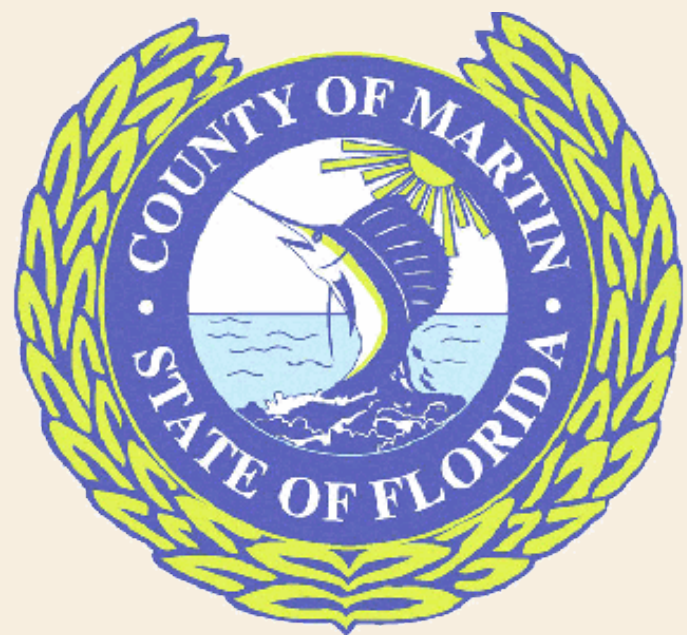
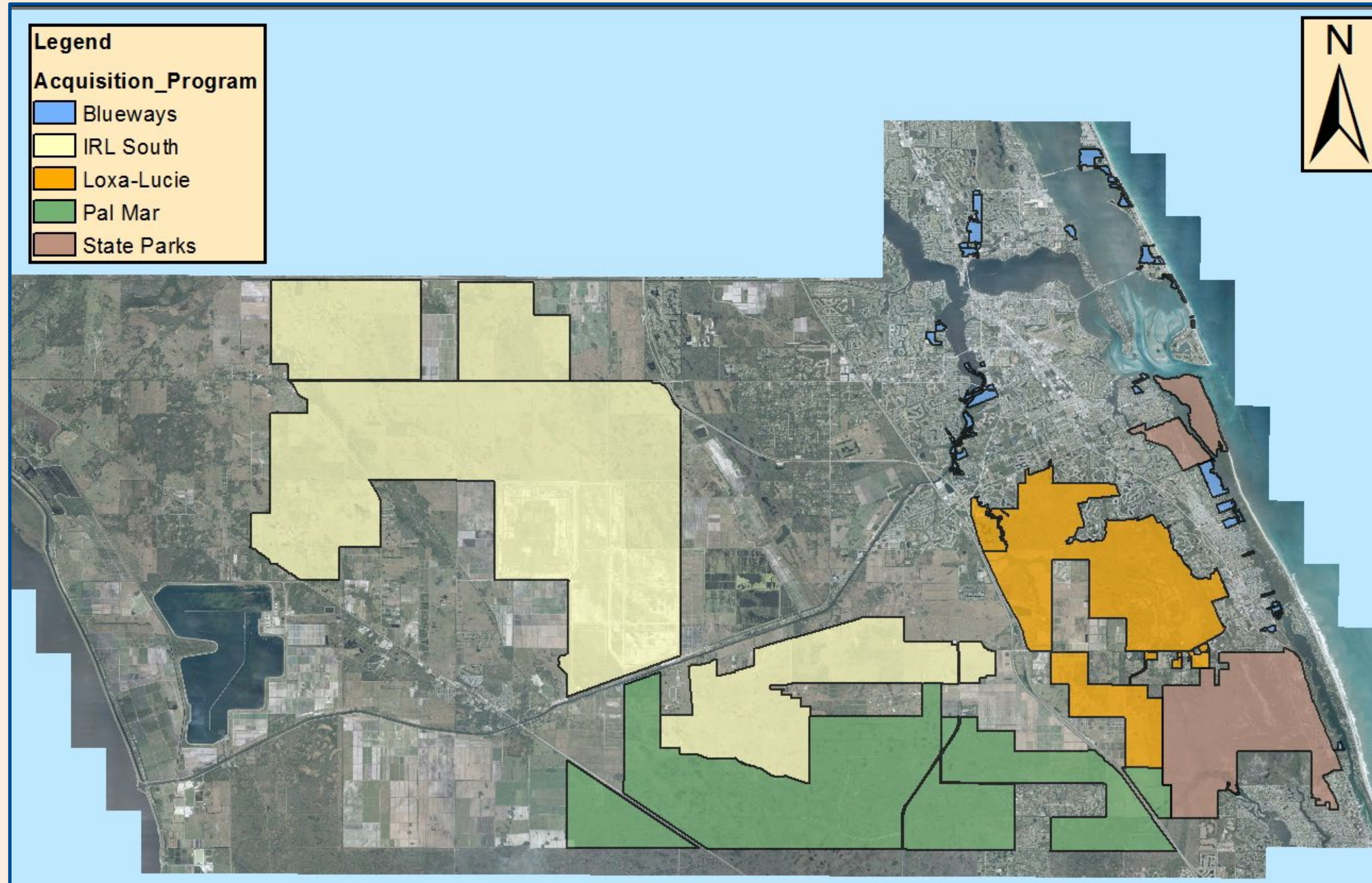


