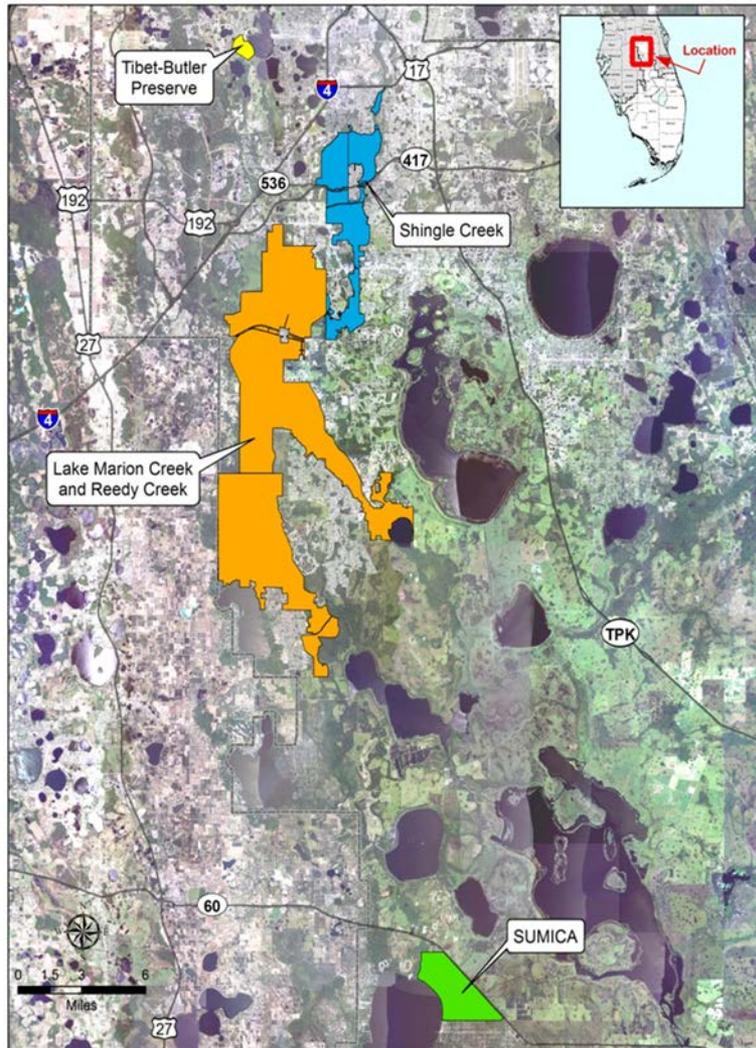




SFWMD LAND ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Water Resources Advisory Commission - Recreational Issues Workshop
September 16, 2013
Ray Palmer, Real Estate Section Leader

