

**Northwest Florida Water Management District
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2022
Emerald Coast Utilities Authority
9255 Sturdevant Street
Pensacola, Florida 32514**

1. Opening Ceremonies

Called to order at 1:09 p.m.

Savannah Shell called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Present: George Roberts, Chair; Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer; John Alter; Gus Andrews; Kellie Ralston; Anna Upton

Absent: Jerry Pate, Vice Chair

2. Special Thanks and Recognition

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPOINT LYLE SEIGLER TO SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes for December 9, 2021

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2021. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of November 2021

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY ANNA UPTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF November 2021. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of Confidentiality Agreement with Jackson County for the Peacock Bridge Tract

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY ANNA UPTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND JACKSON COUNTY FOR THE PEACOCK BRIDGE TRACT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. 2022 Operation Outdoor Freedom Hunt

Informational purposes only.

8. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund Grants

Informational purposes only.

9. Washington County Flood Response Update

Informational purposes only.

10. Legislative Update

Informational purposes only.

11. Legal Counsel Report

Matt Bryant provided a status update on the case referenced below.

Northwest Florida Water Management District, Plaintiff, vs. GHD Construction Services, Inc., Defendant, Walton County Circuit Court Case No. 21CA137

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Financial Report
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances
For Month Ending December 31, 2021

Balance Forward - Operating Funds \$43,886,496.38

Operating Funds Received in current month:

Revenue Receipts, Current	\$1,743,402.77	
Contracts Receivable	56,865.65	
Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments	12,891.53	
Transfers from Lands Accounts	0.00	
Total Deposits during month	1,813,159.95	1,813,159.95

Total Deposits and Balance Forward \$ 45,699,656.33

Disbursements:

Employee Salaries	673,465.40	
Employee Benefits	178,965.69	
Employee Flexible Spending Account	0.00	
Contractual Services (Professional)	295,349.78	
Operating Expenses - Services	97,198.35	
Operating Expenses - Commodities	18,193.24	
Operating Capital Outlay	0.00	
Grants and Aids	30,287.25	
Total Operating Expenses during month	1,293,459.71	1,293,459.71
Payables, Prior Year	0.00	
Other Disbursements or (Credits)	23,616.34	
Total Funds Disbursed by check during month	1,317,076.05	1,317,076.05
Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, etc.)	0.00	
Transfer to Cypress Springs Account	0.00	
Total Funds Disbursed	1,317,076.05	1,317,076.05

Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end \$ 44,382,580.28

Operating Depositories:

Petty Cash Fund	250.25	
Bank of America:		
General Fund Checking	3,402,230.22	
Payroll Account	6,000.00	
Passthrough (EFT) Account	0.00	
Investment Accounts:		
Fla. Board of Administration @ 0.13%		
General Fund	17,628,332.18	
Lands Fee Fund	4,710,110.70	
Ecosystem TF	71,995.29	
Water Prot. & Sust. Program TF	100,280.35	
Okaloosa Regional Reuse	2,509,885.88	
Mitigation Fund	15,953,495.41	15,953,495.41

Total Operating Depositories at month end \$ 44,382,580.28

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Financial Report
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For Month Ending December 31, 2021

Land Acquisition Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration @ 0.13%	\$ 300,428.06	
Total Land Acquisition Funds		300,428.06

Restricted Management Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration Phipps Land Management Account @ 0.13%	45,201.25	
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Fla. Board of Administration Cypress Springs R&M Account @ 0.13%	<u>841,592.78</u>	
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Total Restricted Land Management Funds		<u>886,794.03</u>
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Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted Management Funds		<u>1,187,222.09</u>
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TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION, & RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END		<u><u>\$ 1,187,222.09</u></u>
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Approved: _____
Chairman or Executive Director

Date: February 10, 2022

Northwest Florida Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Period ending December 31, 2021
(Unaudited)

