



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

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October 14, 2025
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

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 - September 9, 2025 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes, and September 22, 2025 Lands Committee and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 11 - August 2025 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 16 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Conservation Land Acquisition Project Ranking
 - Agenda Item No. 17 - Land Acquisition for Environmental Projects Ranking
 - Agenda Item No. 18 - Remove Surplus Designation for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract, Lafayette County
 - Agenda Item No. 19 - Declaration of Surplus for Four Nature Coast Parcels, Gilchrist County
 - Agenda Item No. 28 - Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report

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6. September 9, 2025 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes, and September 22, 2025 Lands Committee and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director

Administration

9. Facilities Update
- BCS Page 1 10. Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition

Finance

- BCS Page 3 11. August 2025 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

- BCS Page 8 12. Permitting Summary Report

Environmental Projects

- BCS Page 12 13. Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Communications and Outreach

- OPS Page 1 14. Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

Land Acquisition

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Recommend Consent
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- OPS Page 16 18. Remove Surplus Designation for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract, Lafayette County –
Recommend Consent
- OPS Page 18 19. Declaration of Surplus for Four Nature Coast Parcels, Gilchrist County –
Recommend Consent
- OPS Page 26 20. Resolution 2025-13, Conveyance of 203rd Road and Boat Ramp within the
Peacock Slough and Telford Spring Park Tracts, Suwannee County
- OPS Page 30 21. Resolution 2025-14, Sale of Santa Fe Oasis Lot to David K Weaver, Gilchrist
County
- OPS Page 34 22. Resolution 2025-15, Sale of Santa Fe Springs Lots 14 and 15 to Kurt and Karen
Burns Ardaman, Suwannee County
- OPS Page 39 23. Livingston Place Conservation Easement Amendment, Jefferson County

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The Board may act upon (including reconsideration) any agenda item at any time during a Board Meeting. The agenda may be changed only for good cause as determined by the Chair and stated in the record. The chair may order the removal, from the Board Meeting, of any person interfering with the expeditious or orderly process of such Board Meeting, provided the chair has first issued a warning that continued interference with the orderly processes of the Board Meeting will result in removal. Additionally, the public is cautioned that such conduct may constitute a violation of criminal law under sections 871.01 and/or 877.03, Florida Statutes.

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. Speakers are prohibited from using props, slides, or posters.

Any speaker who wishes to provide supporting materials for the members of the Board at a Board Meeting, must provide such materials in the form of a standard-sized paper handout. If the speaker brings handouts, the speaker must have 11 copies ready and give them to the District team when the speaker signs up to speak.

Persons who wish to make a written statement must deliver the statement to District Headquarters or email the written statement to writencomments@srwmd.org. The written statement must include the submitter's name. In addition, the submitter must indicate which specific agenda item their statement addresses, or if the statement is for general comment. The written statement must be delivered or emailed at least two business days prior to the day of the Board Meeting. Written statements will be provided to the members of the Board prior to the applicable Board Meeting.

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Individuals lobbying the District must be registered as lobbyists (Section 112.3261, Florida Statutes).

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.)



AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP(S)

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October 14, 2025
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- Agriculture Cost-Share Directive Discussion (Workshop moved to November)



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING,
COMMITTEE MEETING(S) AND PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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September 9, 2025
3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call / Oath of Office for Board Member Virginia H. Johns
Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, conducted the Oath of Office to Mrs. Johns for her reappointment to the Governing Board.

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George Wheeler		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry K. Thompson		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions		X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

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	
Assistant Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment: None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - August 12, 2025 Governing Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Property and Casualty Insurance, Liability Insurance, Auto Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Tillis Farms, LLC, Levy and Alachua Counties

- Agenda Item No. 13 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Riley Putnal, Suwannee and Lafayette Counties
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Shade Tree Nursery, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 15 - July 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Inspector General Audit Report Number 25-01, Follow-up on District Corrective Actions Regarding Prior Internal Audit Findings
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Inspector General Report Number 25-02, Land Acquisition and Management
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 to 2028 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Internal Audit Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Water Use Permit 219878-7 Nutrien-White Springs, Hamilton County
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program
- Agenda Item No. 31 - Task Work Assignment with B&B Dugger, Inc for Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Renewal of Contract with Florida Forest Service and Funding Approval for Twin Rivers State Forest.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 - August 12, 2025 Governing Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition. Sharon Hingson was recognized for five years of service to the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. None

Agenda Item No. 9 - GBD25-0005, Conduct of Governing Board and Committee Meetings. Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 10 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, provided the facilities update.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Property and Casualty Insurance, Liability Insurance, Auto Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Tillis Farms, LLC, Levy and Alachua Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Riley Putnal, Suwannee and Lafayette Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Shade Tree Nursery, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 15 – July 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

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Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 20 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Regulatory Plan. Warren Zwanka, Chief Hydrogeologist, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Water Use Permitting

Agenda Item No. 22 – Water Use Permit 219878-7 Nutrien-White Springs, Hamilton County. Approved on Consent.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Recommendations for the Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mary Diaz, Chief, Office of Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Governing Board Directive Number 25-0006, Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program. Mrs. Diaz presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 27 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 28 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-9.021, 40B-9.041, 40B-9.126, 40B-9.131, 40B-9.1381, 40B-9.1411, and 40B-9.151, Florida Administrative Code, for Land Acquisition and Management. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 30 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL
 YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET**

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September 9, 2025
 5:05 pm.

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George Wheeler		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry Thompson		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions			X
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

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	
Assistant Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Resolution Number 2025-09 Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Kristin Thompson, Finance Program Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

Mrs. Thompson noted the District received one inquiry regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage.

One call was received regarding Tentative Millage rate.

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Millage for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

No comments received.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Resolution Number 2025-10, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
Mrs. Thompson presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Announcements. Monday, September 22, 2025, at 5:05 p.m. is the Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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September 22, 2025
 3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

- Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab - Chair	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith		X
Larry Thompson		X
George Wheeler	X	

-Mrs. Johns and Mr. Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

- Public Comment: None

Conservation Easement / Fee

- Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Conservation Land Acquisition Project Ranking. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Land Acquisition for Environmental Project Ranking. Warren Zwanka, Chief Hydrogeologist, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Property Exchange / Surplus / Conveyance

- Conveyance 203 Road and Telford Spring Boat Ramp within the Telford Spring Tract, Suwannee County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Declaration of Surplus for Four Nature Coast Parcels, Gilchrist County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee with the memo corrected to reflect the funding source to be Save our Rivers Funding, not Florida Forever Funds.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH THE CORRECTED INFORMATION REGARDING FUNDING SOURCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Removal from Surplus for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract, Lafayette County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY WHEELER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Announcements. None
9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL
 YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET**

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September 22, 2025
 5:05 pm.

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George Wheeler		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry Thompson			X
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions		X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

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	
Assistant Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Resolution Number 2025-11, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Kristin Thompson, Finance Program Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened public comments on the Final Millage for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mrs. Thompson noted the District received two inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage.

No public comments.

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Chair Johns closed public comments.
MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Resolution Number 2025-12, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
Mrs. Thompson presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened public comments on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Final Millage and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-
2026.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Announcements. None

Agenda Item No. 5 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: September 16, 2025
RE: Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition

RECOMMENDATION

Declare the attached list of property items as surplus and authorize staff to dispose of these property items in the most cost-effective means authorized by Section 274.05, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND

Due to multiple factors, which include changes in technology, equipment compatibility concerns, high maintenance costs, and wear and tear over time, various property items owned by the District become functionally obsolete each year. Sections 274.05 and/or 274.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.), recognizes that property items become functionally obsolete and provides a process for declaring property items as surplus and approve disposition of this surplus property.

This recommendation authorizes staff to dispose of the attached surplus property items by either trading them when new items are purchased, offering them to other governmental units within the District, offering the property to private nonprofit agencies as defined in Subsection 273.01(3), F.S., by auction, or disposing as scrap.

Any remaining electronic equipment will be properly recycled through a recognized company by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to properly recycle equipment. All computer drives are cleaned and re-installed with no data or operating systems.

BG/kl
Attachment

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date _____

District property described below has been identified as surplus and is recommended to be disposed of and removed from the District inventory.

Asset #	Description	Serial Number	Age	Cost New	Reason for Determination of Surplus	Current Estimated Value (vehicle only)	Method of Disposal (Transfer/ Sell/Scrap/ Trade In)	Received by
1980	ARCHIVE FILE 36n X 48n	N/A	34	\$2,932.67	End of Life		Donated	
1981	36n X 48n MASTERFILE PLAN HOLD	N/A	34	\$2,183.30	End of Life		Donated	

Acquisition and disposal of property is the responsibility of the District's Property Administrator under the direct supervision of the Office of Administration Chief. The Governing Board must authorize any sale, transfer, exchange, trade in or any other means of disposal of all surplus property.

Recommended By: Kelly Landis _____

Approved By: _____

Title: Facilities, Fleet & Asset Specialist _____

Title: _____

Disposed of through approved means.

Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: October 3, 2025

RE: August 2025 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the August 2025 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.553(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), 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, F.S., 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
August 2025**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$22.41	\$522.41
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$49.25	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$154.62	\$268,854.59
First Federal Depository	\$960.90	\$831,903.91
Florida PRIME (SBA LGIA)	\$19,473.05	\$5,179,694.55
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$59,326.22	\$16,298,213.98
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	\$64,627.90	\$19,614,647.49
TOTAL	<u>\$144,614.35</u>	<u>\$42,228,836.93</u>

*SPIA is part of the Treasury Investment Pool administered by Florida Department of Financial Services.

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Month ending August 31, 2025
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 8/31/2025	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 7,094,781	\$ 7,057,839	\$ (36,942)	99.5%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 59,799,239	\$ 15,625,210	\$ (44,174,029)	26.1%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,445,629	\$ 1,315,629	1112.0%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 223,000	\$ 270,340	\$ 47,340	121.2%
Other	\$ 1,410,288	\$ 2,162,063	\$ 751,775	153.3%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 11,309,970	\$ 3,292,359	\$ (8,017,611)	29.1%
Total Sources	\$ 79,967,278	\$ 29,853,438	\$ (50,113,839)	37.3%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 11,586,257	\$ 5,564,831	\$ 7,827,255	\$ (1,805,829)	48%	116%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 53,303,940	\$ 13,161,708	\$ 25,360,336	\$ 14,781,895	25%	72%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 10,391,632	\$ 5,180,638	\$ 2,208,787	\$ 3,002,206	50%	71%
Regulation	\$ 2,335,426	\$ 1,358,029	\$ 71,458	\$ 905,939	58%	61%
Outreach	\$ 211,283	\$ 184,290	\$ 4,102	\$ 22,891	87%	89%
Management and Administration	\$ 2,138,740	\$ 1,592,202	\$ 23,602	\$ 522,937	74%	76%
Total Uses	\$ 79,967,278	\$ 27,041,699	\$ 35,495,540	\$ 17,430,038	34%	78%

¹ Actual Fund Balance used is recorded at the end of the fiscal year. This amount represents Fund Balance used for the District Agricultural and RIVER Cost-Share, Regional Water Resource Development, Project Effectiveness Metrics Programs, FY24 Operational Transfer for Hydro/Ag Monitoring, and SRP Ag Cost-Share.

² Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders, contracts, and task work assignments.

³ Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of August 31, 2025 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 8/31/2025

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	10,935,870	0	8,858,069
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	11,544,336	0	52,326,239
FEDERAL REVENUES	4,080,873	0	7,473,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	3,292,359	0	11,309,970
TOTAL REVENUES	29,853,438	0	79,967,278
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	6,429,357	0	8,987,702
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	8,323,433	22,281,900	26,484,784
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,707,498	136,726	2,588,248
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	177,987	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,091,219	565,618	10,551,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	8,312,205	12,511,296	31,067,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,041,699	35,495,540	79,967,278
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,811,739	(35,495,540)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	8,612,021	0	6,528,787
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	3,938,958	0	4,632,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	94,421	0	2,862,739
TOTAL REVENUES	12,645,400	0	14,023,526
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,614,257	0	7,816,845
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,112,919	542,660	2,952,675
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,177,830	102,178	1,683,792
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	84,307	0	149,714
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	698,479	341,836	1,420,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,687,792	986,674	14,023,526
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,957,608	(986,674)	0
<u>Land Management Operations -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	2,071,456	0	2,329,282
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,222,627	0	5,660,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	30,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,667,231
TOTAL REVENUES	4,294,083	0	10,686,632
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	814,751	0	1,165,305
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,942,576	1,392,007	4,031,489
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	522,369	34,548	855,508
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	93,681	0	113,330
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	228,767	565,575	3,551,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	585,430	216,657	970,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,187,574	2,208,787	10,686,632
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(893,491) *	(2,208,787)	0

**To be reimbursed by Ad Valorem and State Grant*

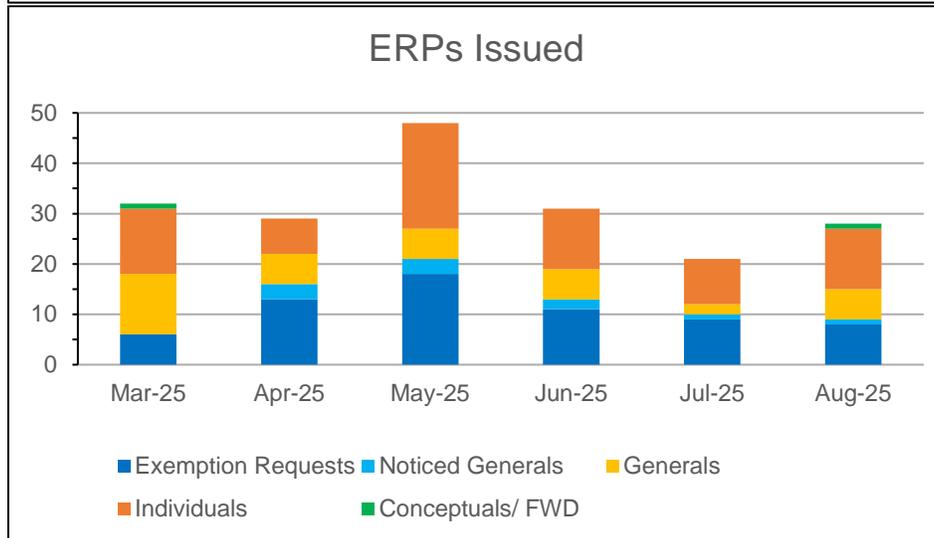
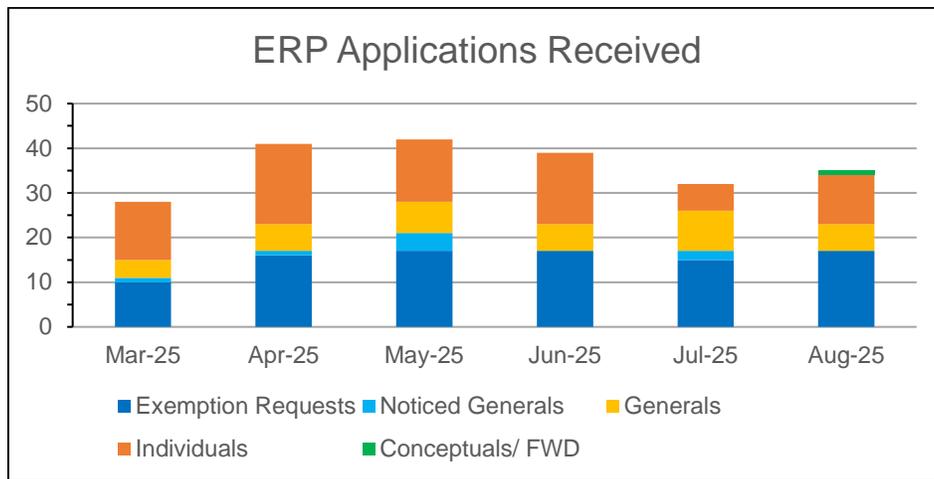
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 8/31/2025

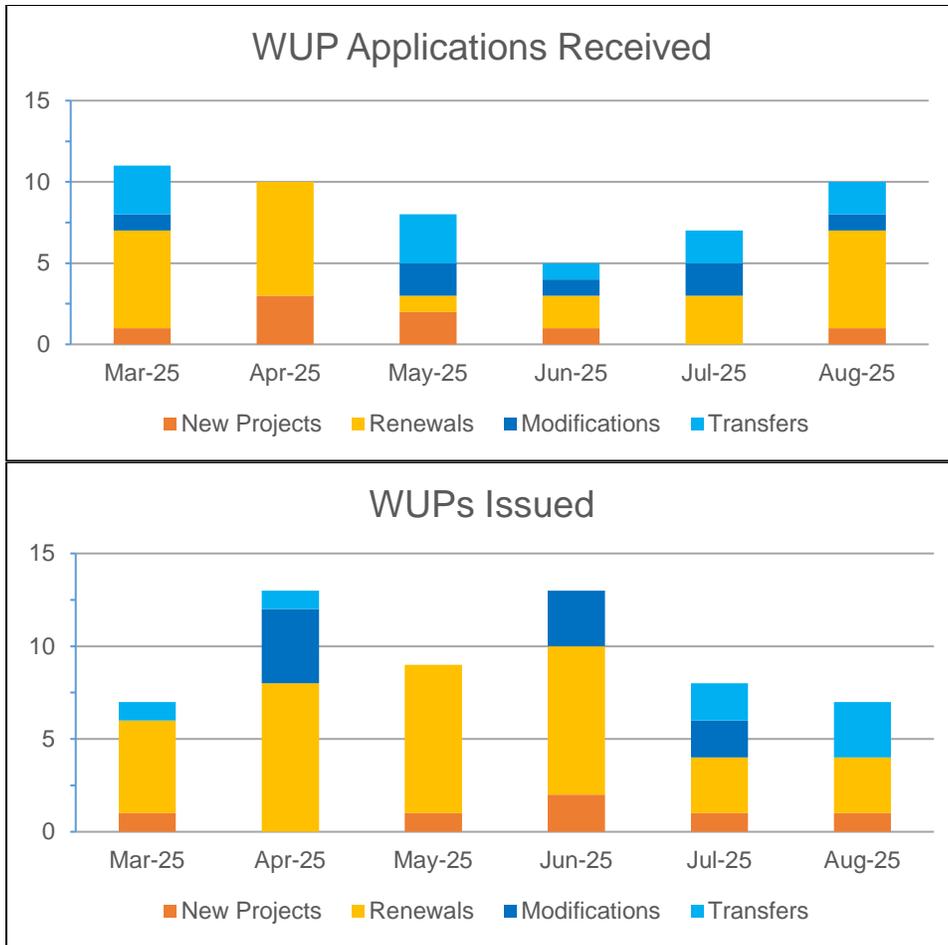
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>District Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	960,019	0	3,340,000
TOTAL REVENUES	960,019	0	3,340,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	202,873	1,039,581	1,150,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	25,000
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	757,146	1,143,628	2,135,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	960,019	2,183,209	3,340,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(2,183,209)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	252,295	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	5,382,751	0	42,034,120
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	2,237,919	0	2,440,000
TOTAL REVENUES	7,872,965	0	44,474,120
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,552
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,135,710	11,624,219	13,915,620
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	4,910	0	10,948
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,862,452	44	7,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	3,122,370	10,809,176	23,542,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,125,442	22,433,439	44,474,120
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(252,477) *	(22,433,439)	0
<i>*To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
<u>Federal Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	98	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	4,080,873	0	7,443,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	4,080,971	0	7,443,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	349	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	929,355	7,683,432	4,435,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,389	0	8,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	3,148,780	0	3,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,080,873	7,683,432	7,443,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	98	(7,683,432)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

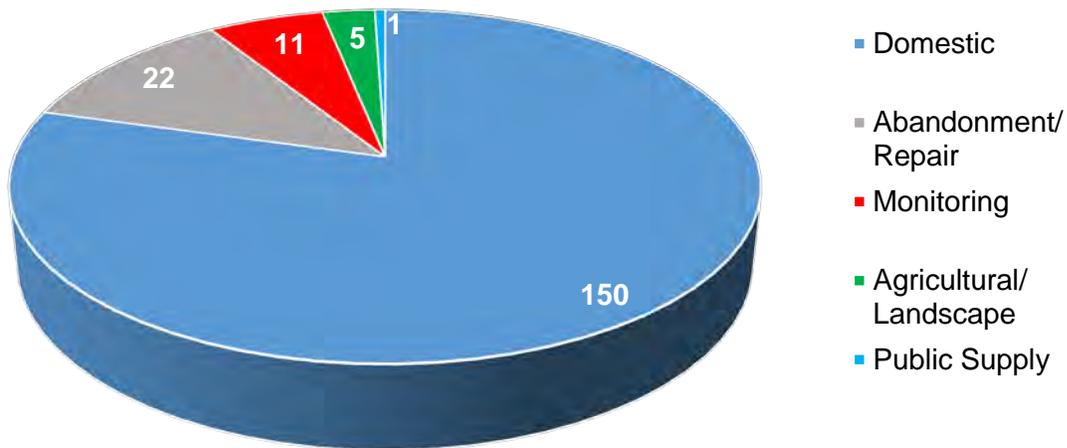
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/ Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: October 3, 2025
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued - August 2025



40B-1.1010 Point of Entry into Proceedings

GB Authorized Rulemaking	2/14/2023
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-2.011 Policy and Purpose

GB Authorized Rulemaking	7/8/2025
Notice of Rule Development	7/21/2025
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-2.3010 Cond for Issuance of Permits

GB Authorized Rulemaking	7/8/2025
Notice of Rule Development	7/21/2025
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-2.321 Duration of Permits

GB Authorized Rulemaking	7/8/2025
Notice of Rule Development	7/21/2025
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-2.331 Modification of Permits

GB Authorized Rulemaking	7/8/2025
Notice of Rule Development	7/21/2025
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.021 Definitions

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.041 Acquisition Procedures

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.126 Access to District Lands

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.131 Public Use of District Lands

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.1381 Prohibited Activities

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.1411 Special Use Authorizations

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-9.151 Closure of District Lands

GB Authorized Rulemaking	9/9/2025
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

ERP/ WUP Compliance Agreements:

None to report

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: October 3, 2025
RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Attached for your information is the Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report.

