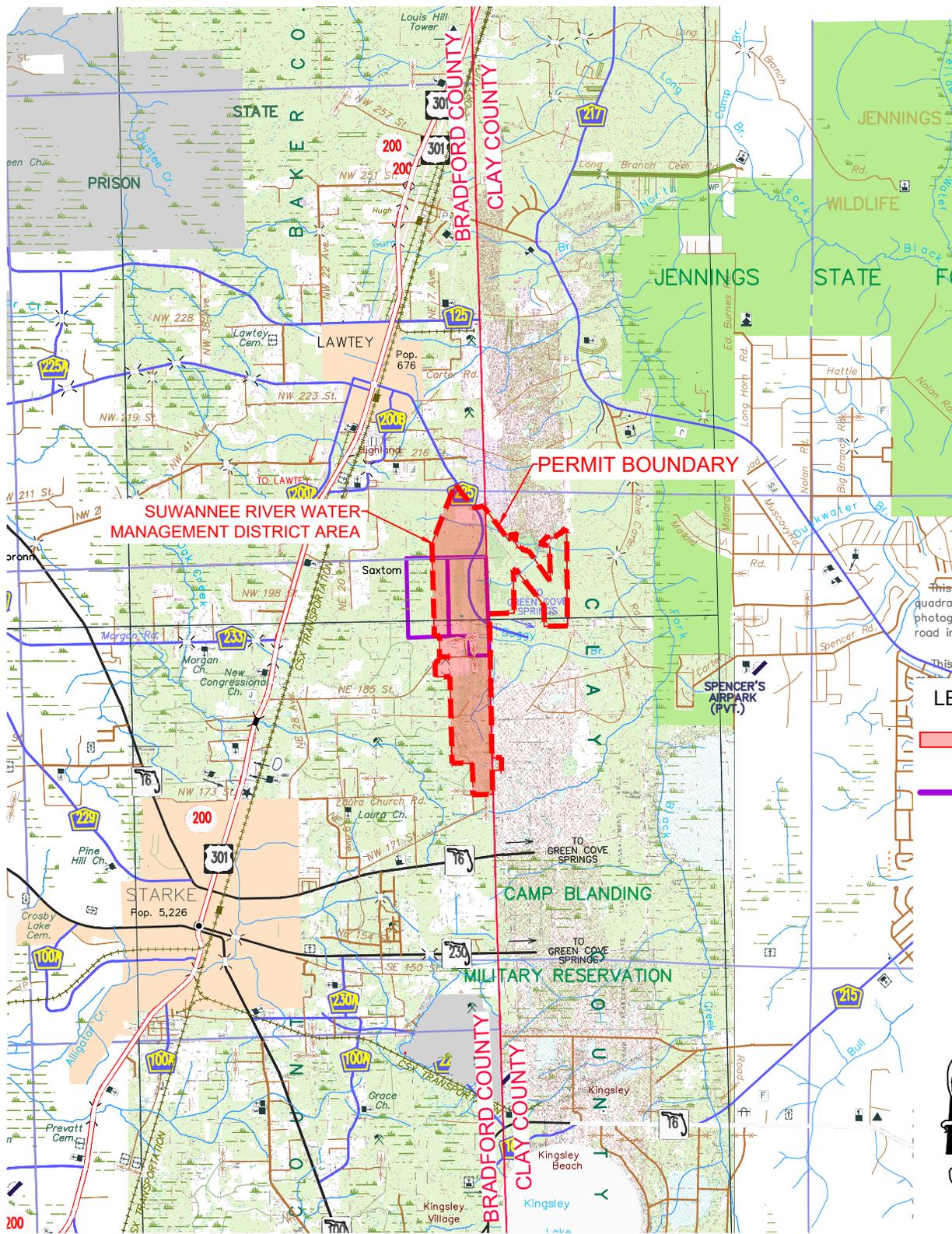
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- All engineered structures; weirs, conveyance swales and embankments shall be maintained in accordance with NRCS conservation practice standards Code 568 and 578.

The above maintenance items will be completed:

As needed or within 90-days of inspection / observance for minor repairs. EG) repair of gullies less than 2-ft deep and associated removal and the replacement of displaced sedimentation.

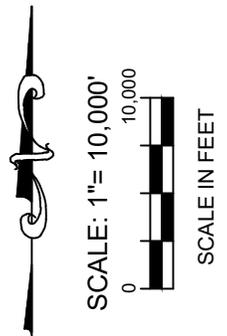
Major repairs will be completed within 30-days of inspection / observance. EG) repair of gullies equal to or greater than 2-ft deep and associated removal and the replacement of displaced sedimentation.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AREA

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- SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AREA
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STORM-WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STRUCTURES

FIGURE 1 - VICINITY MAP

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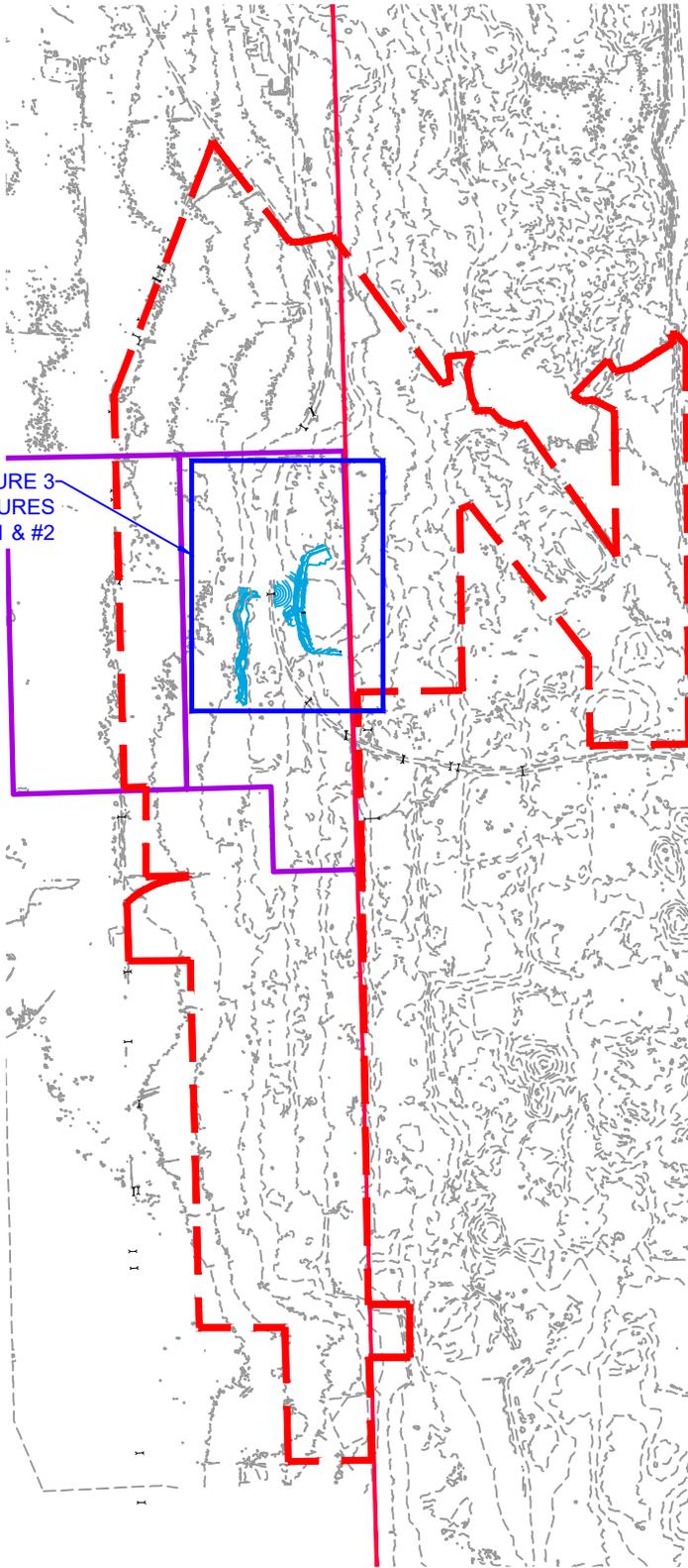
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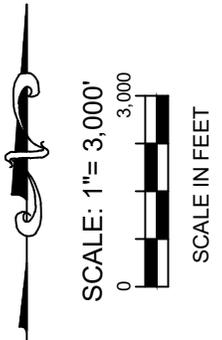


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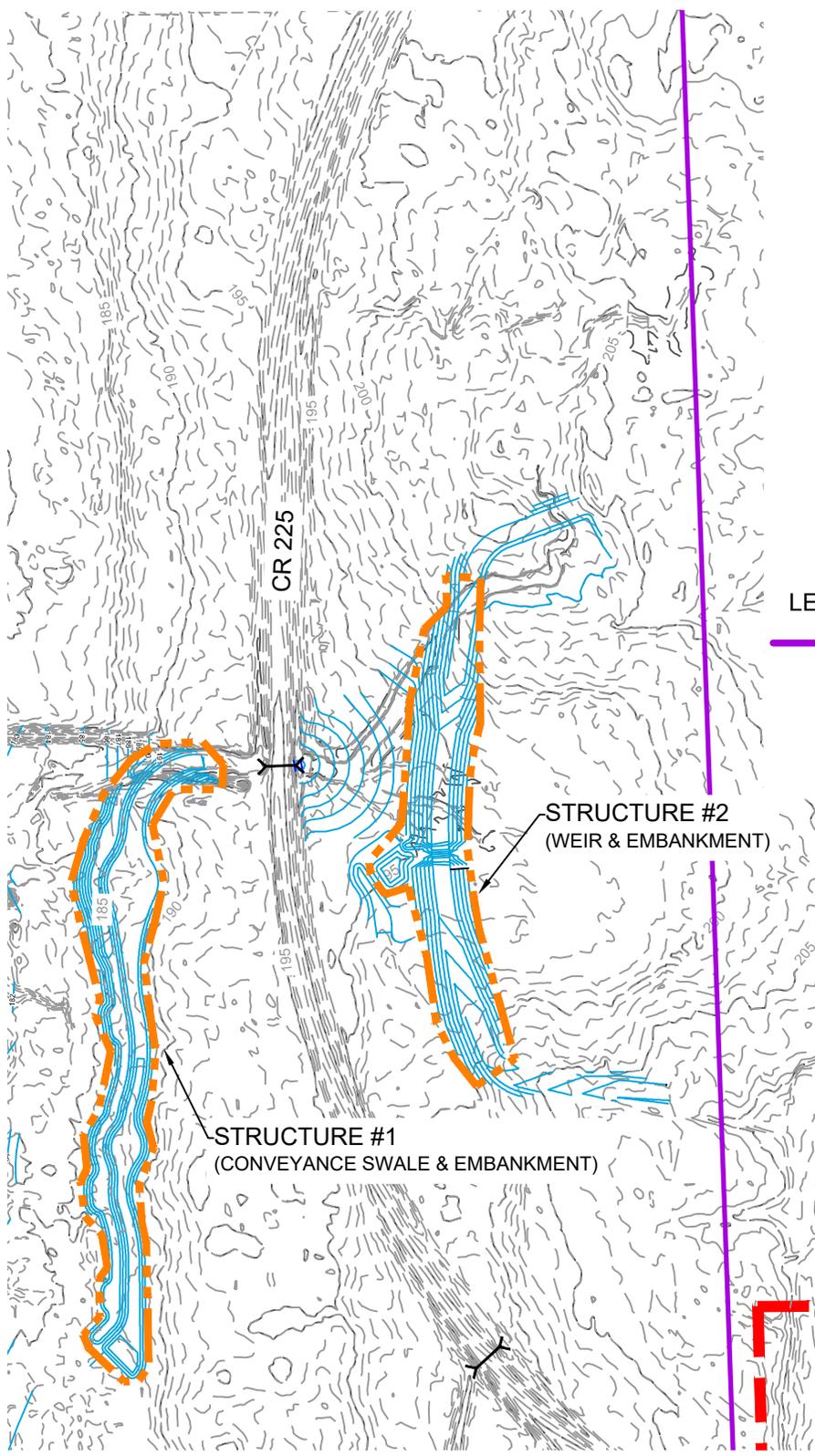
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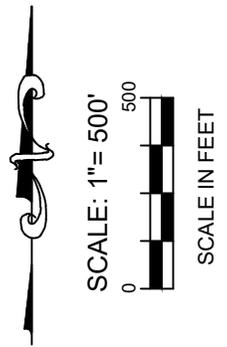


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COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
Camp Blanding Buffers – SRWMD PROPERTY

THIS COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17th day of December, 2015, between the Governing Board of the **SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, a public body existing under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes whose mailing address is 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060 (herein called the "DISTRICT") and the **Florida Department of Military Affairs**, a public agency of the State of Florida, whose mailing address is 189 Marine Street, St. Augustine Florida, 32084 (hereinafter called the "DMA").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT is the fee simple owner of certain real property, hereinafter referred to as the "PROPERTY" in eastern Bradford County bordering the western boundary of Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC), as depicted in Exhibit "A" and as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the DMA is desirous of managing the PROPERTY for the purpose of meeting guidelines within the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Project through ecological multi-use management of natural resources as outlined in CBJTC's guidance document, the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP); and

Whereas, the DISTRICT has purchased the PROPERTY for water resource purposes including water resource development, flood attenuation and aquifer recharge projects and is developing construction plans for facilities to accomplish these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT and the DMA recognize that the PROPERTY has potential for multiple uses if management activities are closely coordinated; and

WHEREAS, the DMA possesses the personnel, ability, interest, and willingness to manage the PROPERTY, consistent with DISTRICT purposes, under the multiple-use concept, based on sound ecological principles as outlined and approved in the CBJTC INRMP; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT and the DMA recognize the value of close cooperation and mutual support in providing for the potential public benefits and enjoyment of the PROPERTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto for and in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants, terms and conditions hereinafter contained, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Subject to the terms, conditions and limitations set forth in this Agreement, the DISTRICT hereby conveys certain management responsibilities to the DMA and the DMA hereby accepts management responsibilities from the DISTRICT of the PROPERTY depicted in Exhibit "A" and described in Schedule "A" for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter set forth.
2. The initial term of this Agreement is for a period of twenty five (25) years, commencing on December 17, 2015 and ending on December 17, 2040. Thereafter, this agreement shall be automatically renewed in twenty five year increments, unless terminated as otherwise set forth herein.
3. The purpose of this Agreement shall be to designate the DMA as the lead management entity for day to day management operations on the PROPERTY. The DMA shall manage the habitat on the PROPERTY as set forth in the approved INRMP using a long-term sustained yield harvest of natural resources, in a manner consistent with, and subject to the water resource projects initiated and constructed by DISTRICT.

These operations include implementing specific management actions including, but not limited to prescribed burning, disking, planting, mowing, silvicultural practices, facility maintenance including roads and firelines and other operations as may be jointly approved. The INRMP and specifically the addendum including and relating to the PROPERTY shall be formally reviewed and approved by the DMA and the DISTRICT not less than every five years and amended as required and agreed by the parties.

4. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein to the contrary, this Agreement is subject to:
 - a. The terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations set forth in this Agreement; and
 - b. All applicable laws, state statutes, local ordinances and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto which may

be applicable to the operation of the PROPERTY including Chapter 373.1391, Florida Statutes.

- c. Pre-existing third party rights and mine reclamation requirements.

5. It is the intent of the DMA and the DISTRICT that the PROPERTY be incorporated into the Camp Blanding Buffers and managed, for land management purposes, as set forth in the CBJTC INRMP. The PROPERTY will be managed for the same goals of wildlife habitat restoration, public access, recreational opportunities and hunting as the CBJTC, so long as these uses do not interfere with or diminish planned or existing water resource projects of DISTRICT. The DMA shall assume primary management responsibilities that are consistent with the CBJTC INRMP, and shall include the following:

- a. Reporting of annual activities, revenues, expenses and accomplishments in association with normal DMA reporting procedures, and activities on the PROPERTY will be included in such reports. These reports will be provided to DISTRICT.
- b. Providing routine surveillance and security for the PROPERTY.
- c. Recreational opportunities and public access will be provided that meet the goals and objectives of the District and CBJTC planned uses of the property. CBJTC is currently included within the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FFWCC) Wildlife Management Area (WMA) program that allows for public access and hunting. It is the intent of the DMA to investigate extending that hunting format to the PROPERTY, at the appropriate time, with the agreement of the DISTRICT.
- d. Controlling wildfires by employing appropriate management practices.
- e. Controlling exotic and invasive plants at maintenance levels.

6. The DISTRICT may partner with available equipment and personnel to advance resource management objectives for the PROPERTY including prescribed burning, exotic species control, natural resource and wildlife monitoring and vegetation management.
7. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of or contract with respect to regulatory or permitting authority of the DISTRICT as it now or hereafter exists under applicable laws, rules and regulations.
8. DMA and DISTRICT shall prepare an annual budget and workplan to implement management activities on the PROPERTY. DMA and DISTRICT shall develop and approve a workplan during the time of budget development each year. DMA shall be responsible to fund Payments in lieu of Taxes as required by Florida statutes. This budget and workplan shall include all anticipated activities. The parties shall jointly determine funds to be paid to the other, if any, for activities pursuant to each annual plan.
9. Revenues generated from the PROPERTY shall be as a result of managing the natural resources or managing public use. Annual revenues shall be used to offset the costs of approved management activities. Any residual funds will be retained by DMA and used by DMA for future management activities on the PROPERTY only. DMA shall maintain detailed records of all revenues and costs associated with the PROPERTY and shall provide DISTRICT an annual financial report. For any revenue generating activity, DMA shall provide DISTRICT with such information as may be needed to ensure adherence to restrictions on the use of lands purchased with bond proceeds. Upon termination of this Agreement all residual funds will be paid over to the DISTRICT.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the DMA for a DMA-initiated Project, and the DISTRICT for a DISTRICT-initiated Project, at its sole cost and expense, to obtain or renew any and all permits which may be required by the Suwannee River Water Management District, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and other applicable governmental agencies for activities conducted by such initiating party hereunder.

11. The DMA acknowledges that the use authorized herein does not convey to DMA any real property rights or interests in the PROPERTY nor any interests, rights, or privileges other than those specified herein.
12. The DMA shall pay all lawful debts incurred by it with respect to the PROPERTY and shall satisfy all liens of contractors, sub-contractors, mechanics, laborers, and materialmen in respect to any construction, alteration, and repair ordered by it in and on the PROPERTY, and any improvements thereon. Furthermore, the DMA shall not have authority to create any mortgages on the PROPERTY or liens for labor or material on or against the PROPERTY and all persons contracting with the DMA for the construction or removal of any structure, or for the erection, installation or repair of any structure or improvement on the PROPERTY, including materialmen, contractors, mechanics and laborers involved in such work, shall be notified that they must look to the DMA solely to secure the payment of any bill or account for work done, material furnished, or money owed during the term of this Agreement.
13. All structures, improvements or personal property placed upon, or moved in or upon the PROPERTY by the DMA shall be at the sole risk of the DMA and the DISTRICT shall not be liable for any damage to said personal property, structures, or improvements, unless said damage is due to the actions of the DISTRICT.
14. All structures and improvements existing, as of the effective date of the Agreement, on the PROPERTY or placed upon the PROPERTY by the DISTRICT shall remain the property of the DISTRICT. All new structures or improvements placed upon or moved in or upon the PROPERTY by the DMA shall be deemed personal property of the DMA and shall not be considered attached to the land as a fixture unless otherwise agreed upon in writing between the parties.
15. The DMA accepts management responsibility of the PROPERTY with full knowledge of the existing condition of the PROPERTY and accepts the PROPERTY in an "as is" condition. The DISTRICT makes no representation or warranties as to the fitness of the PROPERTY for any particular use.

16. The DMA possesses no knowledge of or expertise in the state of any pollutants, if they exist on the PROPERTY. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the DMA shall in no way be liable for any claims or damages based, in whole or in part on the presence of pollutants or toxins, of any sort, on the PROPERTY as of the first date of this agreement.
17. The DMA shall be solely responsible for and shall hold DISTRICT free and harmless from, and hereby indemnifies DISTRICT against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, loss, cost, damages, and expenses arising out of or in connection with its management of the PROPERTY. The DMA and other governmental agencies or organizations involved in management related activities on the PROPERTY shall, throughout the term of this Agreement, provide, maintain, and keep in force a program of insurance or self-insurance covering its liabilities as prescribed by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The DMA agrees to maintain participation in the state insurance program or any similar insurance program enacted during the term of this Agreement for the duration of this Agreement. In addition, nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of limitation of liability which may be enjoyed by the DISTRICT as a landowner providing land to the public for outdoor recreational purposes, as provided in Section 373.1395, Florida Statutes, or any other law providing limitations on claims against the landowner.
18. This Agreement and any and all rights and privileges contained herein are for the sole use of the DISTRICT and the DMA and shall not be assigned or transferred to another party without the written consent of both the DISTRICT and the DMA.
19. The DMA shall not use or permit the PROPERTY to be used in violation on any valid present or future laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of any public or governmental authority at any time applicable thereto relating to sanitation or the public health, safety or welfare, or relating to the DMA's activities in, and use of, the PROPERTY.
20. The DISTRICT reserves the right for itself, its agents, consultants and employees, to enter upon the PROPERTY for the purpose of conducting other water management activities and projects, inspecting the PROPERTY and determining

compliance with the terms of this Agreement, so long as such entry or use is coordinated with the DMA's use of the PROPERTY for the purpose set forth herein.

21. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.
22. All notices, consents, approvals, waivers and elections which any party shall be required or shall desire to make or give under this Agreement shall be in writing and/or shall be sufficiently made or given only when mailed by Certified Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as follows to the parties listed below or to such other address as any party hereto shall designate by like notice given to the other parties hereto:

DISTRICT: SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
9225 COUNTY ROAD 49
LIVE OAK, FLORIDA 32060
ATTENTION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DMA: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
AFFAIRS
189 MARINE STREET
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32084
ATTENTION: STATE QUARTERMASTER

Notices, consents, approvals, waivers and elections given or made as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been given and received on the date of mailing hereof as aforesaid.

23. Wherever used herein, the terms "DISTRICT" and "DMA" include all parties to this instrument, their employees, legal representatives and assigns of individuals, and the successors and assigns of corporations, partnerships, public bodies, and quasi-public bodies.
24. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no understandings dealing with the

subject matter of this Agreement other than those contained herein. This Agreement may not be modified, changed or amended, except in writing signed by the parties hereto or their authorized representatives.

25. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Florida.
26. As a condition of this Agreement the DISTRICT and DMA hereby covenant and agree not to discriminate against any individual because of that individual's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status with respect to any activity occurring pursuant to this Agreement.
27. The DISTRICT and DMA reserve the right to unilaterally cancel this Agreement for refusal by either to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the DISTRICT and the DMA in conjunction with this Agreement.
28. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the parties, it being recognized that both the DISTRICT and DMA have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation hereof.
29. Nothing contained in this Agreement or the Plans prepared pursuant to this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of or contract with respect to the regulatory or permitting authority of the DISTRICT or DMA as it now or hereafter exists under applicable laws, rules and regulations.
30. For all purposes of this Agreement, the Effective Date hereof shall mean the date when the last of the DISTRICT or the DMA has executed the same, and that date shall be inserted at the top of the first page hereof.

[Signature/Acknowledgment pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement, on the date and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. Keith Rowell

WITNESS
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PRINT/TYPE WITNESS NAME

Robert HEEKE

WITNESS
Robert HEEKE
PRINT/TYPE WITNESS NAME

By: [Signature]
Don Quincey, Jr.
Chairman

Attest: [Signature]
Virginia Johns
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved as to form and legality:
By: [Signature]
Tom Reeves
Legal Counsel

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SUWANNEE

The foregoing agreement was acknowledged before me this 12th day of November, 2015, by Don Quincey, Jr. and Virginia Johns, as Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively, of the Suwannee River Water Management District, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, on behalf of said District, who are personally known to me, or whom produced Florida Driver's License as identification.