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 12/31/2021	Variance (under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget			
Sources							
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 3,687,899	\$ 2,508,626	\$ (1,179,273)	68%			
Intergovernmental Revenues	100,724,148	1,001,737	(99,722,411)	1%			
Interest on Invested Funds	48,500	9,646	(38,854)	20%			
License and Permit Fees	537,000	176,770	(360,230)	33%			
Other	1,708,690	8,685	(1,700,005)	1%			
Fund Balance	29,493,951		(29,493,951)	0%			
Total Sources	\$ 136,200,188	\$ 3,705,464	\$ (132,494,724)	3%			
	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ¹	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ²	
Uses							
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 6,850,917	\$ 586,434	\$ 1,377,891	\$ 4,886,592	9%	29%	
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	90,092,680	445,872	33,531,786	56,115,023	0%	38%	
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	6,914,154	791,912	2,951,246	3,170,996	11%	54%	
Regulation	3,988,739	819,714	169,264	2,999,761	21%	25%	
Outreach	135,236	34,862	1,599	98,775	26%	27%	
Management and Administration	2,146,403	445,049	116,964	1,584,390	21%	26%	
Total Uses	\$ 110,128,129	\$ 3,123,843	\$ 38,148,750	\$ 68,855,536	3%	37%	
Reserves	26,072,059			26,072,059	0%	0%	
Total Uses and Reserves	\$ 136,200,188	\$ 3,123,843	\$ 38,148,750	\$ 94,927,595	2%	30%	

¹ Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders.

² Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This unaudited financial statement is prepared as of December 31, 2021, and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND
DECEMBER 2021

CHECKS	12/02/2021	\$	45,707.90
ACH TRANSFERS	12/03/2021		95,905.48
DIRECT DISBURSMENT	12/03/2021		58,738.12
CHECKS	12/09/2021		37,433.21
ACH TRANSFERS	12/10/2021		30,444.36
VOIDED CHECKS	12/15/2021		-9,670.00
CHECKS	12/16/2021		93,764.58
ACH TRANSFERS	12/17/2021		88,437.36
DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS	12/17/2021		3,504.50
CHECKS	12/22/2021		346.04
ACH TRANSFERS	12/22/2021		1,300.00
CHECKS	12/29/2021		18,105.59
ACH TRANSFERS	12/29/2021		151,018.77
		\$	<u>615,035.91</u>

Chairman or Executive Director

February 10, 2022
Date

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
2197	A J TROPHIES & AWARDS INC	12/02/2021	243.90	PROMOTIONAL ITEMS
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	12/02/2021	30.33	MONTHLY TRANSACTION FEES
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	12/02/2021	876.86	TRANSACTION FEES FOR EPERMITT
5792	BISHOP STRAW FARMS INC	12/02/2021	25,682.25	AG COST SHARE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/02/2021	630.20	MEDICARE
4875	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	12/02/2021	175.00	ANNUAL SPECIAL DISTRICT FEE
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	12/02/2021	26.74	FAR AD NFWFMD LAND MGMT PLAN
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	12/02/2021	25.76	FAR AD NFWFMD LAND MGMT PLAN
916	GULF POWER COMPANY	12/02/2021	381.24	ELECTRIC DEFUNIAK OFFICE
1717	JACKSON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	12/02/2021	640.71	1ST QTR FY2122
5393	REPUBLIC PARKING SYSTEM TALLAHASSEE	12/02/2021	180.00	PARKING PASS FOR TWO SPACES AT
4832	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	12/02/2021	80.10	PREPAID DENTAL
4832	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	12/02/2021	5,681.82	DENTAL
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	12/02/2021	81.98	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	12/02/2021	955.47	LIFE INSURANCE
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	12/02/2021	2,865.80	VOL LIFE
4833	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	12/02/2021	1,044.11	VOL LTD
5250	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL VISION	12/02/2021	624.62	VISION
4614	ST. JOE TIMBERLAND CO. OF DELAWARE LLC	12/02/2021	2,500.00	ST JOE P2925482 OVERPMT REFUND
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/02/2021	1,167.31	CELL PHONES AND JET PACKS
75	WALTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	12/02/2021	313.70	1ST QTR FY 2122 BALANCE
5398	WATKINS ROSS, & CO.	12/02/2021	1,500.00	OPEB VALUATION
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 45,707.90	
3293	ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR.	12/03/2021	8,125.00	DFO LEASE AGREEMENT CONTRACT
5702	AUTO ALLEY INC	12/03/2021	809.81	WMD96202 REPAIRS
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	12/03/2021	84,604.34	MEDICAL INSURANCE
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	12/03/2021	2,006.39	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT
4961	PETER FOLLAND	12/03/2021	126.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
2663	PATIENTS FIRST LAKE ELLA MEDICAL CENTER, P.A.	12/03/2021	49.00	LABORATORY TESTING
4799	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	12/03/2021	47.24	OFFICE SUPPLIES
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	12/03/2021	137.70	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMI
TOTAL ACH TRANFERS			\$ 95,905.48	
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/03/2021	2,400.06	RETIREE INSURANCE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/03/2021	56,338.06	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 58,738.12	
TOTAL AP			\$ 200,351.50	

