

Dade-Collier Cypress Recreation Area

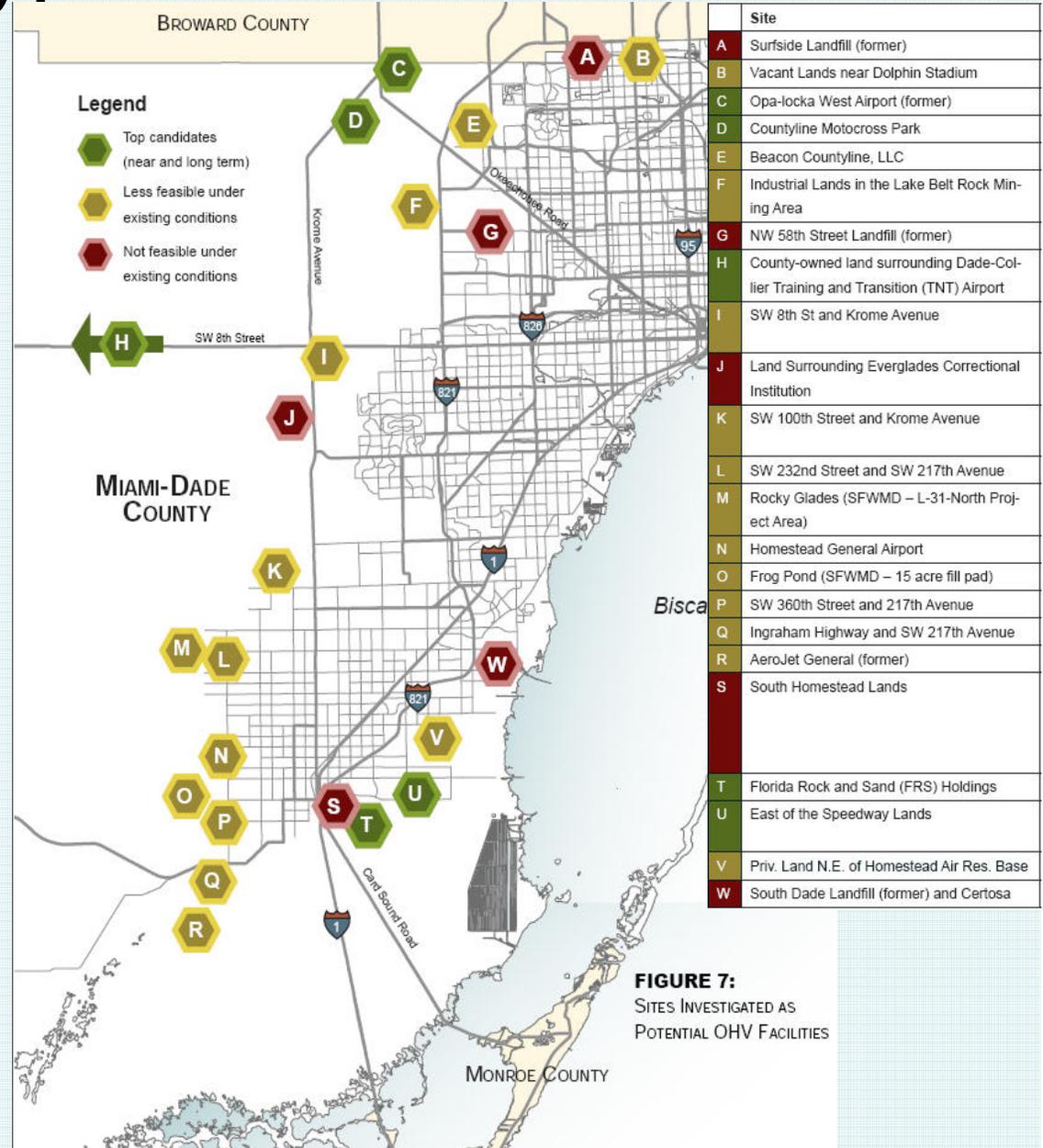
Project Need

- Acquire recreational land to address the open space needs of 6.5 million South Florida residents
- Provide wilderness recreational activities not found in urban and suburban areas.
- Eliminate Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trespassing on agricultural and sensitive environmental lands within metropolitan areas.
- Reduce OHV related accidents and loss of life
- Provide for safe, legal and supervised OHV trails for the 54,000 title OHV in South Florida

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Location Study

- State sponsored Feasibility Study
- Recommendation to locate at TNT Airport
- Agreement with MD Aviation Dept. to provide land



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Project Site

+/- 24,000 acre Training and Transition Airport



Uses southernmost 1,608 acres of already impacted land solely within Collier County

