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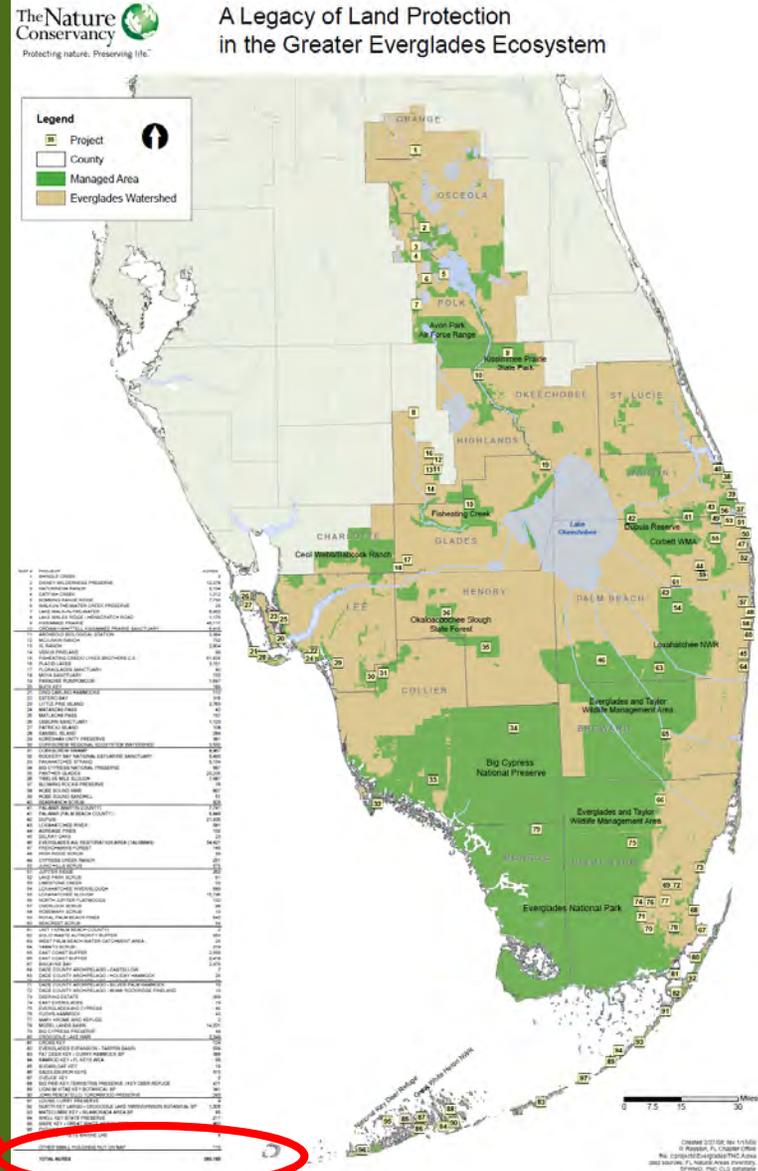