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VENDOR NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
96 APALACHICOLA/CARRABELLE TIMES	12/09/2021	84.00	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
95 AT&T	12/09/2021	347.94	PHONE SERVICE - EFO
5131 CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS	12/09/2021	205.72	WATER/ SEWER DEFUNIAK SPRINGS
2241 DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS	12/09/2021	907.50	JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT JFA002
3424 MIDTOWN PRINT CO.	12/09/2021	124.00	BUSINESS CARDS FOR LANDS (DAN,
3424 MIDTOWN PRINT CO.	12/09/2021	25.00	BUSINESS CARDS-BAILEY
4748 EAST MILTON WATER SYSTEM	12/09/2021	21.21	WATER MILTON OFFICE
2713 FL DEPT OF AG. & CONSUMER SERVICES	12/09/2021	175.00	PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING CORRE
2701 FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST	12/09/2021	24,969.75	SECOND INSTALLMENT FY 21/22
26 FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	12/09/2021	32.34	LEGAL ADS FOR GOVERNING BOARD
3193 INSURANCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE	12/09/2021	50.80	BACKGROUND SCREENING
2299 LIBERTY COUNTY SOLID WASTE	12/09/2021	40.00	SOLID WASTE DUMPSTER - FL RIVER
3266 LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.	12/09/2021	170.94	LED BULBS FOR HQ
1205 OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	12/09/2021	67.73	CALENDARS AND OFFICE SUPPLIES
1205 OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	12/09/2021	7.17	CALENDARS AND OFFICE SUPPLIES
5610 OKALOOSA-WALTON SECURITY & SURVEILLANCE	12/09/2021	75.00	DFO SECURITY
5629 ROAD MART OF FLORIDA, LLC	12/09/2021	2,518.77	WMD 2425 REPAIRS
110 TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	12/09/2021	72.20	SECURITY LIGHTS - HQ
110 TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	12/09/2021	295.12	WATER/SEWER - HQ
110 TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	12/09/2021	2,470.46	ELECTRIC - HQ
5801 TALQUIN PORTABLE RESTROOMS, INC	12/09/2021	165.00	ADA PORTABLE TOILET FOR REVELL
3568 THOMPSON TRACTOR CO., INC.	12/09/2021	1,620.31	CAT D5 DOZER REPAIRS
5823 TROPIC ENTERPRISES LLC	12/09/2021	2,251.00	UTILITY TRAILER
3941 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	12/09/2021	309.50	CHECK STOCK FOR AP & PR
4286 ULINE, INC.	12/09/2021	426.75	FOAM CORE BOARDS FOR MAPS
TOTAL CHECKS		\$ 37,433.21	
5702 AUTO ALLEY INC	12/10/2021	2,043.51	MAJOR MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS FOR WMD
5824 DAVID STANFORD	12/10/2021	90.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4961 PETER FOLLAND	12/10/2021	90.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3337 FORESTECH CONSULTING	12/10/2021	400.00	LAND MGMT DATATBASE CONTRACT #
3942 A & W VENTURES, L.C.	12/10/2021	225.00	PORTABLE HANDICAPPED TOILET FO
5368 KOUNTRY RENTAL NWF, INC.	12/10/2021	8,855.00	SERVICE FOR PORTABLE TOILETS-C
5227 MAC'S AUTO SERVICE	12/10/2021	808.68	REPAIRS AND OIL CHANGE TO WMD2436
4368 PROFESSIONAL HEALTH EXAMINERS	12/10/2021	100.00	LABORATORY TESTING
5614 ZACHARY J. SELLERS	12/10/2021	925.00	DFO OFFICE JANITORIAL SERVICES
5651 SGS TECHNOLOGIE, LLC	12/10/2021	373.33	HOSTING & MAINTAINING DIST WEB
4799 STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	12/10/2021	61.94	OFFICE SUPPLIES
4955 TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	12/10/2021	4,481.90	RECREATION SITE CLEAN UP AND M
4955 TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	12/10/2021	200.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MI
5337 VANASSEE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.	12/10/2021	9,900.00	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
5060 EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	200.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	115.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	230.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
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5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	115.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	200.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	370.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	200.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	115.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	12/10/2021	115.00	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR WEST REGI
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 30,444.36	
TOTAL AP			\$ 67,877.57	