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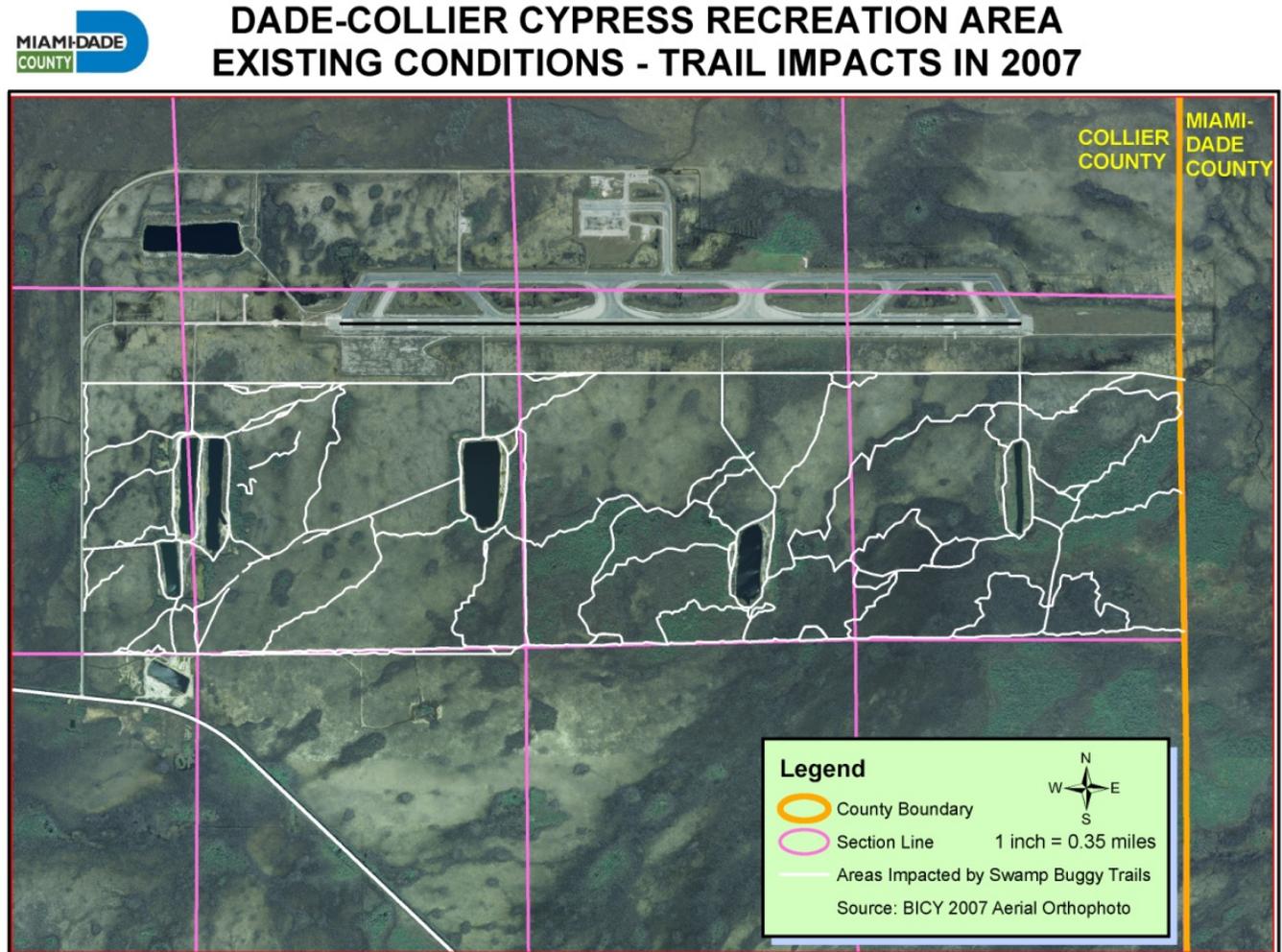
Existing Conditions



