# UPDATE ON MYAKKA RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE

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## **OUTLINE**

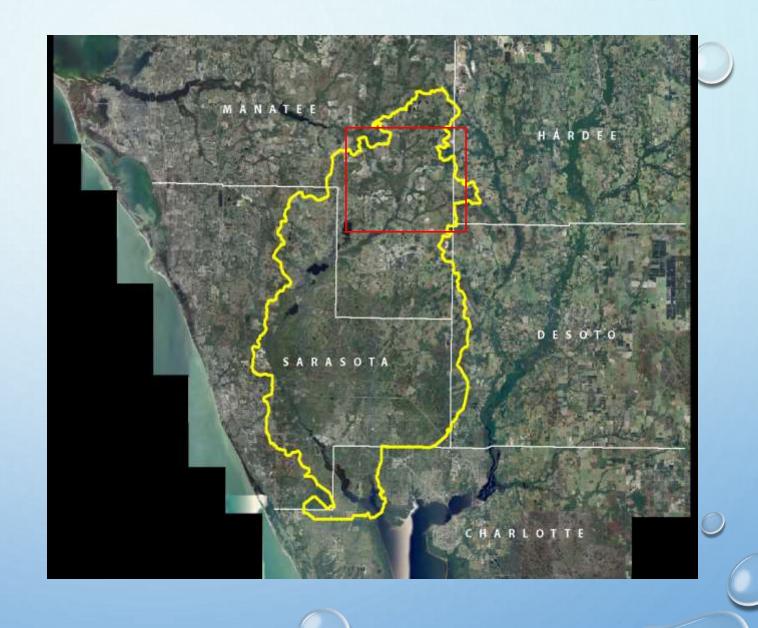
- BACKGROUND
- WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM EVALUATION
- NATURAL SYSTEMS EVALUATION ON FLATFORD SWAMP
- NEXT STEPS

## MYAKKA WATERSHED

APPROXIMATELY 595 SQUARE MILES

SARASOTA COUNTY PORTION
WILD AND SCENIC
DESIGNATION.

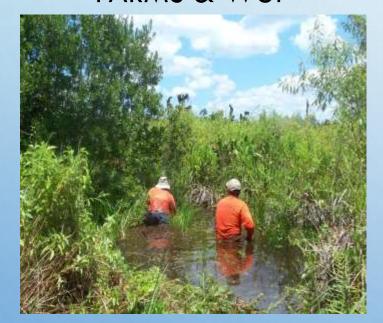
FLATFORD SWAMP IN HEADWATERS





## FLATFORD SWAMP

FARMS & WUP



**LOCATION** 



HYDROLOGY & NATURAL SYSTEMS



## WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

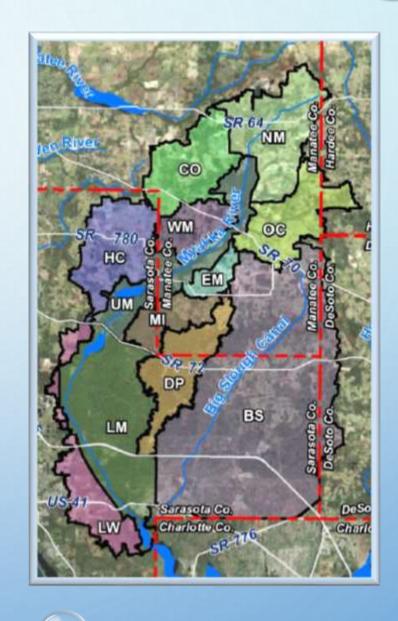
TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION-UNDERSTAND THE SURFACE FEATURES, TERRAIN AND BOUNDARIES (LIDAR, DEM)