South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

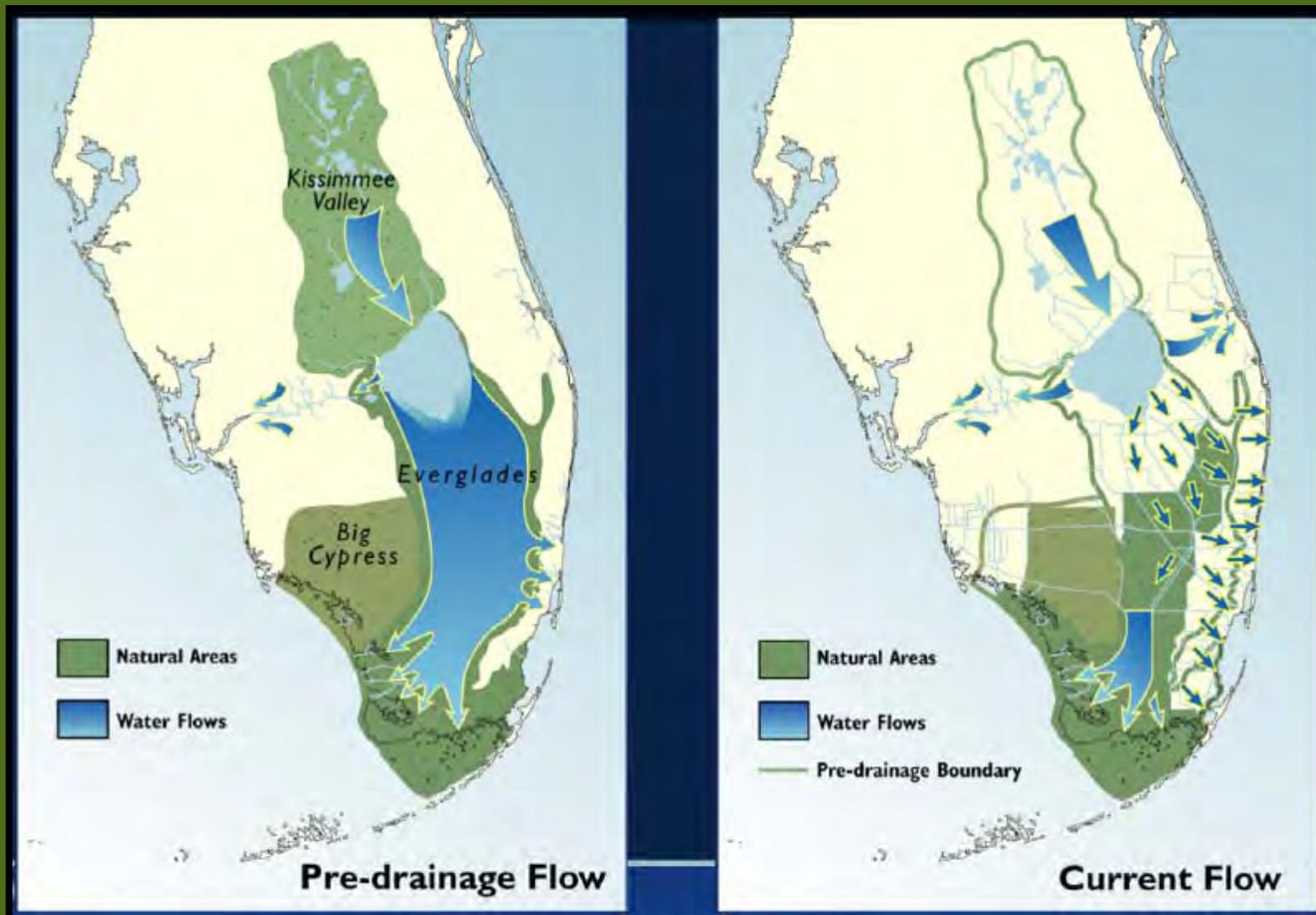
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Conservancy Land Protection

