



# MONITORING, PROJECTS, AND PRIORITIES FOR COASTAL RESOURCES

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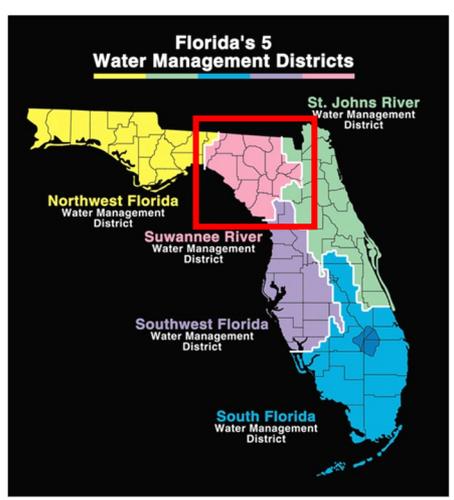
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# District at a Glance



- Smallest of 5 water management districts
- Population 340,000
- 7,640 square miles
- 15 counties
- 13 river basins
- 641 river miles
- Over 450 Springs
- 1,075 miles of coastline



# District Core Missions

- 20-year Water Supply Assessment
- Regional Water Supply Planning
- Annual Water Use Report
- Water Use Permit Program
- Alternative Water Supply, Conservation, and Water Recharge Projects
- Salt Water Intrusion Implications

- Real-time monitoring of river and lake levels for flood forecasting
- Implement regional and local flood protection and flood control projects
- Partners with FEMA for updating floodplain maps
- Environmental Resource Permitting Program
- Sea-Level Rise Implications to Coastal Communities

Water  
Supply

Flood  
Protection

Natural  
Systems

Water  
Quality

- Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFL)
- Recovery and Prevention Strategies
- Land Acquisition and Management Program
- Hydrologic restoration projects

- Monitoring water quality to identify trends and areas of concern
- Water Quality Improvement Projects supporting FDEP's TMDL and BMAP efforts
- Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) plans



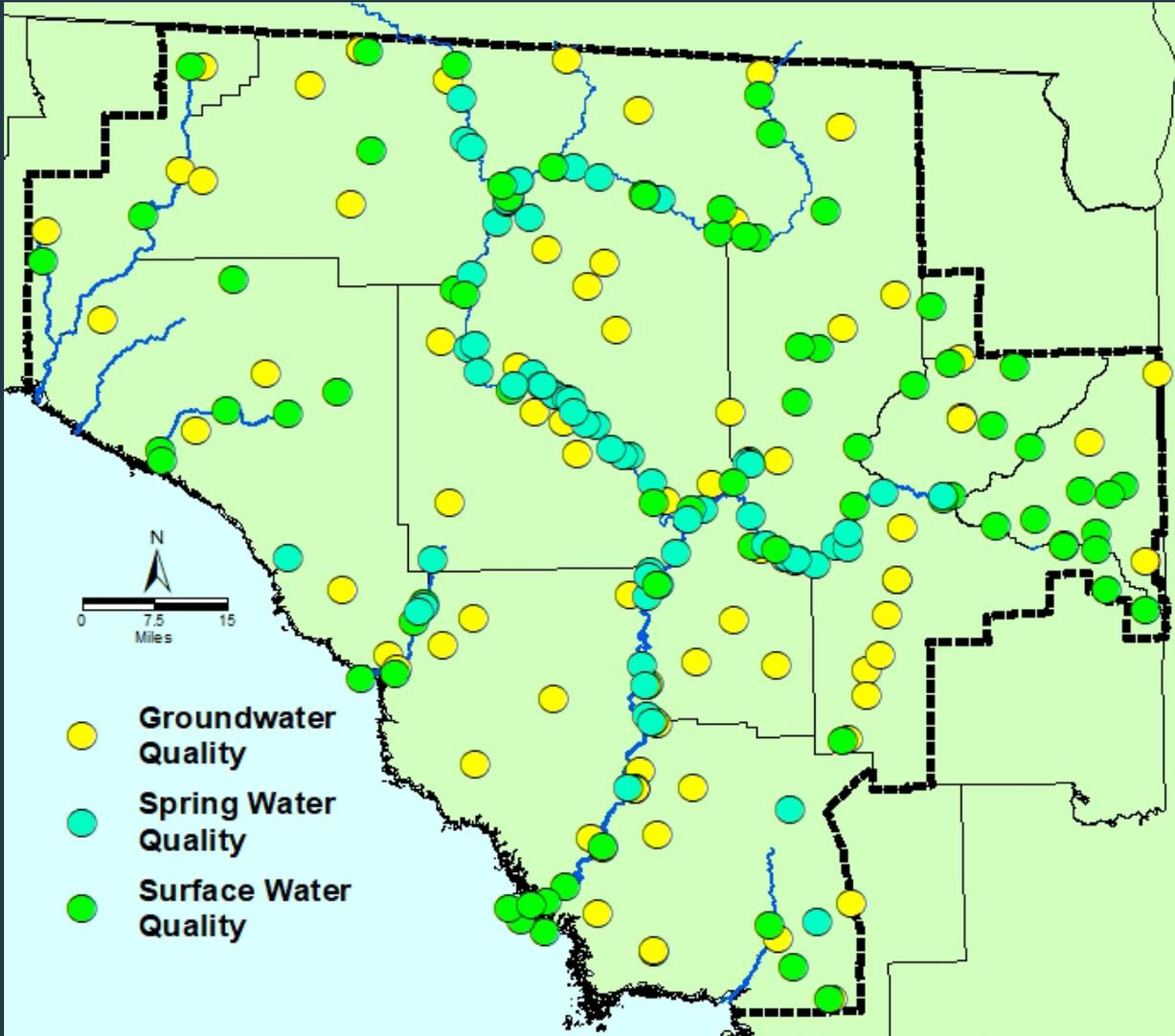
# Water Quality and Hydrologic Monitoring Networks



