

South Florida Water Management District

WATER MANAGEMENT LANDS
TRUST FUND

SAVE OUR RIVERS

Five Year Plan
Information Booklet

1988

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Florida Resource Rivers Act

373.59 Water Management Lands Trust Fund

(1) There is established within the Department of Environmental Regulation the Water Management Lands Trust Fund, to be used as a non-lapsing fund for the purposes of this section. The monies in this fund are hereby continually appropriated for the purpose of acquiring land in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Subsequent to public hearings, similar to those held pursuant to Chapter 120.54, each district shall file a 5-year plan for acquisition with the Legislature and the Secretary of Environmental Regulation by January 15, 1982. Annually thereafter, each district shall file with the Legislature and the Secretary a report of acquisition activity together with modifications or additions to its 5-year plan of acquisition. Expenditure of monies from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund shall be limited to the costs for acquisition of lands included within the plan as filed by each district; however, no such acquisition of lands shall occur without a public hearing similar to those held pursuant to the provisions set forth in Chapter 120.54.

(a) Prior to July 15, 1982, the use of monies from the fund shall be limited to the following land acquisitions:

1. By South Florida Water Management District – lands in the water conservation areas and areas adversely affected by raising water levels of Lake Okeechobee in accordance with present regulation schedules, and the Savannahs wetland area in Martin County and St. Lucie County.
2. By Southwest Florida Water Management District – lands in the Four River Basins areas, including Green Swamp, Upper Hillsborough and Cypress Creek, Anclote Water Storage Lands (Starkey), Withlacoochee and Hillsborough riverine corridors, and Sawgrass Lake addition.
3. By St. Johns River Water Management District – Seminole Ranch, Latt Maxcy and Evans properties in the upper St. Johns River Basin.
4. By Suwannee River Water Management District – lands in Suwannee River Valley.
5. By Northwest Florida Water Management District – lands in the Choctawhatchee and Apalachicola River Valleys.

(b) After July 15, 1982, the use of monies from the fund shall be used for continued acquisition of lands listed in paragraph (a) and as set forth in the 5-year land acquisition plan of the district.

(3) Monies from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund shall be used for acquiring the fee or other interest in lands necessary for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources, except that such monies shall not be used for the acquisition of rights-of-way for canals or pipelines. Lands acquired with monies from the fund shall be managed and maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner, and to the extent practicable, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition. The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Regulation shall release monies from the Water

Management Lands Trust Fund to the district following receipt of a resolution adopted by the governing board identifying the lands being acquired and certifying that such acquisition is consistent with the plan of acquisition and other provisions of this act. The governing board shall also provide to the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Regulation a copy of all certified appraisals used to determine the value of the land to be purchased. If the purchase price is greater than the appraisal price, the governing board shall submit written justification for the increased price. The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Regulation may withhold monies for any purchase that is not consistent with the five-year plan, the intent of this act or in excess of appraised value. The governing board may appeal any denial to the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission pursuant to Section 373.114, Florida Statutes.

(4) Water management land acquisition costs shall include payments to owners and costs and fees associated with such acquisition.

(5) If a district issues revenue bonds or notes under Section 373.584, the district may pledge its share of the monies in the Water Management Lands Trust Fund as security for such bonds or notes. The Department of Environmental Regulation shall pay monies from the trust fund to a district or its designee sufficient to pay the debt service, as it becomes due, on the outstanding bonds and notes of the district; however, such payments shall not exceed the district's cumulative portion of the trust fund. However, any monies remaining after payment of the amount due on the debt service shall be released to the district pursuant to subsection (3).

(6) Any unused portion of a district's share of the fund shall accumulate in the trust fund to the credit of that district. Interest earned on such portion shall also accumulate to the credit of that district to be used for land acquisition as provided in this section. The total monies over the life of the fund available to any district under this section shall not be reduced except by resolution of the district governing board stating that the need for the monies no longer exists.

(7) Monies from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund shall be available to the five water management districts in the following percentages:

- (a) Thirty percent to the South Florida Water Management District.
- (b) Twenty-five percent to the Southwest Florida Water Management District.
- (c) Twenty-five percent to the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- (d) Ten percent to the Suwannee River Water Management District.
- (e) Ten percent to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Notwithstanding the distribution formula specified in paragraphs (a) through (e), in fiscal year 1985-1986, the first proceeds of the Water Management Land Trust Fund in an amount of \$500,000 shall be distributed equally among the five water management districts, and shall be used by the districts to develop acquisition plans and management plans for lands acquired with monies from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. Monies that remain in the Water Management Lands Trust Fund after such distribution shall be available to the districts according to the formula specified in paragraphs (a) through (e).

(8) Monies in the fund not needed to meet current obligations incurred under this section shall be transferred to the State Board of Administration, to the credit of

the fund, to be invested in the manner provided by law. Interest received on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

(9) Lands acquired for the purposes enumerated in this section shall also be used for general public recreational purposes. General public recreational purposes shall include, but not be limited to fishing, hunting, horseback riding, swimming, camping, hiking, canoeing, boating, diving, birding, sailing, jogging, and other related outdoor activities to the maximum extent possible considering the environmental sensitivity and suitability of those lands. These public lands shall be evaluated for their resource value for the purpose of establishing which parcels, in whole or in part, annually or seasonally would be conducive to general public recreational purposes. These lands shall be made available to the public for these purposes, unless the district governing board can demonstrate that such activities would be incompatible with the purposes for which these lands were acquired.

(10) A district may dispose of land acquired under this section, pursuant to Section 373.089. However, revenue derived from such disposal may not be used for any purpose except the purchase of other lands meeting the criteria specified in this section, or payment of debt service on revenue bonds or notes issued under Section 373.584 as provided in this section.

(11) No monies generated pursuant to this act may be applied or expended subsequent to the effective date of this act to reimburse any district for prior expenditures for land acquisition from ad valorem taxes or other funds other than its share of the funds provided herein or to refund or refinance outstanding debt payable solely from ad valorem taxes or other funds other than its share of the funds provided herein.

201.02

(1) On deeds, instruments, or writings whereby any lands, tenements, or other realty, or any interest therein, shall be granted, assigned, transferred, or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser, or any other person by his direction, on each \$100 of the consideration therefore the tax shall be 50 cents. When the full amount of the consideration for the execution, assignment, transfer, or conveyance is not shown in the face of such deed, instrument, document, or writing, the tax shall be at the rate of 50 cents for each \$100 or fractional part thereof of the consideration therefore.

Section 7. Effective August 1, 1985, Section 201.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

201.15 Distribution of Taxes Collected

All taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Seventy-four and six-tenths percent of the total taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the state, to be used and expended for the purposes for which the General Revenue Fund was created and exists by law.

(2) Twelve and five-tenths percent of the total taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the

Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Sums deposited in such fund pursuant to this subsection may be used for any purpose for which funds deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund may lawfully be used and may be used to pay the cost of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter.

(3) Three and one-tenth percent of the total taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Monies deposited in the trust fund pursuant to this section shall be used for the following purposes:

(a) Sixty percent of the monies shall be used to acquire coastal lands; and

(b) Forty percent of the monies shall be used to develop and manage lands acquired with monies from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

*(4) Nine and eight-tenths percent of the total taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. Sums deposited in that fund may be used for any purpose authorized in Section 373.59 and may be used to pay the cost of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter.

* Save Our Rivers Funding

South Florida Water Management District Save Our Rivers Policy

A. STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. The Governing Board recognizes a need to provide guidelines for selecting projects to be considered under the Resource Rivers Act (Section 373.59, Florida Statutes), which is also known as the Save Our Rivers Program. These guidelines include procedures for project selection and land acquisition and are intended as an addition and complementary to Rule 40E-7, Florida Administrative Code.
2. It is the Governing Board's intention to implement the Save Our Rivers Program in a manner that will provide long-term benefit to the citizens living within the District as well as the water resources of the District.
3. The Governing Board recognizes that the program's resources are limited and that land acquisition under the program will primarily be on a willing seller basis.
4. It is the goal of this Program to identify, prioritize and acquire necessary interests in lands for water management, water supply and conservation and protection of water resources.
5. In compliance with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes, the District will file an annual five-year plan with the Department of Environmental Regulation and the Florida Legislature.
6. Funding for the Save Our Rivers Program is derived from revenue collected from the documentary stamp tax and it is administered by the Department of Environmental Regulation.
7. To most effectively administer the Save Our Rivers Program, the District will closely coordinate with all other public land acquisition programs.
8. Through its regulatory programs, the District shall apply the same regulatory criteria to lands being considered for acquisition/ protection, under the SOR program, as it does to similar lands not being considered for acquisition/protection.

The District's regulatory program shall not be used solely to reduce or control value of lands to be considered for acquisition/ protection under the SOR Program, notwithstanding normal effects of regulations on land values.

9. It is the policy of the Governing Board that inclusion of a property in the Five Year Plan, pursuant to Section 373.59, F.S., does not reflect a definite intention by the South Florida Water Management District to acquire said property. Inclusion in the Five Year Plan indicates that the subject property has acquisition potential, depending upon further investigation as to its environmental and management features and negotiation of a mutually acceptable acquisition price.

B. SCOPE

This policy will apply to all projects selected under the Save Our Rivers Program.

C. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. DEFINITIONS:

- a. Acquisition - acquiring title to land in fee, or in the discretion of the District, such other legal interest necessary for water management, water supply, or the conservation and protection of water resources.
- b. Board - the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District.
- c. Department - The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.
- d. District - The South Florida Water Management District.
- e. Plan - the five-year plan as approved by the Board.
- f. Secretary - the Secretary of the Department.
- g. Selection - the process of identifying and evaluating proposed projects for inclusion in the plan.
- h. SOR - The Save Our Rivers Program as provided under Section 373.59, F.S.
- i. SOR Project - a geographical area possessing unique features necessary for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources.
- j. Survey - a certified survey signed by a licensed land surveyor authorized to practice surveying in the State of Florida.

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE: A committee shall be established and composed of the following District staff members to make recommendation to the Board for selection of projects for inclusion in the plan:

- a. Director, Division of Resource Planning
- b. Director, Department of Resource Control
- c. Director, Office of Resource Assistance
- d. Director, Department of Resource Operations
- e. Director, Department of Land Management
- f. Deputy Executive Director
- g. District Counsel
- h. Director, Division of Real Property Management
- i. Director, Department of Finance and Administration

Each Committee member may designate a specific staff member to function as the representative on all Committee work.

The Committee shall biannually elect a chairman and vice chairman at a meeting in which a quorum is present. The next election shall be held upon expiration of the biannual term of the existing chairman.

The Committee shall be responsible for receiving and evaluating suggestions for selection of projects under the SOR Program. All proposals to the Board for selection shall originate from the Committee; all suggestions for projects shall first be submitted to the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year to consider all suggestions for selection and to prepare a plan of proposed projects. In order for a suggested project to receive approval for consideration on the plan proposed by the Committee, it must be nominated by one Committee member and have votes of approval by at least five Committee members. Should any member of the Committee have a direct or indirect, present or contemplated future interest in a parcel proposed for inclusion, or could personally benefit from the acquisition of the parcel, the member shall not participate in discussion, vote or other action in regard to that parcel. The Board may consider appeals on any project proposed to the Committee but not recommended to the Board by the Committee.

The public meetings of the Selection Committee shall be widely publicized and as often as possible be held in different locations in the District. Minutes summarizing all comments made at the meetings shall be prepared and distributed to all Committee members and Board Members.

D. PROJECT SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. **TYPES OF PROJECTS:** Projects considered necessary for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources, and thus eligible for selection, include but are not limited to:
 - a. river and stream flood plains,
 - b. river and stream flood ways,
 - c. river and stream flood hazard areas,
 - d. river and stream littoral areas,
 - e. springs,
 - f. lakes including littoral zones,
 - g. recharge areas,
 - h. wetlands,
 - i. well fields,
 - j. unique water features,
 - k. appropriate buffer zones qualifying for a through j above,
 - l. lands needed to retain or store water, or
 - m. remainders of land ownerships included in a through l.
2. **SOR PROJECT PROPOSAL:** The form attached to this policy shall be completed and submitted to the District for consideration of any proposed project.
3. **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS:** The Committee shall evaluate and weigh each proposed project using the following criteria:

- a. The proposed SOR project is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.
 - b. The proposed SOR project is necessary for water management, water supply and/or the conservation and protection of water resources.
 - c. The proposed SOR project is part of a river system, a lake, a wetland, a groundwater recharge area, a water storage area, or associated with the recharge of a water body.
 - d. The proposed SOR project contains lands that are primarily in their natural state, or be susceptible to restoration, or have significant environmental values which should be conserved and protected.
 - e. The proposed SOR project, is suitable for general public recreational purposes in a manner compatible with the water resource and environmental purposes for which it is selected.
 - f. The proposed SOR project is consistent with all state, regional and local adopted plans.
 - g. The proposed SOR project includes available management alternatives.
 - h. The proposed SOR project has ecological value, including unique species of fish and wildlife and viable habitat.
 - i. The proposed SOR project has unique geological features.
 - j. The proposed SOR project has unique water management features, including opportunities for water quality and quantity protection and enhancement.
 - k. The proposed SOR project contributes to the viability and protection of adjacent sensitive areas.
 - l. The proposed SOR project has historical or archaeological value.
 - m. The proposed SOR project is located in a manner which considers the need for a balance of available resources and proximity to urban areas.
4. **PREPARATION OF FIVE YEAR PLAN:** A proposed plan shall be prepared by the Committee and presented to the Governing Board annually, or more frequently, if considered necessary by the Board or the Committee.

