

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 19, 2014  
Bulk Item: Yes  No

Division: Growth Management  
Staff Contact Person/Phone #: Christine Hurley 289-2517  
Mike Roberts 289-2502 and Mayte Santamaria 289-2562

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Discussion and direction regarding land acquisition initiatives with the State of Florida, Florida Forever program and Military Base Protection program.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Based on the BOCC direction July 18, 2013, the Growth Management Division, County Attorney's Office and the Land Authority Director are evaluating land acquisition strategies aimed at reducing the inventory of private, vacant parcels in the Florida Keys. Staff travelled to Tallahassee in October 2013 to meet with Cabinet aides, Office of Policy & Budget staff, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) staff, members of the Florida Defense Support Task Force and Enterprise Florida - Florida Defense Alliance to discuss the Florida Forever program and the Military Base Protection program and the potential for future partnerships with the State of Florida for the purchase and conservation of environmentally sensitive lands and the acquisition of non-conservation land as military base buffers in Monroe County. Discussions focused on property located within the Florida Forever Florida Keys Ecosystem project boundaries (Exhibit 2 of the attached memo dated February 4, 2014) and properties located within the Military Installation Area of Impact (MIAI) (see Exhibit 3 of the attached memo dated February 4, 2014).

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

*July 18, 2013* – BOCC direction to staff to evaluate alternative land acquisition strategies.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** n/a

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Direct Staff to:

- 1) Add to Legislative agenda an amendment to Section 259.105, Florida Statutes.
- 2) Add to Legislative agenda an amendment to budget proviso language (General Appropriations bill)
- 3) If DEP cannot give an easement to the Land Authority to meet the requirements of Section 380.0666(3), F.S., then seek an amendment to 380.0666, F.S., allowing Land Authority funds to be used to match FDEP funding without holding an interest in the property.
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- 5) Designate matching funds of up to ~~\$XX~~ for 50% match requirement within the Florida Forever process for FY 7/1/14 through 6/30/15 for the purchase of conservation lands from willing sellers.
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  - 50% of estimated total property value for both Florida Forever projects is \$8,181,281
- 6) Send letter from Mayor (draft attached) to Mr. Hank Vinson (DEP) encouraging funding the Florida Keys Ecosystem project and adding the Key Deer/Coupon Bight project to the Work Plan with Monroe County offering 50% match for purchase of property within the Florida Keys Ecosystem and the Key Deer/Coupon Bight projects (up to ~~\$XX~~ - - - \$3,877,552 and/or \$4,303,729 or \$8,181,281)
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- 8) Direct staff to work with Navy and DEO to prioritize which land inside the MIAI would be appropriate for acquisition under the Military Base Protection program (288.980, F.S.) and authorize Mayor to send a formal letter to the Base Commander requesting same.
- 9) Direct Staff to meet with Representative Raschein to discuss acquisition priorities.

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TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_ INDIRECT COST: \_\_\_\_\_ BUDGETED: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

DIFFERENTIAL OF LOCAL PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

COST TO COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF FUNDS: \_\_\_\_\_

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes \_\_\_ No x AMOUNT PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY: County Atty SMG OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Christine Hurley; Growth Management Division Director  
Mayté Santamaria; Assistant Director of Planning & Environmental Resources  
Michael Roberts; Sr. Administrator/Environmental Resources

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

**RE:** UPDATE OF LAND ACQUISITION INITIATIVES

Based on the BOCC direction in July 2013, the Growth Management Division, County Attorney's Office and the Land Authority Director are evaluating land acquisition strategies aimed at reducing the inventory of private, vacant parcels in the Florida Keys.

Staff travelled to Tallahassee in October 2013 to meet with Cabinet aides, Office of Policy & Budget staff, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) staff, members of the Florida Defense Support Task Force and Enterprise Florida - Florida Defense Alliance to discuss the Florida Forever program and the Military Base Protection program and the potential for future partnerships with the State of Florida for the conservation of environmentally sensitive lands and the acquisition of non-conservation land as military base buffers in Monroe County.

### **Background relative to DEP & Florida Forever Acquisition**

Historically, DEP has purchased substantial conservation lands in the Florida Keys:

**Past State of Florida Division of State Lands Acquisition Strategy in Monroe County**

State of Florida Land Acquisition Programs	Years	Total Number of Transactions	Total Acres	Total Cost
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	1966 – 1979	100	1623.42	\$ 12,097,641
Conservation & Recreation Land (CARL) Trust Fund	1982 – 1993	143	3028.64	\$ 74,669,999
Save Our Coast Trust Fund	1983 – 1993	4	39.03	\$ 2,400,000
Preservation 2000 (P-2000) Trust Fund	1993 – 2002	798	3689.1	\$ 73,687,905
Florida Forever Trust Fund	2002 – 2009	808	1192.45	\$ 77,502,431
		<b>1853</b>	<b>9572.64</b>	<b>\$ 240,357,976</b>

**Florida Forever Process**

Florida Forever is Florida’s conservation and recreation lands acquisition program. DEP’s Division of State Lands, serves as staff to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Governor and Cabinet) and when Florida Forever funding is appropriated by the legislature it is distributed by the DEP to a number of state agencies and programs to purchase public lands in the form of parks, trails, forests, wildlife management areas and more. The Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) is a 10-member group with representatives from four state agencies, four appointees of the Governor, one appointee by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and one appointee by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. ARC has responsibility for the evaluation, selection and ranking of state land acquisition projects on the Florida Forever priority list.

The ten-member ARC evaluates and **selects** projects to add to the Florida Forever priority list twice per year and **ranks** acquisition projects annually in December. The overall Florida Forever list is submitted to the Governor and Cabinet, serving as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIITF), for approval. The TIITF may remove projects from the list but cannot otherwise change the list (eg: priority or category of projects). After the Florida Forever project selection and ranking process is completed, the Division of State Lands (DSL) translates the ranked Florida Forever list into a work plan (general process and timeline provided in table below).

<b>Process Steps:</b>	<b>Timeline:</b>
ARC New Project Selection meetings	February
	August
ARC ranks projects on Priority List	December
Priority List submitted to TIITF	February - April
DEP Prepares Work Plan & Submits to ARC	July - August
DEP Work Plan submitted to TIITF	September

In preparing the work plan, DSL consults project sponsors, prospective managers, local governments and other stakeholders to identify the most important ownerships for resource protection and management feasibility in the highest-ranked projects within each of the five categories. DSL determines the amount of funds available for acquisition, allocates the funds among categories, and decides which properties will be pursued during the coming months. Acquisition priorities may be modified and refined based on legislative priorities. The work plan must be approved by ARC and by the Governor and Cabinet before October 1 of each year.

**Present-day Florida Forever Projects**

As of April 24, 2012, there were three (3) Florida Forever projects in the Florida Keys included in the Board of Trustees approved Florida Forever Priority List (Exhibit 1). The project boundaries are shown in the attached maps (Exhibit 2).

These projects and their respective ranking on the April 24, 2012 Priority List were:

- Florida Keys Ecosystem (ranked 1)
- North Key Largo Hammocks (ranked 3)
- Coupon Bight/Florida Key Deer (ranked 6)

<b>FLORIDA FOREVER PROJECT</b>	<b>PRIVATE VACANT PARCELS</b>	<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>ASSESSED VALUE (August 2013)</b>
Florida Keys Ecosystem	2,423	4,977.65	\$7,755,104
North Key Largo Hammocks	66	140.27	\$ 19,346
Coupon Bight/Florida Key Deer	1,047	682.17	\$8,607,459
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,536</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>\$16,381,909</b>

The work plan developed from the April 24, 2012 Priority List included the Florida Keys Ecosystem (7555 acres) and Coupon Bight/Key Deer (1155 acres) projects. The North Key Largo Hammocks project was eliminated from the work plan because DEP deemed it substantially complete (90% purchased); however, parcels in this project can still be purchased. The draft work plans for 2013 and 2014 have not been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIITF); however, in the drafts, the Florida Keys Ecosystem project remains the top ranked project in the Climate Change category, while the Coupon Bight/Key Deer project dropped to the 6<sup>th</sup> ranked project in the category.

The Florida Keys Ecosystem Boundary does not include parcels on Big Pine Key or No Name Key. Big Pine Key and No Name Key parcels are included in the Key Deer/Coupon Bight Florida Forever project. As a condition of the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for Key Deer and other protected species on Big Pine Key and No Name Key, the County must acquire conservation lands totaling 3.3 'H' as mitigation for impacts associated with permitted activities.

As of December 31, 2013, the County has acquired mitigation lands totaling 2.7573 'H', which is 83% of the total mitigation required. Only 0.5427 'H' is needed on BPK/NNK to satisfy the total mitigation obligation of the ITP. Private vacant parcels on Big Pine Key and No Name Key currently have a cumulative 'H' value of 5.13. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has stated that conservation lands purchased solely by the State of Florida cannot be used to satisfy the mitigation requirements of the ITP, however it is clear that once the County has met the mitigation obligations of the ITP (the purchase of the remaining 0.5427 H) there will still be significant habitat (with a cumulative 'H' value of 4.5873 'H') remaining within the Key Deer/Coupon Bight project that should be protected through public ownership.

<b>PRIVATE, VACANT PARCELS</b>	<b>Total Parcels</b>	<b>Total H</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
Tier 0	4	0.0013	3.27
Tier I	1089	4.4532	697.25
Tier II	382	0.4673	73.20
Tier III	272	0.2039	356.65
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>1130.4</b>

**Florida Forever Acquisition Statutory Provisions**

Pursuant to Section 259.105 F.S., parcels within the Florida Forever Project boundaries are eligible for acquisition if the following current provisions are met:

**Section 259.105, F.S.**

(3)(m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2013-2014 fiscal year only:

2. The remaining moneys appropriated from the Florida Forever Trust Fund shall be distributed only to the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection for land acquisitions that

- are less-than-fee interest,
- for partnerships in which the state's portion of the acquisition cost is no more than 50 percent,
- or for conservation lands needed for military buffering or springs or water resources protection.

This paragraph expires July 1, 2014.

For FY 2013-2014, only \$10 Million was appropriated for the Florida Forever Trust Fund (FFTF) for distribution to DEP for Florida Forever land acquisition projects that met the criteria described above.

The three Florida Keys projects discussed above did not qualify for funding due to the fact that the budget proviso (see Chapter 2013-40, L.O.F. or 2013 SB 1500 – General Appropriations bill) requires projects to be linked to freshwater spring preservation, which currently makes the Keys projects ineligible.

If Section 259.105(3)(m), F.S., and the budget proviso language are amended next Legislative session as indicated below then Monroe County could participate in partnering with the State of Florida by matching 50% of the acquisition cost.

**Recommended amendment to budget proviso language**

The Division of State Lands, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, shall proceed with the disposition of surplus state lands in order to provide up to \$50,000,000. These funds shall be distributed only to the Division of State Lands for land acquisitions with priority given to Florida's military installations against encroachment in order to achieve the state's economic development goals. All other land acquisitions shall be for conservation lands needed for Areas of Critical State Concern protection/preservation, springs protection or water resource protection, or for land acquisitions that are less-than-fee interest or for partnerships where the state's portion of the acquisition cost is no more than 50 percent. Prior to any land acquisitions for conservation lands using these funds, a report must be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust fund detailing the estimated costs to comply with the short-term and long-term management goals for the parcels.

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If the proposed legislative changes are approved, Monroe County could participate in partnering with the State of Florida by matching the acquisition funds provided by the State. Funds would need to be identified for this purpose.

### **Monroe County Land Authority Statutory Provisions**

If legislative changes are approved making Monroe County eligible for Florida Funding (DEP) funding, and if Land Authority funds are offered for the 50% match provision, DEP will still need to agree to give the Land Authority an easement to meet the requirements of Section 380.0666, F.S. (see excerpt below – the land authority must hold an ‘interest’ in property ).

#### **Section 380.0666(3), F.S.**

- (3) To acquire and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein when such acquisition is necessary or appropriate to protect the natural environment, provide public access or public recreational facilities, preserve wildlife habitat areas, provide affordable housing to families whose income does not exceed 160 percent of the median family income for the area, or provide access to management of acquired lands; to acquire interests in land by means of land exchanges; and to enter into all alternatives to the acquisition of fee interests in land, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of easements, development rights, life estates, leases, and leaseback arrangements. However, the land authority shall make such acquisition only if:
- a) Such acquisition is consistent with land development regulations and local comprehensive plans adopted and approved pursuant to this chapter;
  - b) The property acquired is within an area designated as an area of critical state concern at the time of acquisition or is within an area that was designated as an area of critical state concern for at least 20 consecutive years prior to removal of the designation; and
  - c) The property to be acquired has not been selected for purchase through another local, regional, state, or federal public land acquisition program. Such restriction shall not apply if the land authority cooperates with the other public land acquisition programs which listed the lands for acquisition, to coordinate the acquisition and disposition of such lands. In such cases, the land authority may enter into contractual or other agreements to acquire lands jointly or for eventual resale to other public land acquisition programs.

### **Land Acquisition Related to Military Compatibility & Encroachment**

While in Tallahassee in October, we discussed acquisition lands of non-conservation land as military base buffers in Monroe County (see attached white paper – Exhibit 3).

Growth Management staff has also met with Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW) representatives to discuss the State of Florida non-conservation lands military installation encroachment acquisition program adopted in Senate Bill 1784 (Exhibit 4). The NASKW informed us that they had recently met with Representative Holly Raschein to discuss this same program and how properties (see attached map – Exhibit 2) that pose a potential encroachment issue to NASKW within Monroe County can move up on the priority list (from Tier 3 to Tier 1) for acquisition. Tier 1 is the top priority for State acquisition under this program (*note, this is not related to the County's Tier System*).

We prepared the attached information and met with NASKW in the hopes of working together to analyze parcels within the area the county designated for military compatibility and encroachment

(MIAI – Military Installation Area of Impact) coordination and identify priorities for acquisition under the state program. We provided this information to Representative Raschein’s office so that she would have the same details of the possible encroachment areas we have. Upon direction of the BOCC we will meet with her office to go over our request.

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**BOCC Actions Needed:**

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EXHIBIT I

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FLORIDA FOREVER PRIORITY LIST  
APRIL 24, 2012

**Board of Trustees Florida Forever Priority List - April 24, 2012**

Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	County	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres	Work Plan Priority
1	Estero Bay	Lee	2,359	2,359	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	Charlott/ Lee/ Sarasota	6,874	9,233	High/Med
3	Spruce Creek	Volusia	449	9,682	Medium
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	Walton	3,243	12,925	Med/Low
5	Save Our Everglades	Collier	371	13,296	Low
6	Lochloosa Wildlife	Alachua	4,828	18,124	Low
<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>			<b>1% of acreage on list</b>	<b>18,124</b>	
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	County	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres	WP Priority
1	Windover Archaeological Site	Brevard	8	8	High
2	Pierce Mound Complex	Franklin	561	569	High
3	Three Chimneys	Volusia	56	625	High/Med
4	Okeechobee Battlefield	Okeechobee	89	714	Medium
5	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	Sumter	853	1,568	Med/Low
6	Pineland Site Complex	Lee	148	1,716	Low
<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>			<b>0.1% of acreage on list</b>	<b>1,716</b>	
Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	County	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres	WP Priority
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	Monroe	8,571	8,571	High
2	Caber Coastal Connector	Levy	7,804	16,375	High
3	North Key Largo Hammocks	Monroe	864	17,239	High
4	Northeast Florida Blueway	Duval/ St.Johns/ Flagler	13,118	30,356	High
5	St. Joe Timberland	Bay/ Franklin/ Gadsden/ Gulf/ Jefferson/ Leon/ Liberty/ Taylor/ Wakulla/ Watson/ Washington	89,976	120,333	High/Med
6	Coupon Bight / Key Deer	Monroe	1,641	121,973	Low
7	St. Johns River Blueway <sup>BA</sup>	St. Johns	26,212	148,186	Low
8	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	Citrus	9,930	158,116	Low
9	Terra Cela	Manatee	2,474	160,590	Low
10	Archle Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	Brevard/ Indian River	245	160,835	Low
11	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	Wakulla/ Franklin	2,972	163,806	Low
12	West Bay Preservation Area <sup>NP</sup>	Bay	4,494	168,300	Low
13	Garcon Ecosystem	Santa Rosa	3,835	172,135	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	Desoto	4,177	176,312	Low
15	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	Nassau	1,141	177,453	Low
<b>Subtotal: 15 Projects</b>			<b>8% of acreage on list</b>	<b>177,453</b>	
Rank	Partnerships & Regional Incentives Projects	County	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres	WP Priority
1	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	Washington/ Bay/ Jackson/ Wakulla/ Leon/ Hamilton/ Madison/ Lafayette/ Levy/ Marion/ Hernando	5,771	5,771	High
2	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	Duval/ Nassau/ Clay	87,481	93,252	High
3	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	Brevard	23,160	116,413	High
4	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	Volusia/ Brevard/ Indian River/ St. Lucie/ Martin	19,847	136,259	High
5	Escribano Point	Santa Rosa	1,798	138,058	High
6	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	Lee/ Collier	38,532	178,589	High/Med
7	Clear Creek / Whiting Field	Santa Rosa	3,416	180,005	Medium
8	Annutelliga Hammock <sup>BA</sup>	Citrus/ Hernando	12,540	192,545	Medium
9	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	Wakulla/ Leon	3,969	196,514	Medium
10	Volusia Conservation Corridor	Volusia/ Flagler	22,418	218,932	Medium
11	Green Swamp - Hitchcock Corridor <sup>RP</sup>	Lake/ Polk	55,894	274,826	Medium
12	Heather Island / Oklawaha River	Marion	19,549	294,375	Medium
13	Flagler County Blueway <sup>BA</sup>	Flagler/ Volusia	4,082	298,458	Medium
14	Dade County Archipelago	Miami-Dade	311	298,768	Medium
15	Watermelon Pond	Levy/ Alachua	5,933	304,701	Medium
16	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	Charlotte/ Lee	3,906	308,607	Medium
17	Middle Chipola River	Jackson/ Calhoun	11,877	320,484	Med/Low
18	Cattfish Creek	Polk	9,162	329,646	Low
19	Green Swamp - Withlacoochee River Headwaters <sup>RP</sup>	Lake/ Pasco/ Polk	52,115	381,761	Low
20	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	Martin	8,043	389,804	Low
21	Lake Santa Fe	Alachua/ Bradford	9,785	399,589	Low
22	Pal - Mar	Palm Beach/ Martin	9,954	409,543	Low
23	Rainbow River Corridor	Marion/ Citrus	1,138	410,680	Low
24	Crossbar / Al Bar Ranch	Pasco	12,371	423,051	Low
25	Sand Mountain	Washington/ Bay	14,495	437,546	Low
26	Pumpkin Hill Creek	Duval	10,850	448,396	Low
27	Baldwin Bay / St. Marys River	Duval/ Nassau	9,129	457,525	Low
28	Lafayette Forest	Lafayette	10,261	467,787	Low
29	Carr Farm / Price's Scrub	Marion/ Alachua	305	468,091	Low
30	Hall Ranch	Charlotte	8,519	476,610	Low
31	Florida National Scenic Trail	Columbia	7	476,617	Low
<b>Subtotal: 31 Projects</b>			<b>24% of acreage on list</b>	<b>476,617</b>	

### ARC Recommended 2013 Florida Forever Land Acquisition Priority List

Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres <sup>3</sup>	Work Plan Priority <sup>2</sup>
1	Estero Bay	Lee	1,991	1,991	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	Charlott/ Lee/ Sarasota	6,162	8,153	High/Med
3	Spruce Creek	Volusia	384	8,537	Medium
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	Walton	2,692	11,229	Med/Low
5	Lochloosa Wildlife	Alachua	4,648	15,877	Low
6	Save Our Everglades	Collier	262	16,138	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>1% of acreage on list</b>	<b>16,138</b>		
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4	St. Joe Timberland	Bay/ Franklin/ Gadsden/ Gulf/ Jefferson/ Leon/ Liberty/ Taylor/ Wakulla/ Watson/ Washington	82,284	110,762	High/Med
5	Coupon Bight / Key Deer	Monroe	1,155	111,916	Low
6	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	Citrus	8,060	119,976	Low
7	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	Wakulla/ Franklin	2,900	122,876	Low
8	St. Johns River Blueway	St. Johns	24,530	147,406	Low
9	Terra Ceia	Manatee	2,321	149,726	Low
10	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	Brevard/ Indian River	223	149,949	Low
11	West Bay Preservation Area	Bay	4,494	154,443	Low
12	Garcon Ecosystem	Santa Rosa	3,532	157,975	Low
13	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	Nassau	1,139	159,114	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	Desoto	4,177	163,291	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 14 Projects</b>	<b>8% of acreage on list</b>	<b>163,291</b>		