Bar B Ranch Conservation Easement



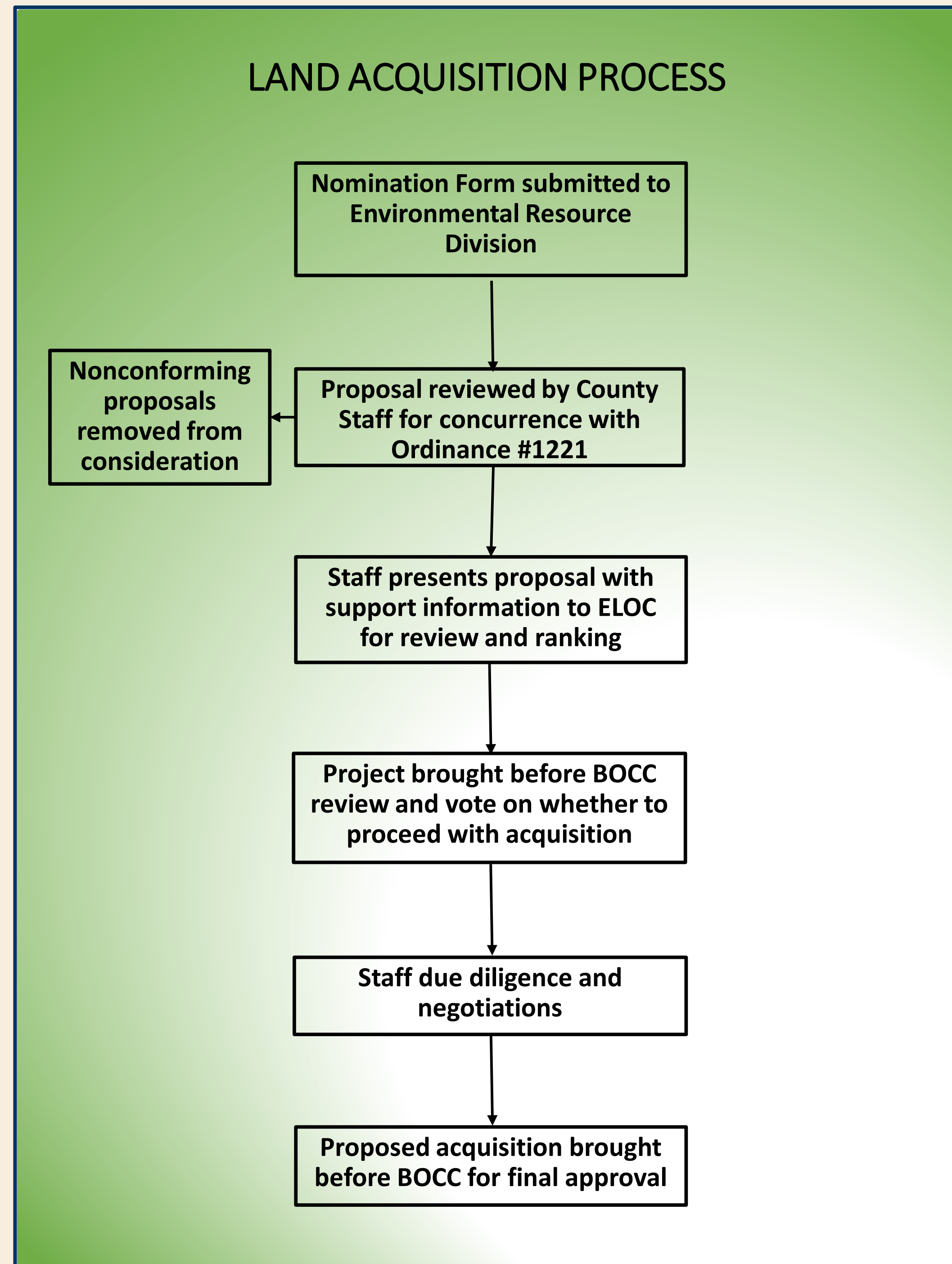
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INTRODUCTION