The list shall include the estimated management costs and the statutory authority for the project. A written report shall be prepared on each project selected for acquisition consideration. Each report shall consider and evaluate in writing:

- a. the public purpose of the project, including the statutory authority;

- b. an assessment of the project's ecological value, vulnerability, endangerment, and any other related environmental information;
 - c. an assessment of management costs, utilization, ownership, and assessed value estimates;
 - d. the determination whether the project conforms with local and state comprehensive plans or any other adopted governmental plans;
 - e. the merits, both favorable and unfavorable, of each project;
 - f. compatibility with the State Water Use Plan; and
 - g. potential management options.
5. **BOARD CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF FIVE YEAR PLAN:** As a minimum, the Board shall review all proposed projects and current projects on an annual basis. The Board shall annually adopt an update of the Five Year Plan and after adoption, the projects approved shall be incorporated in a report and made available to the public. The Board recognizes that the Five Year Plan is a list of projects that qualify for the program. Projects included on the Five Year Plan will not necessarily be acquired.

E. LAND ACQUISITION GUIDELINES

1. **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF ACQUISITION NEEDS:**
- a. All projects on the Plan shall be evaluated to determine the nature and extent of land interests that are necessary for acquisition in order to achieve the purposes for which the project was included in the plan.
 - b. In order to maximize the overall benefits of the SOR Program, the District shall seek to acquire only the quality of title necessary to achieve project purposes.
2. **PRIORITY OF ACQUISITION:** The District will begin an inventory of lands within their boundaries in FY 87-88 to determine which areas qualify for the program. This inventory will be used to prioritize and update the existing list. The Board may designate specific priorities for acquisition of all approved projects. The following general priorities will be considered in the acquisition process:
- a. Priority "A": necessary lands within projects associated with the Save Our Everglades Program; Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project lands; Water Conservation Area lands; public water supply recharge areas; and all other lands so designated by the Board.
 - b. Priority "B": necessary lands within projects that otherwise qualify and are subject to early development without other protection, or are especially environmentally sensitive.

- c. Priority "C": all other necessary lands within projects qualifying under the Save Our Rivers Program.

3. **NOTIFICATION OF OWNERS:** As owners are identified in an approved five year plan project, a notification letter will be mailed to them. The letter will briefly describe the program objectives and provide a focal point for future questions and discussion.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF APPRAISALS:**

- a. If two approved appraisals are obtained for a parcel of land and the lower of the two approved appraisals is within twenty percent (20%) of the higher approved appraisal, then the Executive Director may approve an offer to the land owner of a purchase price between the values found by the appraisals. The approved offer shall be based upon recommendation of the Director of Land Management and SOR Director. The offer shall be contingent upon final approval by the Board.

If the approved appraisals are more than twenty percent (20%) apart, then the Executive Director, Director of Land Management and the SOR Director shall present a recommendation to the Board for approval of an offer, obtain a third appraisal, or such other action as may be appropriate. The Board may direct another appraisal be obtained, or after receipt of information concerning the relative merits of the two appraisals, approve the purchase of the parcel at a value consistent with the use of an informed judgement and in the public interest, or authorize such other action as may be appropriate.

- b. When fee simple estate is acquired subject to outstanding interests such as a mineral interest, life estate, easement or lease, the purchase price shall be reduced in accordance with the effect the outstanding interests have upon the market value of the lands.

5. **EMINENT DOMAIN:** When efforts to acquire lands through negotiation have been unsuccessful, the Board may authorize the use of eminent domain, where applicable.

6. **REPORTS AND RECORDS:** District staff shall prepare a status report for the Governing Board on an annual basis. The report will outline property acquisitions, future property acquisitions, and rejected SOR project applications. Records of all contacts with property owners shall be retained in the Department of Land Management.

Save Our Rivers

Project Proposal

Please return ten copies of this form with ten copies of all referenced attachments to:

Director, Save Our Rivers
South Florida Water Management District
Post Office Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Please complete every question on this form. If necessary, designate N/A where a question is not applicable. Complete applications will receive more prompt and complete attention.

1. Name and Location

Property Name (commonly known as): _____

County (or Counties): _____

Within Municipal Boundaries? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, specify: _____

Within SFWMD Boundaries? Yes ___ No ___ Please attach a location map 8 1/2" x 11" specifying the property location and include a north arrow (map drawn to scale if possible); also, please provide any additional property maps or aerial photography which may further clarify the suggested project.

2. Size

Estimated Number of Acres: _____ County Estimated
Number of Parcels: _____ County Estimated Acreage per
Parcel: _____

3. Access

Does the property front on a public road? Yes ___ No ___ If not, describe
type of legal access: _____

4. Ownership Information

Identify the property owner(s) and the contact address(es) and telephone
number(s): _____

5. Survey Information

Are surveys and/or legal descriptions available: _____
If so, attach or specify where they may be obtained: _____

6. **Title Information**
Are abstracts available from owner(s)? Yes _____ No _____ Do/Does
owner(s) have title insurance policies? Yes _____ No _____

7. **SOR Qualifications**
Provide detailed information concerning the qualifications of the property for
water management, water supply, or the conservation and protection of water
resources; _____

8. **Natural Characteristics**
Provide a description of the natural characteristics of the property, including
the predominant plant and animal life; specify types of trees and percentage of
coverage, types of animal life, any rare, threatened, or endangered species,
identified by Federal or State programs (specify); historical or archeological
sites, other geologic features, etc.:

Also provide information on reports prepared by any other agencies on the
natural characteristics of the property; if possible, attach a copy of the report:

9. **General History Influences**
Provide a description of general history of the property; include the
identification of significant past disturbances, both natural and human;
include dates of storm damage, fires, floods, exotic infestations, farming,
grazing, mowing, or other site disturbances; described any structures, roads,
rails, fences, etc; is land involved in litigation (if yes, specify); is land on other
public land acquisition lists (if yes, specify program & agency)? _____

10. **Buildings**
Describe types and occupancy, if any: _____

11. Future Impacts

Identify the anticipated future impacts which may have a negative affect on this property and whether the impacts are in the near future or are long range:

12. Zoning and Land Use Designation

Indicate local zoning and land use designation (from future land use map) on each parcel: _____

Identify any other adopted governmental plans that may affect the project; is it compatible with State Water Use Plan? _____

Attach copies of appropriate maps: _____

13. Local participation

Will the local government participate the funding? Yes _____ No _____
Provide in-kind services? Yes _____ No _____ Assist the management?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, to what extent? _____

Identify value as shown on the most recent tax roll _____

Identify appraised value and appraiser's name (if available): _____

14. Attachments

Identify and label each attachment (with boundaries noted). Suggested attachments may include: zoning maps, soil maps, ownership maps, aerial photographs, vegetative maps, water resource maps, endangered species maps, on site photographs and U.S.G.S. Quadrangle maps.

Attachment A: _____

Attachment B: _____

Attachment C: _____

Attachment D: _____

Attachment E: _____

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potential, depending upon further investigation as to its environmental and management features and the negotiation of a mutually acceptable acquisition price.

15. Form completed by: Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number: () _____

Please state affiliation to owner(s): _____

Exhibit "A"

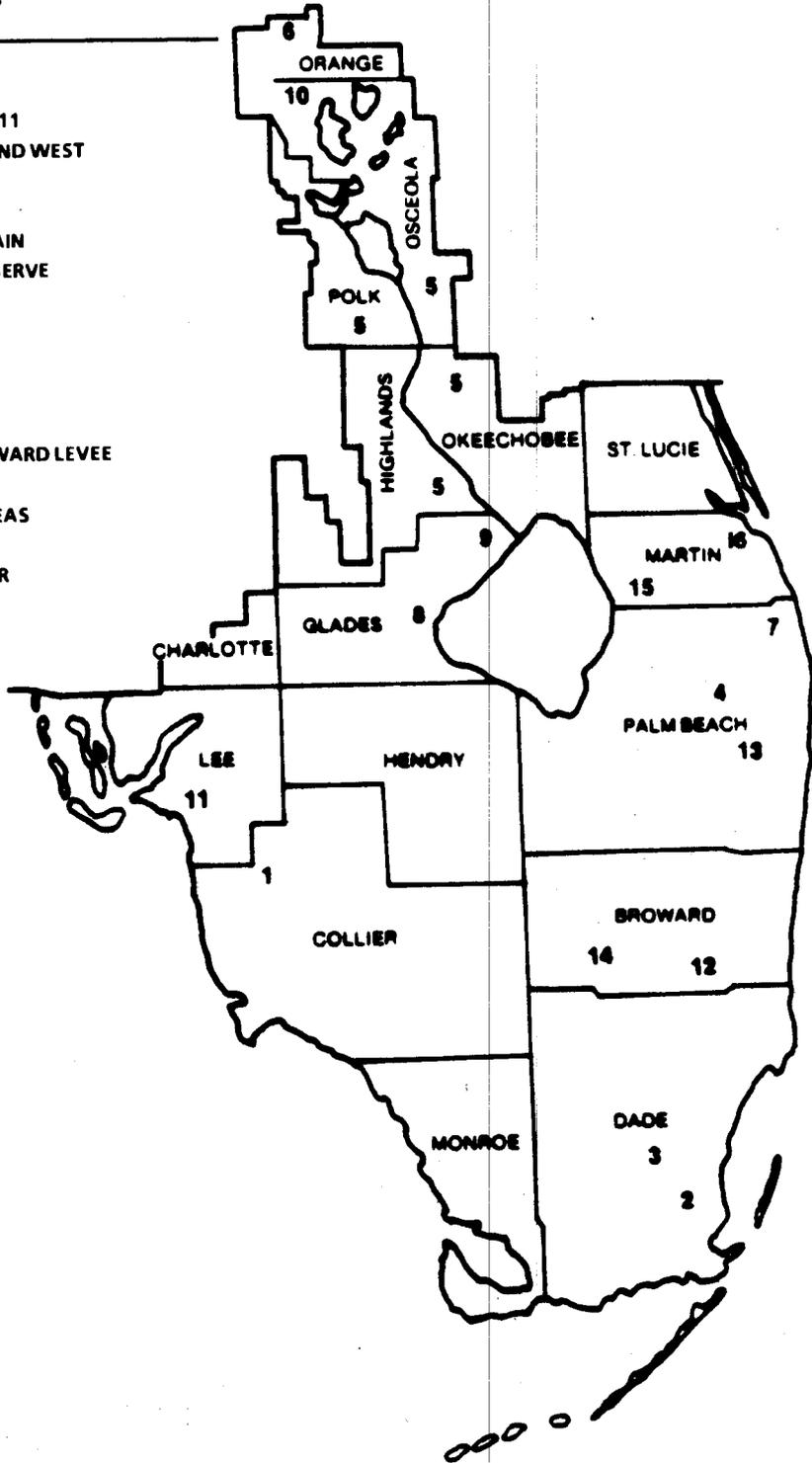
SAVE OUR RIVERS PROJECTS

PROJECT	COUNTIES	LAND ACQUIRED	LAND NEEDED
Bird Rookery Swamp Dupuis Reserve	Collier Martin and Palm Beach	0 21,875	13,890 0
East Everglades/C-111	Dade	38,841.29	7,990
East Everglades N & W	Dade	0	31,000
Friedland Property/ "Old Leon Moss Ranch"	Palm Beach	0	2,700
Kissimmee River Floodplain	Osceola, Polk Okee. & Highlands	17,900	33,000
Lake Forest Natural Preserve	Orange	438.67	0
Loxahatchee River	Martin and Palm Beach	556.58	904
Nicodemus Slough	Glades	0	2,006
Paradise Run	Glades and Okee.	0	4,800
Shingle Creek	Orange and Osceola	0	1,000
Six Mile Cypress Slough	Lee	550.09	300
South Fork of the St. Lucie River	Martin	0	100.4
State Road 27- Dade Broward Levee	Dade	0	13,000
Strazzulla Tract	Palm Beach	0	2,007
Water Conservation Areas	Broward, Dade and Palm Beach	247,051	85,078

EXHIBIT "B"

GENERAL LOCATION MAP SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT LANDS TRUST FUND SAVE OUR RIVERS PROJECTS

- 1 -- BIRD ROOKERY SWAMP
- 2 -- EAST EVERGLADES/CANAL -111
- 3 -- EAST EVERGLADES/NORTH AND WEST
- 4 -- FRIEDLAND PROPERTY/
"OLD LEON MOSS RANCH"
- 5 -- KISSIMMEE RIVER FLOOD PLAIN
- 6 -- LAKE FOREST NATURAL PRESERVE
- 7 -- LOXAHATCHEE RIVER
- 8 -- NICODEMUS SLOUGH
- 9 -- PARADISE RUN
- 10 -- SHINGLE CREEK
- 11 -- SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH
- 12 -- STATE ROAD 27-DADE BROWARD LEVEE
- 13 -- STRAZZULLA TRACT
- 14 -- WATER CONSERVATION AREAS
- 15 -- DUPUIS RESERVE
- 16 -- SOUTH FORK ST. LUCIE RIVER



