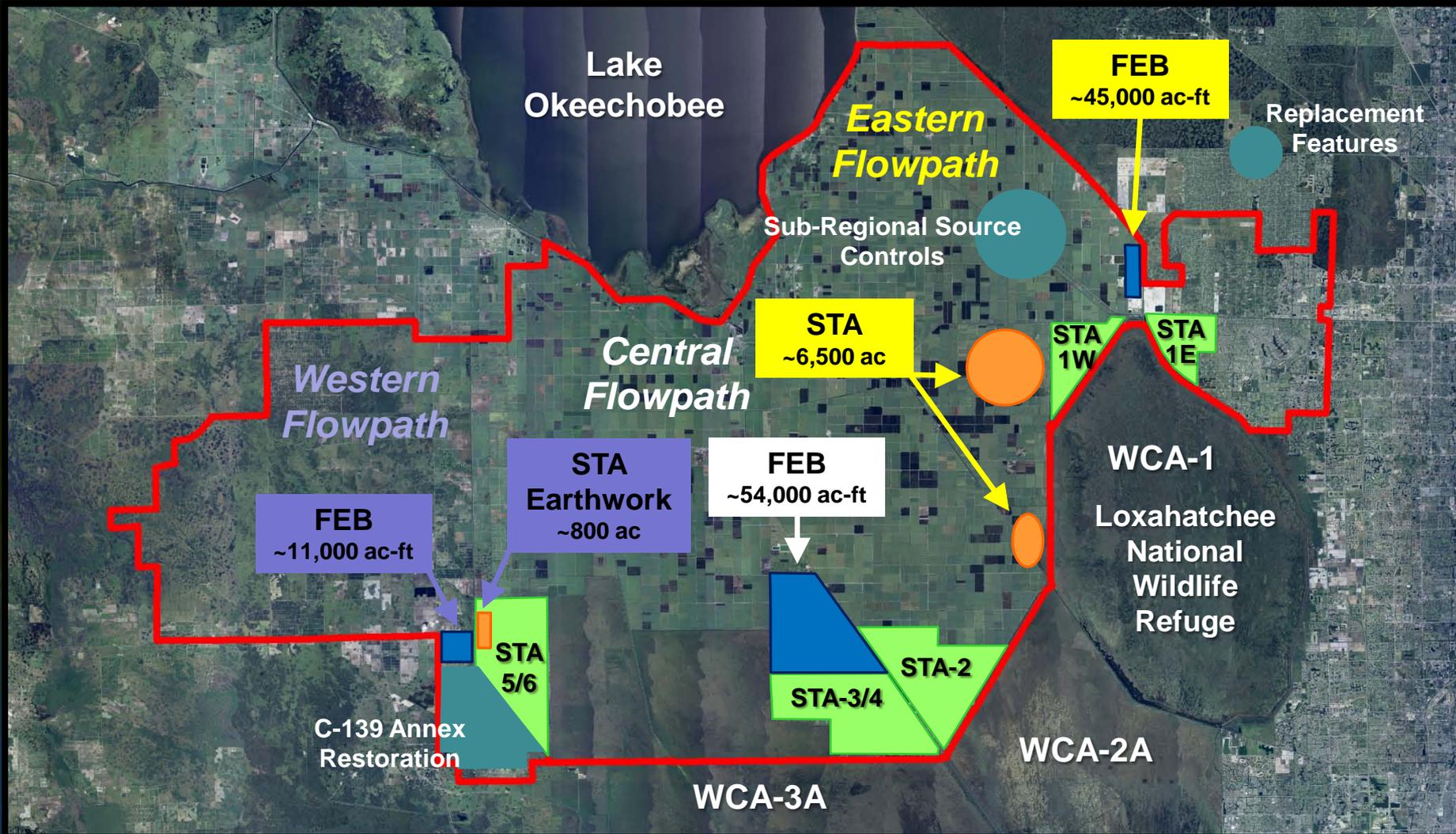




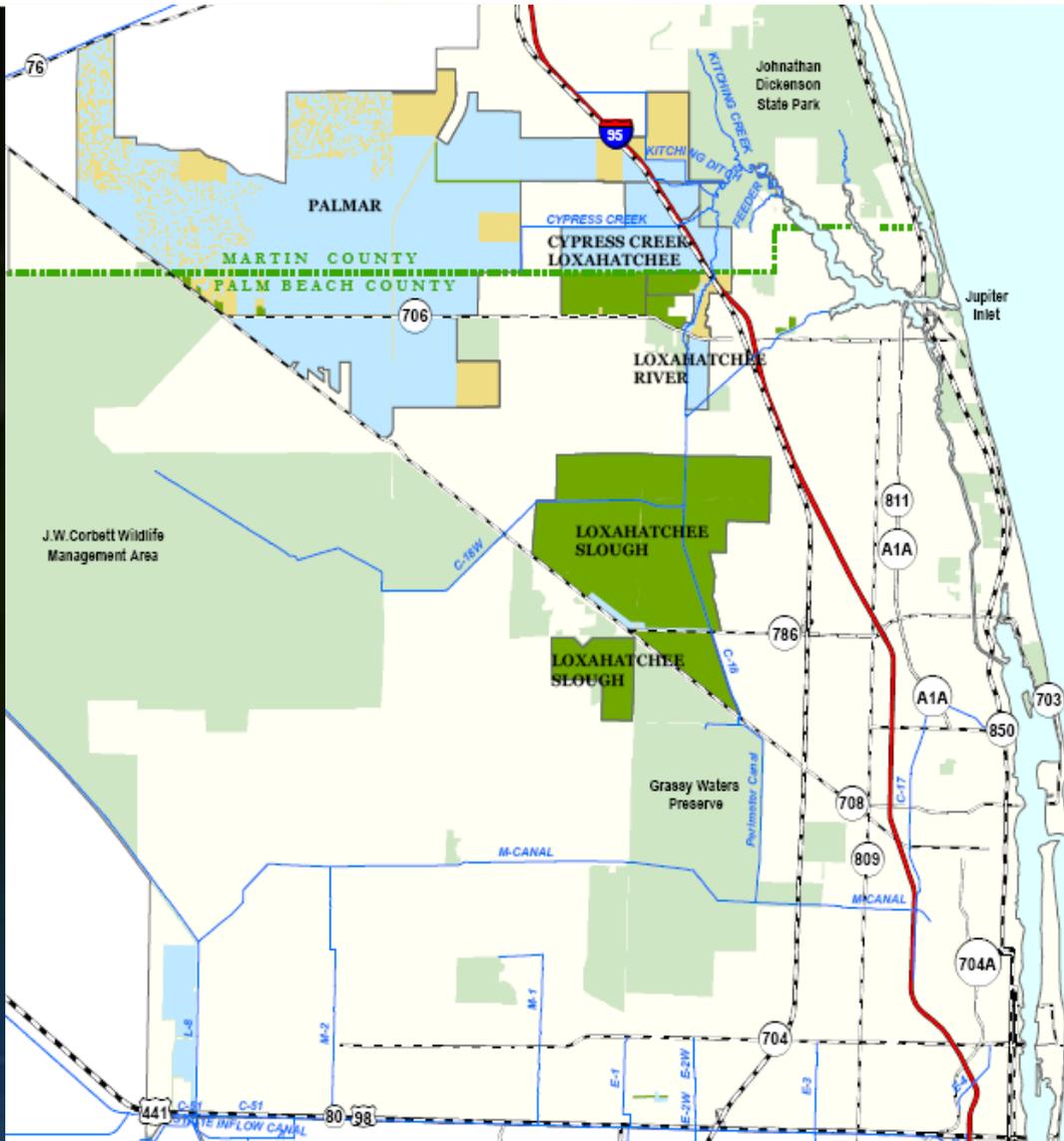
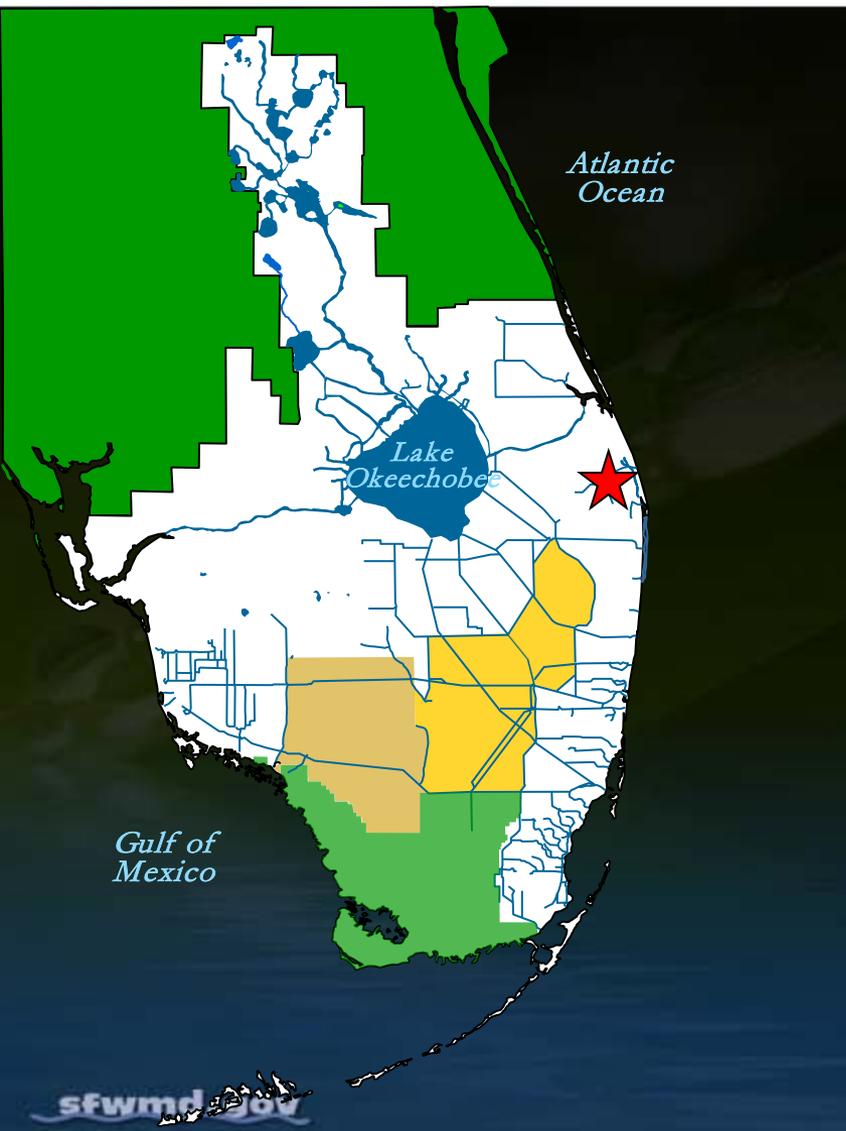
# Conceptual Approval of Proposed Land Exchange with Palm Beach County for Mecca Farms Parcel