- **2024 Referendum authorizes a half cent sales tax for acquiring environmentally sensitive lands**
- **Required formation of an Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC)**
- **ELOC met on 6/25/25 and recommended acquisition**
- **Staff seeking approval to authorize the use of sales tax funds**

REVIEW PROCESS





PURPOSE OF RANKING MEETING

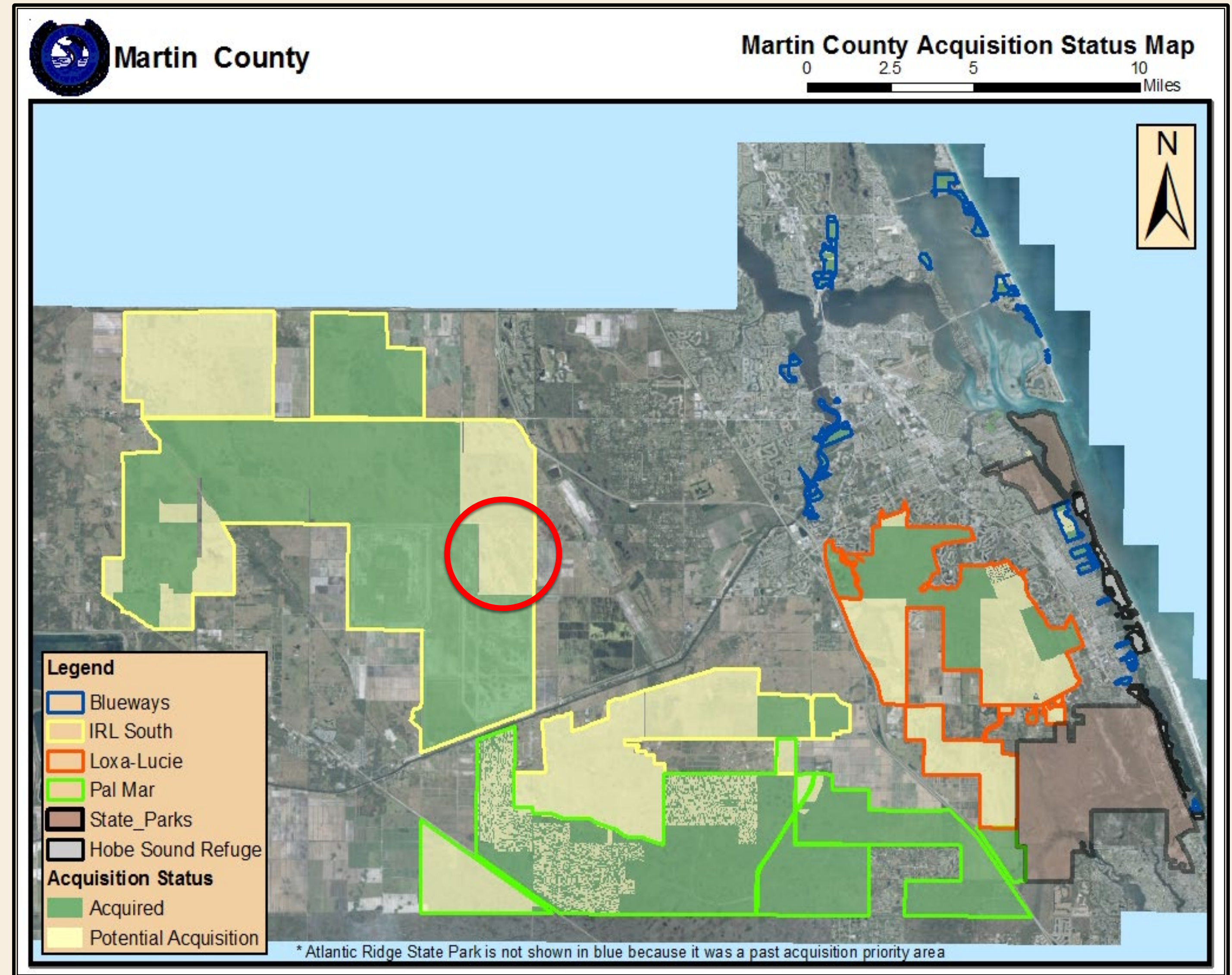
- Review environmental information for nominated parcel
 - Fill in Project Ranking Form
- Make recommendations to the Martin County B.O.C.C on whether to move forward with acquisition