360,000 acres protected in Everglades watershed



Everglades Hydrology: Past & Present



Upper Kissimmee River Basin



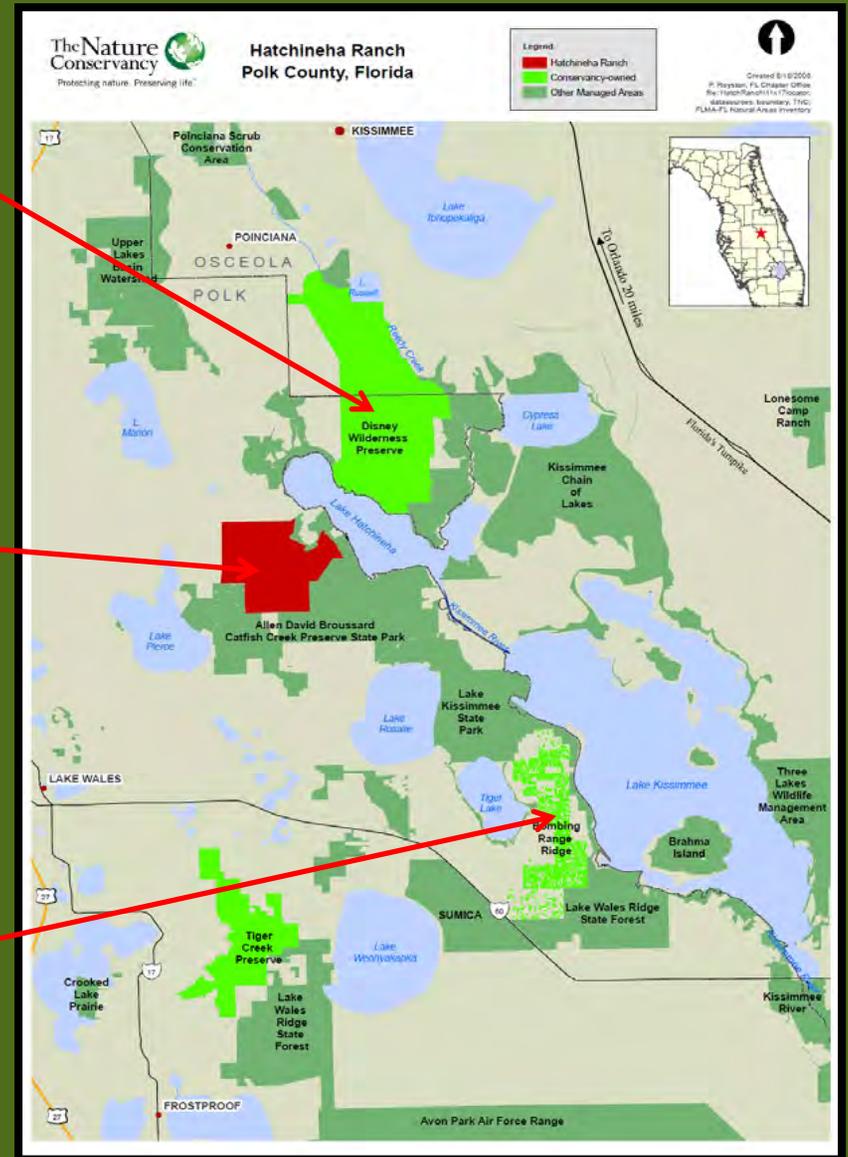
Disney Wilderness Preserve

Hatchineha Ranch

Bombing Range Ridge



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Florida's Lands & Outstanding Waters