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Attachment

Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending August 30, 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	19	\$ 12,473,027
Completed within the last 6 months	4	\$ 12,317,073
Totals	23	\$ 24,790,100

AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	176	\$ 14,725,341
Completed within the last 6 months	156	\$ 17,305,750
Totals	332	\$ 32,031,091

FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	21	\$ 11,113,822
Completed within the last 6 months	0	\$ -
Totals	21	\$ 11,113,822
TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs	376	\$ 67,935,013

AEP APPLICATIONS	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	38
AWS and Springs	12
Conceptual Projects under review	12
Projects in Queue	2
TOTAL	64

AEP FUNDING SOURCES		
	Number of Grants	Grant amount provided
District	3	\$ 10,461,592
FDEP	36	\$ 58,683,926
Federal through FDEP	5	\$ 14,600,000
Federal (CTP Program)	7	\$ 11,359,417
Cooperator Match	-	\$ 12,666,986
TOTAL	51	\$ 107,771,921

FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CTP	Cooperating Technical Partner (FEMA)
AEP	Agriculture and Environmental Projects
TWA	Task Work Order
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: September 3, 2025
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

The following information summarizes Outreach and Communications activities for the month of August 2025:

Facebook	X	Instagram
Total Posts: 16 Total Views: 353,070 Content Interactions: 2,905	Total Posts: 23 Total Impressions: 1,202	Total Posts: 10 Total Views: 4,937 Total Engagement: 172

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 7 – Governing Board Press Release• August 15 – Hydrologic Conditions Report• August 26 – Chair Johns Reappointment to Governing Board• August 27 – 2026 Calendar Photo Contest• August 29 – Leave No Litter (Labor Day)

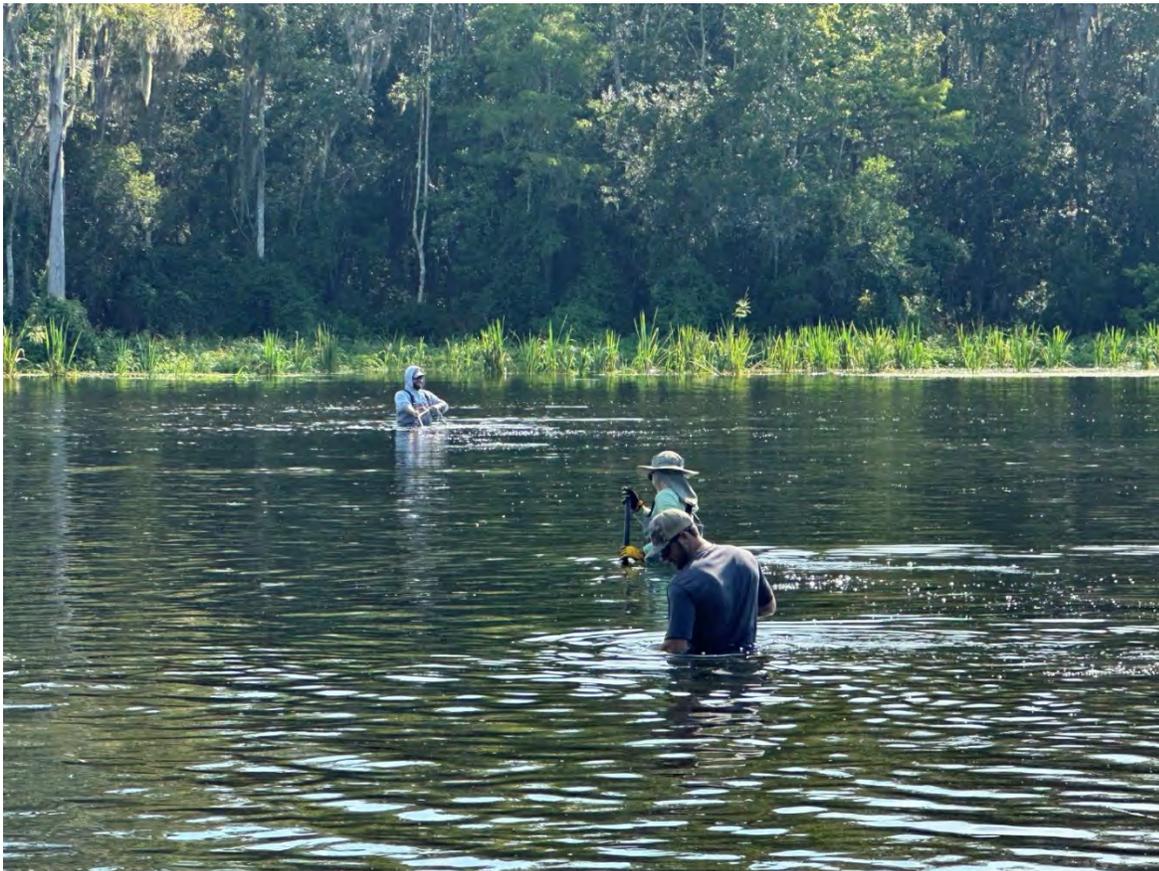
Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 1 – Troy Roberts responded to a Tampa Bay Times request on stormwater permitting.• August 5 – Troy Roberts responded to a request from the Florida Phoenix regarding the W3C in Levy County.• August 13 – Troy Roberts responded to a request from the Tampa Bay Times regarding additional stormwater permitting details.• August 18 – Troy Roberts submitted an article to the Florida Specifier for its upcoming publication.• August 27 – Troy Roberts submitted an article to Family Magazine for its upcoming publication.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 4-6 – Troy Roberts attended the Florida Public Relations Association PR & Comms Summit in Orlando.

- August 8 – Troy Roberts met with The Moore Agency to discuss the ongoing District lands signage project.
- August 12 – Troy Roberts and Katelyn Potter met with The Moore Agency to discuss work related to Water First North Florida.
- August 14 – Troy Roberts attended the River Task Force Joint Workshop in Valdosta.
- August 19 – Troy Roberts and Andrew Neel met with The Moore Agency to discuss updates needed for the District Lands Web Map.
- August 19 – Troy Roberts, Ben Glass, and Tyler Winburn coordinated a call with Rep. Shoaf to discuss flooding concerns around Steinhatchee.
- August 21 – Troy Roberts and Katelyn Potter met with The Moore Agency to discuss work related to Water First North Florida.
- August 26 – Troy Roberts and Katelyn Potter met with The Moore Agency to discuss work related to Water First North Florida.
- August 27 – Troy Roberts attended the monthly communications touch-base meeting with FDEP and other water management districts.

August Photo Highlight:

District staff, along with staff members from USGS, measured discharge on the Wacissa River in Jefferson County during the month of August. The Wacissa Springs Group, a cluster of springs designated as an Outstanding Florida Spring, is a major tributary to the Aucilla River and these measurements are vital to monitoring the condition of those systems.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: October 3, 2025
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

Attached for your information is the Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report.

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Attachment

Surplus									
Tract	Acres	County	Parcel Number(s)	Terms	Status	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Board Surplus Date
Country Club Road (Southern Parcel)	12.58	Columbia	03-04S-17-07486-001 (portion of)	No Restrictions	Bid closed 09.16.2025. No bids received. Will seek listing with real estate agent.	07.01.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019
County Club Road (Pond & Northern Parcel)	47.4	Columbia	03-04S-17-07486-001 (portion of) 03-04S-17-07487-000 (portion of)	No Restrictions	Preparing documentation for bid sale.	07.01.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019
Three Rivers	1	Columbia	1017000	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Available	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019
Suwannee Run Shores	1.175	Dixie	17-08-14-6877-0000-0100	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Available	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019
Forest Woodlands	11	Gilchrist	320814008300000370 320814008300000380	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Available	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	10.11.2019	11.12.2019
Nature Coast Lots		Gilchrist	19-10-14-0284-0002-0160 19-10-14-0284-0002-0170 19-10-14-0284-0002-0010 19-10-14-0284-0002-0180	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Pending Board Approval 10.14.2025.	03.15.1995	Save Our Rivers	09.22.2025	10.14.2025
Santa Fe Oasis*	1	Gilchrist	36-06-15-0086-000F-0080	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Entered contract for sale. Pending appraisal.	04.28.1998	Save Our Rivers	04.14.2020	05.12.2020
Hatchbend Uplands (Adjacent to Turtle Spring Surplus Tract)	32	Lafayette	26-07-14-0000-0000-00100 (32-acre portion of)	Subject to conservation.	Requesting Board to Remove from Surplus List on 10.14.2025.	05.13.2015	Florida Forever	--	03.10.2015
Hatchbend Uplands Lot	0.3	Lafayette	26-07-14-0000-0000-00010	Subject to conservation.	Available.	05.13.2023	Florida Forever	--	03.10.2015
Falmouth North (8 lots)	6.51	Suwannee	24-01S-11E-10897-030240 24-01S-11E-10897-030310 24-01S-11E-10897-030340 10897020130 10897010010 10897010020	Subject to conservation.	Available	04.24.1998	Save Our Rivers	--	06.08.2010

			10897010030 10897010040						
Santa Fe Spring*	5.91	Suwannee	32-06S-15E-1534-020150 32-06S-15E-1534-020140	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Entered contract for sale. Pending appraisal.	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.10.2024	01.14.2025

* Indicates properties with a current offer(s) or which are under contract for sale.

Intergovernmental Conveyance										
Tract	Acres	County	Parcel Number(s)	Terms	Status	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Board Date	Agency
Falmouth Spring Park Suwannee Spring Park Telford Spring Park	9.28 14.34 7.8	Suwannee	32-01S-12E-097640 17-01S-14E-017510 25-04S-11E-120630	Under negotiations.	Land Committee authorized negotiations. Ongoing.	March 1993 August 1992 July 2022	P-2000 Save Our Rivers Springs Funding	04.08.2025	--	Suwannee County
Ellaville Tract (Portion of)	696	Madison	15-1S-11-1529-000-000 22-1S-11-1551-000-000	--	Board approved to investigate options for conveyance.	December 01, 1988	Water Management Land Trust Funds	--	Pending	Unknown

Exchange									
Project Name	Acres	County	River Frontage	Floodway	10-year Floodplain	Springs	Springs Buffer	Priority Focus Area	Adjacency
None									

Acquisition									
Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Purchase Price	Acquisition Type	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Acquisition Approval Date	Comments
Pending the Ranking of FY 26 Conservation Land Acquisition Projects									

Detailed Assessment								
Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Comments
3. Williams Family Investments, LLC	947	Levy	06.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	Project pending funding.
4. Hodges	753	Levy	03.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	05.09.23	06.13.23	Project pending funding.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: September 26, 2025
RE: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Conservation Land Acquisition Project Ranking

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ranking of conservation land acquisition projects to prioritize funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, authorize detailed assessments, and authorize the execution of option agreements.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 373.089, Florida Statutes, the District may purchase property in fee and less-than-fee acquisitions for the purposes of flood protection, natural systems restoration, water supply sustainability, and water quality protection.

These lands are acquired through a voluntary, willing-seller program. All purchases are subject to Governing Board approval and available funding.

Fifteen new projects applications were received and ranked alongside of three existing projects – for a total of 18 conservation land acquisition projects. Each project was evaluated against the criteria established by the Governing Board in Directive 25-0002, listed below.

1. The extent to which the lands provide protection for Outstanding Florida Springs, Priority Focus Areas, and other springs (either directly or indirectly);
2. The extent to which the lands provide protection of surface waters (wetlands, lakes, springs, and streams);
3. The extent to which the lands provide flood protection;
4. The extent to which the lands are needed for implementation of water resource development projects, restoration, or other projects;
5. The extent to which the lands benefit existing acquisition holdings; and
6. The extent to which the lands enhance land management objectives.

The Land Acquisition and Surplus Team used the data provided by the criteria to recommend projects for funding, further development, or denial.

Projects recommended for funding are those that would be sought in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY2026), in the order presented. Projects recommended for further development are those the District will pursue should additional funding become available or if funded projects fall through, in the order presented. Finally, projects recommended for denial are those that do not meet the water resource criteria listed above in a significant way or do not align with the

District's conservation program. Per GBD 25-0002, these projects may be denied by the Executive Director.

For FY 2026, three projects are recommended for funding, and two projects are recommended for further development. Twelve projects were denied based on inconsistency with the District's core mission in accordance with Governing Board Directive 2025-0002. For projects approved for funding or further development, if the District is unable to agree to terms with a landowner, the next ranked project will be pursued for detailed assessment, subject to the available budget.

Projects proposed for FY2026 conservation land acquisition funding are listed below, in proposed order. See Table 1 for pricing and water resource data.

1. **Ippolito, Dixie County, 514 +/- acres:** Less-than-fee purchase of a 514-acre parcel in Dixie County. The property includes approximately one-half mile of Suwannee River frontage. The current land use is timber and would be continued.
2. **Bascom Southern, Dixie County, 52,121 +/- acres:** Less-than-fee purchase of 52,121 acres in Dixie County through the Rural and Family Lands Partnership Program or legislative budget request made by the applicant Conservation Fund. Funding request is for 0.5% or \$260,605.
3. **Green, Columbia County, 451 +/- acres:** Less-than-fee purchase of a 451-acre project in Columbia County. The property is located within the Ichetucknee Springshed. Funding request is a 50% match for Natural Resource Conservation Service funds.

Projects proposed for further development and identification of funding are listed below, in proposed order. See Table 2 for pricing and water resource value data.

4. **Hodges, Levy County, 753 +/- acres:** Less-than-fee purchase of a 753-acre parcel in Levy County. The property contains many wetlands and is currently used for hunting and passive recreation by the owners.
5. **Williams Family Investments, Levy County, 947 +/- acres:** Less-than-fee purchase of a 947-acre property in Levy County. The property includes Long Pond, an ephemeral lake.

The Lands Committee approved the FY2026 Conservation Land Acquisition Project Ranking on September 22, 2025.

Detailed assessments will be conducted on the properties and option agreements may be utilized during negotiations. The final purchase price and contract terms are subject to Governing Board approval.

Maps of the projects are attached.

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Attachments

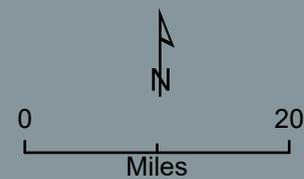
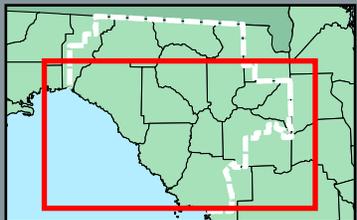
Name	Proposed Ranking	Acreage	County	Type	SRWMD Total	SRWMD Price Per Acre	Applicant	Major River	Riverine Surface Waters	Springs Buffer	Floodway	10yr Floodplain	100 yr Floodplain	PFA	WSPA	BMAP	Adjacency	Wetlands (NWI)	Wildlife Corridor
Ippolito	1	± 514 ac	Dixie	CE	\$1,285,000	\$2,500	Florida Conservation Group	Y: Suwannee	Y: ± 69.5 ac	Y: Manatee	Y: ± 15 ac	Y: ± 88 ac	Y: ± 96 ac	N	Y: Western	Y: Suwannee	N	± 65 ac	Y
Bascom Southern	2	± 52,121	Dixie	CE	\$260,605 or 0.5% of Total: \$52,121,000	--	Conservation Fund	N	Y: ± 25,229 ac	N	N	N/A	Y: ± 36,811 ac	Y: Fanning Manatee	Partial Western	N	Y	± 28,273 ac	Y
Green	3	± 451 ac	Columbia	CE	\$721,502	\$1,600	ACT	N	N	Y: Ichetucknee Springshed	N	N/A	Y: ± 278 ac	Y: Ichetucknee	Y: Eastern	Y: Santa Fe	N	± 183 ac	Y

Name	Proposed Ranking	Acreage	County	Type	SRWMD Total	SRWMD Price Per Acre	Applicant	Major River	Riverine Surface Waters	Springs Buffer	Floodway	10yr Floodplain	100 yr Floodplain	PFA	WSPA	BMAP	Adjacency	Wetlands (NWI)	Wildlife Corridor
Hodges	4	± 754 ac	Levy	CE	\$2,262,000	\$3,000	Landowner	N	Y: ± 749 ac	N	N	N/A	Y: ± 754 ac	N	Y: Eastern	N	Y	± 725 ac	Y
Williams Family Investments (Long Pond)	5	± 947 ac	Levy	CE	\$2,708,000	\$4,000	Florida Conservation Group	N	N	Y: Fanning Manatee Springshed	N	N/A	Y: ± 729 ac	Y: Fanning Manatee	Y: Eastern	Y: Suwannee	N	± 392 ac	N



Proposed Acquisition Projects Map

-  Recommended for FY2026 Funding
-  Recommended for Further Development
-  SRWMD Major Rivers



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lands Committee

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 26, 2025

RE: Land Acquisition for Environmental Projects Ranking

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize detailed assessments and option agreements for land acquisition to support water resource development projects using Alternative Water Supply funding.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 373.089, Florida Statutes, the District may purchase property in fee and less-than-fee acquisitions for the purposes of flood protection, natural systems restoration, water supply sustainability, and water quality protection. In April 2025, the District was awarded \$3,000,000 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the acquisition of lands to support alternative water supply projects. The project areas listed below have been identified for acquisition to support water resource development projects. Implementation of these projects will support the recovery the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and springs, as well as flows on the Suwannee River.

These locations were identified through analysis and feasibility studies by the Environmental Projects team. A thorough review of existing District lands was conducted prior to the identification of these lands. For the water sources listed below, no District lands were found to meet the necessary project concept criteria. These project areas were selected specifically for proximity to source water, suitability with concept designs, access, and benefit to the resource.

1. **Deep Creek, Columbia County, approximately 50 acres:** Fee purchase of a property in Columbia County to support a project to withdraw and treat excess surface water from Deep Creek, and aquifer recharge through drainage wells. Recharge benefit of a project in this area could be as much as 8 million gallons of water per day (MGD).
2. **Cow Creek Extraction Point, Gilchrist County, approximately 15 acres:** Fee purchase of property in Gilchrist County to support a project to withdraw excess surface waters from Cow Creek for conveyance to nearby rapid infiltration basins (RIBs).
3. **Cow Creek Drop Off, Gilchrist County, approximately 100 acres:** Fee purchase of property in Gilchrist County to support a project to construct RIBs for aquifer recharge of surface and reclaimed water. Recharge benefit of a project in this area is approximately 2 MGD or more if reclaimed water sources become available.
4. **LaCrosse: Alachua County, approximately 75 acres:** Fee purchase of property in Alachua County to support a project to capture and store surface water from Rocky Creek and recharge the aquifer through karst features. Recharge benefit of a project in this area could be as much as 1.43 MGD.