Martin County Environmental Lands Oversight Committee Project Ranking Form											
Evaluation Factors											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	RELATION TO CERP PROJECT	GREENWAY CORRIDOR	POTENTIAL FUNDING PARTNERS	HABITAT QUALITY	MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS	RARE OR LISTED SPECIES OR HABITATS	ESTIMATED COST PER ACRE	RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL	WATERWAYS OR SHORELINES PROTECTION	
Project Score											
Weighting Unit	15	10	10	10	10	15	5	5	10	10	100%
Weighted Score	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<div>1. Each Project Score for each Evaluation Factor is to be rated on a scale of 1-100 with 100 being the highest</div> <div>2. Weighting unit is a percentage that will be applied to the Project Score. This will then produce the Weighted Score. For example, if the Project Score "Relation to CERP Project" is a 90, this times the Weighting Unit of 15(or 15%) will produce a weighted score of 13.5 (90x.15)</div>											

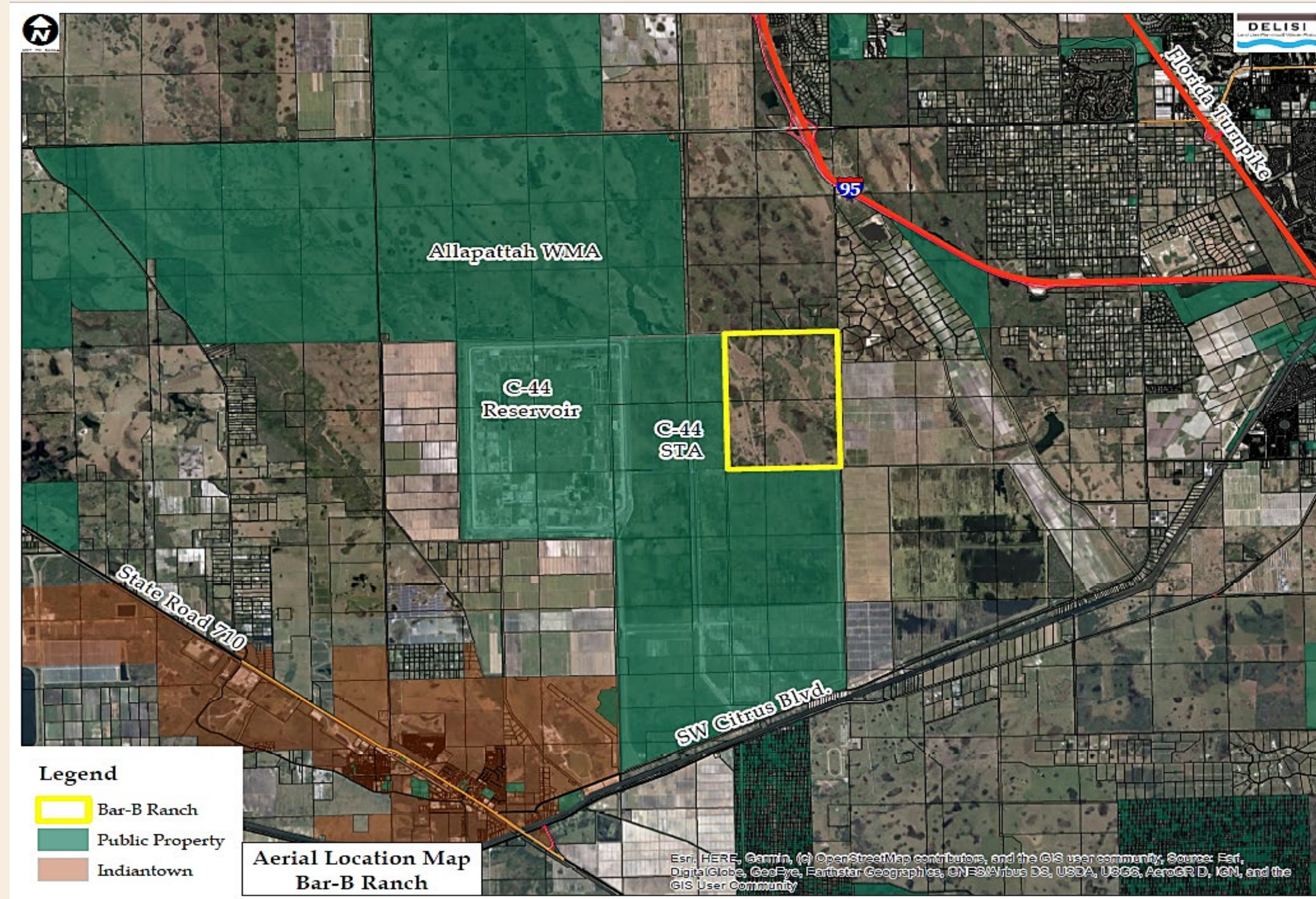
This is the criteria that the ELOC members used to “score” properties
County staff tabulates results to produce a weighted score