Protection

Conservation Easements

Restoration

Design & Construction

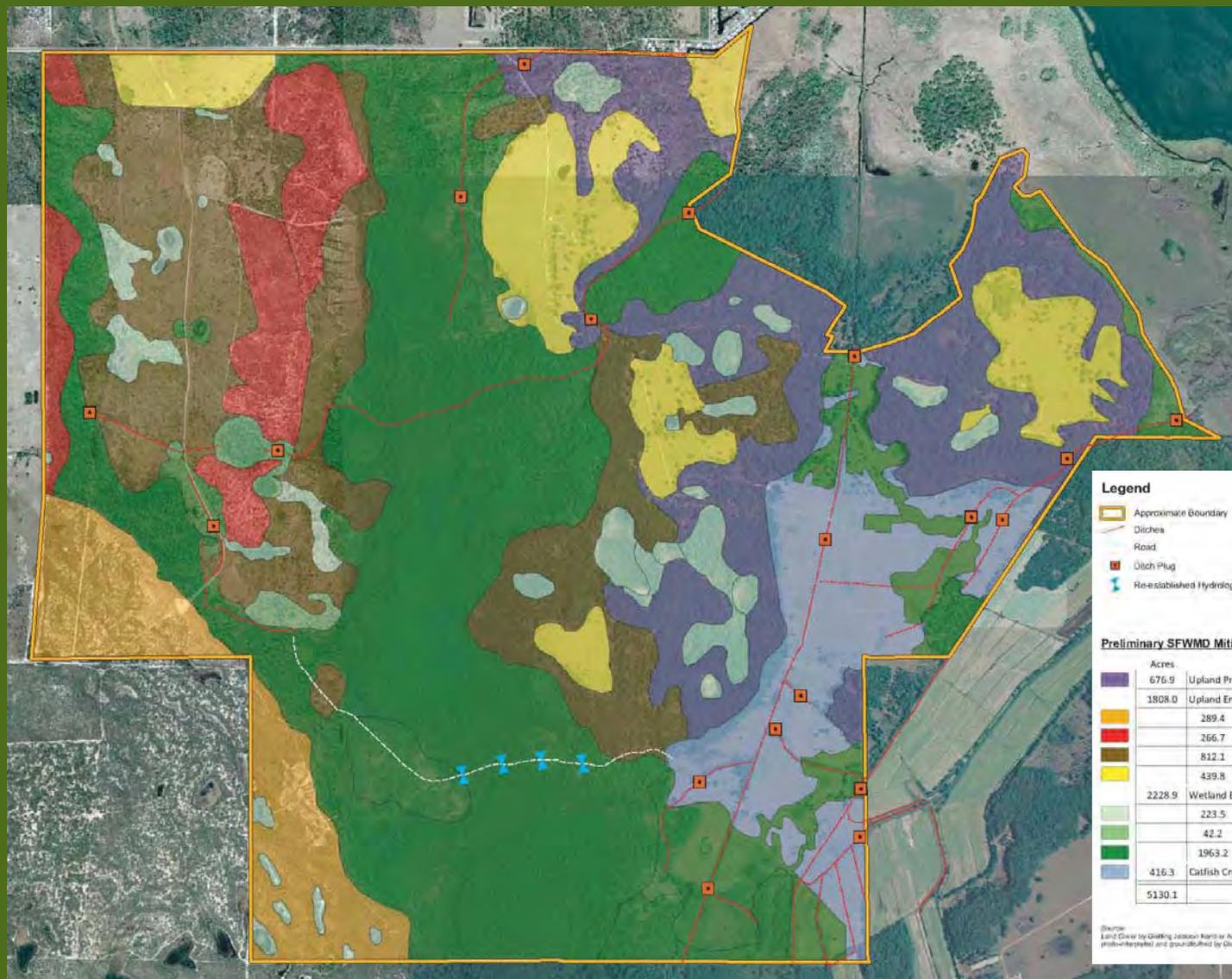
Management

Annual Management

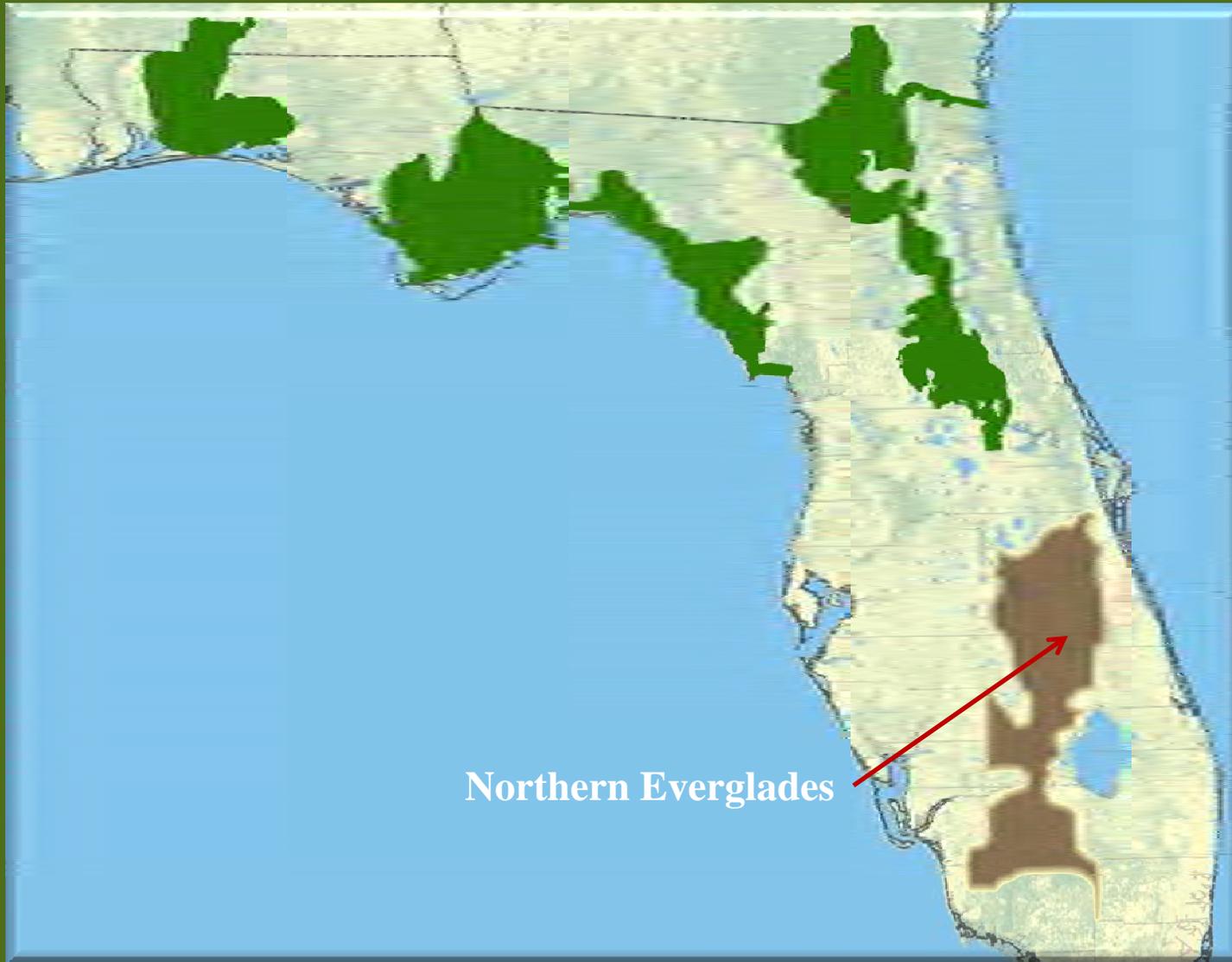
Payments



Hatchineha Ranch Mitigation and Conservation Banks