# Water Quality Network



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## 2021 Stations

- 78 Groundwater
- 69 Springs
- 72 Surface Water

Varying frequencies for total of 664 Water Chemistry Samples

# Hydrology Network (Level and Discharge)

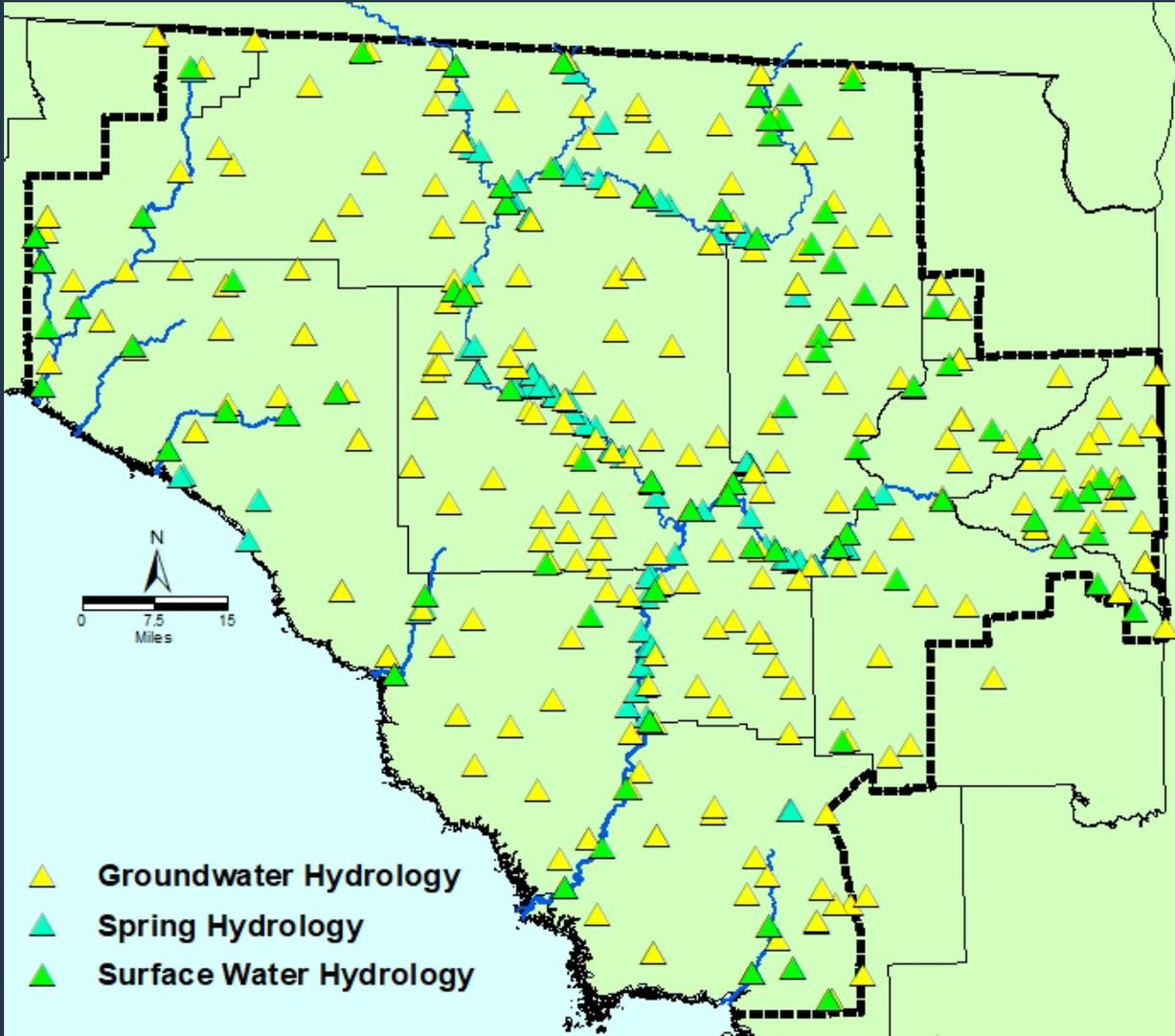


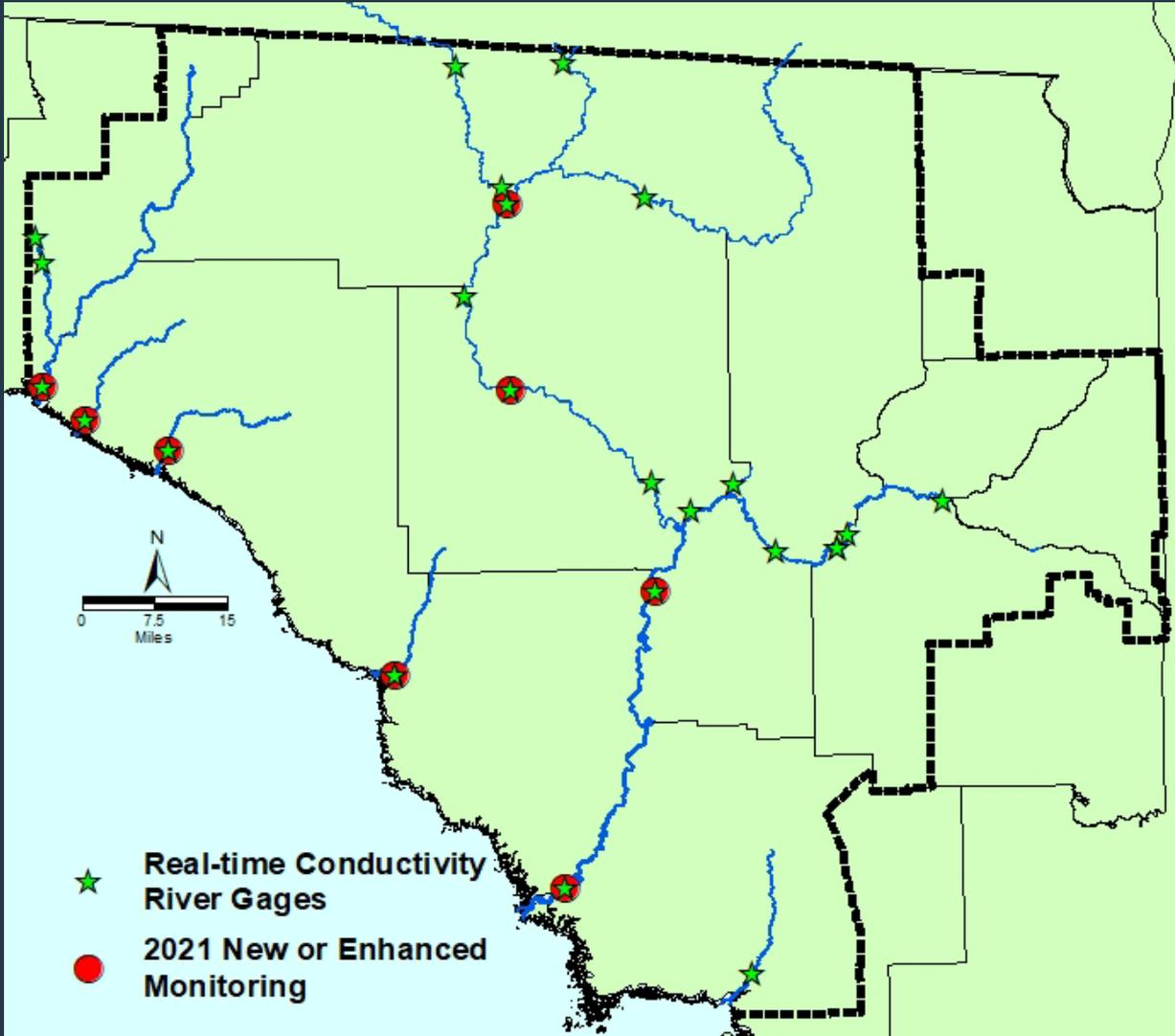
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## 2021 Stations