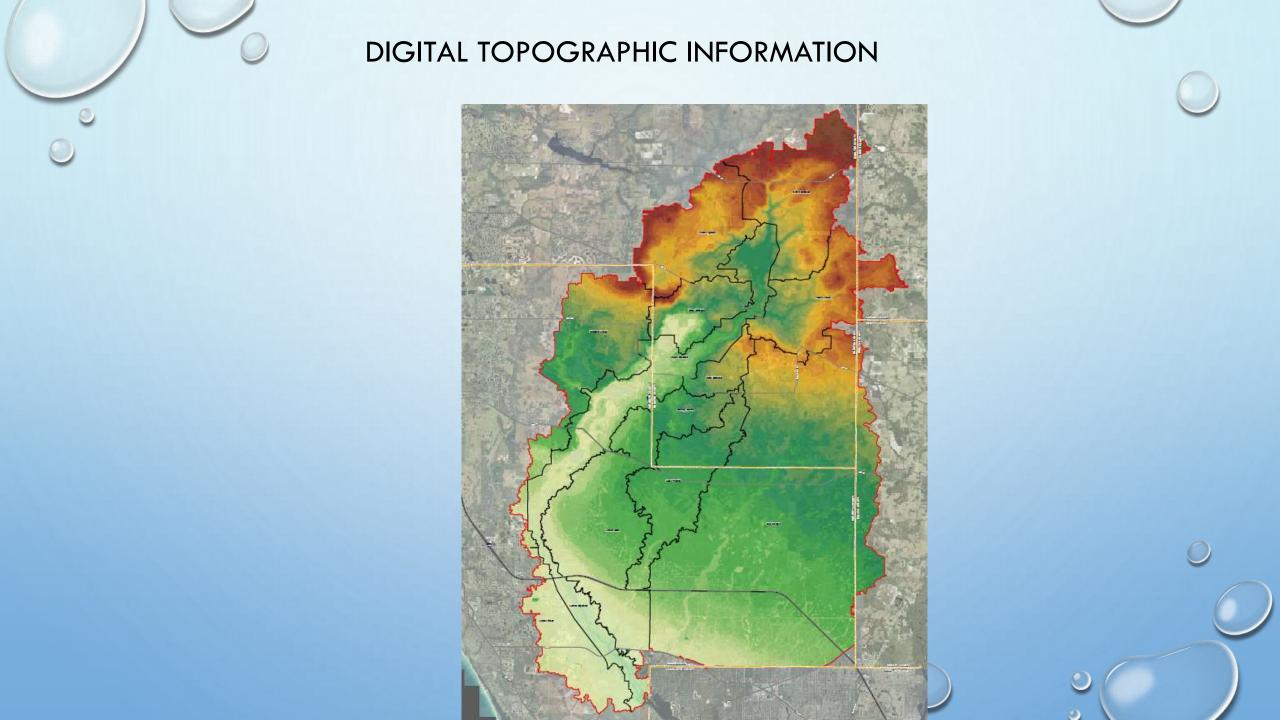
WATERSHED EVALUATION- HYDRAULIC FEATURE
INVENTORY THE WATERSHED, DETERMINE STORAGE,
DIRECTION OF FLOW, FIELD INVESTIGATIONS, SURVEY.
GIS DATABASE DEVELOPMENT

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN-COMPUTER
MODELING EFFORTS DEVELOPING THE TOOLS, SET THE
FRAMEWORK

IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT

PRACTICES-CONCEPTUAL MODELING SCENARIOS





Sub-basin	Area (sq. mi.)	Pipes	Channels	Drop Structures	Bridges	Weirs - structural	Totals	
North Myakka	45.8	226	371	4	8	488	1097	
Owen Creek	32	132	301	0	1	360	794	
East Myakka	8.5	113	170	2	1	170	456	
Coker- Ogleby	34.7	205	231	35	1	994	1466	
West Myakka	17.3	142	105	3	4	461	715	
Mossy Island	17.1	38	103	0	2	578	721	
Upper Myakka	35.6	151	23	7	19	4	204	
Deer Prairie	32.1	69	0	0	7	0	76	
Lower Myakka	71.7	117	1	5	13	2	138	
	WATERSHED EVALUATION							9

#### WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

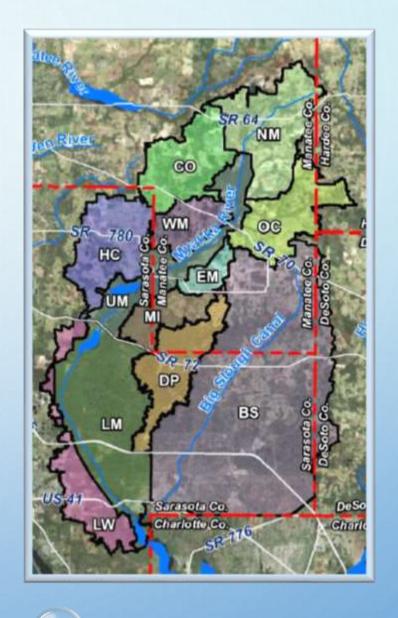
UPPER MYAKKA WATER BUDGET MODEL (FROM SR 72 UPSTREAM)

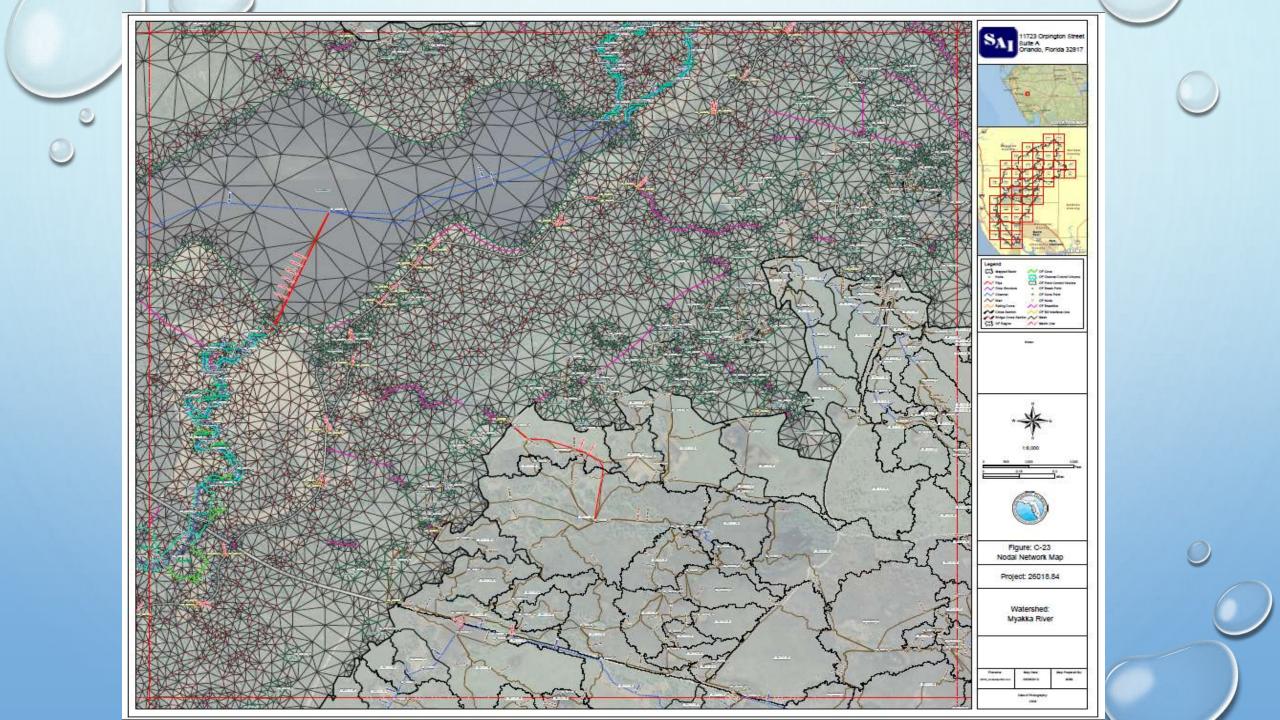
ICPR3 USED FOR 6 SUB-BASINS

ICPRV4 USE OF 2D ELEMENTS TO REPRESENT OVERLAND FLOW.