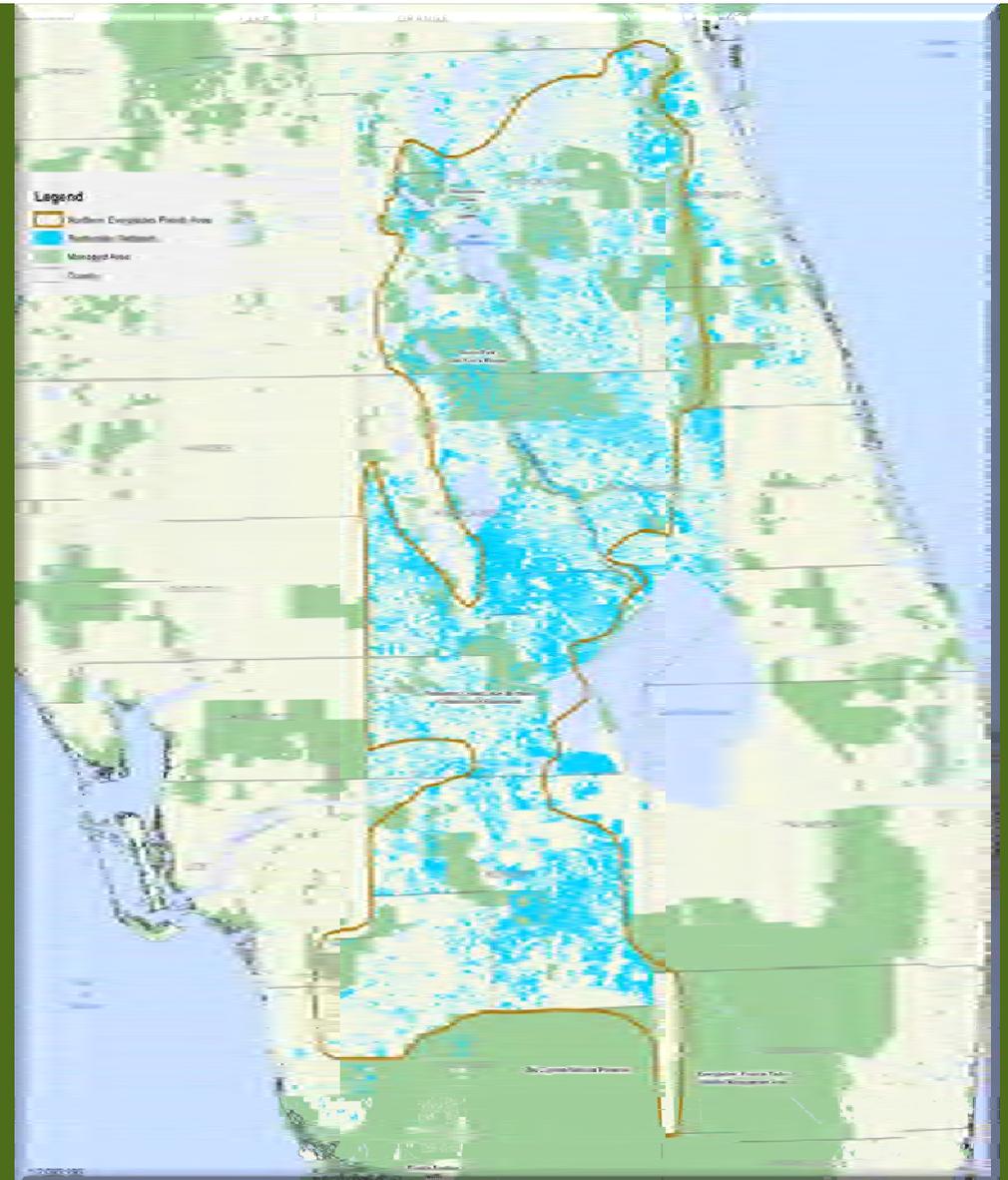
Florida's Priority Landscapes



Restorable Wetlands in the Northern Everglades

Northern Everglades –
Total Acres: 4,000,000

Northern Everglades –
Restorable Wetland
Acres: 1,000,000



Northern Everglades Program Objectives

Hydrological restoration



Protection and linkage of
high quality habitats



Ensure
sustainability of
Florida's cattle
industry



Immediate Opportunities

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Establishment new national wildlife refuges