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# Proposed Projects – May 2012



# Replacement Features Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration



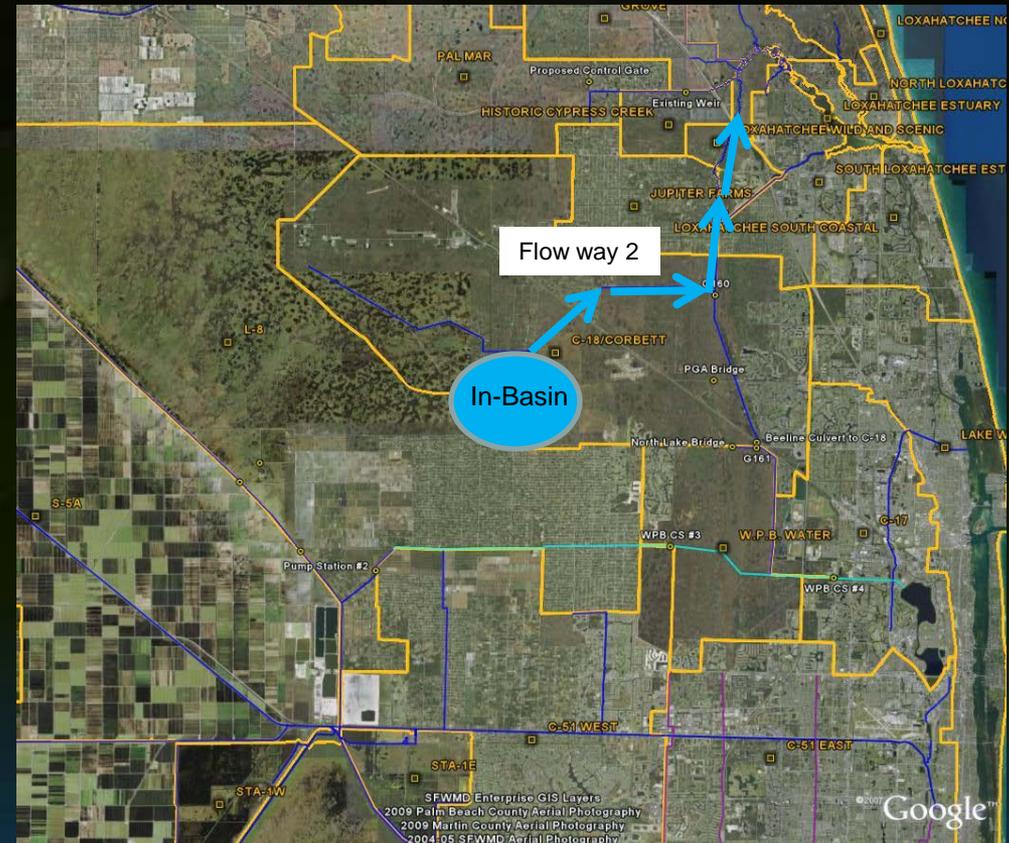
# Replacement Features Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration

- Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Project
- Designed to capture, store and treat excess water that is currently discharged to the Lake Worth Lagoon and use that water to enhance the Loxahatchee River and Slough
- CERP project is the MFL recovery plan for the Loxahatchee River



# Additional Components Replacement Features

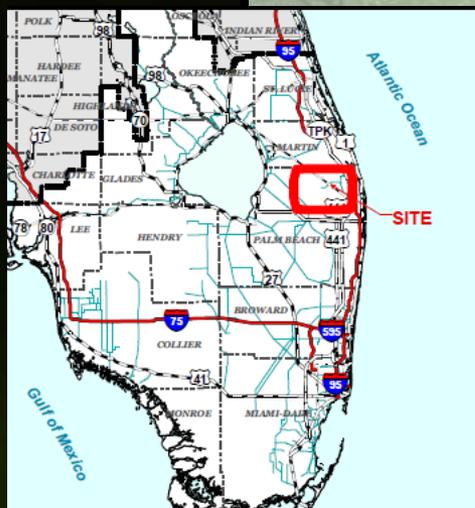
- Acquire and construct replacement storage to capture flows from C-18 western basin and then discharge those flows down Flow-way 2 to the Loxahatchee River
- Non-binding letter of Intent to Negotiate submitted to Palm Beach County
- Utilize L-8 reservoir as Flow Equalization Basin