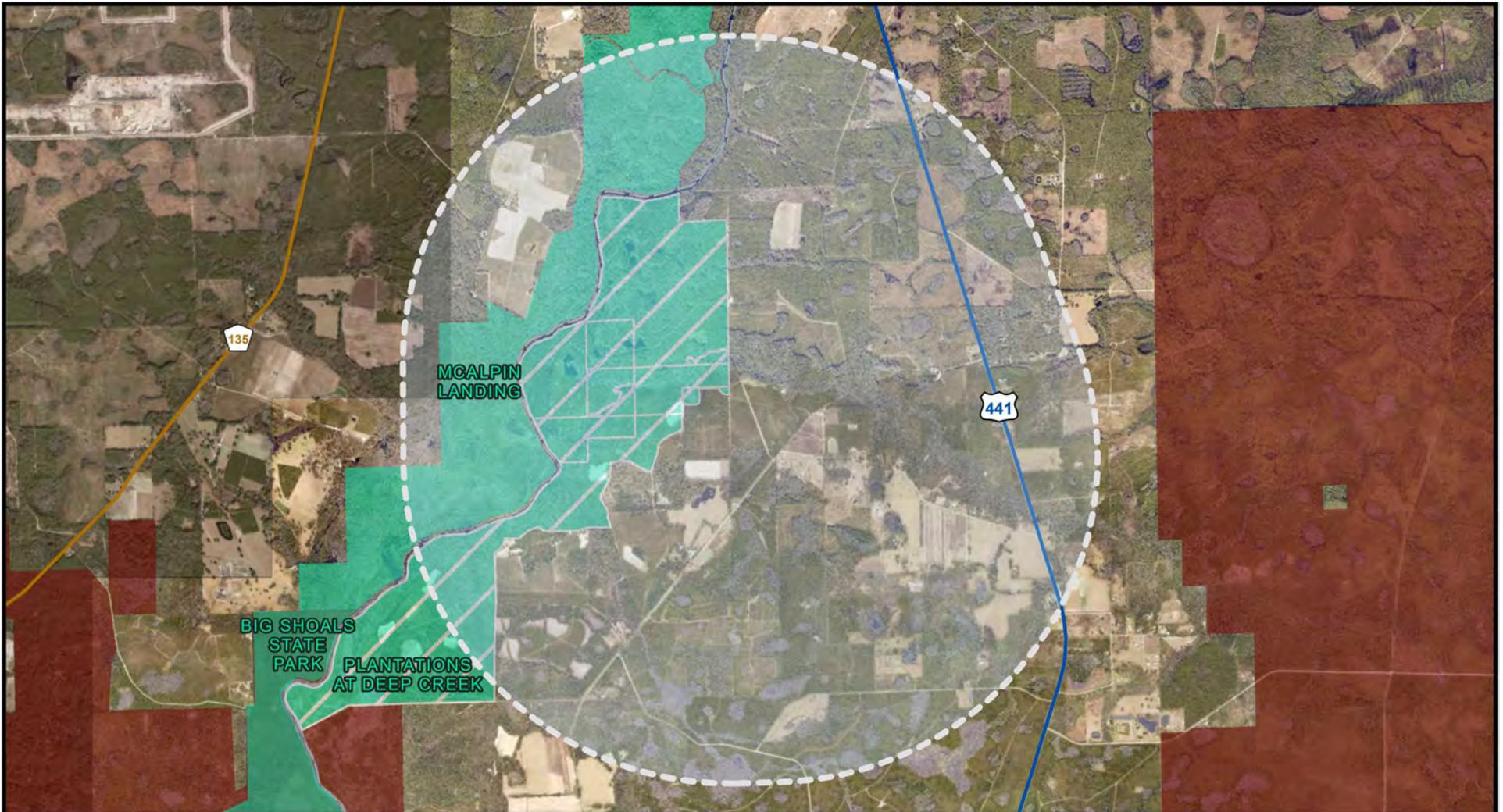
The project areas were selected by the Environmental Projects team and approved by the staff Land Acquisition and Surplus Team on August 20, 2025. The acquisitions are subject to a willing seller, agreeable terms, and Governing Board approval prior to purchase.

The Lands Committee approved the environmental projects ranking on September 22, 2025.

Detailed assessments will be conducted on the properties and option agreements may be utilized during negotiations. The final purchase price and contract terms are subject to Governing Board approval.

Copies of acquisition area maps are attached.

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Attachments

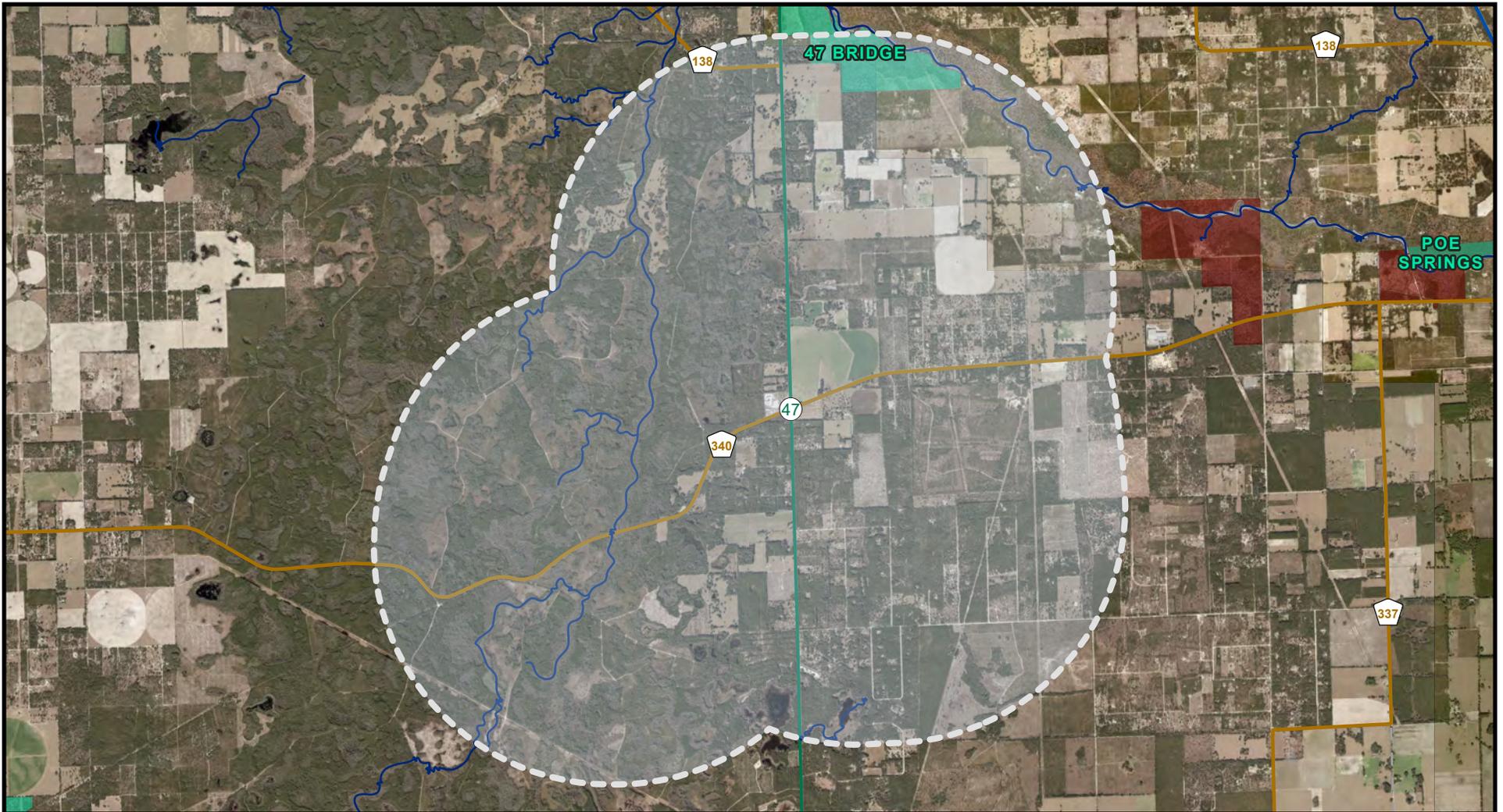


Deep Creek Columbia County

-  Deep Creek Interest Zone
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  SRWMD Conservation Easement
-  Other Public Ownership



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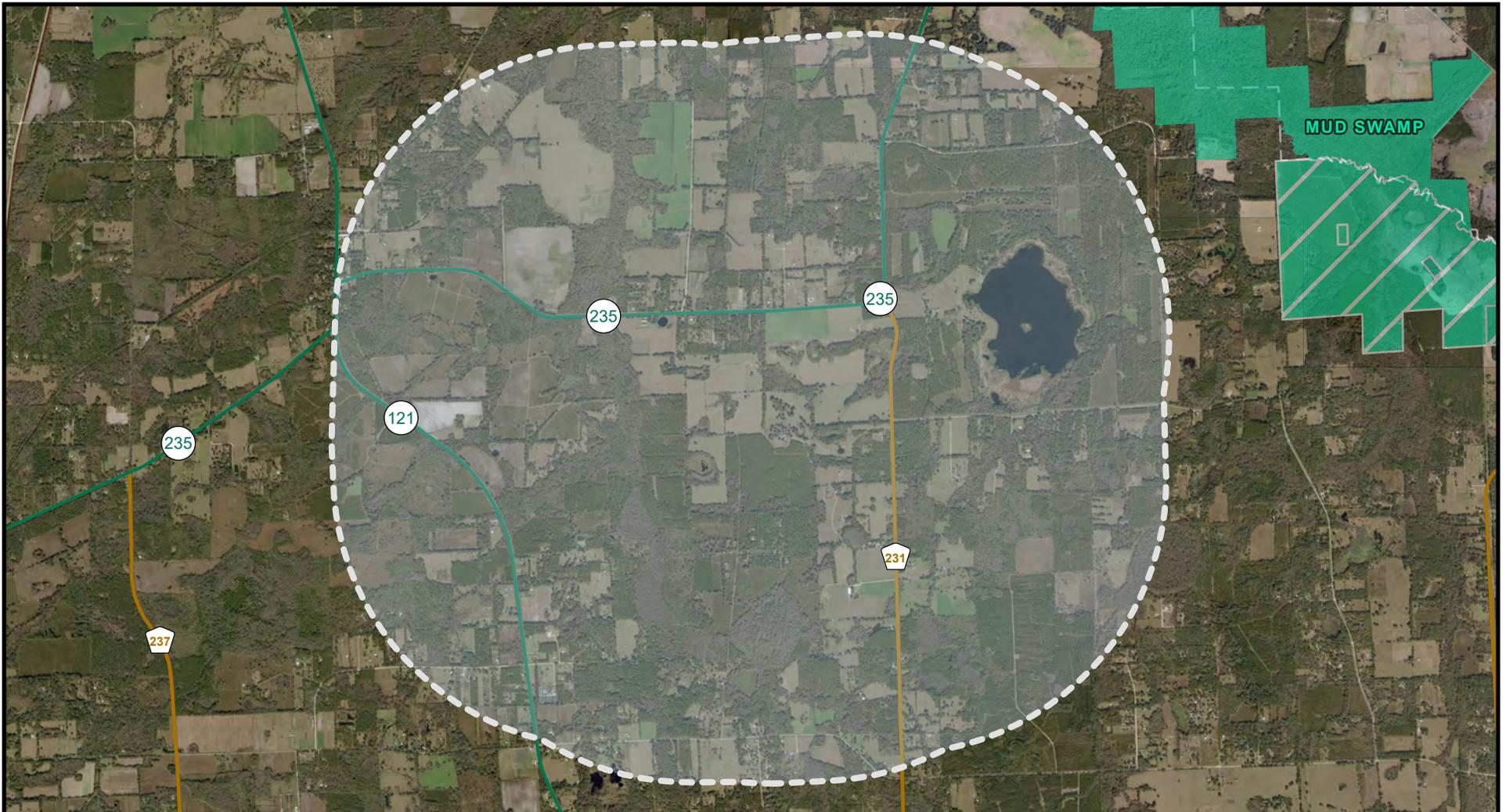


-  Cow Creek Interest Zone
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership
-  Creeks and Streams

Cow Creek Gilchrist County

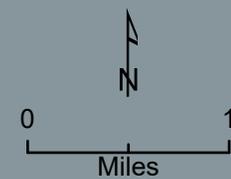
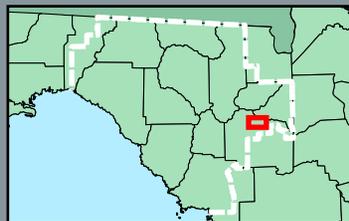


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- LaCrosse Interest Zone
- SRWMD Ownership
- SRWMD Conservation Easement
- Other Public Ownership

LaCrosse Alachua County



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 10, 2025

RE: Remove Surplus Designation for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract, Lafayette County

RECOMMENDATION

Remove the Hatchbend Uplands Tract (part of Turtle Springs) in Lafayette County from surplus.

BACKGROUND

On May 13, 2015, the District purchased 90.62 +/- acres known as the Turtle Springs Tract. At the time of acquisition, Resolution 2015-04 declared 32.32 +/- acres as surplus. This tract included the Hatchbend Uplands Parcel (32 +/- acres) and the Hatchbend Uplands Lot (0.3 +/- acres). The surplus portion known as Hatchbend Uplands Tract, was determined unnecessary for conservation purposes. The Turtle Springs Tract was purchased using Florida Forever funds.

Upon further evaluation of the District's surplus properties, the Land Acquisition and Surplus Team determined that ownership and management of the Hatchbend Uplands Tract was not burdensome to the District. This parcel is directly adjacent (and connected) to the existing Turtle Springs Tract.

The Hatchbend Uplands Lot, which is currently used as a local boat ramp, will remain on the surplus list.

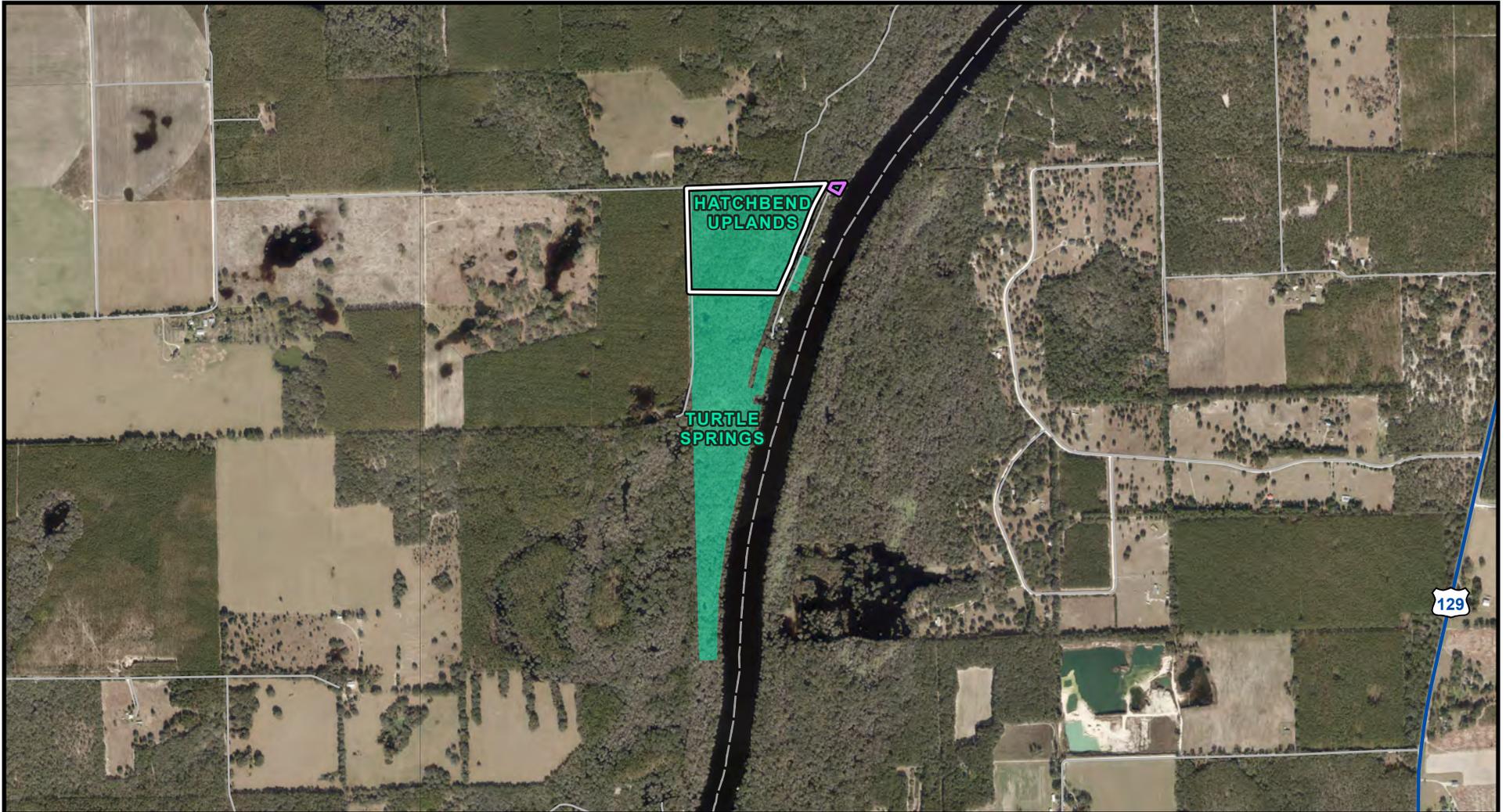
As staff evaluate District lands for potential surplus, the Hatchbend Uplands Parcel would not fit the typical criteria due to its larger size, adjacency to existing lands, ease of management, and generation of minor timber revenue.

Staff requests the Governing Board remove the Hatchbend Uplands Tract from the District's surplus list. Staff continue to identify river lots and other small parcels (less than 10 acres) that are not consistent with the District's land ownership mission for surplus consideration.

The Land Acquisition and Surplus Team approved to remove the surplus designation for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract on August 20, 2025, and the Lands Committee approved to remove the surplus designation on September 22, 2025.

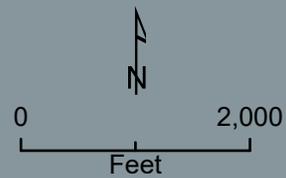
A map of the Hatchbend Uplands Tract is attached.

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Attachments



-  Remove from Surplus ± 32 ac
-  Keep On Surplus ± 0.3 ac
-  SRWMD Ownership

Hatchbend Uplands Lafayette County



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: September 15, 2025
RE: Declaration of Surplus for Four Nature Coast Parcels, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Declare as surplus four parcels within the Nature Coast Tract consisting of 4.15 acres +/- located in Gilchrist County.

BACKGROUND

These Nature Coast parcels were purchased on March 15, 1995, using Save Our Rivers funds for \$2,288 each. Due to the natural community type, small acreage, proximity to residential areas, and isolation from other tracts, the parcels are not actively being managed. The surplus will include deed restrictions on the Nature Coast parcels to restrict future development and meet the original conservation goals of the acquisition.

In July 2025, an adjacency offer was received for two of the four Nature Coast parcels, consisting of 2.09 acres +/-, located in Gilchrist County. After reviewing the request, staff recommended surplus of the two additional nearby lots.

The two parcels that the offeror is seeking, 19-10-14-0284-0002-0160 (lot 16) and 19-10-14-0284-0002-0170 (lot 17) are recommended for surplus; and the remaining parcels, 19-10-14-0284-0002-0010 (lot 1) and 19-10-14-0284-0002-0180 (lot 18), are also recommended for surplus.

Current procedure requires an appraisal to be provided with an offer to purchase non-declared surplus. Staff requests the board approve the surplus and authorize negotiations on the adjacent parcels with the appraisal to be conducted as part of the contract for sale. Appraisal fees and all other costs will be incurred by the buyer.

In accordance with the procedure, a site visit was performed on August 20, 2025. The Land Acquisition and Surplus Team approved the surplus on August 20, 2025. The Lands Committee approved the surplus on September 22, 2025.

Based on the date of acquisition, a 2/3 vote will be required by the Governing Board to surplus the parcels in accordance with Subsection 373.089(6)(a), Florida Statutes.

Lots not sold through an adjacency sale will be sold to the general public.

A map showing the surplus parcels is attached.