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Fisheating Creek

Department of Defense

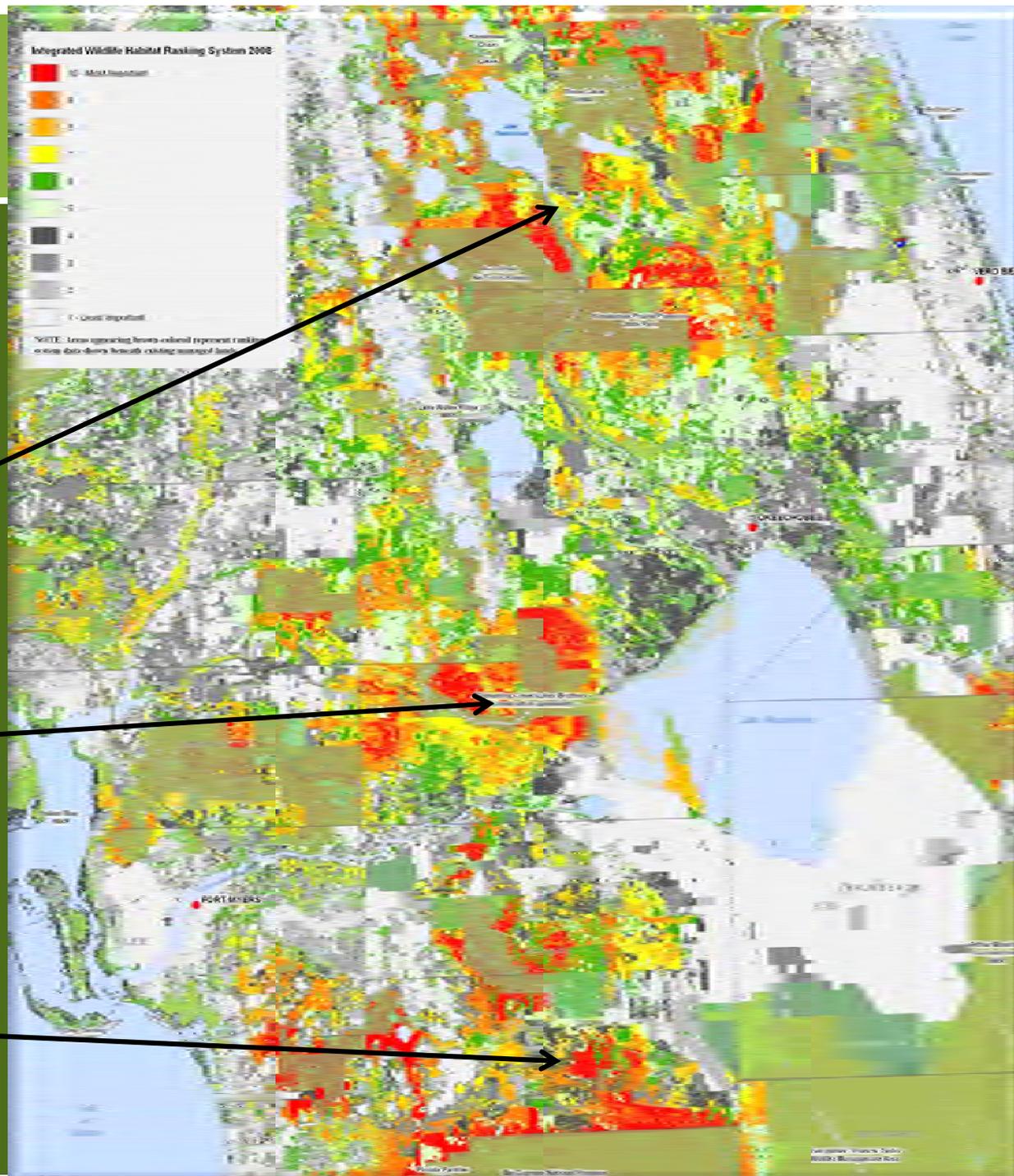
Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative

Wildlife Habitat Ranking System

Upper
Kissimmee
River Basin

Fisheating
Creek Basin

Primary &
Secondary
Panther
Zones



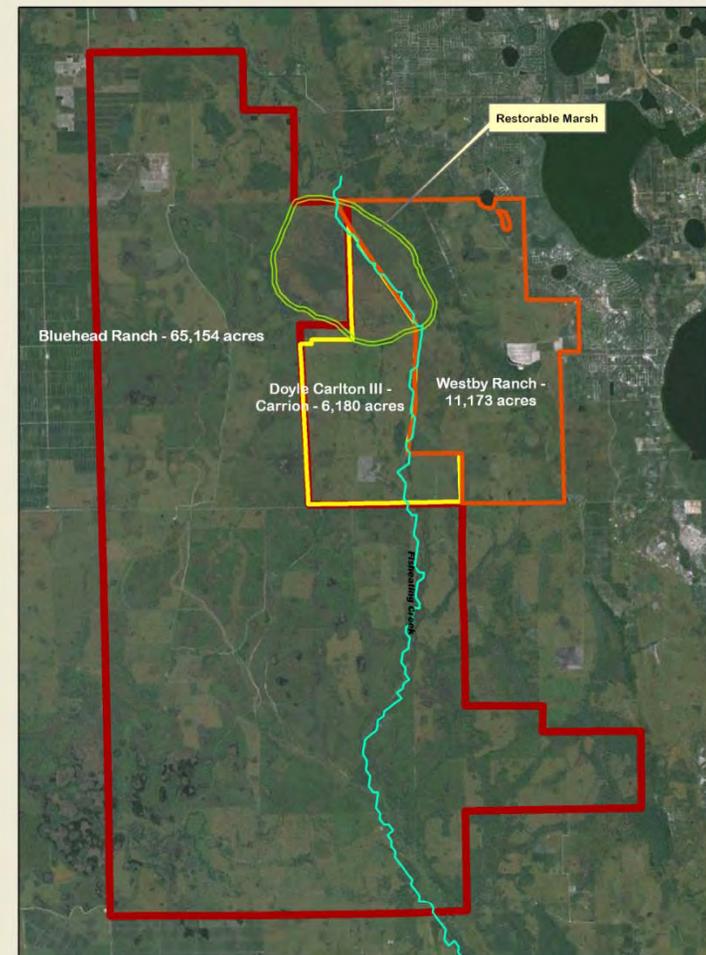
Wetland Reserve Program

<u>Year</u>	<u>Florida Allocation</u>
2002	\$32,070,000
2003	\$15,369,200
2004	\$15,000,001
2005	\$12,420,000
2006	\$22,905,565
2007	\$49,750,143
2008	\$35,451,525
2009	\$76,303,257



Upper Fisheating Creek Basin

- Significant restoration opportunities available for marsh, tributaries, ditched wetlands
- 41,000 acres north of SR 70
- Crested caracara, grasshopper sparrow, swallow-tailed kite
- Landscape connectivity:
 - Fisheating Creek headwaters to Lake Okeechobee
 - Rum Creek (Bright Hour) Ranch to Archbold Biological Station



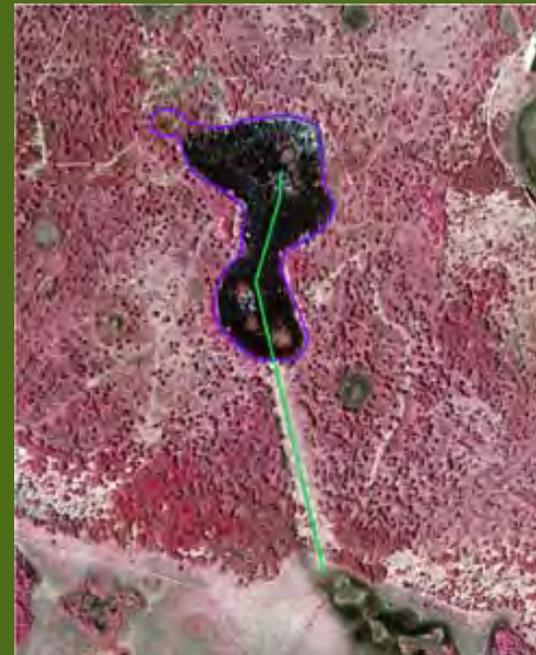
Wetland Restoration at The Disney Wilderness Preserve



1941



1993



1995

Diversity of the Northern Everglades



Cattle Ranching in the Northern Everglades



The Nature Conservancy



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