BAR B RANCH



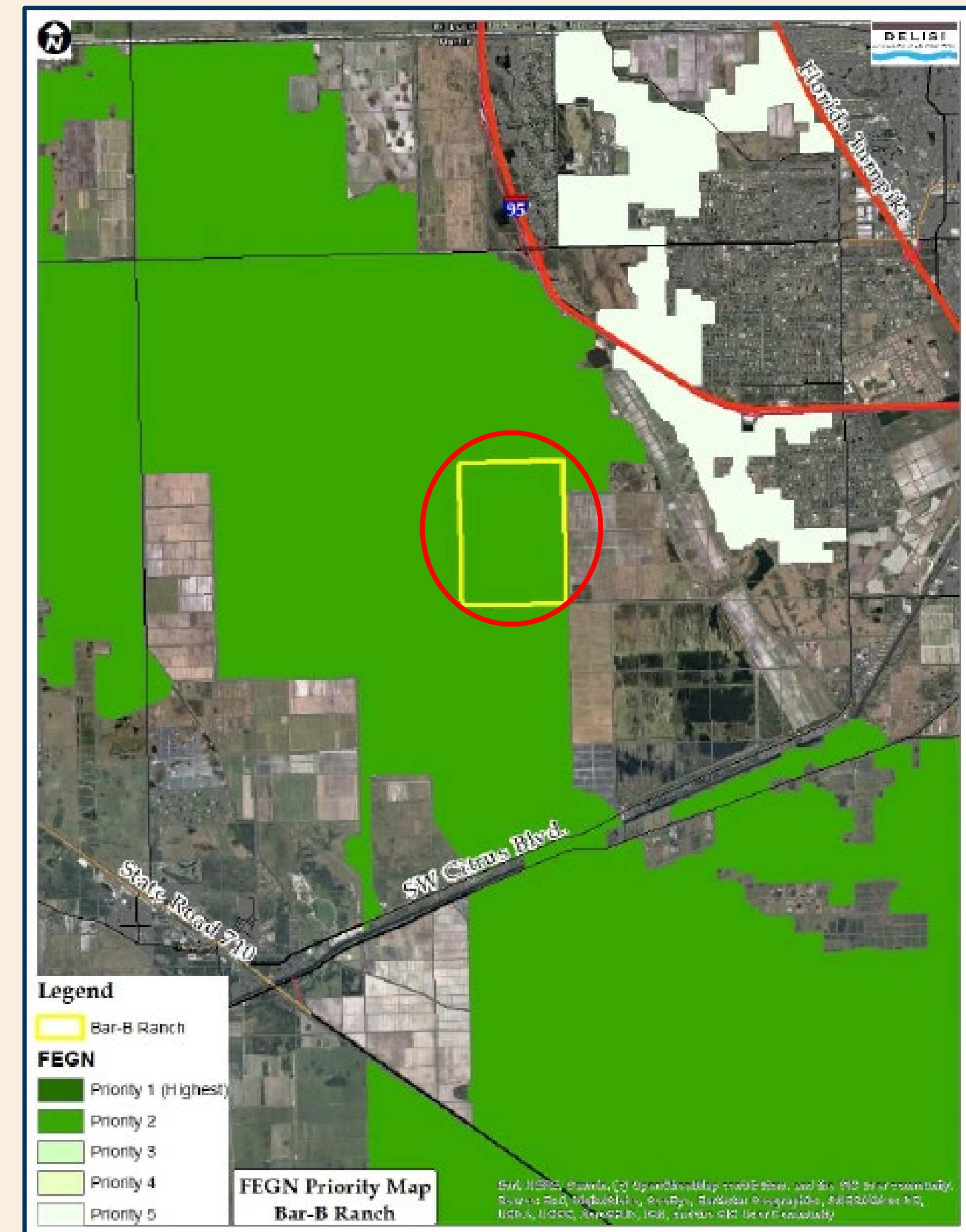
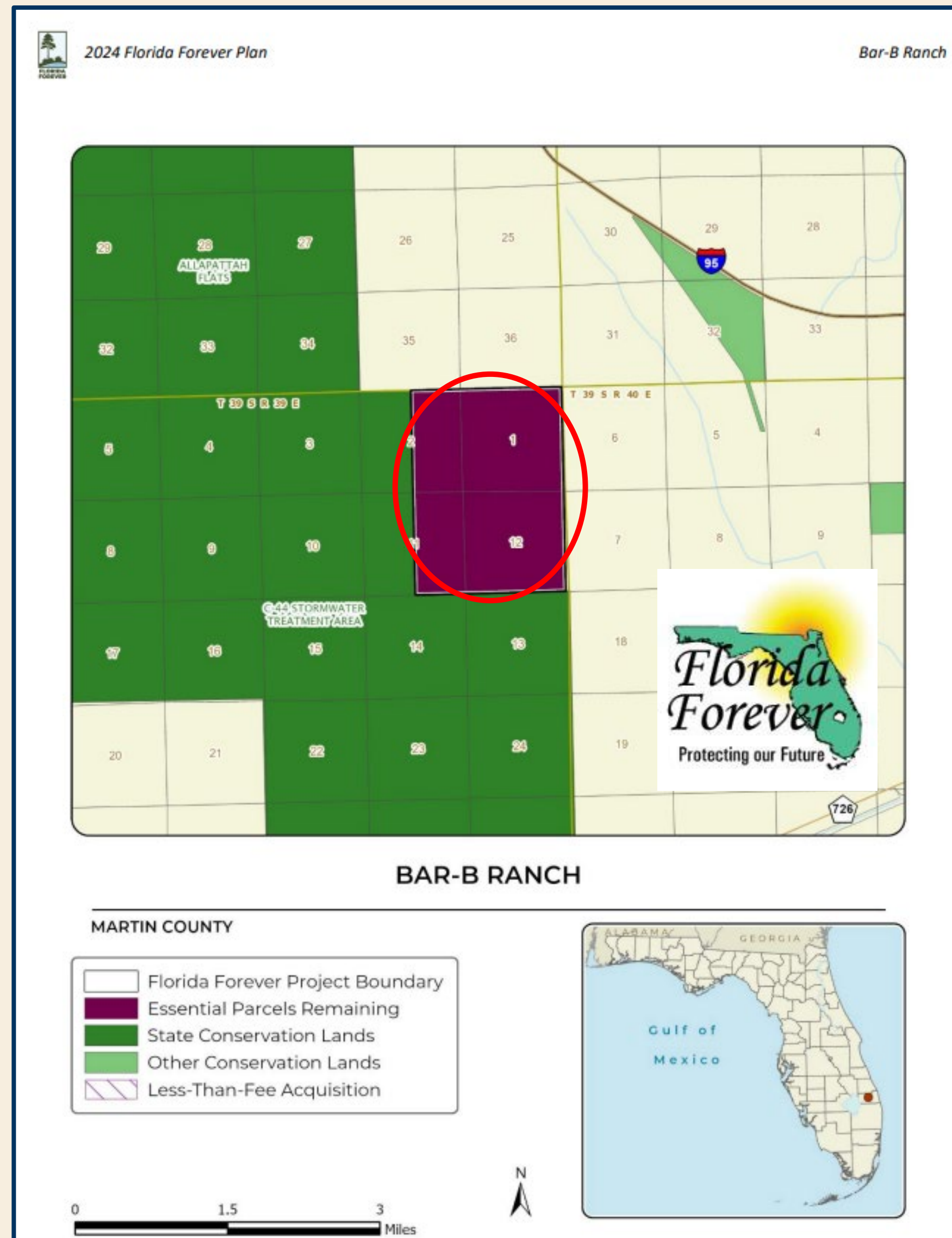
- **1,941-acre property that includes pine flatwoods, large marshes and open pasture**
 - **Within the footprint of the IRL South Project**