KCP/ao
Attachments



SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS

General

Property Name: Nature Coast

Date: 09/04/2025

Acreage: ± 4 ac

SRWMD Florida Forever: No

Transaction Type: Surplus

SRWMD 5 Year Acquisition Plan: No

County: Gilchrist

Statewide Florida Forever: No

Surface Water Protection

Flood Protection

Major River: (N)

Floodway: (Y) [± 4 ac] | 100%

Riverine Surface Waters: (N)

10 Year Floodplain: (Y) [± 4 ac] | 100%

Wetland Acreage: ± 0 ac | 0%

100 Year Floodplain: (Y) [± 4 ac] | 100%

Upland Acreage: ± 4 ac | 100%

Springs Protection

Land Management

Springshed: (Y) [Fanning Manatee]

Adjacency: SRWMD Owned

Spring on Site: (N)

Rare Species: (N)

Cultural Resources: (N)

Miscellaneous

Priority Focus Area: (Y) [Fanning Manatee]

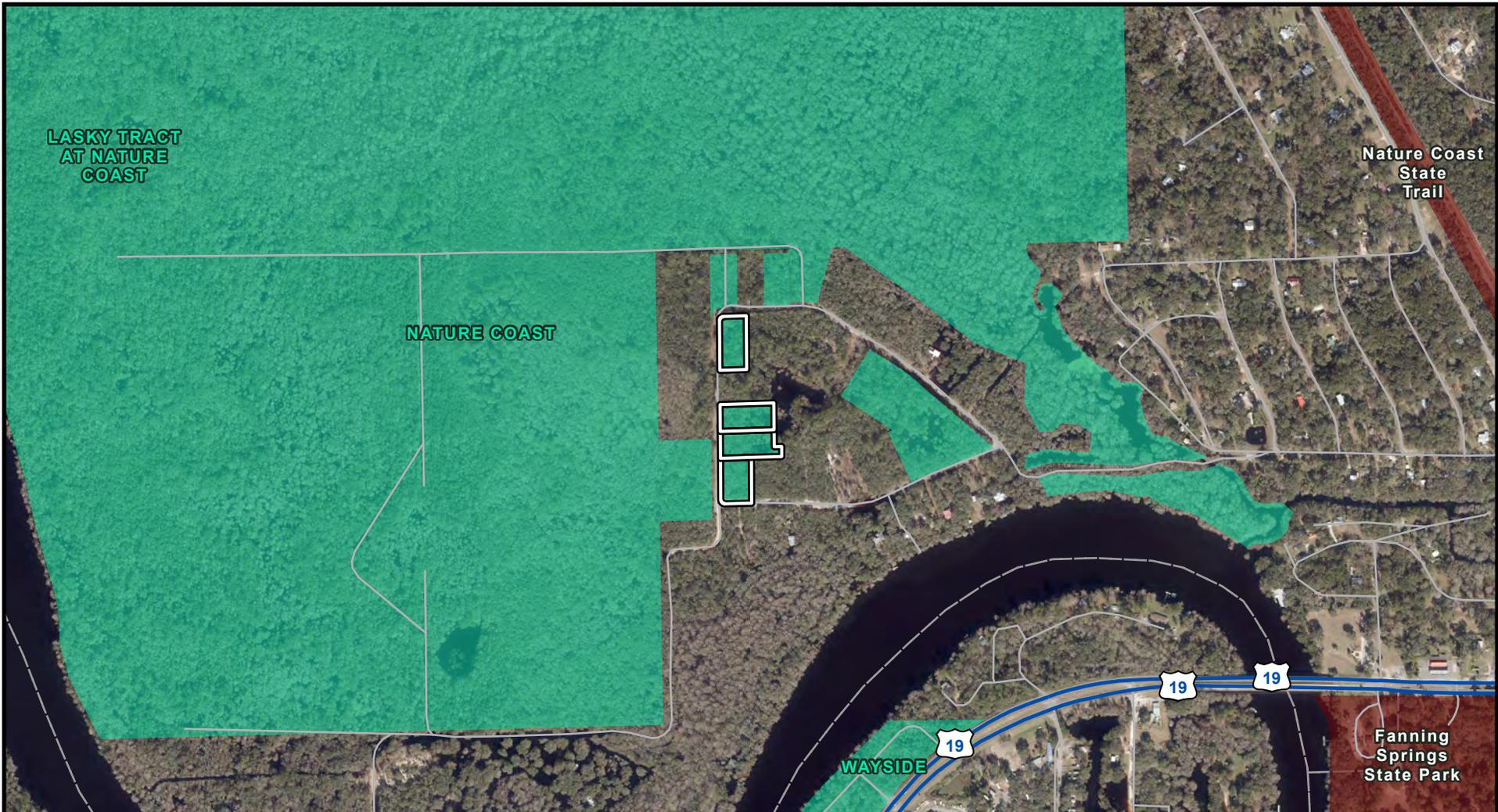
Wildlife Corridor: (Y)

Water Supply Planning Area: (Y) [Eastern]

Wells: (N)

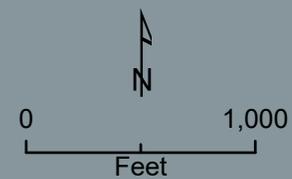
Basin Management Action Plan: (Y) [Suwannee]

River Frontage: (N)

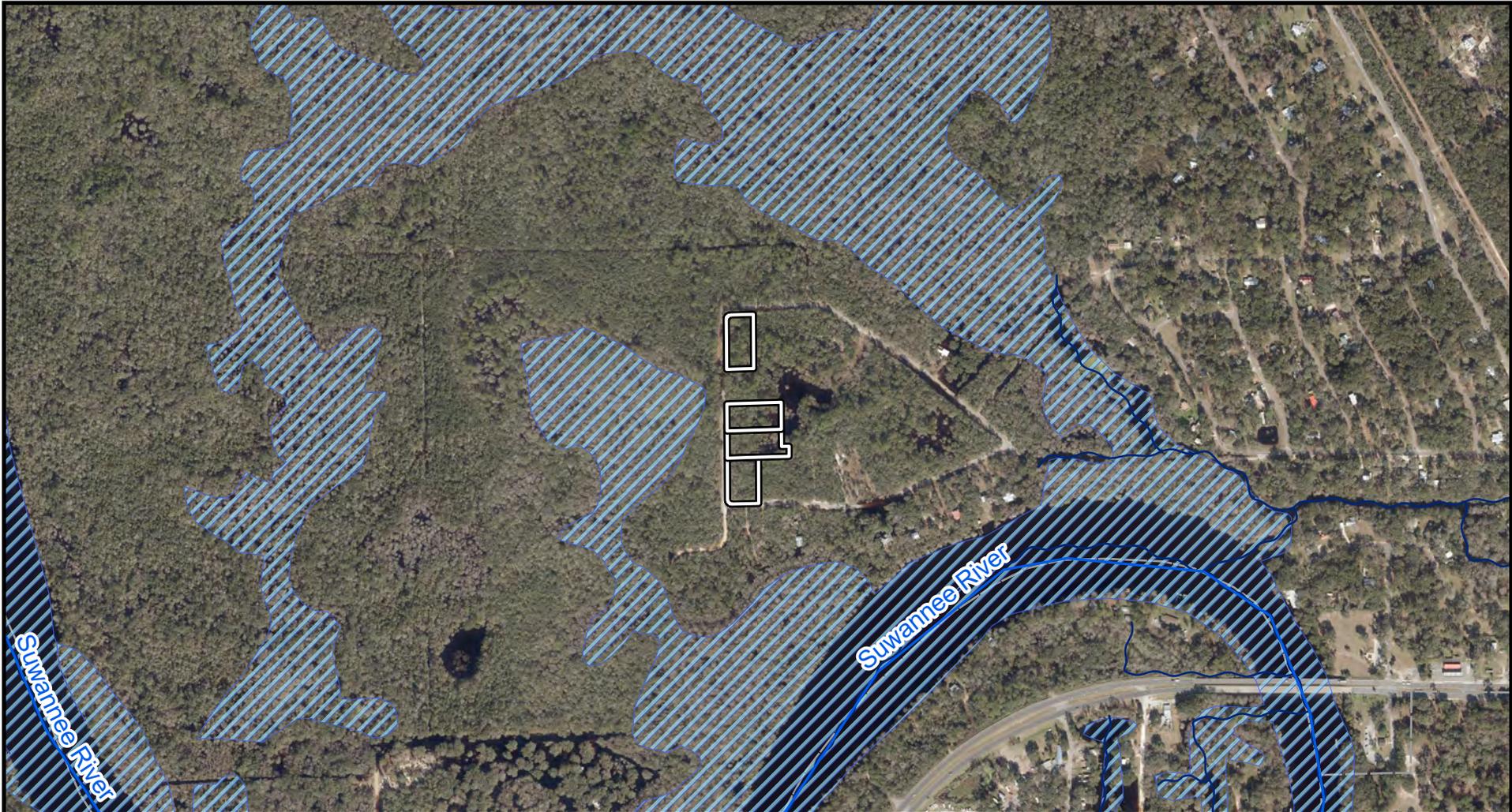


**Nature Coast Surplus
± 4 ac
Gilchrist County**

-  Proposed Surplus
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership

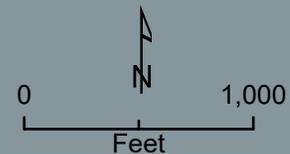
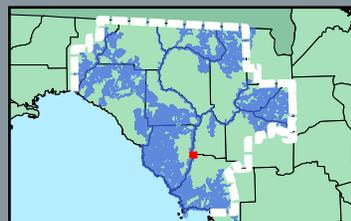


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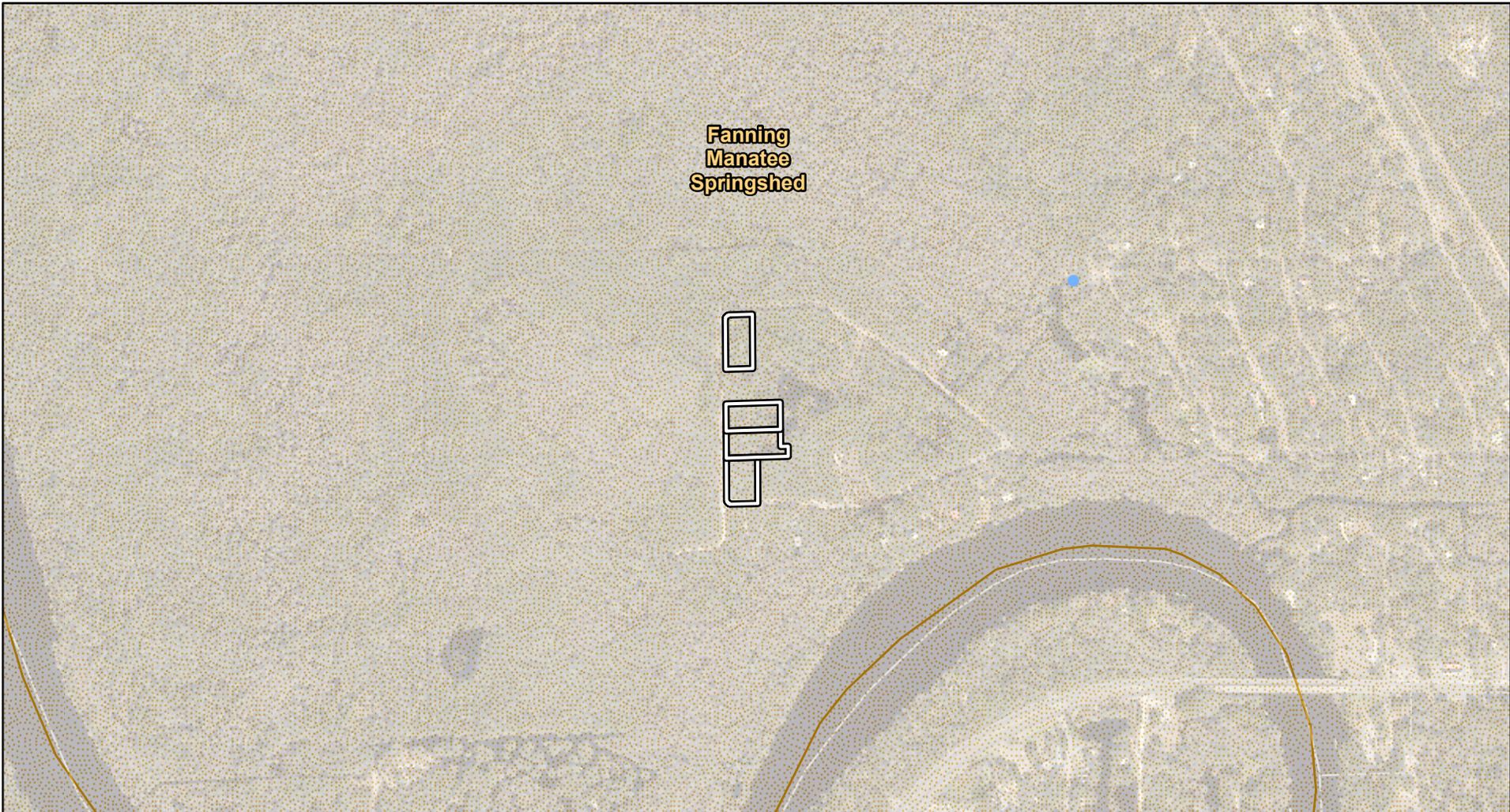


-  Proposed Surplus
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)
-  Creeks and Streams
- SRWMD Major Rivers
-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other

Nature Coast Surplus Property Offer Surface Water Protection



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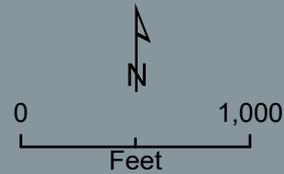
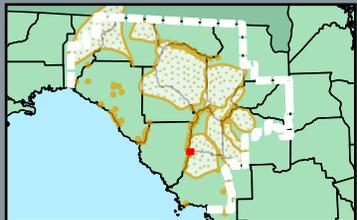


**Fanning
Manatee
Springshed**

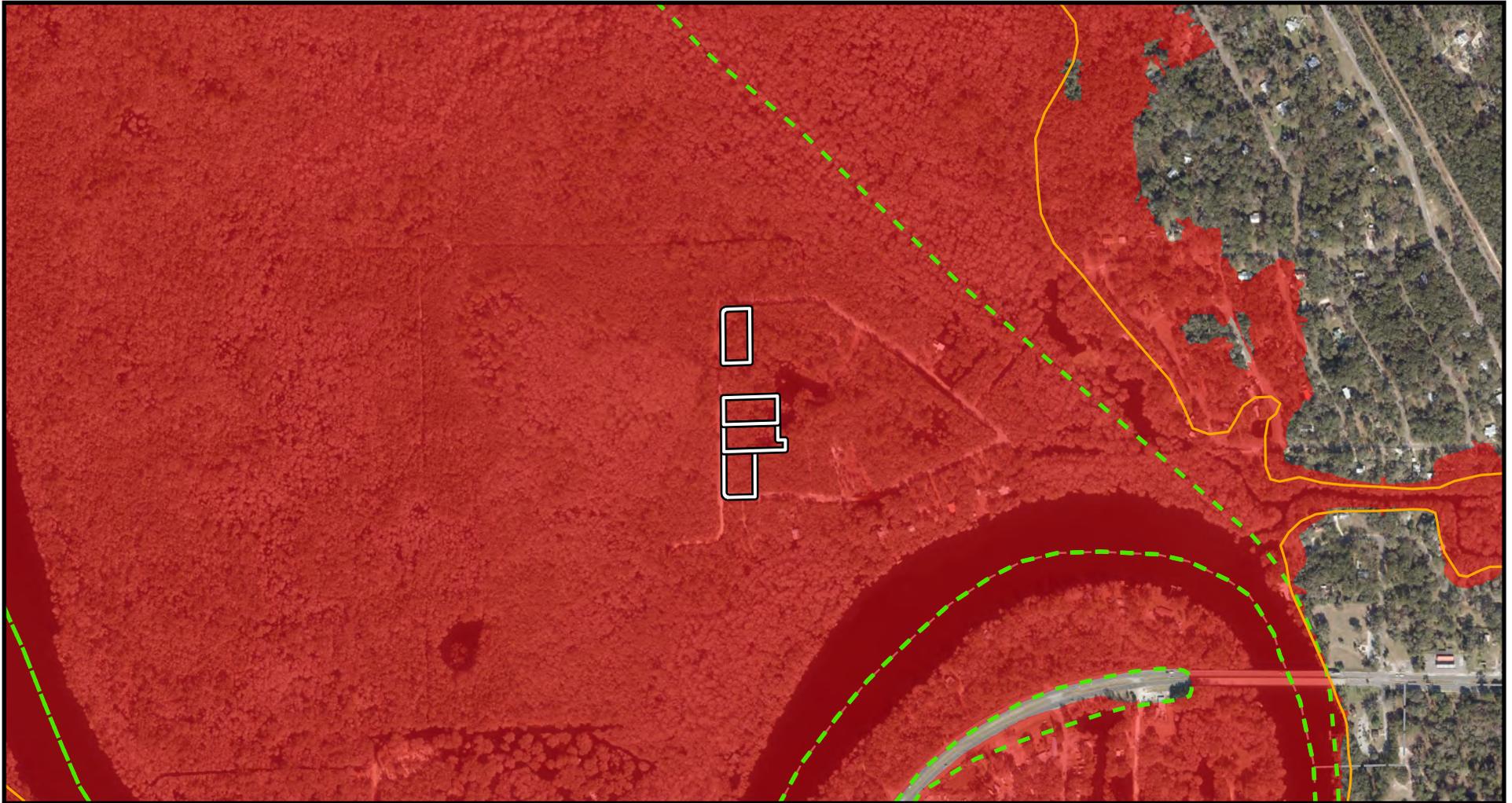


**Nature Coast Surplus
Property Offer
Springs Protection**

-  Proposed Surplus
-  Springs Protection
-  Springs

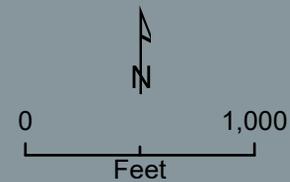
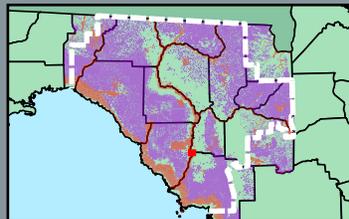


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-  Proposed Surplus
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
-  100 Year Floodplain
-  Zone AE

Nature Coast Surplus Property Offer Floodplain Protection



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Nature Coast Surplus Property Offer Land Management

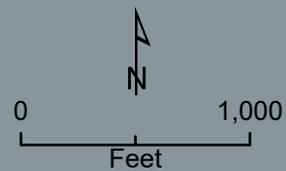
 Proposed Surplus

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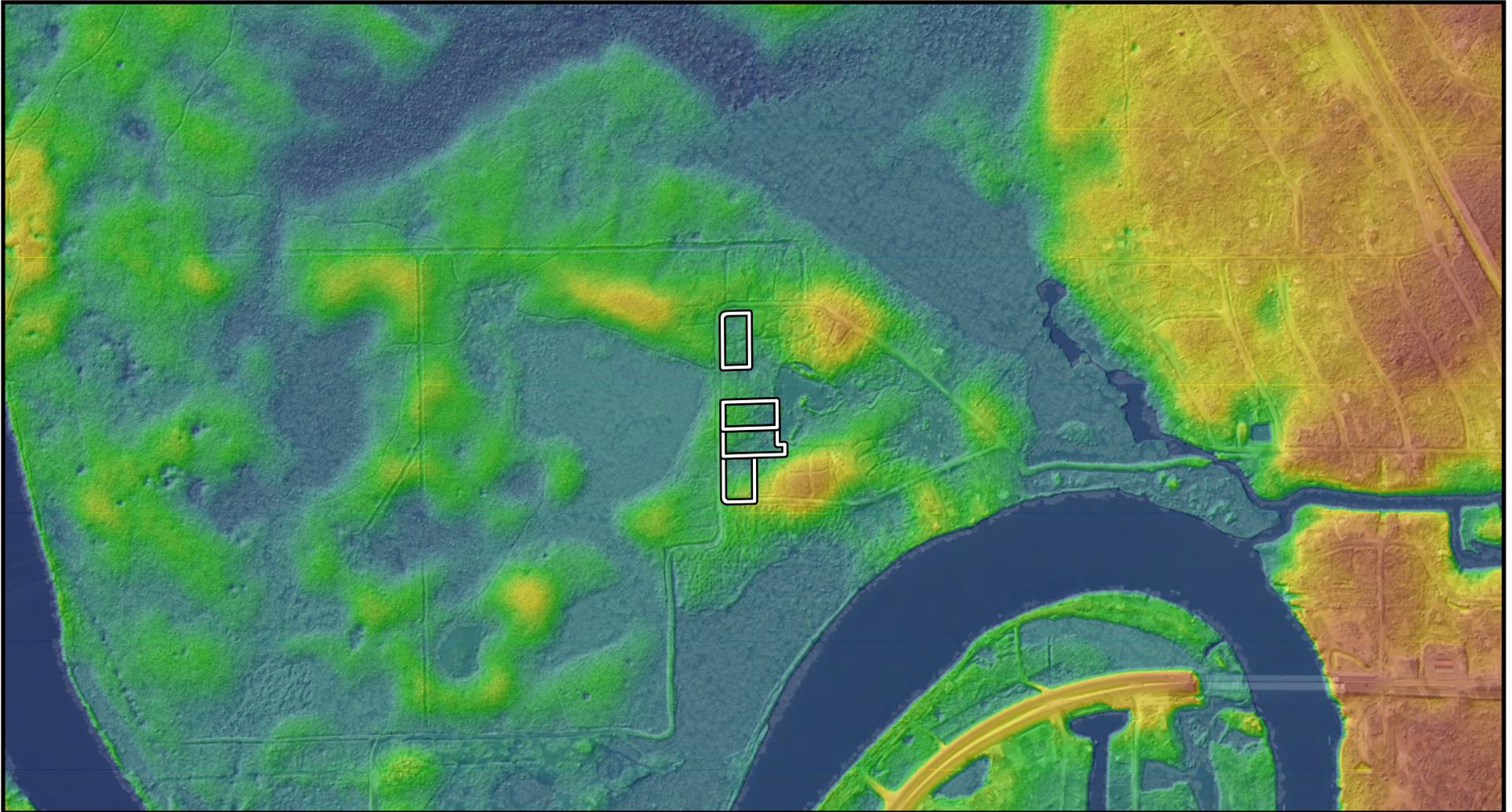
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 Wet Flatwoods

 FL Wildlife Corridor



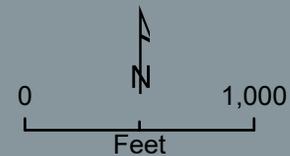
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**Nature Coast Surplus
Property Offer
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 Proposed Surplus

Bare Earth Elevation



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 12, 2025

RE: Resolution 2025-13, Conveyance of 203rd Road and Boat Ramp within the Peacock Slough and Telford Spring Park Tracts, Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2025-13 authorizing the conveyance of a portion of 203rd Road and associated boat ramp located within Peacock Slough and Telford Spring Park tracts, Suwannee County to Suwannee County.

