

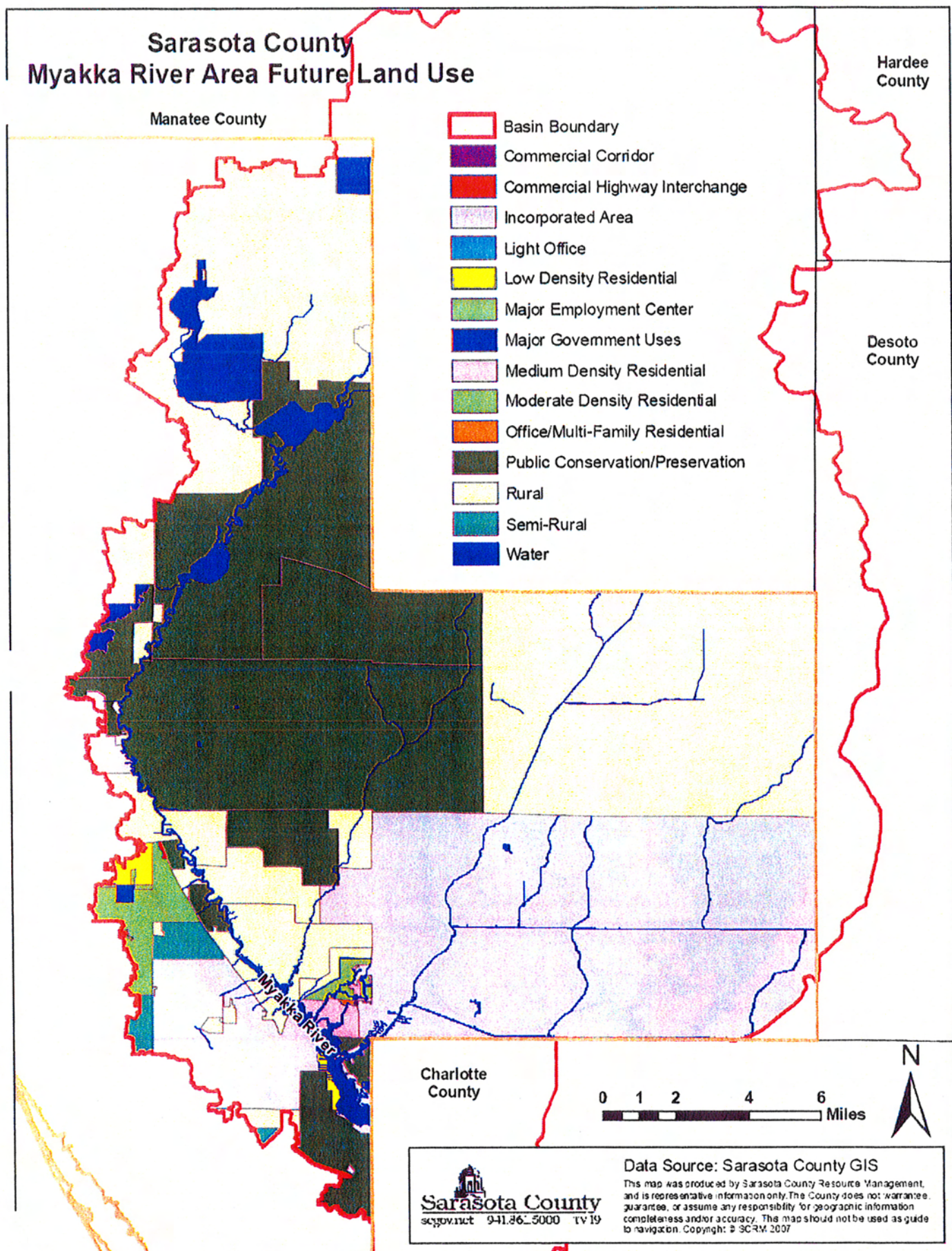


Figure 7. Future Land Use Map- Sarasota County

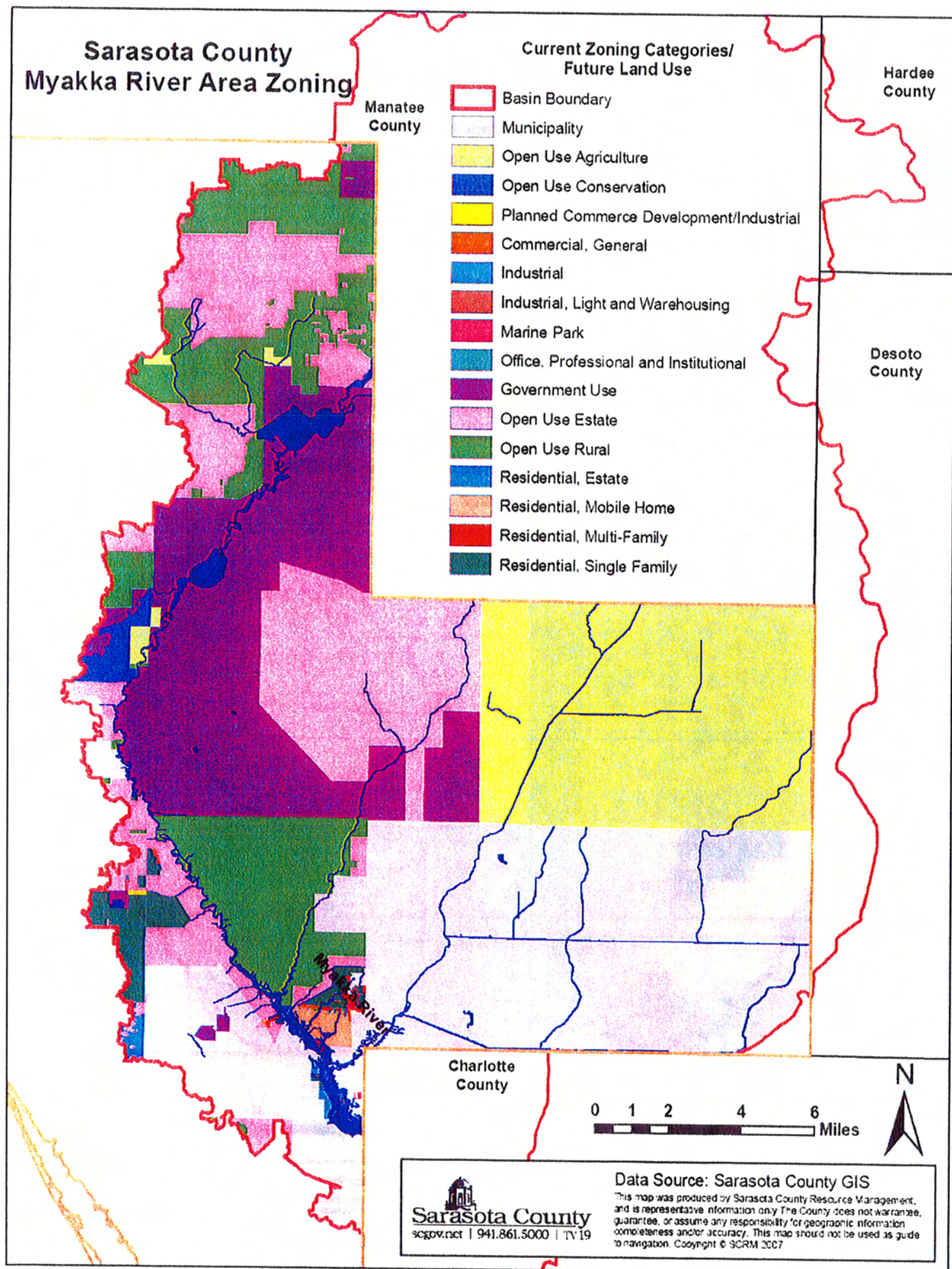


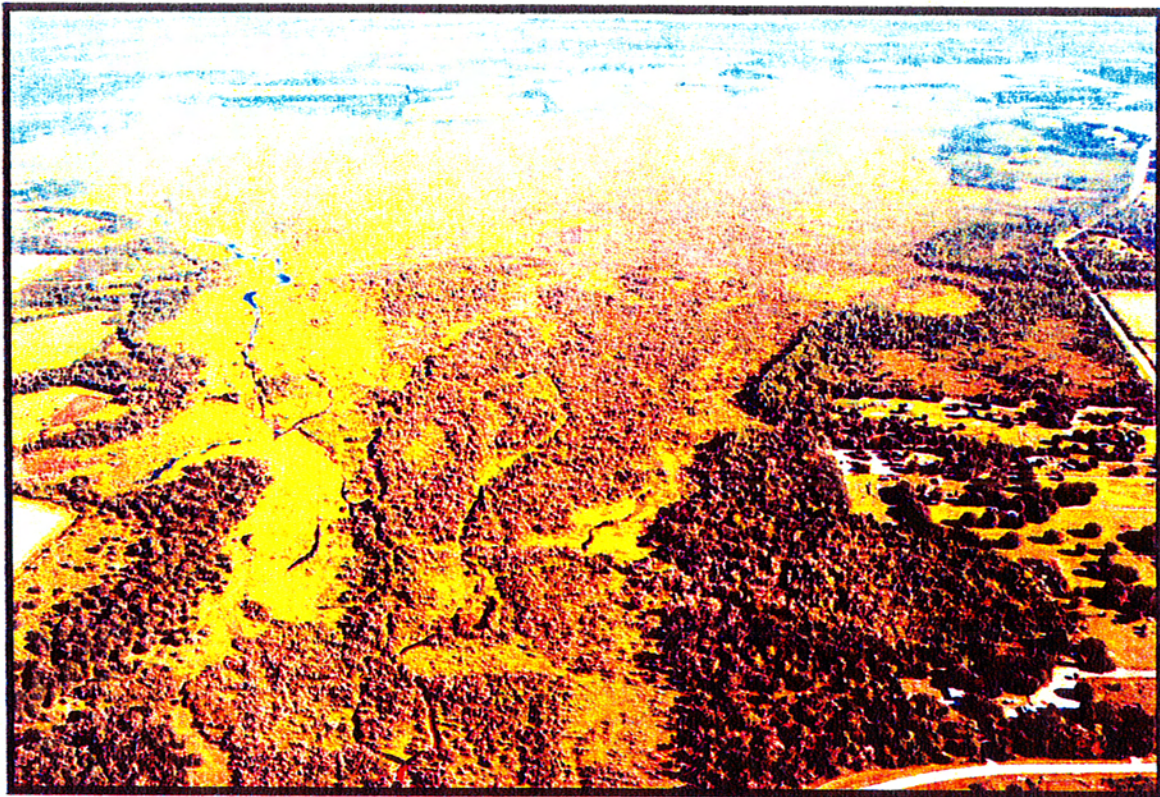
Figure 8. Zoning Map- Sarasota County

Subsequently, the Florida Legislature declared the 34-mile segment of the Myakka River as a *Florida* Wild and Scenic River because the river “possesses outstanding remarkable ecological, fish and wildlife, and recreational values which are unique in the State of Florida” and the “values give significance to the river as one which should be permanently preserved and enhanced for the citizens of the State of Florida...” (Act, 258.501 F.S.). The river management program is based on preserving existing governmental authorities and improving coordination between management programs, rather than on creating new governmental authorities.

The Florida Legislature is responsible for designating rivers as Florida Wild and Scenic Rivers. Likewise, it would take an action of the Florida Legislature to expand the Florida Wild and Scenic designation to include additional portions of the Myakka River in Manatee and Charlotte counties.

If legislation were enacted by the Legislature to expand the designation, the specific provisions of that law would determine the process to be followed. For example, the legislation would determine whether a management plan would be developed, whether rulemaking authority would be granted, whether members would be added to the Council, etc. While it would make sense to adopt a comparable process, there is no guarantee that a new process would parallel the process that followed after the original designation in 1985 of the Myakka River in Sarasota County. That is, subsequent to the Act, a management plan was developed to determine the management needs of the river, and based on this Plan, a Rule was developed and Sarasota County ordinances were amended (see Figure 4).

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Manatee County File Photo

Aerial Photo of Flatford Swamp