- 262 Groundwater
- 81 Springs
- 74 Surface Water

Partnership with USGS  
for major river gages

# Real-Time Conductivity River Gages



## 2 New Gages

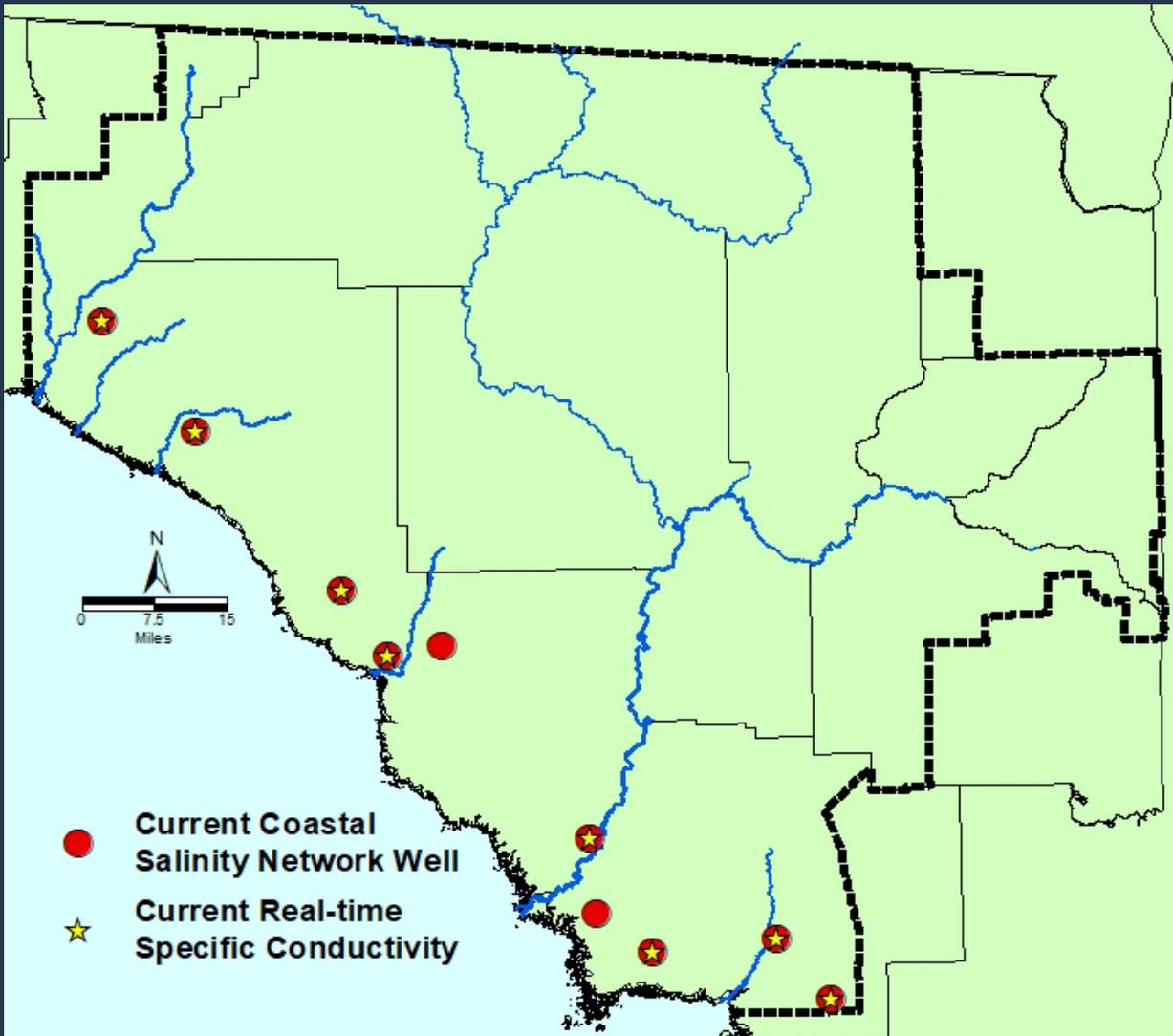
- Econfina at State Park
- Fenholloway at Fish Camp