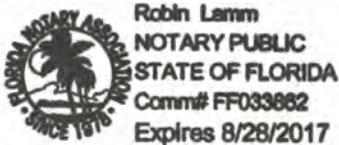
[Signature]

Print Name: Robin Lamm

Notary Public, State of Florida

Commission No. FF033862

My Commission Expires: 8/28/2017



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement, on the date and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

ARMORY BOARD
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: [Signature] 17 Dec 15
Valeria Gonzalez-Kerr
Brigadier General
State Quartermaster

[Signature]
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TERRY A. ROBERTS
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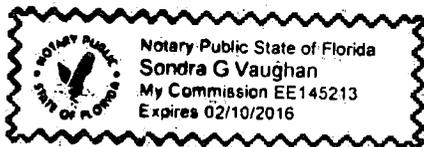
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Approved as to form and legality:

[Signature]
Terrence Gorman, Major
General Counsel

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SUWANNEE

The foregoing agreement was acknowledged before me this 17th day of December 2015, by Valeria Gonzalez-Kerr, as Brigadier General, State Quartermaster, of the Armory Board State of Florida, who are personally known to me, or whom produced Florida Driver's License as identification.



[Signature]

Print Name: SONDRA G. VAUGHAN

Notary Public, State of Florida

Commission No. 02/10/2016
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My Commission Expires: _____

SCHEDULE "A"

WEST RIDGE TRACT:

The East 1/2 of Section 1; and the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12; all in Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida.

Less and Except the lands contained in Official Records Book 983, Page 395 of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.

Also less and except any portion lying within a public road right of way.

CONTAINING 344.58 ACRES

AND

PART OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 6, SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID LANDS BEING THE WEST 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 1 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, BEGIN AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NE CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 6, SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 1, S 01°10'24" E, 5313.20 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE SE CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID EAST LINE, RUN ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, S 88°53'32" W, 2650.80 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID SOUTH LINE, RUN ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, N 00°55'56" W, 5312.41 FEET TO A REBAR AND CAP MARKING THE NW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE LEAVING THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, RUN ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, N 88°52'28" E, 2628.45 FEET THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 321.95 ACRES

DOUBLE RUN CREEK TRACT:

PARCEL 1

A PARCEL LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 11, 12, 13, 14 AND 24, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY FLORIDA, SAID LANDS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 12, S 02°34'37" E, 5194.20 FEET TO THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 13, S 01°06'17" E, 5351.70 FEET TO THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, S 02°34'17" E, 5304.70 FEET TO THE SE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE COMMON LINE BETWEEN SAID SECTIONS 24 AND 25, S 87°54'16" W, 496.31 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE, S 87°37'39" W, 3469.90 FEET TO THE SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, S 88°39'41" W, 1320.31 FEET TO THE SW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, N 01°55'05" W, 5327.52 FEET TO THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 01°40'58" W, 1177.96 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN EXISTING GRADE ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID EXISTING GRADE ROAD THROUGH THE FOLLOWING COURSES, N 03°03'59" W, 200.56 FEET; N 00°40'03" W, 936.08 FEET; N 03°49'03" E, 54.45 FEET; N 00°05'17" W, 221.25 FEET; N 13°22'19" W, 46.55 FEET; N 07°59'46" W, 65.17 FEET; N 12°44'56" E, 70.18 FEET; N 00°31'08" E, 78.14 FEET; N 19°24'47" E, 52.20 FEET; N 21°10'54" E, 107.39 FEET; N 22°06'15" E, 27.82 FEET; N 00°11'26" E, 304.55 FEET; N 19°55'03" W, 64.96 FEET; N 17°07'39" W, 162.32 FEET; N 11°29'56" W, 113.04 FEET; N 02°14'03" W, 122.39 FEET; N 00°43'36" W, 211.83 FEET; N 00°54'41" W, 1188.59 FEET; N 01°56'39" W, 289.52 FEET; N 02°36'29" W, 196.78 FEET; N 04°27'13" W, 275.55 FEET; N 01°33'56" W, 633.35 FEET; N 00°52'55" W, 502.78 FEET; N 01°33'35" E 109.92 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE N 01°33'35" E, 37.53 FEET; N 00°39'58" W, 1142.26 FEET; N 01°39'57" E, 357.07 FEET; N 02°39'40" E, 357.83 FEET; N 00°02'14" W, 200.41 FEET TO THE END OF SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY; N 00°02'14" W, 1277.63 FEET TO THE NW CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 12; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 12, N 88°15'16" E, 5045.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS

Parcel 3

A 60' STRIP OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID LAND BEING A PART OF THE OLD AND ABANDONED GS&F RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, N 02°34'17" W, 448.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, N 02°34'17" W, 80.57 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, S 45°33'52" W, 786.66 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE, N 87°37'39" E, 89.56 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID SOUTH LINE, N 45°33'52" E, 666.41 FEET TO THE AFOREMENTIONED EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1,900.10 ACRES

AND

PARCEL 2

A parcel land lying in Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County Florida, said lands being more particularly described as follows;

Commence at the NE corner of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, thence along the North line of said Section 25, S 87°54'16" W, 496.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said Section line, S 45°33'52" W, 2180.59 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the East having a radius of 2035.87 feet and a chord bearing and distance of S 41°21'41" W, 298.78 feet; thence along the arc of said curve 298.92 feet to the end of said curve; thence S 37°10'34" W, 1299.46 feet; thence S 37°10'43" W, 1834.41 feet to the North right of way line of a county grade road known as SE 94th Street (60' Right of Way); thence along the said right of way line, N 53°15'22" W, 60.00 feet; thence leaving said right of way line, N 37°23'44" E, 1811.04 feet; thence S 88°38'06" W, 127.00 feet; thence N 01°37'01" W, 1338.97 feet; thence S 87°59'32" W, 662.88 feet; thence N 01°52'56" W, 1318.04 feet to the North line of the aforementioned Section 25; thence along the North line of said Section 25, N 87°37'39" E, 3469.90' feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS:

Parcel 4

A 60' STRIP OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID LAND BEING A PART OF THE OLD AND ABANDONED GS&F RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, S 87°54'16" W, 496.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 45°33'52" W, 1111.90 FEET; THENCE N 02°21'23" W, 80.84 FEET; THENCE N 45°33'52" E, 991.24 FEET TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTH LINE OF SECTION 25, THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, N 87°37'39" E, 89.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO LESS

Parcel 5

A 60' STRIP OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID LAND BEING A PART OF THE OLD AND ABANDONED GS&F RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, N 01°36'51" W, 1324.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED 60 FOOT WIDE ROAD (SE 94TH STREET); THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, N 88°00'36" E, 827.71 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, S 32°01'04" E, 140.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 53°15'22" E, 60.00 FEET; THENCE N 36°44'38" E, 60.00 FEET; THENCE N 53°15'22" W, 60.00 FEET; THENCE S 36°44'38" W, 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

December 2, 2015

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VACANT
At Large

NOAH VALENSTEIN
Executive Director

Paul Catlett
Florida Department of Military Affairs
Bldg #4540
5629 SR 16 West
Starke FL 32091

Subject: Cooperative Management Agreement

Dear Mr. Catlett:

Enclosed in duplicate is the cooperative management agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Military Affairs for management of the Camp Blanding Buffers. Please obtain the appropriate signatures on this document and return one original to my attention. The other may be retained for your files.

Please feel free to contact the project manager Bob Heeke at 386.647.3166 with any questions regarding this agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Lord".

Gwendolyn A. Lord, CPPB
Contracts and Procurement Coordinator

/gal
cc: Bob Heeke
Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER
5629 SR 16 W BLDG 2300
STARKE, FL 32091-9703

January 6, 2016

Gwendolyn Lord
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Subject: Cooperative Management Agreement

Dear Ms Lord,

Enclosed is the original signed cooperative management agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Military Affairs for management of the Camp Blanding Buffers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Catlett", is positioned above the typed name.

Paul Catlett
Forestry Program Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Consideration of the Lands Committee Recommendation to Move Forward with Acquiring a Conservation Easement on 2,015 +/- Acres, Levy County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the Governing Board consider the Lands Committee recommendation to move forward the offer to acquire a Conservation Easement on 2,015 +/- acres located in Levy County.

BACKGROUND

The District received an offer to purchase a Conservation Easement over a 2,015 +/- acre parcel. Staff reviewed the offer and determined that ownership of the parcel would not benefit the District. The offeror was notified of the staff recommendation and has not responded to withdraw the offer or request to appear before the Lands Committee.

At its December 12, 2019 meeting, the Lands Committee, without rejecting the recommendation from staff that the District decline the offer, voted unanimously to forward the offer to the Governing Board. At the request of the Lands Committee, staff has conducted a site visit on December 19, 2019 and conducted additional assessments on the property.

Copies of the property offer forms and property analysis maps are attached.

SCS/tm
Attachments
File #19-015

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPERTY OFFER APPLICATION**

9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060
(386)362.1001
E-Mail: acquisitions@srwmd.org

Rule 40B-9.041(1), Florida Administrative Code, requires specific information to initiate the acquisition process.

Applicant Information
Name: CHUCK FARMER
Address: P.O. BOX 38 City: OLD TOWN State FL Zip: 32680
Phone: 386-397-3757 E-Mail: CHUCK.FARMER@ANDERSONCOLUMBIA.COM
Applicant Signature: Chuck Farmer Date: OCTOBER 17, 2019

Owner of Record (Owner is Applicant yes ___ no =)
Name: MADISON AVENUE (2017) LLC (DOUG ANDERSON)
Address: 2644 KIRKWOOD HWY SUITE 300 DEPT 990 City: NEWARK State DE Zip: 197711
Phone: 386-397-5000 E-Mail: DOUG.ANDERSON@ANDERSONCOLUMBIA.COM
Owner's Authorization: This is to advise the individual named above as applicant is the Authorized Representative of the owner(s) of the property described below. This authorization is for any communication and negotiations concerning conveyance of the property to the Suwannee River Water Management District.
Owner Signature: Doug Anderson Date: OCTOBER 17 2019
Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

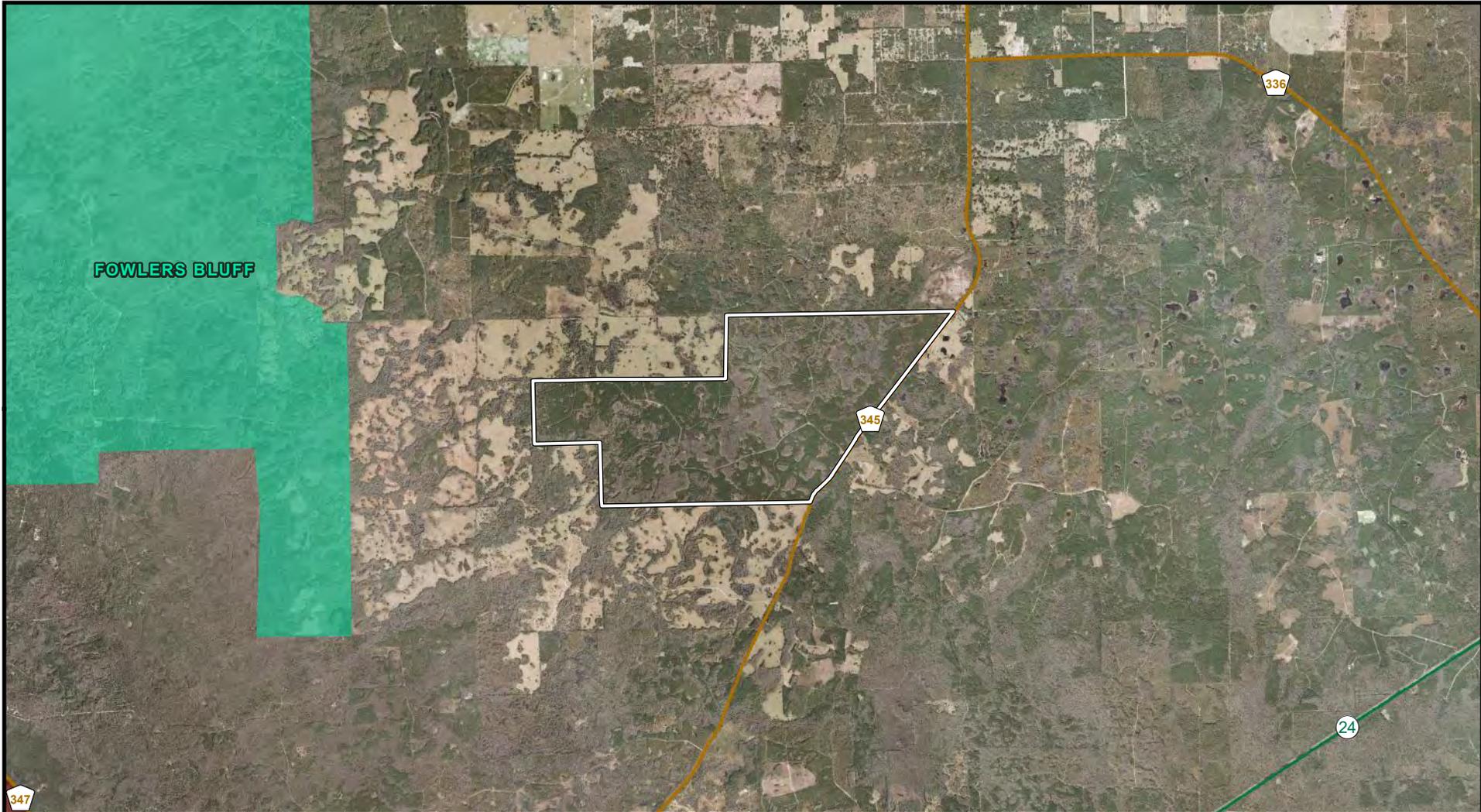
Property/Project Information
Asking Price (Fee): _____ (Conservation Easement) : PER AN APPERASIAL
General Location (address, intersection, etc.) _____
Acreage: 2015 County: LEVY COUNTY
Tax Parcel Number(s): SEE ATTACHED
Legal Description: SEE ATTACHED
Improvements: _____
In addition, please provide an aerial, survey, or map identifying property boundaries and a copy of the Deed.

Title Condition (Deed restrictions, easements, mineral interest, rights held by others, etc.)
TIMBER LEASE ON UPLANDS

Agreements (Identify any existing purchase agreement, option contract, listing agreement, or any other arrangement or agreement.)

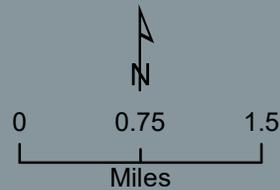
Other Pertinent Information (Please provide any other information that may be helpful in evaluating the request.)



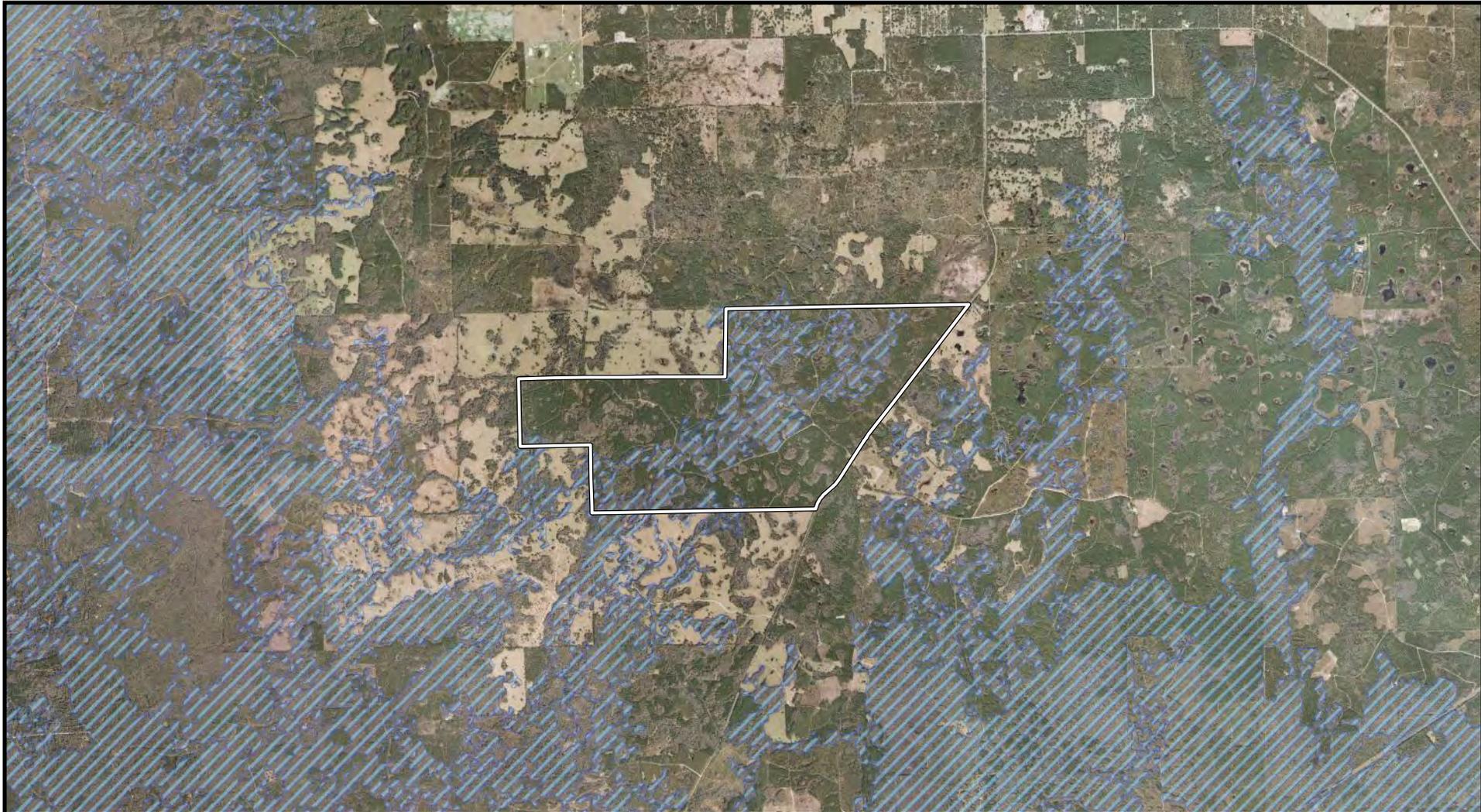


-  Property Boundary
 -  SRWMD Ownership
 -  Other Public Ownership
 -  SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions
- Adjacent Parcels Ranking**
-  Primary
 -  Secondary

**Madison Ave, LLC
± 2015 Ac
Levy County**



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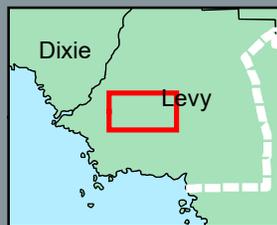


**Madison Ave, LLC
Property Offer
Surface Water Protection**

-  Property Boundary
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)

SRWMD Major Rivers

-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other

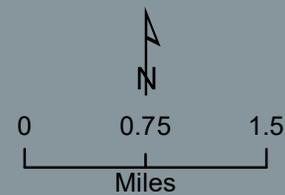


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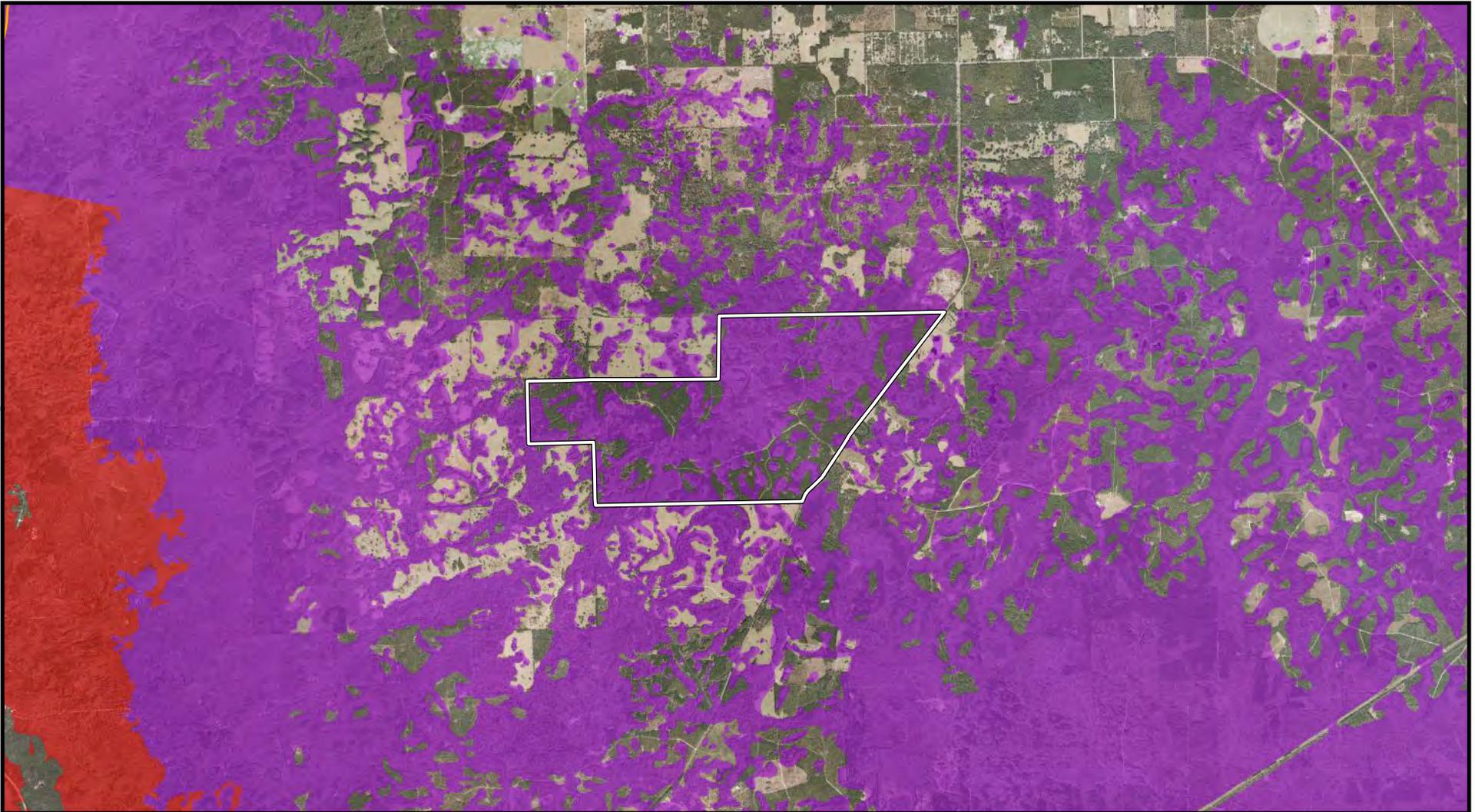


Madison Ave, LLC Property Offer Springs Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection

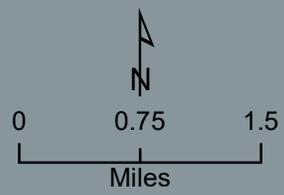


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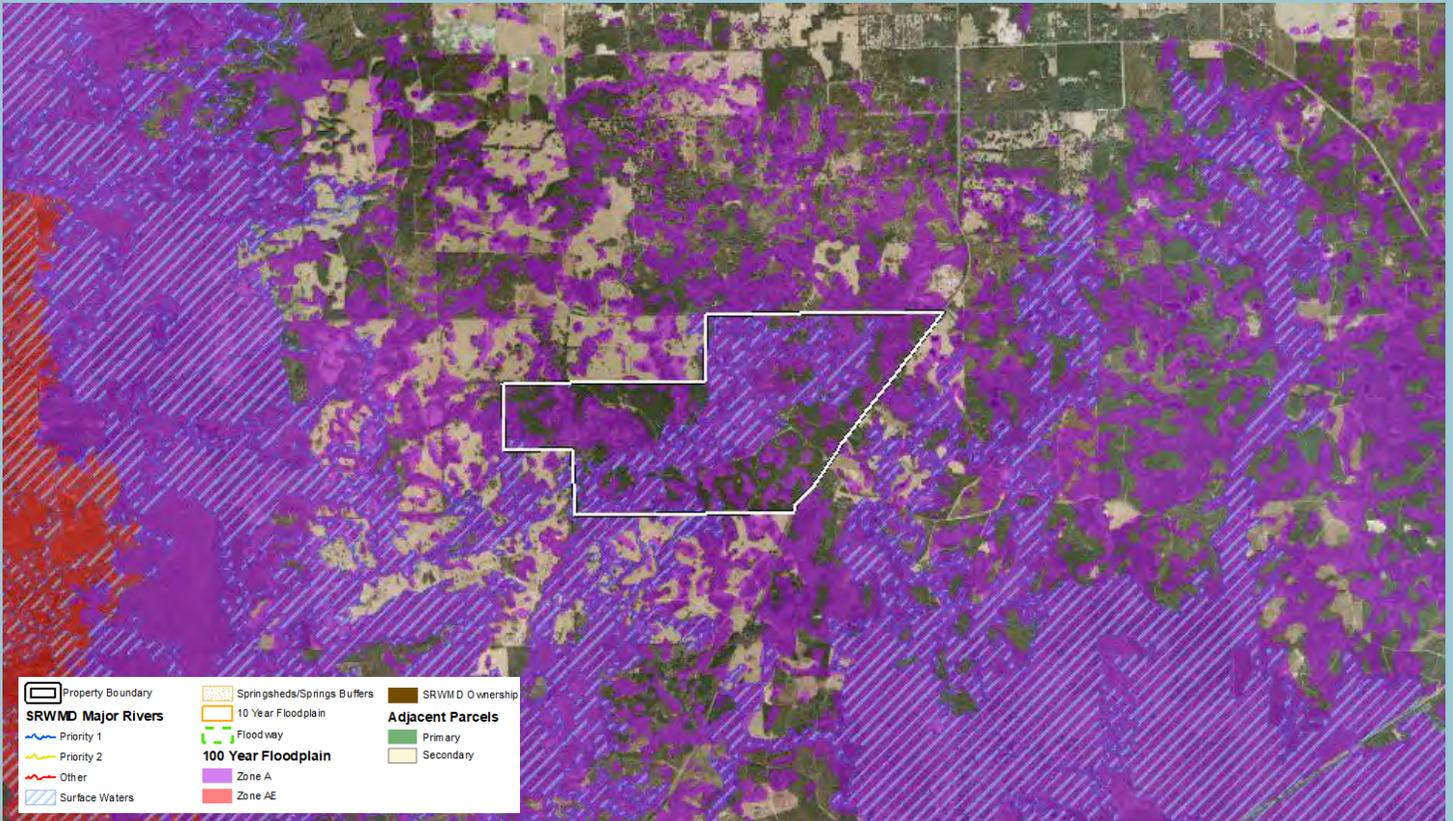
**Madison Ave, LLC
Property Offer
Floodplain Protection**

-  Property Boundary
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain**
-  Zone A
-  Zone AE



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Suwannee River Water Management District Triage Analysis Results



Property Name: Madison Ave LLC
 Acreage: 2,015
 Transaction Type: Conservation Easement

Date: 11/14/19
 County: Levy

Surface Water Protection-

Major River? (N)

Riverine Surface Waters? (Y) [± 535 ac]

Springs Protection -

Within Springshed or springs buffers?
 (N)

Adjacency

(N)

Flood Protection-

Floodway? (N)

10 Year Floodplain? (N)

100 Year Floodplain? (Y) [± 1,435 ac]

Miscellaneous:

PFA? (N)

WRCA? (N)

BMAP? (N)



MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval of November 2019 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the November 2019 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.553(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the delegation of authority by the Governing Board to the Executive Director to disburse District funds, providing certification is made to the Board at the next regular meeting that such disbursement is proper, in order, and within budgetary limits. In compliance with the statutory provisions in Chapter 373, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has directed staff to prepare a Financial Report as attached.

PS/tm
Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
November 2019**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Interest Rate %	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$0.00		\$24,940.00
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00		\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$64.53	0.00%	\$1,580,044.11
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$112,813.92</u>	3.36%	<u>\$41,444,534.38</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$112,878.45</u></u>		<u><u>\$43,084,518.49</u></u>

*SPIA is part of the Florida Treasury Investment Pool

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Month ending November 30, 2019
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 11/30/2019	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 5,848,822	\$ 826,373	\$ (5,022,449)	14.1%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 49,303,103	\$ 3,648,262	\$ (45,654,841)	7.4%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 218,050	\$ 88,050	167.7%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 163,000	\$ 44,407	\$ (118,593)	27.2%
Other	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 303,166	\$ (696,834)	30.3%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 9,116,055	\$ 179,375	\$ (8,936,680)	2.0%
Total Sources	\$ 65,560,980	\$ 5,219,634	\$ (60,341,346)	8.0%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 9,607,414	\$ 429,149	\$ 2,003,707	\$ 7,174,558	4%	25%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 47,402,057	\$ 894,747	\$ 18,763,977	\$ 27,743,332	2%	41%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 5,132,262	\$ 356,264	\$ 1,945,574	\$ 2,830,424	7%	45%
Regulation	\$ 1,500,457	\$ 214,638	\$ 39,289	\$ 1,246,530	14%	17%
Outreach	\$ 231,018	\$ 48,614	\$ -	\$ 182,404	21%	21%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,687,772	\$ 248,229	\$ 104,589	\$ 1,334,955	15%	21%
Total Uses	\$ 65,560,980	\$ 2,191,641	\$ 22,857,136	\$ 40,512,203	3%	38%

¹ Actual Fund Balance used is recorded at the end of the fiscal year. This amount represents Fund Balance used for the Monitor Well Improvement Program and the AG and RIVER Cost-Share Programs

² Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders and contracts.

³ Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of November 30, 2019 and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,392,007	0	7,141,822
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	91,600
STATE REVENUES	3,627,779	0	45,019,003
FEDERAL REVENUES	20,473	0	4,192,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	179,375	0	9,116,055
TOTAL REVENUES	5,219,634	0	65,560,980
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,019,135	0	6,499,032
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	253,903	8,241,818	25,352,300
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	217,419	59,729	1,511,700
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	114,649	358,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,559	0	4,047,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	697,625	14,440,940	27,792,904
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,191,641	22,857,136	65,560,980
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,027,993	(22,857,136)	0
<u>FUND 01 - GENERAL FUND</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,041,035	0	5,038,023
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,370,804	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	20,473	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	769,184
TOTAL REVENUES	2,432,312	0	8,547,207
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	810,324	0	5,160,643
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	34,728	505,920	1,350,786
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	71,615	38,083	955,822
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	(354)	165,456
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	62,355	417,765	914,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	979,022	961,414	8,547,207
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,453,290	(961,414)	0
<u>FUND 03 - ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	5,100,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	5,100,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	1,100,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	4,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	5,100,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	0	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 06 - SPRINGS GRANTS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	60,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	32,168,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	32,228,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	42,733	4,181,775	11,930,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	2,200,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	498,111	12,409,140	18,098,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	540,844 *	16,590,915	32,228,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(540,844)	(16,590,915)	0
<i>* Expenditures to be reimbursed by FDEP Grants</i>			
<u>FUND 07 - LOCAL REVENUE</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	91,600
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	91,600
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	87,000	91,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	87,000	91,600
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(87,000)	0
<u>FUND 08 - WMLTF - SPRINGS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	867	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	150,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	867	0	150,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	150,000	150,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	150,000	150,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	867	(150,000)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 09 - MONITOR WELL</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	50,000
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	50,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	50,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	50,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<u>FUND 10 - LAND CONSERVATION - FLORIDA FOREVER & P2000</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	198	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	1,502	0	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES	1,700	0	25,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,700	0	25,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,700	0	25,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<u>FUND 12 - DOT ETDM</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	209	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	5,458
TOTAL REVENUES	209	0	5,458
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,458
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	5,458
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	209	0	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 13 - LAND MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	303,166	0	2,043,799
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,130,119	0	2,311,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,044,344
TOTAL REVENUES	2,433,285	0	5,439,262
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	110,035	0	667,047
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	105,547	1,497,619	2,530,014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	145,804	15,103	513,878
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	115,003	192,588
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,559	0	877,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	30	62,085	658,735
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	364,975	1,689,810	5,439,262
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,068,310	(1,689,810)	0
<u>FUND 19 - FDOT MITIGATION</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	2,304	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	100,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	111,000
TOTAL REVENUES	2,304	0	211,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	250	0	211,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	6,543	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	250	6,543	211,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,054	(6,543)	0
<u>FUND 20 - MINIMUM FLOWS AND MINIMUM WATER LEVELS (MFL)</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	126,856	0	1,949,884
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	126,856	0	1,949,884
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	98,776	0	665,884
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	28,080	18,508	1,029,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	182,990	225,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	126,856	201,498	1,949,884
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(201,498)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
FUND 29 - SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP (SRP)			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	4,893	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	153,000
TOTAL REVENUES	4,893	0	153,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	147,000	147,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	147,000	153,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,893	(147,000)	0
FUND 33 - PCS MITIGATION - LAND ACQUISITION			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	39,334	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,000,000
TOTAL REVENUES	39,334	0	1,000,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	970,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	1,000,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	39,334	0	0
FUND 51 - DISTRICT AG COST-SHARE			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	40,744	0	2,020,000
TOTAL REVENUES	40,744	0	2,020,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	40,744	997,028	2,000,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	20,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,744	997,028	2,020,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(997,028)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 52 - WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,680,000
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	1,680,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	90,653	450,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	1,230,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	90,653	1,680,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(90,653)	0
<u>FUND 53 - DISTRICT RIVER COST-SHARE</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	137,129	0	2,258,069
TOTAL REVENUES	137,129	0	2,258,069
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	137,129	984,960	2,258,069
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	137,129	984,960	2,258,069
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(984,960)	0
<u>FUND 56 - FEMA</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	3,696,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	3,696,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	950,316	3,690,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	950,316	3,696,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(950,316)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 11/30/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 60 - REIMBURSABLE GRANTS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	500,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	456,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	956,500
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	120	0	956,500
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	120 *	0	956,500
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(120)	0	0
<i>*Expenditures to be reimbursed by grants</i>			

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 20-0001, Finance Directive

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Audit Committee recommendation to approve Directive Number 20-0001 providing Finance Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

The Audit Committee recommended the Governing Board approve Directive Number 20-0001 providing Finance Guidelines at its December 10, 2019 meeting.

The purpose of this Directive to establish Governing Board authority and responsibilities relating to the administration of financial matters of the District and to delegate specific authority to the Executive Director. The objective of the Directive is to ensure transparent direction and delegation for the District's financial obligations and functions. The Directive does not modify the Governing Board's ultimate responsibility for oversight of and accounting for District funds.

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Attachment

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: **GBD20-0001**

Date Approved: _____

Subject: **Finance Directive**

Approval: _____
Governing Board Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



1.0 **Reference to Prior Policy**

There are no prior versions of this Directive.

2.0 **Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this Directive is to establish Governing Board authority and responsibilities relating to the administration of financial matters of the District and to delegate specific authority to the Executive Director. Nothing herein modifies or is intended to modify the Governing Board's ultimate responsibility for oversight of and accounting for District funds.

3.0 **Definitions**

- a. **Audit Engagement Letter** documents and confirms the auditor's acceptance of the appointment, the objective and scope of the audit, the extent of the auditor's responsibilities to the District, and the form of reports to be provided.
- b. **Management Representation Letter** is an attestation that the financial statements that the District has submitted for analysis and audit are accurate, prepared in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and all material information has been disclosed to the auditor.
- c. **Qualified Public Depository** means a bank, savings bank, or savings association that:
 - i. Is organized and exists under the laws of the United States or the laws of this state or any other state or territory of the United States.
 - ii. Has its principal place of business in this state or has a branch office in this state which is authorized under the laws of this state or of the United States to receive deposits in this state.
 - iii. Has deposit insurance pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. ss. 1811 et seq.
 - iv. Has procedures and practices for accurate identification, classification, reporting, and collateralization of public deposits.
 - v. Meets all the requirements of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
 - vi. Has been designated by the Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository.

- d. **Revenue Agreements** mean grants, contracts, and memoranda of understanding or agreement between the District and another party that defines the terms under which revenue is received.

4.0 **Elements of Policy**

- a. **Treasurer of the Governing Board**

The Governing Board shall designate a Treasurer, and may designate an Assistant Treasurer, who shall be custodian of all funds belonging to the board and to the District, and such funds shall be disbursed upon the order of, or in the manner prescribed by, the Governing Board by warrant or check funds signed by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Governing Board or through Wire or Electronic Funds Transfers in a manner prescribed by the Governing Board. Disbursement of funds prior to specific Governing Board approval may only be authorized upon certification by the Executive Director or his or her designated Assistant to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer and to the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Governing Board that such disbursement is proper and in order and is within budgetary limits. Any such disbursements shall be reported to the Governing Board at the next regular scheduled meeting.

- b. **Custodian of Funds**

The Governing Board Treasurer is the custodian of all funds belonging to the District. Funds are disbursed upon the order of or in the manner prescribed by the Governing Board by warrant or check signed by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the Chair or Vice-Chair or through Wire or Electronic Funds Transfers in a manner prescribed by the Governing Board.

- c. **Financial Institutions**

The Governing Board has the sole authority for approving a financial institution(s), establishing, and closing bank accounts. The Governing Board is authorized to select a qualified public depository(ies) in which the funds of the District shall be deposited.

- d. **Wire or Electronic Funds Transfer (W/EFT)**

The District may use W/EFT to expedite financial transactions, obtain maximum return on investments, and to reduce administrative costs in accordance with governing law and administrative rules.

- e. **Interest Earnings Accounts**

To maximize returns, District staff may transfer surplus cash flow to interest-bearing deposit accounts to the maximum extent possible. Interest earned will be allocated in accordance with the source of the funds deposited. Monies shall not be invested with independent investment brokerage firms, nor shall they be invested by the District in at-risk stocks, bonds, securities or other ventures without the authorization of the Governing Board.

- f. **Disbursement Reporting**

The Executive Director or designee will provide the Governing Board Chair and Treasurer reports of deposits and disbursements, including check/warrant registers, deposit records, interest earnings and disbursement reports, and W/ETF transaction reports monthly.

g. **Delegation of Authority**

The Governing Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director signature authority for the acceptance of grant contracts and for the receipt of grant funds and/or disbursement of grant funds for grants awarded by or “passed through” the District. The Executive Director or designee shall provide updates to the Governing Board of such grants, including the amounts received or disbursed and the purpose of the grant.

h. **Selection of Qualified Public Depository(ies)**

The Governing Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director the responsibility to competitively solicit the services of qualified public depository(ies) for purposes of District finance operations. Factors of location, services offered, account charges, and earnings should be considered in the selection process. The Executive Director will recommend to the Governing Board a qualified public depository(ies). The Executive Director may delegate this responsibility.

i. **Account Activity**

The Governing Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director the daily management authority, after selection of qualified public depositories, for opening, closing, or making changes to bank accounts. Such actions shall require the signatures of the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer and shall be reported to the Chair and Treasurer within 24 hours.

j. **Transfer Authority**

The Governing Board delegates to the Executive Director the daily management authority to transfer funds between banks and bank accounts and to make distributions from said accounts as necessary. The Executive Director may delegate this responsibility to other District employees. Email requests for transfers, approvals, and bank confirmations are retained and filed with monthly financial records.

k. **Written Contracts**

The Executive Director or designee is authorized to approve and execute procurement actions of \$30,000 or less per fiscal year, except that the hiring of an external auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by section 218.39, F.S. and the retention of external Governing Board General Counsel shall be subject to Governing Board approval.

l. **Change Orders and Amendments**

The Executive Director or designee may approve change order to contracts whose initial value was \$30,000.00 or less, provided that the change order(s) or amendment(s) will not increase the aggregate value of the contract to \$30,000.00 or more. The Executive Director or designee may approve change order(s) or amendment(s) to contracts approved by the Governing Board provided the aggregate value of the change order(s) or amendment(s) does not exceed \$30,000.00.

The Executive Director or designed may approve change order or amendments for the extension of the time for performance or for an additional contract period, provided that any costs associated with the extension do not exceed \$30,000.00 and, in cases of renewal for an additional contract period, the additional period is within the limits specified in the original agreement.

m. **Annual Contracts**

The Executive Director or designee is authorized to approve and execute work orders and change orders to work orders, inclusive of time extension up to the amount of the annual contract approved by the Governing Board and renewals of an annual contract for a renewal amount of \$30,000 or less per fiscal year.

n. **Revenue Agreements**

The Executive Director or designee is authorized to approve and execute any Revenue Agreement up to \$30,000 per fiscal year. Agreements for unbudgeted revenues may be executed by the Executive Director designee contingent upon Governing Board approval of a budget amendment.

o. **Pass-Through Funding Agreements**

The Executive Director or Designee is authorized to approve and execute any Pass-through Funding Agreement up to \$30,000 per fiscal year. Pass-through Funding Agreements that are unbudgeted may be executed by the Executive Director or designee contingent upon Governing Board approval of a budget amendment.

p. **Purchasing Card Program**

The Executive Director or designee shall have the authority to assign a purchasing card to a District employee and to establish financial controls for the use of purchasing cards.

q. **Travel and Per Diem**

The Executive Director or designee is authorized to implement the provisions section 112.061, F.S.

r. **Loaning of District Equipment**

The loaning of District tangible personal property to public entities may be approved by the Executive Director or designee.

5.0 **Audit Committee**

The Governing Board shall establish an Audit Committee and appoint a minimum of three members. Each Audit Committee member must be a member of the Governing Board. The Governing Board Chair shall appoint the Chair of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will be responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the work of any independent accountants/auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing and issuing an independent audit report or performing other independent audit, review, or attest services.

The Audit Committee will provide oversight of the District's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and independent auditors. Auditors shall provide all final reports, including findings with management's responses, to the Audit Committee for review and acceptance prior to submitting to the Governing Board for acceptance.

The Audit Committee shall assist the Governing Board in selecting an accountant/auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by section 218.39, F.S., following the selection process required in section 218.391 (3) through (8), F.S. All accountants/auditors thus engaged shall report directly to the Audit Committee.

The Executive Director and Governing Board Chair are authorized to sign the annual audit engagement letter when a written contract is in effect. The Executive Director and staff will communicate and cooperate with the accountant/auditor selected by the Audit Committee and provide information during the course of the audit, review, or attestation service. The Executive

Director and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to sign the annual management representation letter provided by the accountant.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Approval of Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Governing Board approval of the Audit Committee recommendation to approve the Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter.

BACKGROUND

The Audit Committee recommended the Governing Board approve the Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

The Internal Audit Activity Charter defines the roles, authority, organization, purpose, and responsibilities for internal audit activity.

Institute of Internal Audit (IIA) Standards 1000 – Purpose, Authority, and Responsibility states:

The purpose, authority, and responsibility of the internal audit activity must be formally defined in an internal audit charter, consistent with the Mission of Internal Audit and the mandatory elements of the International Professional Practices Framework (the Core Principles for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, the Code of Ethics, the Standards, and the Definition of Internal Auditing). The chief audit executive must periodically review the internal audit charter and present it to senior management and the board for approval.

The Inspector General's interpretation of IIA Standards 1000 is that the internal audit charter is a formal document that defines the internal audit activity's purpose, authority, and responsibility. The internal audit charter establishes the internal audit activity's position within the organization, including the nature of the chief audit executive's functional reporting relationship with the board; authorizes access to records, personnel, and physical properties relevant to the performance of engagements; and defines the scope of internal audit activities. Final approval of the internal audit charter resides with the board.

Each year's audit activity by the Inspector General will be determined through an annual audit plan to be approved by the Audit Committee and Governing Board.

A proposed Internal Audit Activity Charter is attached.

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Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT INSPECTOR GENERAL
INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY CHARTER**

This charter defines the purpose, authority, and responsibilities of the District Inspector General, in compliance with the Standards issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of employing/contracting for the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Inspector General services is to provide independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve the operations of the Suwannee River Water Management District. It assists the District in accomplishing its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the organization's governance, risk management, and control processes.

ROLE:

The District Inspector General's internal audit activity is established by the Governing Board (Board). The internal audit activity's responsibilities are defined by the Board as part of their oversight role.

AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 373.079(4)(b), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Board must employ an Inspector General who meets the required qualifications and performs the applicable duties of a state agency inspector general as provided in section 20.055, F.S.

The law requires that the District Inspector General's responsibilities include internal audits that are to be conducted in accordance with current *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* as published by the Institute of Internal Auditors, or where appropriate, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The District Inspector General must comply with the General Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General as published and revised by the Association of Inspectors General.

The internal auditors, with strict accountability for confidentiality and safeguarding records and information, are authorized free and unrestricted access to any and all of the District's records, physical properties, and personnel pertinent to carrying out any engagement. All employees are requested to assist the internal audit activity in fulfilling its roles and responsibilities. The internal audit activity will also have free and unrestricted access to the Board.

CODE OF ETHICS:

The internal auditors have a responsibility to conduct themselves so their good faith and integrity are not open to question. Professional behavior must conform to the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc.

ORGANIZATION:

The District Inspector General will report functionally to the Board and administratively (i.e. day to day operations) to the Executive Director or designee.

The Board will approve the internal audit charter and the risk-based internal audit plans annually. It will also approve all decisions regarding the performance evaluation, appointment, or removal of the District Inspector General as well as the District Inspector General's annual compensation. The District Inspector General will communicate and interact directly with the Board as appropriate.

INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY:

The internal audit activity will remain free from all conditions that threaten the ability of internal auditors to carry out their responsibilities in an unbiased manner, including matters of audit selection, scope, procedures, frequency, timing, and report content.

Internal auditors will maintain an unbiased mental attitude that allows them to perform engagements objectively and in such a manner that they believe in their work product, that no quality compromises are made, and that they do not subordinate their judgment on audit matters to others.

Internal auditors will have no direct operational responsibility or authority over any of the activities audited. Accordingly, internal auditors will not implement internal controls, develop procedures, install systems, prepare records, or engage in any other activity that may impair their judgment.

Internal auditors will exhibit the highest level of professional objectivity in gathering, evaluating, and communicating information about the activity or process being examined. Internal auditors will make a balanced assessment of all the relevant circumstances and take necessary precautions to avoid being unduly influenced by their own interests or by others in forming judgments.

The District Inspector General will confirm to the Board, at least annually, the organizational independence of the internal audit activity. The District Inspector General will disclose to the Board any interference and related implications in determining the scope of internal auditing, performing work, and/or communicating results.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The scope of internal auditing encompasses, but is not limited to, the objective examination and evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's governance, risk management, and control processes as well as the quality of performance in carrying out assigned responsibilities to achieve the organization's stated goals and objectives. This includes:

- Evaluating the reliability and integrity of information and the means used to identify, measure, classify, and report such information, including information on performance measures, standards, and to make recommendations for improvement, if any.
- Performing consulting and advisory services related to governance, risk management, and control as appropriate for the organization, as well as in the development of performance measures, standards, and procedures for evaluation of District programs.
- Evaluating the actions taken by the District to improve program performance and meet program standards and make recommendations for improvement, if any.
- Directing, supervising, coordinating, and performing audits, investigations, and management reviews relating to the programs and operations of the District, including investigations specifically relating to section. 20.055, F.S.
- Conducting, supervising, or coordinating and performing other activities carried out or financed by the District for the purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the administration of, or preventing fraud and abuse in, its programs and operations.
- Keeping the Board and Executive Director informed concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies relating to programs and operations administered or financed by the District; recommending corrective action concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies; and reporting on progress made in implementing corrective action.
- Ensuring effective coordination and cooperation between the Auditor General, federal auditors, and other governmental bodies with a view toward avoiding duplication.