3 SUB-BASINS WERE COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS UNDER OTHER PROJECTS

7 NEW SUB-BASIN MODELS CONNECTED ALONG WITH 3 EXISTING MODELS





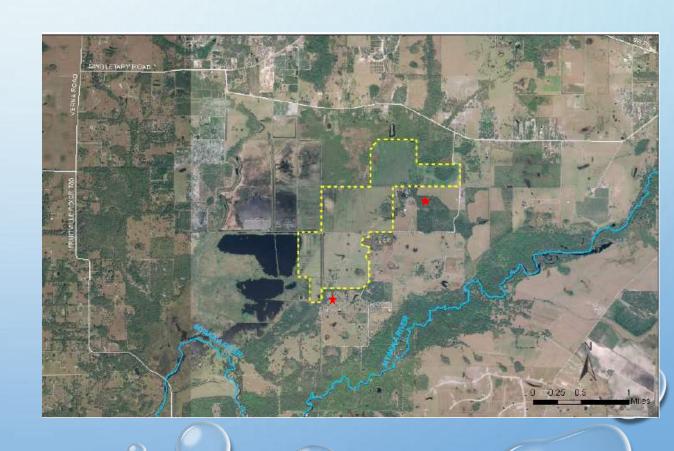
## IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: CONCEPTUAL SCENARIOS

- TATUM SAWGRASS RESTORATION
- CLAY GULLY ELIMINATION
- UPPER MYAKKA LAKE WEIR MODIFICATIONS
- BLACKBURN CANAL FLOW REDUCTION
- FLATFORD SWAMP HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION



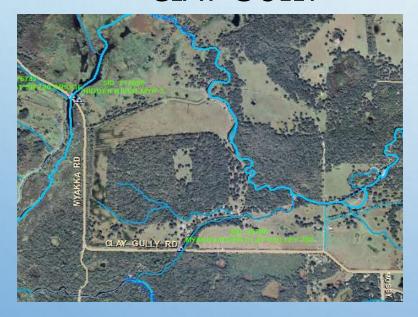
#### TATUM SAWGRASS RESTORATION

- BREACHES IN DIKES TO RE-HYDRATE AREA AT LOWER FREQUENCY STORMS FOR THE HOLLINGSWORTH PROPERTY
- WOULD REHYDRATE AT LOWER FREQUENCY STORMS BUT TWO PROPERTIES LIKELY BE INUNDATED AT LOWER FREQUENCY THAN BEFORE WHEN PUMPING.
- NRCS CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

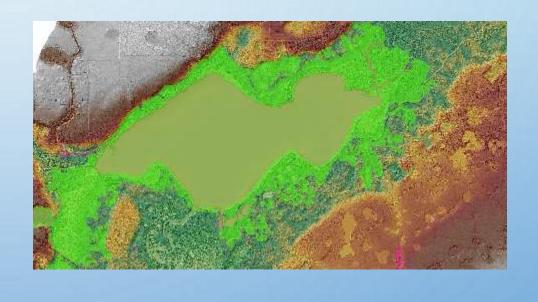


## SCENARIOS (MEAN, 25 YR 24 HR, 100 YR 24 HR)

**CLAY GULLY** 

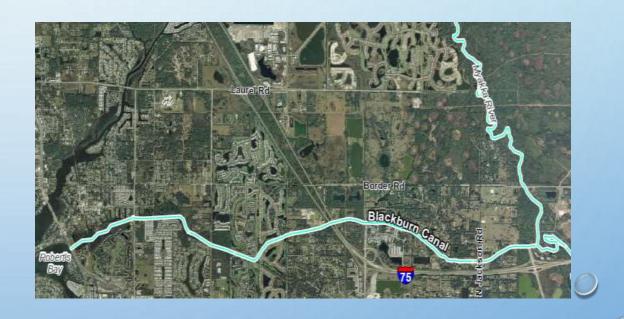


#### **UPPER MYAKKA WEIR**





- DECREASE FLOW TO ROBERTS BAY
- INSTALL WEIR IN CANAL
- INCREASES IN STAGES, 0.02-0.52 FT.



