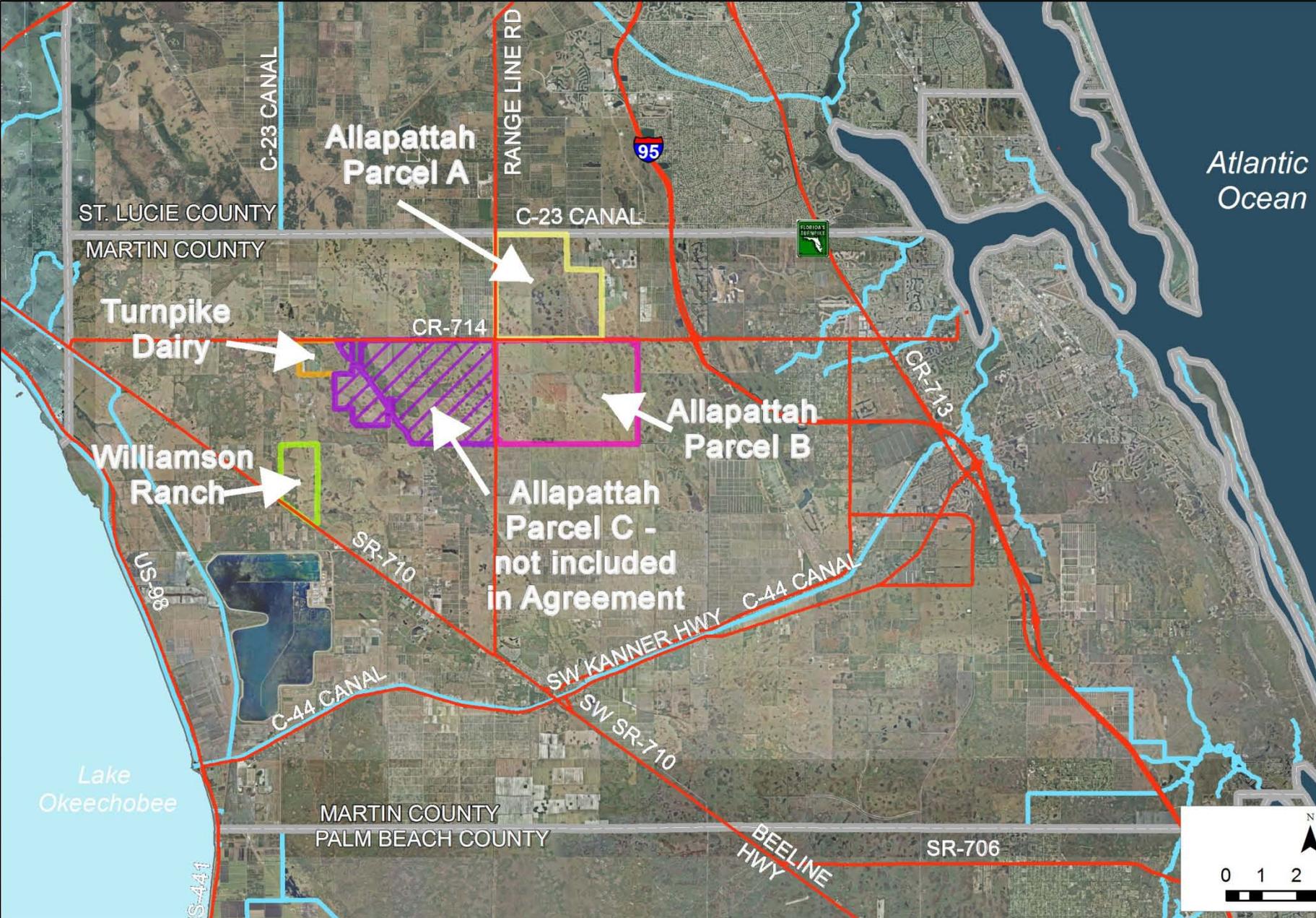


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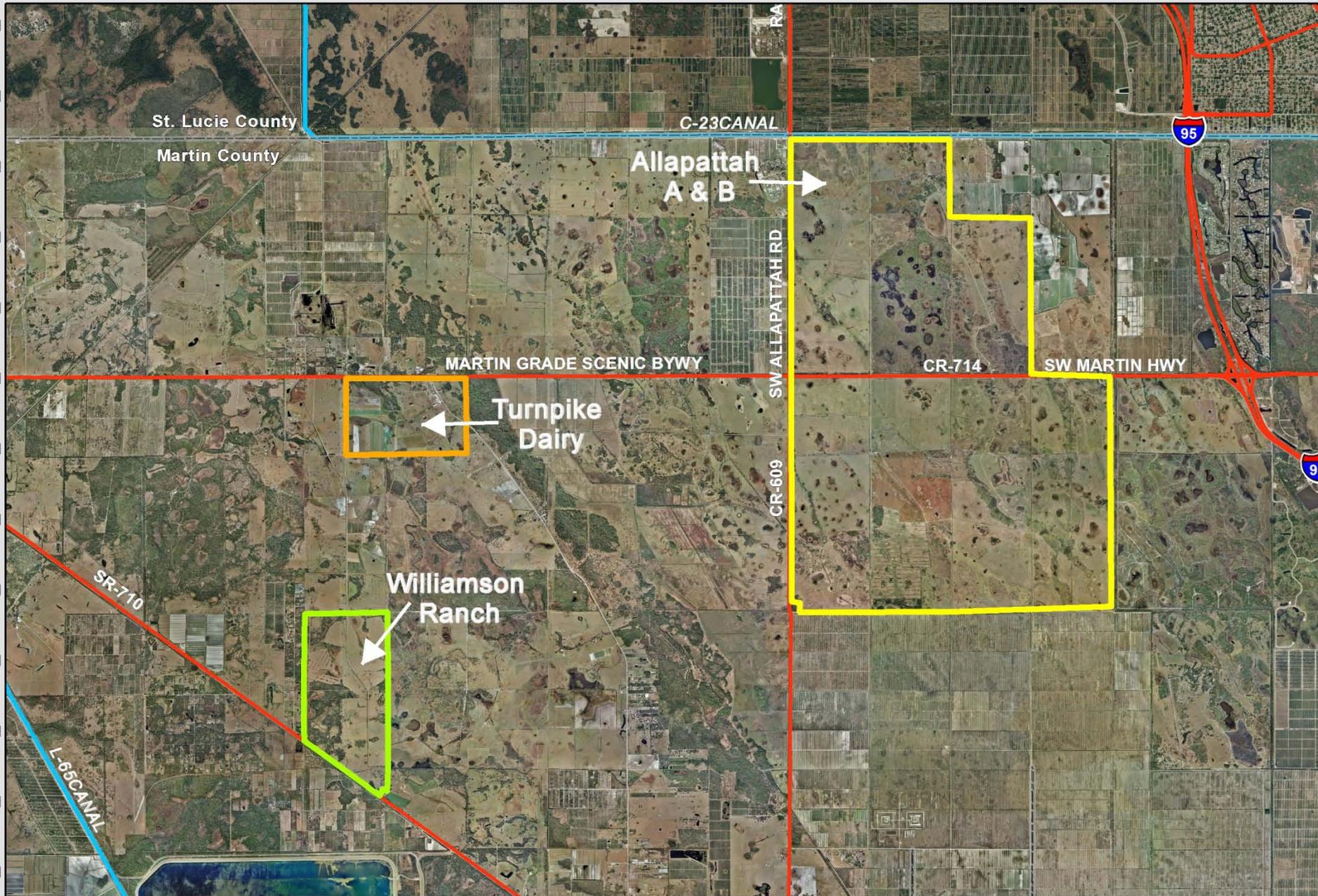
USDA –NRCS Wetland Reserve Project Agreements

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Allapattah Parcels A, B, & C, Turnpike Dairy and Williamson Ranch



Allapattah A & B, Turnpike Dairy and Williamson Ranch



Legend: Yellow outline = Allapattah A & B, Orange outline = Turnpike Dairy, Green outline = Williamson Ranch

Dispersed Water Management Wetland Reserve Project Agreements

- Property purchased with Martin County
- Easements acquired by NRCS in 2003 and 2008
- District staff currently coordinating with NRCS and Martin County to finalize project designs
- District and County will cooperate on construction oversight
- Projects consist of ditch plugs, low-level berms and simple water control structures
- Martin County BOCC approved Consent of Use

Dispersed Water Management Wetland Reserve Project Agreements

- NRCS to reimburse the District for all construction components
 - \$3 Million for Allapattah Conservation & Recreation Area (3 years)
 - \$700,000 for Turnpike Dairy & Williamson Ranch (2 years)
- Reimbursement will be paid upon completion of specific phases of construction