- Reviewing, as appropriate, rules, policies, and procedures relating to the programs and operations of the District and making recommendations regarding their impact.
- Ensuring that an appropriate balance is maintained between audit, investigative, and other accountability activities.
- Evaluating the systems established to ensure compliance with those policies, plans, procedures, laws, and regulations which could have a significant impact on the organization.
- Evaluating District policies, procedures, processes, and controls for ensuring that resources and assets are acquired economically, used efficiently, and protected adequately.
- Evaluating specific operations at the request of the Board or management, as appropriate.

INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN:

At least annually, the District Inspector General will submit to the Executive Director or designee(s) and the Board risk-based long term and annual internal audit plans for review and approval. The annual internal audit plan will consist of a work schedule as well as budget and resource requirements for the next fiscal/calendar year. The District Inspector General will communicate the impact of resource limitations and significant interim changes to senior management and the Board.

The internal audit plan will be developed based on a prioritization of the audit universe using a risk-based methodology, including input of senior management and the Board. The District Inspector General will review and adjust the plan, as necessary, in response to changes in the organization’s business, risks, operations, programs, systems, and controls. Any significant deviation from the approved internal audit plan will be communicated to senior management and the Board through periodic activity reports.

REPORTING AND MONITORING:

A written report will be prepared and issued by the District Inspector General or designee following the conclusion of each internal audit engagement and will be distributed as appropriate. Internal audit results will also be communicated to the Board.

The internal audit report may include management’s response and corrective action taken or to be taken in regard to the specific findings and recommendations. Management’s response, whether included within the original audit report or provided thereafter (i.e. within 20 working days) by management of the audited area should include a timetable for anticipated completion of action to be taken and an explanation for any corrective action that will not be implemented.

The internal audit activity will be responsible for appropriate follow-up on engagement findings and recommendations. All significant findings will remain in an open issues file until cleared.

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT:

The District Inspector General will annually report to the Executive Director or designee(s) and the Board, not later than September 30 of each year, summarizing the District Inspector General activities during the immediately preceding fiscal year. Reporting will include the District Inspector General’s performance relative to its plan, and significant risk exposures and control issues, including fraud risks, governance issues, and other matters needed or requested by senior management and the Board.

The District Inspector General will communicate to the Executive Director or designee(s) and the Board on the internal audit activity’s quality assurance and improvement program, including results of ongoing internal assessments and external assessments.

INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY CHARTER

Approved this _____ day of _____, _____.

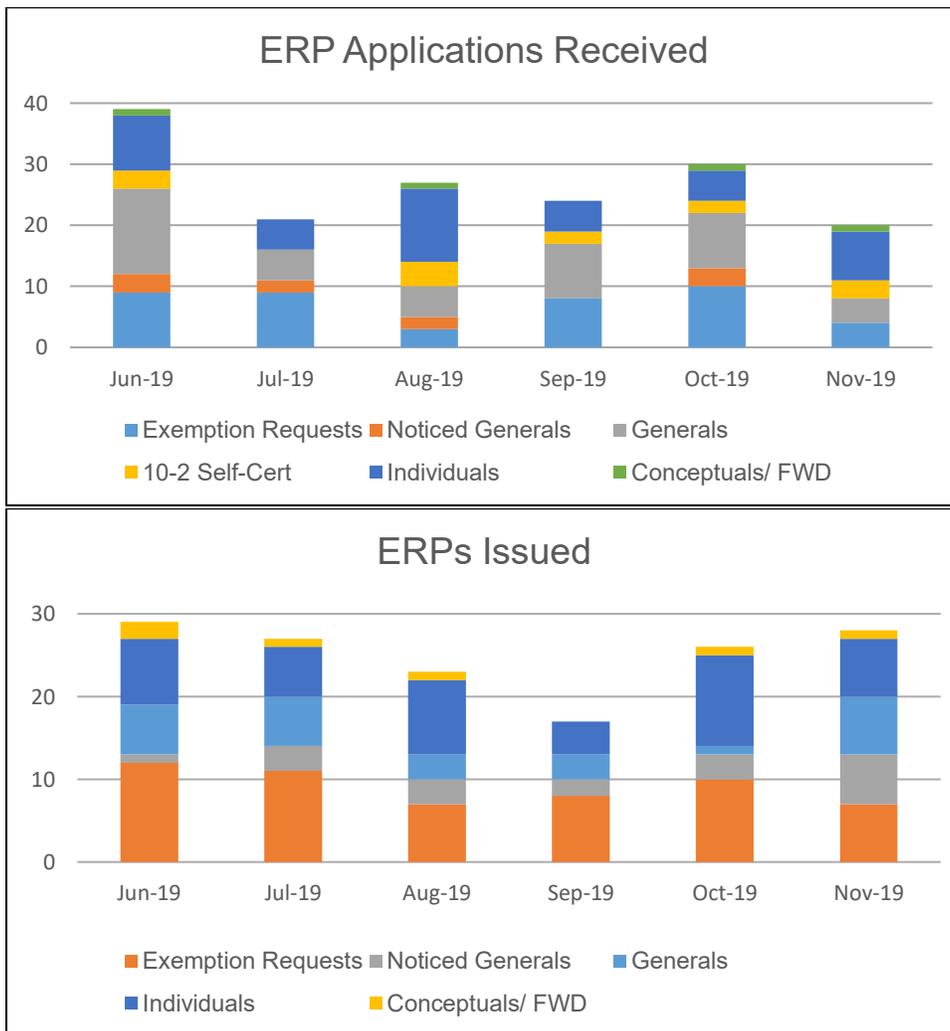
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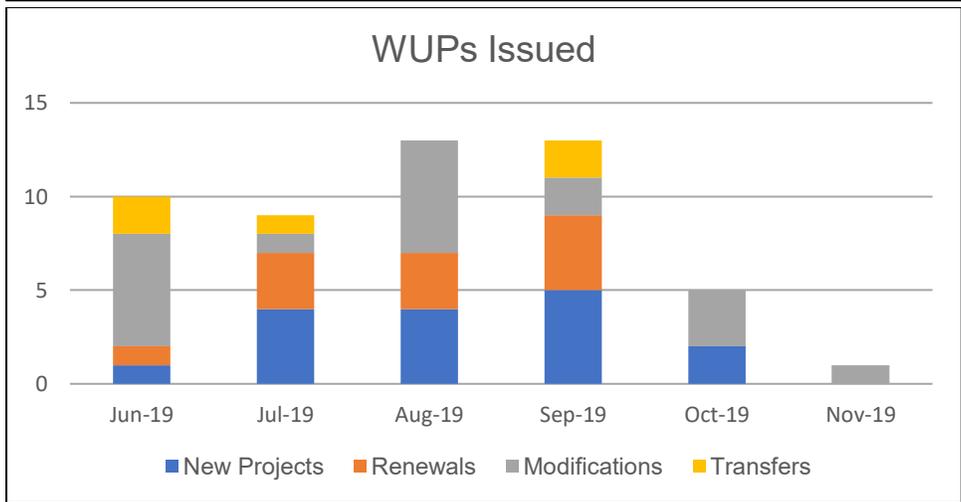
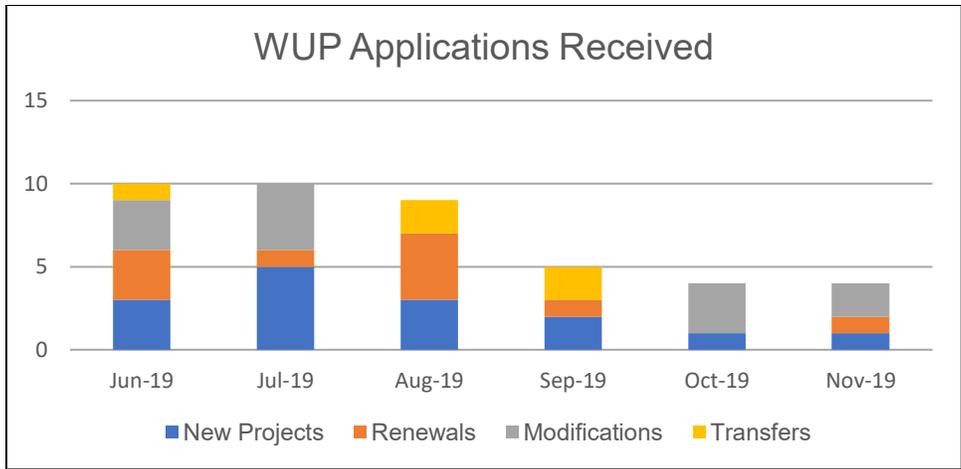
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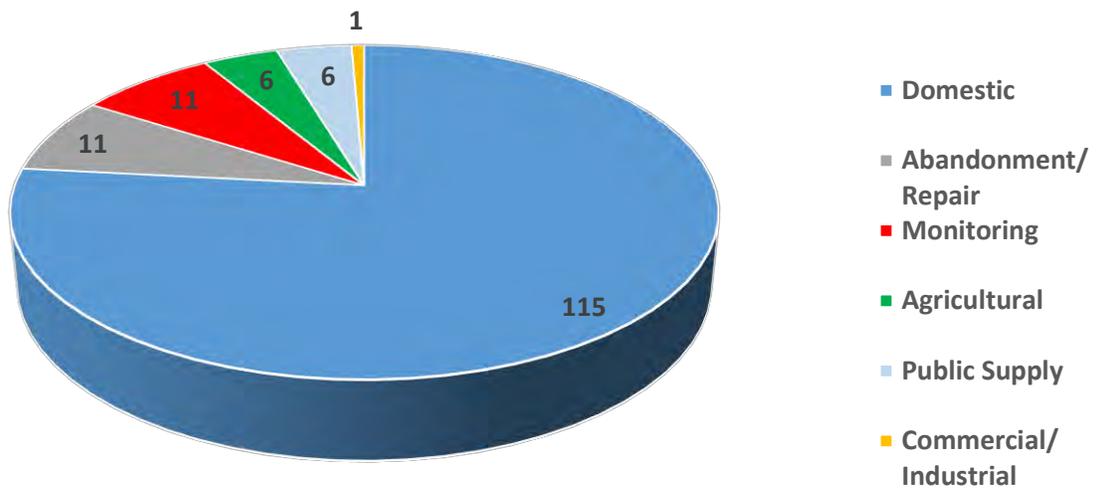
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Director, Division of Resource Management
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued Nov-19



**40B-1.722 (New Rule)
Electronic Fund Transfer**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	10/10/2019	GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development		Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop		Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule		Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change		Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS		Mail to DOS	
Effective Date		Effective Date	

Compliance Agreements:

None to report

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, Division Director, Resource Management Division

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2020-2024

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Governing Board approve the annual four-year Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2020-2024.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, identifies an environmental mitigation process for transportation projects. The statute requires that mitigation for transportation projects be accomplished through regional, long-term planning instead of on a project-by-project basis. The statute also requires that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) fund the mitigation while the District carries out the plans.

Each year, FDOT submits a work plan to the District that identifies environmental impacts from planned transportation projects. District staff develops a mitigation strategy for each project that secures all state and federal permits for the impacts and streamlines District review of the permit application once submitted. All projects and their mitigation strategies are contained in a mitigation plan, which is updated each year for approval by the District's Governing Board. This year's plan adds no new projects and provides the status of the all ongoing projects. Location of impacts and ongoing mitigation information is contained in the attached report.

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Attachment

**Florida Department of Transportation
Mitigation Plan**

2020 - 2024

**Suwannee River Water
Management District**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 373.4137, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) must develop and implement regional, long-range mitigation planning for wetland impacts associated with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) projects.

A total of 15 wetland mitigation projects have been initiated since 1996. Eight projects were completed successfully, five are being monitored by District staff, and two were for the purchase of mitigation bank credits. The District has received a sum total of \$6,060,856 from FDOT to manage these wetland mitigation activities. The FDOT has not proposed any new projects for the 2020 through 2024 planning period.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 373.4137, F.S., states that environmental mitigation for the impact of transportation projects proposed by the FDOT can be more effectively achieved by regional, long-range mitigation planning rather than on a project-by-project basis. The statute sets forth specific language designed to provide funding to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Water Management Districts (WMDs) to develop a mitigation plan to offset environmental impacts from FDOT road projects that require an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP). By July 1st of each year, the FDOT must submit to the WMDs an environmental impact inventory containing a list of projects with proposed wetland impacts. The list is published at least three years prior to planned construction. Based on the yearly inventory, WMD staff develop a mitigation plan capable of securing all local, regional, state, and federal permits for the proposed impacts.

The statute requires each WMD, in consultation with the FDEP, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other appropriate federal, state, and local governments, to develop a mitigation plan for presentation to the WMD Governing Board prior to March 1st of each year. Once the mitigation plan is approved by the Governing Board it shall be submitted to FDEP for approval. Upon approval by FDEP, the WMDs can implement mitigation projects as outlined in the mitigation plan.

FDOT wetland impacts in the District have occurred or will occur in the following eight river basins: Alapaha, Aucilla, Coastal Rivers, Santa Fe, Suwannee River, Upper Suwannee River, Waccasassa, and Withlacoochee (Figure 1). This mitigation plan is designed to provide in-kind mitigation for impacted wetlands within the same basin the impacts occur. The plan consists of one or more mitigation alternatives for each FDOT project (Figure 2). In some cases, alternatives include more than one mitigation project that, when taken together, yield an alternative that will offset the FDOT impacts and secure the appropriate permits.

Mitigation planning projects undertaken since February of 2004 have used the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM), in accordance with Chapter 62-345, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), to calculate the functional gain for each mitigation proposal. For these projects, the Relative Functional Gain of the proposed mitigation is used in place of wetland mitigation ratios.

NEW PROJECTS

No new FDOT mitigation projects are proposed for the next five-year period (2020 to 2024).

ONGOING PROJECTS

Santa Fe River Basin

- 1) FDOT Project: County Road 231 New River Bridge Replacement
Mitigation Project 1: Edwards Bottomland (EBL)

The District received an application from FDOT, ERP-007-228291-2, on September 10, 2018, for the construction of a new bridge over the New River on County Road (CR) 231 in Bradford and Union counties. The anticipated construction date is March 3, 2020. FDOT proposes 1.26 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the project resulting in a total UMAM functional loss of 0.62. The project will occur in the Santa Fe River basin and the mitigation for the project will be completed at the Edwards Bottomland (EBL) mitigation site, also located in the Santa Fe River Basin. Upon completion of the EBL site, which consists of 10.33 acres of wetland/hydrologic restoration, enhancement, and creation plus invasive species removal and control, a total UMAM functional gain of 7.49 will be created. Earthwork, Phase I wetland plantings and the baseline monitoring were completed in 2019. Phases II and III will be completed as mitigation needs are identified. The estimated total projected mitigation costs are \$181,890.00 for the UMAM functional loss of 0.62.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

AUCILLA RIVER BASIN

- 1) FDOT Project: US 98 Aucilla River Bridge Replacement
Mitigation Credits 3: San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase

The District issued ERP-123-212754-1 on October 24, 2011 for the replacement of US Highway 98 Bridge across Aucilla River. The bridge replacement impacted 5.7 acres of wetlands. Mitigation included purchase of mitigation credits from San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank, and water quality improvements for District owned Cabbage Grove and Mt. Gilead tracts. Mitigation credits (0.87 units) were purchased in November 2010 by the District using a total of \$43,500 in funding received from the FDOT for this project. District staff met with USACE and FDOT representatives in 2016 to evaluate the success of the mitigation project. It was determined that an additional 0.42 mitigation credits would be required to complete the project. FDOT purchased these mitigation credits from the San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank on October 27, 2017.

WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER BASIN

- 2) FDOT Project: State Road 53 Widening and Resurfacing (US 90 to State Line)
Mitigation Project 4: West Farm Lake Stormwater Pond Project

The District issued ERP-079-204218-1 on June 9, 1998 for the widening of SR 53 from US Highway 90 in the City of Madison to the Georgia State Line. The widening of SR 53 impacted 1.6 acres of wetlands. Mitigation created wetland and lake habitat at the West Farm Lake Storm Water Facility in Madison County. Mitigation activities were completed in March 2001. The District received \$260,325 from FDOT for this project.

- 3) FDOT Project: State Road 14 Widening (I-10 to CSX railroad)
Mitigation Project 5: Cabbage Grove Wetland Enhancement

The District issued ERP-079-209145-1 on March 11, 2003 for the widening of SR 14 from Interstate 10 to the CSX Transportation Railroad in the City of Madison. The widening of SR 14 impacted 0.89 acres of wetlands. Mitigation restored natural water flow in wetlands within District owned property, Cabbage Grove Tract, in Taylor County. The District received \$75,594 from FDOT. The mitigation project was completed in 2006. The District conducted operation and maintenance improvements at this site in December 2011.

UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER BASIN

- 4) FDOT Project: County Road 143 Widening (CR 146 to I-75)
Mitigation Project 6: Woods Ferry Hydrologic Enhancements

The District issued ERP-047-209544-1 on December 13, 2005 for the widening of CR 143 in Hamilton County from CR 146 to Interstate 75. The widening impacted 1.23 acres of wetlands. The District contracted with consultants to identify, evaluate, and construct mitigation activities within District-owned Woods Ferry Tract in Suwannee County. Mitigation involved hydrologic enhancement of seven wetland sites by improving drainage features to restore natural water flow. Mitigation activities were completed in November 2006. District received \$110,970 from FDOT. Evaluation of mitigation success was conducted by Jones, Edmunds and Associates in 2010 and shown to have met mitigation requirements.

COASTAL RIVERS BASIN

- 5) FDOT Project: State Road 51 Widening Lafayette County
Mitigation Project 7: Steinhatchee River Basin Hydrological Improvements

The District issued ERP-067-223712-1 on March 13, 2001 for the widening of SR 51 from the City of Mayo to the Taylor County line. The widening of SR 51 impacted 3.5 acres of wetlands in 2002. The mitigation project restored natural water flow for

wetlands located on District-owned property called Steinhatchee Springs Tract. The District received \$279,174 from FDOT for this project.

- 6) FDOT Project: State Road 51 Widening Taylor and Dixie Counties
Mitigation Credits 3: San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase

The District issued ERP-123-210590-1 on October 10, 2006 for the widening of SR 51 from the Town of Steinhatchee to the Lafayette County line. The widening of SR 51 impacted 1.27 acres of wetlands. Mitigation was achieved by purchase of mitigation credits from San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank. The District received \$10,200 from FDOT for mitigation and purchased 0.6 mitigation credits from San Pedro Mitigation Bank in 2006.

SANTA FE BASIN

- 7) FDOT Project: US Hwy 441 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacement
FDOT Project: State Road 121 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacement
Mitigation Project 8: Alligator Lake Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program

The District issued ERP-001-206684-1 and ERP-125-205839-1 on June 13, 2000 and May 13, 1999, respectively, for the replacement of bridges crossing the Santa Fe River in Alachua and Union Counties. The projects impacted 2.3 acres of wetlands. The mitigation project restored natural water flow between wetlands adjacent to Alligator Lake and Price Creek (both in Columbia County). Mitigation activities were completed in March 2001. The District received \$60,000 from FDOT for this project. District staff inspected the Alligator Lake and Price Creek surface water improvements project in January 2017.

- 8) FDOT Project: County Road 231 Widening (SR 100 to Baker County Line)
Mitigation Project 9: Cellon Creek Floodplain Restoration at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve

The District issued ERP-125-209144-1 on March 11, 2003, for the widening of CR 231 in Union County from SR 100 to the Baker County line. The project impacted 1.96 acres of wetlands. The mitigation project restored natural water flow and exotic plant species were removed within wetlands in San Felasco Hammock State Preserve (Alachua County). Construction activities were completed in August 2004, and exotic plant removal was completed in June 2011. The District received a total of \$166,476 from FDOT for wetland mitigation and a final report from FDEP in January 2011.

- 9) FDOT Project: County Road 229 New River Bridge Replacement
Mitigation Project 10: Lake Rowell Tract Restoration and Enhancement

The District issued ERP-125-210531-1 on April 12, 2005 for the replacement of the CR 229 bridge over New River at the Union/Bradford County's line. The project impacted

2.44 acres of wetlands. The mitigation project, located at the District-owned Lake Rowell tract, restored natural water connections between Alligator Creek and Lake Rowell (both in Bradford County). The District received \$180,214 from FDOT for this project. Mitigation activities were completed in 2006, evaluated in 2013, and deemed to be a success.

- 10) FDOT Project: Starke By-pass Project (State Road 223)
Mitigation Project 2: Starke Bypass Mitigation Area (SBMA)

The District issued ERP-007-213985-1 on October 22, 2017, for the construction of a new roadway corridor, State Road (SR) 223, that routes traffic around the City of Starke in Bradford County. The project impacted 58.06 acres of wetlands with a total UMAM functional loss of 46.47. Construction of SR223 was completed on September 12, 2019. A wetland mitigation project to offset these impacts was advertised under a low bid design-build procedure. The District awarded the contract to one of two shortlisted design-build firms. The winning bid was \$2,980,000 submitted by Alligator Creek Mitigation Bank, LLC. The District issued ERP-007-223088-1 on November 6, 2015 for the Starke Bypass Mitigation Area. Alligator Creek Mitigation Bank, LLC initiated construction activities in December 2015. Construction of the mitigation site is complete and monitoring of wetland plantings for success is ongoing.

WACCASSASSA RIVER BASIN

- 11) FDOT Project: State Road 500 Widening (from Chiefland to Bronson)
Mitigation Projects:
11. Cedar Key Storm Water Quality Restoration Project
 12. Cow Creek Road Restoration in Goethe State Forest
 13. Wetland Preservation in Levy County

The District issued ERP-075-206226-1 on May 9, 2002 for the widening of SR 500 from Chiefland to Bronson. The project impacted 23.0 acres of wetlands. Mitigation involved improvements to the Cedar Key stormwater system to prevent discharge of sediments, nutrients, bacteria, and heavy metals into the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, natural water flow into wetlands was restored within the Goethe State Park, and approximately 1,000 acres of wetlands in Levy County were preserved by conservation easements to the District. Mitigation activities were completed in May 2007. The District received \$1,713,490 from FDOT for this project. The Cedar Key Water Quality Restoration Project was evaluated by District staff in 2019 and determined to be successful. The Cow Creek Road Restoration project was evaluated November 2017 and determined to be successful. In 2003 the District acquired and recorded conservation easements for the Meeks and Mann parcels (1,000 acres) in Levy County.

- 12) FDOT Project: State Road 24 Widening from Otter Creek to Rosewood
Mitigation Project 14: Devil's Hammock Hydrological Enhancement and
Preservation

The District issued ERP-075-210019-1 on March 8, 2005, for the widening of SR 24 in Levy County. The project impacted 9.95 acres of wetlands. The District contracted with consultants to identify, evaluate, and construct the mitigation project that restored natural water flow for wetlands located on the District-owned Devil's Hammock property. Mitigation activities were completed in January 2007. The District received \$180,913 from FDOT for this project. Evaluation of mitigation success was conducted by Jones, Edmunds and Associates in 2010 and shown to have met mitigation requirements.