## 6 Enhanced Gages

- Aucilla at Nutall Rise
- Steinhatchee at Steinhatchee
- Suwannee at Ellaville
- Suwannee at Luraville
- Suwannee at Bell
- Suwannee above Gopher River

Partial funding from RESTORE and FDEP Improved Water Quality Monitoring Grant

# Coastal Salinity Network



## 10 Wells

- Quarterly Water Chemistry with Conductivity profile
- Real-Time Level and Conductivity sensors installed

## Future plans:

- filling in spatial gaps
- additional conductivity sensors
- Partial funding from FDEP Improved Water Quality Monitoring Grant



# Planning and Projects



# Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels



**Suwannee River Water Management District  
Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Priority List and Schedule**



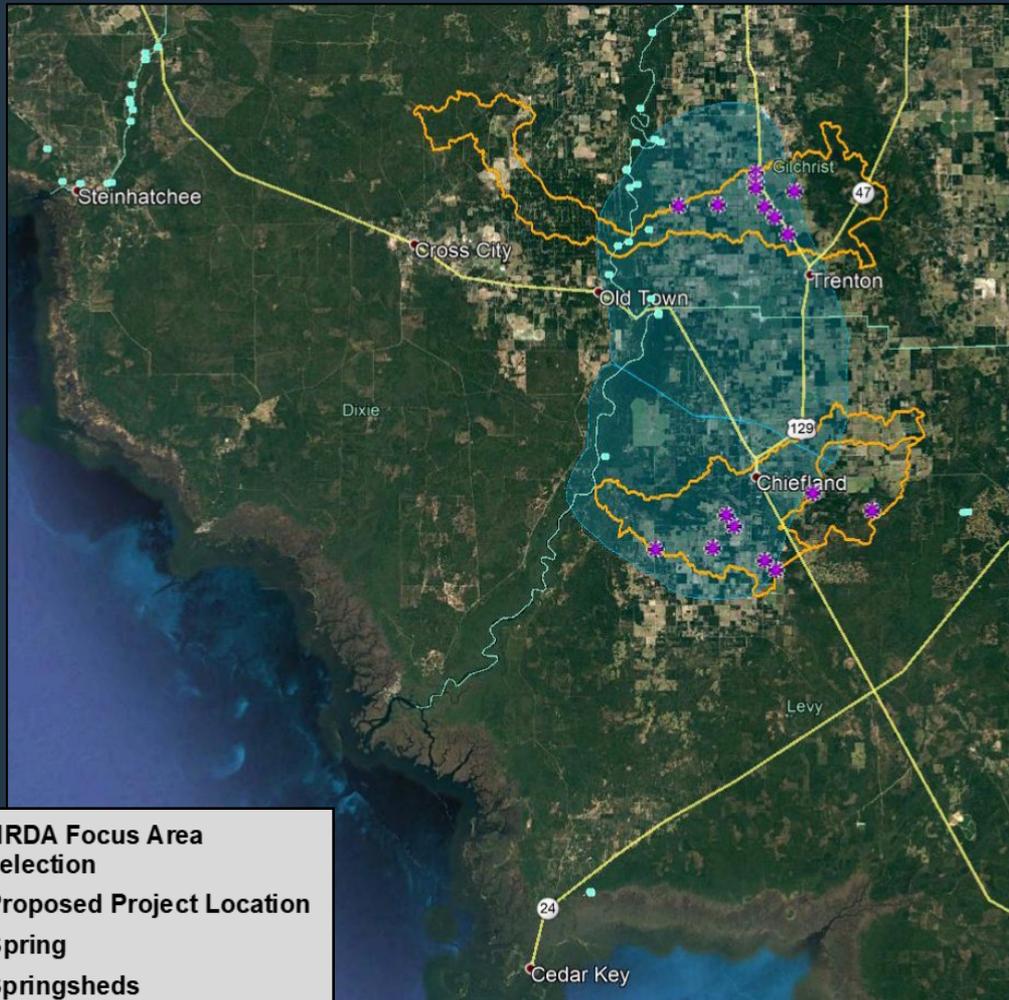
## Adopted:

- All Coastal Rivers
- Lower Suwannee River
- Upper Santa Fe River

## Re-evaluated:

- Lower Santa Fe River in Prevention
- Ichetucknee in Recovery
- Working on new prevention and recovery plan with SJRWMD and FDEP
- FL legislature approval needed before replacing existing MFL

# USDA-NRCS Lower Suwannee River Watershed Nutrient Reduction Project



## Natural Resource Conservation Service

- Deepwater Horizon Funds
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan
- Approving and implementing nutrient reduction projects

## Suwannee River WMD

- Developing sampling plan
- Managing Water Quality and Discharge Data Collection
- Data analysis and reporting

# Lower Suwannee Refuge Hydrologic Restoration

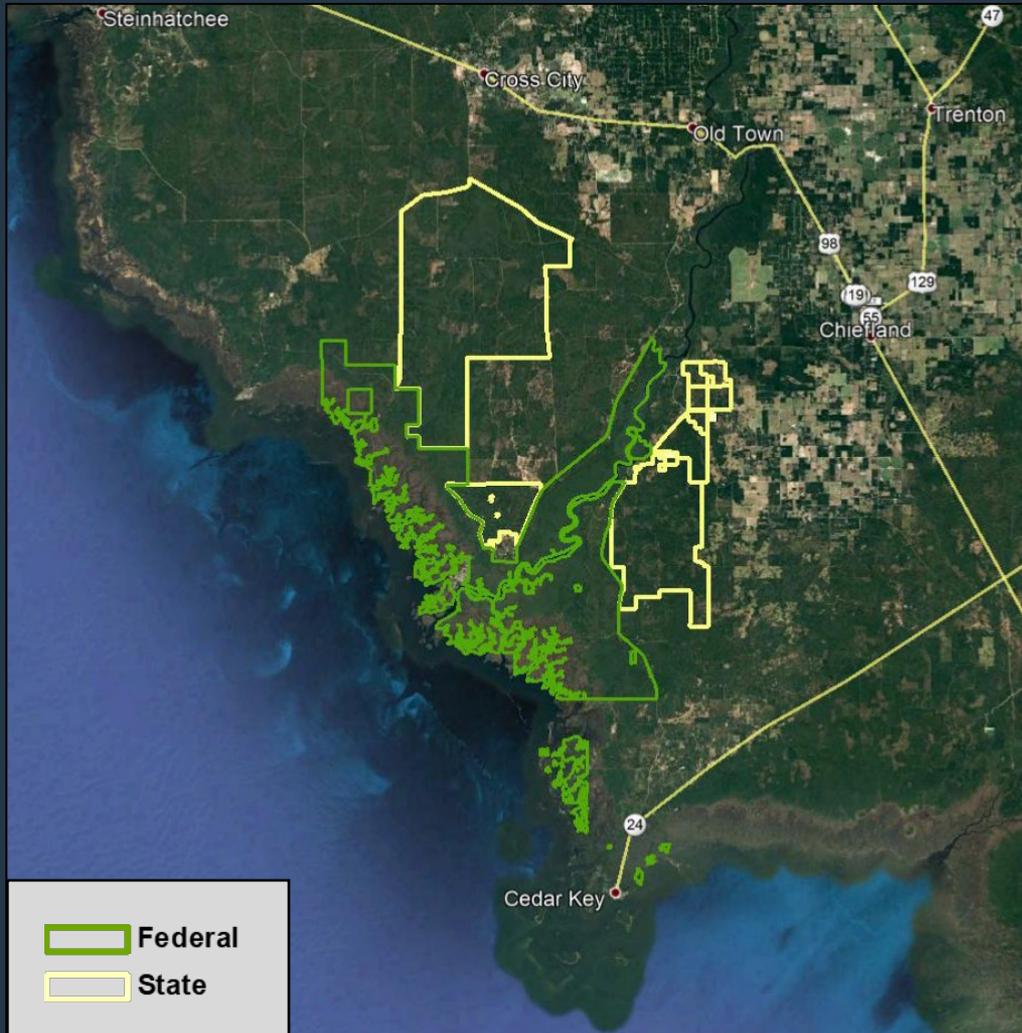


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Hydrologic restoration of legacy logging roads and ditches no longer in use by the National Wildlife Refuge