Item 34 Resolution: Allapattah Conservation & Recreation Area

- A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO A MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (USDA-NRCS) FOR THE ALLAPATTAH CONSERVATION AND RECREATION AREA DISPERSED WATER MANAGEMENT WETLAND RESERVE PROJECT IN THE ST. LUCIE RIVER WATERSHED IN WHICH THE USDA-NRCS WILL PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT COMPONENTS; DISTRICT FUNDS (PRIOR YEAR AD VALOREM FUND BALANCE) FOR ADVANCED FUNDING ARE SUBJECT TO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FY13-FY15 BUDGETS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CONTRACT NUMBER 4600002709)

Item 35 Resolution: Turnpike Dairy & Williamson Ranch

- A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO A MULTI YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (USDA-NRCS) FOR THE TURNPIKE DAIRY AND WILLIAMSON RANCH DISPERSED WATER MANAGEMENT WETLAND RESERVE PROJECT IN THE ST. LUCIE RIVER WATERSHED IN WHICH THE USDA-NRCS WILL PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT COMPONENTS; DISTRICT FUNDS (PRIOR YEAR AD VALOREM FUND BALANCE) FOR ADVANCED FUNDING ARE SUBJECT TO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FY13-FY14 BUDGETS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CONTRACT NUMBER 4600002710)