Figure 1. FDOT Construction Projects

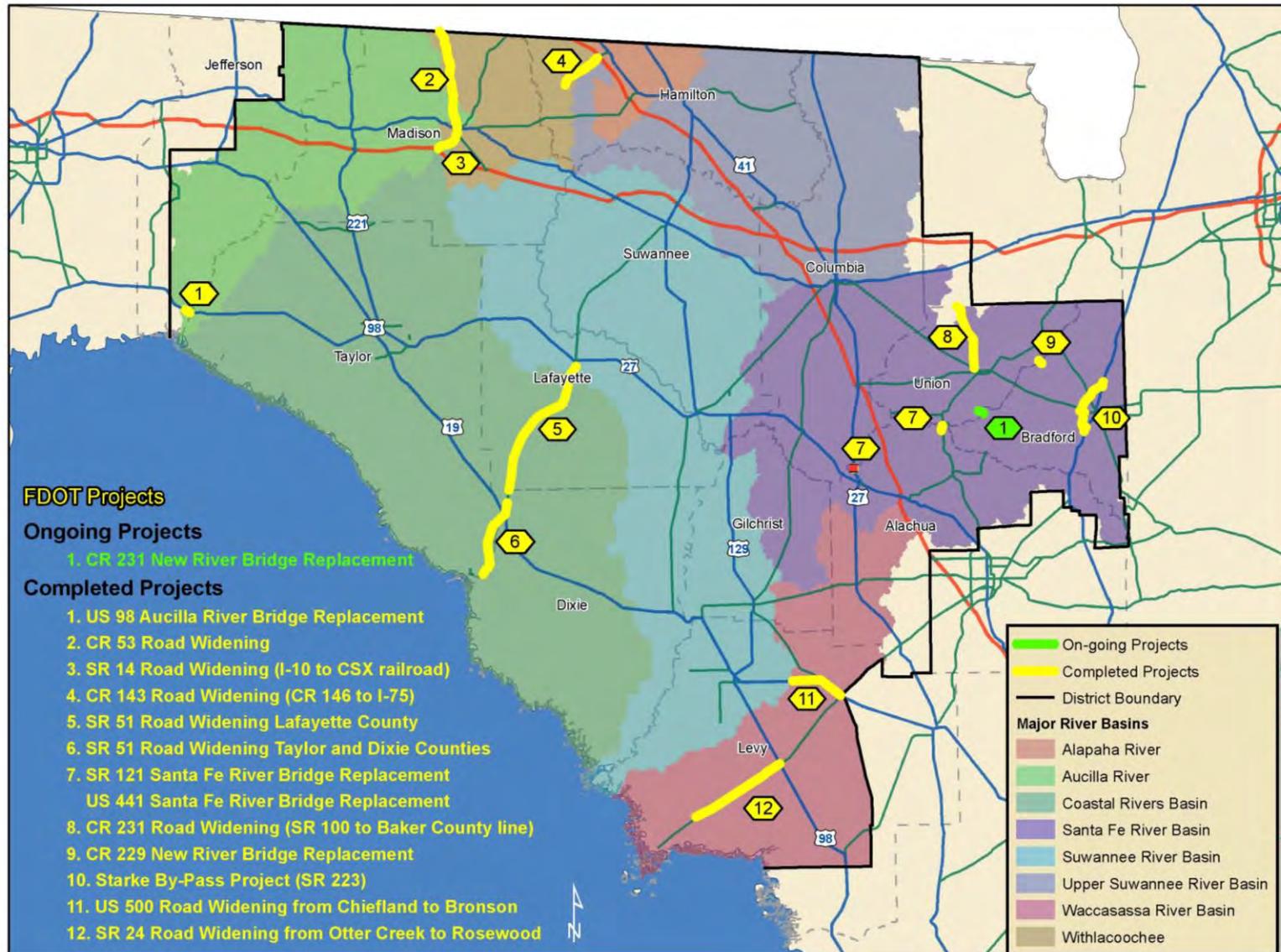


Figure 2. Wetland Mitigation Sites

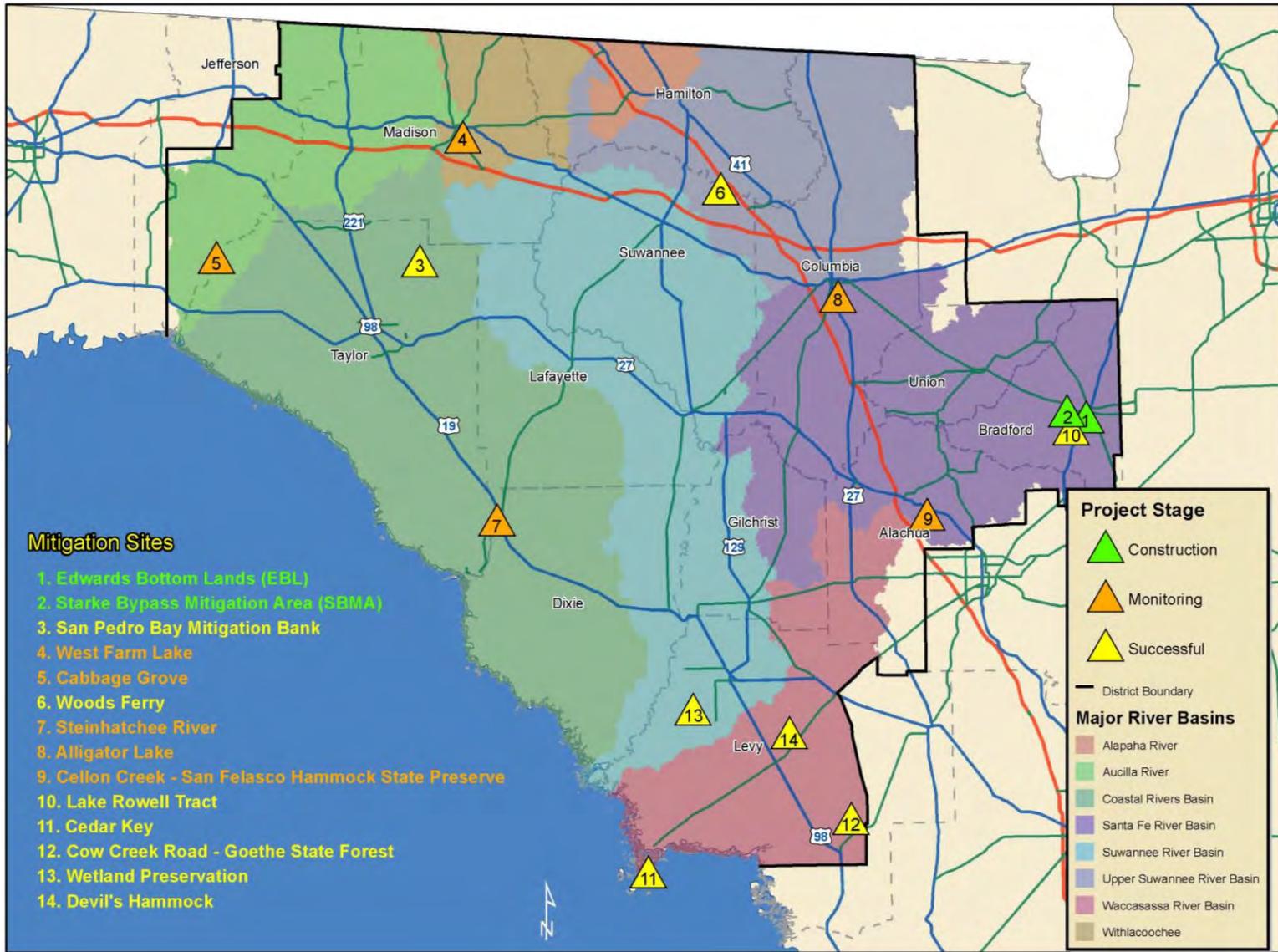


TABLE 1. FDOT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION PROJECTS

FDOT Project Status	River Basin	FDOT Project	FDOT Work Number	ERP Number	Impact Acres	Mitigation Stage*	Mitigation Project	Revenue from FDOT	Total Fund Expended
ONGOING	Santa Fe	1. CR 231 New River Bridge Replacement	433957	209144-1	1.50	C	1. Edwards Bottomland (EBL)	\$ 181,890.00	\$ 181,890.00
	Alapaha Suwannee River	Currently no projects							
COMPLETED	Aucilla	1. US 98 Aucilla River Bridge Replacement	2108732	212754-1	5.70	S	2. San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 43,500.00
	Withlacoochee	2. State Road 53 Widening and Resurfacing (US 90 to State Line)	2117565	204218-1	1.60	M	3. West Farm Lake Stormwater Pond Project	\$ 260,325.00	\$ 260,325.00
		3. State Road 14 Widening (I-10 to CSX railroad)	2105281	209145-1	0.90	M	4. Cabbage Grove Wetland Enhancement	\$ 75,594.00	\$ 46,459.00
	Upper Suwannee River	4. County Road 143 Widening (CR 146 to I-75)	2122181	209544-1	1.23	S	5. Woods Ferry Hydrologic Enhancements	\$ 110,970.00	\$ 53,848.00
	Coastal Rivers (Steinhatchee)	5. State Road 51 Widening Lafayette County	2100751 2100851	223712-1	3.50	M	6. Steinhatchee River Hydrological Improvements	\$ 279,174.00	\$ 279,174.00
		6. State Road 51 Widening Taylor and Dixie Counties	2108502 2084662	210590-1	1.27	S	2. San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
	Santa Fe	7. US Hwy 441 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacement and State Road 121 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacement	2110486	206684-1 205839-1	1.00 1.30	M	7. Alligator Lake Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
		8. County Road 231 Widening (SR 100 to Baker County line)	2128801	209144-1	1.96	M	8. Cellon Creek Floodplain Restoration at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve	\$ 166,476.00	\$ 72,180.00
		9. County Road 229 New River Bridge Replacement	2128761	210531-1	2.44	S	9. Lake Rowell Tract Restoration and Enhancement	\$ 180,214.00	\$ 180,214.00
		10. Starke By-pass Project (SR223)	2080014 2080015 2080016	213985-1	58.06	C	10. Starke Bypass Mitigation Area (SBMA)	\$ 2,980,000.00	\$ 2,931,843.00
	Waccasassa	11. State Road 500 Widening from Chiefland to Bronson	2117089	206226-1	23.00	S	11. Cedar Key Storm Water Quality Restoration Project	\$ 1,713,490.00	\$ 1,713,490.00
				204584-1		S	12. Cow Creek Rd Restoration in Goethe State Forest		
224156-1				S		13. Wetland Preservation in Levy County			
12. State Road 24 Widening from Otter Creek to Rosewood	210384	210019-1	9.95	S	14. Devil's Hammock Hydrological Enhancement and Preservation	\$ 180,913.00	\$ 190,694.00		

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Resource Management Division

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Approval of the List of Qualified Firms for Implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk MAP Program

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the list of firms for Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk MAP program activities and require subsequent approval by the Governing Board for each individual contract.

BACKGROUND

The District has been a Cooperative Technical Partner (CTP) with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for over almost 20 years. As a CTP, the District receives funding annually from FEMA through the Risk MAP program to hire engineering firms who help local governments update and improve their floodplain maps and increase public flood hazard awareness. The Five-Year Business Plan identifies the District's vision and level of participation for supporting the Risk MAP program. In September 2019, staff requested qualifications from engineering firms to support completion of District-assigned Mapping Activity Statement tasks approved by FEMA.

The District received qualification packages from eight firms. As detailed in the request, three Product Production Consultants (PPC) with one alternate, and one Project Management Consultant (PMC) with one alternate, were chosen. The selection committee that reviewed the statements of qualifications consisted of Kevin Flavin, David Christian, and Fay Baird. On December 12, 2019, the selection committee chose the following firms as most qualified:

PPC

Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

Taylor Engineering, Inc. (Alternate)

PMC

Atkins North America, Inc.

Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc. (Alternate)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Matthew Cantrell, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: January 3, 2020
RE: Approval to Enter into Contract with Southern Cross Dairy, LLC to Provide Agricultural Cost-Share Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract with Southern Cross Dairy, LLC as part of the District Agricultural Cost-Share Program in the amount not to exceed of \$46,664.09.

BACKGROUND

The District has provided agricultural cost-share funds along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) to help agricultural producers implement Best Management Practices (BMPs). These BMPs help farmers conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

The District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program has been supported through funding from the District, FDEP, and FDACS over time. In Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (FY 2012), the Governing Board allocated \$6 million dollars to the program. Since FY 2012, approximately 65% of District funds have been spent and obligated through contracts with agricultural producers. In conjunction with agricultural related FDEP Springs Grants this has resulted in approximately 13.47 million gallons per day of water conserved and 775,680 pounds of nitrogen reduced.

Southern Cross Dairy, LLC

This cost-share project is with Southern Cross Dairy, LLC, located in Suwannee County. The producer proposes to tie in three pivots for better management of wastewater applications. This will give the dairy an estimated 412 additional acres of wastewater spray field to help spread out wastewater applications and provide additional nutrient uptake by crops. This will help the dairy operations offset synthetic fertilizer applications and apply wastewater only when there is a crop demand for water and nutrients.

The project is expected to result in approximately 15,000 pounds of nitrogen reduced per year savings at a cost to the District of \$0.41 per pound over the estimated life of the equipment. This

project will be located on parcels in Suwannee County which falls within the Suwannee River Basin Management Action Plan Area and the Eastern Water Supply Planning Area.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$62,218.79. The District will contribute \$46,664.09 or approximately 75% of the project cost. The applicants will provide \$15,554.70 or 25% of the equipment cost. Exhibit A is a list of the proposed cost share items, proposed funding amount, and water conservation tools. Funding for this project is included in the FY 2020 budget account code 51-2586-7-2400-06-07.

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Exhibit A – Itemized List

Producer	Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	SRWMD Total	Producer Share
Southern Cross Dairy, LLC	Piping	\$4.37	8,400 feet	\$27,531	\$9,177
	Pipeline Ditch	\$2.00	8,400 feet	\$12,600	\$4,200
	Pivot and Pump Tie Ins	\$400	4	\$1,200	\$400
	Miscellaneous Fittings/Equipment	\$7,110.79	1	\$5,333.09	\$1,777.70
Southern Cross Dairy Project Total:				\$46,664.09	\$15,554.70

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Matthew Cantrell, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Authorization to Revise the Agricultural Cost-Share Program

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve revisions to the Agricultural Cost-Share Program to include fourth, fifth, and sixth year service agreements for soil moisture sensors.

BACKGROUND

The District has provided agricultural cost-share funds along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) to help agricultural producers implement Best Management Practices (BMPs). These BMPs help farmers conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

The District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program has been supported through funding from the District, FDEP, and FDACS over time. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, the Governing Board allocated \$6 million dollars to the program. Since FY 2012, approximately 65% of District funds have been spent and obligated through contracts with agricultural producers. In conjunction with agricultural related FDEP Springs Grants this has resulted in approximately 13.47 million gallons per day of water conserved and 775,680 pounds of nitrogen reduced.

District staff has gauged interest in the agricultural community to extend cost-sharing on service agreements of soil moisture sensors until the sixth year. Soil moisture sensors are the most common cost-shared item in our program. The sensors allow producers to monitor soil moisture, temperature, and electric conductivity remotely through digital software. The service agreement covers the annual data plan, access to online software, and education and training associated with the probe. This program allows producers to get an in-depth look into the soil profile to ensure they are irrigating the correct amount.

Staff's recommendation is to add 4th, 5th, and 6th year service agreements of soil moisture sensors to the District's Agriculture cost-share program to cost-share at a 50% cost-share rate up to a maximum of \$435 per soil moisture sensor.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Patrick Webster, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THUR: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Service

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Springs Grant Funds and to Enter into Local Cooperative Agreements

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to receive springs grant funds and to enter into agreements with the appropriate entities to implement the projects.

BACKGROUND

On October 19, 2019 the District was informed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) that \$10 million dollars was available for additional springs projects resulting from past projects that did not go forward. The state Water Management Districts were encouraged to submit additional springs projects for consideration for this additional funding.

On November 8, 2019, District staff prepared and submitted three projects for consideration.

On December 4, 2019 FDEP informed the District that it will receive \$2.85 million dollars in state springs grant funding for two additional projects.

Attached is a list of the additional projects approved for state springs grant funding that are the subject of this recommendation. The District will enter into agreements on these projects. Funding for these projects is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

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SRWMD FY 19/20 ADDITIONAL SPRINGS GRANTS

Project Name	Cooperator	FDEP Grant Amount	Local Match	Total Funding for Project	Project Description
Wastewater System Extensions Phase A2	High Springs	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	A multi-year funded project to extend existing wastewater infrastructure and elimination of 43 septic systems in year one. An additional 119 systems are planned for elimination pending funding.
Otter Springs OSTDS Improvement	Nature Coast Regional Water Authority	\$1,875,000	\$0	\$1,875,000	Consolidation of 25 existing conventional large septic systems (equivalent volume of 50 equivalent residential units) to a collection network that terminates at a Distributed Wastewater Treatment System (DWTS) with nitrogen reducing capabilities. The units serve approximately 99 camp sites adjacent to the second-magnitude Otter Spring.
TOTAL		\$2,875,000			

Legend:

OSTDS - Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems (I.e Septic tanks)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources
DATE: December 31, 2019
SUBJECT: District Land Management and Twin River State Forest Activity Summary

District road contractors completed work on the Goose Pasture Tract and moved maintenance activities to the Cabbage Grove Tract.

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) completed firebreak establishment for all of the planned dormant season prescribed burn areas on Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF).

The attached report summarizes the status of current District and TRSF activities for the preceding month.

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Vegetation Management Projects:

The following work was completed during the reporting period: approximately 100 additional acres of roller chopping work was completed on the Mallory Swamp Tract. Vegetation management work was done for fuel reduction, natural community restoration, and wildfire mitigation purposes.

Activity Table - Vegetation Management (10/1/2019 – 12/9/2019)

	ACTIVITY	ACRES		MILES	
		Planned	Complete	Planned	Complete
FISCAL YEAR 2020	Herbicide	500	0	0	0
	Roller Chop	1,000	200	0	0
	Woods Mow	720	96	0	0
	Ditch Mow	0	0	32	0

Prescribed Fire Program:

- Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands this year include B&B Dugger (B&B), Natural Resource Planning Services (NRPS), Schmidt Reforestation Services (SRS), and Wildlands Services (WS). Also, included in this report are the acres the Florida Forest Services burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF). When available, the Florida Forest Service (FFS) will provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and Twin Rivers State Forest.
- The following table provides information on the Prescribed Burn Program through November 13, 2019. 1,855 additional acres were burned during the reporting period.

Summary Table FY 2019-2020

	2020 Target Acres	Acres Complete
SRWMD	13,000	2,013
FFS TRSF	2,200	0.0
TOTAL	15,200	2,013

FY 2019-2020 Activity Table (11/14/2019 – 12/9-2019)

TRACT	COUNTY	B&B	NRPS	WS	SRS	FFS COOP	TOTAL SRWMD Acres	TOTAL TRSF Acres	TOTAL WILDFIRE Acres
Cabbage Grove	Taylor	494.5					494.5		
Natural Well Branch	Taylor	381.7					381.7		
Steinhatchee Springs	Lafayette	979.0					979.0		
<i>Sub-total for Period</i>		1,855	0	0	0	0	1,855	0	0.0
<i>Previous Acres Burned</i>		158	0	0	0	0	158	0	0.0
TOTAL ACRES		2,013	0	0	0	0	2,013	0	0.0

Invasive Plant Monitoring Program

Approximately 110 invasive plant infestations are planned to be monitored and/or treated by District staff in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Seven additional infestations were monitored/ treated during the reporting period.

Activity Table - Invasive Plant Treatments (11/14/2019 – 12/9/2019)

	Activity	Number of Infestations	
		Planned	Complete
Fiscal Year 2020	Invasive Plant Monitoring/Treatment	110	75

Conservation Easement Monitoring

- No Activity

Timber Sales

Sale	Contract	Acres	Tons Harvested	Revenue	Status	Contract End Date
Roline #1	18/19-051	160			Harvest Complete	January 14, 2020
Withlacoochee #3	18/19-072	283			Harvest Inactive	January 14, 2020
Cabbage Creek #1	18/19-068	373			Harvest Complete	January 15, 2020
Steinhatchee Falls #1	18/19-133	104			Harvest Inactive	March 1, 2020
Gar Pond #4	18/19-186	93			Harvest Inactive	June 5, 2020
Westwood West #3	18/19-204	345			Harvest Inactive	July 15, 2020
Wolf Creek #1	19/20-011	72			Harvest Inactive	October 2, 2020
Gar Pond #5	19/20-037	137			Harvest Inactive	October 28, 2020
Ellaville #18	19/20-062	126			Harvest Inactive	November 26, 2020
Natural Well Branch #1	19/20-063	240			Harvest Inactive	November 26, 2020
Natural Well Branch #2		239			Contract Pending	

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: William McKinstry, Chief Office of Land Management

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources

DATE: December 31, 2019

RE: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Land Management Report

BACKGROUND

The Land Management Annual Report is an overview of management activities conducted on fee-simple title lands held by the Governing Board. The report is used by the District during the annual Land Management Review Team meeting as required by Section 373.591 Florida Statutes (F.S.) and is associated with the District's Florida Forever Work Plan.

The report summarizes the goals, objectives, and strategies of the approved District Land Management Plan and generally follows its organizational format, addressing key topics that provide information as to whether District lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives.

The report indicates an ongoing effort by the District's land management staff to have open and clear communication about its land management activities, participating in water resource-related projects, actively managing public use, and striving to improve natural resources on District lands. It provides details and accomplishments on resource-based projects which are designed to maintain or improve natural communities, forest resources, rare species, cultural and historical resources, and aesthetic and visual resources. The report attempts to address social and economic management goals which are also key components of the land management program.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Land Management Report is an annual overview of management objectives and activities conducted on fee-simple title lands held by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) during the fiscal year (FY). The report is used by the District during the Land Management Review Team (LMRT) annual review of District lands which is required by section 373.591, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The report summarizes objectives of the approved FY 2018 District Land Management Plan (DLMP) and generally follows its organizational format addressing key topics that provide information as to whether District lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives.

The report indicates an ongoing effort by District's land management program staff to include and participate in water resource-related projects on District lands. It provides details and accomplishments on natural community resource projects which are designed to maintain or improve natural communities, forest resources, rare species, cultural, historical resources, and aesthetic and visual resources. It addresses social and economic management goals and activities which are key components of the land management program and include public use, communications, and fiscal responsibility.

INTRODUCTION

The District jurisdictional boundary includes approximately 7,640 square miles across all or part of 15 north-central Florida counties.

Based on the most recent District Florida Forever Work Plan, the District holds fee-simple title to approximately 160,207 acres in addition to approximately 127,731 acres of conservation easements (3.2% and 2.6% of the District's land area, respectively) as of November 4, 2019. The District also holds less-than-fee title to approximately 751 acres of access easements.

District management of these lands provides water resource benefits including:

- Preserving floodplain areas to maintain storage capacity, attenuate floodwaters, and prevent inappropriate development;
- Preventing groundwater contamination by maintaining low-intensity land uses within the floodplain and high recharge areas;
- Preserving and/or restoring spring areas to improve surface and groundwater;
- Preserving and/or restoring natural communities throughout the area to support or enhance populations of native species;
- Preserving aquatic buffer zones from high impact uses that have a high potential to degrade surface water quality;
- Supporting water resource development initiatives.

The majority of the lands are considered conservation lands, and most are located along rivers, streams, headwaters, and recharge areas. The District also purchased real property for specific water resource projects such as wellfields, flood storage, water management, aquifer recharge, water resource development, water supply development, and preservation. These project lands are managed for specific purposes as identified in the acquisition.

Lands titled to the District are managed under a multiple-use policy that emphasizes water resource protection, maintenance, and restoration of the land's natural state and condition, and provisions for public access and recreation. Planning land management activities and uses at the ownership level allows for efficient and effective implementation of Governing Board priorities and achievement of goals. The following four goals are outlined in the DLMP.