BACKGROUND

The District owns property known as Peacock Slough Tract and Telford Spring Park Tract in Suwannee County. The majority of the Peacock Slough Tract was acquired in the early 2000s, with Telford Spring Park and surrounding acreage being purchased in 2022.

Various acquisitions have included a portion of 203rd Road, a public road which leads to a public boat ramp on the Suwannee River. Suwannee County has maintained this road and boat ramp throughout various land ownerships – keeping it open and accessible to the public. Recent survey research indicates that the road is owned by the District.

To support the County's ongoing maintenance of the road and boat ramp, staff recommend conveying the road and boat ramp to Suwannee County. Suwannee County has committed to keeping the road open for the public and the District will maintain an access easement over the property. The District will incur all costs associated with the conveyance.

The conveyance is consistent with 373.056, Florida Statutes which authorizes transfers of District land to other public agencies where it is found to be in the public interest. There is no noticing required to convey property to other governmental agencies.

The Land Acquisition and Surplus Team approved the conveyance of the 203rd Road and boat ramp on March 13, 2025. The Lands Committee approved the conveyance of the 203rd Road and Boat Ramp on September 22, 2025.

Staff requests the Board approve Resolution 2025-13, authorizing the Conveyance of 203rd Road and Boat Ramp within the Peacock Slough and Telford Spring Park tracts, Suwannee County.

A map of the property to be conveyed is attached.

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Attachments

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF DISTRICT-OWNED 203RD
ROAD AND BOAT RAMP IN SUWANNEE COUNTY TO SUWANNEE COUNTY**

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) owns a portion of road identified as 203RD Road within its Peacock Slough and Telford Spring Park tracts, located in Suwannee County, Florida as shown in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS the road and boat ramp has been maintained by Suwannee County; and

WHEREAS in July 2025, Suwannee County requested that ownership of the road and boat ramp be conveyed to Suwannee County to allow for maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS Suwannee County has agreed to take ownership of the portion of road owned by the District, along with the boat ramp; and

WHEREAS it is mutually beneficial to the District and Suwannee County that fee ownership of the road be transferred to Suwannee County; and

WHEREAS the District will be granted an ingress and egress easement over the portion being conveyed by the District to manage and maintain the surrounding property; and

WHEREAS said conveyance is consistent with sections 373.056, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS said conveyance is in the public interest and for the public benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the conveyance of said lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with Section 373.056, Florida Statutes.
2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the acquisition.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF October 2025.

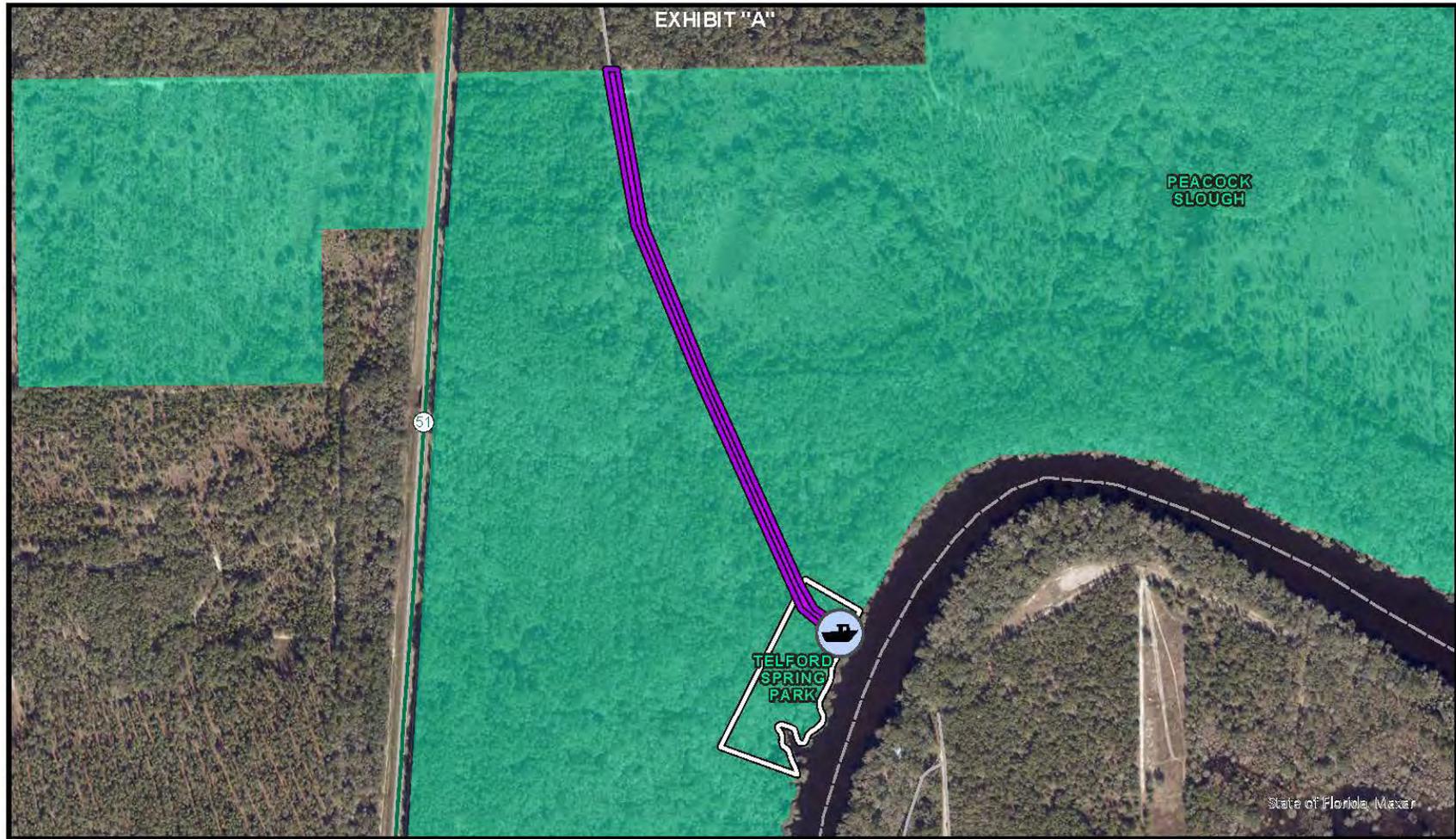
**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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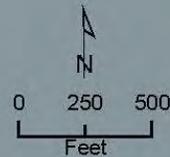
ATTEST:

EXHIBIT A



-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Road to be Conveyed
-  Approximate Boat Ramp Location

Conveyance of 203rd Road and Boat Ramp Telford Spring Tract Suwannee County



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 15, 2025

RE: Resolution 2025-14, Sale of Santa Fe Oasis Lot to David K Weaver, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2025-14 authorizing the sale of Santa Fe Oasis consisting of 0.76 acres +/- located in Gilchrist County to David K Weaver.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Fe Oasis lot in Gilchrist County was purchased on April 28, 1998 using Save Our Rivers funding for \$4,000. On May 12, 2020, the parcel was approved for surplus by the Governing Board.

On June 06, 2025, David Weaver made an offer of \$12,550 for parcel 36-06-15-0086-000F-0080. On June 06, 2025, staff conducted an analysis of comparable sales and found Mr. Weaver's offer to be reasonable.

On September 3, 2025, Mr. Weaver executed a contract for sale and submitted a 10% bid guaranty for the parcel – subject to Board approval. Staff noticed the sale on the District's website on September 5, 2025, and in the local newspaper on September 10, September 17, and September 24, 2025, or for three consecutive weeks, pursuant to section 373.089(3), Florida Statutes.

The property will be sold for no less than appraised value or \$12,550, whichever is greater. The buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the transaction. The buyer may cancel negotiations should the appraisal return a value that is higher than he is able to pay.

The surplus sale includes deed restrictions on the parcel to prevent future permanent development but allows for an open-sided pole barn. Mr. Weaver has been made aware of these restrictions and has accepted.

Staff requests the Board approve Resolution 2025-14 authorizing the sale of Santa Fe Oasis lot in Gilchrist County to David K Weaver.

KCP/ao
Attachments

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

**RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS LAND LOCATED IN SUWANNEE COUNTY
OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO
DAVID K WEAVER**

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) declared as surplus, by 2/3 vote, certain parcels of real property identified as Santa Fe Oasis Lot 8, Block F consisting of 0.76 acres +/- located in Suwannee County, Florida as described in Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS the property was surplus by the Governing Board on May 12, 2020;

WHEREAS on June 06, 2025, David Weaver made an offer to purchase parcel 36-06-15-0086-000F-0080 for \$12,550;

WHEREAS the property will be sold at \$12,550 or the appraised value, whichever is greater;

WHEREAS On September 3, 2025, Mr. Weaver executed a purchase agreement with the District for the purchase of the parcel, subject to Board approval;

WHEREAS the buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the transaction;

WHEREAS the property will be sold with deed restrictions to prohibit future permanent development and maintain the conservation value of the property;

WHEREAS the property was purchased on April 28, 1998, using Save Our Rivers funds, the revenue received from the sale will be used for future land acquisitions;

WHEREAS the sale was publicly noticed in accordance with Section 373.089(3), Florida Statutes by posting on the District website on September 5, 2025, and posting in the local newspaper on September 10, September 17, and September 24, 2025;

WHEREAS the property is not needed for conservation purposes;

WHEREAS the sale is consistent with Article X, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution, and Section 373.089, Florida Statutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the surplus of said lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's plan of disposition, and Section 373.199, Florida Statutes.
2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the surplus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

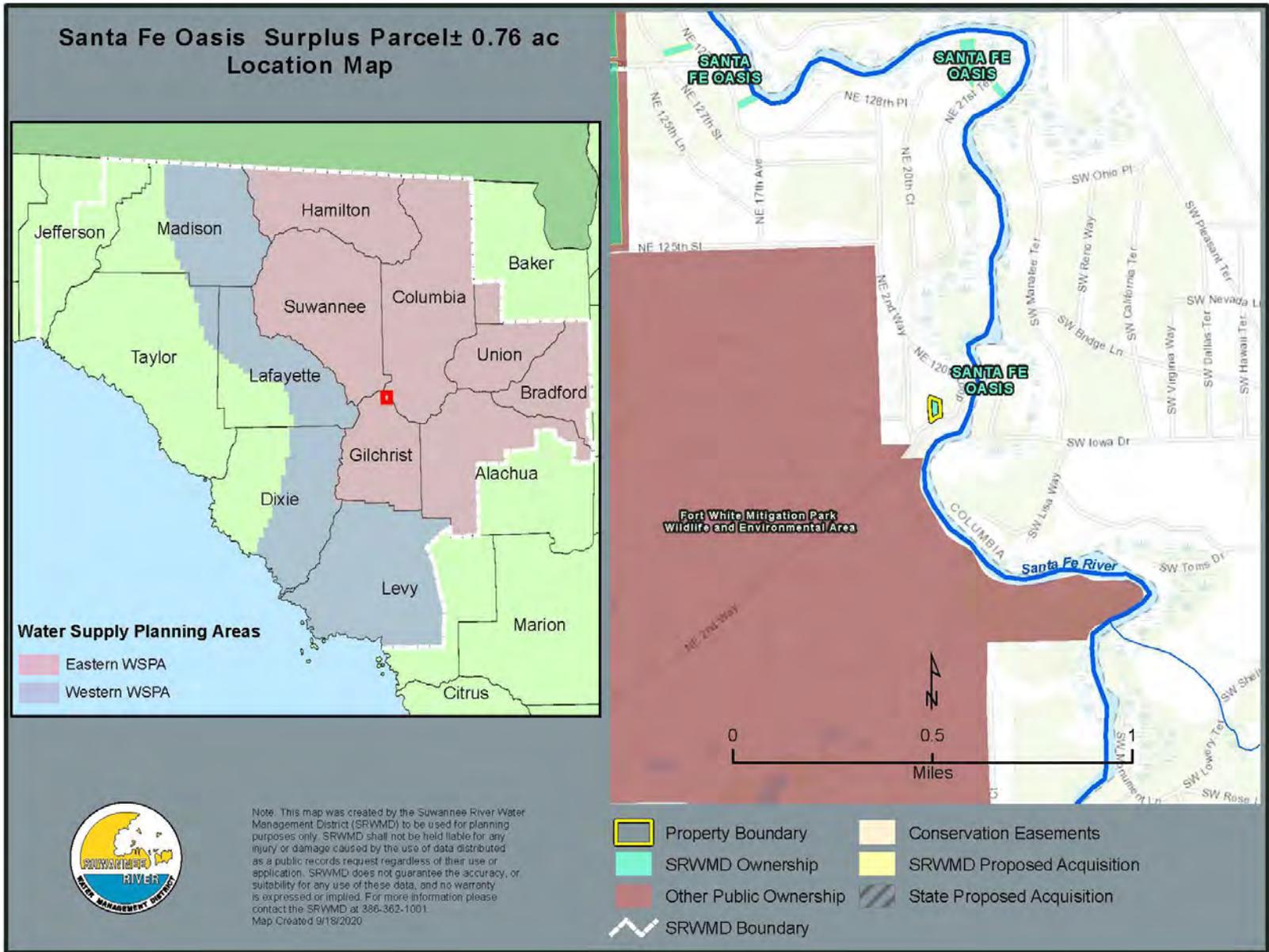
**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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HARRY SMITH
LARRY THOMPSON
GEORGE WHEELER**

ATTEST:

Exhibit A



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 15, 2025

RE: Resolution 2025-15, Sale of Santa Fe Springs Lots 14 and 15 to Kurt and Karen Burns Ardaman, Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2025-15, sale of Santa Fe Springs lots 14 and 15 consisting of 5.94 +/- acres located in Suwannee County to Kurt and Karen Burns Ardaman.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Fe Springs lots in Suwannee County were purchased on July 01, 1998, using Save Our Rivers funds for \$10,000 each. On January 14, 2025, the parcels were approved for surplus by the Governing Board.

On August 12, 2025, the Kurt and Karen Ardaman made an offer of \$10,000 per lot for parcels 32-06S-15E-01534-020150 (Lot 15) and 32-06S-15E-01534-020140 (Lot 14). On August 13, 2025, staff conducted an analysis of comparable sales and found the Ardaman's offer to be reasonable.

On September 10, 2025, the Ardaman's executed a contract for sale and submitted a 10% bid guaranty for the parcels – subject to Board approval. Staff noticed the sale on the District's website on September 12, 2025, in the local newspaper on September 17, 2025, and sent a certified letter to the adjacent landowner on September 18, 2025, pursuant to section 373.089(8)(a), Florida Statutes. The surplus sale includes deed restrictions on the parcels to prevent future development. Further, the buyers are responsible for all costs associated with the surplus.

The property will be sold for no less than appraised value or \$10,000 per parcel, whichever is greater. The buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the transaction. The buyer may cancel negotiations should the appraisal return a value that is higher than he is able to pay.

The surplus sale includes deed restrictions on the parcel to prevent future development and the Ardaman's have accepted these restrictions.

Staff requests the Board approve Resolution 2025-15, authorizing the sale of Santa Fe Springs lots in Suwannee County to Alan Kurt and Karen Burns Ardaman.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

**RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS LAND LOCATED IN SUWANNEE COUNTY
OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO
ALAN AND KAREN ARDAMAN**

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) declared as surplus, by 2/3 vote, certain parcels of real property identified as Santa Fe Springs lots 14 and 15, consisting of 5.94 acres +/- located in Suwannee County, Florida as described in Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS the property was surplus by the Governing Board on January 14, 2025;

WHEREAS on August 12, 2025, Alan and Karen Ardaman made an offer to purchase parcels 32-06S-15E-01534-020150 (Lot 15) and 32-06S-15E-01534-020140 (Lot 14) for \$10,000 each;

WHEREAS properties valued at less than \$25,000 per parcel may be sold to adjacent landowners pursuant to section 373.089, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS Alan and Karen Ardaman are adjacent landowners,

WHEREAS the parcels will be sold for \$10,000 each or the appraised value, whichever is greater;

WHEREAS On September 10, 2025, the Ardaman's executed a purchase agreement with the District for the purchase of the parcel, subject to Board approval;

WHEREAS the buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the transaction;

WHEREAS the property will be sold with deed restrictions to prohibit future development and maintain the conservation value of the property;

WHEREAS the property was purchased on June 29, 1998, using Save Our Rivers funds and the revenue received from the sale will be used for future land acquisitions;

WHEREAS the sale was publicly noticed in accordance with Section 373.089(8)(a), Florida Statutes, by posting on the District website on September 12, 2025, posting in the local newspaper on September 17, 2025, for one occurrence, and contacting all adjacent landowners via certified mail September 18, 2025;

WHEREAS the property is not needed for conservation purposes;

WHEREAS the sale is consistent with Article X, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution, and Section 373.089, Florida Statutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

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2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the surplus.

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ATTEST:

EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Description:

Parcel 32-06S-15E-01534-020150 (Lot 15)

Parcel 32-06S-15E-01534-020140 (Lot 14)

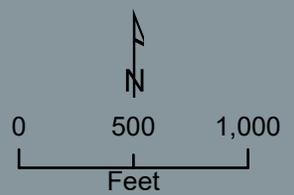
Lots 15 and 14, Block B, SANTA FE SPRINGS, a subdivision according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 141 public records of Suwannee County, Florida.



State of Florida, Maxar

**Santa Fe Springs
(Ardaman)
± 5.94 ac
Suwannee County**

-  Proposed Surplus Parcels
-  SRWMD Ownership



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Steven Carpenter, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

THRU: Lorna, Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management
Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

DATE: September 15, 2025

RE: Livingston Place Conservation Easement Amendment, Jefferson County

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of an amendment to the Livingston Place Conservation Easement with Tall Timbers in Jefferson County.

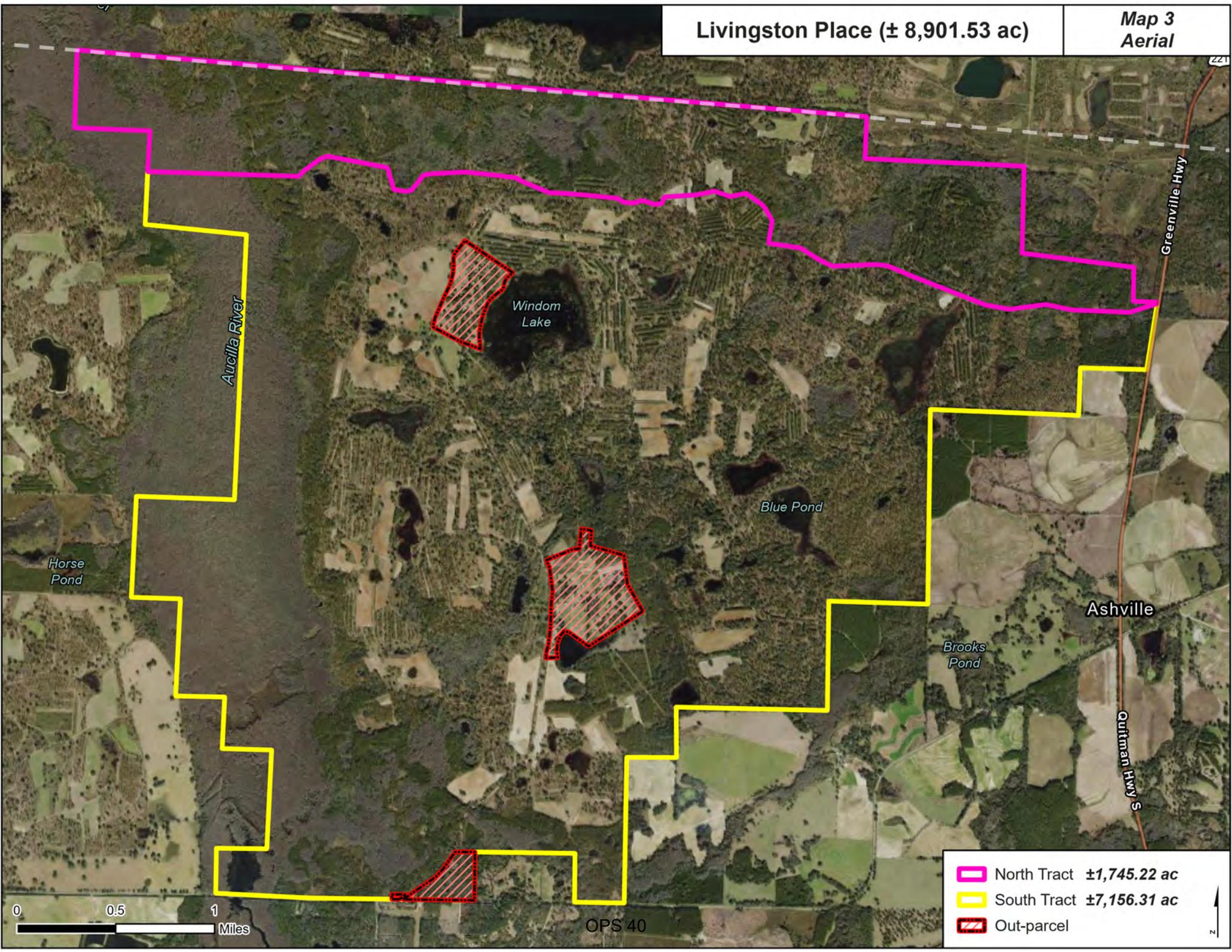
BACKGROUND

On February 18, 1999, the District acquired a conservation easement over the Livingston Place property in Jefferson County, Florida. In April 2025, the Grantor (Tall Timbers) approached the District seeking to subdivide the 9,000-acre property into two parcels to sell approximately 1,750 acres +/- to an adjacent property owner.