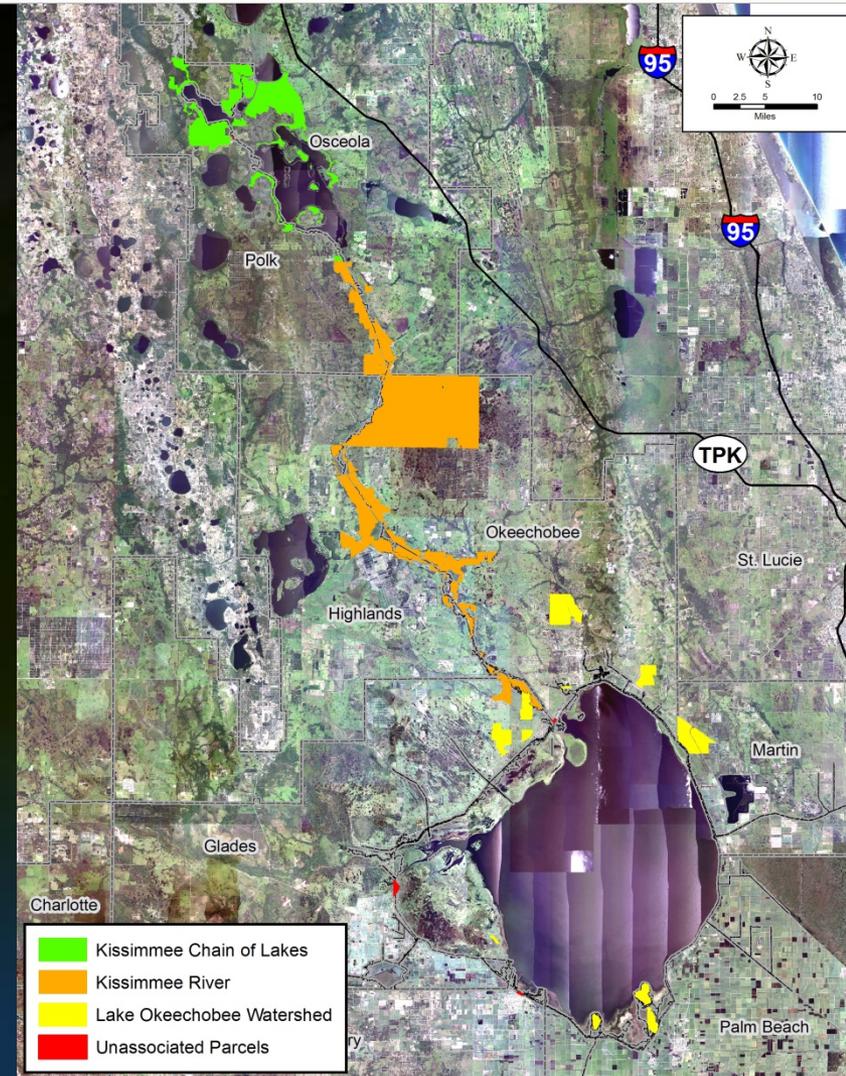
Upper Lakes Region Results Summary



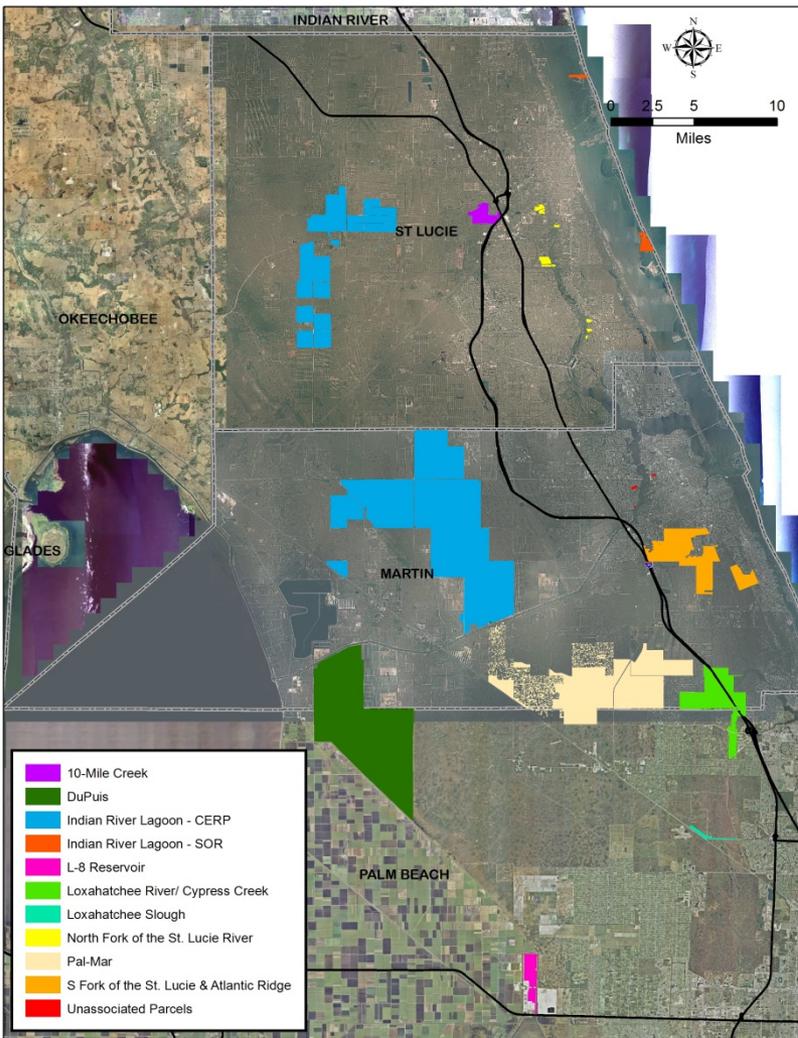
- ~19,793 District fee owned acres in Upper Lakes region were included in the land assessment
- All of the acreage was recommended to remain in its current use

Kissimmee / Okeechobee Region Results Summary

- ~142,174 acres in the Kissimmee/Okeechobee region
- Over 94% of the acreage recommended to remain in its current use
- ~6,250 acres recommended for full or partial exchange or surplus