### ARC Recommended 2013 Florida Forever Land Acquisition Priority List

Rank	Partnerships & Regional Incentives Projects	County	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>2</sup>
1	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	Duval/ Nassua/ Clay	84,784	84,784	High
2	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	Washington/ Bay/ Jackson/ Wakulla/ Leon/ Hamilton/ Madison/ Lafayette/ Levy/ Marion/ Hernando	5,714	90,498	High
3	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	Brevard	22,938	113,436	High
4	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	Volusia/ Brevard/ Indian River/ St. Lucie/ Martin	19,761	133,198	High
5	Escribano Point	Santa Rosa	1,862	135,060	High
6	Volusia Conservation Corridor	Volusia/ Flagler	20,800	155,859	High
7	Annutteliga Hammock	Citrus/ Hernando	12,430	168,290	High/Med
8	Clear Creek / Whiting Field	Santa Rosa	3,232	171,522	Medium
9	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	Lee/ Collier	37,039	208,560	Medium
10	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	Wakulla/ Leon	3,959	212,520	Medium
11	Green Swamp - Hitchcock Corridor	Lake/ Polk	55,831	268,351	Medium
12	Heather Island / Oldawaha River	Marion	19,549	287,900	Medium
13	Dade County Archipelago	Miami-Dade	307	288,206	Medium
14	Green Swamp - Withlacoochee River Headwaters	Lake/ Pasco/ Polk	52,030	340,236	Med/Low
15	Flagler County Blueway	Flagler/ Volusia	4,026	344,262	Low
16	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	Marion	8,022	352,283	Low
17	Watermelon Pond	Levy/ Alachua	5,927	358,210	Low
18	Pal - Mar	Palm Beach/ Martin	9,708	367,918	Low
19	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	Charlotte/ Lee	3,896	371,813	Low
20	Lake Santa Fe	Alachua/ Bradford	9,594	381,407	Low
21	Middle Chipola River	Jackson/ Calhoun	11,849	393,256	Low
22	Catfish Creek	Polk	9,161	402,417	Low
23	Rainbow River Corridor	Marion/ Citrus	1,166	403,583	Low
24	Crossbar / Al Bar Ranch	Pasco	12,371	415,954	Low
25	Pumpkin Hill Creek	Duval	10,779	426,732	Low
26	Baldwin Bay / St. Marys River	Duval/ Nassau	9,129	435,862	Low
27	Carr Farm / Price's Scrub	Marion/ Alachua	305	436,166	Low
28	Sand Mountain	Washington/ Bay	14,506	450,673	Low
29	Lafayette Forest	Lafayette	10,258	460,930	Low
30	Hall Ranch	Charlotte	8,519	469,449	Low
31	Pringle Creek Forest	Flagler	8,460	477,909	Low
OK	<b>Subtotal: 31 Projects</b>	<b>24% of acreage on list</b>	<b>477,909</b>		

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Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	Remaining Acres	Kelley Boree	DHR	Mo Pearson	FFS	Lynetta Griner	Jack Vogel	Peter Frederick	FWC	Bill Palmer	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative Acres <sup>3</sup>	Work Plan Priority <sup>1</sup>
1	Estero Bay	1,991	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	17	1,991	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	6,162	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	1	1	3	25	8,153	High/Med
3	Spruce Creek	384	4	2	2	3	5	4	1	3	3	2	29	8,537	Medium
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	2,692	2	4	4	1	1	3	5	4	4	4	32	11,229	Med/Low
5	Lochloosa Wildlife	4,648	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	51	15,877	Low
6	Save Our Everglades	262	5	6	6	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	56	16,138	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>16,138</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	LG.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>1</sup>
1	Windover Archaeological Site	8	6	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	23	8	High
2	Pierce Mound Complex	560	5	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	28	569	High
3	Three Chimneys	56	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	32	625	High/Med
4	Okeechobee Battlefield	89	1	5	1	5	5	5	4	5	4	1	36	713	Medium
5	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	853	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	6	45	1,567	Med/Low
6	Pineland Site Complex	148	3	6	2	6	6	6	3	6	6	2	46	1,715	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			
Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	LG.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>1</sup>
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	7,555	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	16	7,555	High
2	Caber Coastal Connector	7,803	6	2	6	1	2	2	5	4	3	13	44	15,358	High
3	Northeast Florida Blueway	13,120	2	4	2	7	3	6	3	8	8	2	44.8	28,478	High
4	St. Joe Timberland	82,284	4	3	5	3	10	3	4	3	4	6	45	110,762	High/Med
5	Coupon Bight / Key Deer	1,155	5	5	4	4	6	4	13	2	2	7	52	111,916	Low
6	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	8,060	3	7	3	10	13	8	2	6	7	3	62	119,976	Low
7	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	2,900	7	10	9	5	5	7	1	10	6	12	72	122,876	Low
8	St. Johns River Blueway	24,530	11	8	8	6	7	5	7	9	10	5	76	147,406	Low
9	Terra Cela	2,321	9	6	11	8	8	10	10	7	9	9	87	149,726	Low
10	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	223	8	9	7	13	9	12	9	5	5	11	88	149,949	Low
11	West Bay Preservation Area	4,494	10	11	10	11	4	11	8	12	12	8	97	154,443	Low
12	Garcon Ecosystem	3,532	14	13	13	9	12	9	12	11	13	4	110	157,975	Low
13	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	1,139	13	12	14	14	11	14	14	13	11	10	126	159,114	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	4,177	12	14	12	12	14	13	11	14	14	14	130	163,291	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 14 Projects</b>	<b>163,291</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			

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1	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	84,784	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	10	6	1	26.8	84,784	High
2	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	5,714	1	1	1	7	4	3	3	3	2	2	27	90,498	High
3	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	22,938	13	4	4	2	3	2	7	2	4	11	52	113,436	High
4	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	19,761	4	5	12	14	11	10	12	4	3	7	82	133,198	High
5	Escribano Point	1,862	7	3	7	13	14	20	6	5	5	5	85	135,060	High
6	Volusia Conservation Corridor	20,800	6	15	3	4	6	7	14	15	12	6	88	155,859	High
7	Annettliga Hammock	12,430	3	8	6	15	15	12	11	7	7	8	92	168,290	High/Med
8	Clear Creek / Whiting Field	3,232	18	7	20	5	5	6	4	8	10	14	97	171,522	Medium
9	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	37,039	17	6	9	19	19	15	2	1	1	12	101	208,560	Medium
10	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	3,959	15	9	27	3	2	4	19	6	9	9	102.8	212,520	Medium
11	Green Swamp - Hilochee Corridor	55,831	5	16	5	9	21	9	10	11	14	3	103	268,351	Medium
12	Heather Island / Oklawaha River	19,549	8	12	13	6	7	5	22	16	13	21	123	287,900	Medium
13	Dade County Archipelago	307	12	11	8	20	10	13	8	21	19	25	147	288,206	Medium
14	Green Swamp - Withlacoochee River Headwaters	52,030	10	21	19	10	22	8	20	14	15	10	149	340,236	Med/Low
15	Flagler County Blueway	4,026	9	10	10	24	23	19	9	22	22	4	152	344,262	Low
16	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	8,022	28	22	11	11	16	11	15	20	20	26	179.8	352,283	Low
17	Watermelon Pond	5,927	16	13	24	22	25	17	16	13	11	23	180	358,210	Low
18	Pal - Mar	9,708	19	23	17	21	20	25	24	9	8	18	184	367,918	Low
19	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	3,896	23	19	21	18	17	16	23	12	16	24	189	371,813	Low
20	Lake Santa Fe	9,594	24	20	15	8	9	18	26	29	30	15	194	381,407	Low
21	Middle Chipola River	11,849	11	14	29	26	26	24	13	19	21	17	200	393,256	Low
22	Catfish Creek	9,161	30	18	16	23	24	21	21	18	17	19	207	402,417	Low
23	Rainbow River Corridor	1,166	20	17	28	31	8	27	17	17	18	30	213	403,583	Low
24	Crossbar / Al Bar Ranch	12,371	26	24	22	12	12	14	28	27	29	20	214	415,954	Low
25	Pumpkin Hill Creek	10,779	14	28	14	25	28	26	25	28	26	16	230	426,732	Low
26	Baldwin Bay / St. Marys River	9,129	31	26	31	16	13	23	31	25	27	13	236	435,862	Low
27	Carr Farm / Price's Scrub	305	21	25	18	17	18	22	30	30	28	28	237	436,166	Low
28	Sand Mountain	14,506	22	27	26	29	30	30	5	24	25	22	240	450,673	Low
29	Lafayette Forest	10,258	25	29	23	27	27	28	29	23	23	29	263	460,930	Low
30	Hall Ranch	8,519	27	30	30	28	29	29	27	26	24	27	277	469,449	Low
31	Pringle Creek Forest	8,460	29	31	25	30	31	31	18	31	31	31	288	477,909	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 31 Projects</b>	<b>477,909</b>	<b>OK</b>												

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1	Esler Bay	Lee	1,991	1,991	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	Charlott/ Lee/ Sarasota	6,162	8,153	High/Med
3	Spruce Creek	Volusia	384	8,537	Medium
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	Walton	2,692	11,229	Med/Low
5	Lochloosa Wildlife	Alachua	4,648	15,877	Low
6	Save Our Everglades	Collier	262	16,138	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>1% of acreage on list</b>	<b>16,138</b>		
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Windover Archaeological Site	Brevard	8	8	High
2	Pierce Mound Complex	Franklin	560	569	High
3	Three Chimneys	Volusia	56	625	High/Med
4	Okeechobee Battlefield	Okeechobee	89	713	Medium
5	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	Sumter	853	1,567	Med/Low
6	Pineland Site Complex	Lee	148	1,715	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>0.1% of acreage on list</b>	<b>1,715</b>		
Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	Monroe	7,555	7,555	High
2	Caber Coastal Connector	Levy	7,803	15,358	High
3	Northeast Florida Blueway	Duval/ St.Johns/ Flagler	13,120	28,478	High
4	St. Joe Timberland	Bay/ Franklin/ Gadsden/ Gulf/ Jefferson/ Leon/ Liberty/ Taylor/ Wakulla/ Watson/ Washington	82,284	110,762	High/Med
5	Coupon Bight / Key Deer	Monroe	1,155	111,916	Low
6	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	Citrus	8,060	119,976	Low
7	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	Wakulla/ Franklin	2,900	122,876	Low
8	St. Johns River Blueway	St. Johns	24,530	147,406	Low
9	Terra Ceia	Manatee	2,321	149,726	Low
10	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	Brevard/ Indian River	223	149,949	Low
11	West Bay Preservation Area	Bay	4,494	154,443	Low
12	Garcon Ecosystem	Santa Rosa	3,532	157,975	Low
13	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	Nassau	1,139	159,114	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	Desoto	4,177	163,291	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 14 Projects</b>	<b>8% of acreage on list</b>	<b>163,291</b>		

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Rank	Less-Than-Fee Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Adams Ranch	Osceola	10,336	10,336	High
2	Fishealing Creek Ecosystem	Glades/ Highlands	108,789	119,125	High
3	Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed	Dixie	46,461	165,586	High/Med
4	Seven Runs Creek	Walton	23,846	189,432	Medium
5	Myakka Ranchlands	Sarasota	11,211	200,643	Medium
6	Tiger Cattle Company Ranch	Okeechobee	2,229	202,872	Medium
7	Ayavalla Plantation	Leon	6,081	208,954	Medium
8	Big Bend Swamp / Holopaw Ranch	Osceola	50,481	259,434	Medium
9	Ochlockonee River Conservation Area	Gadsden/ Leon	3,269	262,703	Medium
10	Clay Ranch	Putnam	2,460	265,162	Medium
11	Gulf Hammock	Levy	25,611	290,774	Medium
12	Green Swamp - Pine Island Recharge Area	Lake	30,482	321,255	Medium
13	Ranch Reserve	Osceola	12,515	333,770	Med/Low
14	Raiford - Osceola Greenway	Baker/ Union	67,673	401,443	Low
15	Green Swamp - Peace River Headwaters	Polk	23,703	425,147	Low
16	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	Gadsden/ Liberty	6,921	432,068	Low
17	Mill Creek	Marion	12,293	444,361	Low
18	Lower Perdido River Buffer	Escambia	2,331	446,692	Low
19	Peace River Refuge	Desoto	3,845	450,537	Low
20	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	Alachua	376	450,913	Low
21	Maytown Flatwoods	Brevard	7,187	458,099	Low
22	Old Town Creek Watershed	Hardee/ Polk	7,303	465,402	Low
23	Limestone Ranch	Hardee	6,382	471,784	Low
24	Little River Conservation Area	Gadsden	2,057	473,841	Low
25	Horse Creek Ranch	DeSoto/ Hardee	16,316	490,157	Low
26	Suwannee County Preservation	Suwannee	1,254	491,411	Low
27	West Aucilla River Buffer	Jefferson	710	492,121	Low
28	Millstone Plantation	Leon	56	492,176	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 28 Projects</b>	<b>25% of acreage on list</b>	<b>492,176</b>		

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1	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	Duval/ Nassau/ Clay	84,784	84,784	High
2	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	Washington/ Bay/ Jackson/ Wakulla/ Leon/ Hamilton/ Madison/ Lafayette/ Levy/ Marion/ Hernando	5,714	90,498	High
3	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	Brevard	22,938	113,436	High
4	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	Volusia/ Brevard/ Indian River/ St. Lucia/ Martin	19,761	133,198	High
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11	Green Swamp - Hilochee Corridor	Lake/ Polk	55,831	268,351	Medium
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16	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	Martin	8,022	352,283	Low
17	Watermelon Pond	Levy/ Alachua	5,927	358,210	Low
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19	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	Charlotte/ Lee	3,896	371,813	Low
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29	Lafayette Forest	Lafayette	10,258	460,930	Low
30	Hall Ranch	Charlotte	8,519	469,449	Low
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OK	<b>Subtotal: 31 Projects</b>	<b>24% of acreage on list</b>	<b>477,909</b>		

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Rank	Critical Natural Lands Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	Lake/ Osceola/ Highlands/ Polk	24,078	24,078	High
2	Bombing Range Ridge	Polk/ Highlands/ Osceola	32,643	56,720	High
3	Wekiva - Ocala Greenway	Lake/ Orange/ Seminole/ Volusia	25,053	81,773	High
4	Blue Head Ranch	Highlands	40,539	122,312	High
5	Apalachicola River	Jackson/ Gadsden/ Liberty/ Calhoun	11,134	133,447	High
6	Panther Glades	Hendry	40,634	174,081	High
7	Wacissa / Aucilla River Sinks	Jefferson/ Taylor	17,208	191,289	High
8	Upper St. Marks River Corridor	Leon/ Jefferson/ Wakulla	11,025	202,314	High
9	Triple Diamond	Okeechobee	7,998	210,312	High
10	Belle Meade	Collier	7,308	217,620	High
11	Osceola Pine Savannas	Osceola	27,483	245,103	High
12	Etoniah / Cross Florida Greenway	Clay/ Putnam/ Marion	63,536	308,639	High/Med
13	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	Gilchrist/ Volusia/ Marion	9,679	318,319	Medium
14	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	Osceola/ Indian River	48,902	367,221	Medium
15	Devil's Garden	Hendry/ Collier	82,934	450,155	Medium
16	Camp Blanding - Raiford Greenway	Baker, Bradford, Clay and Union	33,973	484,128	Medium
17	Twelvemile Slough	Hendry	8,128	492,256	Medium
18	Half Circle L Ranch	Hendry/ Collier	11,176	503,431	Medium
19	South Goethe	Marion/ Levy	11,642	515,073	Medium
20	Kissimmee - St. Johns River Connector	Okeechobee/ Indian River	34,589	549,662	Medium
21	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	Hendry/ Glades	13,511	563,173	Med/Low
22	Bear Creek Forest	Bay/ Calhoun/ Gulf	100,425	663,598	Low
23	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	Escambia	2,378	665,976	Low
24	Pinhook Swamp	Baker/ Columbia	60,418	726,394	Low
25	Natural Bridge Creek	Walton	1,797	728,191	Low
26	Wolfe Creek Forest	Santa Rosa	10,067	738,258	Low
27	Bear Hammock	Marion	4,680	742,938	Low
28	San Pedro Bay	Madison/ Taylor	44,999	787,937	Low
29	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	Osceola/ Polk	5,473	793,410	Low
30	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	Jackson/ Alachua/ Marion/ Citrus/ Sumter	591	794,000	Low
31	Upper Shoal River	Walton	12,027	806,028	Low
32	Shoal River Buffer	Okaloosa	2,174	808,202	Low
33	Ichetucknee Trace	Columbia	1,894	810,096	Low
34	Hixtown Swamp	Madison	22,399	832,494	Low
OK	<b>Subtotal: 34 Projects</b>	<b>42% of acreage on list</b>	<b>832,494</b>		
OK	<b>TOTAL ACRES OF ALL 119 PROJECTS</b>		<b>1,983,725</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Counties with no remaining acreage to acquire in a project not listed here -- see project summaries for counties in which acquisitions completed.

<sup>2</sup> Total of ranking votes, except higher ranked of tied projects has decimal amount subtracted from total.

<sup>3</sup> Cumulative acres used to calculate in which Priority Group of the Acquisition Work Plan each project will qualify.

<sup>4</sup> Work Plan Priority Groups pursuant to Rule 18-24.006(6):

High/Med = Portion of project in High Priority Group & portion in Medium Priority Group

Med/Low = Portion of project in Medium Priority Group & portion in Low Priority Group

High Priority Group = top 1/3 acreage within each Category

Medium Priority Group = middle 1/3 acreage within each Category

Low Priority Group = bottom 1/3 acreage within each Category

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1	Estero Bay	1,991	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	17	1,991	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	6,162	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	1	1	3	25	8,153	High/Med
3	Spruce Creek	384	4	2	2	3	5	4	1	3	3	2	29	8,537	Medium
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	2,692	2	4	4	1	1	3	5	4	4	4	32	11,229	Med/Low
5	Lochloosa Wildlife	4,648	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	51	15,877	Low
6	Save Our Everglades	262	5	6	6	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	56	16,138	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>16,138</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>1</sup>
1	Windover Archaeological Site	8	6	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	23	8	High
2	Pierce Mound Complex	560	5	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	28	569	High
3	Three Chimneys	56	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	32	625	High/Med
4	Okeechobee Battlefield	89	1	5	1	5	5	5	4	5	4	1	36	713	Medium
5	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	853	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	6	45	1,567	Med/Low
6	Pineland Site Complex	148	3	6	2	6	6	6	3	6	6	2	46	1,715	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			
Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>1</sup>
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	7,555	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	16	7,555	High
2	Caber Coastal Connector	7,803	6	2	6	1	2	2	5	4	3	13	44	15,358	High
3	Northeast Florida Blueway	13,120	2	4	2	7	3	6	3	8	8	2	44.8	28,478	High
4	St. Joe Timberland	82,284	4	3	5	3	10	3	4	3	4	6	45	110,762	High/Med
5	Coupon Bight / Key Deer	1,155	5	5	4	4	6	4	13	2	2	7	52	111,916	Low
6	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	8,060	3	7	3	10	13	8	2	6	7	3	62	119,976	Low
7	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	2,900	7	10	9	5	5	7	1	10	6	12	72	122,876	Low
8	St. Johns River Blueway	24,530	11	8	8	6	7	5	7	9	10	5	76	147,406	Low
9	Terra Ceia	2,321	9	6	11	8	8	10	10	7	9	9	87	149,726	Low
10	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	223	8	9	7	13	9	12	9	5	5	11	88	149,949	Low
11	West Bay Preservation Area	4,494	10	11	10	11	4	11	8	12	12	8	97	154,443	Low
12	Garcon Ecosystem	3,532	14	13	13	9	12	9	12	11	13	4	110	157,975	Low
13	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	1,139	13	12	14	14	11	14	14	13	11	10	126	159,114	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	4,177	12	14	12	12	14	13	11	14	14	14	130	163,291	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 14 Projects</b>	<b>163,291</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			