- Resource Protection
- Public Use
- Communications
- Fiscal Responsibility

To ensure the District is meeting its four land management goals, the Excellence in Land Management Program (ELM) was established in 2004. This program uses quantifiable data to measure and track qualitative goals. ELM is used in conjunction with the statutorily required annual LMRT evaluation. LMRT participants use the ELM scorecard to determine whether land management is meeting the goals of the DLMP by scoring the strategies used to achieve those goals.

Additionally, LMRT participants evaluate if the District is achieving its statutory requirements (section 259.036, F.S.) by scoring the following questions, the LMRT must evaluate:

- Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access?
- Are District land managers implementing the DLMP?

GOALS OF THE DISTRICT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Goal 1: Resource Protection

Objectives - ensure District lands are managed for natural resource protection and maintain/restore lands using natural community Desired Future Condition (DFC) guidelines when practical and as referenced in Appendix A of the DLMP.

Water Resource Strategies

- Minimize structural floodplain management on District-managed conservation lands.
- Maintain ground and surface water quantity and quality during land management activities by using enhanced silviculture Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Restore hydrologic regimes to the DFC where possible.
- Maintain water management structures to achieve their intended function.
- Develop and maintain water resource projects on the lands to improve water quality and enhance water supply.

Soils, Topography, Ground Cover and Natural Community Strategies

- Minimize soil degradation (e.g., erosion, compaction).
- Manage and/or restore historic natural communities for a given site to DFC standards to the extent practical.
- Reduce degradation of the existing native groundcover.
- Monitor the grass, herbaceous and shrub layers to detect if the resource falls within the DFC standard acceptable range.
- Reintroduce or supplement current native ground covers with local stock where needed to achieve ecosystem functions.
- Update and maintain current reference data.

Forest Resource Strategies

- Manage for natural community heterogeneity to attain a multi-aged and vertically diverse forest, including retaining dominant and/or old-growth trees and snags.
- Maintain the dominant and co-dominant tree species within the DFC acceptable parameter range.
- Reforest within DFC standards using techniques that minimize damage to other natural resources.
- Ensure that commercial harvests provide the maximum financial returns that are possible with the consistent attainment of primary natural resource values.
- Maintain an accurate and current forest resource inventory.

Rare Species Resource Strategies

- Protect and manage biodiversity on District lands.
- Track rare species locations, status, and implement rare species BMPs.
- Maintain and/or increase existing rare and imperiled species populations on District lands.

Cultural and Historic Resource Strategies

- Protect and prevent negative impacts on cultural and historical resources during all activities.

- Document location of significant cultural and historical resources on District-owned lands and share information with the Division of Historic Resources within the Florida Department of State.
- Monitor the condition of cultural and historical resources on District-managed lands.

Aesthetic and Visual Resource Strategies

- Maintain or enhance the overall visual quality of District lands.
- Minimize or mitigate short-term negative appearances of land management activities.

Goal 2: Public Use

Objectives - provide resource-based public use opportunities.

Public Use Strategies

- Establishing and maintaining public use on District lands.
- Provide Special Use Authorizations (SUA) for compatible public use activities.
- Follow Governing Board Directives 90-2 and 92-1 for exclusive use requests.
- Provide hunting and fishing opportunities on District lands.
- Coordinate with law enforcement agencies to enforce Florida statutes and administrative rules on District-managed lands.
- During emergency situations, staff will assist persons in danger and communicate responses with the appropriate agency.

Goal 3: Communications

Objectives - encourage participation from outside agencies, organizations and private citizens when developing management plans for the lands under its stewardship.

Communications Strategies

- Obtain public and private stakeholder's input in the management of District lands.
- Use applicable modes of communication to encourage and promote public recreation on District lands.
- Ensure public inquiries into management activities or public use are addressed in a timely manner.
- Complete an annual land management report and conduct the annual LMRT following the guidance of the DLMP.

Goal 4: Fiscal Responsibility

Objectives - minimize the costs associated with land management by contracting with the private sector, partnering with other land management agencies and organizations, and submitting proposals for land management grant funding.

Fiscal Responsibility Strategies

- Ensure revenues are derived from operations conducted to achieve land management objectives.
- Minimize structural operational management approaches wherever practical.
- Contract with the most cost-effective and experienced firms to complete land management activities following District policies.

- Coordinate with other land management agencies and organizations to complete land management activities to reduce District costs.
- Attempt to locate and obtain grants to help fund projects on District lands.
- Assist with the surplus lands program to ensure funds derived from the disposals of unneeded land holdings are redirected to fund the purchase of higher value, water-resource lands.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 REPORT OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

I. RESOURCE PROTECTION

Goal - protect, enhance, and/or restore natural, archaeological, and historical resources on lands owned by the District.

1. Water Resources

District lands provide unique water resource opportunities because of their proximity to major rivers and their tributaries. At the tract level, there may be opportunities to impact altered water flows and water retention capacities to allow more natural buffering characteristics of the floodplain, such as flood attenuation, to be enhanced and provide protection to the receiving water body. At the site level, many facilities such as river access points, hydrologic facilities, and roads require review, construction, and maintenance to function in the floodplain without adverse water resource impacts. The objective of facilities' design is to make them transparent to high and low-flow conditions within the floodplain.

Natural community and facility projects are generally implemented using silviculture BMPs as a minimum standard for implementation. Silvicultural practices, natural community restoration projects, hydrological improvements, and road maintenance operations are planned to protect or enhance water resources.

Specific Governing Board-approved water resource projects may be initiated for flood control, water storage, water management, conservation, protection of water resources, aquifer recharge, water resource, and water supply development. These projects typically require engineered solutions and have project-specific goals and management. In many cases, the water resource benefits are designed to extend beyond the tract. The District's Florida Forever Work Plan describes all District-wide projects. The projects listed below are specifically targeted for District fee-owned lands.

Water Resource Projects

- *Jennings Bluff River Access Project*

In FY 2019, the District completed the Jennings Bluff River Access Project to improve recreational access and decrease bank erosion along the Alapaha and Dead rivers. The Jennings Bluff Tract has two popular recreational locations. The first is located on the Alapaha River. This river access had a 30-foot-long wooden stair system that had reached the end of its service life. The stair system was replaced with a poured concrete stair system of the same dimension. The new stairs improved access to the river, included erosion control measures and have a longer service life than the wooden stairs.

The second recreational location is located at the sink of the Dead River. This location is popular for fishing and nature watching; unfortunately, there had never been a stair system at this location. Access is reduced, unsafe, and foot traffic had caused severe bank erosion. The District had this site improved by constructing a set of poured concrete stairs, included erosion control measures at the stairs, and added a gravel walkway approaching the stairs to reduce stormwater runoff velocity. This project has

accomplished the intended goal of improving access and reducing erosion into the waterways.

- *Underwater Cave System Research*

Many District lands contain springs, karst windows, and other geologically significant systems for North Florida. The District has issued two temporary ingress and egress SUAs (2013 and 2015) for underwater cave system mapping, water testing, and research to private non-profit research firms. The SUAs are for 12 separate tracts of land. The SUAs are re-issued each year to continue the research. This research is at no obligation or cost to the District and the information obtained is shared with the District.

- *District Lands Hydrological Facilities Improvement Plan*

The District has had a hydrological facilities geodatabase where any information related to water conveyance is stored (culverts, surface crossing, bridges, etc.). The database has not had any significant updates for more than a decade. In FY 2019 District staff and the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) improved the database making it viable for annual tract inspections. In FY 2020, District land management staff is attempting to update the database with existing facility conditions and information collected on previously unknown facilities. The goal of this project is to have a robust geodatabase that has all hydrological facilities and conditions which will lead to a more proactive annual approach to hydrological facility maintenance.

- *Hydrological Facility Restoration Projects*

This ongoing project stalled due to wet weather conditions that persisted during FY 2019. The District was unable to replace or make improvements to any of the hydrological facilities that were targeted in FY 2019. Where equipment access was possible important and needed work was accomplished but, hydrological facilities could not be repaired, replaced, or installed. Because of the past year's wet conditions, District staff had the opportunity to improve the above referenced hydrological facilities geodatabase and obtain needed field observations of other hydrologic issues associated with our road network.

- *West Ridge Water Resource Development Area*

The West Ridge Water Resource Development Area project includes nearly 667 acres of District-owned land adjacent to the Florida National Guard's (Guard) Camp Blanding. The purchase was funded by a grant from the Guard through the Department of Defense (DOD) as part of a program designed to secure buffers around military installations. The project provides an opportunity for natural resource enhancement and restoration (particularly wetlands), flood protection, potential aquifer recharge to the Upper Floridan Aquifer, and to augment flows to the upper Santa Fe River. The cost of this project is yet to be determined.

- *Monitor Well Network Improvement Project*

In 2014, the divisions of Water Supply and Water Resources identified groundwater monitoring data gaps areas throughout the District and developed a monitoring well

network improvement project to close the gaps. This project included the installation of 40 new monitoring wells. Closing the gaps is essential for groundwater modeling improvements and long-term trend monitoring assessments. Land Management staff assisted and supported Water Supply and Water Resources divisions in the installation of monitoring wells. The Monitor Well Network Improvement Project was completed in FY 2019.

- *Pot Springs Environmental Restoration and Enhancement Project*

In 2017, Springs funding was approved to restore the site. Improvements will consist of bank stabilization, access to the spring and improvements to limit erosion from uplands. Funding for this project will come from the Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP) through the Pot Springs Restoration contract and the District. The project is currently underway and should be completed by the first quarter of FY 2020.

2. Soils, Topography, Ground Cover and Natural Communities

Florida Statutes direct District staff to manage lands “in such a way as to ensure a balance between public access, general public recreational purposes, and the restoration of their natural state and condition”. The District uses existing Desired Future Condition (DFC) standards as a guide for planning, implementing, and tracking natural community restoration/management activities on its properties. The DFCs provide information about plant community structure, representative plant species, hydrologic regimes, and the frequency that prescribed fire or other vegetation management activities should be implemented to help meet and/or maintain DFC objectives. By using these standards, District staff can evaluate the current condition of a natural community and then determine what management activities are needed to help meet statutory requirements and DFC objectives.

Many District lands, including floodplain swamps and other wetland areas, currently meet DFC objectives; these areas are often easily maintained through passive management or natural processes such as periodic flooding. However, many upland natural communities or transitional areas require active management to help meet and/or maintain DFC objectives. Management practices that may be used in these areas include the installation of hydrologic structures, prescribed fire, mechanical or chemical treatments, timber harvesting, and reforestation.

Natural Community Management/Restoration Projects

- *Prescribed Fire/Vegetation Management*

Many natural plant communities on District lands were historically influenced and maintained by the periodic occurrence of fire and other disturbances on the landscape. The District continues to use prescribed fire and other vegetation management tools, such as mechanical and chemical treatments, to manage vegetation within these communities to help meet DFC objectives. The five main fire-adapted natural communities that the District targets for management and restoration work include: sandhills, upland pine, scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, and wet flatwoods. The District focuses on these communities because of their vegetation type or structure, their need for frequent fire or disturbance and their proximity to other wetland communities that require periodic disturbance. Combined, these targeted communities make up approximately 59,594 acres or 71% of the total acres on District lands that were historically influenced by fire.

The remaining 29% of fire-influenced communities consist of wetland natural communities such as shrub bogs, depression marshes, and dome swamps. These communities are not actively targeted for prescribed burning or periodic disturbances. Fire is allowed to spread into these areas from adjacent communities that are being burned, but only when the risk is minimal for long-term smoke-management issues, mortality to wetland timber and prolonged consumption of organic soils. When necessary, firelines are installed to help avoid adverse impacts on wetlands, water resources or the public.

The District has developed Disturbance Intervals (DI) for the five targeted communities listed above. These intervals are derived from the fire return intervals developed by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) for these communities (Table 1). These intervals indicate the disturbance rotation or the number of years that should occur between each disturbance.

Although these return intervals are listed as a range, the District’s goal is to implement prescribed fire or create a similar disturbance within these natural communities on a 2-3-year return interval. This interval falls within the low to mid-range of the FNAI standards and was chosen to better address the high productivity of woody vegetation on many District lands. This targeted 2-3-year return interval will also continue to be evaluated for effectiveness based on field results and any additional research or data made available. From a planning and budgeting standpoint, all Land Management Core Areas that contain these listed communities will be targeted for work on a 2-3-year return interval. When measuring the success of meeting this fire or disturbance return interval standard, the District will use a 3-year return interval to quantify individual fiscal year results. In this case, a 3-year return interval was chosen because it is close or equal to the maximum range for many listed communities and it better reflects fluctuating results that are often influenced by factors such as weather.

Table 1. Fire Return/Disturbance Intervals (DI)

Natural Community	Acres (approximate)	FRI
Sandhill	10,097	1-3 yrs.
Upland Pine	6,722	1-3 yrs.
Scrubby Flatwoods	3,989	5-15 yrs.
Mesic Flatwoods	23,384	2-4 yrs.
Wet Flatwoods	12,685	1-10 yrs.

- *Designating Land Management Core Areas*

Within the five targeted natural communities listed above, the District allocates most of its resources to areas designated as Land Management Core Areas. These core areas contain one or more of the following attributes:

- areas have a recent history of prescribed burning or disturbance,
- vegetation within these areas can be effectively maintained using prescribed fire

- or other mechanical/chemical treatments, and/or
- areas have received other land management activities (timber thinning, reforestation, etc.) that require additional vegetation management practices to complete a restoration prescription or help meet a DFC goal.

The total acreage of these core areas can increase or decrease based on various factors. For example, some District lands contain targeted natural communities that are not included in the core areas because the current vegetative structure/composition inhibits the successful application of prescribed fire. However, if a preliminary management practice such as a mechanical or chemical treatment is implemented that creates conditions favorable for the use of prescribed fire, these areas can then be added to the total core acreage. Conversely, there may be core areas removed from the system because size, location, and/or vegetative characteristics consistently inhibit the efficient use of prescribed fire. Core acreage can also increase or decrease if natural community lines are adjusted or community designations are changed based on field observations or updated information.

The District’s goal is to consistently increase the percentage of Land Management Core Areas that are within their designated Disturbance Intervals (Table 2). This can be achieved by using prescribed fire or other disturbances that cause a similar disturbance, control targeted vegetation, and help the District meet DFC objectives.

Table 2. Land Management Core Areas - Disturbance Interval Status (District Lands)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
% Core Areas within Disturbance Interval TOTAL	63%				
% Core Areas within Disturbance Interval PRESCRIBED FIRE	57%	57%	51%	54%	53%
Acres Planned	10,500	15,000	13,000	12,000	12,750
Acres Treated	6,308	18,065	6,398	12,528	8,919
Acres That Met Objective	6,040	18,001	5,901	12,289	8,088
Wildfire Acres	0.20	0	29	54	25

Table 3 provides additional information on Land Management Core Areas and the status of their disturbance intervals.

Table 3. Acres of Targeted Natural Communities by Classification

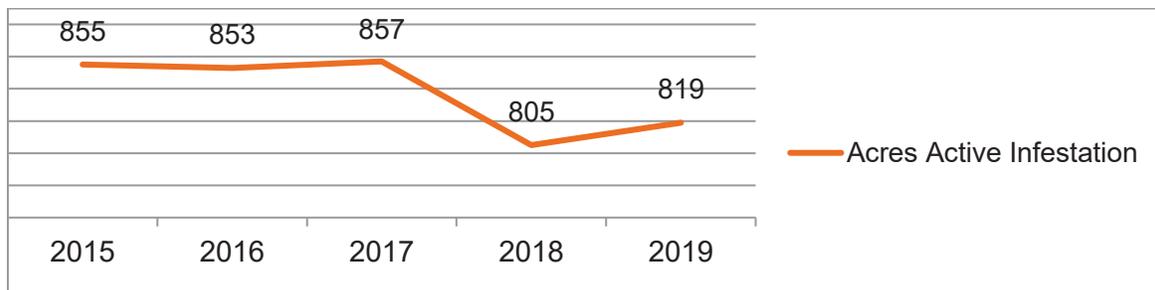
FY 2019	Acres	% of total
Fire Maintained Natural Communities - TOTAL	83,658	
<i>Targeted Communities</i>	59,594	71
<i>Non-Targeted Communities</i>	24,064	29
Land Management Core Areas - TOTAL	49,302	
Total Acres “IN” Disturbance Interval (end of 2019)	31,079	63
<i>Last Management Tool Used - Prescribed Fire</i>	28,185	57
<i>Last Management Tool Used - Mechanical/Chemical</i>	2,894	6
Total Acres “OUT” of Disturbance Interval (end of 2019)	18,223	37
Acres, where pine density is too thick or stand age, is too young to safely burn*	9,302	19
Acres within Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area	3,424	7
Remaining Acreage	5,497	11

*Stand age only applies to slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*)

- Invasive Plant Control (District staff):**

In FY 2019, District staff monitored 41 invasive plant infestations; 22 of those infestations were treated with herbicides. Total infestation acreage increased during FY 2019 (Figure 1). This increase was the result of some infestation areas increasing in size and some new infestation areas being added.

Figure 1. District-wide Active Invasive Plant Infestation Acreage.



- *Invasive Plant Control (Contractors):*

Contractors are used to treat larger more complex areas of invasive plant infestations. Contracts for this work are either procured by District staff or through cooperating agencies when grants are pursued. Work completed in FY 2019 is listed in Table 4:

Table 4. FY 2019 Completed Invasive Plant Treatment Projects (Contractors)

<i>Work Location</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Extent</i>	<i>Targeted Species</i>	<i>Payment Amount</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>
Edwards Bottomland	Bradford	10 acres	Japanese Climbing Fern, Chinese Tallow, Camphor tree	\$1,980.94	SRWMD

- *Vegetation Management (Mechanical)*

Mechanical treatments such as whole tree chipping, roller chopping, woods mowing, and ditch mowing are used to help meet natural community DFC objectives, prepare sites for prescribed fire, reforestation, and protect District resources from the damaging effects of wildfires. Work completed in FY 2019 includes:

- Approximately 147 acres were roller-chopped, and 2,379 acres were mowed to help facilitate the use of prescribed fire and to help meet natural community restoration/management objectives.
- Approximately 40 miles of ditch edges were mechanically treated on the Steinhatchee Springs Tract in FY 2019. This work was done to increase the width of areas along road edges to provide better fire break capabilities; this will facilitate the safe use of prescribed fire and help protect forest resources from the damaging effects of wildfires.

3. Forest Resources

- *Timber Harvest*

The District harvests timber resources to promote conditions that more closely resemble natural forests. Eleven sales were conducted (Table 6): two stands were final harvests (conditions met to achieve DFCs), seven stand improvement pine thinning, one timber salvage due to a bark beetle infestation, and one sandhill restoration hardwood removal-thinning.

Timber harvest objectives include:

- Reducing overstory stocking to meet desired levels for the natural community,
- Improving forest health by removing poor health trees or stands, and
- Reducing species not native to the natural community.

Planning, advertising, contract oversight, timber sale security and financial reconciliation are part of the timber sale process.

Table 6. FY 2019 Acres of Timber Harvested and Revenue as a Percent of Reported Sources.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Acres of timber sold	1,615	742	1,472	1,214	1,071
Total Value as a Percent of Published Florida Market Rate for Pine Products (source: FL. Land Steward Newsletters)	124%	124%	115%	117%	114%

- *Forest Resource Inventory*

Data was collected on 143 inventory plots during FY 2019. The data from these plots can be used to quantify the acres that have achieved their natural community goals and provide data for areas that could be improved by timber harvest.

Additionally, during budget development in FY 2018, District staff pursued project funding for needed improvements and updates to the forest resource inventory database. The Governing Board approved the implementation of this project at its December 2018 meeting. During FY 2019, the implementation of the new forest inventory system and database was completed. The process of collecting forest inventory data with the new system is underway, with minor findings leading to custom modifications to meet the land management team’s needs for field data collection and interpretation. Contactor cruising with the new system is expected to begin in FY 2021, to update operational timber stands which were last cruised in FY 2011.

4. Rare Species Resources

The District has procedures for identifying and avoiding detrimental impacts on imperiled species on its lands. Rare species are documented on District lands by surveys and opportunistic observations. Species locations and rare species BMP information are maintained within a designated geodatabase and made available to District staff.

To lower the potential for negative impacts on existing species occurrences, District staff can consult the rare species GIS layer file and rare species BMPs before planning and conducting management activities. If potential impacts from management activities are identified, staff will locate and delineate occurrence areas to prevent potential conflicts. Management activities will also be adjusted if needed.

The District also conducts rare species survey and monitoring work on a periodic basis. This work is done to document the location of new species and to monitor the status of existing occurrences. In FY 2019, District staff conducted a rare species survey and monitoring work on the tracts listed below. All new occurrences have been uploaded into the District’s rare species GIS layer file.

Rare Species Survey/Monitoring

- In FY 2019, District staff conducted rare species survey work on portions of the Rock Bluff Tract in Gilchrist County and the Steinhatchee Springs Tract in Lafayette County. The survey work yielded a total of 21 new rare plant occurrences. These new

occurrences included species listed as state endangered, state threatened, or commercially exploited.

- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) conducted Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus Polyphemus*) line-transect surveys on the Little River Tract in Suwannee County in FY 2018. At that time, data was not available to include in the FY 2018 report. Since then, the data from FWC has been received and includes the following: 169 burrows were examined, and 92 gopher tortoises were found; the total population on the Little River Tract is estimated to be 606 tortoises with 1.2 tortoises/hectare. The estimated viability of this population, based on habitat quality and population size, is ranked as “good” by FWC.

In addition to the rare species, survey and monitoring work conducted in FY 2019, Special Use Authorizations were obtained from the District to conduct several types of biological research listed below in Table 7.

Table 7. FY 2019 Biological Research Special Use Authorizations

<i>Research Location</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Research Subject</i>	<i>Research Affiliation</i>
47 Runs Tract	Levy	<i>Siren spp.</i> (siren) Taxonomy	Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
Cabbage Grove and Jones Mill Creek tracts	Jefferson Taylor	<i>Erynnis brizo</i> (butterfly) Taxonomy	University of Florida

5. Cultural and Historical Resources

District lands have been mostly reviewed for cultural and historical resources by a professional archaeologist. One hundred sixty-nine (169) known sites were found in the Florida Master Site Files of the Florida Department of State. An archaeological review determined that 26 sites should be classified as significant cultural sites due to the reported description of the site in the master site files. An additional 12 sites are monitored because of historical looting. Five of these sites are monitored by cooperating agencies and are generally not inspected by District staff.

Table 8 reports the cultural sites inspected by District staff and how many sites were recently damaged. District staff attempts to monitor all 33 cultural resource sites annually (i.e. 23 significant sites and 10 historically looted sites) while working on other projects in the vicinity. Inspectors document any damaging impacts by recent looting or other activities. All documented impacts are provided to FWC law enforcement.

Table 8. FY 2019 Status of Significant Cultural Resources Sites.

Measures	2019***	2018	2017	2016
Number of 23 known significant cultural resource sites inspected	2	24**	12	7
Number of 12 known historically looted sites inspected	1	12	12	0*
Number recently damaged sites	0	2	6	1

*District staff did not document the inspection of these sites in FY 2016.

**District staff monitored 1 additional site located on lands managed by another agency.

****The technology used to collect and process information during tract inspections was not available almost for the entire year.*

The District follows the “Protocol for Managing Cultural and Historical Resources on Suwannee River Water Management District Lands” to avoid damaging these resources. The most likely areas for cultural resources, based on the known sites, are classified “High Probability Zones” and are included as a GIS layer for planning purposes.

6. Aesthetic and Visual Resources

The consideration of the visual or aesthetic resources while managing property is a key component of the land management program. Every aspect of these resources, from facility planning to managing contractors or the public, has visual impacts.