## BLACKBURN CANAL INUNDATION AREAS

#### MEAN ANNUAL



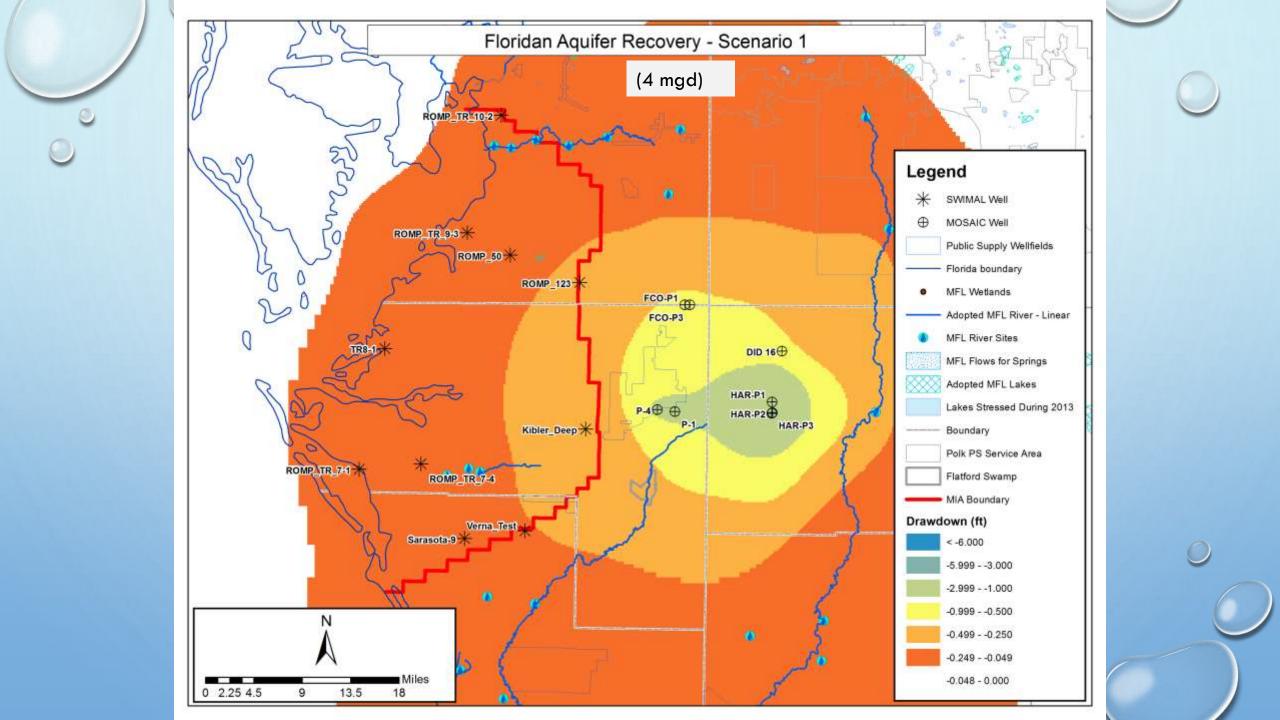
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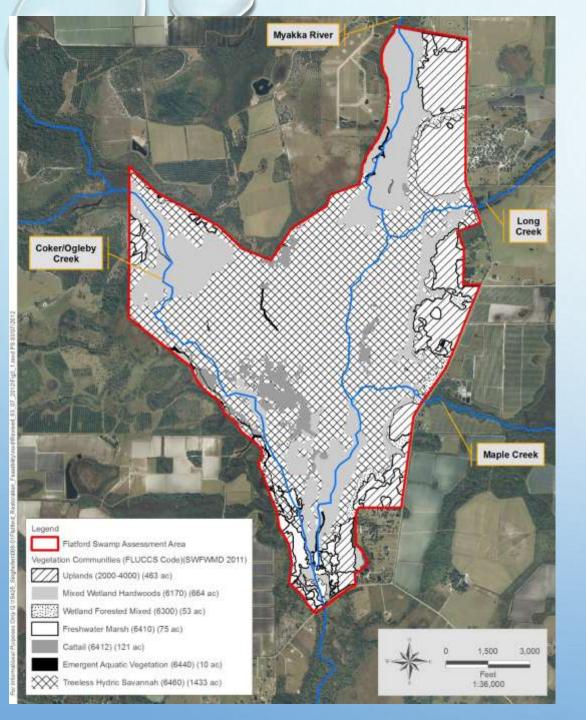


#### FLATFORD SWAMP HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION

- CONTINUE WITH FARMS PROJECTS, "WORK HORSE" PROJECT NEEDED
- INTERCEPT FLOW BEFORE REACHES SWAMP
- BENEFICIAL USE OPTIONS
- MOSAIC MOST PROMISING ALTERNATIVE







## 2011 EXISTING VEGETATION MAP

- PROJECT SPECIFIC 6" AERIAL IMAGERY
- GIS-BASED MAPPING:
  - MANUAL INTERPRETATION & DELINEATION
     FROM IMAGES
  - MAPPED LAND COVER CLASSES
- FIELD VERIFICATION FROM HELICOPTER
   OBSERVATIONS



#### PRE - HYDROLOGIC MODIFICATION MONITORING PLAN

- TARGETED MONITORING APPROACH TO DETERMINE PRIORITY AREAS FOR RESTORATION (BEYOND HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION)
  - BEFORE/AFTER/CONTROL/IMPACT (BACI) DESIGN TO ASSESS SUCCESS OF RESTORATION EFFORTS (VEGETATION COVER AND WATER QUALITY)
- REMOTE SENSING TO QUANTIFY PRE-POST EFFECTS OF RESTORATION ON ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION
  - HIGH RESOLUTION AIRBORNE SENSORS TO QUANTIFY VEGETATION COVER
     BY SPECIES
- BIOGEOCHEMICAL SOIL/SEDIMENT ANALYSIS (UF SOIL SCIENTISTS)
  - POSSIBLE PARAMETERS: PH, SEDIMENT MOISTURE CONTENT, ORGANIC CONTENT, NUTRIENTS, SPECIFIC GRAVITY

#### POST - HYDROLOGIC MODIFICATION RESTORATION PLAN

- ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION OF FLATFORD SWAMP FOLLOWING REDUCTION OF HYDROPERIOD
- TO ACCOMPLISH THIS NEED TARGETED RESTORATION
   TREATMENTS BASED ON PRIOR EVALUATION
  - APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBED BURN FREQUENCY IN TARGETED AREAS (WITH HIGHER ORGANIC MATTER)
  - SUPPLEMENTAL PLANTINGS OF FORESTED WETLAND SPECIES AND EXOTIC VEGETATION REMOVAL

#### POST - HYDROLOGIC MODIFICATION MONITORING PLAN

- CONTINUE MONITORING FOR MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS:
  - ANNUAL BACI FOR TARGETED RESTORATION AREAS (VEGETATION COVER AND WATER QUALITY)
  - ANNUAL REMOTE SENSING IMAGERY FOR ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM
  - SOIL/SEDIMENT BIOGEOCHEMICAL RE-EVALUATION ON 3-5 YEAR
     FREQUENCY



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- PURSUING FLATFORD OPTION
- OTHER WATERSHED OPTIONS WOULD HAVE TO COME THROUGH COOPERATIVE FUNDING BUT THE FRAMEWORK IS IN PLACE.
- NATURAL SYSTEMS ON FLATFORD