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Rank	Less-Than-Fee Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>	
1	Adams Ranch	10,336	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	16	10,336	High
2	Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	108,789	2	2	1	8	10	2	3	2	2	8	40	119,125	High	
3	Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed	46,461	5	6	4	9	4	7	2	3	6	4	50	165,586	High/Med	
4	Seven Runs Creek	23,846	7	3	8	11	8	15	4	6	4	2	68	189,432	Medium	
5	Myakka Ranchlands	11,211	12	5	13	4	6	5	7	11	8	10	81	200,643	Medium	
6	Tiger Cattle Company Ranch	2,229	10	9	14	3	2	4	9	12	12	11	85.8	202,872	Medium	
7	Ayavalla Plantation	6,081	21	7	21	2	3	3	6	5	3	15	86	208,954	Medium	
8	Big Bend Swamp / Holopaw Ranch	50,481	1	10	2	16	18	9	8	7	9	12	92	259,434	Medium	
9	Ochlockonee River Conservation Area	3,269	16	4	23	6	9	6	5	4	5	16	94	262,703	Medium	
10	Clay Ranch	2,460	15	8	10	5	7	10	10	10	10	19	104	265,162	Medium	
11	Gulf Hammock	25,611	8	12	9	12	11	11	12	9	11	13	108	290,774	Medium	
12	Green Swamp - Pine Island Recharge Area	30,482	6	15	7	19	20	12	13	15	13	1	120.8	321,255	Medium	
13	Ranch Reserve	12,515	9	11	5	21	23	20	11	8	7	6	121	333,770	Med/Low	
14	Raiford - Osceola Greenway	67,673	4	13	6	27	22	23	14	13	14	7	143	401,443	Low	
15	Green Swamp - Peace River Headwaters	23,703	14	17	11	17	21	17	15	14	15	5	146	425,147	Low	
16	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	6,921	11	20	17	10	12	14	16	16	17	17	150	432,068	Low	
17	Mill Creek	12,293	22	18	19	7	5	8	17	21	27	21	165	444,361	Low	
18	Lower Perdido River Buffer	2,331	19	16	20	15	16	19	18	22	21	14	180	446,692	Low	
19	Peace River Refuge	3,845	13	21	12	26	24	27	19	18	20	9	189	450,537	Low	
20	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	376	24	27	18	14	14	13	24	27	22	20	202.8	450,913	Low	
21	Maytown Flatwoods	7,187	20	25	16	20	15	21	21	24	23	18	203	458,099	Low	
22	Old Town Creek Watershed	7,303	18	19	15	22	27	22	22	17	19	23	204	465,402	Low	
23	Limestone Ranch	6,382	23	14	22	24	25	26	20	20	18	24	216	471,784	Low	
24	Little River Conservation Area	2,057	28	22	28	13	13	16	23	23	25	28	219	473,841	Low	
25	Horse Creek Ranch	16,316	25	23	25	25	19	18	25	19	16	25	220	490,157	Low	
26	Suwannee County Preservation	1,254	17	26	24	18	28	25	26	26	24	26	240	491,411	Low	
27	West Aucilla River Buffer	710	27	24	27	23	17	24	27	25	26	27	247	492,121	Low	
28	Millstone Plantation	56	26	28	26	28	26	28	28	28	28	22	268	492,176	Low	
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 28 Projects</b>	<b>492,176</b>	<b>OK</b>													

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1	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	84,784	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	10	6	1	26.8	84,784	High
2	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	5,714	1	1	1	7	4	3	3	3	2	2	27	90,498	High
3	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	22,938	13	4	4	2	3	2	7	2	4	11	52	113,436	High
4	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	19,761	4	5	12	14	11	10	12	4	3	7	82	133,198	High
5	Escribano Point	1,862	7	3	7	13	14	20	6	5	5	5	85	135,060	High
6	Volusia Conservation Corridor	20,800	6	15	3	4	6	7	14	15	12	6	88	155,859	High
7	Annettelega Hammock	12,430	3	8	6	15	15	12	11	7	7	8	92	168,290	High/Med
8	Clear Creek / Whiting Field	3,232	18	7	20	5	5	6	4	8	10	14	97	171,522	Medium
9	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	37,039	17	6	9	19	19	15	2	1	1	12	101	208,560	Medium
10	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	3,959	15	9	27	3	2	4	19	6	9	9	102.8	212,520	Medium
11	Green Swamp - Hilochee Corridor	55,831	5	16	5	9	21	9	10	11	14	3	103	268,351	Medium
12	Heather Island / Oklawaha River	19,549	8	12	13	6	7	5	22	16	13	21	123	287,900	Medium
13	Dade County Archipelago	307	12	11	8	20	10	13	8	21	19	25	147	288,206	Medium
14	Green Swamp - Withlacoochee River Headwaters	52,030	10	21	19	10	22	8	20	14	15	10	149	340,236	Med/Low
15	Flagler County Blueway	4,026	9	10	10	24	23	19	9	22	22	4	152	344,262	Low
16	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	8,022	28	22	11	11	16	11	15	20	20	26	179.8	352,283	Low
17	Watermelon Pond	5,927	16	13	24	22	25	17	16	13	11	23	180	358,210	Low
18	Pai - Mar	9,708	19	23	17	21	20	25	24	9	8	18	184	367,918	Low
19	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	3,896	23	19	21	18	17	16	23	12	16	24	189	371,813	Low
20	Lake Santa Fe	9,594	24	20	15	8	9	18	26	29	30	15	194	381,407	Low
21	Middle Chipola River	11,849	11	14	29	26	26	24	13	19	21	17	200	393,256	Low
22	Calfish Creek	9,161	30	18	16	23	24	21	21	18	17	19	207	402,417	Low
23	Rainbow River Corridor	1,166	20	17	28	31	8	27	17	17	18	30	213	403,583	Low
24	Crossbar / Al Bar Ranch	12,371	26	24	22	12	12	14	28	27	29	20	214	415,954	Low
25	Pumpkin Hill Creek	10,779	14	28	14	25	28	26	25	28	26	16	230	426,732	Low
26	Baldwin Bay / St. Marys River	9,129	31	26	31	16	13	23	31	25	27	13	236	435,862	Low
27	Carr Farm / Price's Scrub	305	21	25	18	17	18	22	30	30	28	28	237	436,166	Low
28	Sand Mountain	14,506	22	27	26	29	30	30	5	24	25	22	240	450,673	Low
29	Lafayette Forest	10,258	25	29	23	27	27	28	29	23	23	29	263	460,930	Low
30	Hall Ranch	8,519	27	30	30	28	29	29	27	26	24	27	277	469,449	Low
31	Pringle Creek Forest	8,460	29	31	25	30	31	31	18	31	31	31	288	477,909	Low
OK	<b>Subtotal: 31 Projects</b>	<b>477,909</b>	<b>OK</b>		<b>477,909</b>	<b>Low</b>									

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1	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	24,078	3	1	1	2	5	2	2	4	5	5	30	24,078	High
2	Bombing Range Ridge	32,643	1	6	2	4	4	5	1	3	2	3	31	56,720	High
3	Wekiva - Ocala Greenway	25,053	2	3	3	1	1	1	6	11	8	1	37	81,773	High
4	Blue Head Ranch	40,539	7	5	6	3	3	4	4	5	7	7	51	122,312	High
5	Apalachicola River	11,134	8	4	4	8	10	7	3	6	1	4	55	133,447	High
6	Panther Glades	40,634	6	2	5	9	9	3	9	1	3	11	58	174,081	High
7	Wacissa / Aucilla River Sinks	17,208	11	8	14	5	6	9	13	14	12	9	101	191,289	High
8	Upper St. Marks River Corridor	11,025	14	9	22	6	7	6	24	17	4	6	115	202,314	High
9	Triple Diamond	7,998	13	7	23	11	2	12	5	12	9	23	117	210,312	High
10	Belle Meade	7,308	24	10	16	12	13	11	19	2	6	13	126	217,620	High
11	Osceola Pine Savannas	27,483	4	17	7	17	19	16	8	15	16	10	129	245,103	High
12	Etoniah / Cross Florida Greenway	63,536	5	11	10	13	16	13	12	21	18	17	136	308,639	High/Med
13	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	9,679	12	13	11	10	20	10	7	18	23	15	139	318,319	Medium
14	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	48,902	17	16	13	15	15	14	15	13	14	16	148	367,221	Medium
15	Devil's Garden	82,934	20	15	21	14	14	15	17	10	13	28	167	450,155	Medium
16	Camp Blanding - Raiford Greenway	33,973	18	18	18	19	22	19	16	20	19	2	171	484,128	Medium
17	Twelvemile Slough	8,128	19	21	9	25	30	21	11	8	11	19	174	492,256	Medium
18	Half Circle L Ranch	11,176	15	20	12	21	24	20	21	7	10	27	177	503,431	Medium
19	South Goethe	11,642	9	23	15	16	17	17	18	28	27	14	184	515,073	Medium
20	Kissimmee - St. Johns River Connector	34,589	10	24	8	26	29	24	22	23	21	8	195	549,662	Medium
21	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	13,511	23	14	20	33	28	29	10	9	17	26	209	563,173	Med/Low
22	Bear Creek Forest	100,425	27	25	24	18	18	18	14	26	26	20	216	663,598	Low
23	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	2,378	22	22	19	27	11	27	20	32	31	12	223	665,976	Low
24	Pinhook Swamp	60,418	21	26	17	22	26	23	23	25	25	21	228.8	726,394	Low
25	Natural Bridge Creek	1,797	28	12	32	20	23	26	32	19	15	22	229	728,191	Low
26	Wolfe Creek Forest	10,067	29	33	34	7	8	8	33	33	32	18	235	738,258	Low
27	Bear Hammock	4,680	16	19	26	30	31	30	25	16	20	24	237	742,938	Low
28	San Pedro Bay	44,999	26	32	25	23	12	22	26	29	24	25	244	787,937	Low
29	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	5,473	25	27	27	29	27	33	27	22	22	29	268	793,410	Low
30	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	591	31	31	30	28	25	28	29	27	29	34	292	794,000	Low
31	Upper Shoal River	12,027	33	34	33	24	21	25	31	31	30	32	294	806,028	Low
32	Shoal River Buffer	2,174	32	28	29	32	33	32	28	24	28	30	296	808,202	Low
33	Ichetucknee Trace	1,894	30	30	28	31	32	31	30	34	34	33	313	810,096	Low
34	Hixtown Swamp	22,399	34	29	31	34	34	34	34	30	33	31	324	832,494	Low
OK	<b>Subtotal: 34 Projects</b>	<b>832,494</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>832,494</b>	<b>Low</b>									
OK	<b>TOTAL ACRES OF ALL 119 PROJECTS</b>	<b>1,983,725</b>													

<sup>1</sup> Counties with no remaining acreage to acquire in a project not listed here - see project summaries for counties in which acquisitions completed.

<sup>2</sup> Total of ranking votes, except higher ranked of tied projects has decimal amount subtracted from total.

<sup>3</sup> Cumulative acres used to calculate in which Priority Group of the Acquisition Work Plan each project will qualify.

<sup>4</sup> Work Plan Priority Groups pursuant to Rule 18-24.006(6):

High/Med = Portion of project in High Priority Group & portion in Medium Priority Group

Med/Low = Portion of project in Medium Priority Group & portion in Low Priority Group

High Priority Group = top 1/3 acreage within each Category

Medium Priority Group = middle 1/3 acreage within each Category

Low Priority Group = bottom 1/3 acreage within each Category

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1	Bombing Range Ridge	Polk/ Highlands/ Osceola	32,643	32,643	High
2	Wekiva - Ocala Greenway	Lake/ Orange/ Seminole/ Volusia	25,053	57,696	High
3	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	Lake/ Osceola/ Highlands/ Polk	24,078	81,773	High
4	Apalachicola River	Jackson/ Gadsden/ Liberty/ Calhoun	11,134	92,907	High
5	Panther Glades	Hendry	40,634	133,542	High
6	Blue Head Ranch	Highlands	40,539	174,081	High
7	Etoniah / Cross Florida Greenway	Clay/ Putnam/ Marion	63,536	237,617	High
8	Wacissa / Aucilla River Sinks	Jefferson/ Taylor	17,208	254,825	High
9	Osceola Pine Savannas	Osceola	27,483	282,308	High/Med
10	Triple Diamond	Okeechobee	7,998	290,306	Medium
11	Upper St. Marks River Corridor	Leon/ Jefferson/ Wakulla	11,025	301,331	Medium
12	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	Osceola/ Indian River	48,902	350,233	Medium
13	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	Gilchrist/ Volusia/ Marion	9,679	359,912	Medium
14	South Goethe	Marion/ Levy	11,642	371,554	Medium
15	Belle Meade	Collier	7,308	378,862	Medium
16	Devil's Garden	Hendry/ Collier	82,934	461,796	Medium
17	Twelvemile Slough	Hendry	8,128	469,924	Medium
18	Half Circle L Ranch	Hendry/ Collier	11,176	481,100	Medium
19	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	Hendry/ Glades	13,511	494,611	Medium
20	Bear Creek Forest	Bay/ Calhoun/ Gulf	100,425	595,036	Med/Low
21	Camp Blanding - Raiford Greenway	Baker, Bradford, Clay and Union	33,973	629,009	Low
22	Pinhook Swamp	Baker/ Columbia	60,418	689,427	Low
23	Bear Hammock	Marion	4,680	694,108	Low
24	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	Escambia	2,378	696,485	Low
25	Wolfe Creek Forest	Santa Rosa	10,067	706,552	Low
26	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	Osceola/ Polk	5,473	712,025	Low
27	San Pedro Bay	Madison/ Taylor	44,999	757,024	Low
28	Natural Bridge Creek	Walton	1,797	758,821	Low
29	Shoal River Buffer	Okaloosa	2,174	760,995	Low
30	Ichetucknee Trace	Columbia	1,894	762,889	Low
31	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	Jackson/ Alachua/ Marion/ Citrus/ Sumter	591	763,480	Low
32	Upper Shoal River	Walton	12,027	775,507	Low
33	Hixtown Swamp	Madison	22,399	797,906	Low
Rank	Partnerships & Regional Incentives Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>2</sup>	WP Priority <sup>3</sup>
1	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	Washington/ Bay/ Jackson/ Wakulla/ Leon/ Hamilton/ Madison/ Lafayette/ Levy/ Marion/ Hernando	5,714	110,259	High
2	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	Duval/ Nassau/ Clay	84,784	133,198	High
3	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	Volusia/ Brevard/ Indian River/ St. Lucie/ Martin	19,761	137,157	High
4	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	Brevard	22,938	174,196	High/Med
5	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	Wakulla/ Leon	3,959	186,626	Medium
6	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	Lee/ Collier	37,039	189,858	Medium
7	Annatteliga Hammock	Citrus/ Hernando	12,430	210,658	Medium
8	Clear Creek / Whiting Field	Santa Rosa	3,232	266,489	Medium
9	Volusia Conservation Corridor	Volusia/ Flagler	20,800	286,038	Medium
10	Green Swamp - Hilochee Corridor	Lake/ Polk	55,831	290,063	Medium
11	Heather Island / Oklawaha River	Marion	19,549	304,570	Medium
12	Flagler County Blueway	Flagler/ Volusia	4,026	304,876	Medium
13	Sand Mountain	Washington/ Bay	14,506	356,906	Med/Low
14	Dade County Archipelago	Miami-Dade	307	366,614	Low
15	Green Swamp - Withlacoochee River Headwaters	Lake/ Pasco/ Polk	52,030	376,208	Low
16	Pal - Mar	Palm Beach/ Martin	9,708	380,103	Low
17	Lake Santa Fe	Alachua/ Bradford	9,594	386,030	Low
18	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	Charlotte/ Lee	3,896	387,196	Low
19	Watermelon Pond	Levy/ Alachua	5,927	399,045	Low
20	Rainbow River Corridor	Marion/ Citrus	1,166	408,205	Low
21	Middle Chipola River	Jackson/ Calhoun	11,849	416,227	Low
22	Catfish Creek	Polk	9,161	428,598	Low
23	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	Martin	8,022	439,377	Low
24	Crossbar / Al Bar Ranch	Pasco	12,371	448,506	Low
25	Pumpkin Hill Creek	Duval	10,779	457,025	Low
26	Baldwin Bay / St. Marys River	Duval/ Nassau	9,129	467,282	Low
27	Hall Ranch	Charlotte	8,519	467,587	Low
28	Lafayette Forest	Lafayette	10,258	476,047	Low
29	Carr Farm / Price's Scrub	Marion/ Alachua	305	469,449	Low
30	Pringle Creek Forest	Flagler	8,460	477,909	Low

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Rank	Less-Than-Fee Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Remaining Acres	Cumulative Acres <sup>2</sup>	Work Plan Priority <sup>3</sup>
1	Adams Ranch	Osceola	10,336	10,336	High
2	Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	Glades/ Highlands	108,789	119,125	High
3	Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed	Dixie	46,461	165,586	High
4	Tiger Cattle Company Ranch	Okeechobee	2,229	167,815	High
5	Myakka Ranchlands	Sarasota	11,211	179,026	High/Med
6	Big Bend Swamp / Holopaw Ranch	Osceola	50,481	229,507	High/Med
7	Ochlockonee River Conservation Area	Gadsden/ Leon	3,269	232,776	Medium
8	Kissimmee - St. Johns River Connector	Okeechobee/ Indian River	34,589	267,364	Medium
9	Gulf Hammock	Levy	25,611	292,976	Medium
10	Green Swamp - Pine Island Recharge Area	Lake	30,482	323,457	Medium
11	Ayavalla Plantation	Leon	6,081	329,538	Medium
12	Clay Ranch	Putnam	2,460	331,998	Medium
13	Ralford - Osceola Greenway	Baker/ Union	67,673	399,671	Med/Low
14	Ranch Reserve	Osceola	12,515	412,186	Low
15	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	Gadsden/ Liberty	6,921	419,108	Low
16	Eastern Scarp Ranchlands	Highlands	2,281	421,389	Low
17	Green Swamp - Peace River Headwaters	Polk	23,703	445,092	Low
18	Mill Creek	Marion	12,293	457,385	Low
19	Peace River Refuge	Desoto	3,845	461,230	Low
20	Lower Perdido River Buffer	Escambia	2,331	463,561	Low
21	Maytown Flatwoods	Brevard	7,187	470,748	Low
22	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	Alachua	376	471,123	Low
23	Old Town Creek Watershed	Hardee/ Polk	7,303	478,426	Low
24	Limestone Ranch	Hardee	6,382	484,808	Low
25	Horse Creek Ranch	DeSoto/ Hardee	16,316	501,124	Low
26	Little River Conservation Area	Gadsden	2,057	503,181	Low
27	Suwannee County Preservation	Suwannee	1,254	504,435	Low
28	West Aucilla River Buffer	Jefferson	710	505,145	Low
29	Millstone Plantation	Leon	56	505,200	Low
Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>2</sup>	WP Priority <sup>3</sup>
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	Monroe	7,555	7,555	High
2	Northeast Florida Blueway	Duval/ St.Johns/ Flagler	13,120	20,675	High
3	St. Joe Timberland	Bay/ Franklin/ Gadsden/ Gulf/ Jefferson/ Leon/ Liberty/ Taylor/ Wakulla/ Watson/ Washington	82,284	102,958	High/Med
4	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	Citrus	8,060	111,018	Med/Low
5	Caber Coastal Connector	Levy	7,803	118,821	Low
6	Coupon Blight / Key Deer	Monroe	1,155	119,976	Low
7	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	Wakulla/ Franklin	2,900	122,876	Low
8	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	Brevard/ Indian River	223	123,098	Low
9	St. Johns River Blueway	St. Johns	24,530	147,628	Low
10	West Bay Preservation Area	Bay	4,494	152,122	Low
11	Terra Cela	Manatee	2,321	154,443	Low
12	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	Nassau	1,139	155,582	Low
13	Garcon Ecosystem	Santa Rosa	3,532	159,114	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	Desoto	4,177	163,291	Low
Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>2</sup>	WP Priority <sup>3</sup>
1	Escribano Point	Santa Rosa	335	335	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	Charlotte/ Lee/ Sarasota	6,162	6,497	High
3	Esterio Bay	Lee	1,991	8,488	High/Med
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	Walton	2,692	11,180	Med/Low
5	Spruce Creek	Volusia	384	11,564	Low
6	Save Our Everglades	Collier	262	11,826	Low
7	Lochloosa Wildlife	Alachua	4,648	16,474	Low
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	County <sup>1</sup>	Rem. Acres	Cum. Acres <sup>2</sup>	WP Priority <sup>3</sup>
1	Pierce Mound Complex	Franklin	560	569	High
2	Three Chimneys	Volusia	56	625	High/Med
3	Okeechobee Battlefield	Okeechobee	89	713	Medium
4	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	Sumter	853	1,567	Med/Low
5	Pineland Site Complex	Lee	148	1,715	Low

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<sup>3</sup> Work Plan Priority Groups pursuant to Rule 18-24.006(6), F.A.C.:

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Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	Remaining Acres	Kelley Boree	DHR	Mo Pearson	FFS	Lynetta Griner	Jack Vogel	Peter Frederick	FWC	Bill Palmer	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative Acres <sup>3</sup>	Work Plan Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Escribano Point	335	1	1	7	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	26	335	High
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	6,162	2	3	2	4	4	5	5	3	1	5	33.8	6,497	High
3	Estero Bay	1,991	4	2	4	3	2	1	4	4	4	6	34	8,488	High/Med
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	2,692	3	5	1	1	1	2	6	7	7	4	37	11,180	Med/Low
5	Spruce Creek	384	5	4	3	5	5	4	1	6	5	2	40	11,564	Low
6	Save Our Everglades	262	6	7	6	6	7	7	3	1	3	7	53	11,826	Low
7	Lochloosa Wildlife	4,648	7	6	5	7	6	6	7	5	6	1	56	16,474	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 7 Projects</b>	<b>16,474</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			
Rank	Critical Historical Resources Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Windover Archaeological Site	8	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	8	High
2	Pierce Mound Complex	560	5	1	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	6	29	569	High
3	Three Chimneys	56	2	2	5	5	3	4	5	3	3	2	33.8	625	High/Med
4	Okeechobee Battlefield	89	1	4	1	3	5	3	4	5	5	3	34	713	Medium
5	Battle of Wahoo Swamp	853	4	3	3	4	4	6	6	4	4	4	42	1,567	Med/Low
6	Pineland Site Complex	148	3	5	2	6	6	5	2	6	6	5	46	1,715	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 6 Projects</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			
Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	7,555	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	15	7,555	High
2	Northeast Florida Blueway	13,120	3	4	4	1	2	4	4	7	10	4	43	20,675	High
3	St. Joe Timberland	82,284	4	3	3	3	12	5	5	4	4	1	44	102,958	High/Med
4	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	8,060	2	7	2	5	13	3	2	6	6	2	47.8	111,018	Med/Low
5	Caber Coastal Connector	7,803	5	2	6	7	4	6	1	3	2	12	48	118,821	Low
6	Coupon Bight / Key Deer	1,155	6	5	5	4	6	2	11	2	3	9	53	119,976	Low
7	Dickerson Bay / Bald Point	2,900	10	10	9	8	5	7	6	10	7	8	80	122,876	Low
8	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	223	7	9	10	6	9	9	8	5	5	14	82	123,098	Low
9	St. Johns River Blueway	24,530	9	8	8	9	7	11	7	9	11	6	84.8	147,628	Low
10	West Bay Preservation Area	4,494	8	11	7	11	3	10	9	12	9	5	85	152,122	Low
11	Terra Ceia	2,321	11	6	12	12	8	12	10	8	8	10	97	154,443	Low
12	Tiger / Little Tiger Island	1,139	13	12	11	13	10	13	12	13	12	7	116	155,582	Low
13	Garcon Ecosystem	3,532	14	13	13	10	11	8	14	11	13	13	120	159,114	Low
14	Peaceful Horse Ranch	4,177	12	14	14	14	14	14	13	14	14	11	134	163,291	Low
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 14 Projects</b>	<b>163,291</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>			

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Rank	Less-Than-Fee Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>	
1	Adams Ranch	10,336	3	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	19	10,336	High
2	Fisheating Creek Ecosystem	108,789	1	2	2	4	11	2	3	2	2	2	2	31	119,125	High
3	Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed	46,461	8	6	9	6	4	5	2	3	4	12	59	165,586	High	
4	Tiger Cattle Company Ranch	2,229	7	9	8	3	2	3	9	10	10	18	79	167,815	High	
5	Myakka Ranchlands	11,211	12	5	19	2	6	6	11	11	8	9	89	179,026	High/Med	
6	Big Bend Swamp / Holopaw Ranch	50,481	2	10	4	11	19	10	8	5	9	13	91	229,507	High/Med	
7	Ochlockonee River Conservation Area	3,269	20	4	18	8	8	7	5	6	5	15	96	232,776	Medium	
8	Kissimmee - St. Johns River Connector	34,589	5	25	3	9	9	11	4	12	12	10	100	267,364	Medium	
9	Gulf Hammock	25,611	10	12	11	7	10	9	12	4	3	24	102	292,976	Medium	
10	Green Swamp - Pine Island Recharge Area	30,482	4	15	1	10	21	8	10	15	13	6	103	323,457	Medium	
11	Ayavalla Plantation	6,081	17	7	20	15	3	16	6	7	6	7	104	329,538	Medium	
12	Clay Ranch	2,460	18	8	14	5	7	4	19	9	7	21	112	331,998	Medium	
13	Raiford - Osceola Greenway	67,673	6	13	5	16	23	14	14	13	14	11	129	399,671	Med/Low	
14	Ranch Reserve	12,515	14	11	10	12	24	17	13	8	11	14	134	412,186	Low	
15	Hosford Chapman's Rhododendron Protection Zone	6,921	11	20	15	17	13	15	17	16	16	1	141	419,108	Low	
16	Eastern Scarp Ranchlands	2,281	26	3	7	14	15	13	7	21	19	26	151	421,389	Low	
17	Green Swamp - Peace River Headwaters	23,703	13	17	16	21	22	21	16	14	15	4	159	445,092	Low	
18	Mill Creek	12,293	21	18	22	18	5	19	22	22	22	5	174	457,385	Low	
19	Peace River Refuge	3,845	9	21	13	19	25	18	18	18	18	16	175	461,230	Low	
20	Lower Perdido River Buffer	2,331	22	16	21	13	17	12	20	23	20	28	192	463,561	Low	
21	Maytown Flatwoods	7,187	16	26	12	25	16	20	15	25	21	17	193	470,748	Low	
22	San Felasco Conservation Corridor	376	15	28	23	20	12	22	26	28	28	8	210	471,123	Low	
23	Old Town Creek Watershed	7,303	24	19	17	26	28	23	23	17	17	25	219	478,426	Low	
24	Limestone Ranch	6,382	25	14	24	23	26	24	21	20	25	19	221	484,808	Low	
25	Horse Creek Ranch	16,316	27	23	26	22	20	26	25	19	23	20	231	501,124	Low	
26	Little River Conservation Area	2,057	28	22	29	24	14	25	24	24	24	29	243	503,181	Low	
27	Suwannee County Preservation	1,254	19	27	25	28	29	28	27	27	26	23	259	504,435	Low	
28	West Aucilla River Buffer	710	29	24	27	27	18	27	28	26	27	27	260	505,145	Low	
29	Millstone Plantation	56	23	29	28	29	27	29	29	29	29	22	274	505,200	Low	
<b>OK</b>	<b>Subtotal: 29 Projects</b>	<b>505,200</b>	<b>OK</b>													

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Rank	Partnerships & Regional Incentives Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	WP Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Florida's First Magnitude Springs	5,714	2	1	4	1	4	1	3	2	2	1	21	5,714	High
2	Northeast Fla Timberlands & Watershed Reserve	84,784	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	21	5	8	44	90,498	High
3	Indian River Lagoon Blueway	19,761	4	4	5	3	11	7	9	7	3	11	64	110,259	High
4	Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem	22,938	6	3	14	4	3	4	7	22	4	6	73	133,198	High
5	Wakulla Springs Protection Zone	3,959	8	8	13	10	2	13	13	6	6	2	81	137,157	High
6	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	37,039	11	5	6	11	18	9	2	1	1	18	82	174,196	High/Med
7	Annetteilga Hammock	12,430	3	7	3	14	14	12	11	9	8	3	84	186,626	Medium
8	Clear Creek / Whiting Field	3,232	14	6	8	5	5	3	6	14	9	20	90	189,858	Medium
9	Volusia Conservation Corridor	20,800	7	14	9	8	6	5	12	8	14	23	106	210,658	Medium
10	Green Swamp - Hitchcock Corridor	55,831	10	15	7	9	20	10	8	12	12	9	112	266,489	Medium
11	Heather Island / Oklawaha River	19,549	13	11	11	7	7	8	21	17	13	10	118	286,038	Medium
12	Flagler County Blueway	4,026	9	9	10	15	22	16	10	23	22	7	143	290,063	Medium
13	Sand Mountain	14,506	5	26	2	27	29	25	4	10	16	4	148	304,570	Medium
14	Dade County Archipelago	307	18	10	15	13	10	11	5	30	19	24	155	304,876	Medium
15	Green Swamp - Withlacoochee River Headwaters	52,030	16	20	21	12	21	15	19	13	11	15	163	356,906	Med/Low
16	Pal - Mar	9,708	17	22	18	19	19	20	23	5	10	12	164.8	366,614	Low
17	Lake Santa Fe	9,594	19	19	16	6	9	6	26	25	23	16	165	376,208	Low
18	Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods	3,896	20	18	20	18	16	17	22	3	7	26	167	380,103	Low
19	Watermelon Pond	5,927	22	12	28	17	24	14	16	16	17	13	179	386,030	Low
20	Rainbow River Corridor	1,166	21	16	24	23	8	21	17	18	18	14	180	387,196	Low
21	Middle Chipola River	11,849	15	13	17	20	25	22	14	20	21	25	192	399,045	Low
22	Catfish Creek	9,161	26	17	26	21	23	19	20	19	15	19	205	408,205	Low
23	Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	8,022	29	21	30	16	15	18	15	15	20	27	206	416,227	Low
24	Crossbar / Al Bar Ranch	12,371	24	23	23	22	12	26	27	26	29	5	217	428,598	Low
25	Pumpkin Hill Creek	10,779	12	27	12	24	27	23	24	27	27	17	220	439,377	Low
26	Baldwin Bay / St. Marys River	9,129	28	25	22	25	13	27	30	24	24	30	248	448,506	Low
27	Hall Ranch	8,519	27	29	25	29	28	30	25	4	25	28	250	457,025	Low
28	Lafayette Forest	10,258	30	28	27	28	26	28	28	11	26	21	253	467,282	Low
29	Carr Farm / Price's Scrub	305	23	24	29	26	17	24	29	29	28	29	258	467,587	Low
30	Pringle Creek Forest	8,460	25	30	19	30	30	29	18	28	30	22	261	476,047	Low
OK	<i>Subtotal: 30 Projects</i>	476,047	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			Low

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Rank	Critical Natural Lands Projects	Rem. Acres	K.B.	DHR	M.P.	FFS	L.G.	J.V.	P.F.	FWC	B.P.	DEP	TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	Cum. Acres <sup>3</sup>	W/P Priority <sup>4</sup>
1	Bombing Range Ridge	32,643	2	6	2	2	4	1	1	3	4	10	35	32,643	High
2	Wekiva - Ocala Greenway	25,053	1	3	6	3	1	4	6	11	5	2	42	57,696	High
3	Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	24,078	4	1	5	1	5	2	2	6	2	17	45	81,773	High
4	Apalachicola River	11,134	10	4	17	4	10	3	3	4	1	7	63	92,907	High
5	Panther Glades	40,634	8	2	10	6	9	6	9	1	3	18	72	133,542	High
6	Blue Head Ranch	40,539	14	5	9	5	3	10	4	5	6	14	75	174,081	High
7	Etoniah / Cross Florida Greenway	63,536	3	11	1	10	16	9	11	16	16	4	97	237,617	High
8	Wacissa / Aucilla River Sinks	17,208	7	8	14	7	6	5	13	19	7	12	98	254,825	High
9	Osceola Pine Savannas	27,483	5	17	7	13	19	11	8	12	12	8	112	282,308	High/Med
10	Triple Diamond	7,998	17	7	16	16	2	8	5	14	9	24	118	290,306	Medium
11	Upper St. Marks River Corridor	11,025	13	9	25	8	7	7	23	23	8	1	124	301,331	Medium
12	Pine Island Slough Ecosystem	48,902	22	16	8	12	15	14	15	13	13	9	137	350,233	Medium
13	Longleaf Pine Ecosystem	9,679	12	13	12	11	20	12	7	26	23	6	142	359,912	Medium
14	South Goethe	11,642	6	23	4	19	17	20	10	22	15	11	147	371,554	Medium
15	Belle Meade	7,308	20	10	23	14	13	15	19	2	10	29	155	378,862	Medium
16	Devil's Garden	82,934	26	15	18	18	14	17	17	10	11	21	167	461,796	Medium
17	Twelvemile Slough	8,128	18	21	19	17	29	18	12	8	14	20	176	469,924	Medium
18	Half Circle L Ranch	11,176	9	20	13	22	24	23	18	7	19	22	177	481,100	Medium
19	Caloosahatchee Ecoscape	13,511	21	14	22	21	28	21	21	9	17	5	179	494,611	Medium
20	Bear Creek Forest	100,425	25	24	11	15	18	16	14	25	20	16	184	595,036	Med/Low
21	Camp Blanding - Raiford Greenway	33,973	19	18	3	26	22	22	16	17	18	31	192	629,009	Low
22	Pinhook Swamp	60,418	15	25	15	23	26	19	22	15	22	19	201	689,427	Low
23	Bear Hammock	4,680	11	19	24	24	30	24	24	20	26	3	205	694,108	Low
24	Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie	2,378	16	22	20	20	11	26	20	31	24	25	215	696,485	Low
25	Wolfe Creek Forest	10,067	28	32	32	9	8	13	32	32	32	23	241	706,552	Low
26	Lake Hatchineha Watershed	5,473	24	26	27	29	27	33	26	18	25	15	250	712,025	Low
27	San Pedro Bay	44,999	23	31	26	27	12	27	25	24	31	26	252	757,024	Low
28	Natural Bridge Creek	1,797	33	12	33	25	23	25	31	27	27	32	268	758,821	Low
29	Shoal River Buffer	2,174	31	27	21	30	32	30	27	21	21	33	273	760,995	Low
30	Ichetucknee Trace	1,894	27	29	30	32	31	28	29	33	29	13	281	762,889	Low
31	Southeastern Bat Maternity Caves	591	30	30	28	28	25	31	28	28	28	28	284	763,480	Low
32	Upper Shoal River	12,027	32	33	29	31	21	29	30	30	30	30	295	775,507	Low
33	Hixtown Swamp	22,399	29	28	31	33	33	32	33	29	33	27	308	797,906	Low
OK	<b>Subtotal: 33 Projects</b>	797,906	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
OK	<b>TOTAL ACRES OF ALL 119 PROJECTS</b>	1,960,633													

<sup>1</sup> Counties with no remaining acreage to acquire in a project not listed here - see project summaries for counties in which acquisitions completed.  
<sup>2</sup> Total of ranking votes, except higher ranked of tied projects has decimal amount subtracted from total.  
<sup>3</sup> Cumulative acres used to calculate in which Priority Group of the Acquisition Work Plan each project will qualify.  
<sup>4</sup> Work Plan Priority Groups pursuant to Rule 18-24.006(6):  
 High/Med = Portion of project in High Priority Group & portion in Medium Priority Group  
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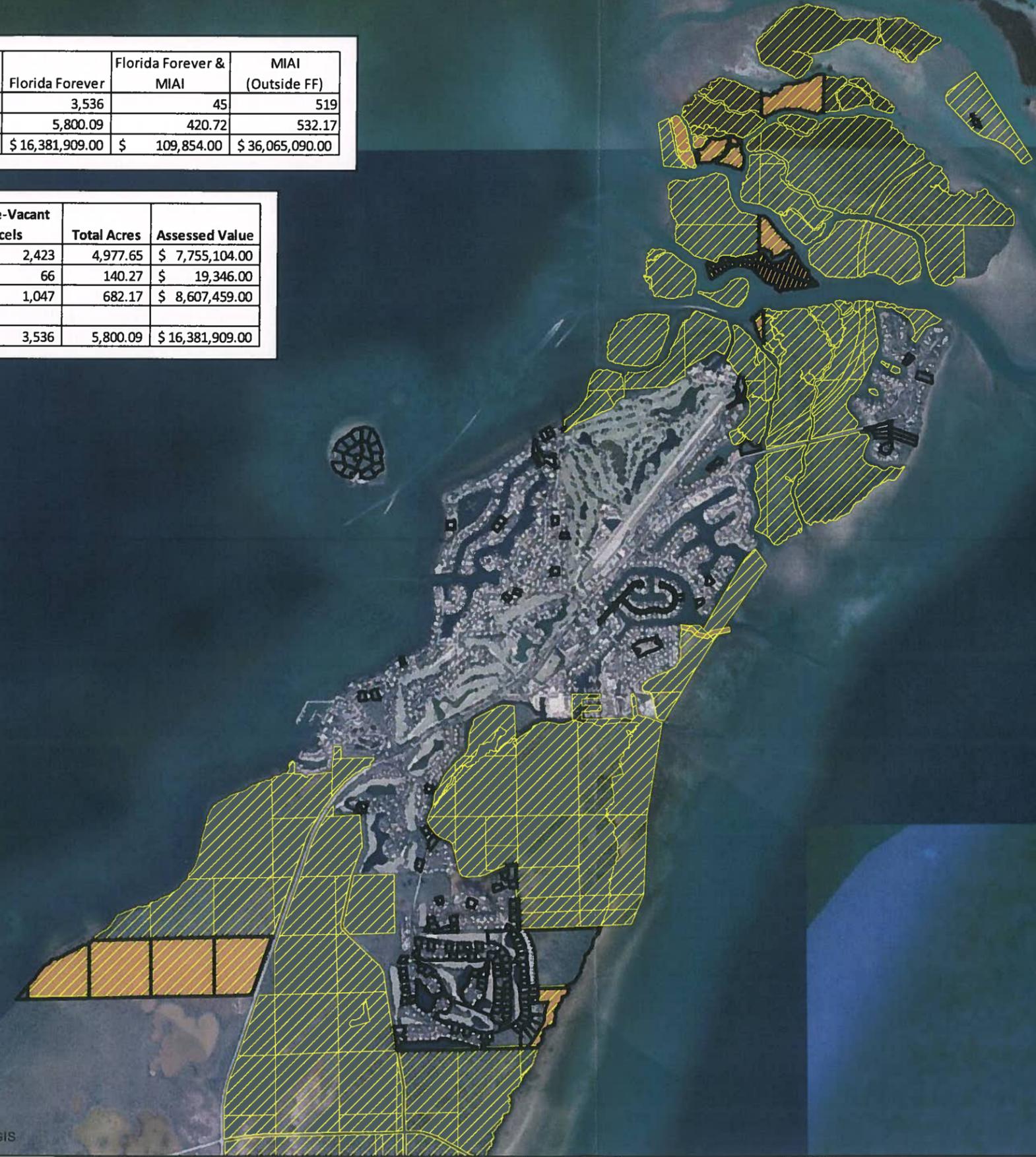
High Priority Group = top 1/3 acreage within each Category  
 Medium Priority Group = middle 1/3 acreage within each Category  
 Low Priority Group = bottom 1/3 acreage within each Category

EXHIBIT 2  
FLORIDA FOREVER PROJECT BOUNDARIES

# Ocean Reef

	All	Florida Forever	Florida Forever & MIAI	MIAI (Outside FF)
Private-Vacant Parcels	8,168	3,536	45	519
Private-Vacant Parcels Acres	8,722.73	5,800.09	420.72	532.17
Private-Vacant Assessed Value	\$ 248,314,487.00	\$ 16,381,909.00	\$ 109,854.00	\$ 36,065,090.00

Florida Forever Project	Private-Vacant Parcels	Total Acres	Assessed Value
Florida Keys Ecosystem	2,423	4,977.65	\$ 7,755,104.00
North Key Largo Hammocks	66	140.27	\$ 19,346.00
Key Deer/Coupon Bight	1,047	682.17	\$ 8,607,459.00
Totals	3,536	5,800.09	\$ 16,381,909.00



- Private-Vacant Parcels
- Mile Marker
- Military Installation Area of Impact (MIAI)
- Florida Forever Acquisition Boundary