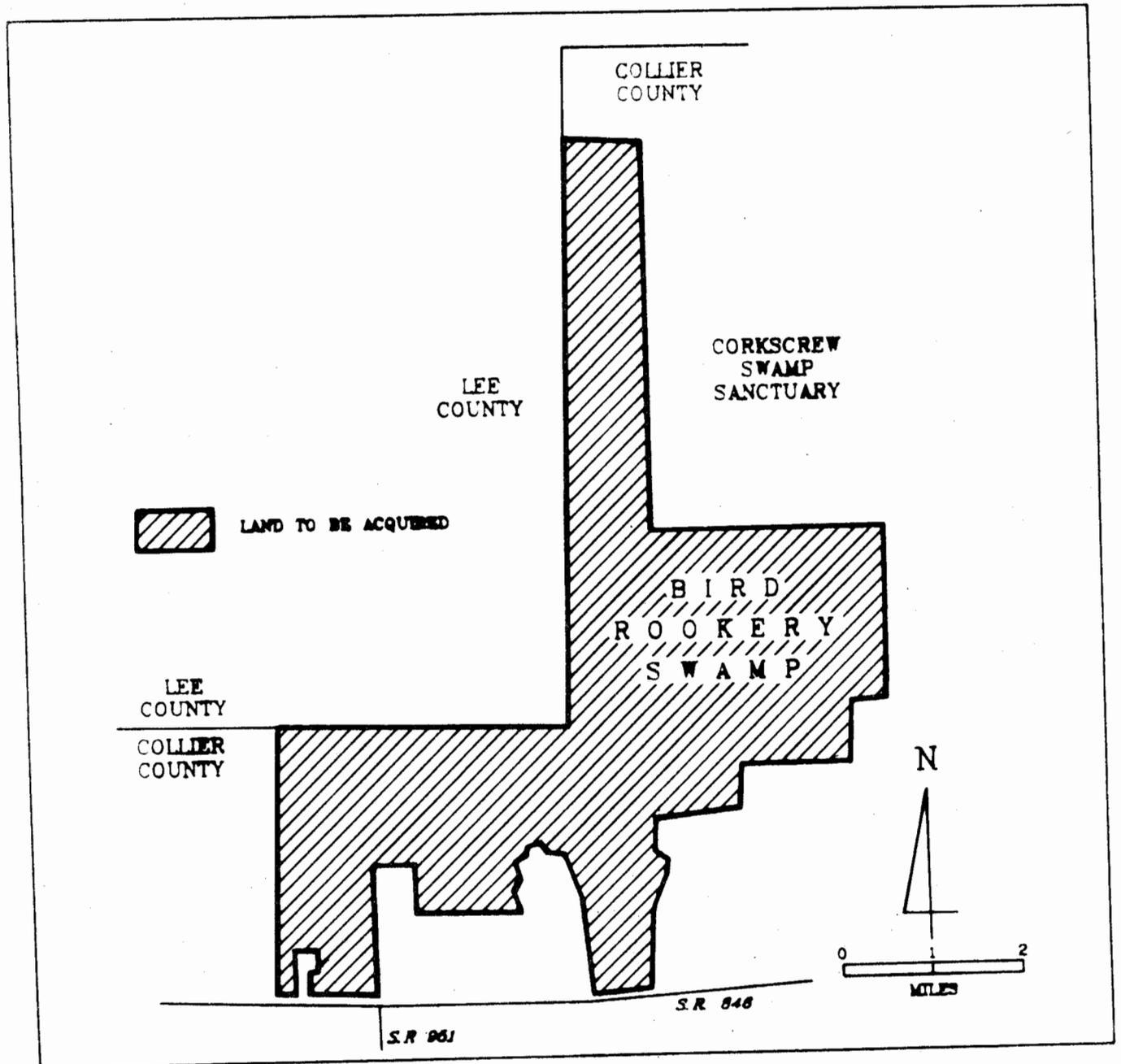
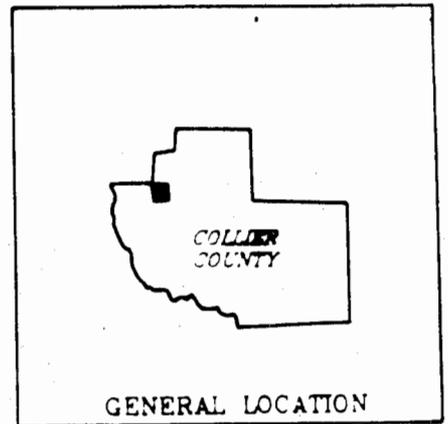
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SAVE OUR RIVERS

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Bird Rookery Swamp
2. **County:** Collier
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 13,890 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$10,000,000
7. **Description of Area:** The Bird Rookery Swamp project encompasses all wetlands north and west of SR 846, south and east of the Collier/Lee County line. It is an area of flat topography with elevations ranging from 14 feet NGVD to 17 feet NGVD. Virtually all soils are poorly drained depressional sands supporting cypress and mixed swamp forests.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This project as proposed is designed to protect the natural wetland connection between the historic Corkscrew Marsh and Cocohatchee River drainage basins. Protection of the uninterrupted wetlands is critical to maintaining the quality of future potable water sources. The lands lie adjacent to a proposed county wellfield.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** The wetlands of the watershed retain and purify water resulting in the improved quality of water discharged into the watershed from adjacent areas.
10. **Recreational Potential:** This viable cypress swamp and associated wetland system is located in remote Collier County next to the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. The sanctuary is managed by the Audubon Society as a nature center. Bird Rookery Swamp could become a valuable addition to the sanctuary. Passive nature appreciation activities facilitated by interpretive aids and boardwalks would provide the residents of the Fort Myers area and travelers with a healthy remnant of Florida's past environments for study and recreation.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The Conservancy, Inc. and Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

Bird Rookery Swamp

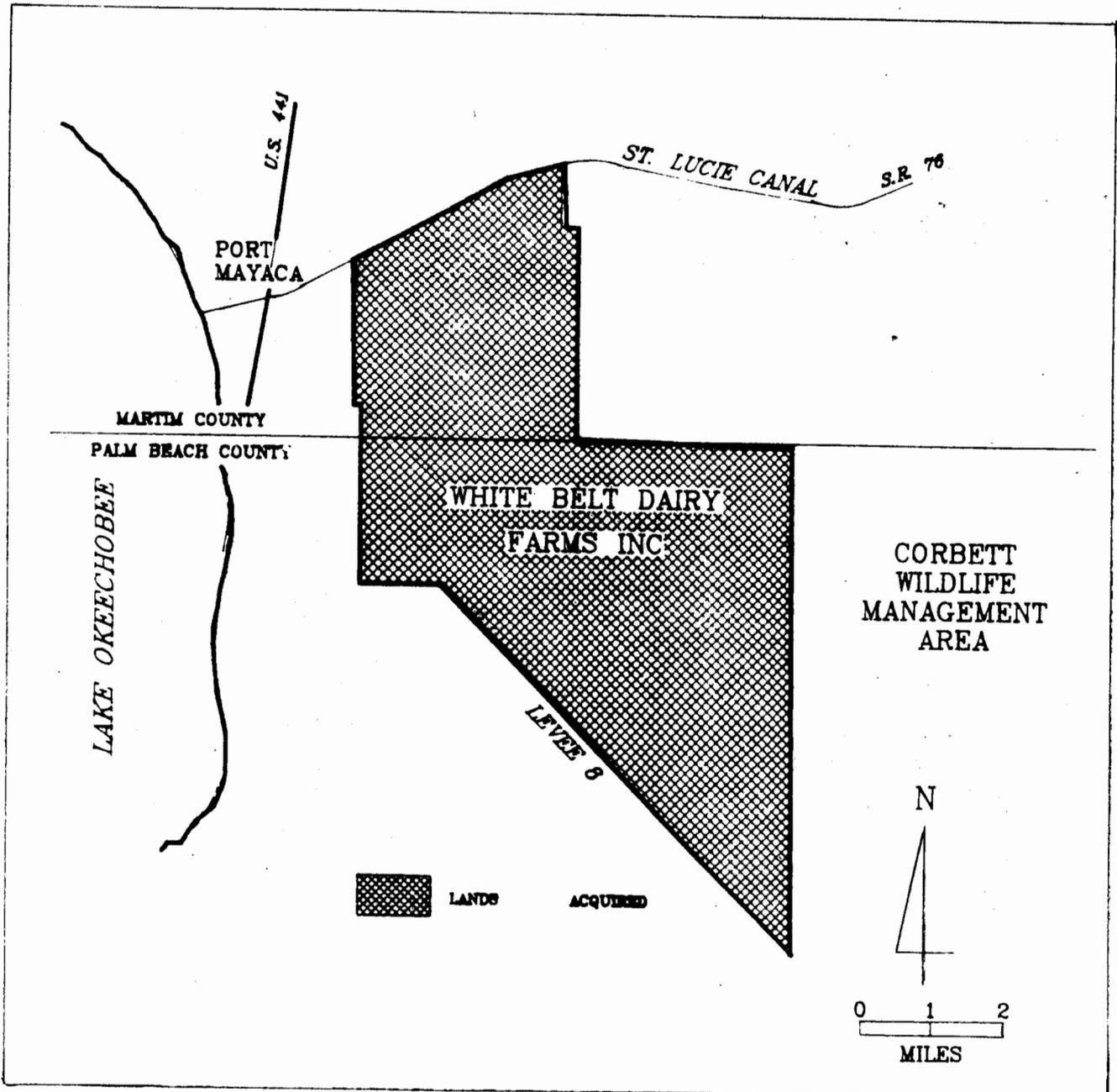
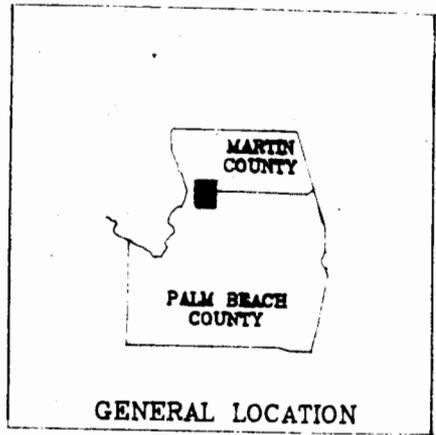


SAVE OUR RIVERS

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Dupuis Reserve
2. **Counties:** Palm Beach and Martin
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 21,875 Acres
4. **Cost to Date:** \$23,000,000
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** None -- acquisition completed in 1986
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** N/A
7. **Description of Area:** Approximately 22,000 acres were purchased in Palm Beach and Martin counties. This tract lies between the District's L-8 Canal and the C-44 St. Lucie Canal.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** The property provides unique opportunities for water management, water supply, and conservation and protection of water resources due to its size and strategic location.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** By improved water level control, the wetlands in the eastern half of this parcel could be enhanced. Through construction of pumps, structure and conveyance facilities the property could form an integral part of a water supply plan for moving water between Water Conservation Area One and the St. Lucie Canal which could benefit the St. Lucie estuary.
10. **Recreational Potential:** Outstanding scenic values and an abundance and variety of wildlife within a half hour drive of Florida's Treasure Coast. Suitable for a wide variety of resource based outdoor recreational activities including hunting, fishing, nature appreciation, picnicking, camping, hiking, photography and horseback riding. The tract will be managed co-operatively by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and the Florida Department of Natural Resources. Portion of area along Levee Eight represents the northeastern edge of the original Everglades and contains a number of undisturbed Indian mounds.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

DUPUIS RESERVE

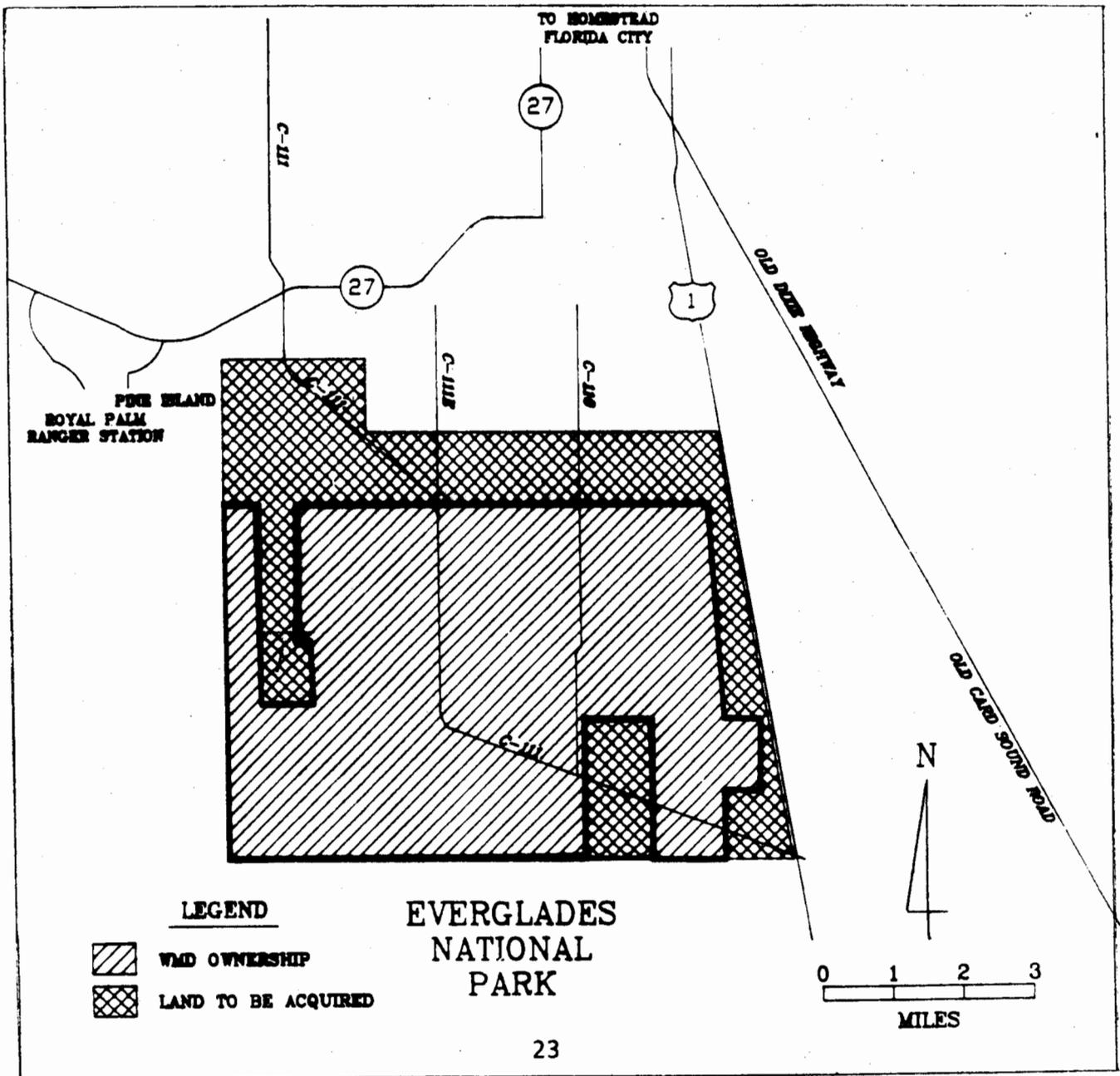
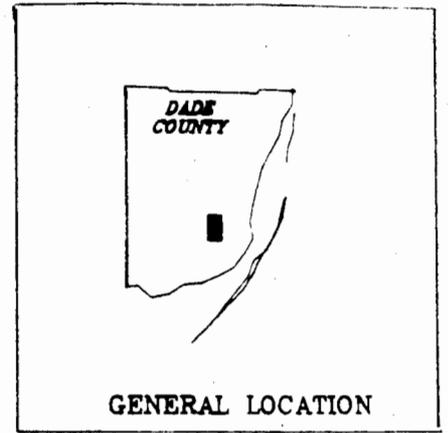


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** East Everglades/Canal-111
2. **County:** Dade
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 38,841.29 Acres
4. **Cost to Date:** \$11,568,874
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 7,990 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$1,606,000
7. **Description of Area:** These lands lie adjacent to C-111 and are required to complete the package of lands the District is purchasing in the C-111 area. Future modifications to the C-111 water management scheme will alter flows of water on these properties.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** The lands are necessary for proper water management of the fresh water entering ENP and Northeast Florida Bay, and for continuing flood control for agriculture and urban development in the upper reaches of the C-111 watershed. These lands are currently flooded in the rainy season, and form marshes contiguous with our present SOR purchases in the area.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Acquisition would aid the management of water entering the Everglades National Park and provide flood control for agriculture and urban development.
10. **Recreational Potential:** Lands have been used informally for hunting, fishing, target shooting, airboating and Off Road Vehicles (ORV'S). Currently under a cooperative management agreement between the District and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Will be managed as a wildlife and environmental area. Proposed uses include fishing and boating in C-111, airboating, controlled hunting, and nature appreciation. ORV'S and permanent camps will be prohibited.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

East Everglades/ Canal-111

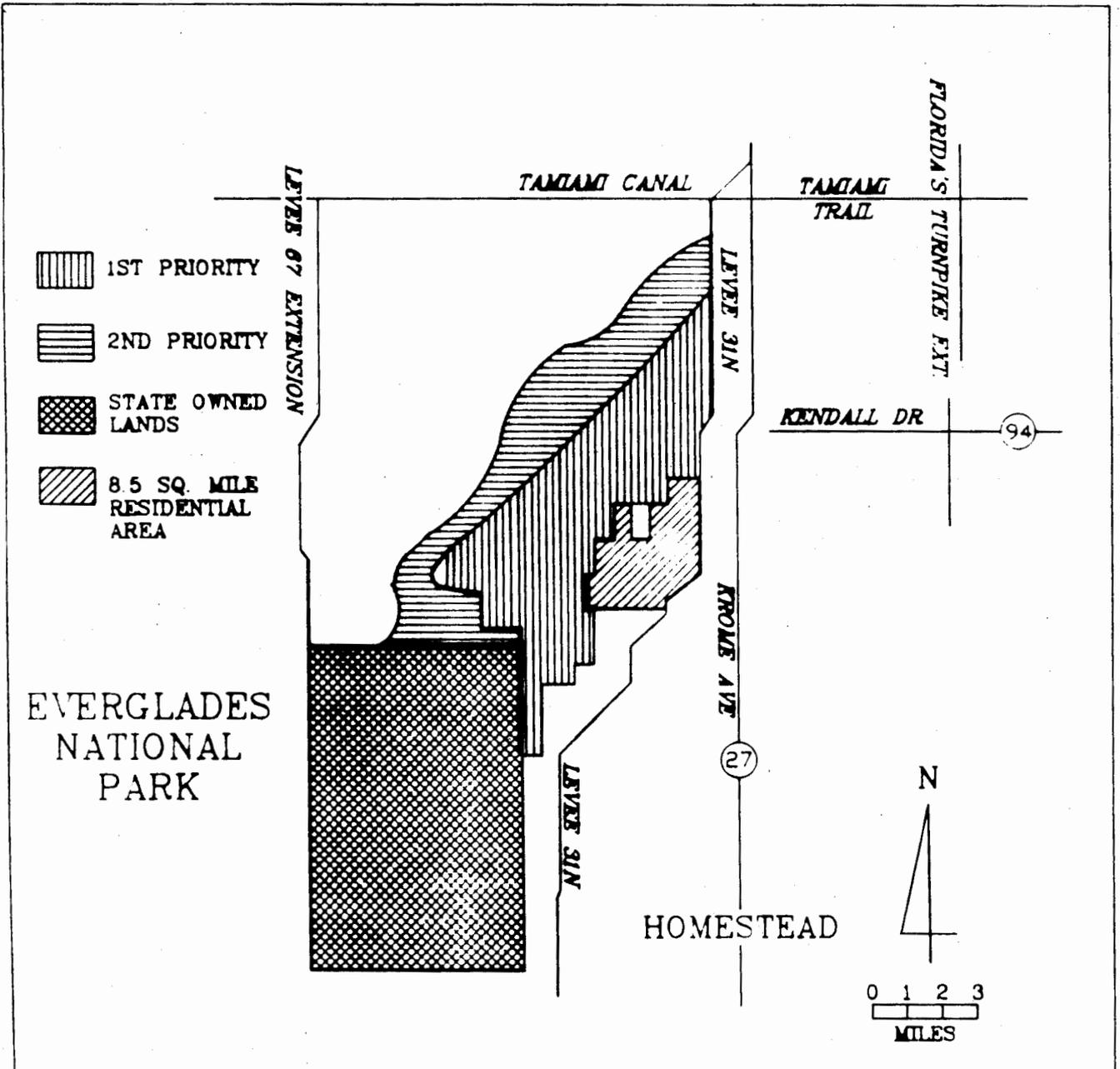
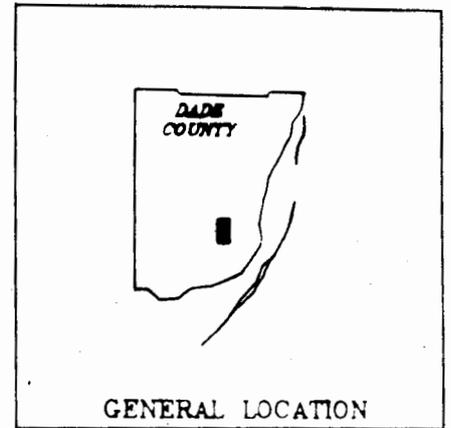


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** East Everglades North and West of Present Ownership
2. **County:** Dade
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 31,000 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$20,000,000
7. **Description of Area:** These properties lie along the eastern boundary of the Northeast Shark Slough and are comprised of slightly altered Everglades.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** These lands are essential for proper water management of flows to ENP and discharges from WCA 3A. The lands under consideration for purchase are adjacent to a proposed wellfield for potable water and will thereby form an extremely valuable water supply recharge function.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Acquisition would provide natural flood control and water storage while protecting wetlands, water quality and recharge areas.
10. **Recreational Potential:** The area would have limited recreation potential because of limited access and the configuration of the acquisition.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

East Everglades North and West of Present Ownership

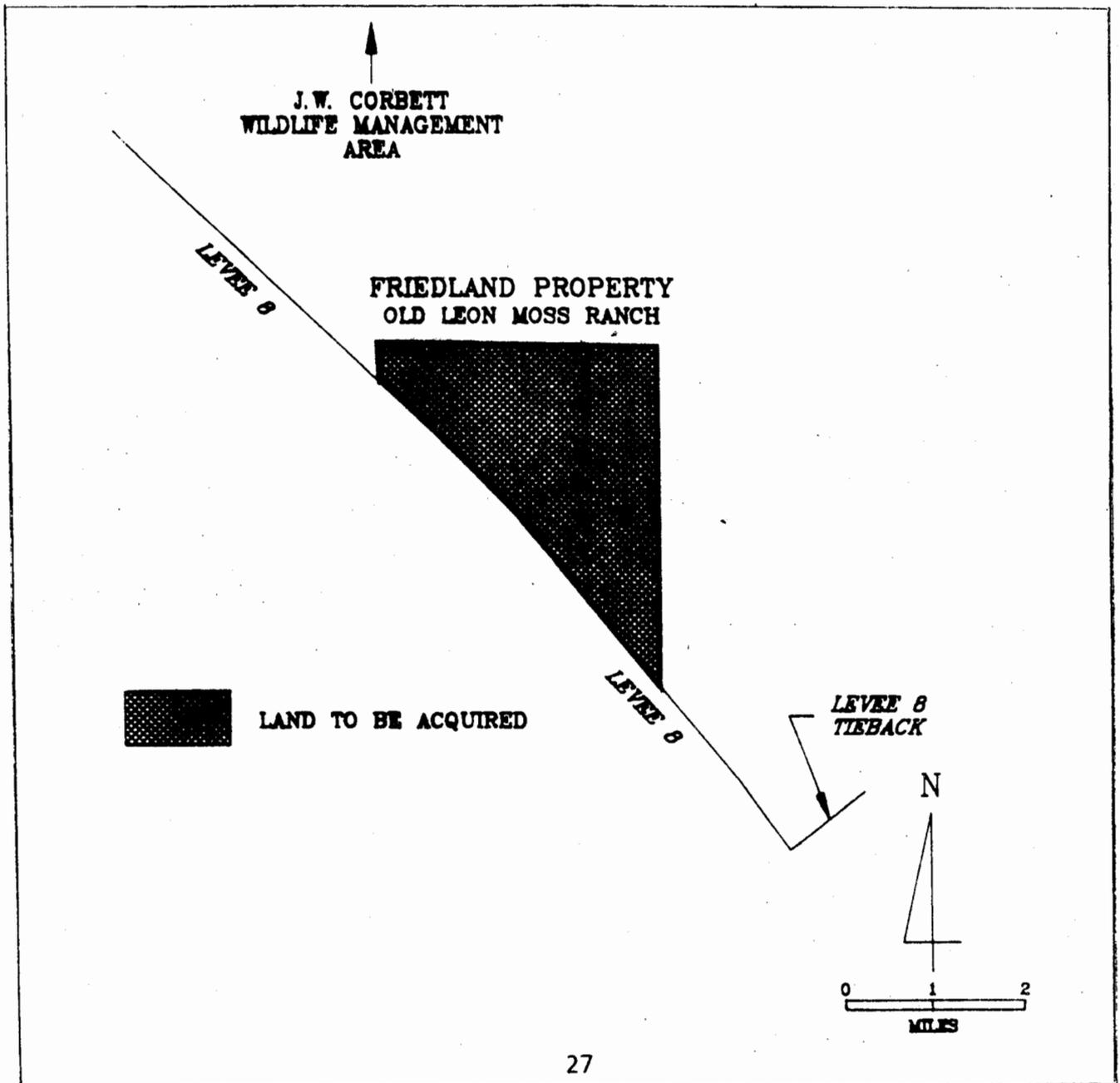
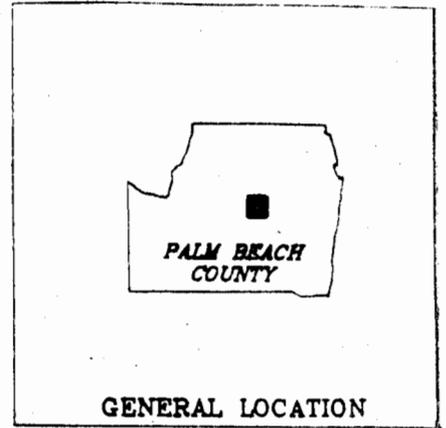


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Friedland Property/"Old Leon Moss Ranch"
2. **County:** Palm Beach
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 2,700 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$1,350,000
7. **Description of Area:** This parcel is triangular in shape and is bounded along the north by the Corbett Wildlife Management Area, along the southwest by L-8 and along the east by citrus groves. The property lies along a line of transition between more pine dominated uplands and open marshes of the historic Everglades. The tract is currently number 51 on the C.A.R.L. list.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This tract has been significantly impacted by drainage, to reduce the hydroperiod for agricultural production. This land could be managed to provide unique opportunities for water supply, conservation and protection of water resources.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Although impacted by previous drainage activities. This project offers the opportunity to protect and restore a significant area of open space and recreational land as well as protect water resources and supply.
10. **Recreational Potential:** Moss Ranch is 2,700 acres of former Everglades marsh, pine flatwoods and cypress swamp. It is similar to the 58,000-acre J. W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area located immediately north. The Corbett area, managed by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, is an extremely popular hunting, fishing and camping area for South Florida sportsmen. Moss Ranch would be an attractive addition to the Corbett management unit and would require little increase in the scope of the management program already in place. The property is crossed by old, elevated tram roads that could serve as pedestrian access avenues that would eliminate the need for O.R.V. use by the general public to access the parcel. Moss Ranch is well suited for low impact hunting, camping and nature observation activities.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** Property Owner.

Friedland Property/ "Old Leon Moss Ranch"

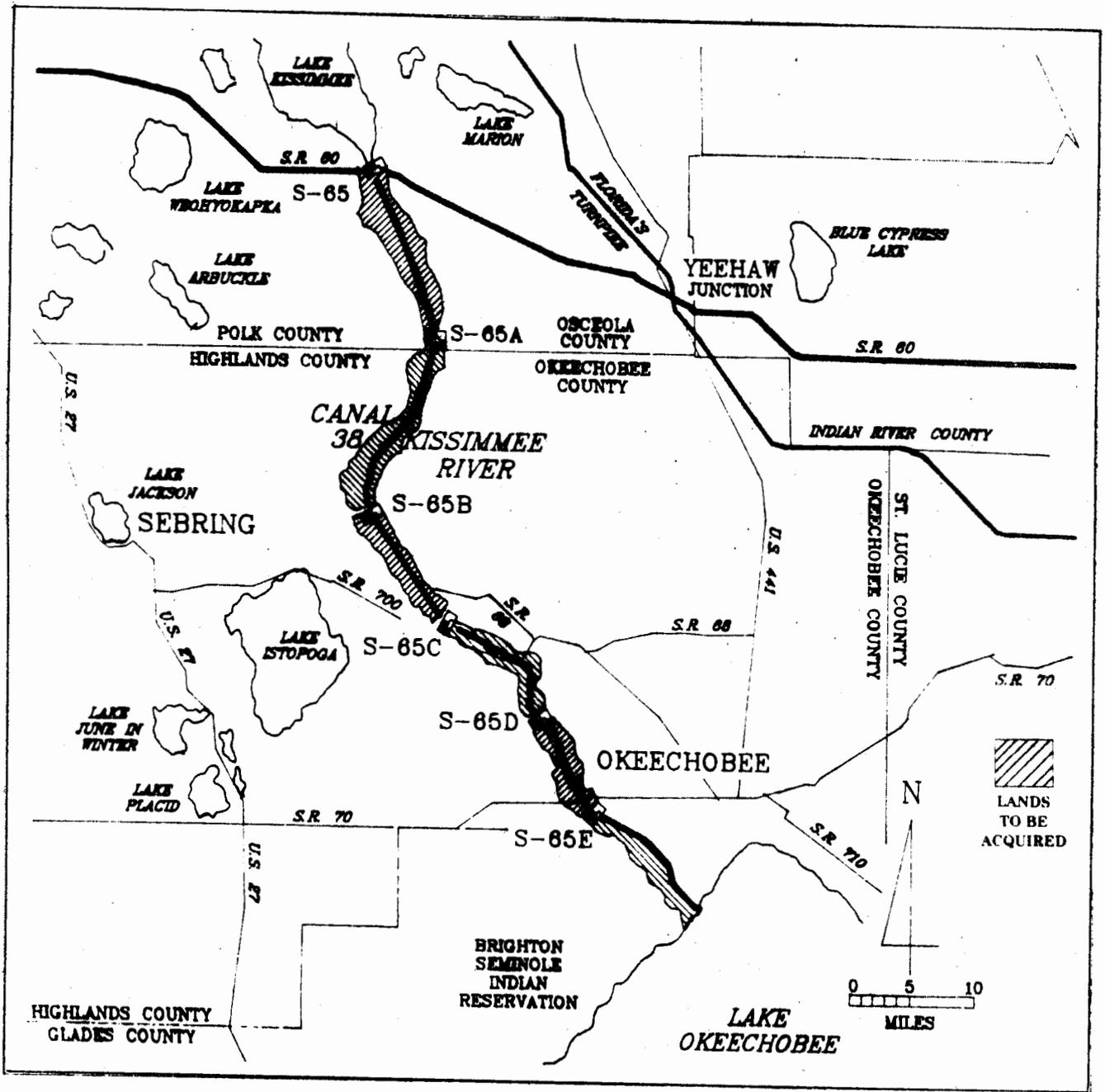
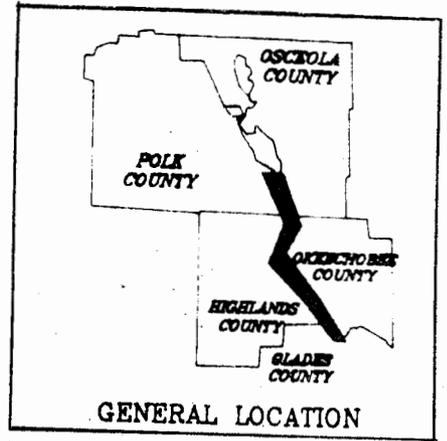


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Kissimmee River Floodplain
2. **Counties:** Osceola, Polk, Okeechobee, and Highlands
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 10,238.76 Acres
4. **Cost to Date:** \$9,246,840
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 31,725 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$25,000,000
7. **Description of Area:** Approximately 50,000 acres in Osceola, Polk, Okeechobee and Highlands counties. This area represents the historic floodplain of the Kissimmee River.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This land is necessary for the restoration program for the Kissimmee River under the Governor's Save Our Everglades Program. It is essential for the proper management of water in the Kissimmee Valley.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** It accomplishes water supply and storage objectives by allowing greater flexibility of water level control. The property would allow for the restoration of the natural values of the Kissimmee River and hence meet the objectives of conservation and protection of the water resources.
10. **Recreational Potential:** Existing public recreational activities along the Kissimmee River consist primarily of power boating and fishing in Canal 38 and those oxbows of the river that were not cut off as a result of project construction. Controlled hunting is allowed along the river flood plain within the Avon Park Bombing Range and there are opportunities for bank fishing and picnicking at several access sites along the river. Improvement of flows into the river oxbows together with the restoration of a more natural hydroperiod in the adjacent flood plains will increase the opportunities for fishing, canoeing, nature observation and waterfowl hunting. The potential for additional recreational opportunities on upland areas that may be purchased as a requirement for specific land transactions will also be evaluated. Currently, several sections of the Florida Trail are located along the Kissimmee River, and an attempt is being made by the Florida Trail Association to complete the missing links. Suitable sections of the trail may be incorporated as part of the Florida National Scenic Trail.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Kissimmee River Floodplain

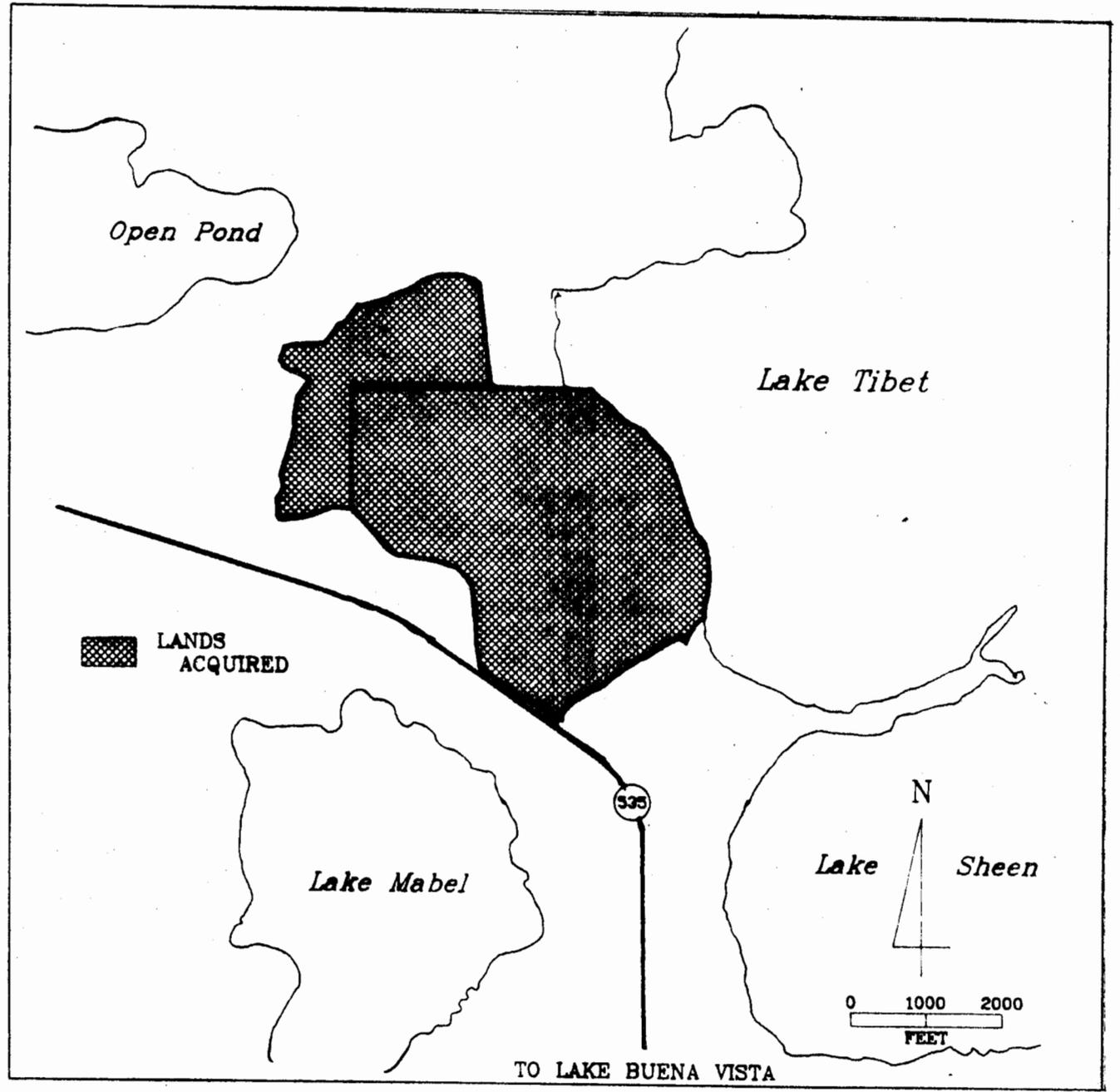
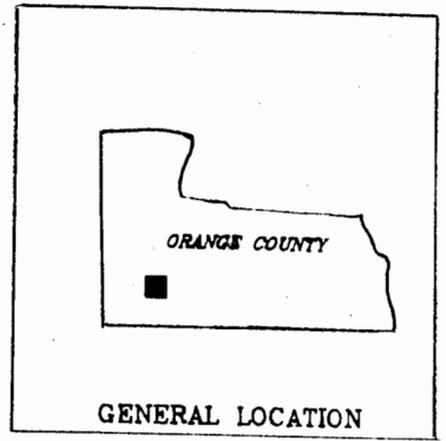


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Lake Forest Natural Preserve
2. **County:** Orange
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 438.67 Acres
4. **Cost to Date:** \$3,601,900
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** None -- acquisition completed in 1987.
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** N/A
7. **Description of Area:** A large part of the Lake Forest Preserve property is within the 100 year floodplain elevation. Review of topographic information indicates that of the 438 acres encompassed by the preserve, over 70 percent or in excess of 300 acres are at or below the 102' NGVD contour. Therefore, this natural system and the flood moderating aspects of its floodplain contribute to the passive water management function of the site. Lake Tibet-Butler and the other lakes in the Butler Chain of Lakes are classified as Outstanding Florida Waters, a classification which allows no degradation of existing water quality. Preservation of this tract contributes to the protection of the water quality in Lake Tibet-Butler, and the downstream lakes in the Butler Chain. The property plays a role in providing water quality benefits by filtering nutrients and sediment runoff.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This project is consistent with 373.59 F.S., as acquiring this land would improve, conserve and protect water supply and water resources.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** The Lake Forest Preserve tract contains approximately 300 acres of wetlands, part of which is a freshwater bog that represents a significant association unique to and scarce within central Florida. The potential for the destruction or alteration of the resources on this site is high. The owners have been trying to develop the property for residential housing. Plans call for one-acre and one-half acre lots in the scrub and mesic flatwoods areas. The remaining areas (Basin Marsh, Basin Swamp and Bog) would be open space. Some type of vehicular access across the basin swamp area would have to be provided to the interior upland areas (either a bridge or causeway). The proposed development appears to be consistent with zoning and the present land use plan.
10. **Recreational Potential:** This area is a unique semi-wilderness in the rapidly expanding Orlando area. Orange County will manage the project as a natural area with limited facilities for access, interpretation and nature observation. Fishing and boating are permitted along the shore line.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** Staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Lake Forest Natural Preserve

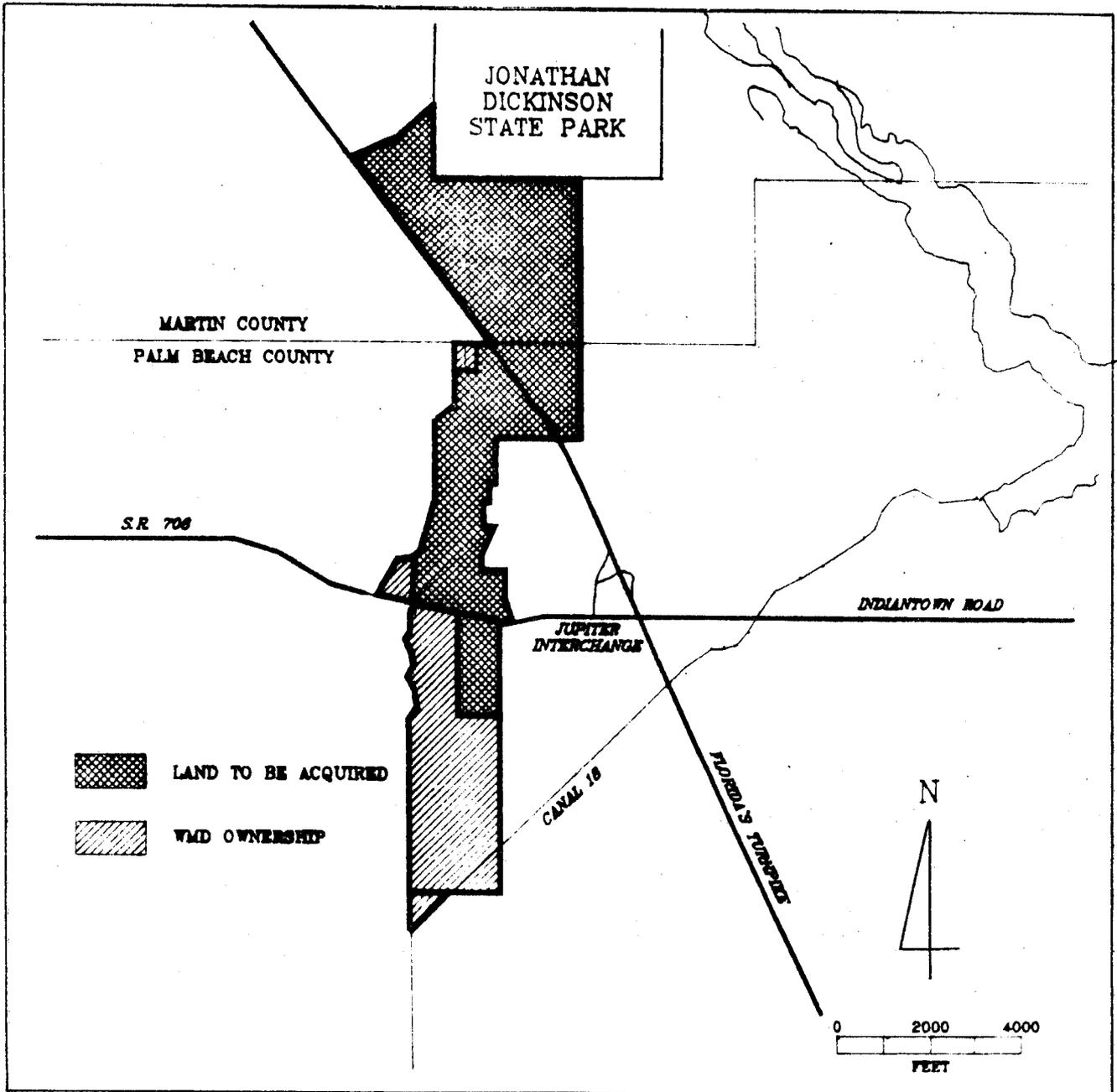
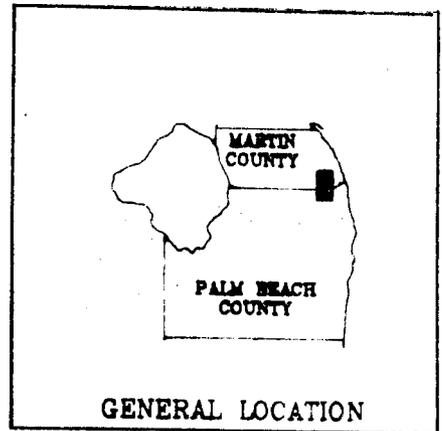


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Loxahatchee River
2. **Counties:** Palm Beach and Martin
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 556.58 Acres
4. **Cost to Date:** \$8,390,368
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 904 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$1,600,000
7. **Description of Area:** Lands proposed for acquisition are adjacent to and include the historic floodplain of the Loxahatchee River Northwest Fork. Acquisition of these lands are important for the continued protection of a unique watershed that includes a recently designated National Wild and Scenic River and State Aquatic Preserve.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** Land acquisition will facilitate long range management objectives which include protecting and preserving existing water resources.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** These properties include the complete forested floodplain and portions of major tributaries flowing into the northwest fork. These tributaries and floodplains are vital for surface water management and contribute to the baseflow of the river. Additionally, this acquisition will provide a vital means of protecting the quantity and quality of water flowing into the river, as well as protecting that of local groundwater supplies. Acquisition will further protect water resources by providing a buffer between the river corridor and impacts of surrounding land uses.
10. **Recreational Potential:** The Loxahatchee River corridor is an excellent canoe trail, navigable by even the most inexperienced canoeist. It is a designated National Wild and Scenic River. Associated activities include picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking and nature appreciation. The Florida Department of Natural Resources will manage the property in conjunction with Jonathan Dickinson State Park.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Loxahatchee River

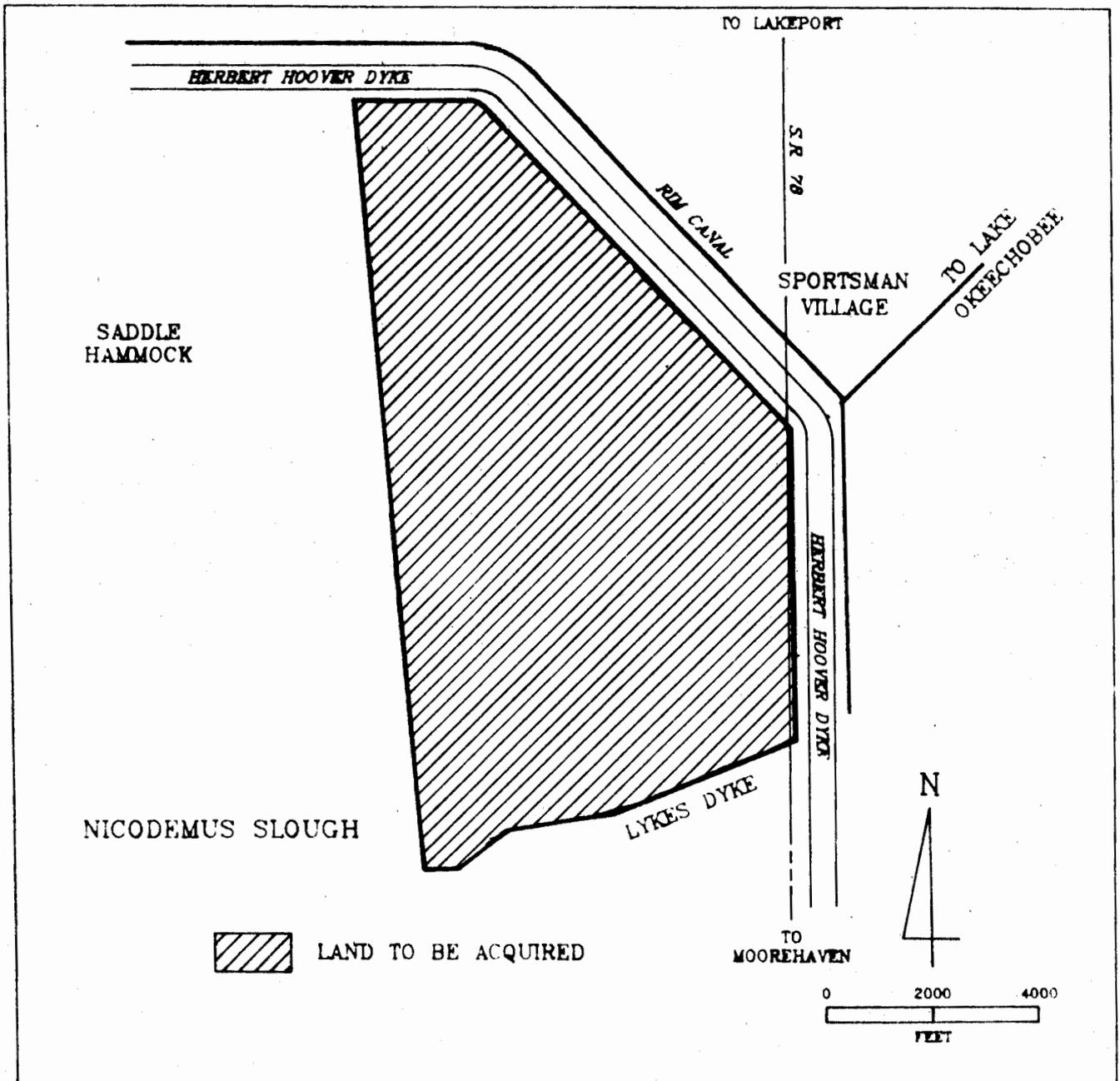
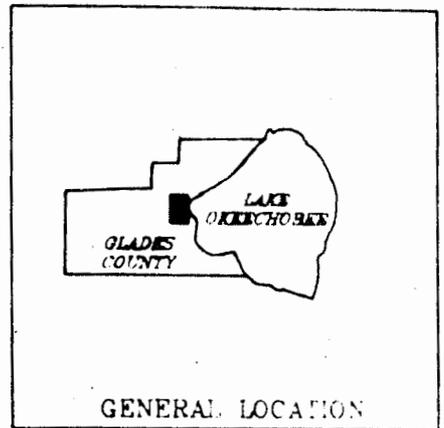


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Nicodemus Slough
2. **County:** Glades
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 2006 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$1,600,000
7. **Description of Area:** Nicodemus Slough is located on the west shore of Lake Okeechobee in Glades County.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** Nicodemus Slough is one of two remaining areas that requires protection from the raising of Lake Okeechobee's regulation schedule to 15.5' - 17.5' NGVD to facilitate increased water supply storage. It is important for water management purposes since it is an integral component of the overall flood protection plan.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Acquisition of the area provides a good opportunity for conservation and protection of water resources since the area can be managed for environmental, water quality and recreational benefits. It is also required because the above-referenced change in Lake Okeechobee regulation schedule causes this area to flood.
10. **Recreational Potential:** The small size of the proposed acquisition area will limit its use for public recreational activities. However, when the hydroperiod is established, there is some potential for waterfowl hunting and nature appreciation.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Nicodemus Slough

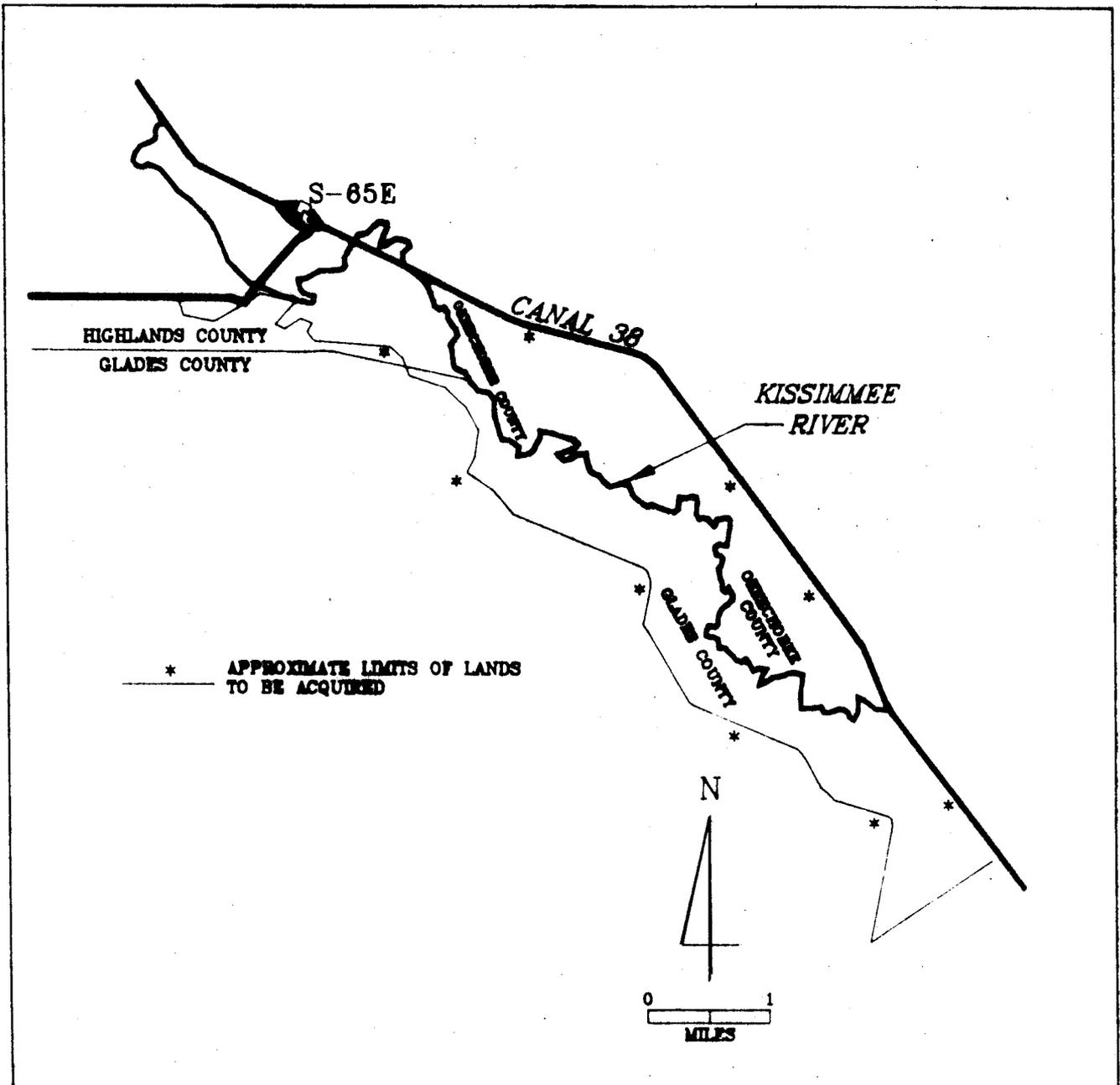
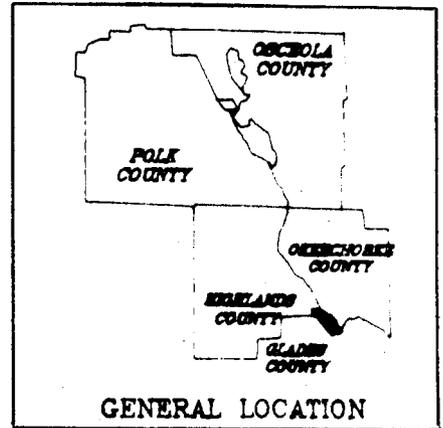


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Paradise Run
2. **Counties:** Okeechobee and Glades
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 4,800 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$3,000,000
7. **Description of Area:** This is 4,800 acres of original Kissimmee River flood plain which has been drained.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This property is part of the concept of restoration of the Kissimmee River. It is also necessary for restoration and management of the Kissimmee River as a whole.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Water quality benefits would accrue from the establishment of a marsh flow-way here.
10. **Recreational Potential:** Restoration of hydroperiod and flows into cutoff portions of the Kissimmee River and adjacent flood plain would enhance opportunities for canoeing, fishing and nature appreciation. A potential waterfowl hunting area is currently being managed by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Paradise Run

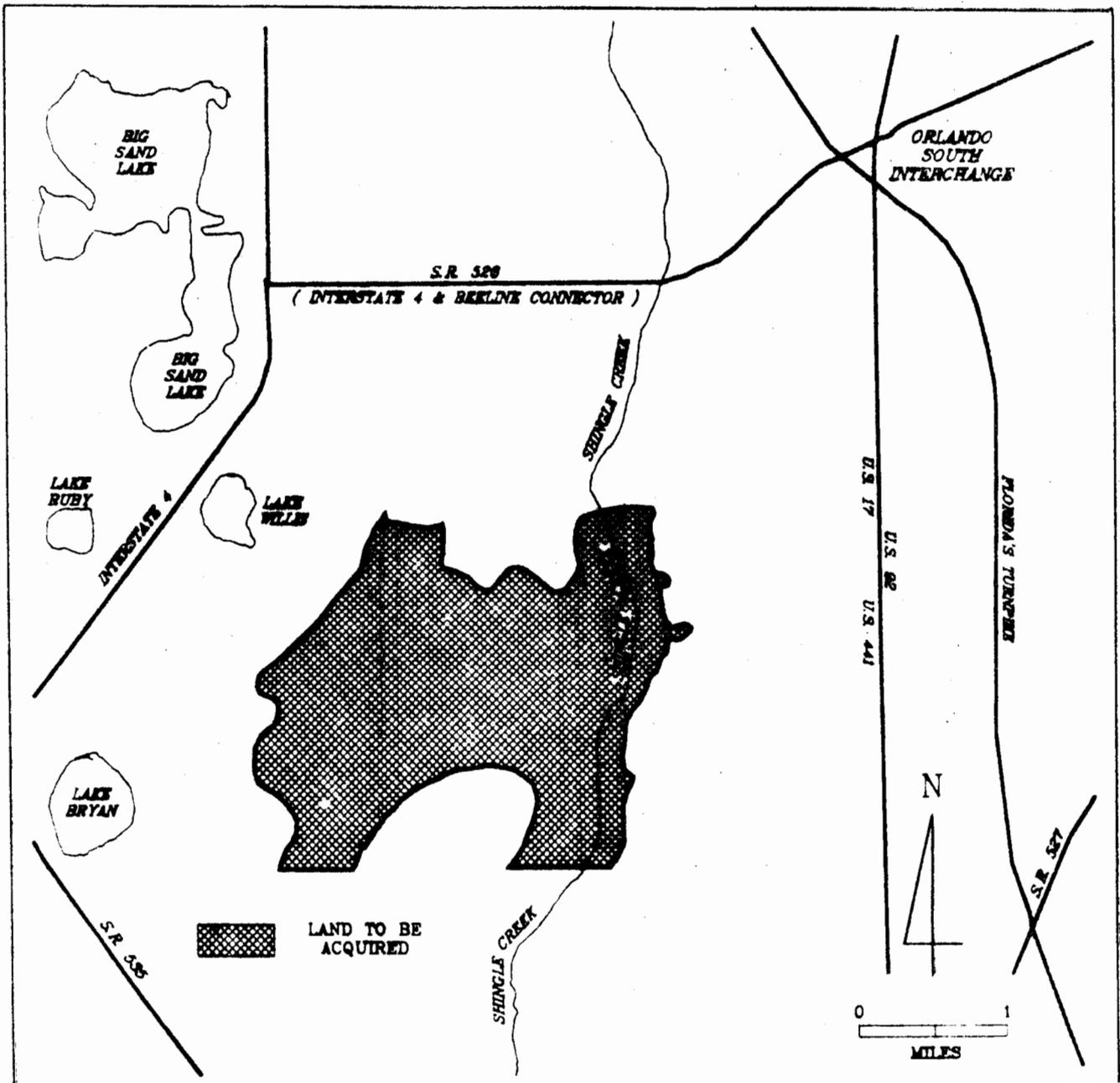
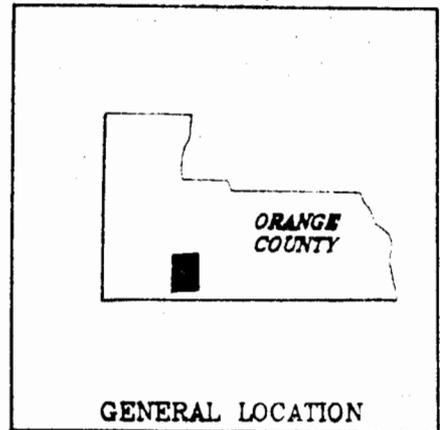


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Shingle Creek
2. **Counties:** Orange and Osceola
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 1,000 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$1,500,000
7. **Description of Area:** Shingle Creek is located in both Orange and Osceola Counties within the Kissimmee River/Lake Okeechobee drainage basin. Remnants of a cypress swamp are located in the project area.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** The acquisition of Shingle Creek would re-establish the historic water flow to the swamp by enhancing environmental conditions and providing for water quality improvement of runoff.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** This cypress wetland is important for water management purposes since it acts as a detention area during flood conditions.
10. **Recreational Potential:** Shingle Creek and the proposed impoundment area will provide opportunities for waterfowl hunting and fishing. The Creek provides an interesting small boat trip and is suitable for canoeing, and other non-consumptive uses.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Shingle Creek

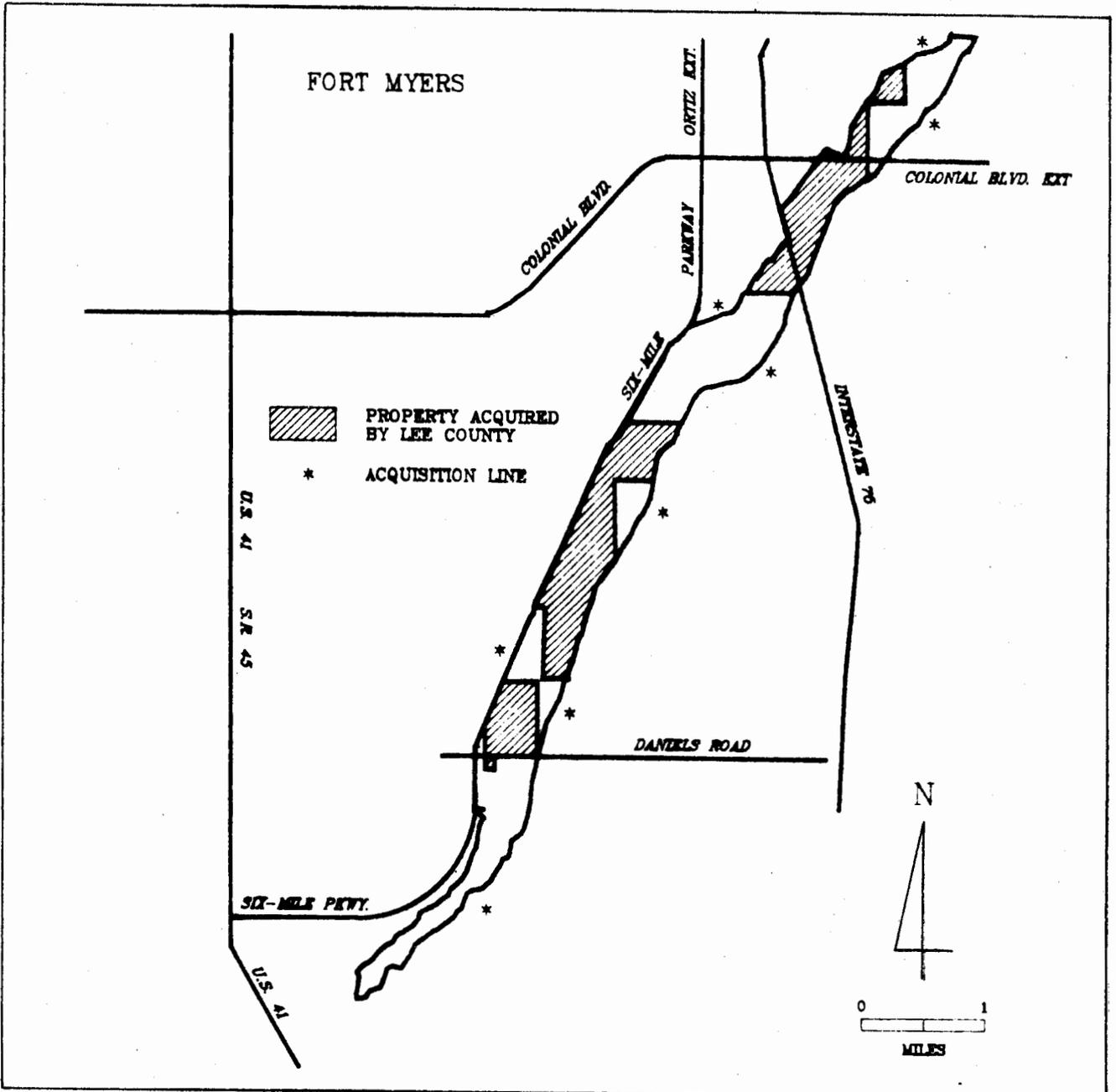
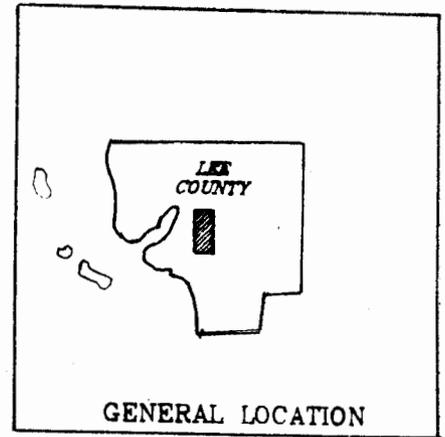


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Six Mile Cypress Slough
2. **County:** Lee
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 550
4. **Cost to Date:** \$1,221,221
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 300 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$600,000
7. **Description of Area:** 900 Acres of Cypress Slough in Lee County
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This project, is consistent with 373.59 F.S. because it will help with water management, and conservation and protection of water resources. This acquisition will facilitate long range management objectives of water resources.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Acquisition would provide natural flood control and water storage while protecting wetlands, water quality and recharge areas.
10. **Recreational Potential:** This is a natural area in close proximity to the heavily populated Fort Myers area. It is to be managed by Lee County as a nature appreciation area with trails, boardwalks, wildlife observation structures and related interpretive facilities. The area has potential picnicking and fishing opportunities in conjunction with existing borrow pits.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Six Mile Cypress Slough

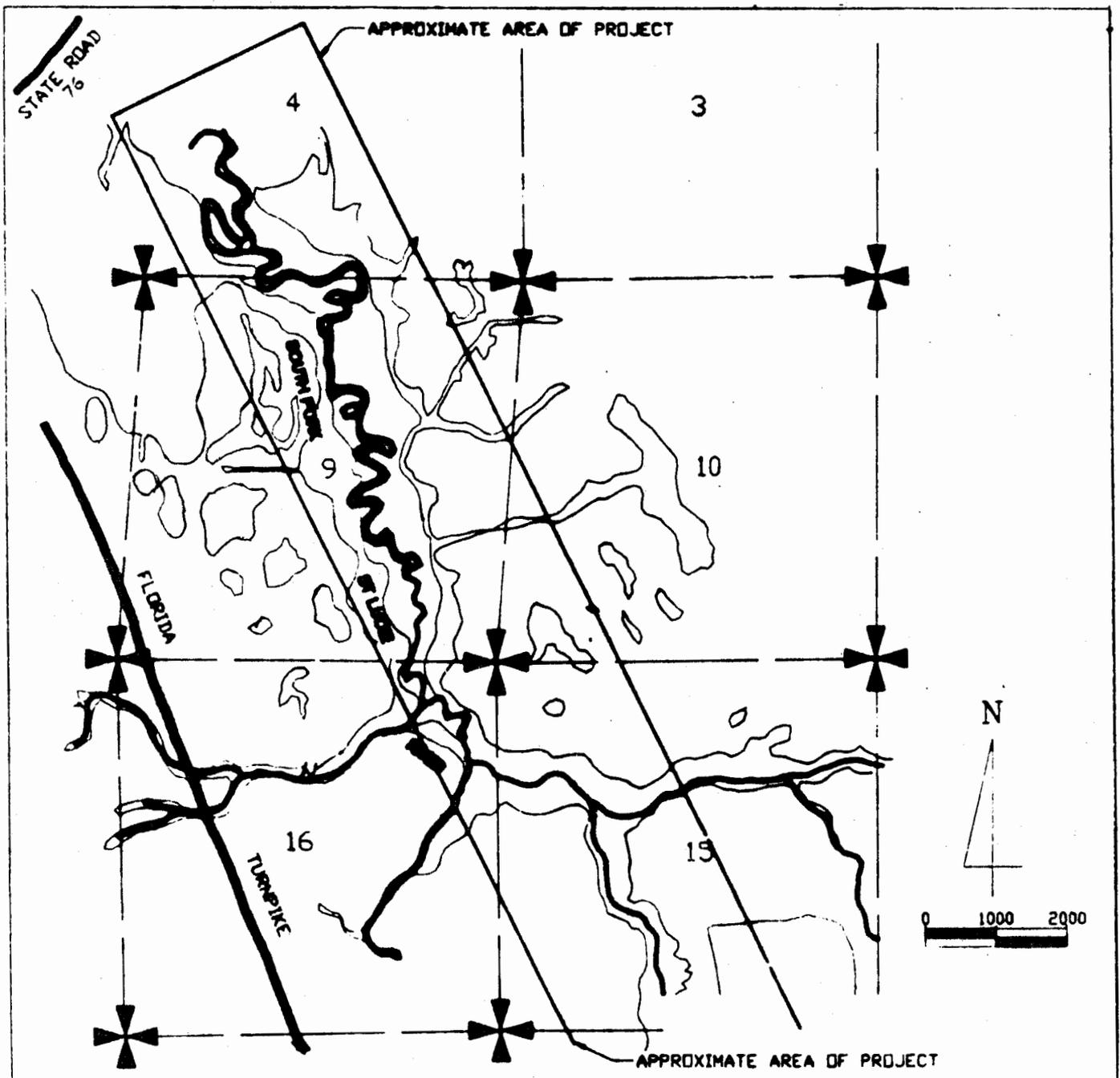
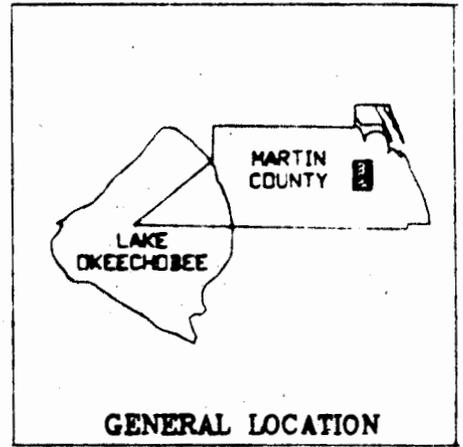


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** South Fork of the St. Lucie River
2. **Counties:** Martin
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 100 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$89,000
7. **Description of Area:** This is an undisturbed river flowing from south to north. The east side of this natural, meandering river is characterized by gentle slopes and a relatively wide and wet flood plain. The west side rises more rapidly resulting in a steep bluff with only narrow portions of flood plain. The west side is buffered from improved pasture by a hammock system 75 feet to 300 feet wide. The acquisition would have to include upland hammock areas to be effective in protecting the river.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** Acquisition of key portions in conjunction with county zoning will protect the quality of the water resources and the natural integrity of the river corridor from impacts by imminent development adjacent to the river.
9. **Reasons for acquisition:** Acquisition would provide natural flood control, protect the quality of water resources and the natural diversity from adjacent development.
10. **Recreational Potential:** The South Fork of the St. Lucie River provides an excellent canoe trail that can be experienced by novice canoeists. As one of South Florida's remaining natural rivers, the lands provide opportunities for non-consumptive, passive recreational activities. These include hiking, photography and nature appreciation. The county is the proposed management entity for the area through a cooperative agreement.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** Citizens of the county.

SOUTH FORK ST LUCIE RIVER

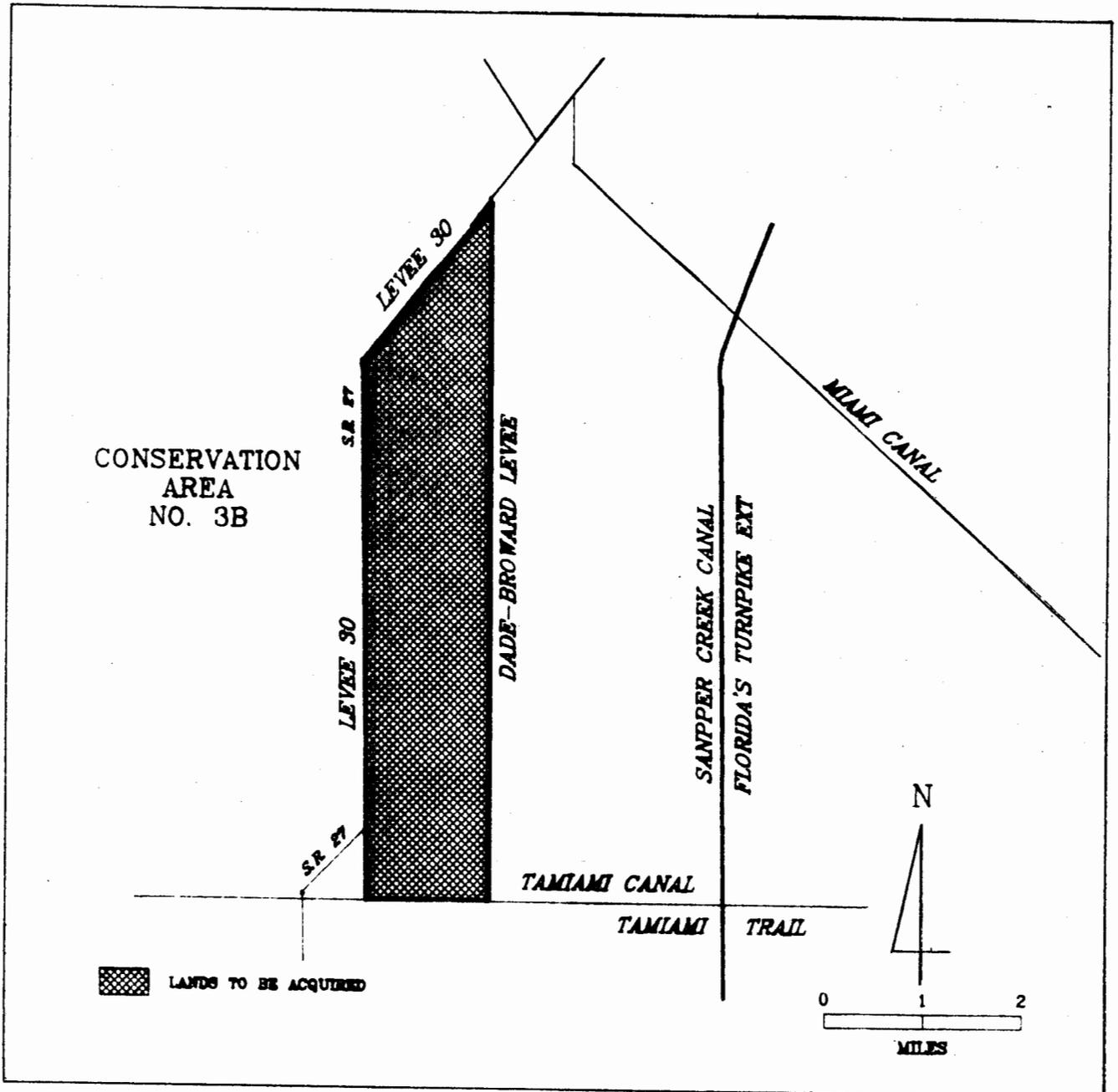
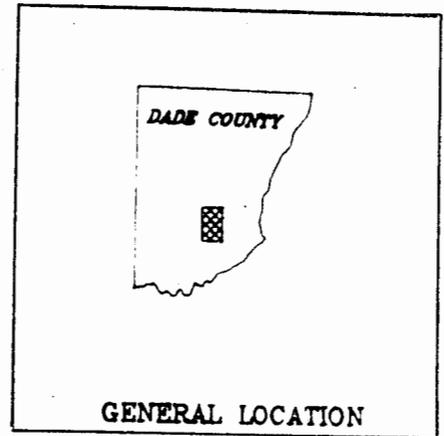


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** State Road 27 - Dade Broward Levee
2. **County:** Dade
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired** 13,000 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$32,500,000
7. **Description of Area:** Approximately 13,000 acres in Dade County. This property is adjacent to Water Conservation Area 3B.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** This land is a predominant wetland community whose preservation would constitute conservation and protection of the Water Resources of the area.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Acquisition of this property would allow for improved water management of the Conservation Area water levels. Water supply benefits would accrue due to the ability to store more water in Area 3B and the protection of Dade County's Northwest Wellfield which is directly east of the property.
10. **Recreational Potential:** This expanse is basically a water recharge area. The area is suitable only for nature appreciation activities and very limited hunting opportunities.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

State Road 27 — Dade Broward Levee

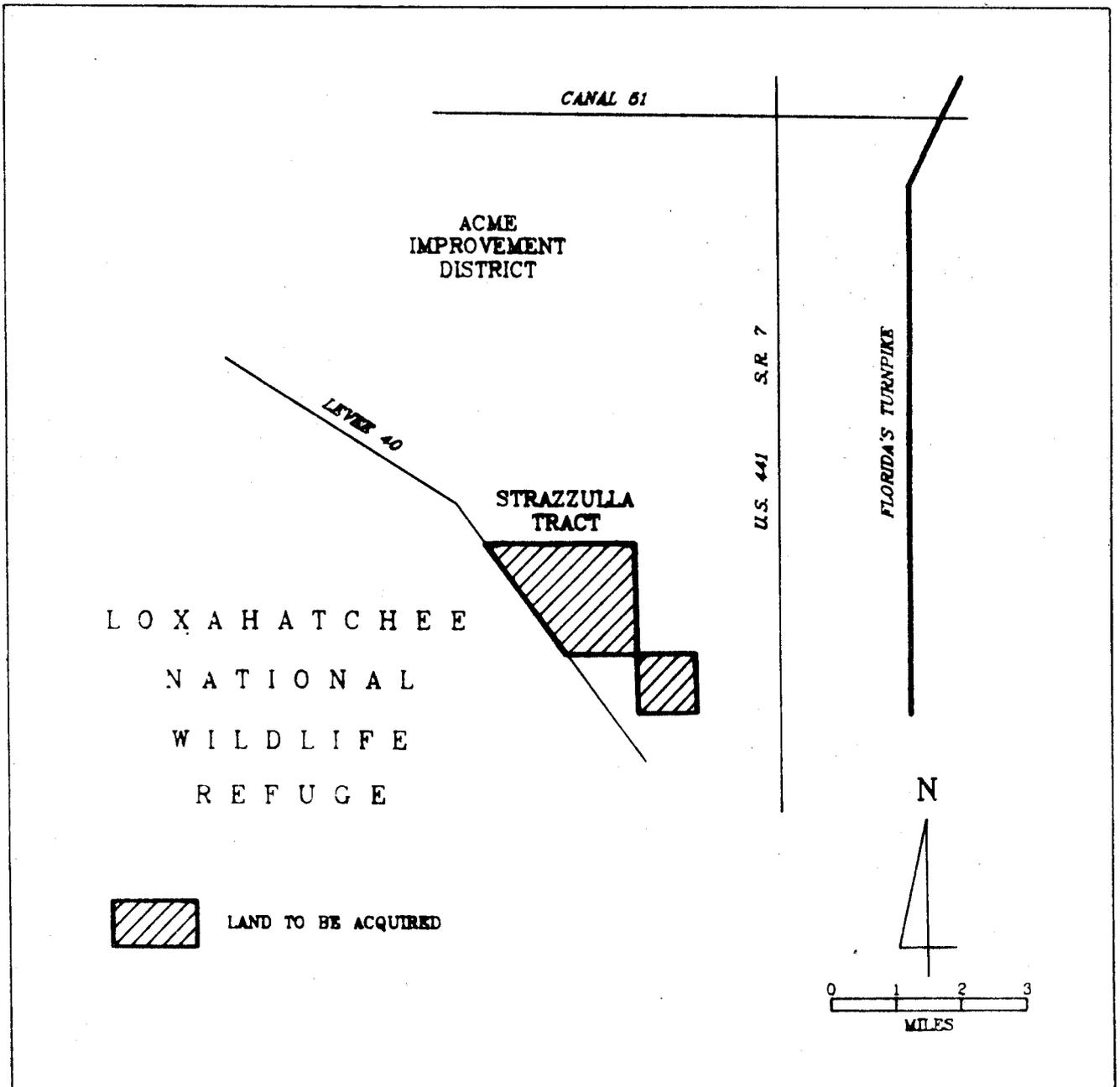
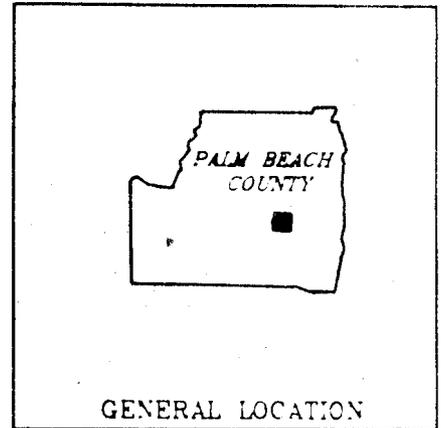


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Strazzulla Tract
2. **County:** Palm Beach
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 0
4. **Cost to Date:** 0
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 2007 Acres
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** \$5,000,000
7. **Description of Area:** The major portion of the tract is fresh water wetland habitat. The western half of the property is emergent marshlands. The marshes which lie between L-40 and the forested wetlands form a mosaic pattern of typical wet prairies and well defined strands of sawgrass.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** Establishment as a buffer to Water Conservation Area No. 1, this project will conserve water supplies, eliminate drainage requirements and protect water resources. It is a recharge area for groundwater resources.
9. **Reasons for Acquisition:** Existing or planned residential developments about the tract on the north, east and southeast. This parcel could be a very valuable adjunct to Water Conservation Area No. 1.
10. **Recreational Potential:** The Strazzulla property is adjacent to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Wildlife value associated with the preservation of the Strazzulla Tract could provide the resource for passive types of non-consumptive recreation. Addition of the Strazzulla property to the Loxahatchee Refuge could be accomplished by modification of the existing Cooperative and License Agreement between the District and the Service. Several minor boundary changes are currently being considered to improve manageability of the refuge. The refuge currently has a boardwalk and nature center. The proposed Strazzulla purchase could supply additional land for expansion of this program.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** Property owner.

Strazzulla Tract



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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION

1. **Area of Acquisition:** Water Conservation Areas
2. **Counties:** Dade, Broward and Palm Beach
3. **Acres Previously Acquired:** 47,051 Acres
4. **Cost to Date:** \$20,000,000
5. **Acres to be Acquired:** 85,078 Acres in fee title and 135,000 Acres of mineral rights
6. **Estimated Assessed Value:** This area is exempt from property tax.
7. **Description of Area:** The three Water Conservation Areas comprise the bulk of the remaining Everglades marsh, and 50% of the original pre-drainage Everglades. They are wilderness havens for fish and wildlife, and Water Conservation Area One is also known as the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.
8. **Consistency with Section 373.59 F.S.:** These Water Conservation Areas are an integral part of the flood control and water supply management activities of the South Florida Water Management District. Flood waters from agricultural and urban areas are pumped into the WCA's for storage, and water is released from the WCA's to the lower east coast for direct water supply purposes and to prevent salt water intrusion at the coastal structures. Much of the WCA system overlies the Biscayne Aquifer, and seepage from the WCA's aids in replenishment of the aquifer. The WCA's are also used to directly add water into Everglades National Park, and are extremely important to the overall conservation and protection of South Florida's water resource.
9. **Reasons for acquisition:** Acquisition would provide natural flood control and water storage while aiding the replenishment of the Biscayne Aquifer.
10. **Recreational Potential:** These areas have historically provided fishing, hunting, nature appreciation and boating opportunities under management of the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These recreational opportunities will continue.
11. **Origin of Proposal:** The staff of the South Florida Water Management District.

Water Conservation Areas