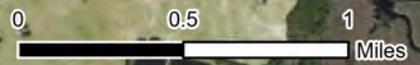
The conservation easement terms allow for subdivision with District approval. Governing Board Directive 20-0005 requires a mutually beneficial amendment to result in an equal or net increase in conservation values. To increase the conservation value and offset the increased District burden, Tall Timbers will forfeit future subdivision rights and reduce the number of allowed structures. While in the amendment process, several terms have also been updated for clarification purposes.

Staff believes this amendment will result in a net increase in conservation value and has met the requirements of Governing Board Directive 20-0005. Tall Timbers has reimbursed the District for all costs incurred in processing the amendment. Pursuant to Directive, the Executive Director may bypass the Lands Committee and have mutually beneficial amendments placed on the Governing Board meeting agenda for consideration.

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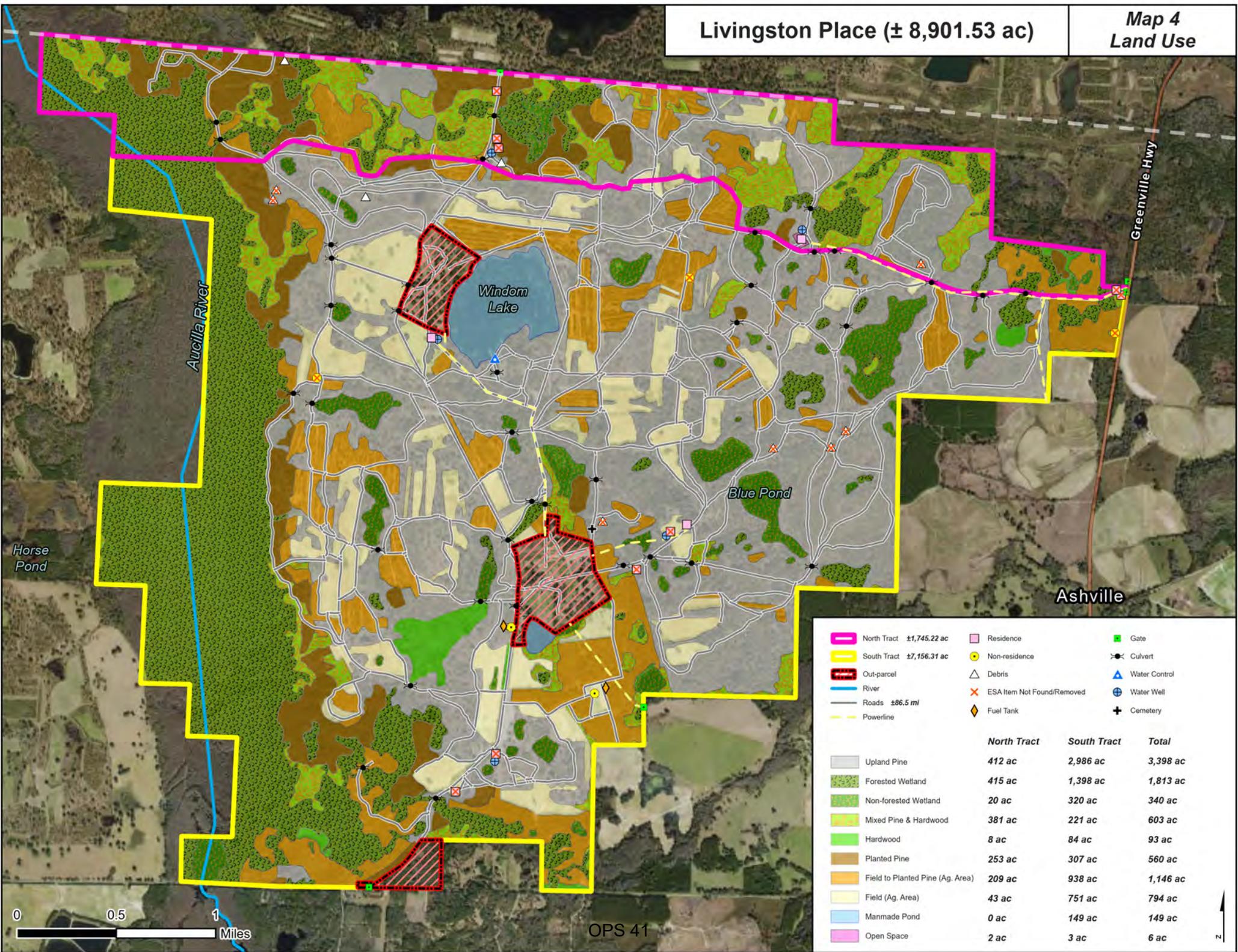


	North Tract ±1,745.22 ac
	South Tract ±7,156.31 ac
	Out-parcel



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North Tract ±1,745.22 ac	Residence	Gate
South Tract ±7,156.31 ac	Non-residence	Culvert
Out-parcel	Debris	Water Control
River	ESA Item Not Found/Removed	Water Well
Roads ±86.5 mi	Fuel Tank	Cemetery
Powerline		

	North Tract	South Tract	Total
Upland Pine	412 ac	2,986 ac	3,398 ac
Forested Wetland	415 ac	1,398 ac	1,813 ac
Non-forested Wetland	20 ac	320 ac	340 ac
Mixed Pine & Hardwood	381 ac	221 ac	603 ac
Hardwood	8 ac	84 ac	93 ac
Planted Pine	253 ac	307 ac	560 ac
Field to Planted Pine (Ag. Area)	209 ac	938 ac	1,146 ac
Field (Ag. Area)	43 ac	751 ac	794 ac
Manmade Pond	0 ac	149 ac	149 ac
Open Space	2 ac	3 ac	6 ac

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
 FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management
 THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
 DATE: September 23, 2025
 RE: Land Management Update Report

BACKGROUND

The following information summarizes land management activities cumulative as of August 31, 2025.

Natural Communities Management: The following tables represent activities that support overall natural community restoration and management across District lands.

Vegetative Management (acres)	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Herbicide Treatments	117	117	100.0%
Mechanical Treatments	3,214	3,454	107.0%
Mallory Swamp Mechanical Treatments	894	149	16.6%

Prescribed Fire (acres)	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
SRWMD	10,650	7,643	71.7%
FFS - Twin Rivers State Forest	700	248	35.4%

Invasive Plant Treatment	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Edwards Bottomland (acres)	7.11	7.11	100%
Contractors (acres)	145.83	145.83	100%

Ecological Services Monitoring	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Rare Plants Monitoring (acres)	2,269	Started April	100%
Wading Bird Rookeries (sites)	13	13	100%
Natural Community Mapping (acres)	313	Started May	100%
Gopher Tortoise Surveys (acres)	159	110	69%

Timber Harvests	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Acreage Sold	1,764	3,161	179%
Revenue (estimated)	\$1,064,000	\$1,700,548	159%

Current Timber Sales	County	Acreage	Type	Status or Revenue
Woods Ferry #7	Suwannee	155	Thinning	\$114,655.38
Cuba Bay #4	Madison	51	Thinning	Complete
Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 2	Lafayette	419	Salvage Clearcut	Inactive
Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 3	Lafayette	117	Salvage Clearcut	\$113,404.55
Hurricane Helene TRSF Selective Salvage Ellaville	Madison	592	Salvage Damaged Wood Only	Inactive
Hurricane Helene TRSF Westwood West Chipping Salvage	Madison	130	Chip Damaged Wood Only	\$2,214.80
Hatchbend #1	Lafayette	91	Clearcut	Inactive
Cabbage Creek #2	Taylor	382	Thinning	Active

Reforestation	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Reforestation (acres)	293	293	100%

Land Management: The following tables represent tract and land management activities on the District's fee and less-than-fee owned properties.

Conservation Easements	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Monitor Current Easements	13	7	53%

Hydrologic & Road Maintenance	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Culvert Replacements	9	14	156%
Road maintenance (miles)	144	127	88%

Tract Maintenance	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,710	1262	74%
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2568	2302	89%
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	800	718.5	90%
Sign Replacements	51	19	37%*
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	115.4	41	35%**

*Signs ordered and received. Facility repairs at public use sites have reduced the time and labor to install all signs this year. Priority project at beginning of FY26.

**Boundary line marking contractor failed to perform to contract due to personal hardships. Closeout rating will reflect performance.

Special Projects

The following information provides a status update on special projects within the Office of Land Management.

Mount Gilead Tract: EUTAW, Inc. provided an estimate for design to update and fortify the boat ramp. Project is on hold pending hurricane repairs at other sites.

Starke Bypass Mitigation Area: Invasive plant treatment work is continuing this month and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2025. Site monitoring work conducted by FLDOT is expected to be completed by the end of October 2025.

Telford Spring: In July, the District opened Telford Spring to the public. EUTAW, Inc has completed a conceptual plan to improve parking and public access. The initial phase of the sitework has been completed. New signs have been installed.

Storm Facility Repairs: Hurricane Debby and Hurricane Helene have damaged public use areas to varying degrees. Eight sites are currently undergoing plans for assessment and construction costs to repair. The sites under assessment are Suwannee Springs, Falmouth Springs, Owen Springs, Steinhatchee Falls, Blue Sink, Atsena Otie Key, and Lukens. FEMA conducted site inspections for the damaged facilities.

Suwannee Springs Park: All repairs completed.

Falmouth Springs Park: The park remains closed due to damage to the boardwalk. The boardwalk and fence were recently removed from the site including all debris. The picnic table is repaired. Site design for spring access and parking design was contracted with EUTAW and completed. Design submitted to FEMA. Seeking funding for the project.

Owen Springs Tract: All repairs completed.

Steinhatchee Falls Park: Topographic surveys and geotechnical investigations for the boat ramp reconstruction are complete. Site plans have been developed. Site design and engineering are 100 percent complete. FDEP and ACOE permits have been issued. Seeking funding for the project.

Blue Sink Canoe Launch: Removal of sediment from concrete pathway and repairs to erosion control matting is complete. The contractor recovered wall blocks and is re-stabilizing the wall to prevent erosion. Work was completed on September 15, 2025.

Atsena Otie Key: Coordination with the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge for repairs to the Clivus Mulch restroom, boardwalk, and kiosk is underway. USFWS engineering facility staff have conducted an assessment. USFWS has received Congressional funding to make repairs. Discussion underway with LSNWR regarding project priorities. This project was withdrawn from SRWMD facility damage report to FEMA.

Lukens Kayak Launch: Due to launch site damage and erosion impacts from the storm, the site has been closed and removed from the public-use recreation map. FEMA is reviewing potential relocation of the site funds.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

DATE: September 10, 2025

RE: Florida National Scenic Trail Updated Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to execute the updated Florida National Scenic Trail Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

BACKGROUND

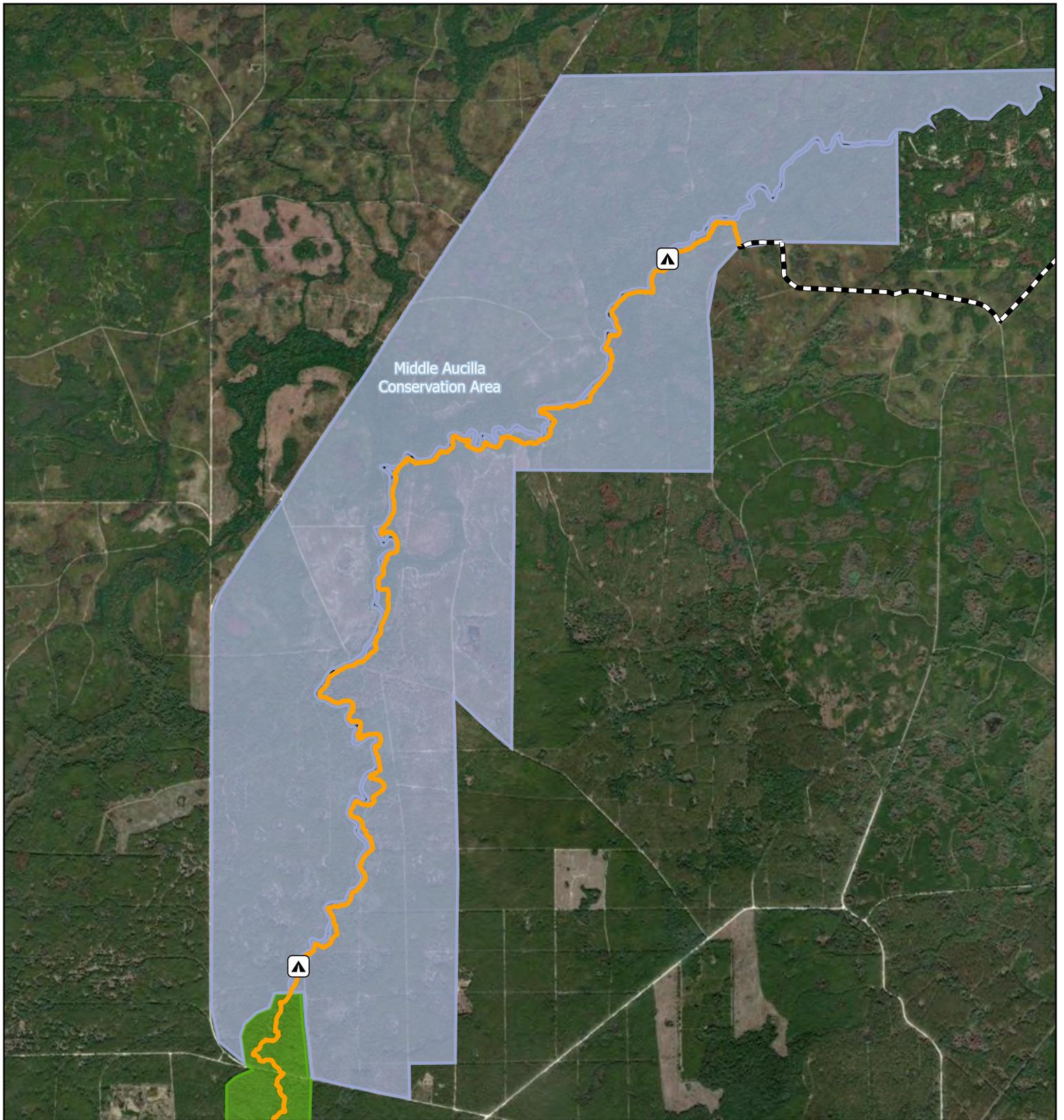
The Florida National Scenic Trail was designated by Congress as part of the National Trails System in 1983 by amendment to the 1968 National Trails System Act. In this amendment the U.S. Forest Service was delegated authority to build, maintain, manage, and protect the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST). The FNST is a complex and unique trail; and it traverses the lands of nearly 30 different federal, state, public, and private interests.

Florida Statute 260.012(6) further supports the FNST in stating: "It is the intent of the Legislature to officially recognize the Florida National Scenic Trail as Florida's official statewide trail from the Florida Panhandle to the Everglades."

This memorandum of understanding updates previous agreements between the District and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. The most recent agreement was signed in 2015 and expires November 2025.

The agreement documents the cooperation between parties to locate the FNST on District lands, including detailed sections of the trail, design, construction, relocation procedures, and protection measures. The agreement allows for federal dollars to be expended on the trail when funded.

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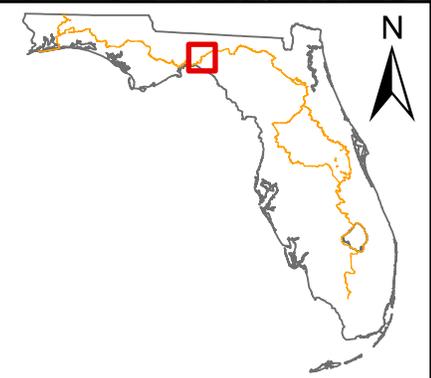
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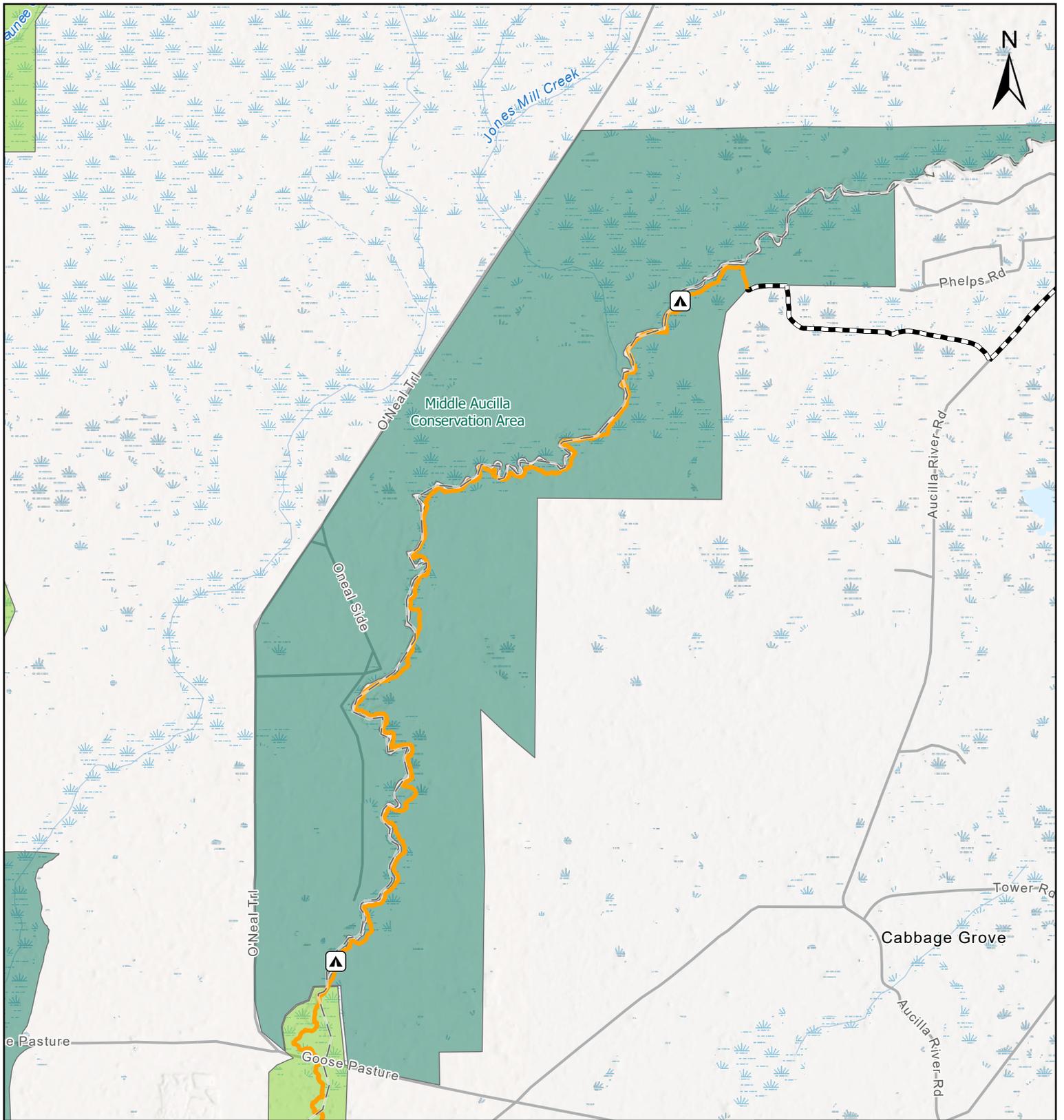


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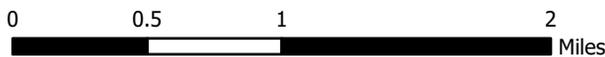