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan



- Bar-B Ranch is within CERP Natural Lands boundary
- Capture stormwater runoff that is impacting the St. Lucie River Estuary
- Approved as acquisition priority by Federal Government (2007 WRDA Bill)
 - State funds are credited to the state's ledger in the CERP Cost-Share

State Programs



Part of Florida Wildlife Corridor and the Florida Forever Program



Wildlife Benefits

Close proximity to C-44 STA and provides canopy cover

Excellent connectivity to other conservation areas

Significant snail kite populations nearby

Hydrologic restoration would provide bird foraging opportunities



DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

- **Property is outside Urban Services District and has an agricultural designation (1 house/20-acres Future Land Use)**
- **Potential for 95 residential units on the property**
- **Adjacent to an existing development with 20-acre lots**
- **Extensive uplands on property so plenty of developable area**

FUNDING PARTNER AND COSTS



- This is a Conservation Easement Acquisition
- The total cost of the easement is approximately \$17 mill for 1,910-acres (\$8,900/acre)
- Florida Forever will pay the majority of the acquisition costs

PROJECT RANKINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
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Bar B Ranch	100.5	51.5	64	41	43	83.25	0	4.25	50	20.5	458	1
Pal Mar Settlement	78.75	50.5	54	53	34	70.5	0	23	40	29	432.75	2

Results tabulated. It is important to note that Pal Mar is being addressed as a separate agenda item



QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION