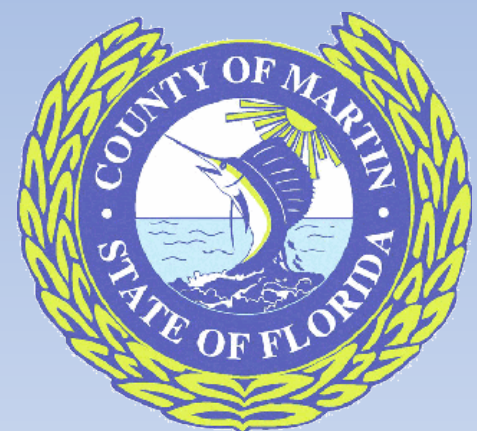


LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM



- **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 6/18/26 and recommended acquisition of 8 properties**
- **Staff seeking B.O.C.C approval to authorize the use of sales tax funds for these acquisitions**



ELOC RANKING MEETINGS

- 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



PROJECT RANKINGS

Martin County Environmental Lands Oversight Committee Project Ranking Form

Evaluation Factors

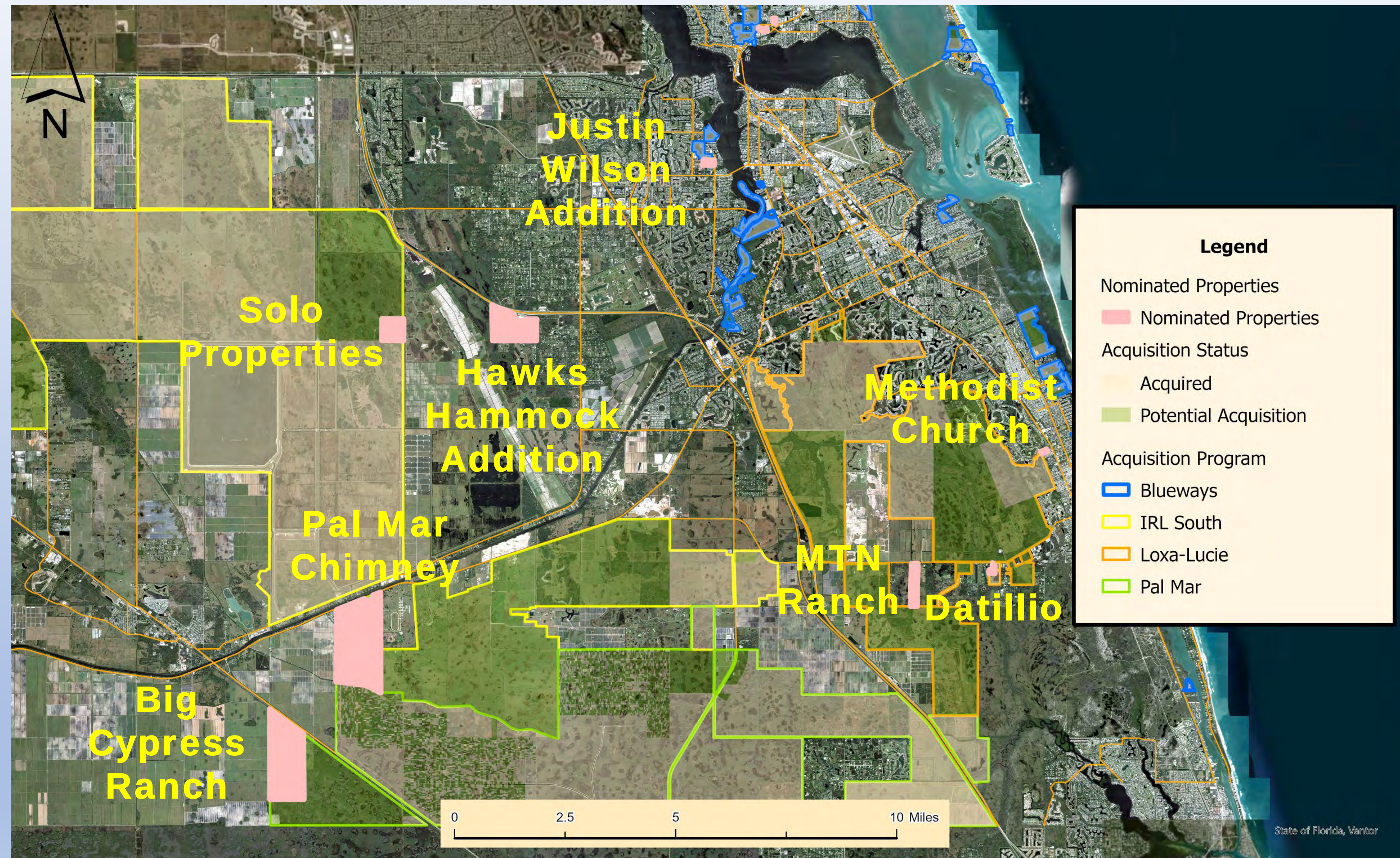
Project Name:

Member Name:

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	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

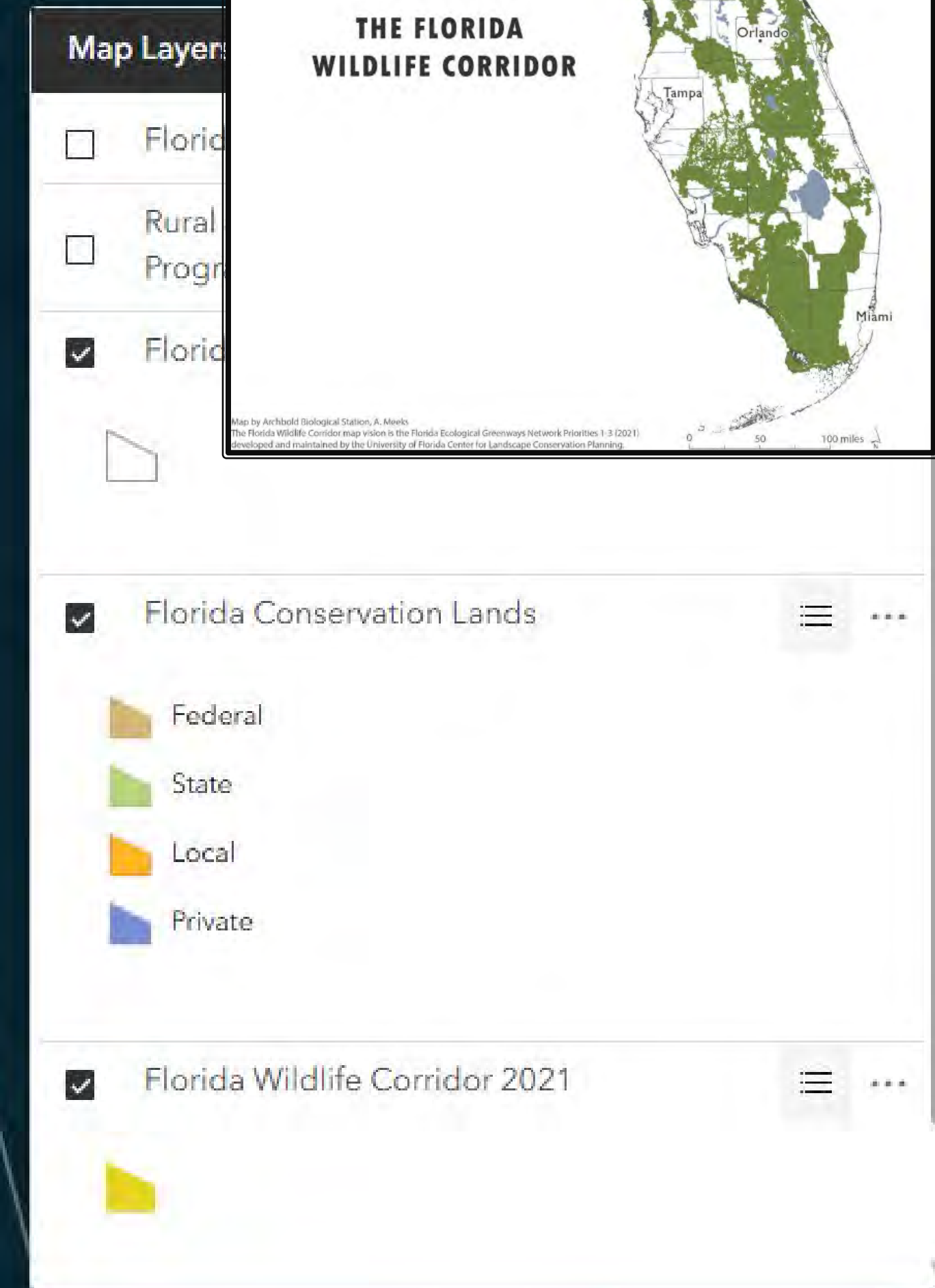
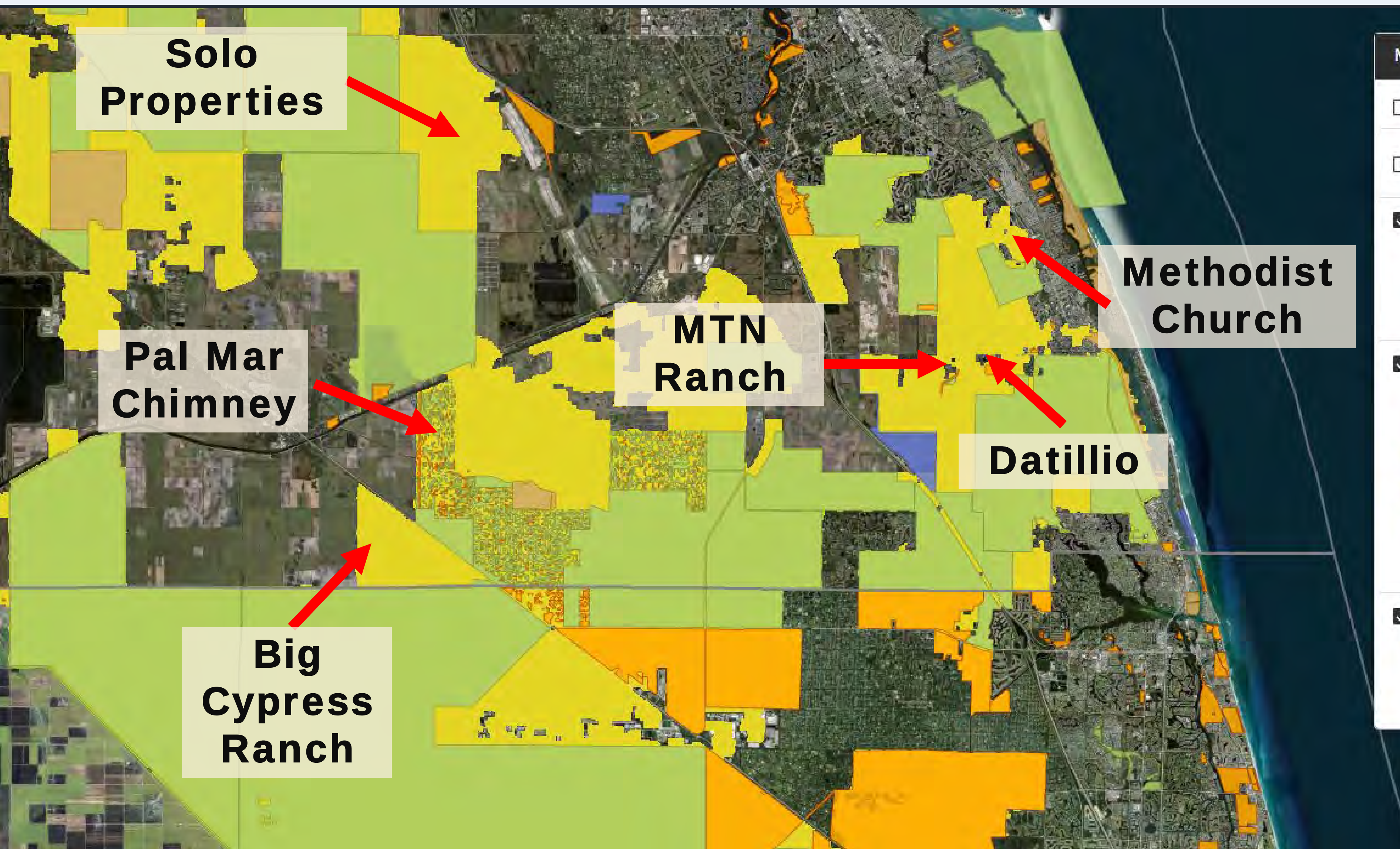
- Committee members score and rank properties based on a series of criteria
 - Results for each property get tabulated and compared
 - The project with the higher project score receives higher ranks
 - County staff tabulate results to produce a weighted score

2026 NOMINATION CYCLE



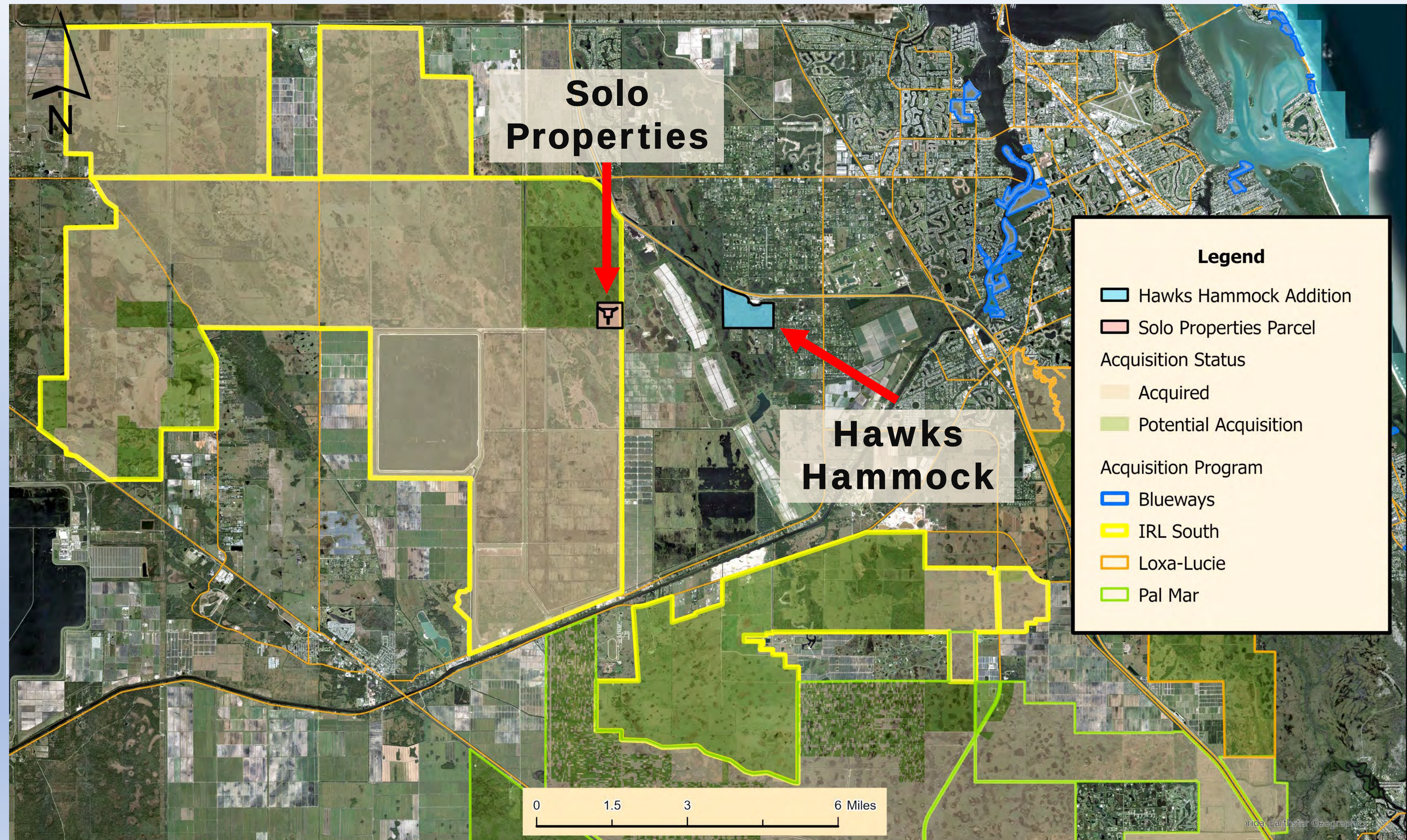
8 properties containing close to 2,800 acres of land ranked by the ELOC
Properties represented from all 4 Acquisition Zones

Florida Wildlife Corridor



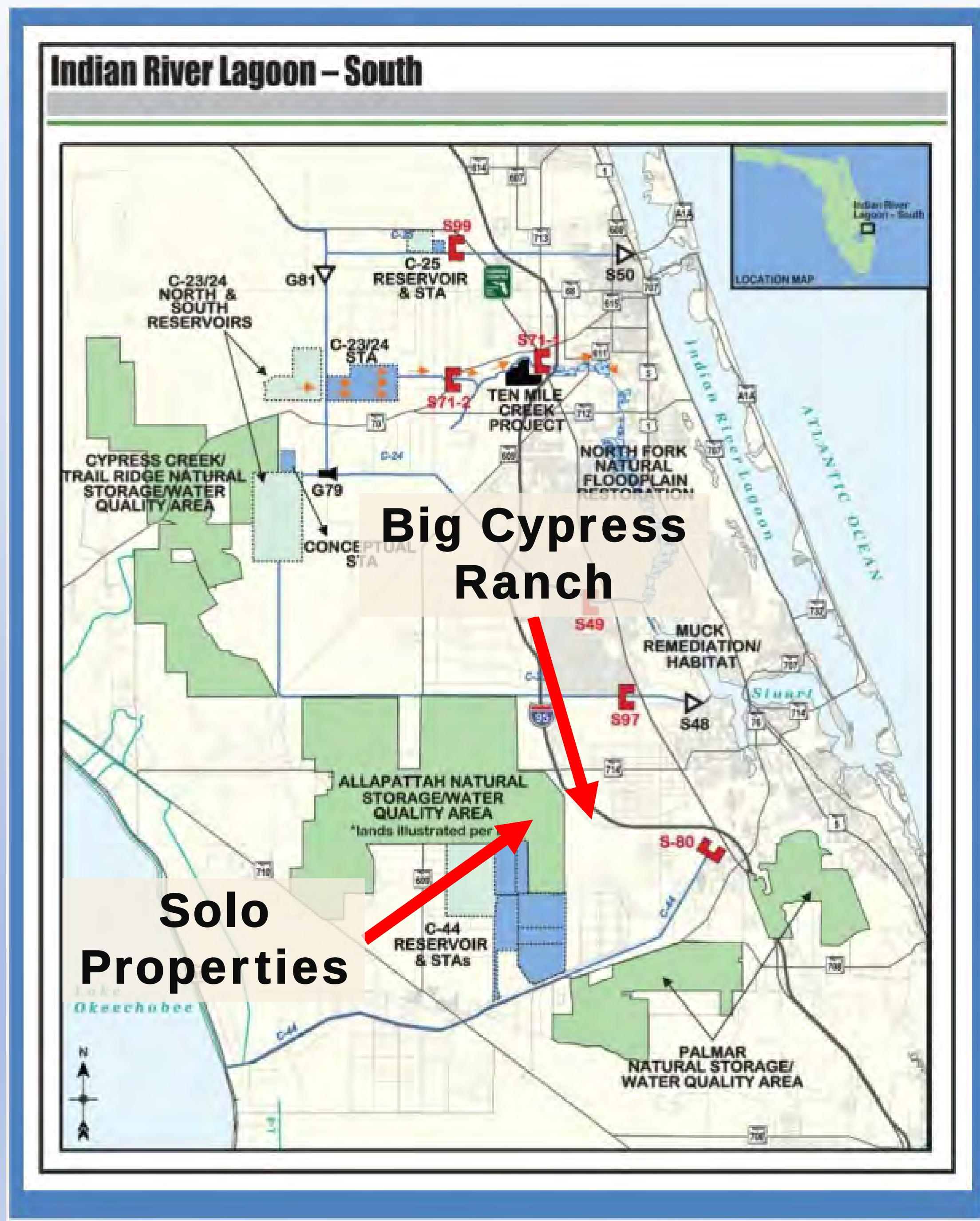
- 6 of the properties are part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor
- Florida Ecological Greenway Network (FEGN) lists these properties as a Priority 2

IRL SOUTH ACQUISITION ZONE

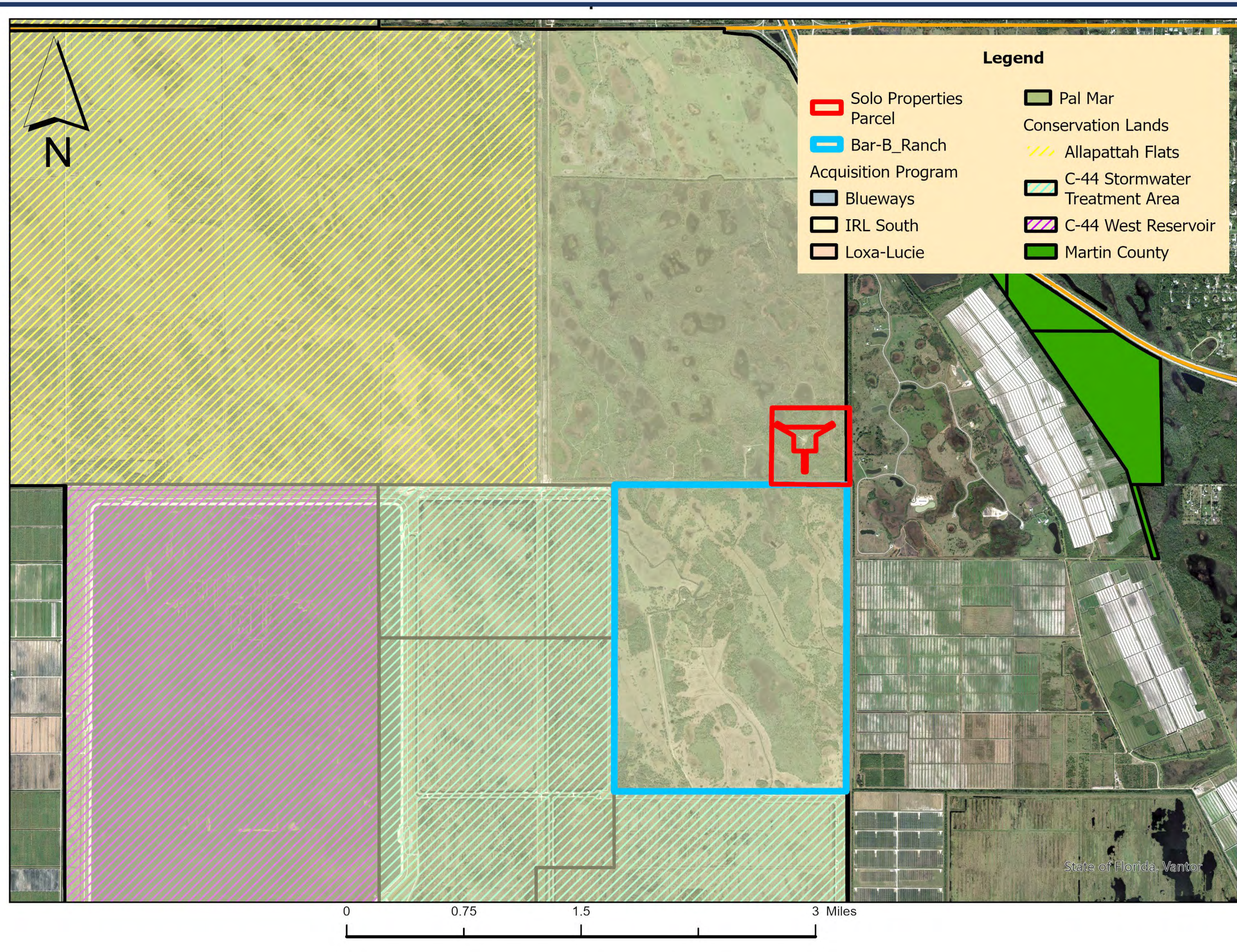


Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

- Capture stormwater runoff that is severely impacting the St. Lucie River Estuary
- Purpose is to also offset lands impacted by CERP by acquiring other lands
- Approved as acquisition priorities by Federal Government in 2007 WRDA Bill
- State funds are credited to the state's ledger in the CERP Cost-Share Agreement



SOLO PROPERTIES PARCEL



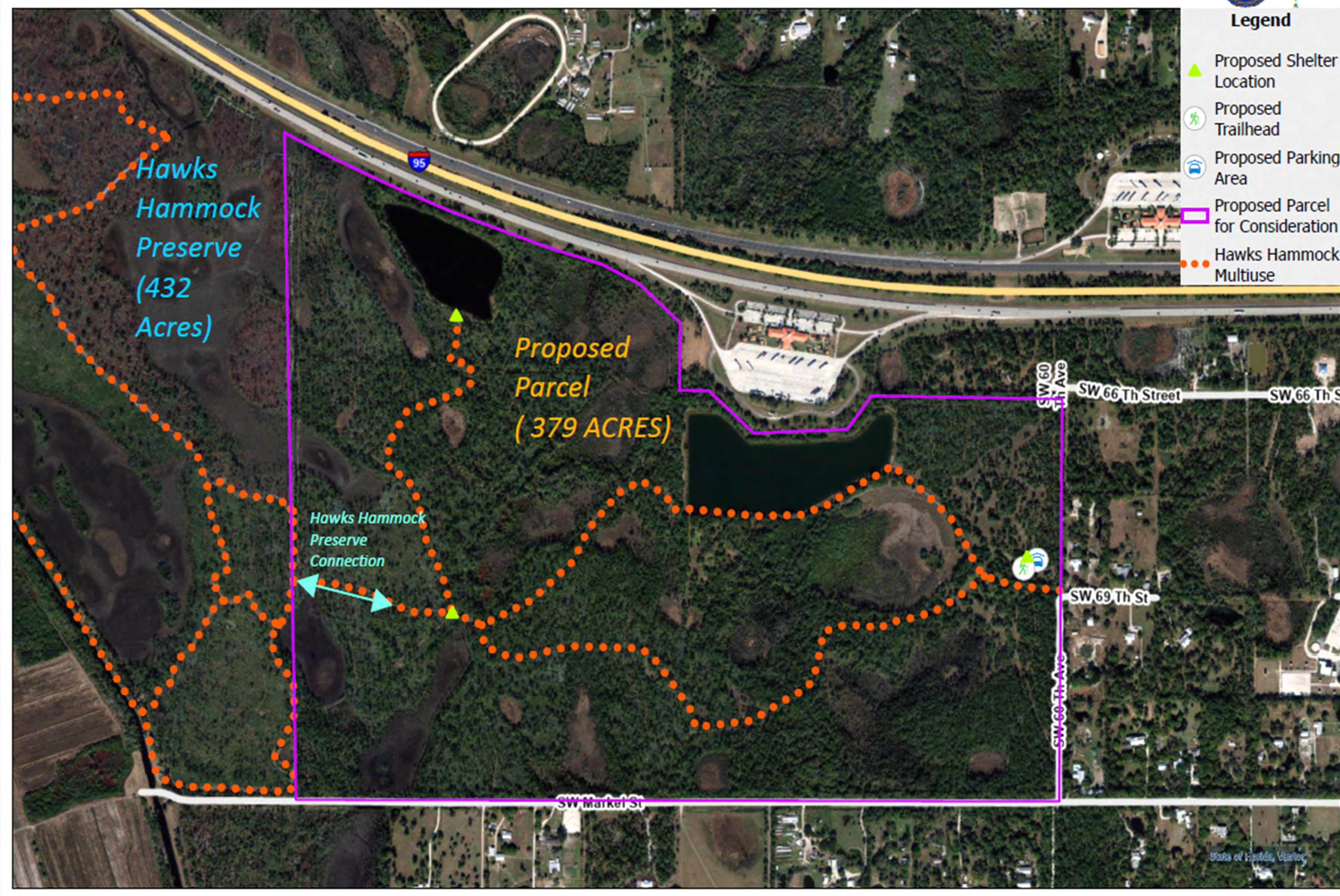
139-acre property with good habitat quality but surrounds a cell tower

Within the footprint of IRL South so possibly a CERP Natural Lands Property

Adjacent to Bar B Ranch, but needs additional acquisitions to form a greenway

HAWKS HAMMOCK ADDITION

Hawks Hammock East Conceptual Plan

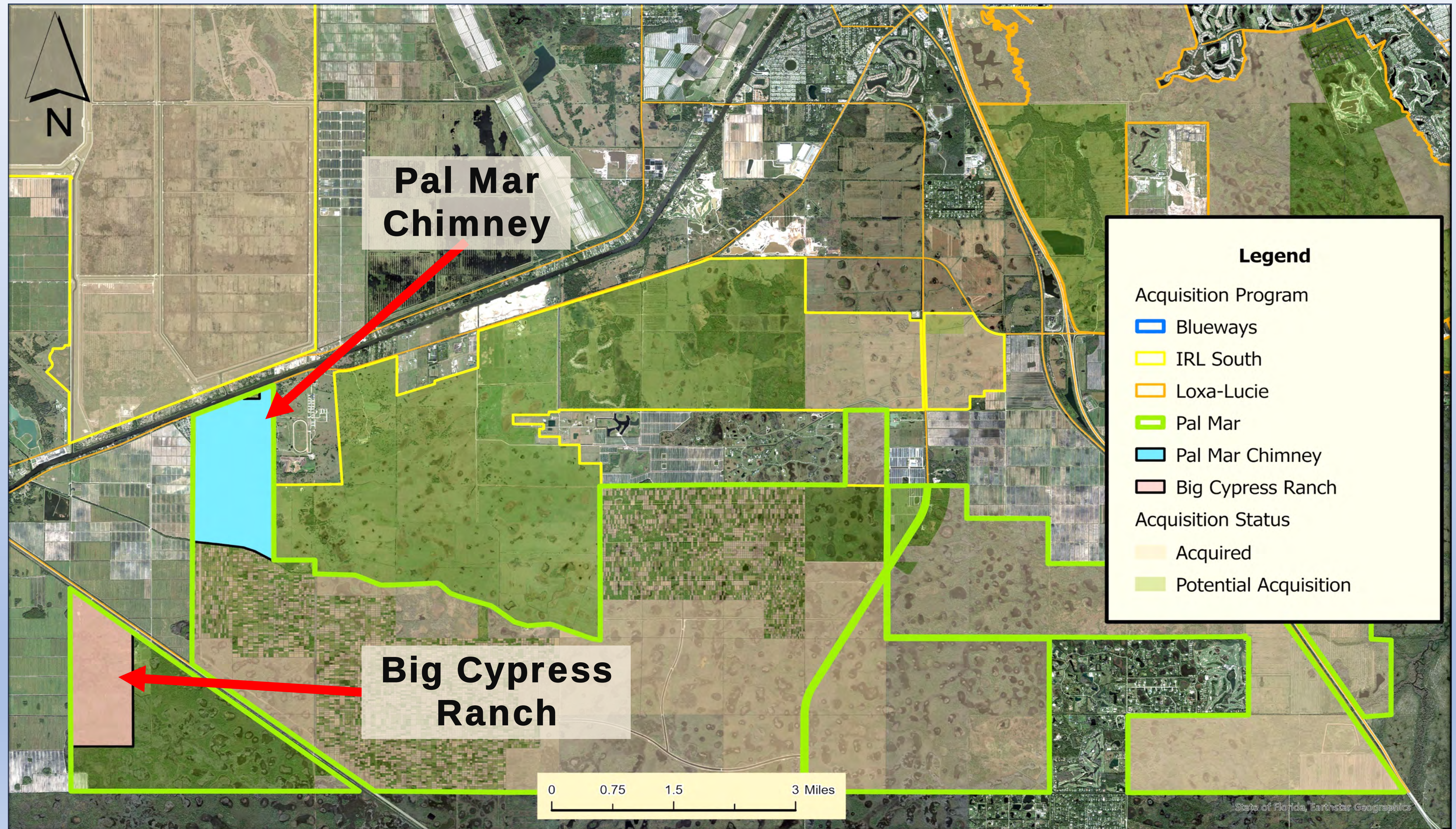


380-acre property adjacent to a 432-acre County preserve (Hawks Hammock)

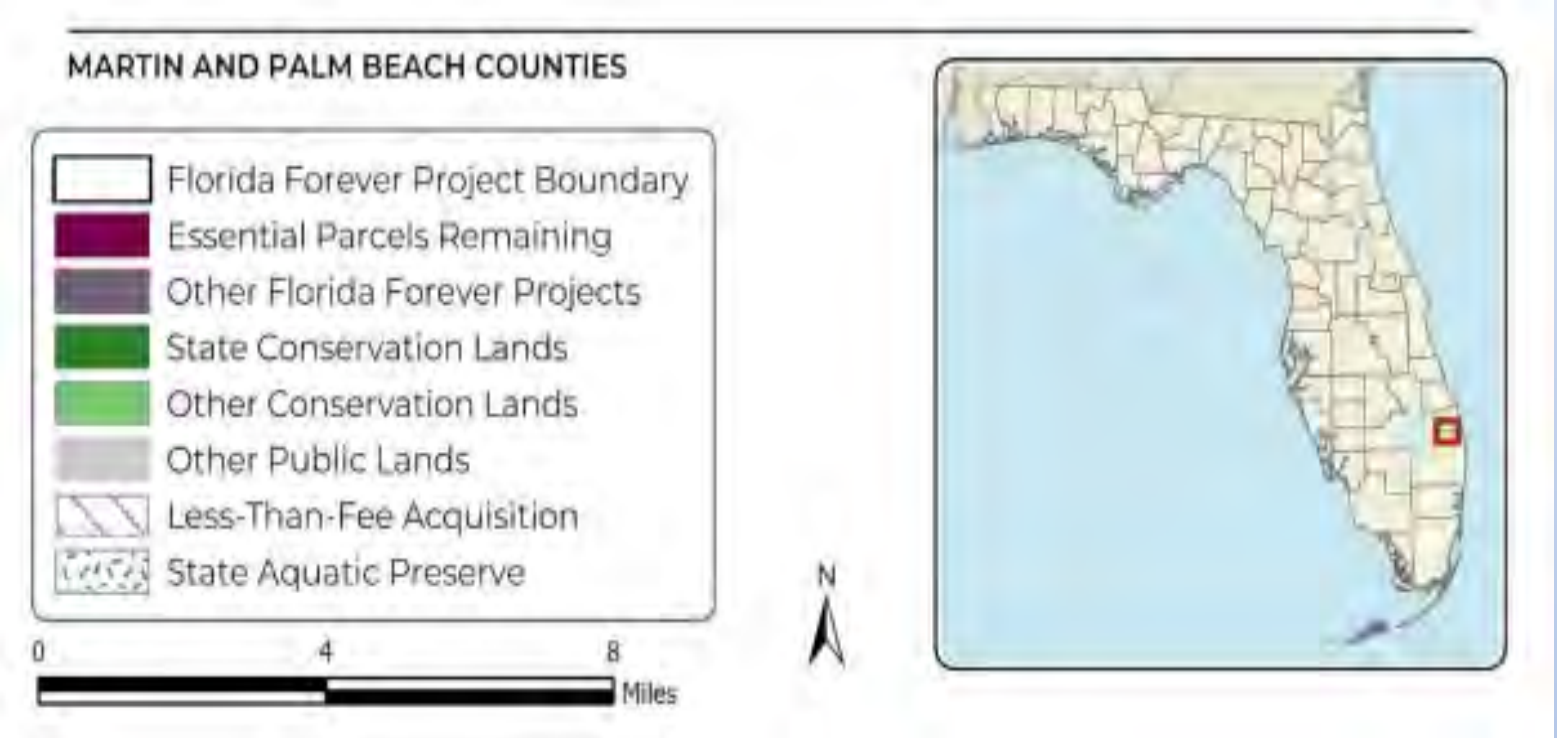
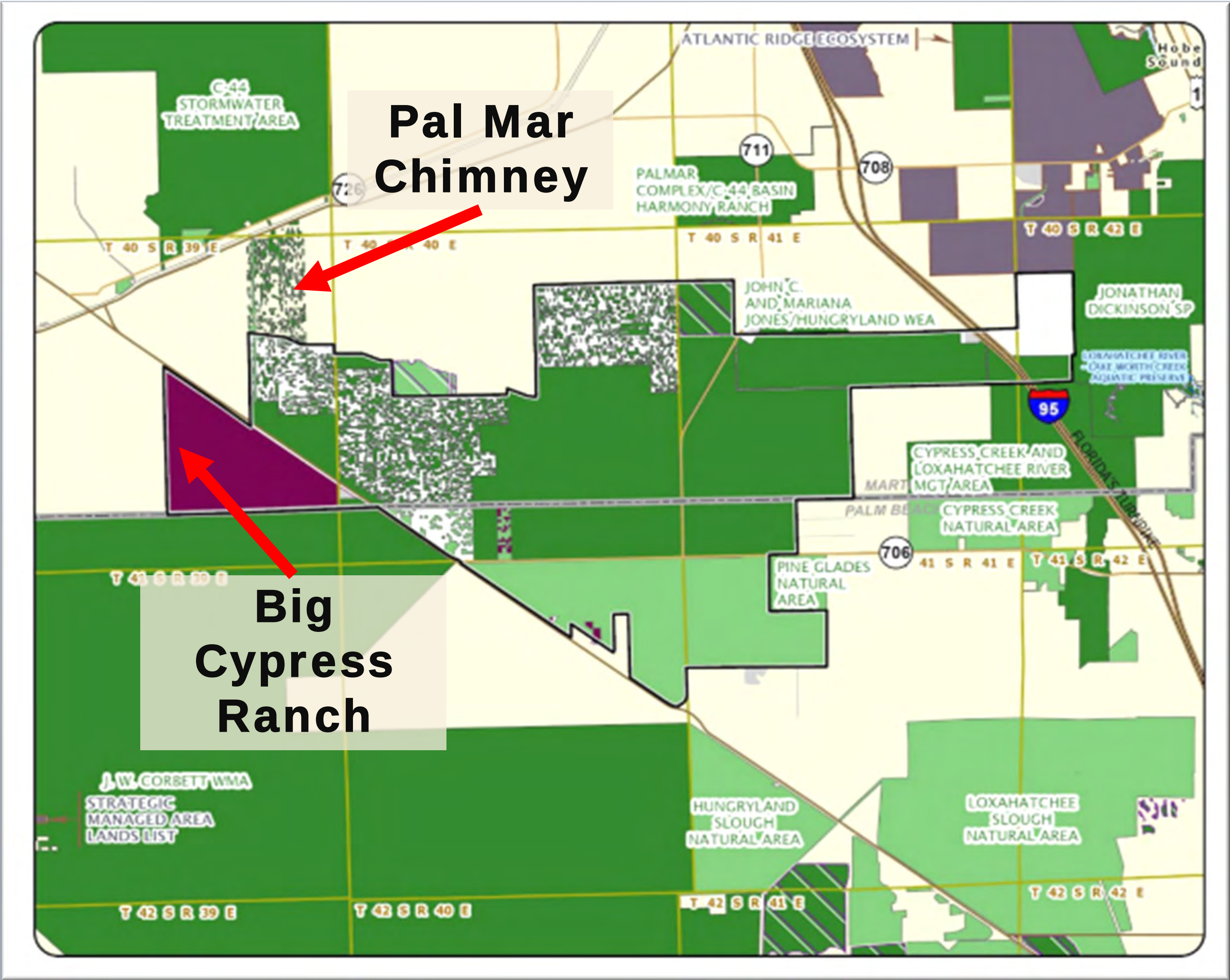
High probability of development

Could provide access and connect to the Hawks Hammock trail system

PAL MAR ACQUISITION ZONE



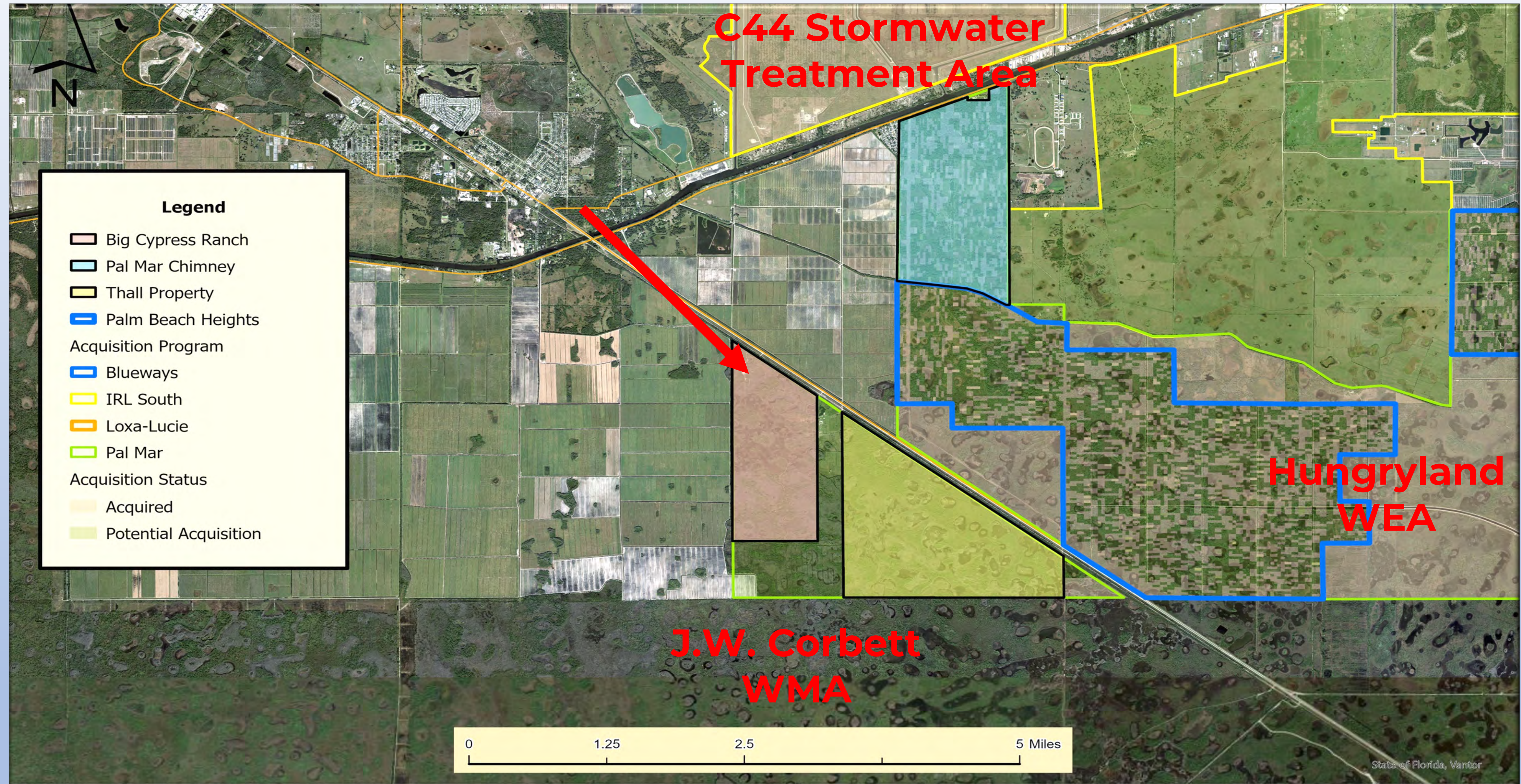
PAL MAR FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM



Properties within the Pal Mar Florida Forever project boundary



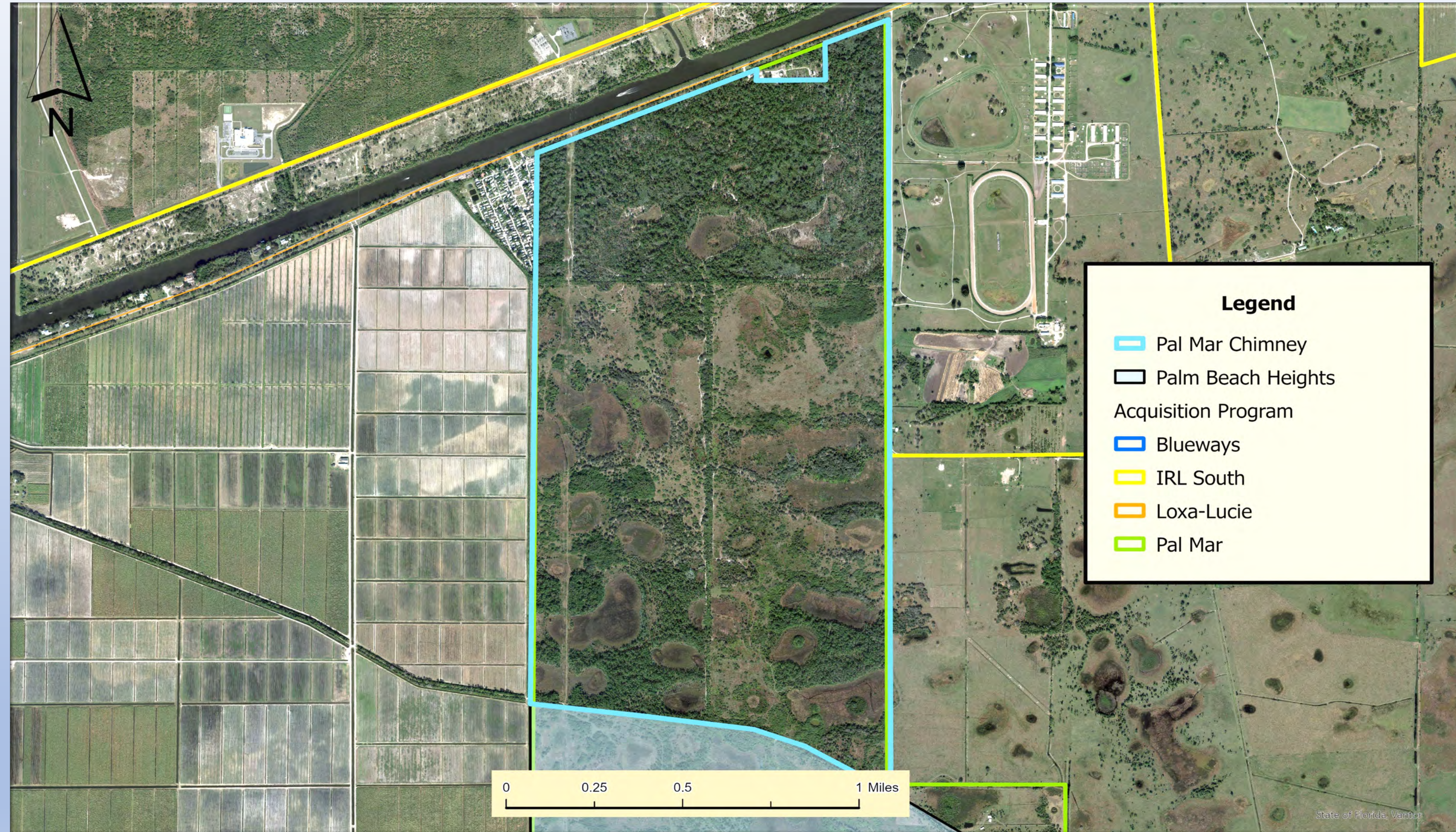
BIG CYPRESS RANCH



851-acre Cypress and wetland dominant property that is a part of a potential link between Hungryland and J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area

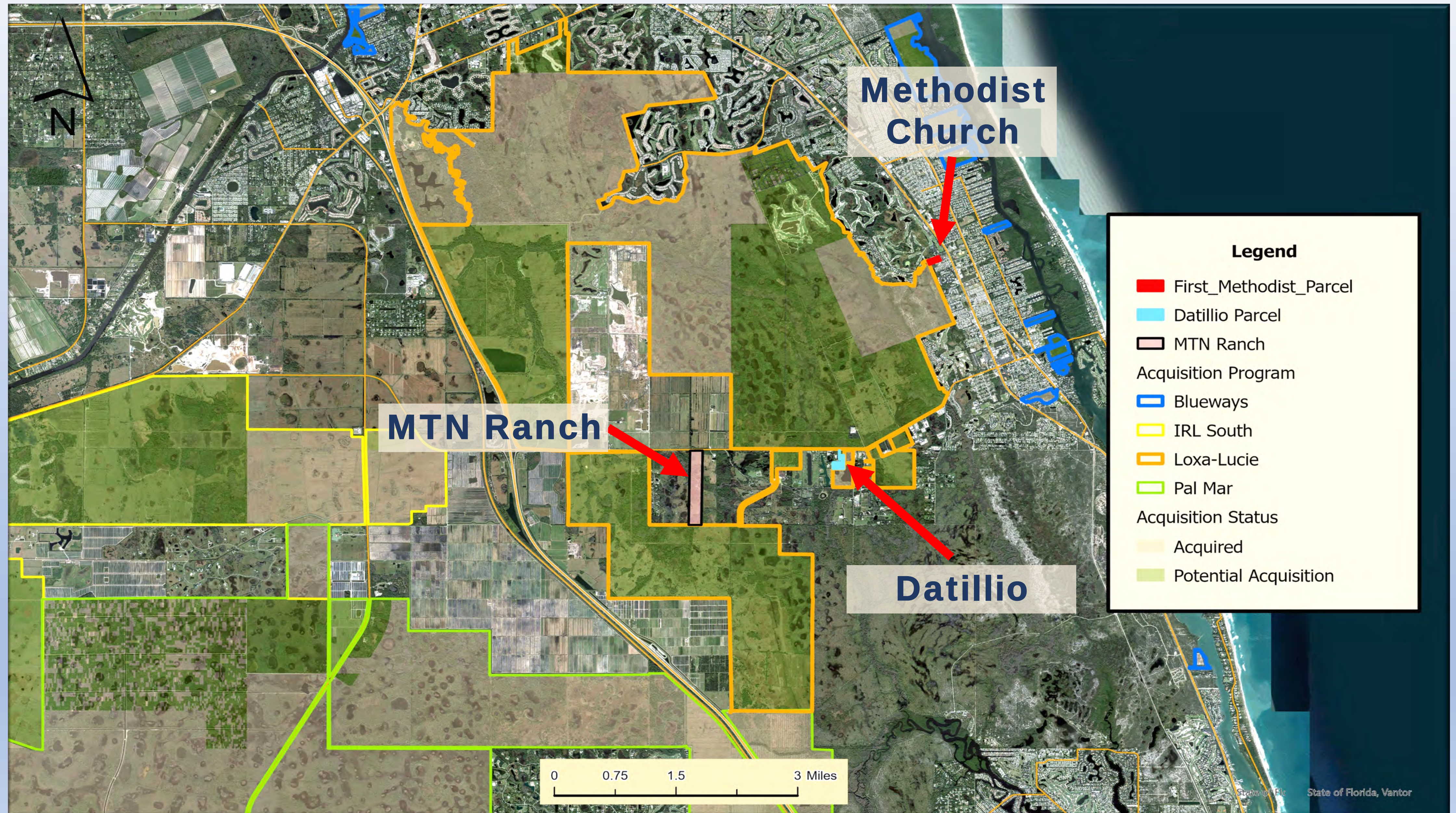
Potential fee simple or conservation easement acquisition

PAL MAR CHIMNEY

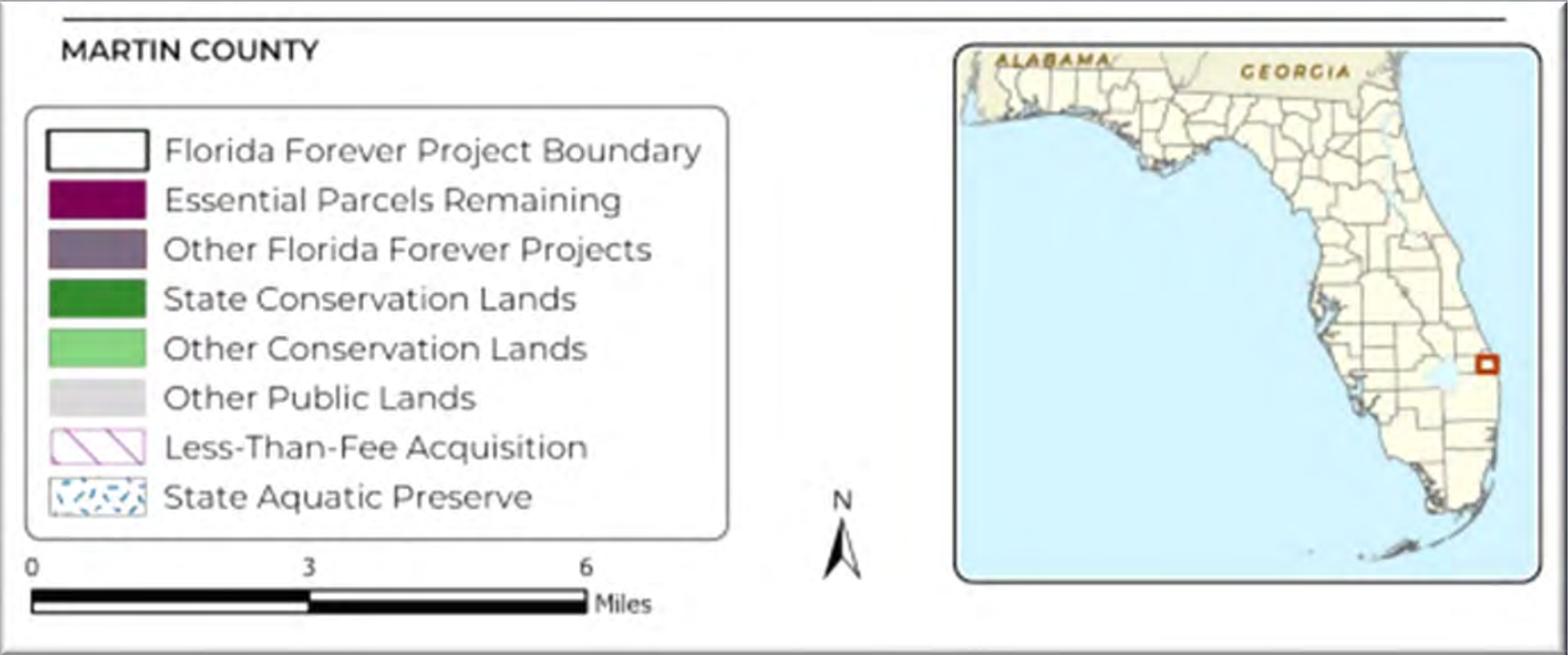
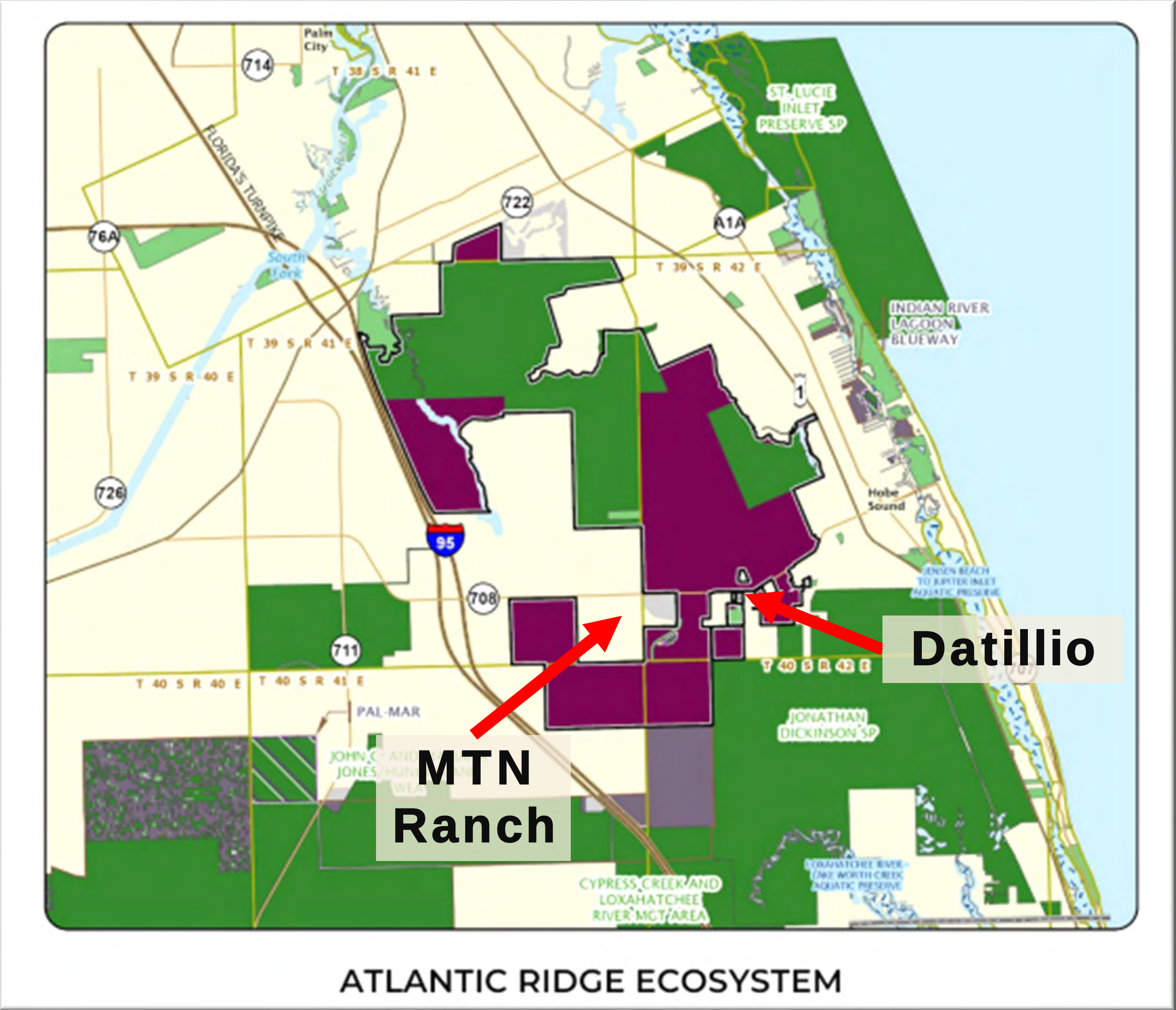


~1,238-acres similar to Palm Beach Heights with small parcels (1/4-1 acre)
Part of a large greenway connecting Hungryland to the C-44 and Allapattah Flats

LOXA-LUCIE ACQUISITION ZONE



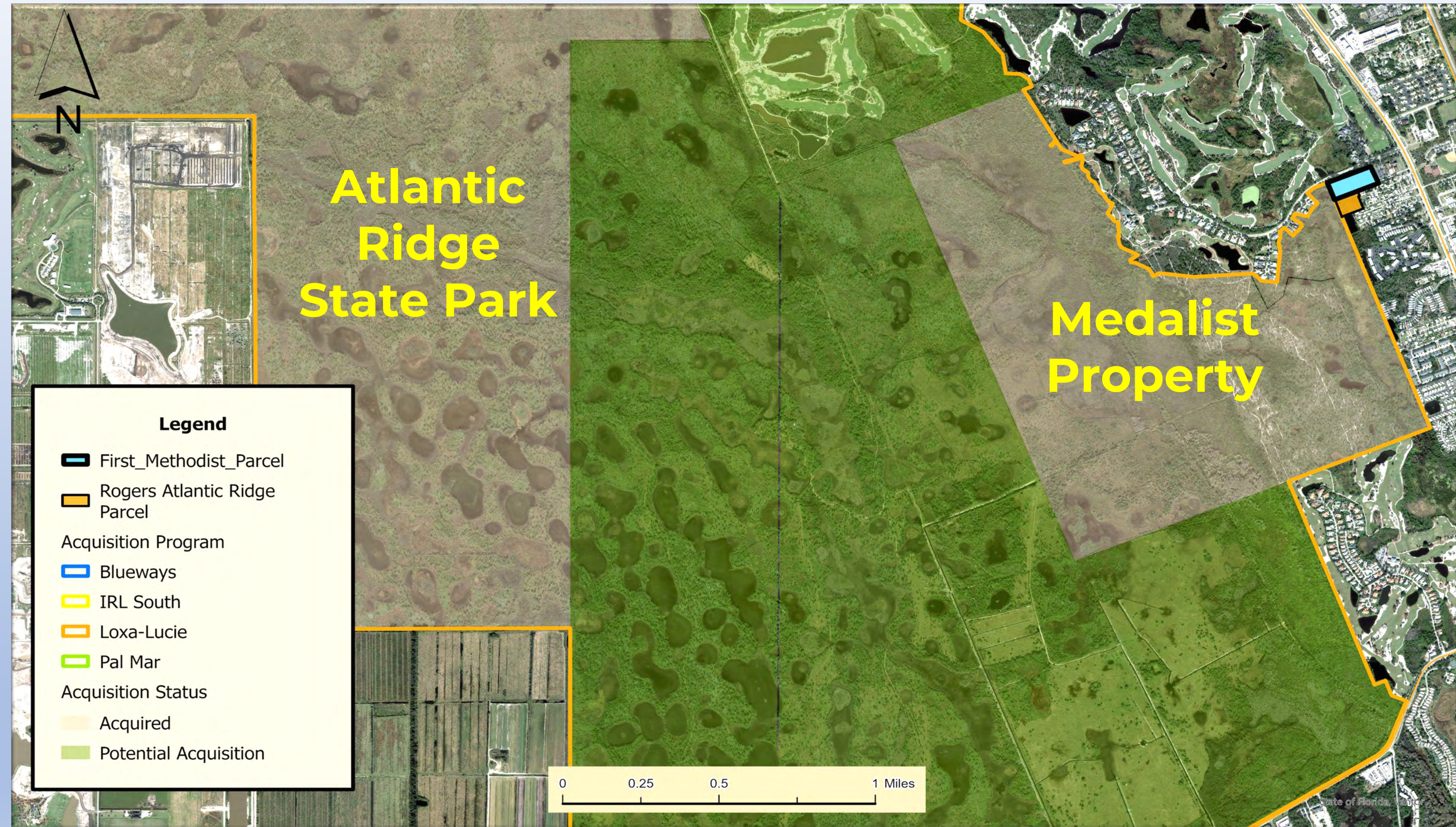
ATLANTIC RIDGE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM



Properties within the Atlantic Ridge Florida Forever project boundary

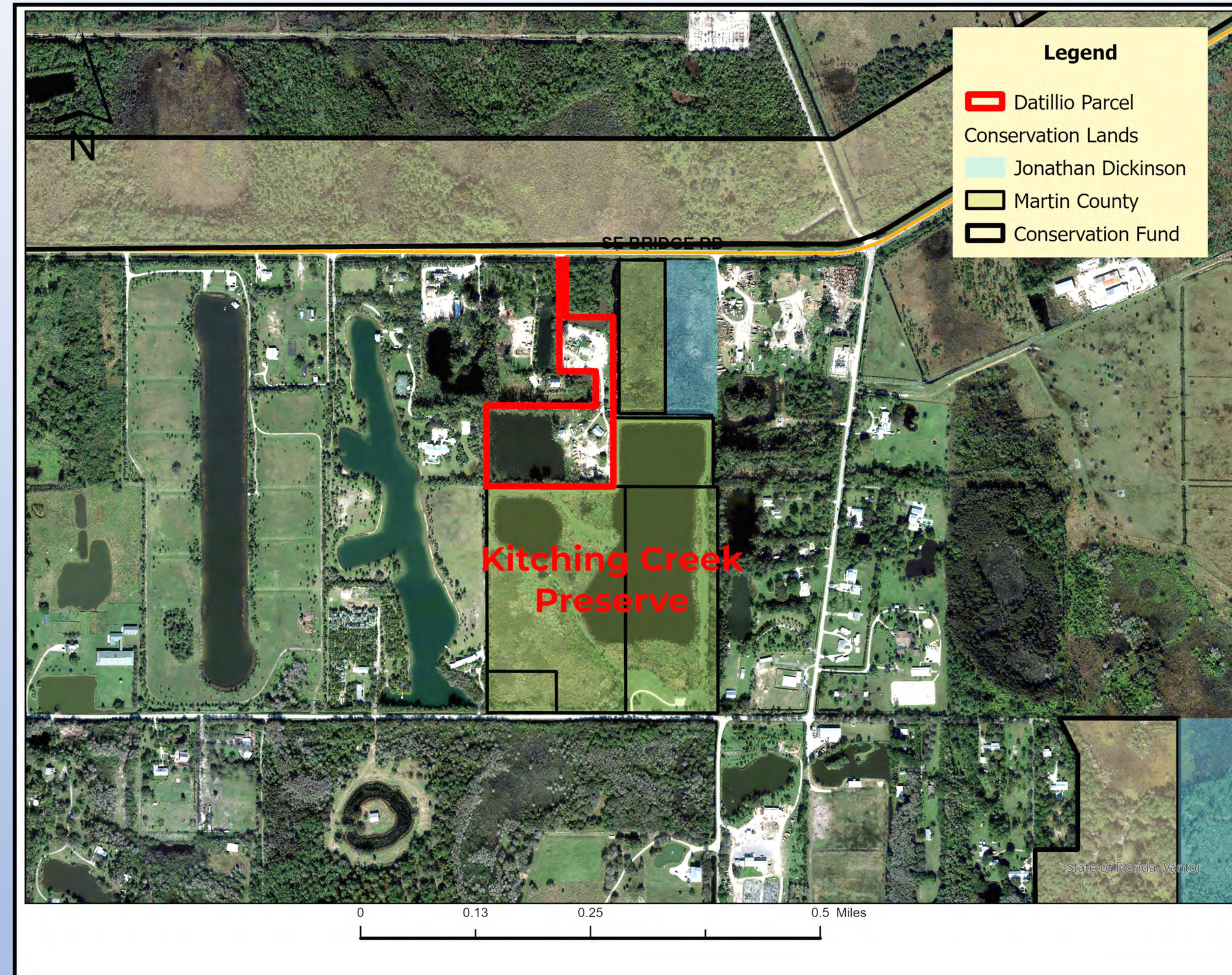


FIRST METHODIST PARCEL



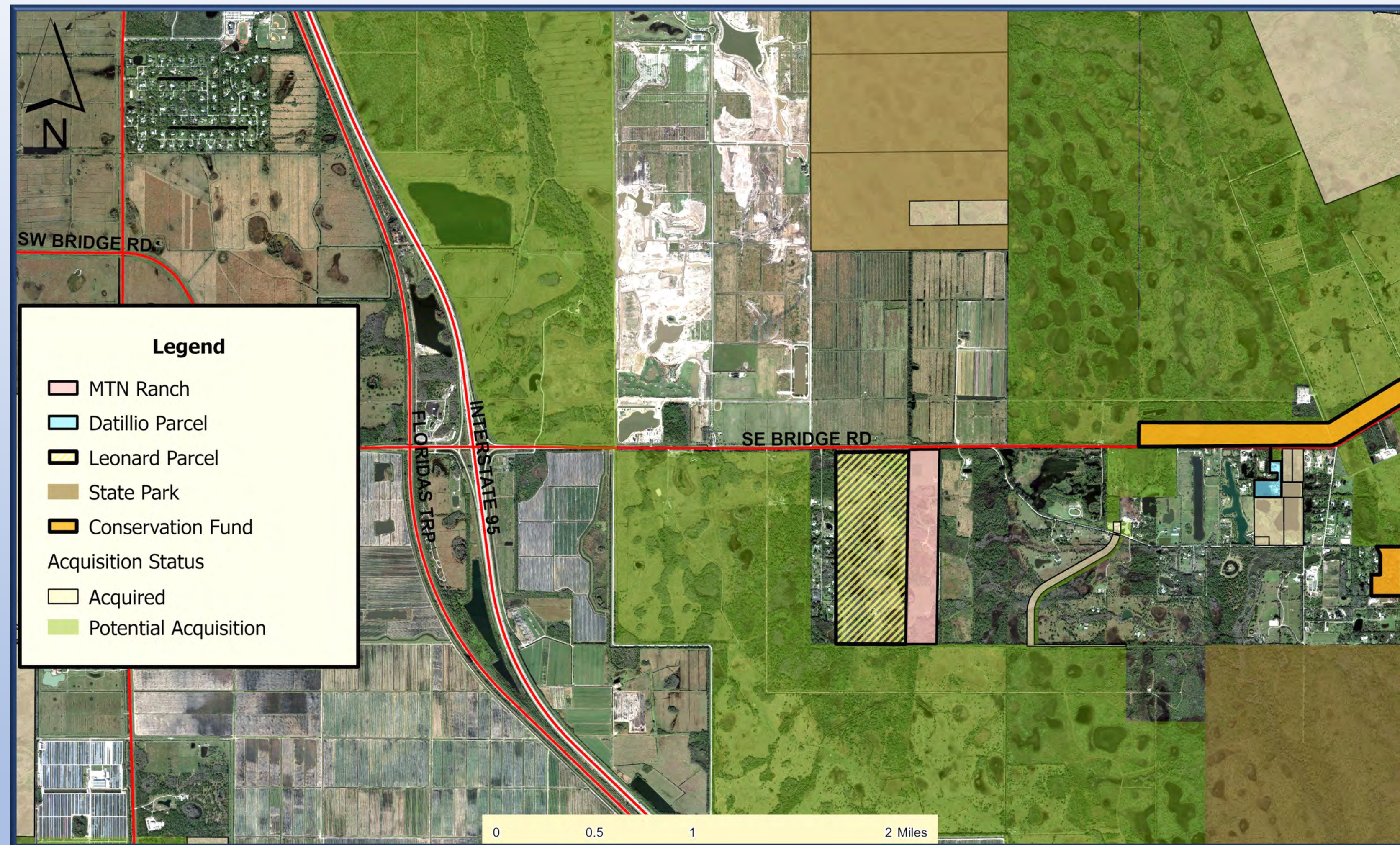
Small parcel (6.1-acres) important to protect scrub habitat
Potential access to the 900-acre Medalist Property (currently no access)

DATILLIO PARCEL



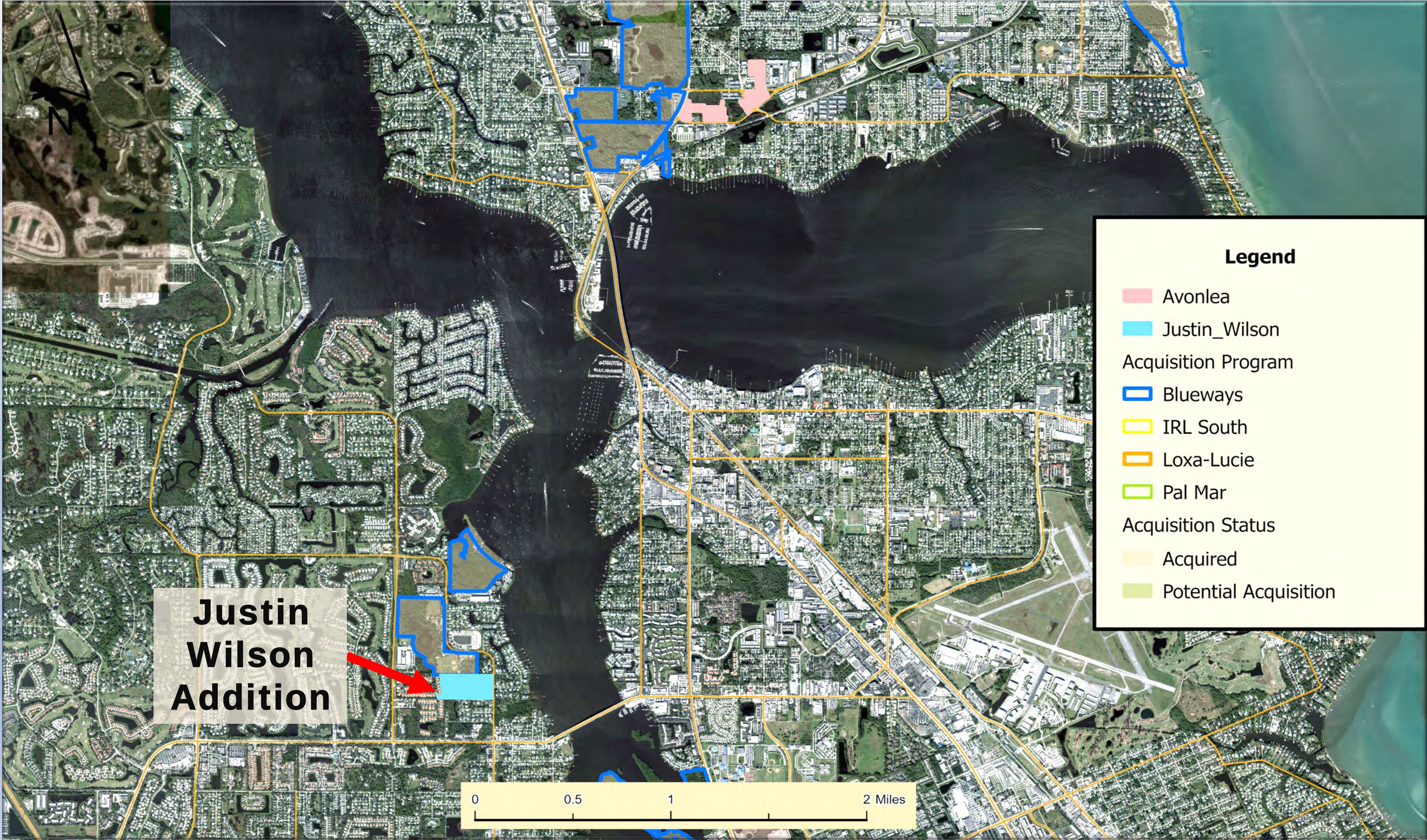
- 12.2-acre heavily impacted property
- Could expand Kitching Creek Central Flow Way Project (Loxahatchee River)
 - Potential trail connection for Atlantic Ridge/ Jonathan Dickinson
 - Listed on realtor sites and is for sale

MTN RANCH

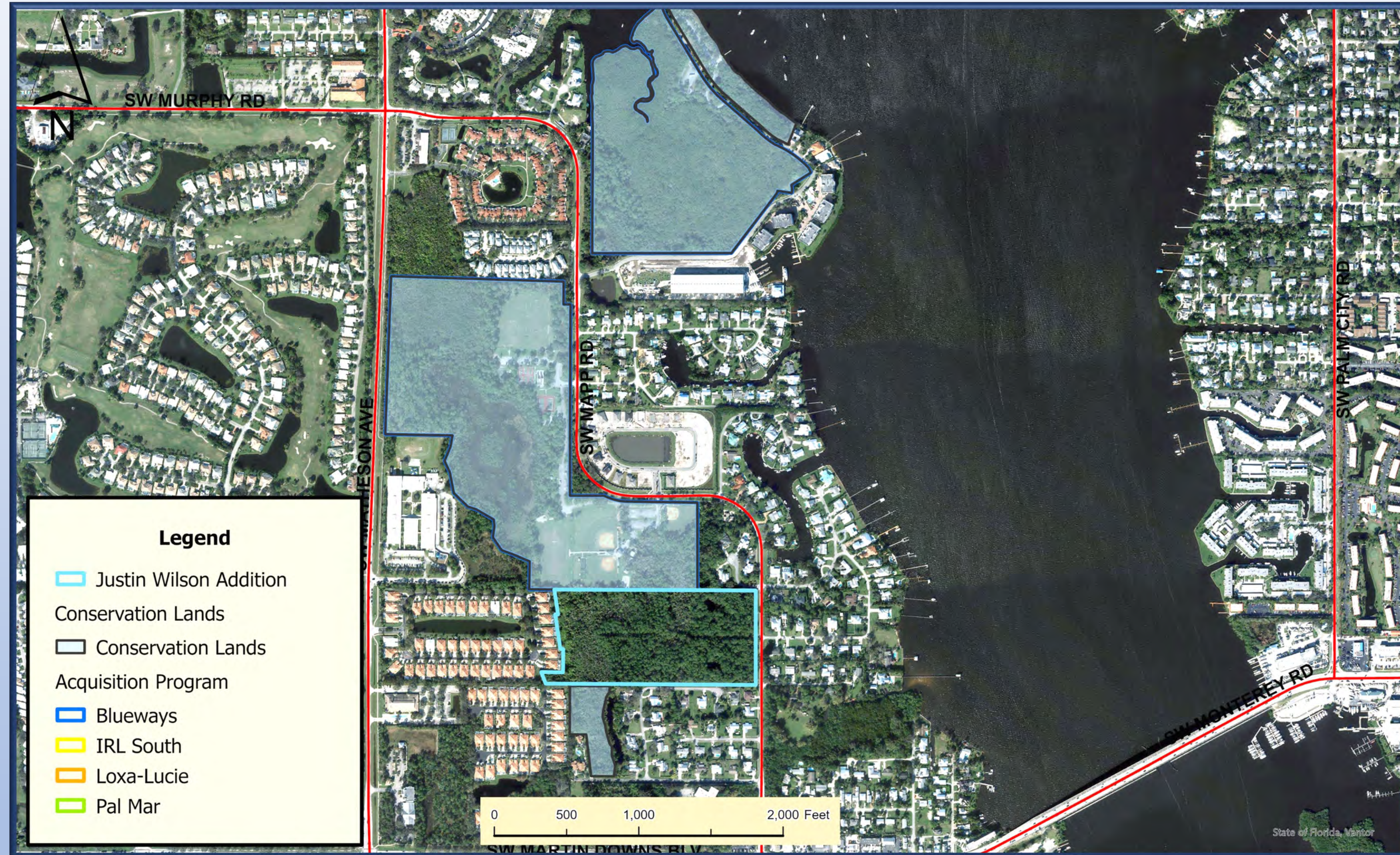


- **139-acre property south of Bridge Road in the Kitching Creek Watershed**
 - **Adjacent to Leonard Parcel (approved sales tax project)**
 - **Large cypress slough system on the property**
 - **Potential conservation easement or fee simple acquisition**

BLUEWAYS ACQUISITION ZONE



JUSTIN WILSON ADDITION



- ~20-acre property linked between County conservation areas and parks
 - Drainage feeds into Bessey Creek and the St. Lucie Estuary
 - Contains important and rare baygall swamp habitat'
- Could create a trail system from LC Justin Wilson Park into the preserve

PROJECT RANKINGS

Final Rankings for Proposed Acquisitions												
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Big Cypress Ranch	54	66.5	45	62	51	84.75	0	24.25	26.5	15.5	429.5	1
Hawks Hammock Addition	60	44	30	55.5	47.5	63	0	27.25	61	14.5	402.75	2
Solo Properties	102	66	34	47.5	39	58.5	0	14	19.5	5	385.5	3
Pal Mar Chimney	60	67	53.5	41	30.5	52.5	0	20.25	23	16	363.75	4
MTN Ranch	28.5	62	45	40	53.5	43.5	0	4	61	9.5	347	5
First Methodist	15	47	7	47	32	87	0	22.25	45.5	12	314.75	6
Justin Wilson Addition	3.75	8	7	39.5	33.5	79.5	0	30	63	40.5	304.75	7
Datillio Parcel	49.5	62	45	9	22.5	6.75	0	14.5	56.5	26.5	292.25	8

ELOC members scored projects by a series of metrics which was used to rank all 8 properties. They recommended these 8 for acquisition.