**Florida Forever Private-Vacant Project**

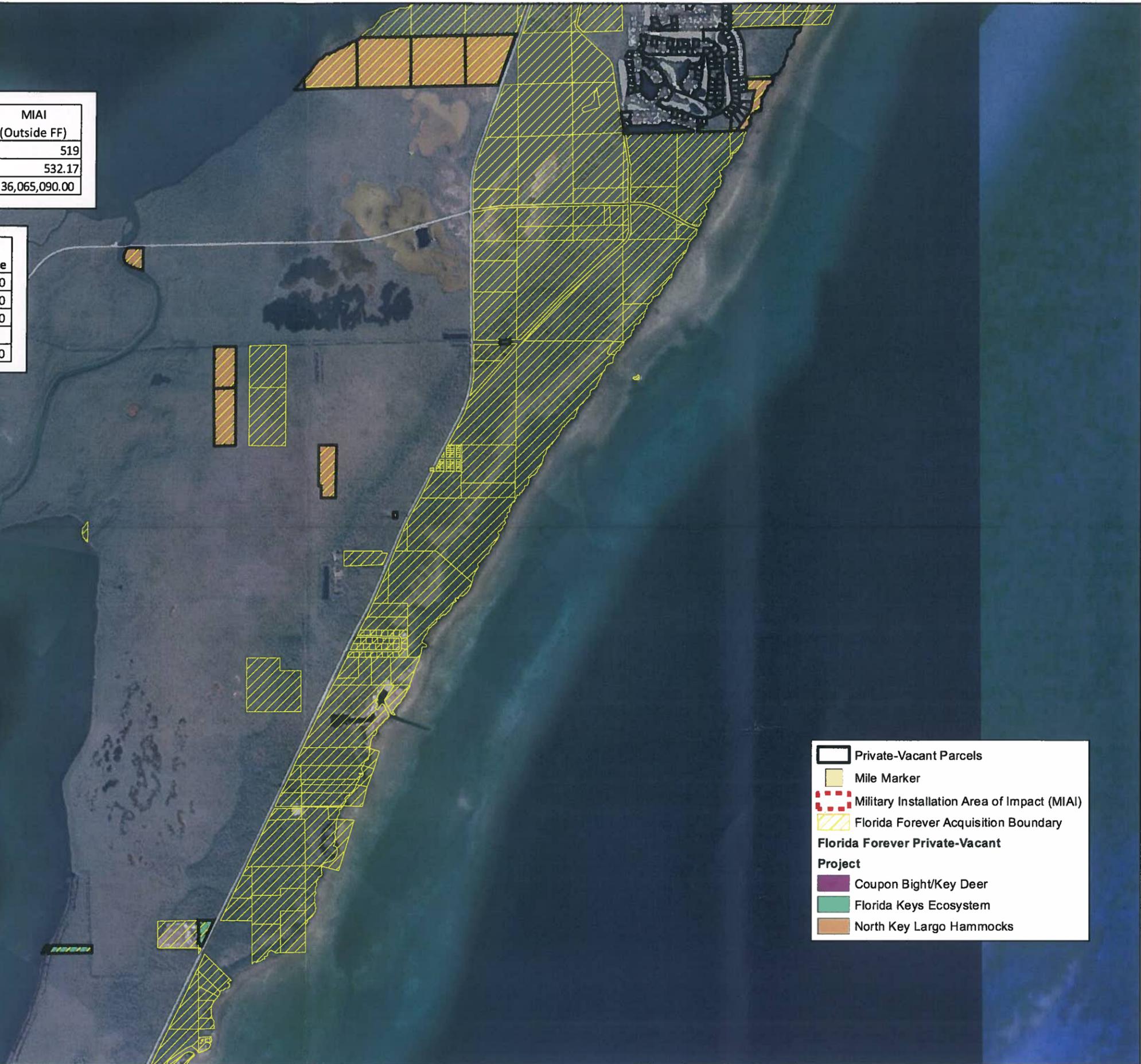
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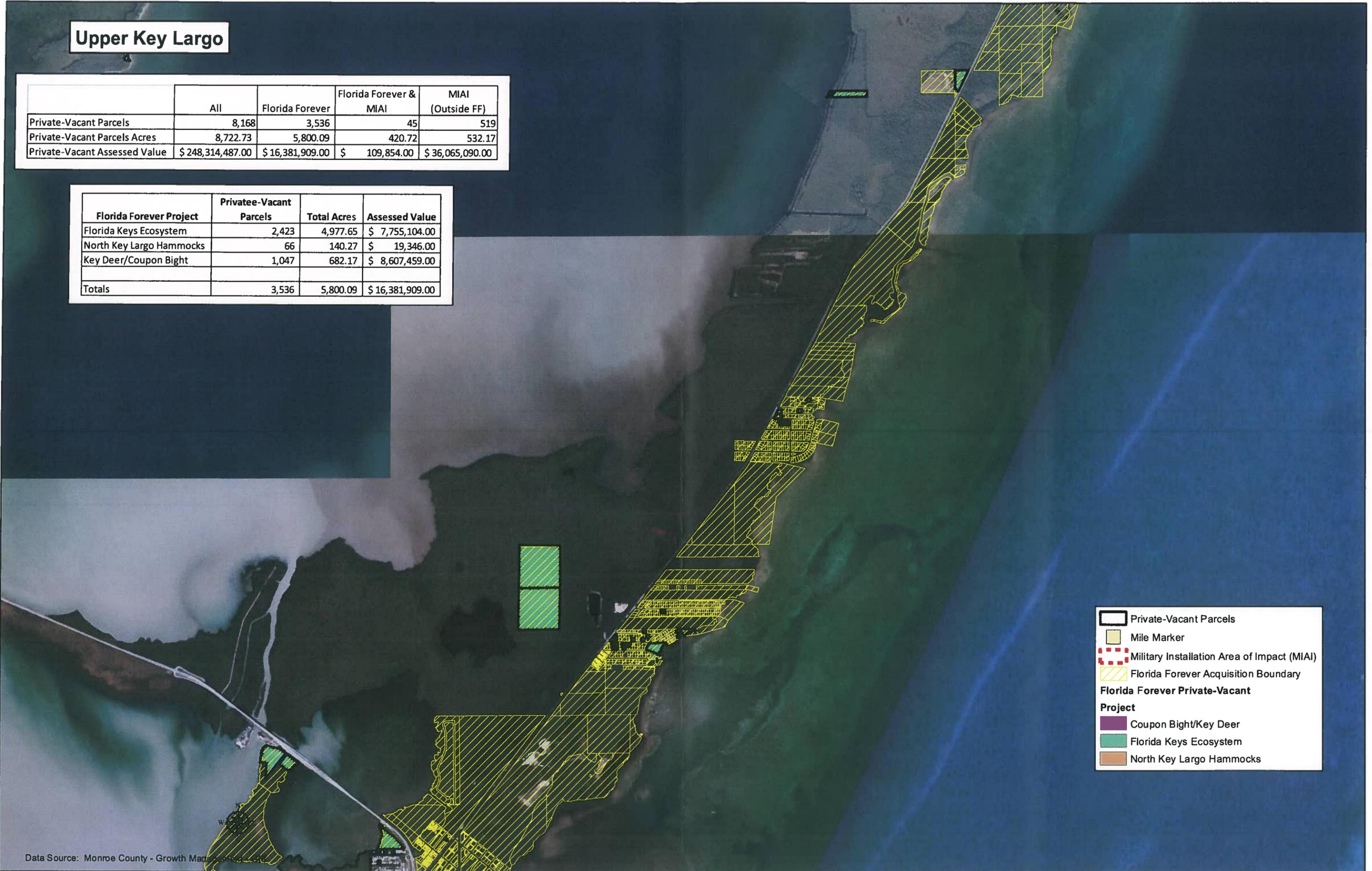


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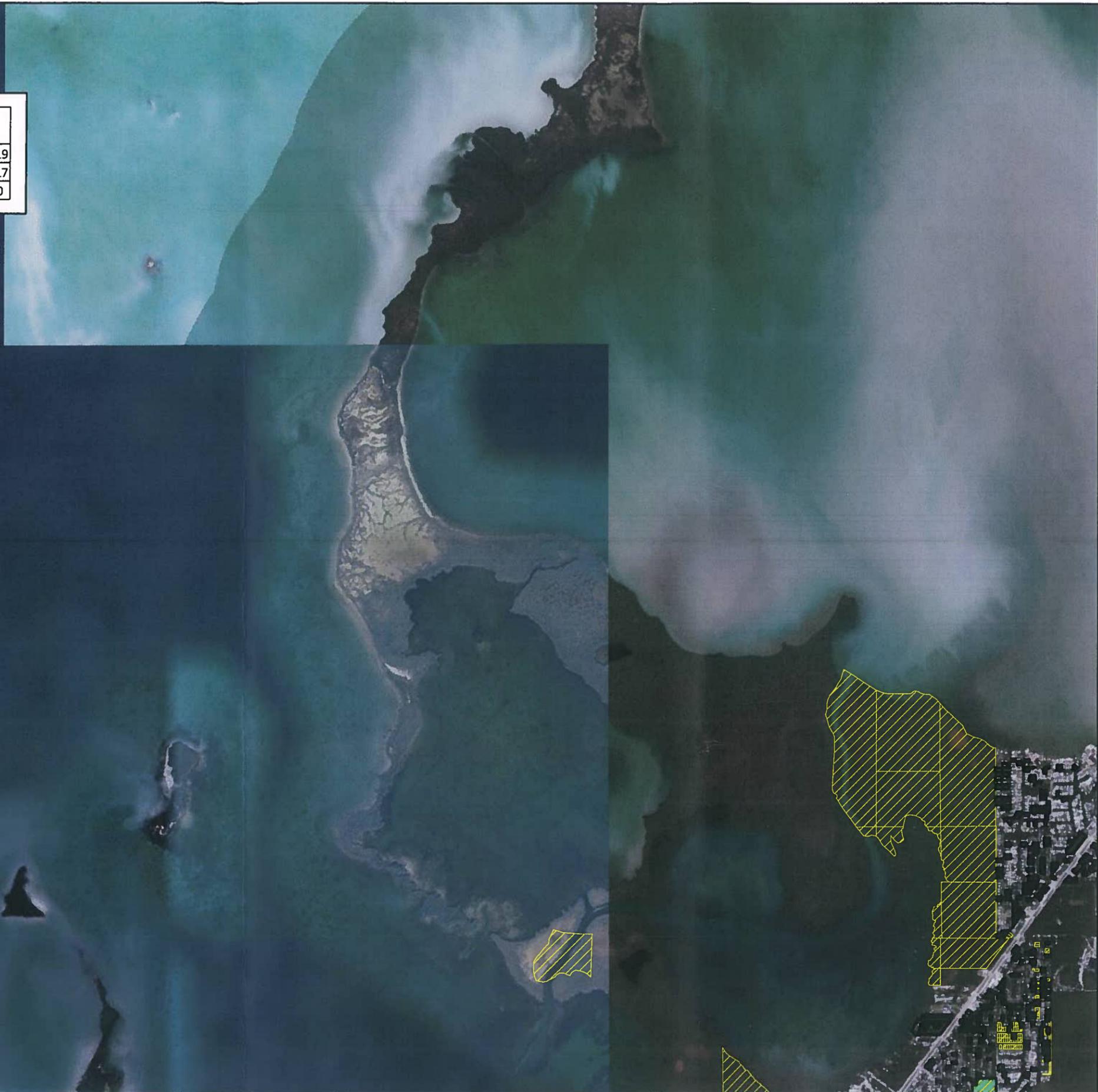
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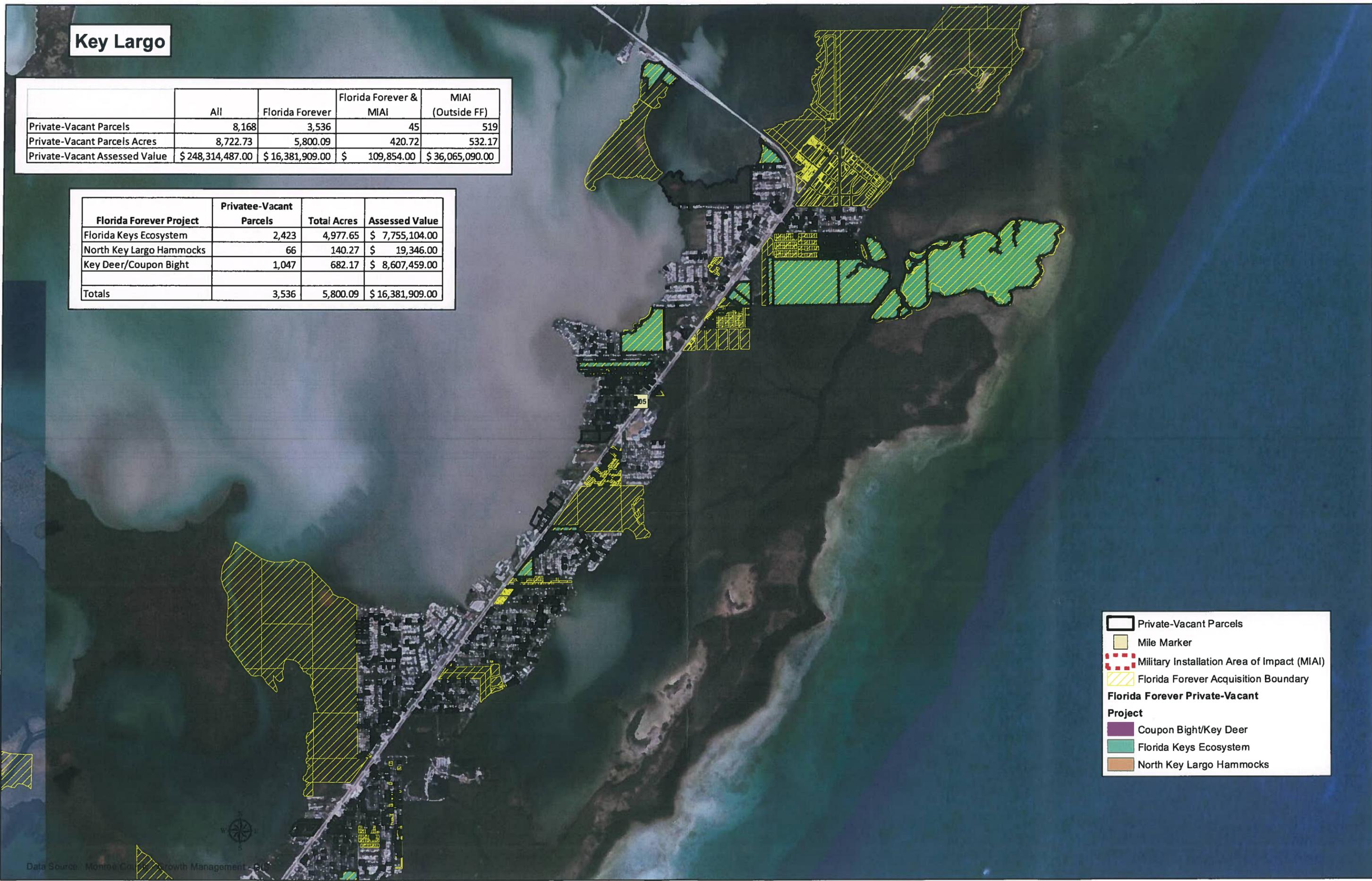
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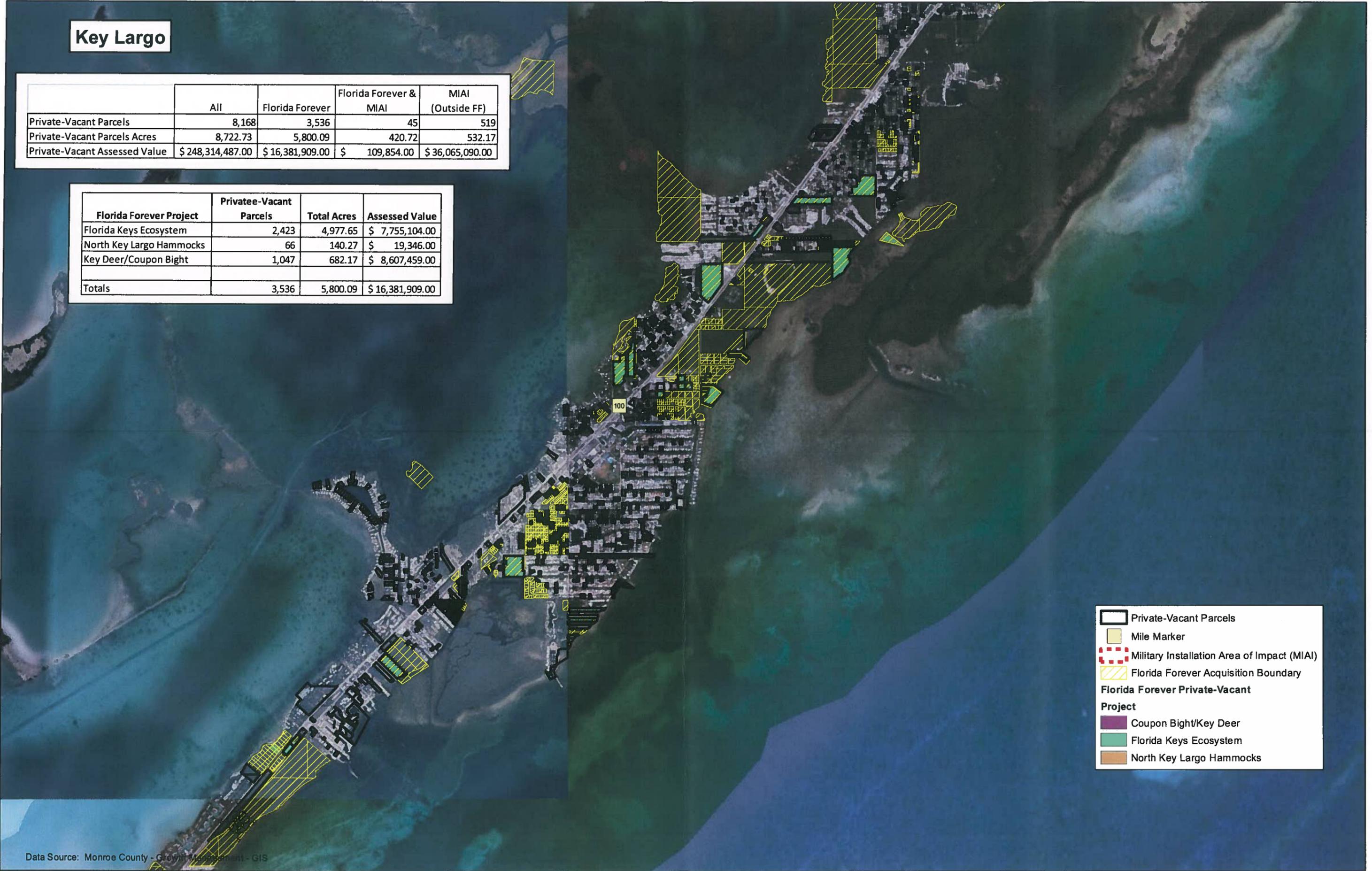


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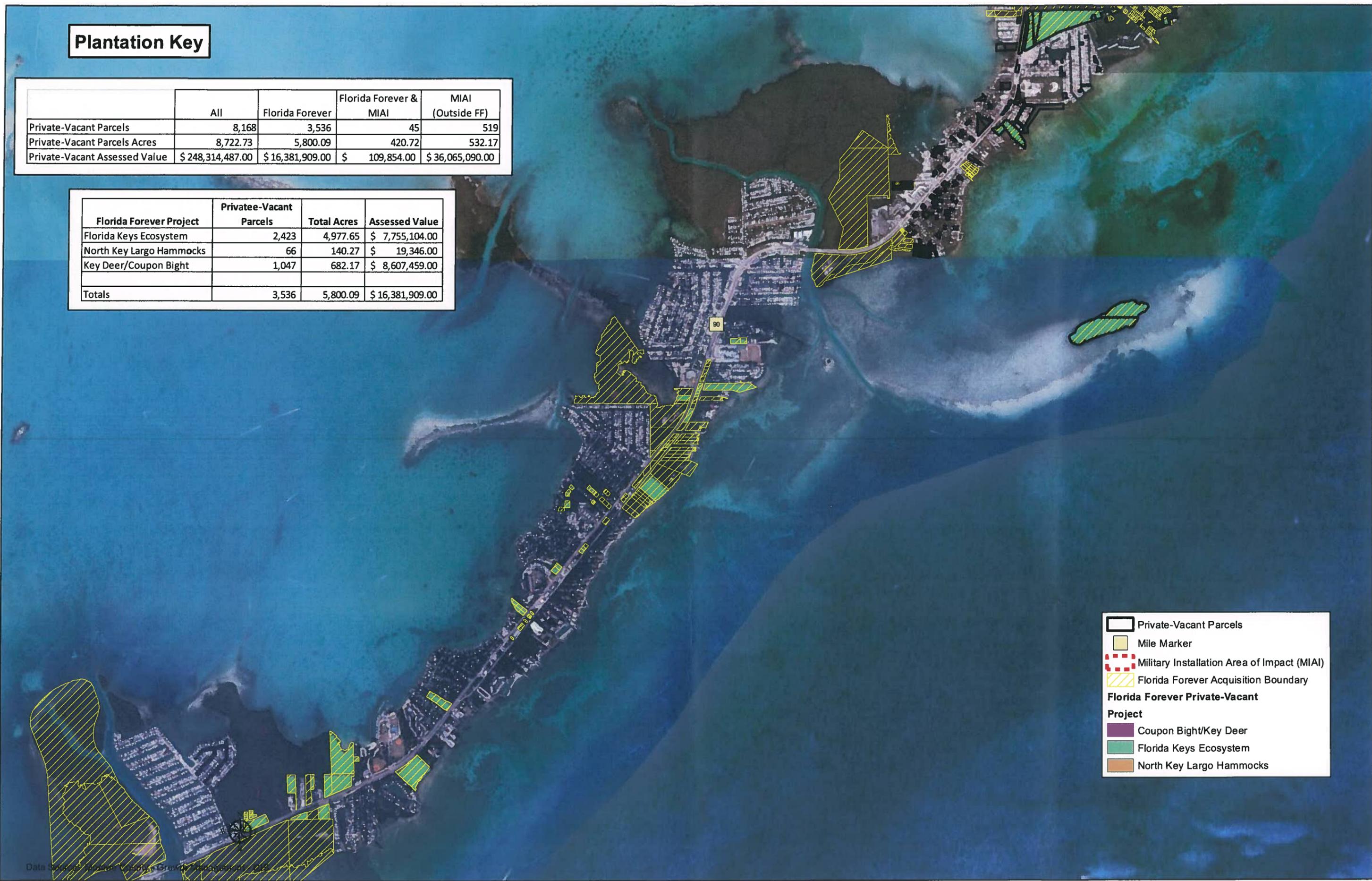
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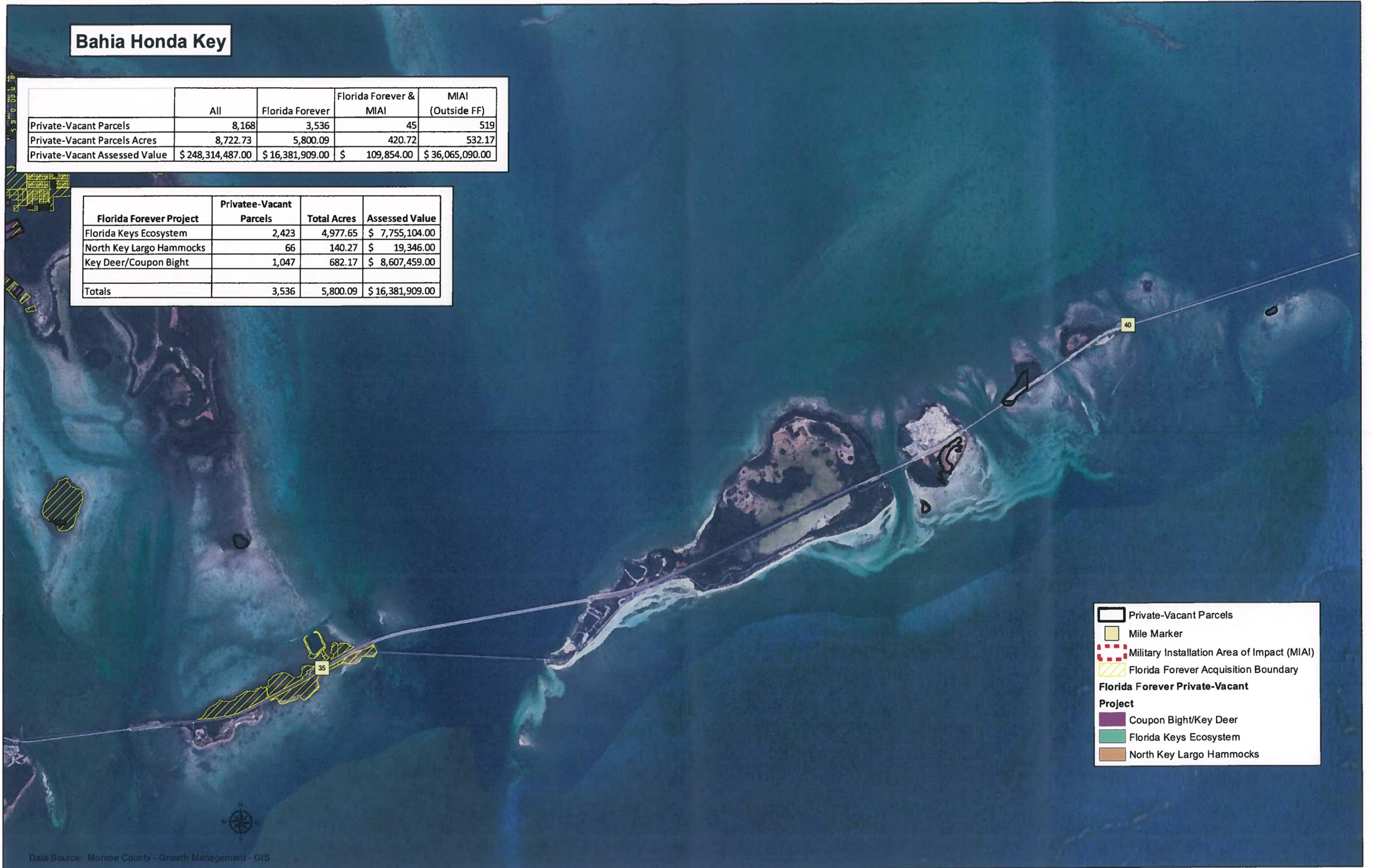


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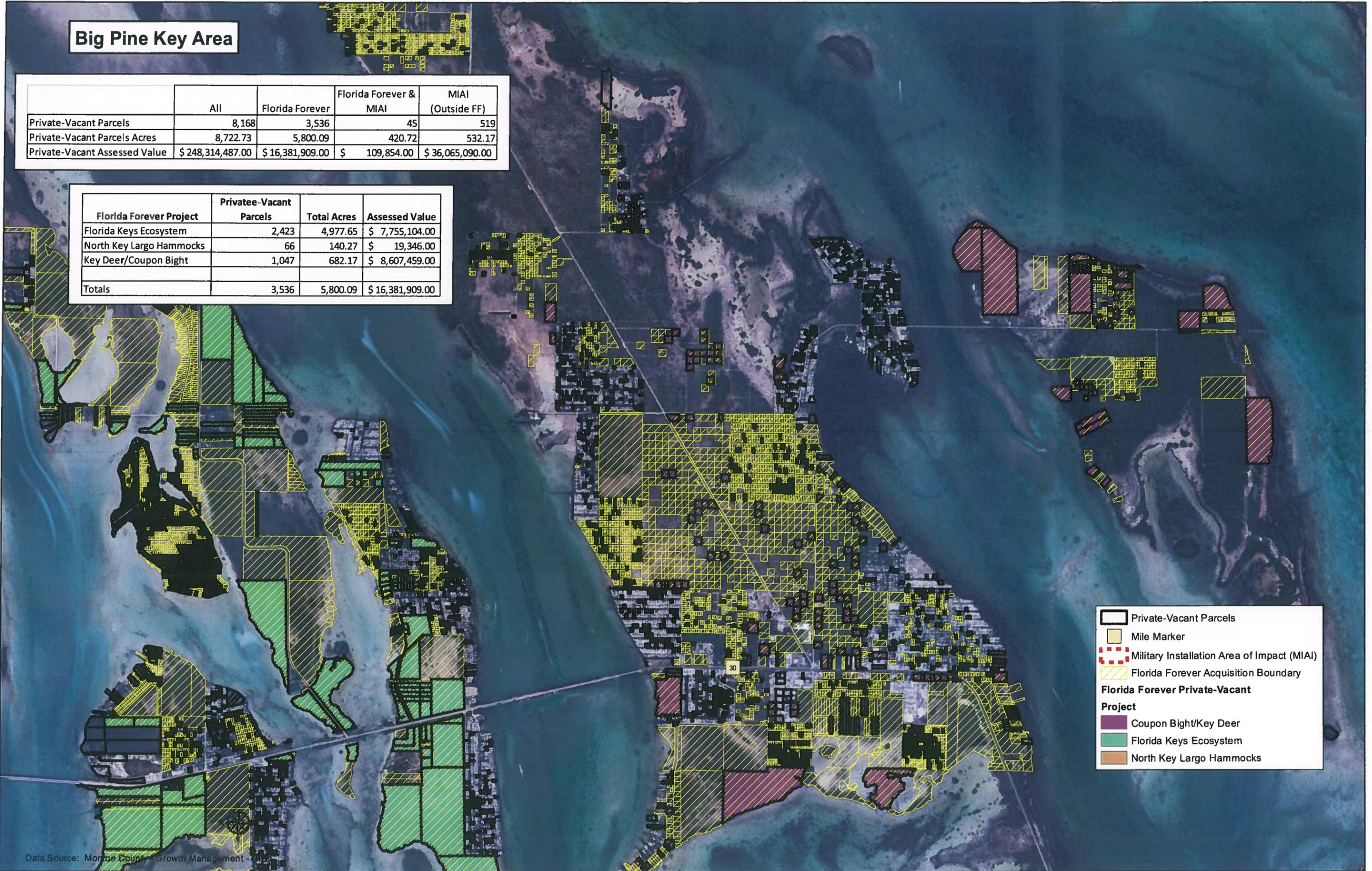
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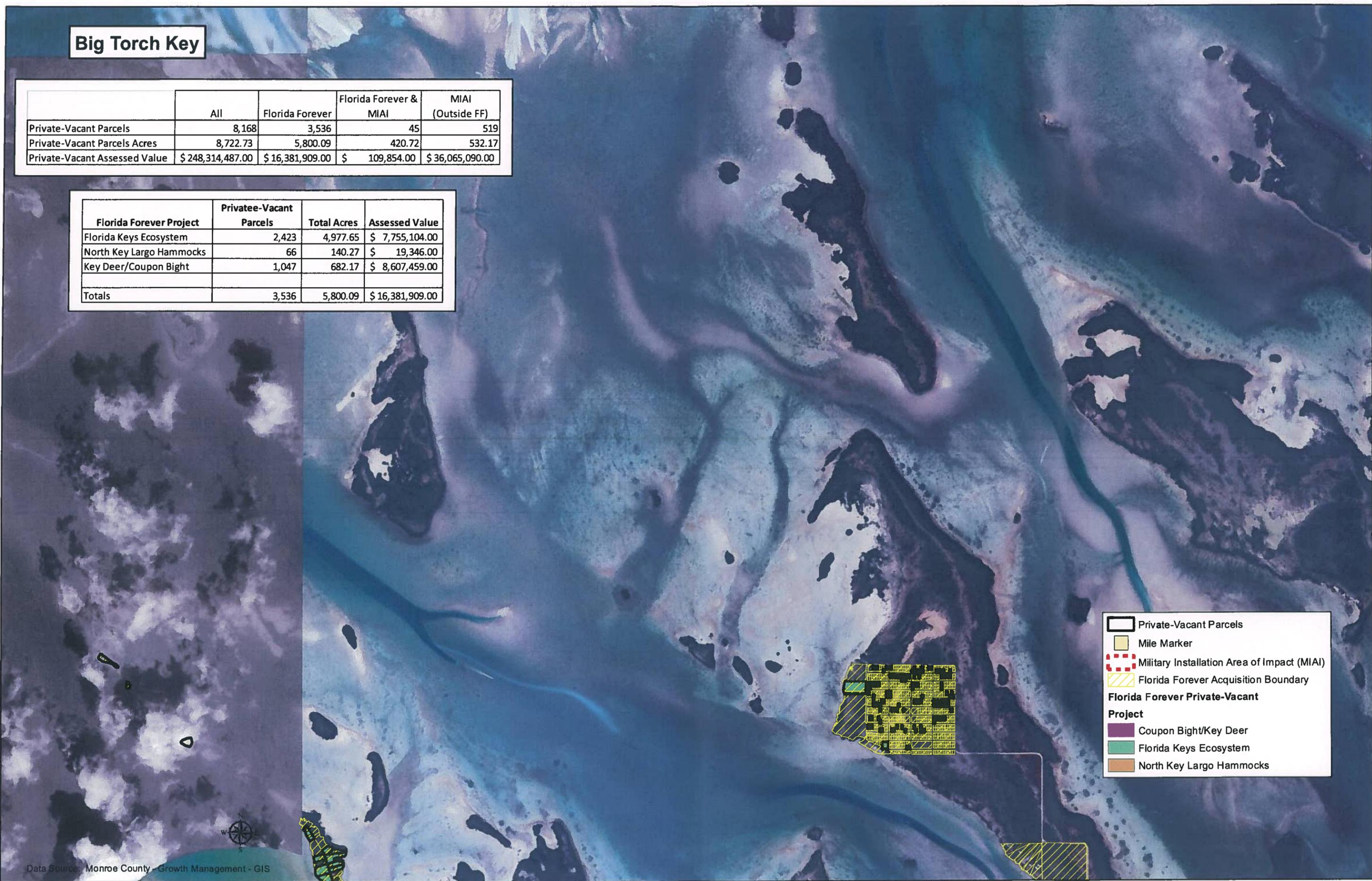
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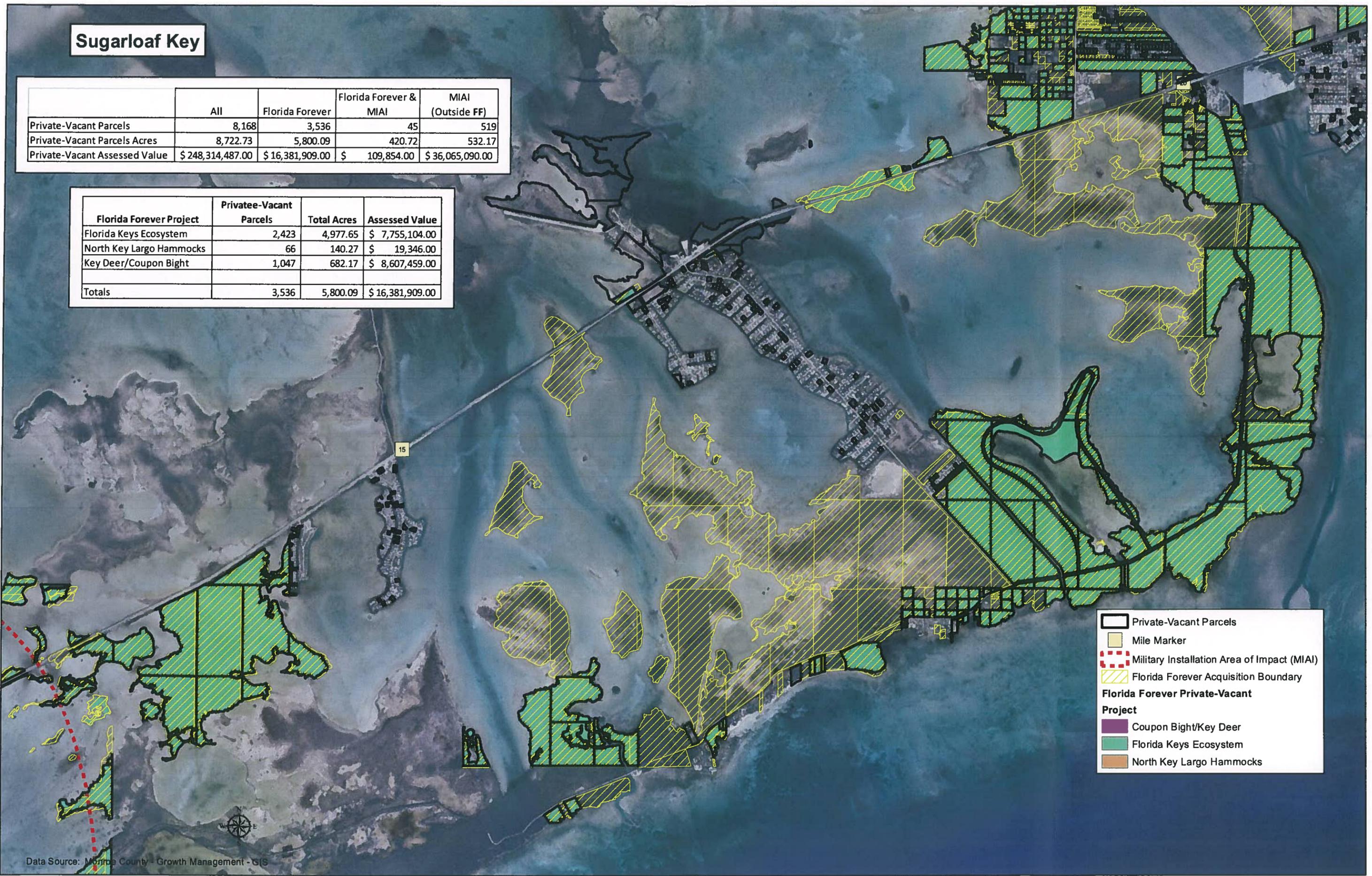


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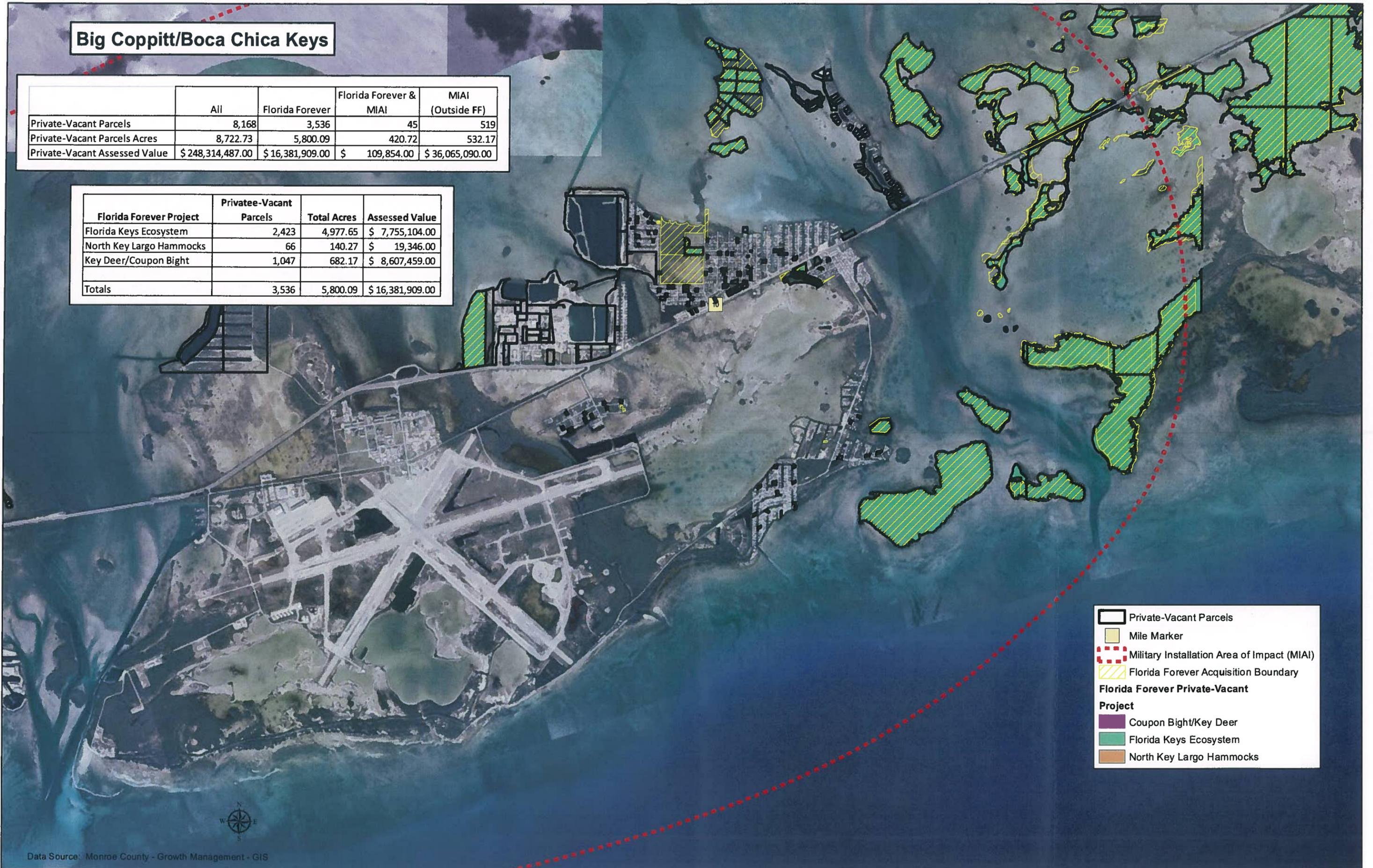


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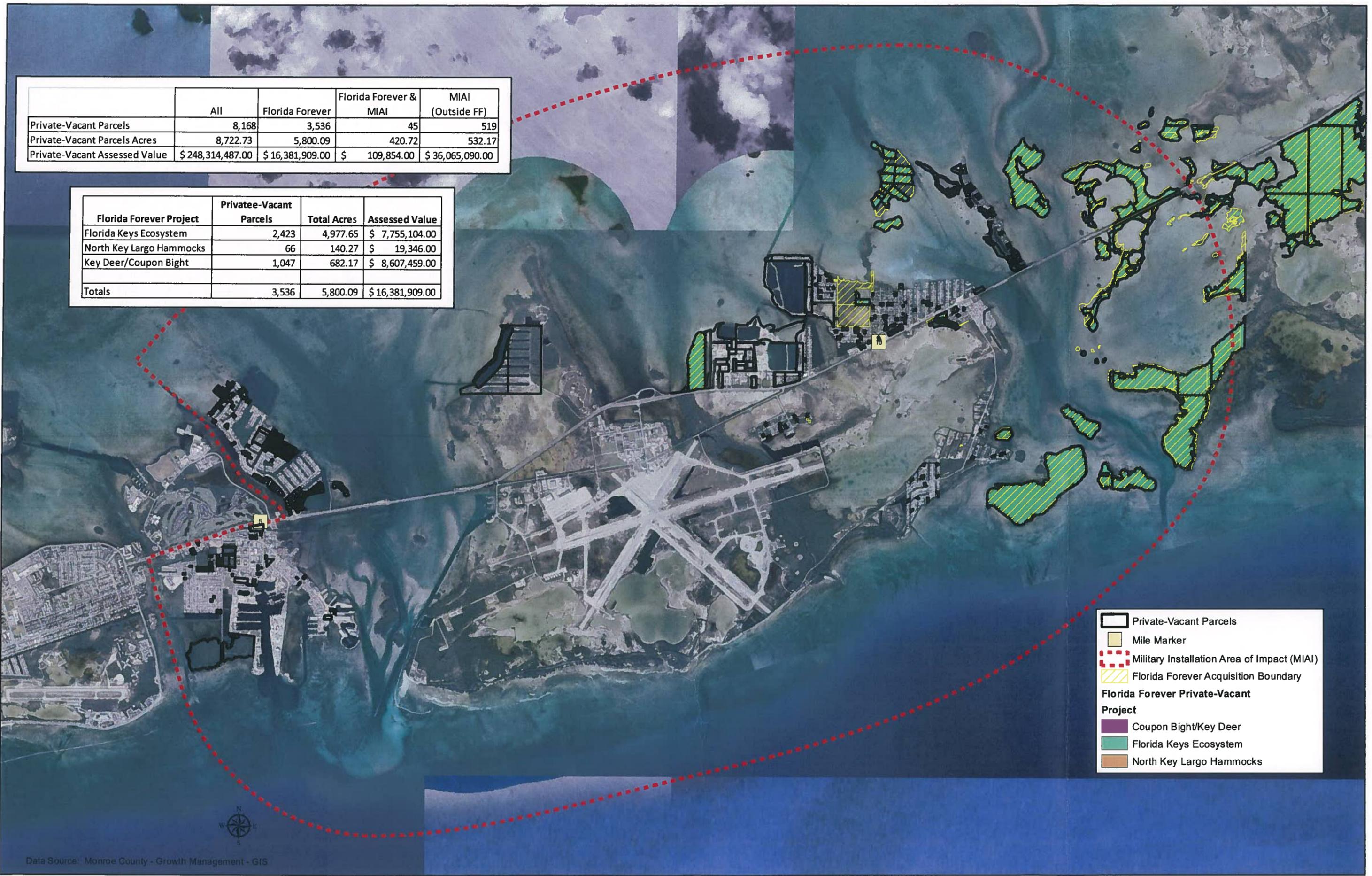
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EXHIBIT 3  
WHITE PAPER  
MILITARY ENCROACHMENT LAND ACQUISITION

# MONROE COUNTY

## THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN



### ISSUE

As a State of Florida designated Area of Critical Concern, Monroe County must follow and be consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development (PGD) in Section 380.0552(7), F.S., including PGD (h) “Protecting the value, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and amortized life of existing and proposed major public investments, including: Key West Naval Air Station and other military facilities.” To implement this PGD, there is need to aggressively acquire vacant privately owned land to address critical growth management issues and to eliminate potential encroachment threats to Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW).

### REQUEST

Monroe County (MC) requests that the Florida Defense Task Force work with the County and NASKW to develop an acquisition list of private vacant land within the County’s NASKW Military Installation Area of Impact (MIAI) overlay (see attached map) that is not included within a Florida Forever project, for coordination for the exact buffer land to be acquired. MC also requests DEO include private, vacant parcels within the NASKW MIAI on the annual list for submittal to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

### **Land Acquisition within NASKW Military Buffer Lands**

In May 2012, the County adopted Military Compatibility criteria in the Comprehensive Plan, as required by Sections 163.3177 and 163.3175, F.S., to address the compatibility of lands adjacent to or closely proximate to military installations after working closely with NASKW (DEO issued a Notice of Intent to find the amendments in compliance”). In summary, the Comprehensive Plan includes:

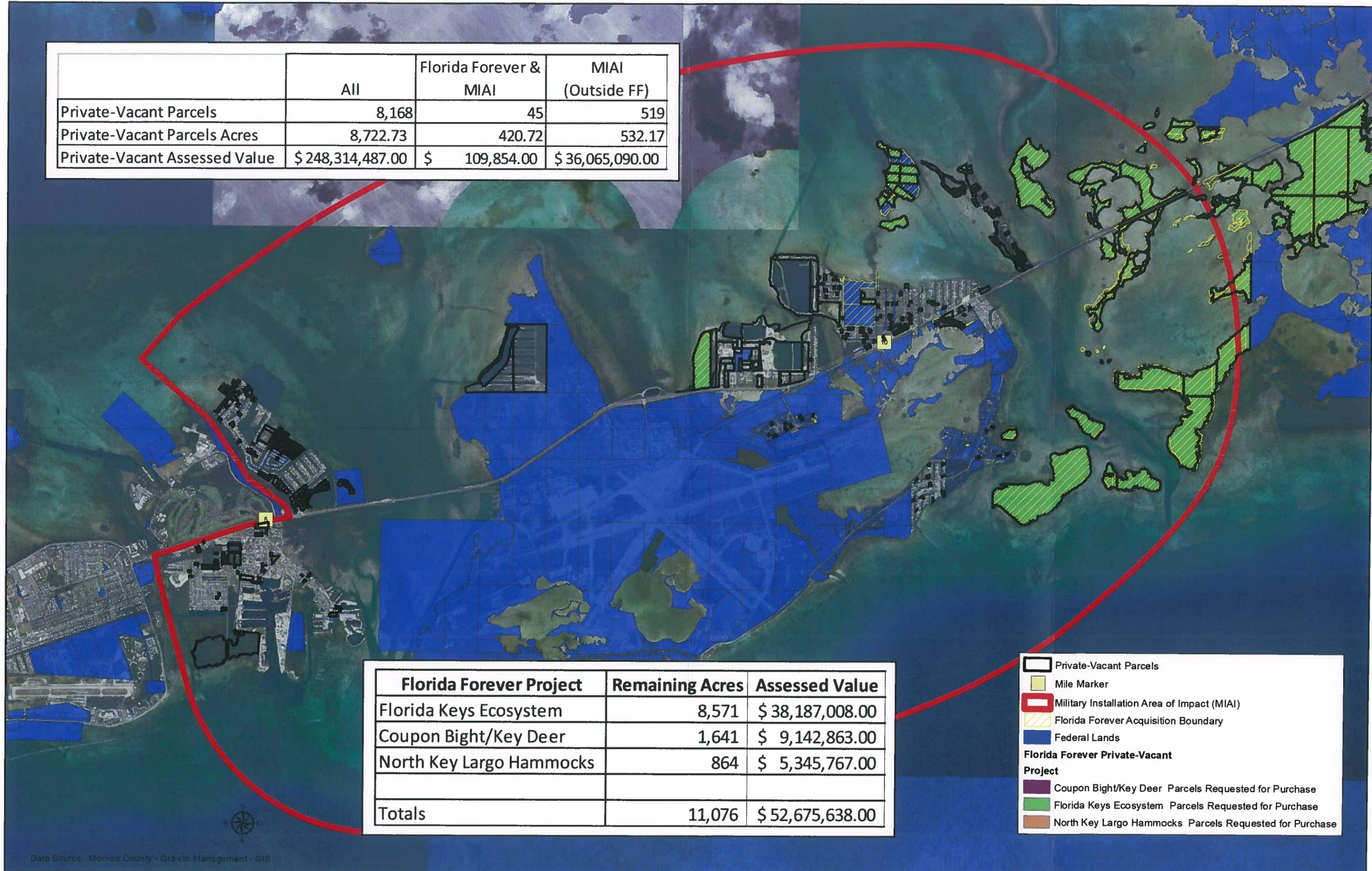
- Recognize existing property rights (density, intensity and land use established by the Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map based upon the standards existing on the effective date of these amendments) within the newly created Military Installation Area of Impact (MIAI) overlay to the FLUM
- Facilitate the exchange of information between Monroe County and Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW).
- Demonstrate areas where development within those areas may create encroachment/compatibility issues with the NASKW

On June 27, 2013, Governor Scott approved Senate Bill 1784 (Ch. 2013-222, L.O.F.) which amended Section 253.025 F.S., authorizing the Board of Trustees to acquire non-conservation lands to eliminate encroachment threats to military installations. Senate Bill 1784 also amended §288.980 F.S., allowing the DEO to annually submit a list of non-conservation lands to the Board of Trustees.

There are approximately 519 privately owned, vacant parcels (with an assessed value of \$36,065,090) within the County’s adopted MIAI area (Table 1) which are not included within the project limits of the Florida Keys Florida Forever Projects (see Exhibit 1). MC requests that the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Florida Defense Support Task Force assist in identifying the appropriate parcels for acquisition and recommend to the Board of Trustees the prioritization and acquisition of vacant, privately owned lands within the MIAI, for the purpose of buffering the NASKW Military Installation in accordance with §253.025 F.S..

	All	Florida Forever & MIAI	MIAI (Outside FF)
Private Vacant Parcels	8,168	45	519
Private Vacant Parcels (Acres)	8,722.73	420.72	532.17
Private Vacant Parcels (2012 Assessed Value)	\$248,314,487	\$109,854	\$36,065,090

	All	Florida Forever & MIAI	MIAI (Outside FF)
Private-Vacant Parcels	8,168	45	519
Private-Vacant Parcels Acres	8,722.73	420.72	532.17
Private-Vacant Assessed Value	\$ 248,314,487.00	\$ 109,854.00	\$ 36,065,090.00



Florida Forever Project	Remaining Acres	Assessed Value
Florida Keys Ecosystem	8,571	\$ 38,187,008.00
Coupon Bight/Key Deer	1,641	\$ 9,142,863.00
North Key Largo Hammocks	864	\$ 5,345,767.00
Totals	11,076	\$ 52,675,638.00

Private-Vacant Parcels  
 Mile Marker  
 Military Installation Area of Impact (MIAI)  
 Florida Forever Acquisition Boundary  
 Federal Lands  
**Florida Forever Private-Vacant Project**  
 Coupon Bight/Key Deer Parcels Requested for Purchase  
 Florida Keys Ecosystem Parcels Requested for Purchase  
 North Key Largo Hammocks Parcels Requested for Purchase

## CHAPTER 2013-222

## Senate Bill No. 1784

An act relating to military installations; amending s. 253.025, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to acquire certain nonconservation lands to buffer a military installation against encroachment; amending s. 288.980, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing functions of the Military Base Protection Program; authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity to annually recommend nonconservation lands for acquisition through fee simple purchase or less-than-fee interest purchase to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for the purpose of preventing the encroachment of military installations; requiring the board of trustees to also consider land acquisition recommendations of the Florida Defense Support Task Force; authorizing funds appropriated to the Military Base Protection Program to be used for land acquisition to prevent or reduce encroachment of military installations; providing a definition for the term “nonconservation lands”; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 253.025, Florida Statutes, to read:

253.025 Acquisition of state lands for purposes other than preservation, conservation, and recreation.—

(18) The board of trustees may acquire, pursuant to s. 288.980(2)(b), nonconservation lands from the annual list submitted by the Department of Economic Opportunity for the purpose of buffering a military installation against encroachment.

Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 288.980, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent; grants program.—

(1)(a) It is the intent of this state to provide the necessary means to assist communities with military installations in supporting and sustaining those installations. It is further the intent to encourage communities to initiate a coordinated program of response and plan of action in advance of future actions of the federal government relating to realignments and closures. It is critical that communities develop and implement strategies to preserve and protect military installations. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the state needs to coordinate all efforts that can support military installations throughout the state. The Legislature, therefore, declares that providing such assistance to support the defense-related initiatives within this section is a public purpose for which public money may be used.

(b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization within Enterprise Florida, Inc., is designated as the organization to ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions, and its military host communities are in competitive positions as the United States continues its defense realignment and downsizing. The defense alliance shall serve as an overall advisory body for defense-related activity of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The Florida Defense Alliance may receive funding from appropriations made for that purpose administered by the department.

(c) The Legislature finds that encroachment of military installations has been identified by local, state, and federal leaders as a critical threat to protecting, preserving, and enhancing military installations in this state. Encroachment can be detrimental to the current and future missions of military installations due to the incompatible use of adjacent land. The Legislature recognizes the unique need to secure lands that have no conservation value, but may present an encroachment threat to a military installation.

(2)(a) The Military Base Protection Program is created. The functions of the Military Base Protection Program includes, but is not limited to:

1. Securing nonconservation lands to serve as a buffer to protect military installations against encroachment; and

2. Supporting local community efforts to engage in service partnerships with military installations.

(b) The department may annually submit a list to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of nonconservation lands to acquire, subject to a specific appropriation, through fee simple purchase or through perpetual, less-than-fee interest purchase, for the purpose of buffering a military installation against encroachment. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall also consider the recommendations of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, created in s. 288.987, when selecting nonconservation lands to purchase for the purpose of securing and protecting a military installation against encroachment. This paragraph does not preclude the acquisition of such lands by local governments through fee simple purchase or through perpetual, less-than-fee interest purchase, for the purpose of buffering a military installation against encroachment.

(c) As used in this subsection, the term "nonconservation lands" means lands not subject to acquisition by the Florida Forever Program.

(d) Funds appropriated to this program may be used to address emergent needs relating to mission sustainment, encroachment reduction or prevention, and base retention. All funds appropriated for the purposes of this program are eligible to be used for matching of federal funds. The department shall coordinate and implement this program.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor June 27, 2013.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 27, 2013.

# County of Monroe

## The Florida Keys



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February 19, 2014

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**RE: FLORIDA FOREVER PROJECTS IN THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF  
CRITICAL STATE CONCERN**

Mr. Vinson;

As you know, there were three (3) Florida Forever projects in the Florida Keys included in the Board of Trustees April 24, 2012 approved Florida Forever Priority List. In fact, the Florida Keys Ecosystem is the top ranked project in the Climate Change Lands category, a ranking that this project has maintained for several years. The other Florida Forever projects in the Keys are the North Key Largo Hammocks and the Coupon Bight/Florida Key Deer projects. All three of these projects typify the environmentally sensitive lands that the Florida Forever and predecessor programs were created to protect. The Division of State Lands has recognized the importance of these resources to the State of Florida by purchasing conservation lands in the Keys with each successive acquisition program, with over 1,600 individual transactions under the P-2000 and Florida Forever programs. Unfortunately, even with this effort, the State of Florida and Monroe County could still face significant legal liability due to the large number of undeveloped privately owned parcels in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern (ACSC) as compared to the 10-year allocation of new residential building permits approved by the State. To reduce this potential liability, Monroe County, as a State designated ACSC, is requesting the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to:

- Fully fund the Florida Keys Ecosystem project (\$7,755,104) within the ARC 2013-2014 Interim Work Plan (50% match of \$3,877,552) and
- Fully fund the Key Deer/Coupon Bight project (\$8,607,459) within the ARC 2013-2014 Interim Work Plan (50% match of \$4,303,729) and
- Acquire military buffer lands within the NAS Key West Military Installation Area of Impact Overlay (up to \$36M)

We understand that these projects did not qualify for funding due to the budget provisions included in Chapter 2013-40, L.O.F. and in 2013 SB 1500. However, Monroe County is committed to a 50% match of Florida Forever funding if the above legislation is amended to allow continued land

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acquisition in the Florida Keys. Monroe County anticipates budgeting up to ~~XXXX~~ (50% of remaining private, vacant land in the Florida Keys Ecosystem and Key Deer Coupon Bight projects is estimated at \$8,181,281) as matching funds towards Florida Forever acquisitions.

We are further committed to attending the ARC meeting in August 2014 and the meeting of the Governor and Cabinet in September 2014 to voice our support of including these projects in the work plan.

Monroe County looks forward to continuing our long term partnership with the State in the acquisition of conservation lands.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sylvia J. Murphy



**MONROE COUNTY**  
**THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN**  
**BUILD-OUT CHALLENGES FACING THE FLORIDA KEYS**

*The Potential Price of Preserving Paradise...*

The Florida Keys are designated as an Area of Critical State Concern (ACSC) by the State Legislature. A Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) was implemented in order to provide for the safety of residents in the event of a hurricane evacuation and to protect the significant natural resources of Monroe County (MC), as required by the State of Florida. ROGO established a competitive permit allocation system whereby those applications with the highest scores are awarded building permits. The State of Florida allows issuance of 197 building permits per year for new residential development (Rule 28-20.140, F.A.C.), within unincorporated MC.

In 2012, pursuant to Rule 28-20.140, F.A.C., the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) completed the hurricane evacuation clearance time modeling task and found that with 10 years' worth of building permits, the Florida Keys would be at a 24 hour evacuation clearance. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) [see Exhibit 1] was entered into by and between DEO, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, MC and the municipalities to stipulate the input variables and assumptions for the hurricane model. Based upon the MOU and the resulting 24 hour evacuation clearance, DEO determined the remaining allocations for the Florida Keys (3,550 additional permits countywide).

In March 2013, the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the State Administration Commission, approved the recommendation to allocate 10 years' worth of growth (197 x 10 = 1,970 permits) to MC while maintaining an evacuation clearance time of 24 hours, through the year 2023. Table 1 demonstrates the challenges unincorporated MC may face, as there are 8,168 privately owned vacant parcels (minimum value of \$248,314,487). With just 197 permits per year, it would take over 41 years' worth of annual allocations (at the current rate of 197) to absorb these parcels. This may result in a balance of 6,198 privately held vacant parcels at risk of not obtaining permits in the future (minimum value of \$188,424,716). This deficit of building permit allocations could trigger takings suits against both the State and MC, if no additional permits are allowed beyond the year 2023.

**Table 1: Analysis of Vacant Parcels in Unincorporated Monroe County, Florida**

TIER	NUMBER OF VACANT PARCELS	YEARS TO ALLOCATE PERMITS	THEORETICAL MAXIMUM DENSITY**
No Tier (ORCA, etc.)	235		766
Tier I	3,979		4,806
Tier II	393		590
Tier III-A	260		553
Tier III	3,301		5,048
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,168*</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>11,763</b>
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>1,970</b>		
<b>POTENTIAL LIABILITY</b>	<b>6,198*</b>		

*\*Assumes one (1) unit per parcel and does not take into account additional density potential.*

*\*\* Theoretical density analysis is based on acreage multiplied by the maximum allocated residential density for each FLUM category. This data is provided for illustrative purposes only; conditions specific to the individual parcel, including physical size, environmental sensitivity, zoning and tier designation and other regulatory constraints, such as ROGO are the final determinant of development potential.*

In recognition of the possibility that the inventory of vacant parcels exceeds the permits MC can award, the BOCC has already adopted some strategies to help transition land into public ownership to reduce the potential takings claims, and address the future build out of the Florida Keys by incentivizing development that eliminates privately owned vacant parcels. These strategies include:

### **ADOPTED COUNTY STRATEGIES**

- Incentivize Dedication of Land – the BOCC adopted an amendment to encourage additional land dedication by providing additional points in ROGO/NROGO.
- Discouragement Policy– the BOCC adopted an amendment to discourage private applications for FLUM amendments that increase density and intensity, as required by Rule 28-20.140, F.A.C., unless mitigated by providing land (acreage or Improved Subdivision [IS] parcels) to MC.
- Created Commercial FLUM category (no residential component) - the BOCC adopted an amendment to provide options to re-designate property for other nonresidential uses (Provides alternative uses of property).
- Revised NROGO to make the process simpler and encourage nonresidential redevelopment and development.

While these adopted strategies, if utilized, help off-set the costs for direct acquisition of land, the projected costs outlined in Table 2 (below) suggest that these efforts will not serve to completely close the gap between the number of vacant parcels that may seek a permit and the number of permits the County is currently authorized by the State to issue, based on ROGO.

### **Current Land Acquisition Strategy**

At present, there are two recurring dedicated funding sources for purchasing land within the County. The first is through half of a 1 cent Tourist Impact tax (pursuant to § 125.0108, F.S.), which provides an annual revenue for the Florida Keys ACSC of approximately \$1.2 million. This tax also generates approximately \$1.6 million annually for the Key West ACSC. The second recurring revenue is provided through a State Park surcharge that generates approximately \$400,000 annually. For the total revenue (on average \$1.6 million) in the Florida Keys ACSC, the Land Authority has historically allocated 60% (approximately \$900,000) to the acquisition of conservation land, with the remainder going towards purchase of parcels for affordable housing, or occasionally for active recreation areas. These funding sources alone will not be sufficient to meet the land acquisition needs of MC in the future.

As demonstrated in Table 2, at current funding levels and with the State discontinuing its aggressive land acquisition in the Florida Keys, adding 3,550 allocations for dwelling units through the year 2023, it would take approximately 272 years to generate the funds equal to the tax assessed value and offer to purchase the remaining inventory of private, vacant parcels in the Florida Keys (unincorporated and incorporated).

*Note: The analysis in this paper is limited to tax assessed value of parcels and does not consider: the future willingness of owners to sell; if the value assumed will be equal to the acquisition price; sufficiency of funds; if the parcels have a marketable title; the suitability of public ownership of certain parcels; the feasibility and costs of managing parcels; etc.*

**Table 2: Inventory of Vacant Parcels in Florida Keys and Approximate Land Value**

AREA	NO. VACANT PARCELS	AVERAGE PARCEL VALUE***	APPROXIMATE LAND VALUE (December 2012 MC Property Appraiser data)	ESTIMATED FUNDING Based on Historic Rates For Acquisition of Conservation Lands	YEARS TO GENERATE THE FUNDS EQUAL TO THE TAX ASSESSED VALUE
Key West ACSC*	104	\$355,045	\$ 36,924,754	\$ 270,000	<b>137</b>
Unincorporated MC	8,168	\$ 30,400	\$ 248,314,487	\$ 900,000	<b>276</b> †
Marathon	1,680	\$ 49,845	\$ 83,740,226		<b>93</b> †
Layton	34	\$ 51,080	\$ 1,736,724		<b>2</b> †
Key Colony Beach	109	\$129,746	\$ 14,142,347		<b>16</b> †
Islamorada	1,269	\$ 60,877	\$ 77,253,680		<b>86</b> †
<b>TOTAL PARCELS</b>	<b>11,364</b>	<b>\$40,664</b>	<b>\$ 462,112,218</b>		
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>3,550</b>	3,550 County wide including cities, with 1,970 units for unincorporated MC			
<b>PARCELS TO PURCHASE (COUNTYWIDE)**</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>\$40,664***</b>	<b>\$ 317,748,496</b>	<b>\$ 1,170,000</b>	<b>272**</b>

\* The Monroe County Land Authority has historically allocated approximately 18% (\$270,000/yr) of the Key West ACSC portion of tourist impact tax revenue to the purchase of conservation and recreation lands. The remainder of Key West ACSC tourist impact tax revenue has been allocated for the purchase of affordable housing sites.

\*\* The total vacant parcels (11,364) less the 3,550 allocations available results in 7,814 parcels to purchase. At an average cost of \$40,664 it will take MC 272 years to acquire these parcels utilizing \$1.17M (900,000+270,000).

\*\*\* This analysis assumes no growth in property value over time. Note property values could change exponentially.

† Land values for each jurisdiction are divided by the \$900,000 estimated funding figure.

The County staff recognizes the need for ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES aimed at reducing the total inventory of privately owned vacant land. To that end, MC staff is currently evaluating the potential for future policy and program strategies that could apply within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the Florida Keys, including:

**ADDITIONAL STATE & FEDERAL LAND ACQUISITION STRATEGIES**

1. Request the State of Florida Division of State Lands to continue to aggressively acquire vacant, privately owned land as a State partner in the ACSC program. The County should encourage the state government to target the acquisition of Tier I land within their acquisition boundaries.
  - 7,589 Tier I parcels within the State’s Florida Forever Boundary are owned by public and nonprofit agencies. 3,351 Tier I parcels within the State’s Florida Forever Boundary remain privately owned and vacant. The 3,351 Tier I privately owned vacant parcels have an approximate value of \$14,731,730.
2. Request the Federal Government to continue to aggressively acquire vacant, privately owned land. The County should encourage the federal government to target the acquisition of lands containing suitable habitat for and known populations of federally-designated wildlife species (Endangered Species Act).
  - 12,147 parcels within the Federal Species Focus Area and Buffer Areas are owned by public and nonprofit agencies. 7,193 parcels within remain privately owned and vacant. The 7,193 privately owned vacant parcels have an approximate value of \$240,088,014.

**Table 3:** Past State of Florida Division of State Lands Acquisition Strategy in Monroe County

State of Florida Land Acquisition Programs	Years	Total Number of Transactions	Total Acres	Total Cost
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	1966 - 1979	100	1623.42	\$ 12,097,641
Conservation & Recreation Land (CARL) Trust Fund	1982 - 1993	143	3028.64	\$ 74,669,999
Save Our Coast Trust Fund	1983 - 1993	4	39.03	\$ 2,400,000
Preservation 2000 (P-2000) Trust Fund	1993 - 2002	798	3689.1	\$ 73,687,905
Florida Forever Trust Fund	2002 - 2009	808	1192.45	\$ 77,502,431
		<b>1853</b>	<b>9572.64</b>	<b>\$ 240,357,976</b>

Since 2009, funding has not been available for the Division of State Lands to continue its partnership with Monroe County and purchase additional conservation lands (see Exhibit 2 - maps of the current Monroe County lands owned by public and nonprofit agencies).

**ADDITIONAL COUNTY POLICY STRATEGIES**

3. Reduce the current yearly allocation rate of 197 units per year with a MC Comprehensive Plan amendment, thereby extending the timeframe of the recently awarded allocations (3,550 County wide including cities, with 1,970 units for unincorporated MC). This would provide additional time to implement other strategies, such as land acquisition.
4. Further Incentivize Lot Aggregation by encouraging additional aggregation by increasing points awarded in ROGO. Currently, 3 positive points are awarded for each vacant, legally platted lot which is aggregated in a designated Tier II or III area on BPK/NNK, and 4 positive points are awarded for each vacant, legally platted lot which is aggregated in a designated Tier III area in the Upper or Lower Keys (not BPK/NNK). These also require a legally binding restrictive covenant limiting the number of dwelling units on the aggregated lots. This policy could be revised to encourage the aggregation of additional lots from any Tier designation.
5. If no additional permits are authorized after 2023, allow the transfer of dwelling units (market rate, affordable and transient) so that property owners with more than one lawfully established unit can move the additional units to another location. The County could consider allowing transfers from:
  - a) site to site within a subarea in MC (Upper to Upper, Lower to Lower, BPK/NNK to BPK/NNK);
  - b) between ROGO sub-areas; (Upper to Lower or Lower to Upper; BPK/NNK to BPK/NNK, Lower or Upper; BPK/NNK to BPK/NNK and Lower); and/or
  - c) between jurisdictions (MC and cities).

For example, a parcel owner with 2 or 3 lawfully established residential units may transfer 1 or 2 units to another vacant parcel, thereby reducing the need for a new ROGO allocation for those vacant parcels.
6. Re-designate and/or rezone land to commercial categories that do not allow residential use. The County could review existing mapping inconsistencies and consider re-designating certain lands, particularly along U.S.1, within a commercial category.
7. Continue land acquisition programs to purchase additional undeveloped parcels and re-evaluate land acquisition priorities to balance growth management, habitat protection, retirement of development rights, reduction of density & intensity, future build-out of the Florida Keys, climate change, sea level rise, affordable housing, etc.
8. Seek federal legislation to prohibit subsidized flood insurance for new development on vacant land containing suitable/critical habitat for federally listed species within Monroe County.
9. Exercise the power of eminent domain and directly condemn parcels to avoid acquisition costs or payment of takings compensation.
10. Purchase the tax certificates and tax deeds on property with delinquent real estate taxes. Requires coordination with the Monroe County Property Appraiser’s Office and the Monroe County Tax Collector.

## **ADDITIONAL COUNTY LAND ACQUISITION FUNDING STRATEGIES**

*These strategies assume there are willing sellers.*

11. **Increase the 1 cent Tourist Impact Tax.** Currently 50% of the 1 cent tax is dedicated to land acquisition within the areas from which it is derived and used by MC Land Authority to purchase land for conservation or affordable housing. This tax is collected on hotel rooms rentals and other transient accommodations.
12. **Dedicate 10% of current 1 cent infrastructure sales surtax (§ 212.055(2)(f)3., F.S.).** Currently the County may designate 10% of this tax for “other purposes,” which could be for land acquisition.
13. **Increase sales tax.** Currently at 7.5% and dedicate 100% of the revenue generated by the increase to land acquisition. This tax is collected on all qualifying sales at the time of purchase.
14. Establish a **special taxing authority**, a dedicated revenue stream and corresponding bond issue, by referendum for an ad-valorem tax to be dedicated to land acquisition.
15. **Explore a toll on US 1** with a portion of the funds generated to be used to fund acquisition, restoration and maintenance of conservation lands (similar to Alligator Alley toll for Everglade’s restoration).
16. Work with **non-governmental organizations**, such as the Trust for Public Lands and the Nature Conservancy, to supplement governmental acquisition efforts.

### **Further Details on County Land Acquisition FUNDING Strategies (#11-15 Above)**

#### **Increasing Tourist Impact Tax – (Strategy #11)**

Currently, the 1 cent Tourist Impact Tax yields approximately \$5.6 million annually. This amount is split between the general fund (\$2.8M) and the County Land Authority (\$2.8M). Of the \$2.8M that goes to the Land Authority, \$1.2M is for MC outside Key West (along with \$400,000 from state park surcharges) equaling \$1.6M for MC, excluding Key West, and \$1.6M goes to Key West.

Of the approximate total revenue (\$1.6M) in the Florida Keys ACSC:

- MC Land Authority has historically allocated 60% (approximately \$900,000) to the acquisition of conservation land, with the remainder going towards purchase of parcels for affordable housing, or occasionally for active recreation areas in areas outside Key West.

Of the approximate total revenue (\$1.6M) in Key West ACSC:

- MC Land Authority has historically allocated 17% (approximately \$270,000) to the acquisition of conservation land, with the remainder going toward affordable housing.

If the County passed by referendum, after amending State legislation, an additional 0.5% to the Tourist Impact Tax and dedicated the full amount to land acquisition, this would yield an additional \$2.8 million which could be split as follows:

- The Florida Keys ACSC (\$602,000 [43%] additional); and
- Key West ACSC (\$798,000 [57%] additional)

[NOTE: An additional amendment to the state legislation would be needed in order to allow the additional 0.5% to be spent within the entire County, rather than the area from which the tax is derived.]

TOTAL additional funds available of \$2.8M, in addition to the \$1.17M (900,000+270,000 historically allocated for the acquisition of conservation lands), equals \$3.9M. If this was accomplished, the Land Authority would be able to generate the funds equal to the tax assessed value for the remaining 7,814 parcels within 80 years (see Table 3).

*Note: The overall tourist tax revenues collected on a tourist unit currently consist of a total tax of 12.5% (7.5% sales tax and 5% tourist impact tax) and if this strategy is implemented with an increase of 0.5% to the tourist impact tax, the total tax would be 13% (7.5% sales tax and 5.5% tourist impact tax).*

**Table 3: Vacant Parcels and Years to Acquire with an Increase to Tourist Impact Tax**

AREA	NO. VACANT PARCELS	AVERAGE PARCEL VALUE	APPROXIMATE LAND VALUE (December 2012 MC Property Appraiser data)	ANNUAL BUDGET FOR LAND ACQUISITION	YEARS TO GENERATE THE FUNDS EQUAL TO THE TAX ASSESSED VALUE
<b>PARCELS TO PURCHASE (COUNTYWIDE)*</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>\$40,664</b> (analysis assumes no growth in property value over time)	<b>\$ 317,748,496</b>	<b>\$ 3,970,000</b>	<b>80*</b>

\* The total vacant parcels (11,364) less the 3,550 allocations available results in 7,814 parcels to purchase. At an average cost of \$40,664 it will take MC 80 years to acquire these parcels utilizing \$1.17M (900,000+270,000) + an additional \$2.8M from 0.5% additional tourist tax if passed by referendum, after State Legislature authorization to hold a referendum, for a total of \$3.97M annually.

**Dedicating 10% of Current Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Strategy #12)**

One cent of sales tax produces the following revenue for the various entities:

- **\$16,500,000 – Unincorporated Monroe County (60%)**
- \$ 1,700,000 – Islamorada (6%)
- \$ 200,000 – Key Colony Beach (0.72%)
- \$ 6,800,000 – Key West (25%)
- \$ 50,000 – Layton (0.18%)
- \$ 2,300,000 – Marathon (8%)
- **\$27,550,000 – Entire county**

The BOCC can make a policy decision to allocate 10% of the amount of sales tax received for unincorporated Monroe County for land acquisition without a referendum or state authorization. This would result in an additional \$1.65M annually toward this program. If this was accomplished, MC would be able to generate the funds equal to the tax assessed value for the remaining 7,814 parcels within 81 years (see Table 4).

**Table 4: Vacant Parcels and Years to Acquire with a Dedication of 10% of Infrastructure Sales Surtax**

AREA	NO. VACANT PARCELS	AVERAGE PARCEL VALUE	APPROXIMATE LAND VALUE (December 2012 MC Property Appraiser data)	ANNUAL BUDGET FOR LAND ACQUISITION	YEARS TO GENERATE THE FUNDS EQUAL TO THE TAX ASSESSED VALUE
<b>PARCELS TO PURCHASE (COUNTYWIDE)*</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>\$40,664</b> (analysis assumes no growth in property value over time)	<b>\$ 317,748,496</b>	<b>\$ 3,925,000</b>	<b>81*</b>
<b>MC PARCELS TO PURCHASE (UNINCORPORATED)**</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>\$30,400</b> (analysis assumes no growth in property value over time)	<b>\$ 188,419,200</b>	<b>\$ 2,550,000</b>	<b>74**</b>

\* The total vacant parcels (11,364) less the 3,550 allocations available results in 7,814 parcels to purchase. At an average cost of \$40,664 it will take MC 81 years to acquire these parcels utilizing 1.17M (900,000+270,000) + an additional \$2.755M from 10% of sales tax if authorized by Board of County Commissioners for a total of \$3.925M.

\*\* The total vacant parcels (8,168) less the 1,970 allocations available results in 6,198 parcels to purchase. At an average cost of \$30,400 it will take MC 74 years to acquire these parcels utilizing \$900,000 + an additional \$1.65M from 10% of sales surtax if authorized by Board of County Commissioners for a total of \$2.55M.

## **Increasing Sales Tax (Strategy #13)**

One cent of sales tax produces the following revenue for the various entities:

- **\$16,500,000 – Unincorporated Monroe County (60%)**
- \$ 1,700,000 – Islamorada (6%)
- \$ 200,000 – Key Colony Beach (0.72%)
- \$ 6,800,000 – Key West (25%)
- \$ 50,000 – Layton (0.18%)
- \$ 2,300,000 – Marathon (8%)
- **\$27,550,000 – Entire county**

If the County passed by referendum, after legislative authorization, adding an *additional* 1 cent sales tax, an additional \$27,550,000 could be available County-wide toward this program. If this was accomplished, MC would be able to generate the funds equal to the tax assessed value for the remaining 7,814 parcels within 11 years (see Table 3).

**Table 5:** Vacant Parcels and Years to Acquire with an Increase in the Sales Tax

AREA	NO. VACANT PARCELS	AVERAGE PARCEL VALUE	APPROXIMATE LAND VALUE (December 2012 MC Property Appraiser data)	ANNUAL BUDGET FOR LAND ACQUISITION	YEARS TO GENERATE THE FUNDS EQUAL TO THE TAX ASSESSED VALUE
<b>PARCELS TO PURCHASE (COUNTYWIDE)*</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>\$40,664</b> (analysis assumes no growth in property value over time)	<b>\$ 317,748,496</b>	<b>\$ 28,720,000</b>	<b>11*</b>
<b>MC PARCELS TO PURCHASE (UNINCORPORATED)**</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>\$30,400</b> (analysis assumes no growth in property value over time)	<b>\$ 188,419,200</b>	<b>\$ 17,400,000</b>	<b>11**</b>

\* The total vacant parcels (11,364) less the 3,550 allocations available results in 7,814 parcels to purchase. At an average cost of \$40,664 it will take MC 11 years to acquire these parcels utilizing \$1.17M (900,000+270,000) + an additional \$27.5M from additional 1cent sales tax if authorized by Board of County Commissioners and State of Florida and passed by voters for a total of \$28,720,000.

\*\* The total vacant parcels (8,168) less the 1,970 allocations available results in 6,198 parcels to purchase. At an average cost of \$30,400 it will take MC 11 years to acquire these parcels utilizing \$900,000 + an additional \$16.5M from 10% of sales tax if authorized by Board of County Commissioners for a total of \$17.4M.

## **Special Taxing Authority (Strategy #14)**

Establishing a County-wide Environmental Land Acquisition Ordinance contingent upon adopting an ad valorem tax designated specifically for the purchase and management of conservation lands would generate additional revenue for land acquisition. This option has had wide application in Florida, with 20+ Counties and 20+ municipalities adopting an environmental lands program based on this model. Each community has adopted programs tailored to their specific needs and voter preferences. As can be seen in Table 6 below, some have established specific revenue caps, while others have established a time frame with no revenue cap. In addition, some of the Counties elected to bond the cap amount (Osceola, Lee and Volusia) and use the tax to pay for the bonds.

**Table 6:** Summary of Ad Valorem Tax Initiatives

COUNTY	YEAR ADOPTED	MILLAGE RATE	TOTAL REVENUE	TERM
LAKE	2004	0.33	\$ 36 MILLION (cap)	5 YRS (bond issue)
LEE	1996	0.5	\$ 400 MILLION	ANNUAL RENEWAL
MIAMI-DADE	1990	0.75	\$ 90 MILLION	2 YRS
OSCEOLA	2004	0.25	\$ 60 MILLION (cap)	20 YRS (bond issue)
VOLUSIA	2000	0.20	\$ 40 MILLION (cap)	20 YRS (bond issue)

**Process for Establishing Countywide Taxing Authority by County**

Although the enabling legislation and implementation may vary, in general, the process followed by the majority of jurisdictions researched has been:

- 1) Formation of a grass-roots citizens group to highlight and support the issues, initiated by residents or by the County (for example: via contracting with an organization such as The Trust for Public Lands, etc.)
- 2) BOCC passes enabling legislation purchase program and proposed tax
- 3) Voter approval referendum for ad valorem tax for purchases or bond issue
- 4) BOCC adopts conservation land selection standards
- 5) BOCC approves funding for either or both
  - a) A bond issue to borrow funds for purchase
  - b) Establishing a Conservation Land Fund to purchase as revenue is collected

**Approximate Annual Revenue from Special Taxing Authority**

According to data from the Monroe County Property Appraiser (MCPA), the total taxable value for real property in the Florida Keys (unincorporated and incorporated) in 2012 was approximately \$18,691,323,445. Using this value, the table below depicts approximate annual revenues associated with a range of millage rates and the time in years to acquire all privately owned vacant parcels, after ROGO allocation through the year 2023.

**Table 7:** Summary of Potential Revenue Generation & Acquisition Timeframe

TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE (MCPA - 2012)	ANNUAL REVENUES		
	0.75 MIL	0.50 MIL	0.25 MIL
\$ 18,691,323,445	\$ 14,018,492	\$ 9,345,661	\$ 4,672,830
POTENTIAL LIABILITY AFTER ALLOCATIONS	YEARS TO GENERATE THE FUNDS EQUAL TO THE TAX ASSESSED VALUE		
\$ 317,748,496	23	34	68

**Toll on US 1 (Strategy #15)**

Seek and support Federal and State legislation that would authorize the imposition of a toll on U.S. 1. This strategy would require a change to existing legislation that authorizes the expenditure of tolls paid for use of Alligator Alley for acquisition, restoration, and maintenance of conservation lands in the Everglades to include an authorization for land acquisition in the Keys. Alternatively, entirely new legislation could be sought. Prior discussions with state and federal officials exploring the possibility of imposing a toll on U.S. 1 as a means of raising money to fund wastewater have conclusively demonstrated that any such effort would require state and federal legislation.

## Summary of Additional County Land Acquisition Funding Strategies

In summary, with the 3,550 ROGO allocations recently awarded by the State of Florida, it may take MC up to 272 years to generate the funds equal to the tax assessed value for the remaining 7,814 privately owned vacant parcels in the Florida Keys (Cities and County - Table 2, Page 3), based upon the average 2012 property values and the current funding levels.

To continue to preserve the County’s quality of life and reduce the potential takings claims against the State and the County, which would ultimately be paid by the taxpayers, the remaining vacant, privately owned parcels (7,814), at a total value of \$317,748,496 (based on average 2012 parcel value) may need to be addressed by a combination of policy and funding strategies.

Staff has outlined five (5) possible funding strategies (from the above list of strategies) that would create additional revenues to pursue land acquisition. Each one has pros and cons and requires extensive administrative achievements, including changing state law and/or approval by voter referenda. The following table highlights the various time periods it would take to generate revenue, based on today’s dollars, given revenue estimates that could be achieved.

**Table 8:** Summary of Potential Revenue Generation of Various Strategies & Acquisition Timeframe

Strategy	Annual Revenue Toward Land Acquisition (Countywide)		Based Upon Today’s Dollars Years To Generate The Funds Equal To The Tax Assessed Value
	Additional revenue	Total revenue	
<b>Historic Status Quo</b> (50% of tourist impact tax and revenue from park entrances – allocated at the historic rates for the acquisition of conservation lands)	<b>\$ 1,170,000</b> (estimated based on historic rates)		<b>272</b>
	Additional revenue	Total revenue	
<b>11. Increase the Tourist Impact tax</b>	<b>\$ 2,800,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,970,000</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>12. Dedicate 10% of current infrastructure sales tax</b>	<b>\$ 2,755,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,925,000</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>13. Increase sales tax</b>	<b>\$ 27,550,000</b>	<b>\$ 28,720,000</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14. Establish a taxing authority</b>			
<b>0.75 MIL</b>	<b>\$ 14,018,492</b>	<b>\$15,188,492</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>0.50 MIL</b>	<b>\$ 9,345,661</b>	<b>\$10,515,661</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>0.25 MIL</b>	<b>\$ 4,672,830</b>	<b>\$ 5,842,830</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>15. Toll on US 1</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

**Note:**

*The analysis in this paper is limited to tax assessed value of parcels and does not consider: the future willingness of owners to sell; if the value assumed will be equal to the acquisition price; sufficiency of funds; if the parcels have a marketable title; the suitability of public ownership for certain parcels; the feasibility and costs of managing parcels; etc.*