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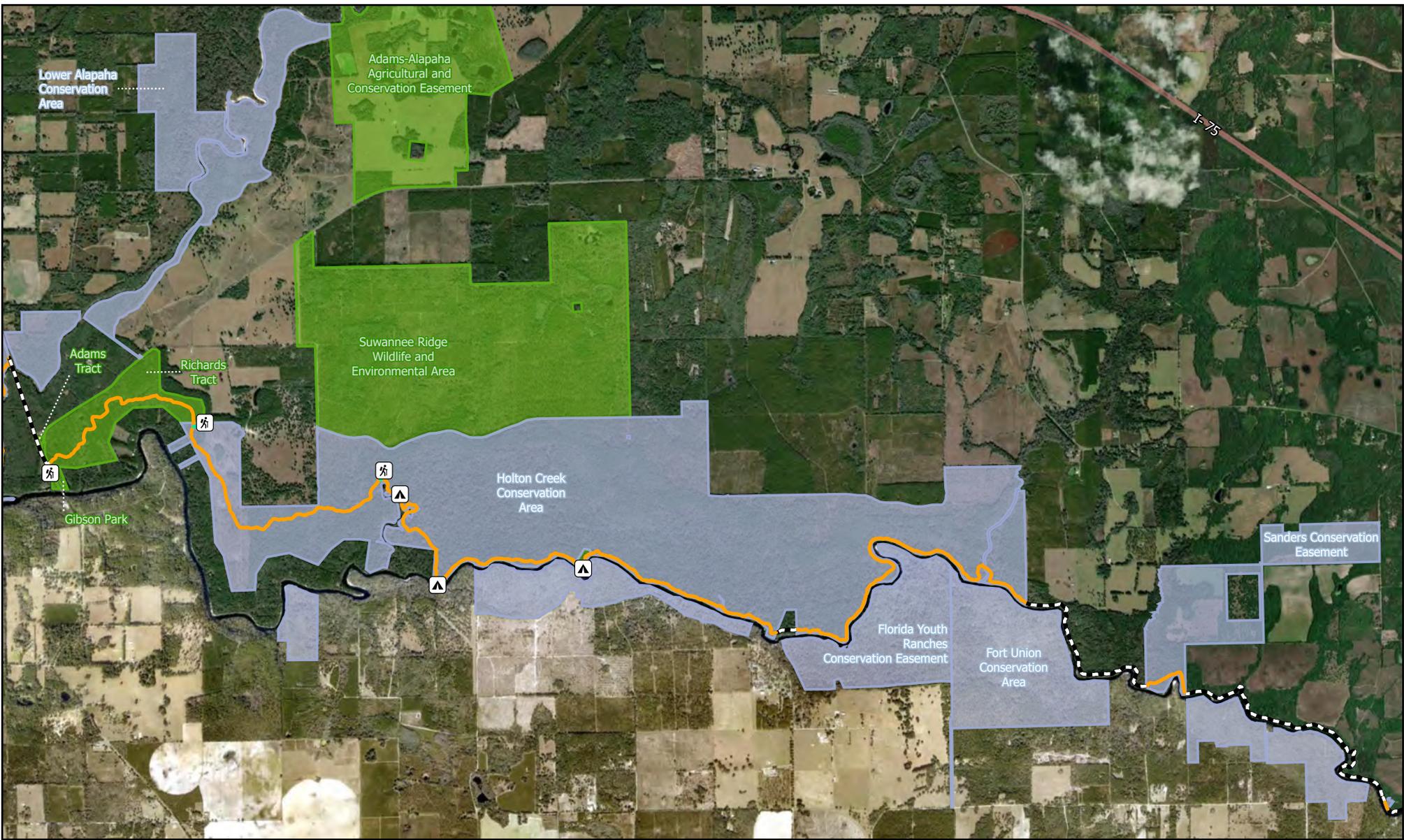


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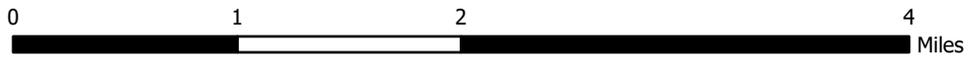
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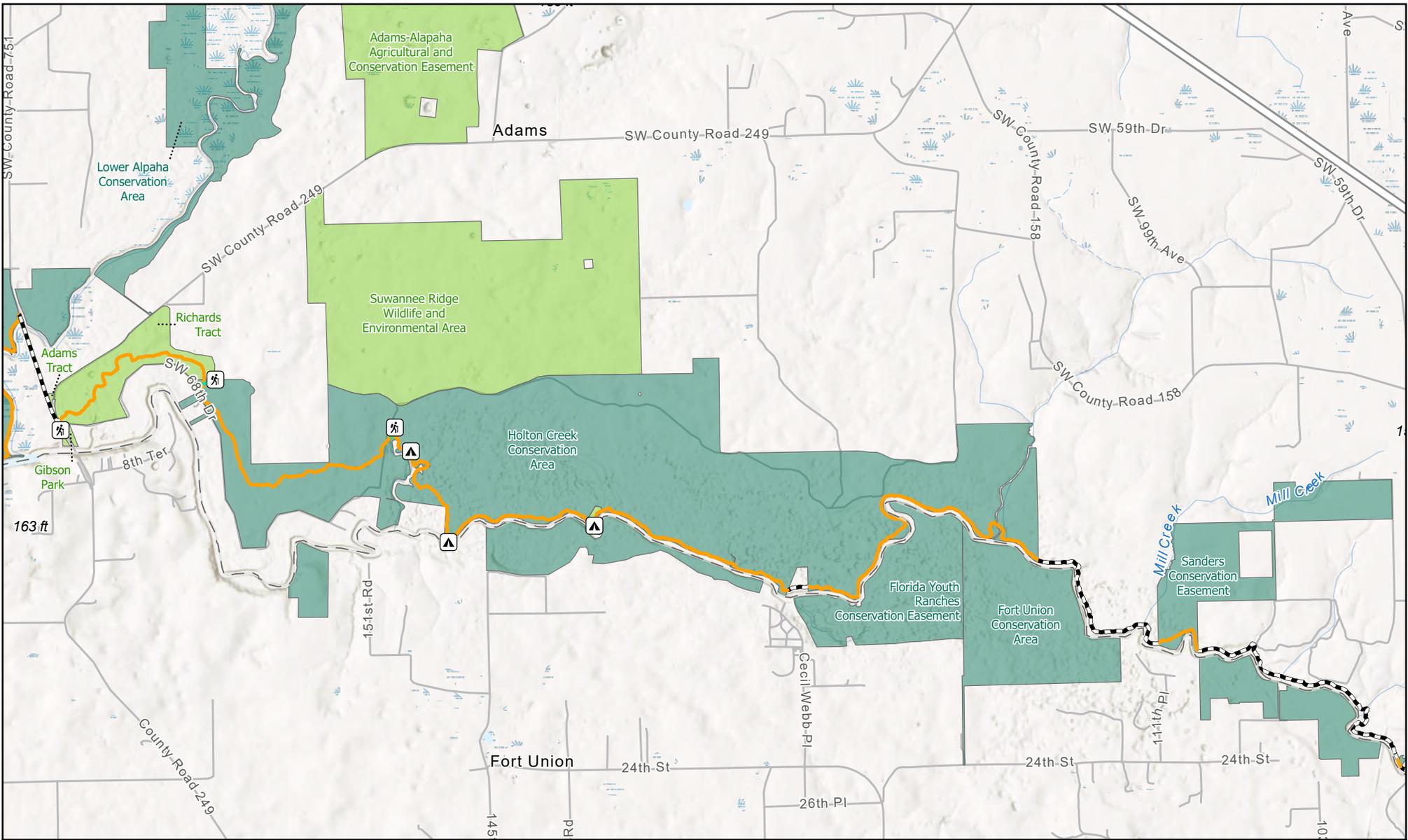
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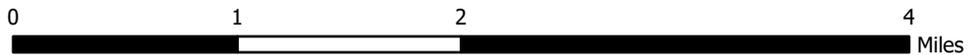
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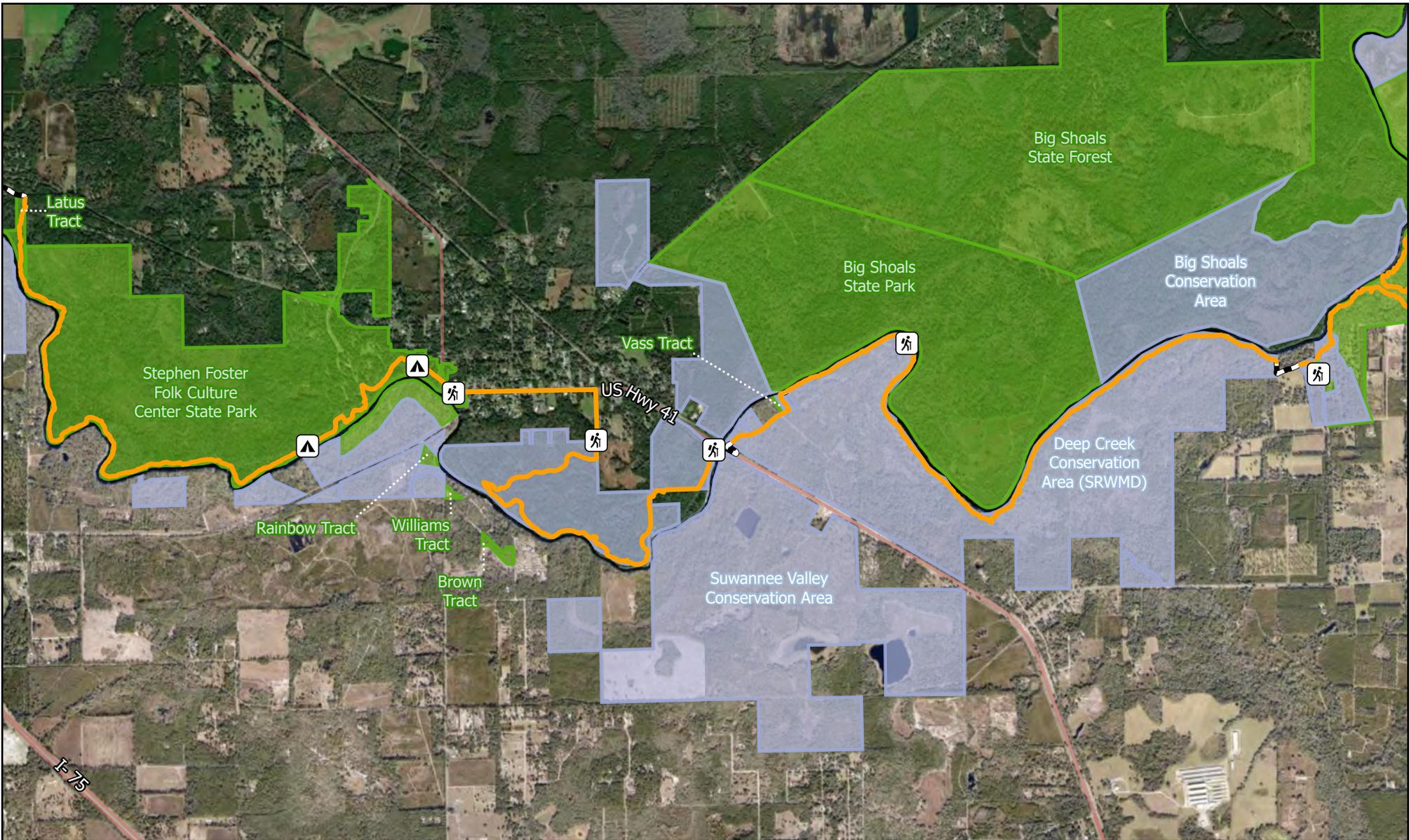
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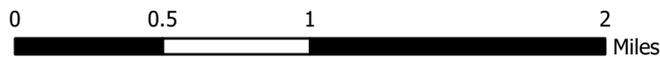
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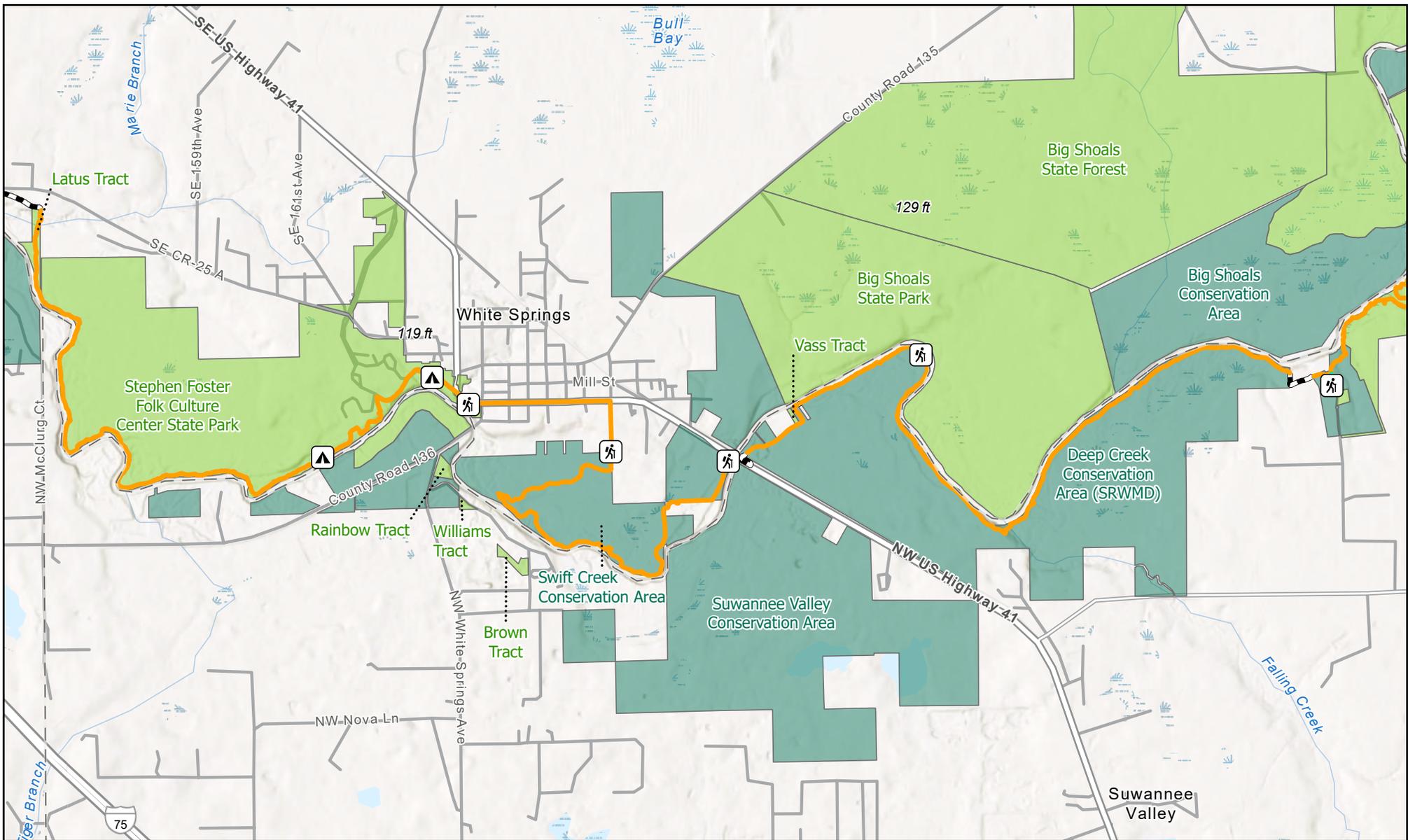
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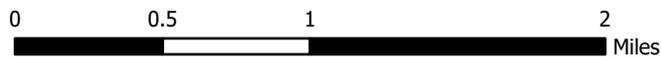
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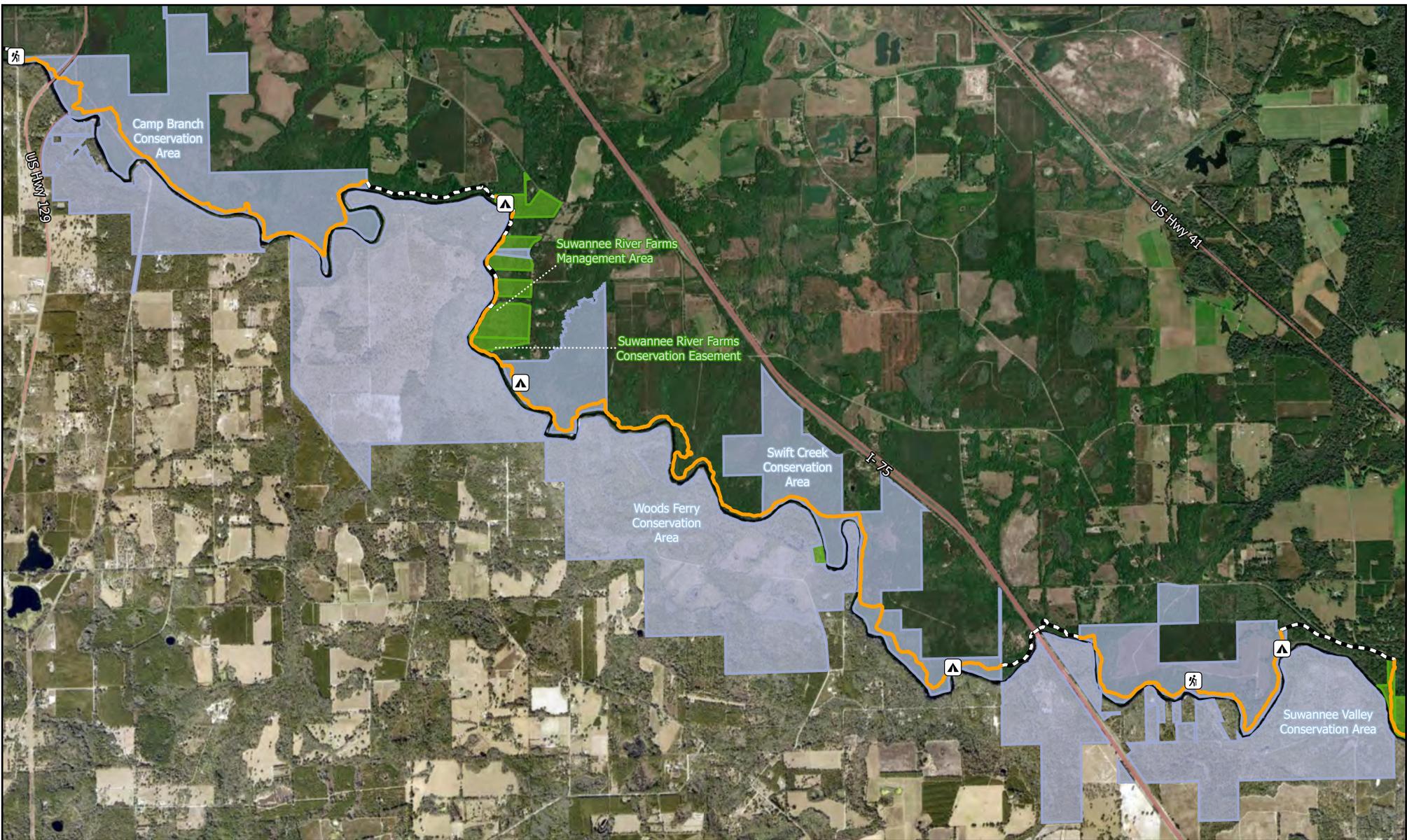
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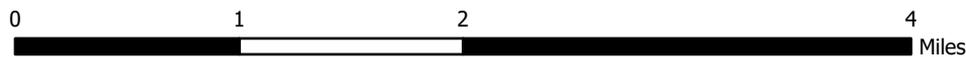
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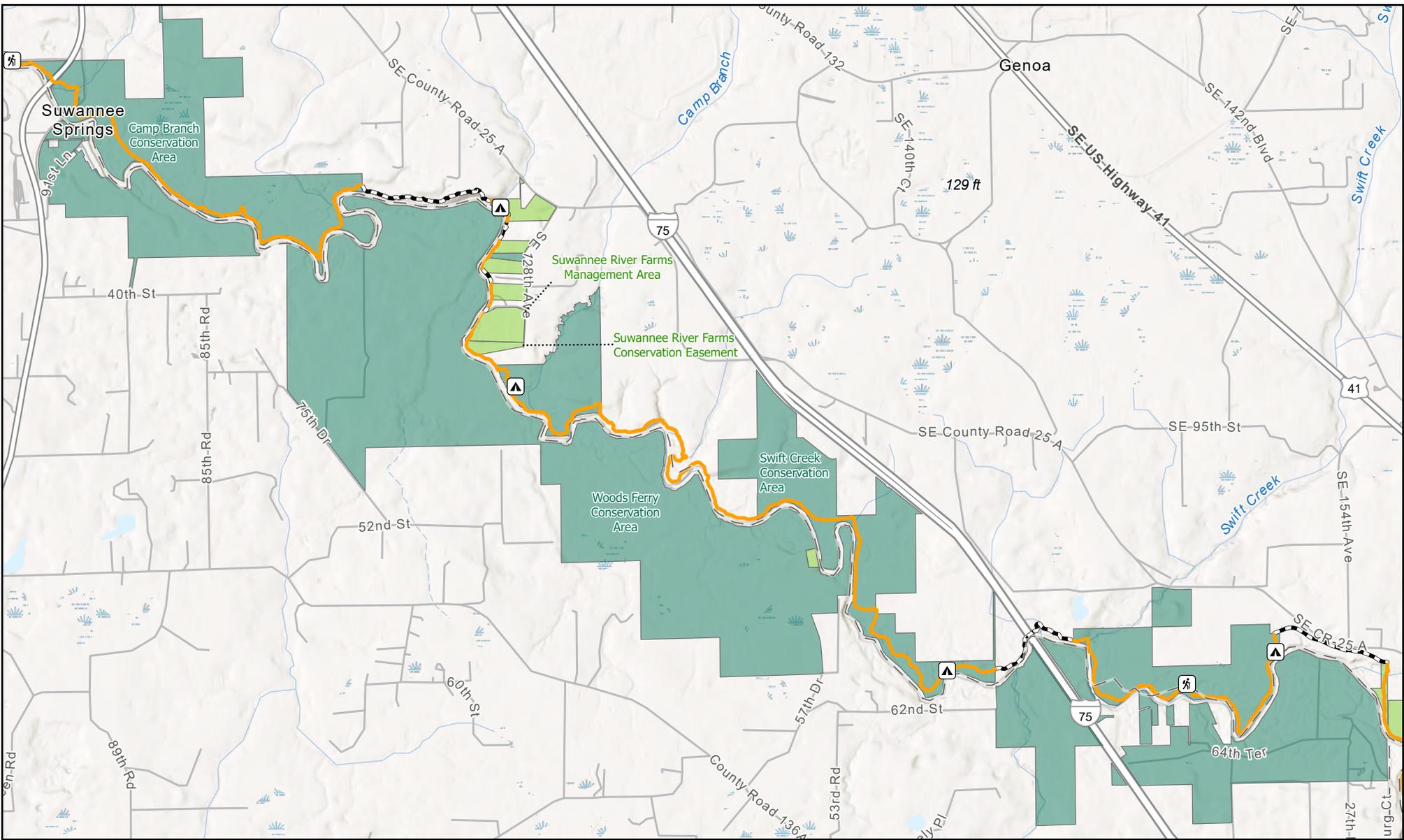
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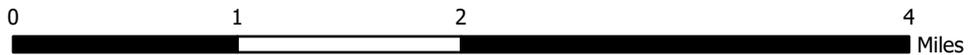
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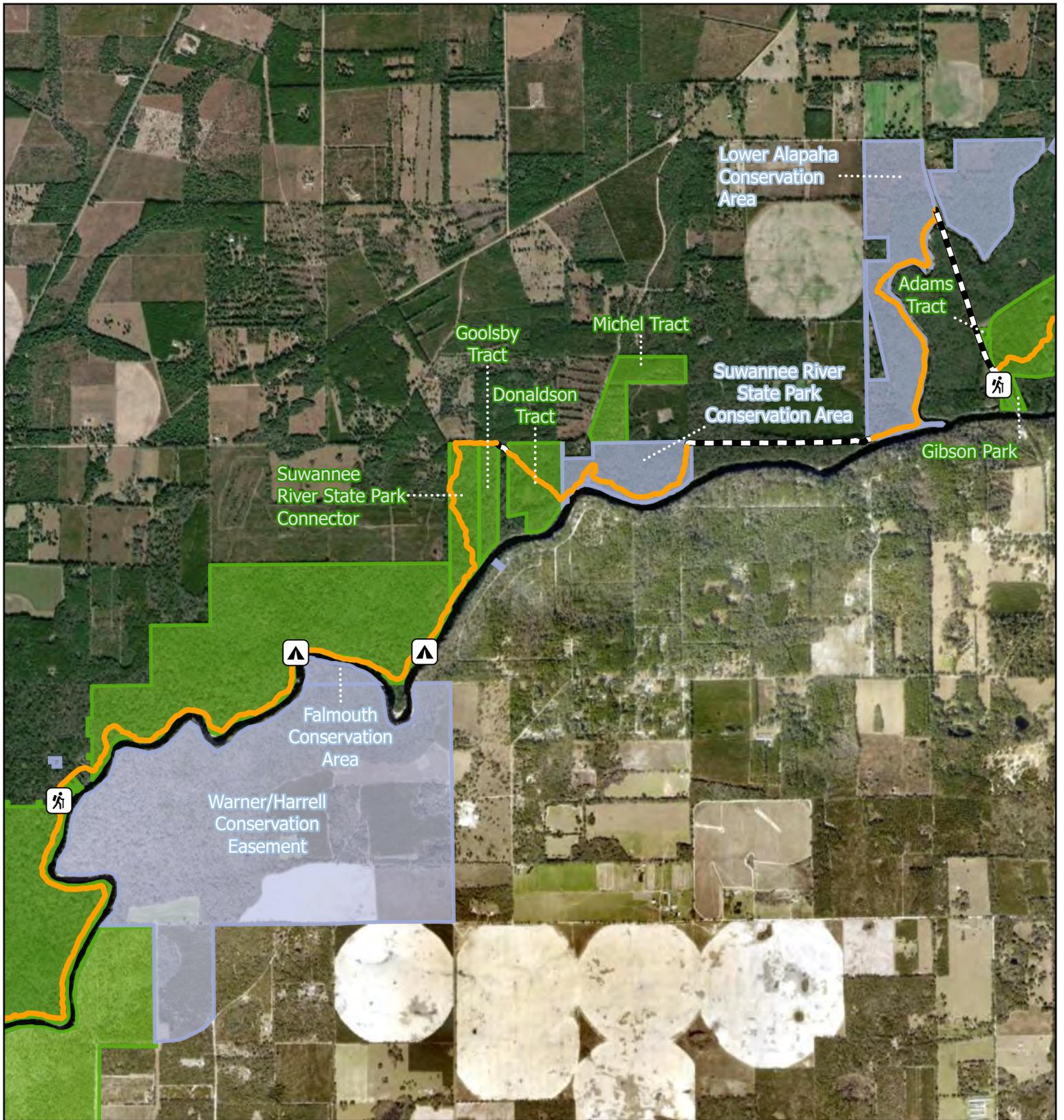
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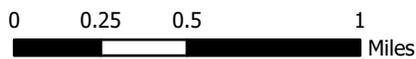
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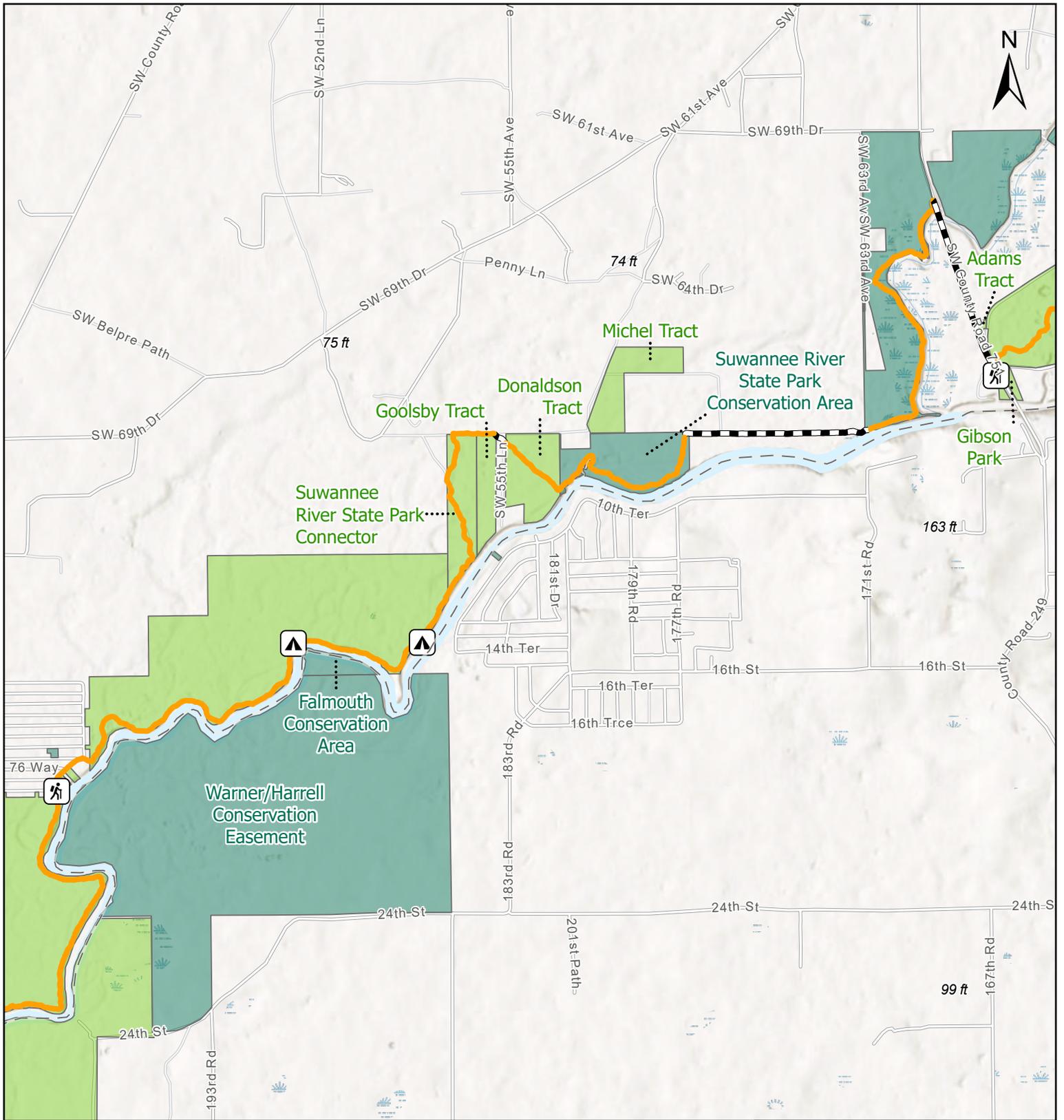


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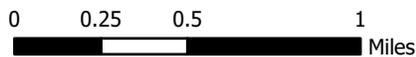
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Division of Water Resources

DATE: September 30, 2025

RE: 2025 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minimum flows and minimum water levels 2025 priority list and authorize submission of the approved list to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection 373.042(3), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to subsection 373.042(3), Florida Statutes, the District is required to identify priority water bodies for the establishment of minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs), including those listed water bodies that have the potential to be affected by withdrawals in an adjacent District and for which the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) rule adoption may be appropriate. The priority list and schedule for the establishment of MFLs must be submitted to FDEP for review and approval by November 15 each year.

A narrative describing the past year's accomplishments, current progress of MFLs in development, and changes to the priority list from last year is also attached.

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Attachment

**Suwannee River Water Management District
2025 MFL Priority List and Schedule**

Past Year Accomplishments:

- Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and priority springs MFL Recovery Strategy updates were advanced in coordination with the St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP);
- Upper and Middle Suwannee River MFL evaluation updates will be finalized in coordination with the SJRWMD and the FDEP following completion of rulemaking for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and priority springs MFLs;
- Lafayette Blue, Troy, Falmouth, and Peacock springs MFL evaluations are in progress; and
- Withlacoochee River and priority springs data collection and modeling are in progress.

Technical work continues for the water bodies in the table below. Technical work includes data collection and analysis activities, MFL evaluations, peer reviews of MFL evaluations, MFL status assessments, and District responses to peer review and stakeholder comments. Current progress of MFLs in development:

Waterbody Name or System Name	Current Status
Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and priority springs	MFL re-evaluation completed; Updated recovery strategy in progress
Upper Suwannee River	MFL evaluation peer reviewed; MFL evaluation updates in progress
Middle Suwannee River	MFL evaluation peer reviewed; MFL evaluation updates in progress
Lafayette Blue, Troy, Falmouth, Lime, Lime Sink Rise, Suwanacoochee, Peacock, Bonnet, and Telford springs	MFL evaluation data collection, data analysis, and modeling in progress
Withlacoochee River, Madison Blue Spring, and Pot Spring	Data collection and modeling in progress
Upper Suwannee River priority springs above the Alapaha River confluence	Data collection in progress

Changes to the Priority List and Schedule from 2024 to 2025:

- Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and priority springs were rescheduled to 2026 to complete rulemaking in coordination with FDEP and SJRWMD;
- Upper and Middle Suwannee River MFLs were rescheduled to 2026 to finalize revisions to the MFL evaluations in response to peer review and public comments and to allow time for the rule development process in coordination with FDEP and SJRWMD;
- Lafayette Blue, Troy, Falmouth, Lime, Lime Sink Rise, and Suwanacoochee springs MFLs have been rescheduled for 2026 to continue data analyses and reporting for the MFL evaluations and to conduct the peer review process;
- Withlacoochee River and Madison Blue Spring MFLs have been rescheduled to 2027 to incorporate additional data collection and analysis into the MFL evaluations;

- Priority springs along the Upper Suwannee River upstream of the Alapaha River confluence have been rescheduled to 2028 to incorporate additional data collection and analysis into the MFL evaluations;
- The remaining priority springs along the Upper and Middle Suwannee River, Waccasassa River, Levy Blue Spring, Withlacoochee River near Pinetta, and Hardee (Rossiter) Spring were rescheduled to after 2028 due to increased focus on the priority waterbodies listed for 2026-2028;
- Booker Spring (Dixie County) was added to the priority list because it is a second magnitude spring within state owned lands purchased for conservation purposes; and
- HAM1023971 Spring (Hamilton County) was removed from the priority list because District staff could not verify that it is a second magnitude spring based on available data. Rock Sink Spring (Dixie County) and Bell Spring (Gilchrist County) were also removed from the priority list because they are third magnitude springs based on available data and are not priorities for MFL evaluation at this time.

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Suwannee River Water Management District Minimum Flows and Minimum Levels to be adopted in 2026

New or Re-Evaluation	Waterbody Name or Compliance Point	System Name	Waterbody Type	County	Voluntary Peer Review to be Completed ?	Cross-Boundary Impacts from Adjacent WMD?	Latitude	Longitude	Rulemaking Status
Re-Evaluation	Santa Fe River near Fort White	Lower Santa Fe	River	Gilchrist	Yes	Yes	29.8486	-82.7153	Rule Adopted
New	Santa Fe River at US HWY 441 near High Springs	Lower Santa Fe	River	Alachua	Yes	Yes	29.8525	-82.6086	
Re-Evaluation	Columbia (Col101974)	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 2)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.8340	-82.6767	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Columbia Spring (OFS)	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.8541	-82.6120	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Devil's Ear Spring (OFS)	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Gilchrist	Yes	Yes	29.8353	-82.6966	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Hornsby Spring (OFS)	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Alachua	Yes	Yes	29.8504	-82.5932	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	July Spring	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.8362	-82.6964	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Poe Spring (OFS)	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 2)	Alachua	Yes	Yes	29.8257	-82.6490	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Rum Island Spring	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 2)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.8335	-82.6798	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Santa Fe River Rise	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Alachua	Yes	Yes	29.8739	-82.5916	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Siphon Creek Rise	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Gilchrist	Yes	Yes	29.8562	-82.7331	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Treehouse Spring (OFS)	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Alachua	Yes	Yes	29.8549	-82.6029	Rule Adopted
New	Gilchrist Blue Spring	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 2)	Gilchrist	Yes	Yes	29.8299	-82.6829	
Re-Evaluation	Ichetucknee River at Hwy27 near Hildreth	Ichetucknee	River	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.9525	-82.7861	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Blue Hole Spring (OFS Group)	Ichetucknee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.9805	-82.7584	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Devils Eye Spring (OFS Group)	Ichetucknee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Gilchrist	Yes	Yes	29.8352	-82.6966	Rule Adopted

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Re-Evaluation	Grassy Hole Spring (OFS Group)	Ichetucknee	Spring (Mag. 3)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.9678	-82.7597	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Ichetucknee Head Spring (OFS Group)	Ichetucknee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	29.9842	-82.7619	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Mill Pond Springs (OFS Group)	Ichetucknee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.9667	-82.7600	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Mission Springs (OFS Group)	Ichetucknee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Columbia	Yes	Yes	29.9762	-82.7579	Rule Adopted
New	Suwannee River at White Springs	Upper Suwannee	River	Columbia	Yes	Yes	30.3256	-82.7383	
New	Suwannee River at Suwannee Springs	Upper Suwannee	River	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	30.3928	-82.9333	
New	Suwannee River at Ellaville	Middle Suwannee	River	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	30.3844	-82.8281	
New	Suwannee River at Branford	Middle Suwannee	River	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	29.9556	-82.9278	
New*	Falmouth Spring (OFS)	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.3612	-83.1350	Emergency rule*
New	Lime Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.3912	-83.1687	
New	Lime Sink Rise	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.3878	-83.1611	
New	Suwanacoochee Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Madison	Yes	Under evaluation	30.3867	-83.1718	
New*	Lafayette Blue Spring (OFS)	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Lafayette	Yes	Under evaluation	30.1258	-83.2261	Emergency rule*
New*	Troy Spring (OFS)	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Lafayette	Yes	Under evaluation	30.0060	-82.9975	Emergency rule*
New*	Peacock Springs Group (OFS)	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.1232	-83.1332	Emergency rule*
New	Bonnet Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.1243	-83.1382	
New	Telford Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.1070	-83.1657	

* Emergency MFL rule 40BER 17-01 effective July 1, 2017.

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New or Re-Evaluation	Waterbody Name or Compliance Point	System Name	Waterbody Type	County(s)	Voluntary Peer Review to be Completed ?	Cross-Boundary Impacts from Adjacent WMD?	Latitude	Longitude	Rulemaking Status
New	Withlacoochee River near Lee	Withlacoochee	River	Madison	Yes	Under evaluation	30.4104	-83.1801	
Re-Evaluation	Madison Blue Spring (OFS)	Withlacoochee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Madison	Yes	Under evaluation	30.4804	-83.2444	Rule Adopted
New	Pot Spring	Withlacoochee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Hamilton	Yes	Under evaluation	30.4708	-83.2344	

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New	Alapaha River Rise	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Hamilton	Yes	Yes	30.4394	-83.0893	
New	Holton Creek Rise	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 1)	Hamilton	Yes	Yes	30.4379	-83.0576	
New	Blue Spring at Boys Ranch	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	30.4223	-83.0138	
New	Suwannee Spring	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	30.3945	-82.9345	
New	Blue Sink Spring (Suwannee)	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Yes	30.3357	-82.8084	
New	White Sulphur Spring	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Hamilton	Yes	Yes	30.3300	-82.7608	

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New	Otter Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Gilchrist	Yes	Under evaluation	29.6448	-82.9428	
New	Hart Springs	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Gilchrist	Yes	Under evaluation	29.6750	-82.9512	
New	Guaranto Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Dixie	Yes	Under evaluation	29.7798	-82.9400	
New	Rock Bluff Springs	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Gilchrist	Yes	Under evaluation	29.7991	-82.9186	
New	Pothole Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Dixie	Yes	Under evaluation	29.8107	-82.9359	
New	Booker Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Dixie	Yes	Under evaluation	29.8195	-82.9334	
New	Turtle Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Lafayette	Yes	Under evaluation	29.8474	-82.8903	
New	Branford Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	29.9549	-82.9284	
New	Ruth Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Lafayette	Yes	Under evaluation	29.9958	-82.9768	
New	Little River Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	29.9969	-82.9663	
New	Owens Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Lafayette	Yes	Under evaluation	30.0460	-83.0411	
New	Royal Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 3)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.0837	-83.0748	
New	Allen Mill Pond Springs	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Lafayette	Yes	Under evaluation	30.1628	-83.2431	
New	Charles Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.1674	-83.2304	
New	Anderson Spring	Middle Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.3534	-83.1897	
New	Stevenson Spring	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Suwannee	Yes	Under evaluation	30.4171	-83.1530	
New	Seven Sisters Spring	Upper Suwannee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Hamilton	Yes	Under evaluation	30.4177	-83.1553	

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Re-Evaluation	Santa Fe River Rise	Lower Santa Fe	Spring (Mag. 1)	Alachua	Yes	Yes	29.8739	-82.5916	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Waccasassa River near Gulf Hammock	Waccasassa	River	Levy	Yes	Under evaluation	29.2038	-82.7689	Rule Adopted
Re-Evaluation	Levy Blue Spring	Waccasassa	Spring (Mag. 3)	Levy	Yes	Under evaluation	29.4507	-82.6990	Rule Adopted
New	Withlacoochee River near Pinetta	Withlacoochee	River	Madison	Yes	Under evaluation	30.5953	-82.7403	
New	Hardee (Rossiter) Spring	Withlacoochee	Spring (Mag. 2)	Hamilton	Yes	Under evaluation	30.5447	-83.2501	

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Emily Ducker, Water Supply Office Chief, Office of Water Supply

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: September 10, 2025

RE: Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize District staff to transmit the Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report and incorporate revisions.

BACKGROUND

The District is required to submit a Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to section 373.536, Florida Statutes. This requirement came into effect following approval of the first North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan (NFRWSP) in January 2017, and this is the ninth year the District has prepared this report. The report updates the implementation of the District's NFRWSP and the approved Western Water Supply Plan. The work program also lists Basin Management Action Plan projects funded through the District.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Water Resource Development Work Program Report includes District-funded projects from October 1, 2025, and multi-year projects funded through September 30, 2030, as well as anticipated programmatic funding in support of water supply planning, minimum flows and minimum water levels, and water resource development. Projects involving water conservation, resource evaluation, and regional water resource development are contained in the report.

This authorization allows District staff to transmit the report, and to address and incorporate revisions resulting from DEP and/or public comment to the Water Resource Development Work Program Report prior to inclusion into the 2026 Consolidated Annual Report. The draft report is available for review on the [District's Water Resource Development Work Program](#) webpage.

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