Deepwater Horizon Funds

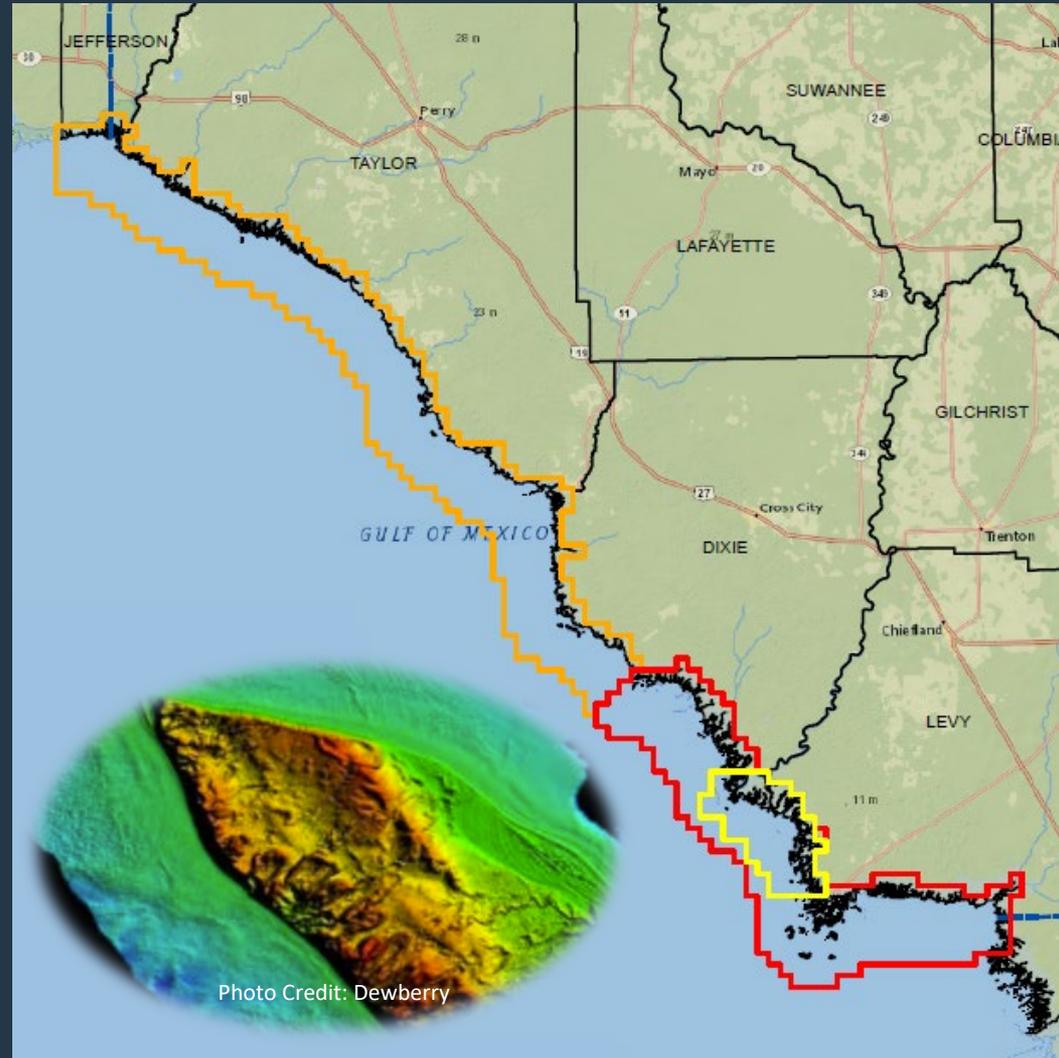
# Coastal Zone Mapping Imaging Lidar (CZMIL)



Florida Coastal Mapping Program: initiative between Federal and Florida State agencies facilitate mapping

Opportunity this year to expand SWFWMD Lidar collection to fly Lone Cabbage Reef area (yellow)

Letter of interest sent for potential NOAA 2022 and 2023 funding for expanding efforts along District coast





# Coastal Priorities