There is a vast array of opportunities to improve or maintain aesthetic values during land management activities. Some of these include timing of operations, minimizing debris or litter along internal roads, minimizing clearcuts during timber harvests, consistency in facility designs, placement of signage, or maintaining the District’s unwritten rule of not posting boundaries or installing signs along riverbanks. District staff has found one of the greatest impacts to visual quality is education. When appropriate the District attempts to post interpretive information about activities (either on District lands or online) however our one-on-one conversations with the public about short-term and long-term objectives have and continue to be very effective. Overall, District staff desires to maintain our lands in such a way that the public perceives wilderness or natural beauty when visiting.

II. PUBLIC USE

Goal: Provide opportunities for high quality, compatible resource-based recreation, and educational programs to meet the public’s needs while protecting water resources.

District lands provide many resource-based recreational opportunities. Of the 160,207 acres owned by the District, over 97% are open to the public for recreation. Planning for public uses and facilities takes into account the sensitivity of the site, the proximity of similar recreational opportunities, time, financial requirements to provide the use, and public demand for the use. Within the DLMP the District provides the public with a Public Use Standard which lists allowable recreational uses approved by the Governing Board by tract, including uses that require a Special Use Authorization (SUA).

Conservation lands not open to the public are tracts located in gated communities or where access is otherwise restricted, rendering them closed to the public. Lands classified in the public use guide as “project lands” are also closed to the public. These fee-title lands were purchased to develop infrastructure for water resource development projects, and these tracts may not be open to the public for recreational activities due to the purpose for which the properties were purchased. Public use may be allowed once the project is completed albeit only after a plan is made on the suitability and safety for public use.

Recreation Resources

The District has developed facility standards that detail recreational facility, roads, trails, signs, kiosks, fence design and construction, and maintenance procedures. These standards ensure that facilities provide a safe, aesthetically pleasing, outdoor environment for the public that can be effectively maintained and minimizes potential impacts to water resources. District staff

inspects public-use facilities, and schedules maintenance required to ensure longevity and continued safe use. Table 9 displays the number of facilities for each type.

Table 9. FY 2018 Public-Use Facilities*

Facility Type	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Trailheads	31	31	31	31	30	29	30	26	26
Docks & Boat Ramps	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	10
Hand & Canoe Launch Sites	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	27	27
Picnic Areas	23	22	22	22	21	14	17	16	16
Interpretive Sites	11	9	9	9	10	10	11	9	9
Restrooms	18	15	15	15	15	15	18	18	18
Miles Trails	228	228	232	232	237	226	242	203	190
Miles Driving Trails**	381	334	332	332	325	313	310	310	345

*Recreation facilities in GIS were reviewed and updated during the recreation guide upgrades on the web site. The review process allows staff to evaluate the facilities for changes or upgrades of use.

**Driving trails are drivable surfaces owned by the District or other entities that may or may not be maintained by the District. In 2019 administrative roads in Mallory Swamp changed to secondary roads to allow access to hunters. In the DLMP only public and secondary roads are open for the public to drive, administrative and abandoned roads are closed.

Recreation Maintenance

- Land management staff continues to work with IT staff to upgrade and improve operational inspections and data collecting. With new technological advances leading to the use of iPads, cell phones, and ESRI online applications for field data collection, land management staff use a quicker and more integrated approach to database management. The District's field staff have found these innovations to be more efficient and effective than previous methods. In addition, an application has been developed to document damages to District assets during a disaster such as hurricanes or tornados.
- Suwannee Bicycle Association continues to make minor improvements to the bicycle trails in the White Springs area to keep them sustainable.
- The Florida Trail Association continues to make re-routes and trail improvements to enhance the user experience and keep trails sustainable.
- The District continues to re-issue an SUA to a private individual for equestrian trail maintenance on one District tract. These trails are opened to the general public.
- Road access was publicly opened to the Dead River on the Jennings Bluff Tract.

Special Use Authorizations

To protect sensitive resources and reduce management costs, it is necessary to limit some recreational opportunities and the use of certain roads or other access on District lands. Some uses, such as camping and other night uses, require a SUA. The Public Use Standard (Appendix B of the DLMP) provides recreational users with a list of recreational activities that require an SUA. Examples of these activities include all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use, night-time access, or persons with disabilities.

SUAs may also be issued for opportunities not listed in the Public Use Standard. By virtue of the Governing Board approved DLMP, District staff has the responsibility of issuing SUAs associated with activities referenced in the Public Use Standard. Examples include research and data collection, adventure races, trail maintenance, placement of beehives, and nuisance hog removal.

SUAs serves as an agreement between the District and user; it details terms, conditions, liability protection and time frame of the proposed use (Table 10). The District issues SUAs and reserves the right to refuse anyone an SUA if the proposed use threatens water resources, public safety or other natural resources on District lands.

Table 10. 505 Special Use Authorizations (SUA) were issued in FY 2019

Recreation	Temporary Ingress and Egress ¹	Mallory Swamp ATV Trail	Non-Recreational ²	Goose Pasture Camping	Total
379	46	11	15	54	505

¹Temporary Ingress and Egress SUAs may include recreational use on the Lukens Tract in Cedar Key.

²Non-Recreational SUAs issued during the fiscal year include research and data collection, recreation competitions, hog removal, and apiary leases.

Requests for uses that are clearly or potentially exclusive, require Governing Board consideration before any agreement, license or authorization are approved. Such uses may include legal conveyance of property rights, such as rights-of-way or access easements; tract closures for research or media projects; or exclusive use of resources as in resource harvesting. Governing Board Directives 90-2 and 92-1 set guidelines for District staff involved with land acquisition or surplus to respond to public requests for certain exclusive uses.

Hunting and Fishing

The District’s goal for public hunting is to provide high-quality hunting opportunities. The District meets annually with the FWC to review opportunities for public hunting on District lands. Public hunting on District lands is offered through management agreements with FWC and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Fishing is allowed on District tracts subject to FWC fishing regulations (Table 11).

Table 11. FY 2019 Hunting and Fishing Access.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Number of acres open to public hunting	106,146	108,298	108,292	104,945	104,945	105,019
Number of fishing access locations	111	111	109	109	107	103

- The District removed the 2,157-acre Bay Creek Tract from public hunting that was added in 2017.
- In FY 2018, the District partnered with the Suwannee River Strutters (NWTF), Gator Gobblers (NWTF), Lake City Longbeards (NWTF), Swamp Strutters (NWTF) and Jefferson County - Kings of Spring (NWTF) to conduct special opportunity hunts with youth and women in the outdoors on the Peacock Slough (1,159 acres), Mud Swamp

(837 acres), Santa Fe River Ranch (469 acres), Lake City Wellfield (1077 acres), Little Creek (681 acres) and Cuba Bay (1,946 acres) tracts.

- Camp Blanding manages the District's Double Run Creek Tract and leases it to hunting (2,030 acres). The Double Run Creek Tract was purchased as part of the Blanding Buffers project and may be used for a future water resource project. The total hunting acreage is 114,345 acres,

Law Enforcement

The District relies on FWC and county sheriffs' offices to enforce Florida Statutes and administrative rules on District-managed lands. FWC and sheriffs perform regular patrols on District lands as part of their normal operations. The District also manages interagency contracts with FWC and various counties to utilize enhanced law enforcement services. The contracts allow the District to pay off-duty officers for enhanced patrols in areas with chronic violations or during periods of intensive use such as holiday weekends at high-use areas.

In FY 2019, the FWC officers who participated in the enhanced law enforcement program spent 615 hours patrolling District lands, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office spent 40 hours patrolling Suwannee and Falmouth Springs, and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office spent 45 hours patrolling Goose Pasture Campground. Officers patrol on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. FWC made several significant cases involving vandalism and archeological looting to District lands. In the Northwest Region, persons charged with littering are paying restitution to the District for trash removal expenses.

Emergencies

Staff encourages the public to dial 911 when emergencies arise on District lands. During emergencies involving facilities, natural disturbances, or hazard materials, the District's land management staff play an integral role. The District maintains a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) required by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and has an active District Staff Safety Team that is organized internally.

The COOP addresses coordinated post-disaster response and recovery, rapid deployment, and pre-deployment of resources, communications, and warning systems, and presents annual exercises to determine the District's ability to respond to an emergency. The essential role for land management staff during emergencies is associated with facilities and field operations and the safety of District lands for public access.

The District has established Tract Closing Procedures, which are followed during events that require COOP activation (e.g. hurricanes) or when conditions become unsafe for public access (e.g. flooding). Table 12 identifies all District tracts, facilities or roads that were closed in FY 2019 due to emergencies, extreme weather events, or vandalism.

Table 12. FY 2019 District Land Closures

Tract, Facilities or Roads	County	Closure Date	Event
All District lands		10/9/2018	Hurricane Michael
Suwannee River tracts		12/8/2018	River Flooding
Steinhatchee River tracts		12/21/2018	River Flooding
Goose Pasture Campground Park	Jefferson	2/15/19	Vandalism/Repairs
Withlacoochee (Pot Springs)	Hamilton	6/4/2019	Renovation
Jennings Bluff Tract	Hamilton	6/12/2019	Renovation
Christian Tract	Suwannee	3/20/2019	Timber Harvest
Roline Tract	Hamilton	7/19/2019	Timber Harvest
Devil's Hammock Tract	Levy County	8/16/2019	River Flooding
Steinhatchee River tracts	Lafayette County	8/16/19	River Flooding
All District lands west of the Suwannee River		10/18/2019	Hurricane Dorian

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Goal – Coordinate with Public and Private Stakeholders in the Management of District Lands.

The District encourages public and private stakeholder input for the management of District lands. Communication opportunities and public inquiries into management activities and recreation are facilitated through a variety of applications including but not limited to, phone calls, mail, print materials, press releases, outreach activities, social media, website, and other electronic applications. Discussions during the Land Management Review Team (LMRT) and comments received during the Excellence in Land Management (ELM) process are important communication opportunities that staff utilizes to determine management effectiveness each year.

FY 2019 Land Management Review Team

District staff conducted an LMRT meeting and tour in the Santa Fe River basin in Alachua and Gilchrist counties on March 27, 2019. The reviews focused on activities conducted during FY 2018. The areas of the review included water resources, natural resource management, public use, and facilities in representative areas. The area encompasses 15,687 acres of fee land. The LMRT participants were asked to score whether the District was achieving its objectives using the following scores:

- 0 – not meeting objectives;
- 1 – meeting objectives; and
- 2 – exceeding objectives.

Nine strategies from the DLMP were scored on the review ranging from a low of 1.31 for soils, topography, natural community and groundcover management to a high score of 1.94 for Forest resource management. Water resource objectives were scored 1.50. The overall average score of the nine objectives was 1.58 signifying that the activities were both meeting and exceeding the Governing Board's objectives. The overall average score of 1.58 was slightly higher than last year's LMRT (1.58 compared to 1.54). The average score for "managed for purposes acquired" was higher than last year (1.63 compared to 1.61). The average score for "in

accordance with Management Plan” was higher than last year (1.75 compared to 1.56). The participants’ scores indicated substantial acceptance with the programmatic achievement of the management strategies set by the Governing Board and Florida Statutes. Overall, the participants approve the planning and methods used by District staff in managing the District’s fee owned lands in FY 2018. Questions and responses to the statutory component of this review are summarized in Table 13.

Table 13. Questionnaire Responses from the District’s LMRT Meeting.

Question 1 Number of Responses	Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access?
0	SRWMD is not in compliance.
4	SRWMD compliance is adequate and acceptable.
12	SRWMD exceeds compliance regularly.
Question 2 Number of Responses	
Does SRWMD land management implement the goals identified in the District Land Management Plan?	
0	SRWMD is not in compliance.
6	SRWMD compliance is adequate and acceptable.
10	SRWMD exceeds compliance regularly.

Note: Total scores may differ due to non-response on questionnaire.

District Land Management Plan

On March 13, 2018, the Governing Board adopted an updated DLMP which retains the goals and guidance of the 2011 DLMP. A new section was added called Land Management Operations and Facilities. The section outlines the minimum requirements for operational activities such as the District’s DFC and silviculture best management practices. The new section also provided direction in five core programs: timber management, invasive exotic management, vegetation management, and fuel loading, road and hydrologic facility Management, and public use management.

The DLMP requires that staff create and maintain documents detailing standards or guidelines for each program. These standards are approved by the District’s Executive Office and are meant to communicate how each program functions, what is required, explain management activities, provide reliable information to users, and improve land management continuity while achieving ELM goals. As of December 18, 2019, four of the five program standards are being reviewed by District leadership. All are to be adopted by the Executive Office in FY 2020.

Land Management Communication Initiatives

- Land management staff aided District communications staff with current status and information about District lands during Hurricane Dorian.
- All Annual Land Management Reports and the District Land Management plan are on the District’s website.
- Staff continues to provide images and text for District’s social media outreach efforts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

- Staff continues to use the “Important Notices” feature on the District web page to provide information to the public regarding flooding, tract closures and management activities which may affect public use.
- Staff completed six presentations about public use of District lands in FY 2019.
- Staff completed six new kiosk panels in FY 2019.

Regional Resource Group Participation

District staff participates in regional groups in order to provide input, understand issues, or gain more knowledge about managing publicly owned conservation lands.

- North Florida Prescribed Fire Council
- San Pedro Bay Landowners Association
- FWC - Invasive Plant Management Section’s Weed Control Project
- USFS/Florida Trail Association (Florida National Scenic Trail)
- Suwannee Bicycle Association
- Sheriff Posse Adventure Racing
- Natural Resources Leadership Institute
- FWC Wildlife Management Areas and Management Plan
- National Wild Turkey Federation and five local chapters
- Florida Master Loggers
- Society of American Foresters
- Florida Forestry Association
- North Central Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area
- Florida Forest Stewardship Program

IV. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Goal: Protect resources and efficiently manage District lands within the District’s annual budget.

District staff minimizes the costs associated with land management by contracting with the private sector, partnering with other land management agencies and organizations, and submitting proposals for land management grant funding.

Facility Construction and Maintenance

- In FY 2014, the District reduced road coverage, revised management practices, and added a progressive review and approval process for general road maintenance. The culmination of this effort was a new road maintenance plan that centers on a three-year rotation for all roads deemed necessary for public access. In recent years, the District has had renewed interest in increasing timber harvests which have required additional road maintenance. There has also been renewed public and stakeholder interest in road maintenance on the Mallory Swamp Tract. The increased attention has challenged staff with adhering to the District-wide three-year rotation due to the amount of time and resources necessary to accomplish these activities.

- In FY 2019, the District completed approximately 44 miles of road maintenance on Mallory Swamp, Scanlon, Roline, Goose Pasture Campground, 47 Bridge, Santa Fe River Ranch, Holton Creek, and Seven Bridges tracts. Of the 44 total miles of roadwork completed in FY 2019, approximately five miles were associated with timber harvests.
- Jennings Bluff River Access Project was built using a local contractor to design-build the project. District staff collaborated with the contractor using his experience in building concrete facilities and other structures while taking into consideration the environmental conditions and keeping the area as natural as possible. The project cost was divided into construction and materials. The District purchased all materials for the project saving approximately seven percent.
- The District has a five-year rotation plan to mark and paint District land boundaries. The District has approximately 1,000 miles of property boundary line with twenty-five (25) miles being marked or painted in FY 2019. The number of miles completed in FY 2019 was not planned and is considerably less than normal years. This was due to unforeseen contract issues. However, the District remains ahead of schedule regarding boundary line maintenance. Some boundaries were painted in year four instead of year five.

Cooperative Management Agreements

The District enters into cooperative management agreements and/or leases with government agencies to reduce the cost of management to the District (Table 14) while providing similar management and protection and public access.

Table 14. Agencies Managing District lands.

Managing Agency	Tracts	Acres
<i>No Cost Management Agreements</i>		
Alachua County	2	222
City of Lake City	1	27
City of Newberry	1	61
City of White Springs	1	7
Columbia County	2	96
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	9	1,980
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	2	862
Florida National Guard	2	2,678
Gilchrist County	1	513
Hamilton County	3	17
Jefferson County	1	22
Levy County	1	4,274
University of Florida	2	738
US Fish and Wildlife Service	5	1,635
No Cost Management Total Acres:		13,132

<i>Shared Revenue Agreements</i>		
Alachua Conservation Trust	1	170
Florida Forest Service	13	12,444
Shared Revenue Total Acres		12,614
Total		25,746

Under a lease agreement, the Florida Forest Service (FFS) manages approximately 12,444 acres of District lands as part of the Twin Rivers State Forest. As part of the lease, the District has agreed to reimburse the state for expenses each year. In FY 2019, there were a total of \$140,435 state expenses, which the District reimbursed.

Additionally, the District has a cooperative management agreement with FFS for lands not under lease at Twin Rivers State Forest. This agreement is used primarily to allow FFS to install firelines and conduct prescribed fires on District lands. This agreement reduces District costs since the FFS rate for prescribed burning is typically less than the District’s private contractor’s rates. In FY 2019 the District reimbursed the FFS a total of \$7,743 for prescribed fire activities.

RO Ranch Equestrian Park is located on the District-owned R. O. Ranch Tract which contains various structures and facilities that must be maintained. The R .O. Park was managed by R. O. Ranch, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, from 2006 to 2016. The R. O. Park area where the majority of the buildings and structures are located is currently closed to the public. However, many of the equestrian trails are still open for public use. In FY 2019 the District spent \$23,723 on building and property maintenance, utilities, and trails.

In January 2019, the District entered into a cooperative management agreement with Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT), a Florida not-for-profit corporation, to manage the District-owned J.H. Anderson, Jr., Memorial Park – Rock Bluff Springs Tract. At the time of the agreement, a management plan was approved that detailed the responsibilities of each party. As part of this management plan, the District agreed to provide quarterly funding until October 1, 2021 (\$14,843 per quarter) and allowing ACT to charge an entrance fee provided that revenues generated by ACT through fees would be used to fund ACT’s budget and any remaining funds should be returned to the District. In FY 2019, the District paid ACT \$46,125 for operational expenses. An additional \$4,200 was spent by the District on supplies needed for the opening of the property to the public.

Public hunting is provided on 106,146 acres (66%) of District-owned lands in cooperation with FWC and USFWS. These agencies manage hunting dates and limits and provide law enforcement at no cost to the District. No fees for hunting are charged by the District.

The District has agreements with private and public entities to provide trail maintenance for 162 miles (70%) of the bike, horse, and multi-use trails on District lands. These trails are maintained at no cost to the District and available for use by the general public.

Grant Applications and Awards

In FY 2019, the District received grant funding from the following sources to help reduce the cost of natural community management.

Florida Forest Service Prescribed Fire Enhancement Program:

- The District was reimbursed \$94,719.50 for completing approximately 370 acres of woods mowing and roller chopping work on the Little Creek, Steinhatchee Springs, Steinhatchee Falls, Mattair Springs, and Adams tracts in Suwannee, Columbia, and Lafayette counties. This work was done to help reduce fuel loads, facilitate the use of prescribed fire, and help meet natural community DFC objectives.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partner's for Fish and Wildlife Program:

- The District received \$23,100.00 to apply herbicide on approximately 207 acres of the Christian and Mattair Springs tracts in Suwannee County. The District hopes to expend these funds during spring or early summer of FY 2020. Objectives are to control woody vegetation, help reduce fuel loads, facilitate the use of prescribed fire, and advance ongoing upland restoration efforts on these sites to meet natural community DFC objectives.

Revenues and Expenditures

The District has opportunities to generate revenues while implementing its natural resource management activities (Table 15). Timber sales generate the vast majority of revenue from land management activities.

Table 15. FY 2019 Land Resources Revenues.

Category	FY 2019
Timber	\$1,128,241
Land Use (Apiary Leases)	\$50
Access Easements	\$915
Grants*	\$94,719
State Appropriation (Operations)	\$1,777,210
Total	\$3,001,135

*Does not include awarded grants (funds have not yet been received).

In FY 2019, the District sold an estimated 81,500 tons of pine timber in 11 sales on 1,615 acres. The sales were a stand conversion clear-cuts, pine thinnings, bark beetle infestation salvage, and a sandhill restoration hardwood removal. Total gross revenues are estimated (since all sales have not been completed as of October 1, 2019) to be \$ 1,777,704.

Expenditures in the land management program are divided into categories for budgeting as follows (Table 16):

- Natural Resource Management – includes water resource projects, reforestation, timber sales, protected species, and vegetative management outside of prescribed fire.
- Invasive Plant Management – includes the costs associated with invasive plant treatments including hiring private contractors and staff time/field supplies needed to conduct in-house treatments.

- Prescribed Fire – private contractor costs and supplies for prescribed burning and fire-line establishment and maintenance.
- Public Use – includes expenses for maintaining site-based and dispersed recreation activities, developing new sites, signs, maps, brochures, and sanitation.
- Facility and Road Management – includes costs for maintaining roads, hydrologic structures, boundaries, rental equipment, gates, debris removal, and other facility improvement projects.
- Administration and Planning – includes expenses for planning, GIS, real-estate activities, fees, permits, training, management plans and reviews, interagency law enforcement coordination, and other operational expenses.

Table 16. FY 2019 Land Resources Expenditures.

Category*	FY 2019
Natural Resource Management	\$516,506
Exotic Invasive Management	\$996
Prescribed Fire	\$435,205
Public Use	\$198,087
Facility & Road Management.	\$351,152
Administration and Planning	\$38,249
Salaries and Benefits	\$502,771
Total	\$2,042,966

**Does not include Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Florida Forest Service Agreement Expenditures, RO Ranch Equestrian Park Expenditures, and Rock Bluff Springs Expenditures.*

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

When the District purchases land in fee simple (all ownership rights), the lands are taken off the county ad valorem tax roll. The Legislature established a payment in lieu of taxes program in 1992 to reimburse local governments for the loss of revenue. To qualify for this program, the county must have a population of less than 150,000. Payments were made to counties in the amount of \$338,482. The state appropriated the District’s \$352,909 for PILT in FY 2019.

Land Acquisitions

District lands are acquired following Section 373.139 F.S. and 40B-9 Florida Administrative Code. District staff who are involved in processing acquisition related activities are guided by Governing Board Directive 19-0005. Table 17 is a list of acquisitions completed in FY 2019.

Table 17: FY 2019 Land Acquisitions.

Tract	Seller	Acres	County	Closing Date	Transaction	Funding Source
Steinhatchee Falls Donation	Citizen’s Bank	5.41	Taylor	6/24/19	Fee	Florida Forever*

**Florida Forever funds were used for closing costs*

Surplus Lands

Disposing of lands that are not needed for water-resource protection allows the District to redirect funds to higher value, water-resource lands and/or reduce land management costs. Land Management staff participate in the review process of any potential surplus parcels and provides feedback to the Executive Office and Governing Board. No lands were conveyed in FY 2019.

APPENDIX A**SRWMD STATUTORY SUMMARY***Verified November 2019***Land Acquisition and Management****Section 373.139(2) F.S. Acquisition of Real Property.**

- Flood control
- Water storage
- Water management
- Conservation and protection of water resources
- Aquifer recharge
- Water resource and water supply development
- Preservation of wetlands, streams, and lakes.

Section 373.1391 F.S. Management of Real Property.

- (1a) “Managed and maintained, to the extent practicable, in such a way as to ensure a balance between public access, general public recreational purposes, and the restoration of their natural state and condition. Except when prohibited by a covenant or condition in section. 373.056(2) F.S., lands owned, managed, and controlled by the district may be used for multiple purposes including, but not limited to, agriculture, silviculture, and water supply, as well as boating and other recreational uses.”
- (b) “Whenever practical, such lands shall be open to the general public for recreational uses. General public recreational purposes shall include, but not limited to, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, swimming, camping, hiking, canoeing, boating, diving, birding, sailing, jogging, and other related outdoor activities to the maximum extent possible considering the environmental sensitivity and suitability of those lands. These public lands shall be evaluated for their resource value for the purpose of establishing which parcels, in whole or in part, annually or seasonally, would be conducive to general public recreational purposes. Such findings shall be included in management plans which are developed for such public lands.”
- (5) “The following additional uses of lands acquired pursuant to the Florida Forever program and other state-funded land purchase program shall be authorized, upon a finding by the governing board, if they meet the criteria specified in (a) – (e): water resource development projects, water supply development projects, storm-water management projects, linear facilities, and sustainable agriculture and forestry. Such additional uses are authorized where:
- (a) Not inconsistent with the management plan for such lands;
 - (b) Compatible with the ecosystem and resource values of such lands;
 - (c) The proposed use is appropriately located on such lands and where due consideration is given to the use of other available lands;
 - (d) The using entity reasonably compensates the titleholder for such use based upon an appropriate measure of value; and
 - (e) The use is consistent with the public interest.”

Section 373.591 F.S., Management Review Teams.

- (1) To determine whether conservation, preservation, and recreation lands titled in the names of the water management districts are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives, the water management districts shall establish a land management review team to conduct periodic management reviews. The land management review team shall be composed of the following members:
 - (a) One individual from the county or local community in which the parcel is located.
 - (b) One employee of the water management district.
 - (c) A private land manager mutually agreeable to the governmental agency representatives.
 - (d) A member of the local soil and water conservation district board of supervisors.
 - (e) One individual from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
 - (f) One individual from the Department of Environmental Protection.
 - (g) One individual representing a conservation organization.
 - (h) One individual from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service.
- (2) The management review team shall use the criteria provided in section 259.036 F.S., in conducting its reviews.
- (3) In determining which lands shall be reviewed in any given year, the water management district may prioritize the properties to be reviewed.
- (4) If the land management review team finds that the lands reviewed are not being managed in accordance with their management plan, prepared in a manner and form prescribed by the governing board of the district and otherwise meeting the timber resource management requirements of s. 253.036 F.S., the land managing agency shall provide a written explanation to the management review team.
- (5) Each water management district shall, by October 1 of each year, provide its Governing Board with a report indicating which properties have been reviewed and the review team's findings.

Section 259.036 F.S., Management Review Teams.

- (3) "In conducting a review, the land management review team shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geologic or hydrologic functions or archaeological features. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are in compliance with the adopted management plan."

Section 253.036 F.S., Forest Management.

"All land management plans described in section 253.034(5) F.S. which are prepared for parcels larger than 1,000 acres shall contain an analysis of the multiple-use potential of the parcel, which analysis shall include the potential of the parcel to generate revenues to enhance the management of the parcel. The lead agency shall prepare the analysis, which shall contain a

component or section prepared by a qualified forester which assesses the feasibility of managing timber resources on the parcel for resource conservation and revenue generation purposes through a stewardship ethic that embraces sustainable forest management practices if the lead management agency determines that the timber resource management is not in conflict with the primary management objectives of the parcel.” ”All additional revenues generated through multiple-use management or compatible secondary use management shall be returned to the lead agency responsible for such management and shall be used to pay for management activities on all conservation, preservation and recreation lands under the agency’s jurisdiction. In addition, such revenue shall be segregated in an agency trust fund and shall remain available to the agency in subsequent fiscal years to support land management appropriations.”



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Darlene Velez, Chief, Office of Water Resources

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources

DATE: December 31, 2019

RE: Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

BACKGROUND

In September 2012, the District began a program of water use monitoring for agricultural water use reporting on wells of 8" diameter or greater. Where possible, agricultural water use is estimated using monthly power consumption records provided by the electrical power provider. Estimation by power use is the most cost-effective method of water use reporting. To date, farmer agreements authorizing the District to receive power usage reports directly from the cooperatives are in effect on 655 (124.2 MGD) monitoring points.

Not all withdrawal points are suitable for estimation using power consumption. Diesel-powered pumps and complex interconnected irrigation systems still require direct methods of monitoring. The District employs telemetry to conduct water use monitoring on diesel-power systems. There are currently 280 (51.6 MGD) telemetry systems installed by the District for this purpose.

Some withdrawal points have very limited use and are monitored by individual site visits, typically less than 0.05 MGD each. There are currently 394 (29.1 MGD) limited-use monitoring points in the District. Some users monitor their water use and report that data to the District. There are currently five (0.4 MGD) self-monitored points.

To date, the District has permitted 1,684 (241.2 MGD) irrigation wells which include a water use monitoring condition, of which 1,387 (211.9 MGD) wells are active, i.e., the wells have been drilled already. Of the 1,387 active wells, 1,336 (205.7 MGD) are being monitored as of December 2, roughly 96.3% of existing active wells (97.1% of allocation) with water use permit monitoring conditions.

Of the remaining estimated 51 (6.2 MGD) active stations that currently will require water use monitoring, 15 (1.0 MGD) are diesel- or gas-powered systems requiring District telemetry, 32 (4.9 MGD) are electric systems, and four (0.3 MGD) systems still require identification. There are 287 (29.2 MGD) proposed stations (that is, the wells are yet to be drilled); 67 (4.6 MGD) are expected to be diesel or gas, 174 (21.1 MGD) are expected to be electric, and 46 (3.5 MGD) is yet to be determined.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: December 27, 2019
RE: District's Weekly Activity Reports

Attached are the weekly District activity reports.

Please feel free to contact staff prior to the Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

HT/rl
Attachments



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for November 17 – 23, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas attended the Rod Land Farm CARES Sign Presentation sponsored by Florida Farm Bureau in Mayo.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- No reporting activities.

Administration

- No reporting activities.

Finance

- Pam Shaw, Kristin Thompson, and Kelly Landis attended an AccuFund webinar on regarding “What’s Trending in Accounts Payable.”

Land Management

- Bill McKinstry and Wri Irby cleared roads at Little River and McAlpin Landing tracts.

Resource Management

- Stefani Weeks and Greg Trotter attended the Interagency Ag Team meeting at SRWMD regarding MFLs and agriculture.
- Leroy Marshall, Ashley Stefanik, and Fay Baird presented ERP and WOD rules to the Columbia County Builder’s Association in Lake City.

Water Resources

- No reporting activities.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- Tom Mirti and John Good met with staff and/or consultants from FDEP, SJRWMD, and the North Florida Utility Coordinating Group (NFUCG) at the District offices to discuss the upcoming Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee River system MFL.
- Robbie McKinney, Dave Christian, and Sky Notestein attended training for aquatic habitat modeling at SWFWMD offices in Brooksville.

Water Supply

- No reporting activities.

Hydrological Data

- Tara Rodgers, Katelyn Potter, and Kevin Jones attended the National Weather Service Integrated Warning Team Meeting regarding hydrology, drought and local winter weather topics in Valdosta, GA.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Bob Heeke performed an inspection of Pot Springs construction site and Mallory Swamp.
- Pat Webster and Lindsey Garland guided an educational tour and discussion, with school children, at Sampson Lake in Starke.
- Amy Brown and Matt Cantrell met with UF Professor David Kaplan to discuss research for the FACETS project concerning farm scale water balance in NEFSEG.
- Project Review Team met separately with representatives from the Town of Greenville, City of Archer, Bradford County, City of Perry, and Madison County to discuss SPRING cost-share opportunities.

Communications

- Communications staff met with FDEP and the other water management districts to kick off discussions regarding a proposed potable reuse campaign.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the Suwannee River Water Management District. The post features a video of Alex Blankenship, an environmental scientist, at Ichetucknee Springs State Park. The post text reads: "Our environmental scientists continuously monitor our springs. Visit MySuwanneeRiver.com to find water quality data of the springs in our area." The post has 2,025 people reached, 1,073 3-second video views, and 124 reactions, comments, and shares. A performance analytics panel on the right provides a breakdown of these metrics.

Performance for Your Post		
2,025 People Reached		
1,073 3-Second Video Views		
124 Reactions, Comments & Shares		
79 Like	33 On Post	46 On Shares
17 Love	3 On Post	14 On Shares
1 Haha	0 On Post	1 On Shares
1 Wow	0 On Post	1 On Shares
8 Comments	3 On Post	5 On Shares
18 Shares	18 On Post	0 On Shares
215 Post Clicks		
31 Clicks to Play	6 Link Clicks	178 Other Clicks
NEGATIVE FEEDBACK		
2 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts	
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page	

Announcements for the week of December 1 – 7, 2019

- No announcements.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for November 24 – 30, 2019

Executive / Management

- District offices were closed November 28-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- No reporting activities.

Administration

- No reporting activities.

Finance

- No reporting activities.

Land Management

- District contractors completed road repairs on Cabbage Grove, Lamont, and Mt. Gilead tracts in the Northwest Region of the District.
- District contractors continued timber harvest operations on Cabbage Creek and Roline tracts.

Resource Management

- No reporting activities.

Water Resources

- No reporting activities.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activities.

Water Supply

- Amy Brown and Tom Mirti presented an overview of the water supply planning process to the Ichetucknee Alliance in High Springs.

Hydrological Data

- No reporting activities.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Matt Cantrell met with a soil moisture probe vendor to discuss District cost-share.
- Bob Heeke held a construction inspection with North Florida Professional Services and the contractor at Pot Springs.

- Pat Webster attended a field review with representatives from the Town of Branford and their engineering consultants at the Branford City Hall.

Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post

Post Details

Suwannee River Water Management District is 😊 feeling thankful at Otter Springs RV Park and Campground.
Published by Lindsey Garland (7) · November 28 at 3:49 PM · Trenton · 🌐

Enjoy your afternoon stroll at one of our District lands this Thanksgiving! #HappyThanksgiving



Suwannee River Water Management District
Public & Government Service

[Send Message](#)

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares
Boost this post for \$50 to reach up to 7,400 people.

4,664 People Reached **166** Engagements [Boost Post](#)

👍❤️ Evan Gleaton, Charlotte Barnes and 37 others 1 Comment 9 Shares

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share 🌐

Performance for Your Post

4,664 People Reached

86 Reactions, Comments & Shares

63 Like	34 On Post	29 On Shares
9 Love	5 On Post	4 On Shares
1 Wow	0 On Post	1 On Shares
4 Comments	3 On Post	1 On Shares
9 Shares	9 On Post	0 On Shares

80 Post Clicks

14 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks	66 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

2 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts
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Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts.

Announcements for the week of December 8 – 14, 2019

- The District will hold its monthly Governing Board Meeting and Workshop on December 10th at the District Office beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for December 1 – 7, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas, Pat Webster, and Bob Heeke met with Dixie County staff and FDEP staff to discuss Dixie County Spring Grant projects in Tallahassee.
- Hugh Thomas attended the IFAS Advisory Committee Meeting in Live Oak.
- Hugh Thomas, Patrick Webster, Bob Heeke, and Matthew Cantrell met with representatives from the Florida Springs Institute and Alachua Conservation Trust regarding the Accelerating Suwannee Springs Project.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- No reporting activity.

Administration

- No reporting activity.

Finance

- No reporting activity.

Land Management

- Edwin McCook and Bill McKinstry attended the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Annual Partnership Luncheon Meeting in Chiefland.
- District contractors completed the timber harvest at the Cabbage Creek Tract.
- District timber harvest contractors continued harvesting timber on the Roline Tract.
- District road contractors continued working on the Jones Mill Creek Tract.

Resource Management

- Sara Zybelle served as a judge at Mebane Middle School Science Fair in Alachua.
- Stephanie Armstrong and Tim Beach participated as judges at the Westwood Middle School Science Fair in Gainesville.

Water Resources

- Darlene Velez attended the NOAA Habitat Restoration Grant Informational webinar.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activity.

Water Supply

- Amy Brown attended a stakeholder meeting coordinated by SJRWMD with the North Florida Utility Coordinating Group regarding the upcoming SJRWMD MFLs and implementation of the NFSEG model in the Partnership area.

Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Kris Eskelin performed a site inspection at Rum Island in Ft. White.
- Matthew Cantrell manned a booth on behalf of SRWMD at the Watermelon Institute meeting at Straughn Center in Gainesville discussing the District's Agriculture cost-share program.
- Bob Heeke performed an inspection of the Pot Springs project in Hamilton County.
- The Project Review team met with Locklear and Associates to discuss a potential Springs Grant cost-share project.

Communications

- District Staff held a booth in the agriculture section of the 35th annual Christmas on the Square festival in Live Oak. The booth, donated by Carolee Howe, afforded access of outreach to thousands of attendees from all over North Florida.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

Suwannee River Water Management District is at Alapaha River.

Published by Lindsey Garland [?] · December 3 at 6:28 PM · 🌐

Mussels and water quality go hand-in-hand 🤝 Our scientists search for freshwater mussels in the Suwannee and Alapaha Rivers. The quantity and different types of mussels are good indicators of water quality.

Performance for Your Post

1,567 People Reached

102 Reactions, Comments & Shares 📊

78 Like	70 On Post	8 On Shares
4 Love	3 On Post	1 On Shares
11 Comments	7 On Post	4 On Shares
9 Shares	9 On Post	0 On Shares

195 Post Clicks

57 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks 📄	138 Other Clicks 📄
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

6 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page

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Suwannee River Water Management District
Government Building

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares
Boost this post for \$50 to reach up to 7,800 people.

Torio Steinacker, Eddie Rector and 71 others · 6 Comments · 9 Shares

Like · Comment · Share

Announcements for the week of December 15 – 21, 2019

- Steve Minnis and Warren Zwanka will attend an M-CORES Northern Turnpike Connector Task Force Meeting in Ocala.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for December 8 – 14, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas, Katie Kelly, Ben Glass attended the Florida Agriculture Reception in Tallahassee.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- Hugh Thomas and Katie Kelly attended and participated in the 6th Legislative Interim Committee Meetings related to committee work and confirmation.
- Hugh Thomas and Katie Kelly met with Senator Tom Wright, Senator Bill Montford, and Senator Oscar Braynon in Tallahassee regarding confirmation.
- Katie Kelly and Ben Glass coordinated and participated in legislative meetings with the Future Farmers of America.

Administration

- Samuel Long attended the Procurement Operations Preparation Course in Tallahassee.

Finance

- The Finance Team was provided an education tour by Edwin McCook of the Dead River Project and the Jennings Bluff, Holton Creek, and Camp Branch tracts.

Land Management

- District timber harvest contractors completed the Roline Tract timber harvest.
- District road contractors completed work on the Jones Mill Creek Tract and moved to the Mt. Gilead Tract.
- Ryan Sims completed the vegetative inventory on the Lake City Wellfield.
- Gators Gobblers had their second special opportunity hunt for women and youth at the Mud Swamp Tract.
- University of Florida – National Wildlife Turkey Federation Swamp Strutters had their special opportunity hunt for college students on the Santa Fe River Ranch Tract.
- Suwannee River Strutters – National Wildlife Turkey Federation had their special opportunity hunt for women and youth hunt on the Peacock Slough Tract.

Resource Management

- Sara Zybelle participated as a judge at the Kanapaha Middle School Science Fair in Gainesville.

Water Resources

- Darlene Velez and Connie Woodward attended the National Groundwater Monitoring Network informational webinar for 2020 Grant submissions.
- Darlene Velez and Marc Minno coordinated sampling efforts to assisted FDEP and FDOH in response to the wastewater spill in Valdosta, GA. The District sent contractors to sample on the 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activity.

Water Supply

- Steve Minnis, Tom Mirti, Pat Webster, Warren Zwanka, Amy Brown, Stefani Weeks, Katelyn Potter, and Sky Notestein met with Janet Llewellyn regarding net resource benefit/credit opportunities.

Hydrological Data

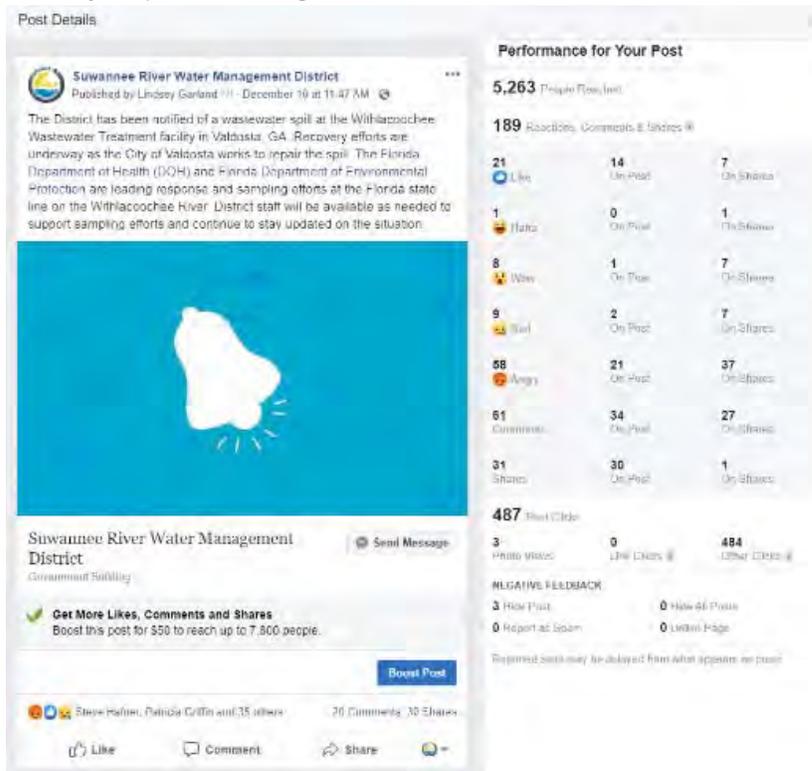
- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Matt Cantrell attended the Statewide Ag Team Meeting in Tallahassee with the other four WMDs and FDACS in attendance.
- Pat Webster, Kris Eskelin, Bob Heeke, and Kevin Flavin met with Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) regarding Springs cost-share funding.
- Pat Webster and Warren Zwanka met with representatives from the City of Live Oak at Live Oak City Hall regarding a Golf Course Booster reclaimed water project pump issue.
- Bob Heeke performed an inspection of the Mallory Swamp project in Lafayette County.
- Bob Heeke performed the final inspection of the Pot Springs project in Hamilton County.
- Pat Webster held a teleconference with Marcus Collins, Jasper City Manager, to discuss potential Springs cost-share projects.

Communications

- Lindsey Garland attended the Ichetucknee Partnership Board Meeting in Lake City to discuss the new activity book and outreach initiatives.
- Weekly Top Performing Post



Announcements for the week of December 22 – 28, 2019

- District offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25, 2019 in observance of the Christmas holiday.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for December 15-21, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas, Tom Mirti, and Bill McKinstry inspected the proposed Madison Avenue, LLC Conservation Easement in Chiefland.
- Steve Minnis attended the FDOT M-CORES meeting in Ocala to discuss the Northern Turnpike Connector road.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- Ben Glass attended the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce Board meeting held in Live Oak.
- Ben Glass participated in a conference call with FDOH to discuss the Valdosta wastewater spill.
- Ben Glass participated in a conference call organized by FDOH with affected county commissioner representatives to discuss the Valdosta wastewater spill.

Administration

- No reporting activity.

Finance

- Pam Shaw attended an AccuFund webinar on "Introduction to Reports and Form Design."

Land Management

- No reporting activity.

Resource Management

- Warren Zwanka and Chrissy Carr attended the North Central Florida Water Well Association meeting in Bell to discuss water well permitting.
- Warren Zwanka attended the FDOT M-CORES meeting in Perry to discuss the Suncoast Corridor Toll Road.

Water Resources

- No reporting activity.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- The draft re-evaluation of the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and springs MFLs was sent to the Peer Review team and posted on the District's website for public availability.

Water Supply

- Steve Minnis, Warren Zwanka, Pat Webster, Amy Brown, Katelyn Potter, Stefani Weeks, and Sky Notestein attended the Facilitated Credits Discussion with Janet Llewellyn at the District.

Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Pat Webster and Kris Eskelin met with Lafayette County representatives and their engineer to discuss Ruth Springs.
- Patrick Webster and Bob Heeke met with Dixie County representatives in Dixie County to discuss Springs cost-share opportunities.
- Bob Heeke performed an inspection of Mallory Swamp in Lafayette County.
- Pat Webster and Matt Cantrell participated in a teleconference with representatives from the City of Live Oak and representatives from DOT to discuss drainage wells.
- Matt Cantrell attended the Levy County Soil and Water Conservation District monthly meeting in Bronson.
- Bob Heeke performed an inspection of Pot Springs in Hamilton County.

Communications

- Hugh Thomas, Tom Mirti, Warren Zwanka, Katelyn Potter, Amy Brown, Lindsey Garland, Sky Notestein, and David Christian attended training to discuss best practices for communicating with the media and the public.
- Katelyn Potter attended a meeting with FDEP in Tallahassee to discuss facilitation support for FDEP’s annual department priority meeting.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the Suwannee River Water Management District. The post text reads: "The District's Governing Board would like to recognize the accomplishments that District staff has carried out throughout this year by closing the District offices on December 24th and 31st to provide staff with additional time to spend with their families and friends. Thank you to all of our passionate staff who work hard to protect our water resources." Below the text is a photo of a wooden sign for the Suwannee River Water Management District at 9225 CR 49. To the right of the post is a "Performance for Your Post" analytics panel.

Performance for Your Post		
1,406 People Reached		
89 Reactions, Comments & Shares		
63 Like	49 On Post	14 On Shares
9 Love	8 On Post	1 On Shares
14 Comments	14 On Post	0 On Shares
3 Shares	3 On Post	0 On Shares
87 Post Clicks		
1 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks	86 Other Clicks
NEGATIVE FEEDBACK		
2 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts	
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page	
Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts		

Announcements for the week of December 22 – 28, 2019

- District offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 through Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of the New Year’s holiday.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Chief, Office of Communication and Organizational Development
DATE: December 27, 2019
RE: **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2020 Florida Forever Work Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board conduct a public hearing and accept the 2020 Florida Forever Work Plan Update.

BACKGROUND

An annual update of the Florida Forever Work Plan is required by section 373.199(7), Florida Statutes (F.S.). The Florida Forever Act provides funding for land acquisition projects and water resource development and restoration projects. The 2020 Florida Forever Work Plan Update presents projects the District has identified as eligible for funding under the Florida Forever Act, section 259.105, F.S. The update also reports on District land acquisition and management programs and activities.

Each year, the Florida Forever Work Plan Update is included in the District's Consolidated Annual Report due March 1, for submission to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Department of Environmental Protection, as required by section 373.036(7), F.S.

At the December 12, 2019 Land Committee meeting, the Committee approved the Florida Forever workplan for staff recommendation to the Governing Board for acceptance.

Select the link to access the full version of the [2020 Florida Forever Work Plan](#).

KCP/rl

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Chief, Office of Communication and Organizational Development

DATE: December 27, 2019

RE: **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2019 Annual Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board conduct a public hearing and accept the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2019 Annual Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

In lieu of the District developing a water management plan and the water management plan annual report pursuant to section 373.036(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the District has selected the option to develop a five-year strategic plan with an annual update and work plan addendum pursuant to paragraph 373.036(2)(e), F.S. The annual strategic plan update and annual work plan addendum is included in the District's Consolidated Annual Report due March 1 each calendar year, for submission to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of Environmental Protection, as required by section 373.036(7), F.S.

The District is responsible for managing water supply, water quality, natural systems, and providing flood protection and control. To meet these responsibilities, the District's Strategic Plan establishes the District's priorities and goals for the next five years and identifies strategies to accomplish these goals. An Annual Work Plan Report is required as an addendum to the five-year Strategic Plan. Additionally, an updated Strategic Plan is required for any organizational or plan changes.

Select the links to access a full versions of the [2020-2024 Strategic Plan](#) and [2019 Annual Work Plan Update](#).

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