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Existing Use

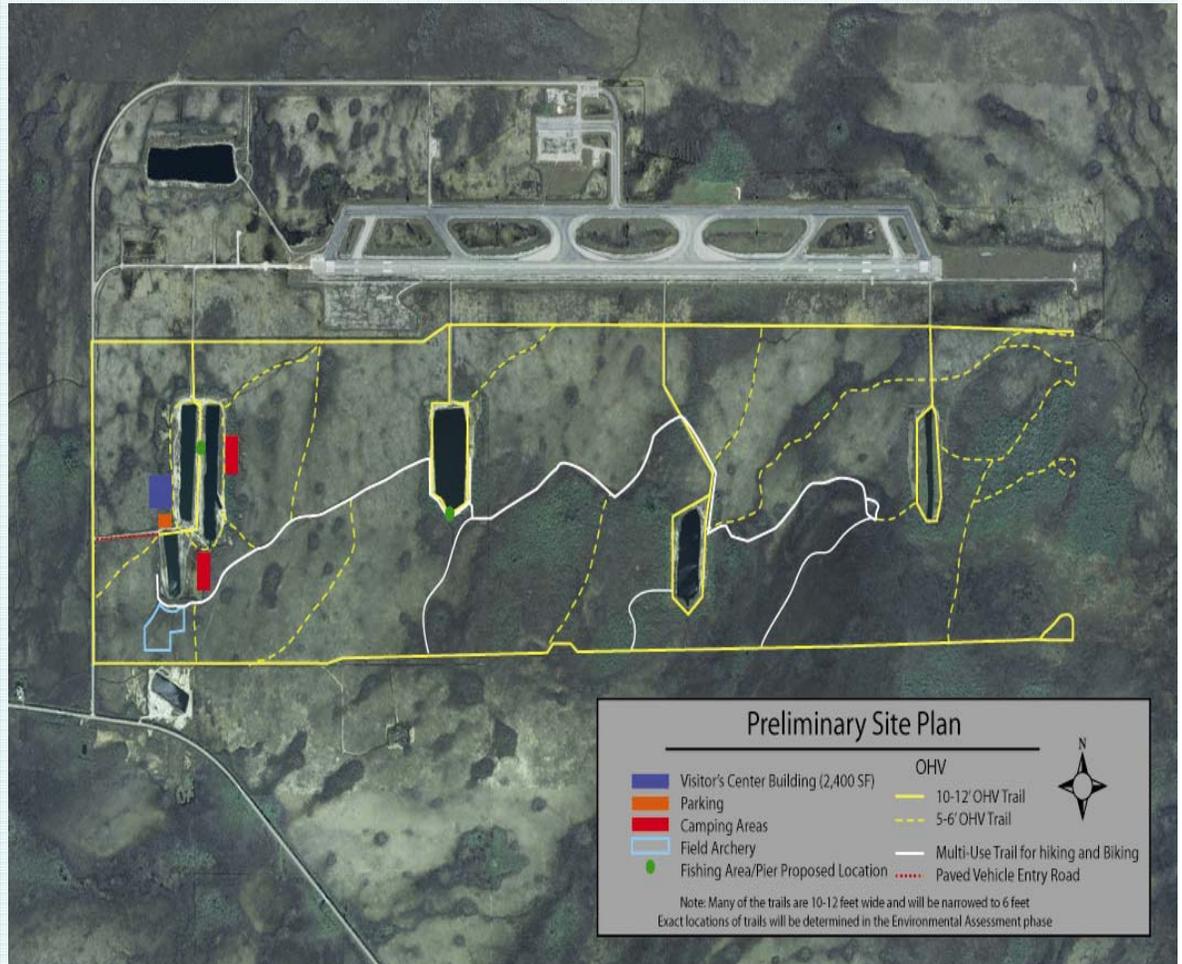
- Swamp Buggy Trails
- Gladesmen Campsites
- Hunting



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Proposed Use

- Convert Aviation lands to Recreation Area
- Use Impacted areas only
- Eliminate 1/2 of all Trails
- Stabilize OHV trails
- Restore natural sheet flow
- Eliminate hunting



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Recreational Uses

- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking/Bicycling
- OHV
- Archery
- Other Conservation Uses



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Proposed Utilization

Activity	Existing Total Annual Visitation	Proposed Total Annual Visitation	Associated Acreage	% of Site
Primitive Camping	30	900	3-10	0.1
Recreational Vehicle Camping	0	1,000	5-10	0.1
Fishing	10	2,000	100-300	6.0-18.0
Hiking/Bicycling/Wildlife Viewing	300	6,000	30-45	2.0-3.0
Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)	150	3,000	5-15	0.1
Archery	10	900	2-10	0.1
Other Conservation Uses	0	500	1218-1463	79.0-92.0
Total	500	14,300	1608	100.0

Source: Collier County Growth Management Plan Amendment CP-2009-1

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Project Benefits

- Expands recreational uses for urban populations
- Creates safe, legal and supervised OHV trails
- Preserves and conserves intact resource areas
- Minimizes impacts to Bear and Panther populations
- Abides by Big Cypress Area of Critical State Concern restrictions
- Mitigates certain past and present conditions
- Restores natural sheet flow
- Eliminates hunting on the site
- Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Minimizes increased traffic on Tamiami Trail

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Project Status

- Executed Agreement to utilize County land
- Submitted Collier County Land Use Amendment Application
- Received third State OHV grant to fund remaining Land Use and Planning phases
- Funding to complete Management Plan and Environmental Review is incomplete.