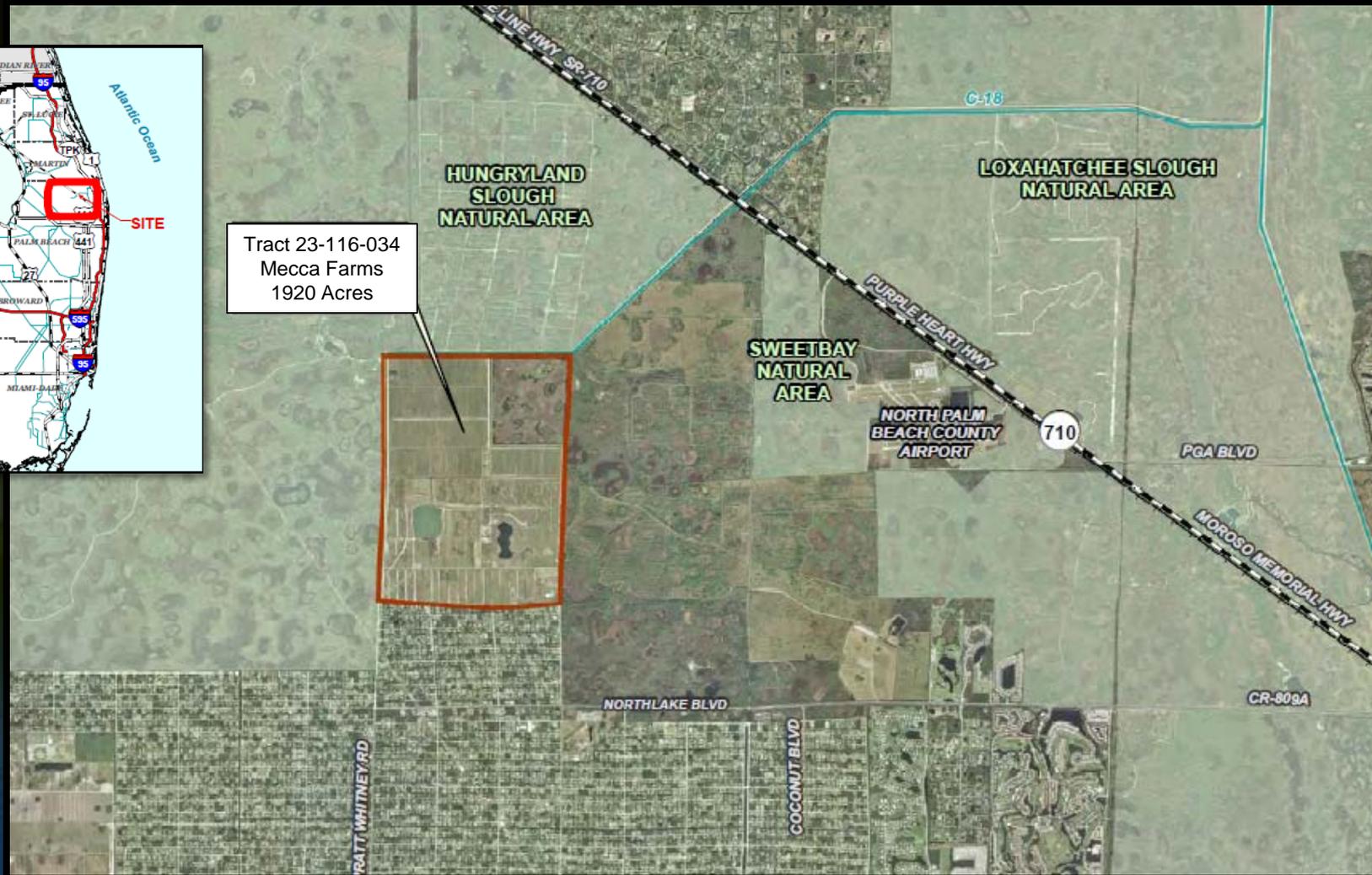
# Current Proposed Land Exchange

- The South Florida Water Management District will acquire from Palm Beach County approximately 1,920 acres of land, formerly known as the Mecca Farms Parcel
- In exchange, the South Florida Water Management District will convey to Palm Beach County five properties totaling approximately 1,495 acres of land in Palm Beach County
- The South Florida Water Management District will supplement the land exchange with a cash payment of \$30,000,000 to roughly equalize the estimated values of the exchange parcels
- Staff will obtain an appraisal of all the exchange parcels to support the transaction
- After negotiations have been completed, staff will bring the Land Exchange Agreement back to the Governing Board for review and consideration for approval

# Mecca Farms Site

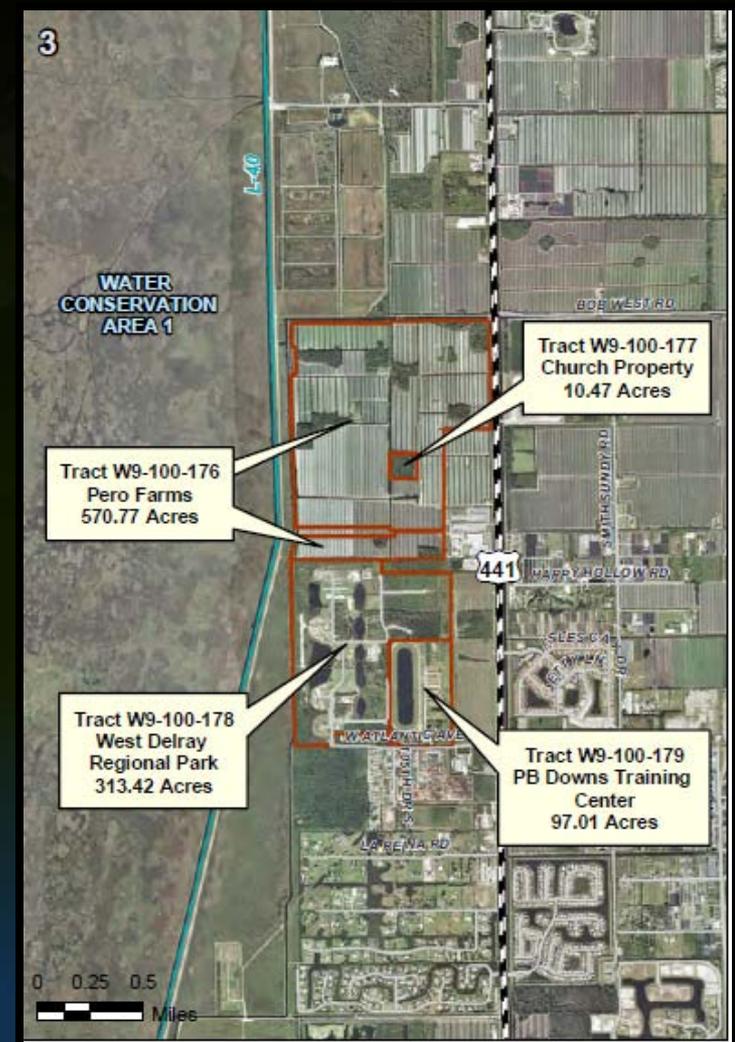


Tract 23-116-034  
Mecca Farms  
1920 Acres





# District Lands



# Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CONCEPTUALLY APPROVING A PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WILL ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 1,920 ACRES OF LAND IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MECCA FARMS PARCEL, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CONVEYING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY APPROXIMATELY 1,495 ACRES IN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND PAYING CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000,000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.