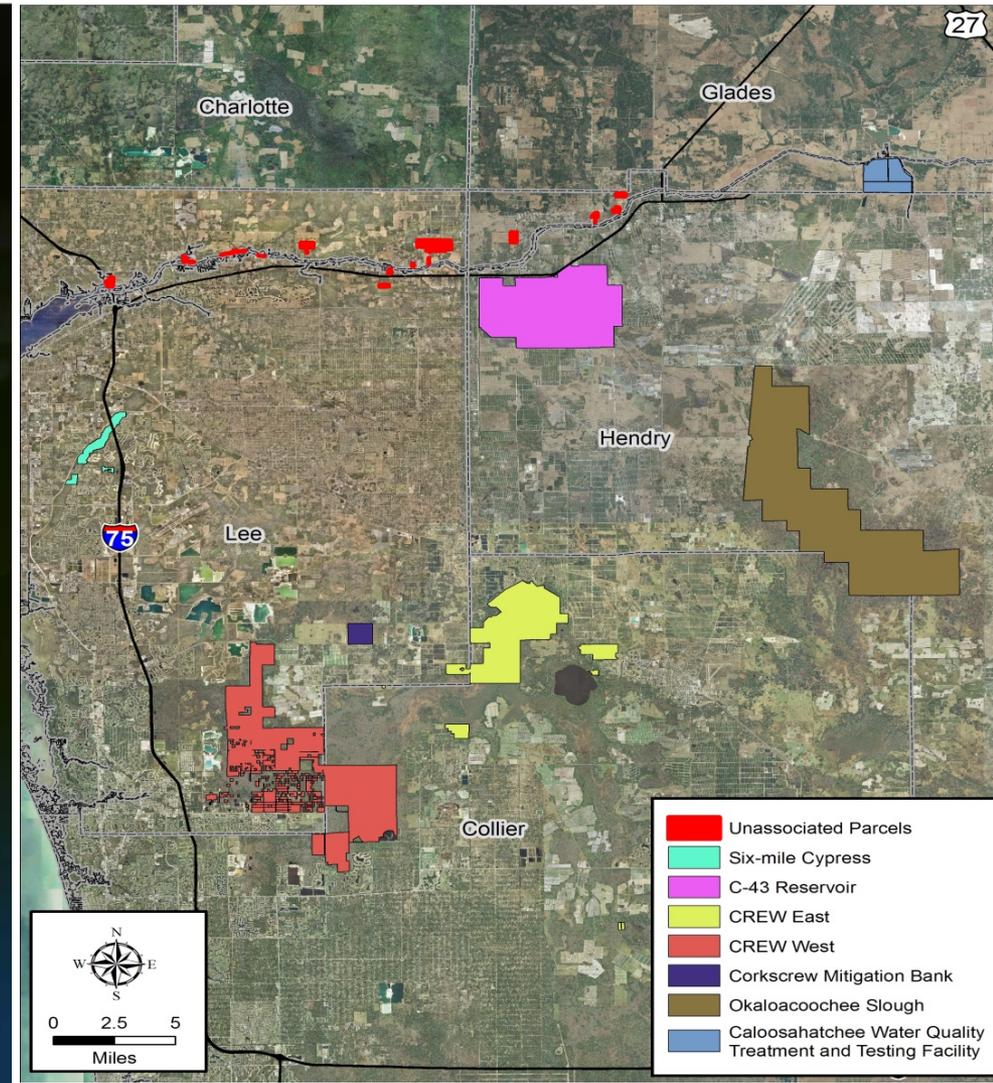
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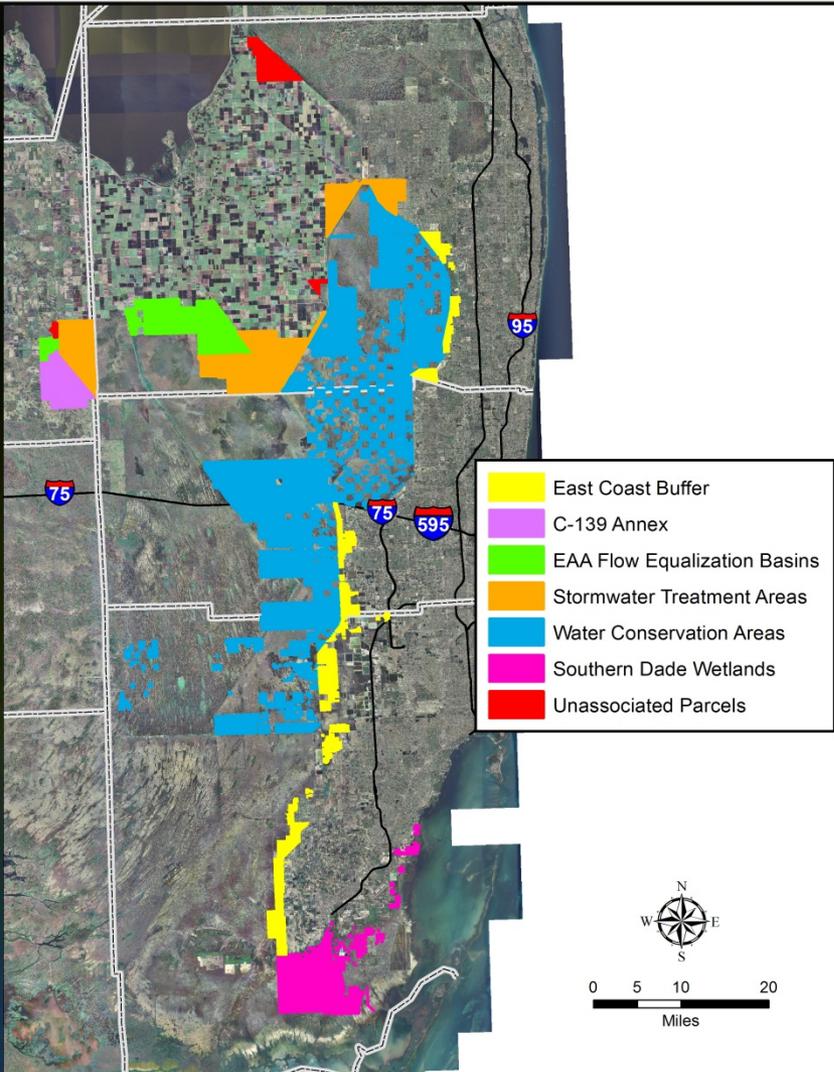
- ~99,955 acres in the East Coast region
- Over 98% of the acreage recommended to remain in its current use
- ~1,723 acres recommended for full or partial exchange or surplus

West Coast Region Results Summary

- ~61,784 acres in the West Coast region
- Over 98% of the acreage recommended to remain in current use
- ~1,043 acres to be recommended for full or partial exchange or surplus

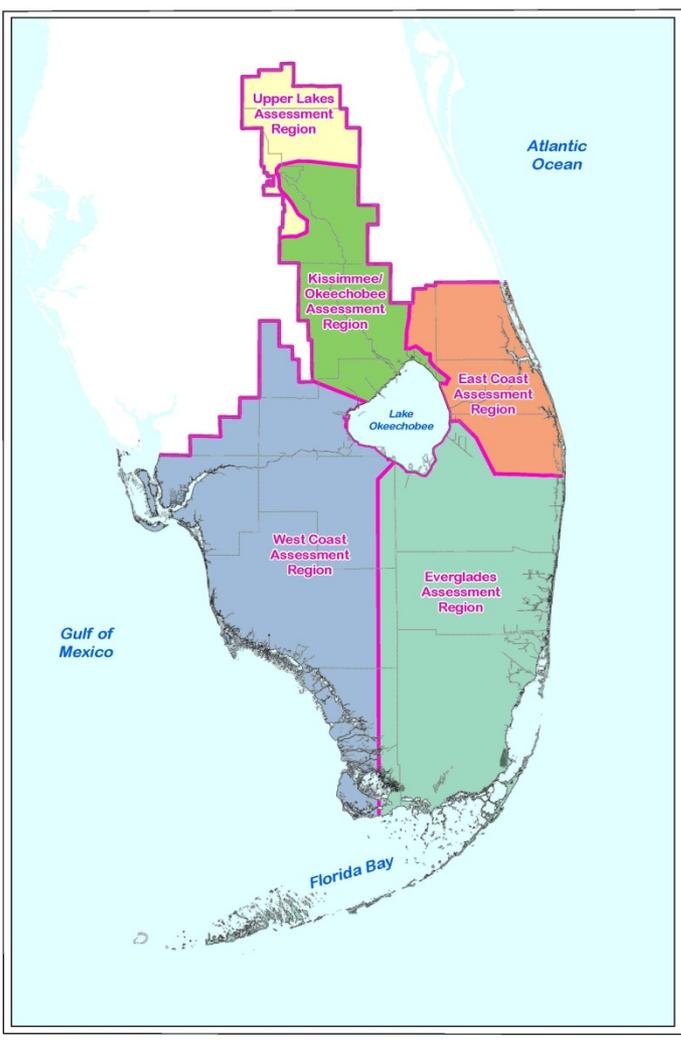


Everglades Region Results Summary



- ~439,201 acres in the Everglades region
- Over 97% of total acreage recommended to remain in current use
- ~12,341 acres to be recommended for disposition (mostly for exchange)

Summary of Land Assessment Process



- Over 743,000 acres assessed
- More than 97% of District fee owned lands retained for District use
- Received nearly 1,500 public and stakeholder responses
- Received over 400 District staff (Subject Matter Experts) responses
- 12 regional public meetings
- 24 presentations at WRAC and GB meetings

Summary of Process (continued)

- Over 2,200 pages were uploaded to the Land Assessment webpage
 - 600 pages of land profiles
 - 1,600 pages of public and SME comments, recommendations, and various other documents
- 16 news releases and media advisories
- Nearly 15,000 page views on the webpage and comment forms

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- Public Comment Form – Draft Recommendations for Everglades Assessment Region
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SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS

An online comment form is available for anyone who wants to provide feedback on draft staff recommendations for properties in the Everglades Assessment Region.

www.sfwmd.gov/landassessment

Everglades Assessment Region
The District is accepting public comments on draft staff recommendations for the Everglades region through **Sept. 9**. SFWMD staff also hosted a workshop on Aug. 28 to receive further public input.

Land Assessment To-Date
The District has so far completed the assessment of more than 300,000 acres of fee-owned lands in four regions – Upper Lakes, Kissimmee/Okeechobee, East Coast and West Coast. More than 97 percent of the acreage in these regions was recommended to remain in its current use.

- Submit Public Comments – Everglades Region
- Regional Land Portfolios and Staff Recommendations
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Land Assessment Schedule [PDF]

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In the News

- SFWMD Releases Draft Land Recommendations for Everglades Region (Aug 22)
- Central Everglades Planning Project Moves Forward (Aug 15)
- Draft Land Assessment Recommendations Made for West Coast Region (Jul 26)
- Phosphorus Reductions Continue to Improve Everglades Water Quality (Jul 15)
- SFWMD Makes Draft Recommendations for Lands in East Coast Region (Jun 21)

Restoration Strategies for Everglades Water Quality

Related Contacts

- SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS – Draft Recommendations for Everglades Region
- Subscribe to Land Assessment Email Updates > eschu@sfwmd.gov
- Key Partner rpennie@sfwmd.gov (954) 650-3242

Upcoming Events

- Business Matchmaker Conference and Expo - Sept. 20, 9 a.m.
- DB-HYDRO Environmental Database Training
- Long-Term Plan Quarterly Communications Meetings (PDF)
- Governing Board Meetings Schedule (PDF)
- Governing Board Meetings, Agendas and more

Review of Process Steps

- **Request Governing Board approval to conduct more in-depth research on these properties**
- **Conduct the necessary due diligence on each property**
- **Present final parcel recommendation in a noticed public meeting such as the Project and Land Committee meeting**
- **Bring back a final recommendation to the Governing Board prior to an actual exchange or surplus action**

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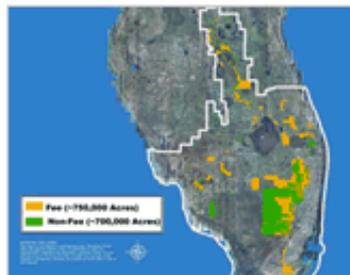
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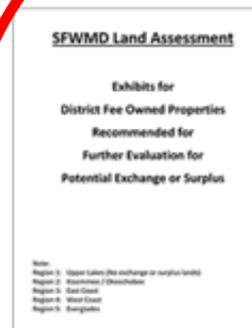


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▶ [SFWMD Land Assessment: Fee-Owned Properties Recommended for Further Evaluation for Potential Exchange or Surplus \[PDF\]](#)

▶ [Just the Facts: SFWMD Land Assessment Process \[PDF\]](#)

▶ [Presentations to SFWMD Governing Board and WRAC](#)



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Land Assessment Process Summary of All Regions

Questions