

# ***FDACS BMP PROGRAM***

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# Why?

## Federal Clean Water Act

- Required Florida to identify impaired waters
- Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
- Develop a plan to meet the TMDL



# Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP)

- **Blueprint for reducing the pollutant loadings in impaired water bodies**
- **Comprehensive set of strategies**
  - **Wastewater limits**
  - **Urban BMPs**
  - **Agricultural BMPs**
  - **Conservation Programs**



# **In a Designated BMAP Area**

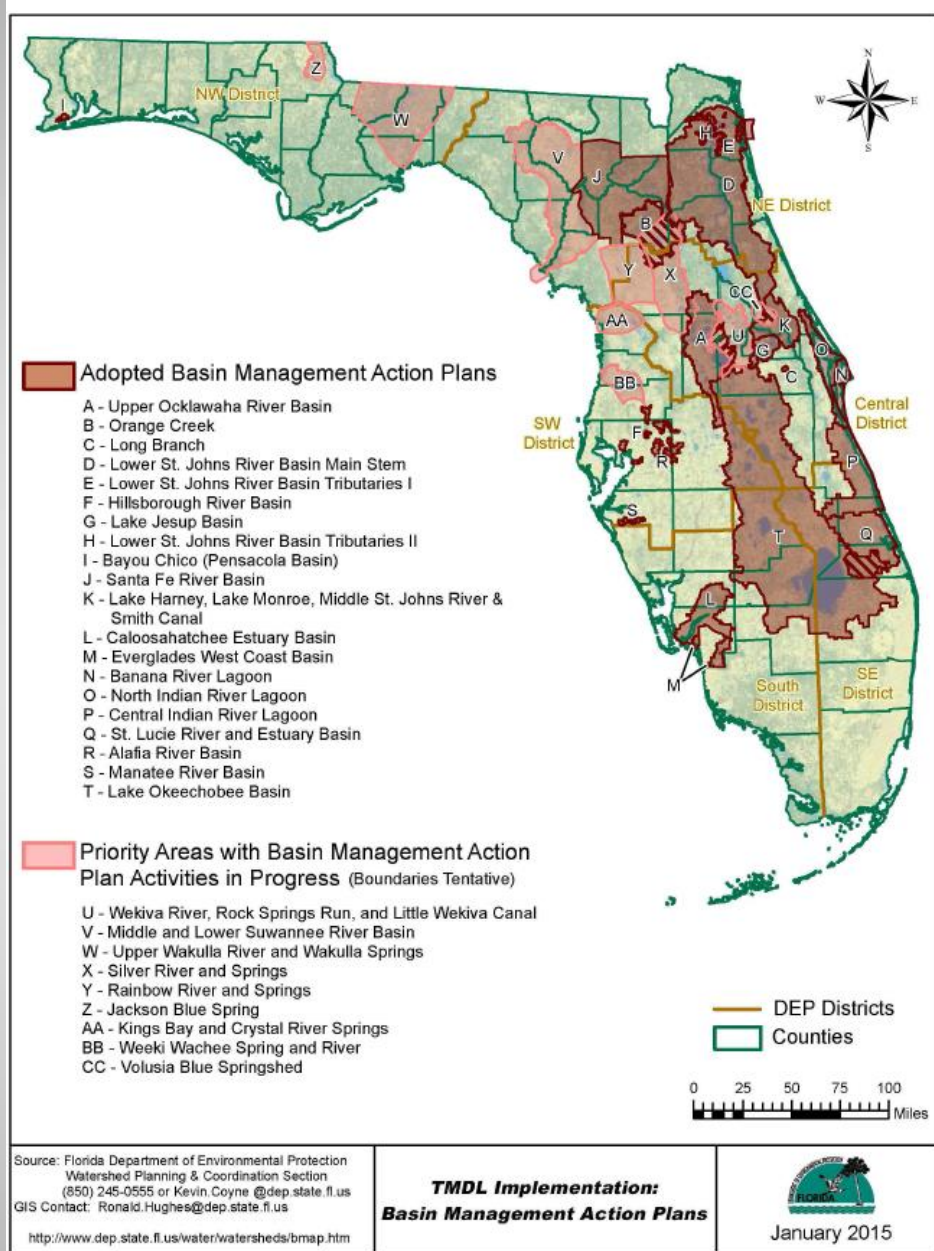
**Agricultural Producers have two choices:  
(per s. 403.067(7), F.S.)**

**Participate in FDACS BMP Program  
and receive Presumption of Compliance  
with water quality standards**

**or**

**Monitor loads to demonstrate compliance – at  
owner's expense**

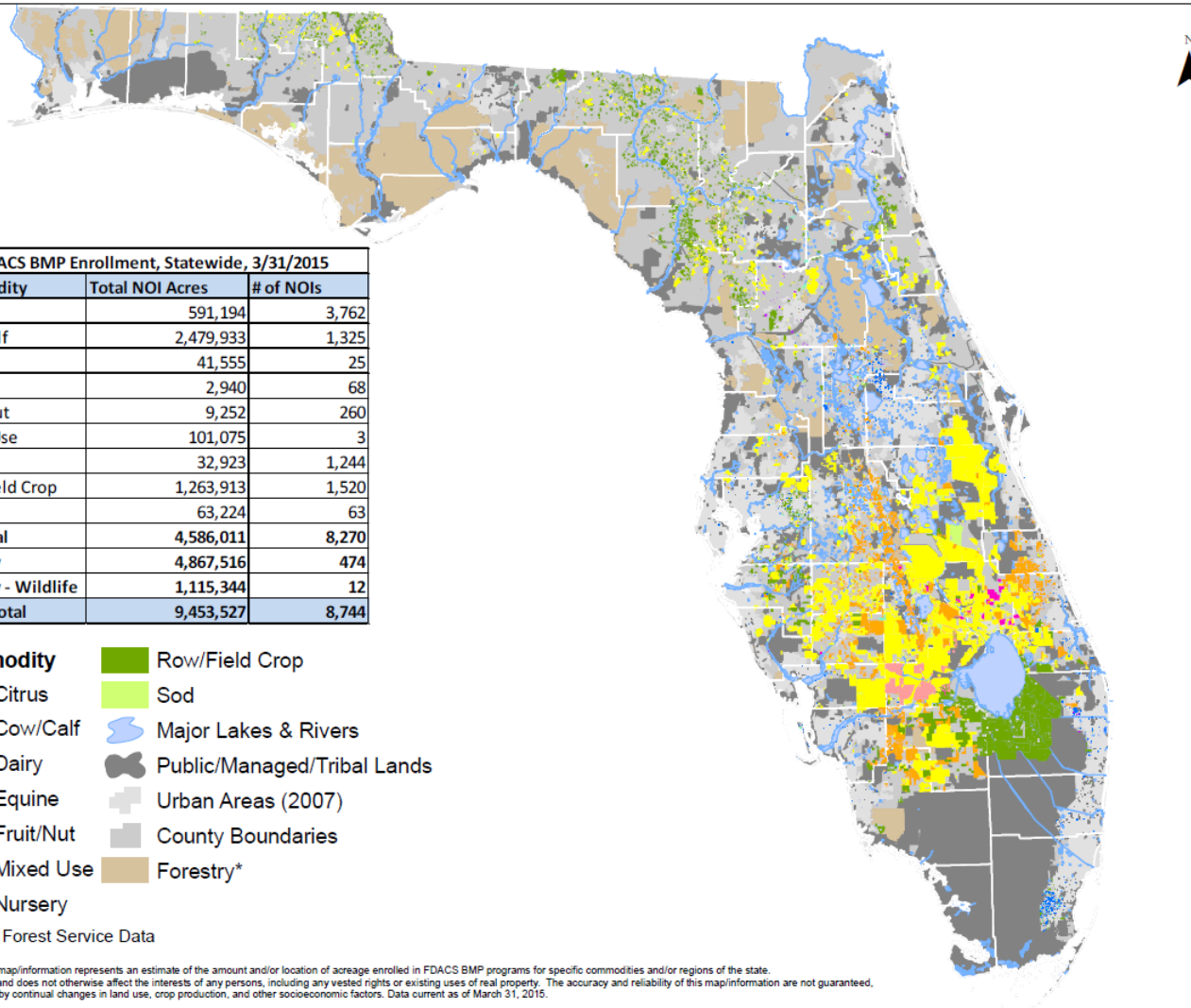




# Benefits of Implementing BMPs

- Provides presumption of compliance with state water quality standards
- Right to Farm Act protection – for activities addressed by implemented BMPs
- Eligibility for state-funded cost share
- Voluntary program, unless in an impaired area
- Demonstrates environmental stewardship and strengthens support for BMP approach





**Total Ag  
Acres, 9.9  
million**

**Total Acres  
Enrolled,  
4.6 million**

**46 %  
Enrolled**





# BMP Program Participation

- ***Technical assistance*** provided to producers via field staff and contracted implementation staff
- ***What Happens On-site:***
  - Implementation teams and staff work one-on-one with producers to assess natural resource concerns and identify BMPs that are implemented or planned, non-applicable, technically or economically not feasible and site specific
  - Implementation teams and staff assist producer with completion of BMP checklist and Notice of Intent (NOI)





# Notice of Intent (NOI) Form

## Official record of:

- Who is implementing the BMPs
- Number of acres operating under BMPs
- Where BMPs are being implemented (through listing of parcel identification #'s)



# BMP Checklist

BMP #	BMP Group (See body of manual for full description)	In Use/ CP# Check below / Enter FOTG #	Planned Enter month / year	Will not implement Check reason below			
				NA	TNF	ENF	Other
<b>1.0 Nutrient Management</b>							
<b>1.1 Level I - Fertilizer Management</b>							
1.	Use Mehlich-1 soil test results or equivalent to determine P application rate						

## Official record of:

- What BMPs are currently implemented
- What BMPs producer is planning to implement and when
- Why certain BMPs were not implemented



# BMP Follow-up

- ***BMP Implementation Assurance – 1 to 3 years after enrollment***
  - Condensed version of BMP Checklist to assess what new BMPs have been implemented and ensure that growers are still participating in the program
- ***Recommendation for CARES Award***
  - County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship



# FDACS BMP COST SHARE PROGRAM



# COST SHARE PRACTICES OR PROJECTS

- 75% Project reimbursement
- 100% Engineering reimbursement
- Projects can be combined with a cost share practice with NRCS.
- Have a minimum three year maintenance period.



# REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enrolled in an applicable FDACS Best Management Program
- Project site must be in regulatory compliance
- Participation is on a first come, first-served basis



# Thank You!

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