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VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
5028	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC	12/16/2021	7,200.00	ADDITIONAL REPORT MODULE FOR A
5028	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC	12/16/2021	2,400.00	AQUARIUS DATA MIGRATION
5821	B&C FIRE SAFETY INC	12/16/2021	656.25	ALARM AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/16/2021	433.44	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/16/2021	1,083.45	NOV 2021 ANALYSIS STATEMENT
5580	JAMES BARNES	12/16/2021	4,605.00	AG BMP COST SHARE AGREEMENT
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	12/16/2021	76.13	DUMPSTER SERVICE
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	12/16/2021	46.45	SEWER MILTON OFFICE
5739	DARRYL BOUDREAU	12/16/2021	400.34	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
2171	ESRI, INCORPORATED	12/16/2021	65,400.00	ESRI ENTERPRISE ADVANTAGE PROG
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	80.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	115.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	115.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	195.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	195.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	95.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
5813	GARBOLOGIST LLC	12/16/2021	95.00	RENTAL/SERVICE OF PORTABLE & C
916	GULF POWER COMPANY	12/16/2021	457.20	MILTON ELECTRIC
5807	HERON'S LANDING DEVELOPMENT LLC	12/16/2021	100.00	HERON'S LAND P299137 OVERPMT REFUND
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	224.18	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	289.47	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	211.62	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	100.92	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	221.56	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	116.73	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	212.08	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	12/16/2021	201.66	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
5444	PENSACOLA SHOE HOSPITAL & BOOT STORE	12/16/2021	149.95	SAFETY BOOTS-DUC LE
5251	RANDSTAD NORTH AMERICA, INC.	12/16/2021	2,775.00	RANDSTAD PROFESSIONAL STAFF AUG
5737	TELECHECK SERVICES, INC.	12/16/2021	50.00	FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS
5737	TELECHECK SERVICES, INC.	12/16/2021	60.40	EPERMITTING FEES-TELECHECK
5825	THE PRINT SHOP INC	12/16/2021	1,402.75	SIGNAGE FOR TRAIL CLOSURES AND
5627	W.H. BENSON & COMPANY	12/16/2021	4,000.00	REVIEW APPRAISAL OF PEACOCK BRIDGE
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 93,764.58	
5625	TRIGG, CATLETT & ASSOCIATES	12/17/2021	4,900.00	APPRAISAL OF PEACOCK BRIDGE TRACT
5687	COLLINS LAND SERVICES, INC.	12/17/2021	49,683.25	HURRICANE MICHAEL REPAIR
5824	DAVID STANFORD	12/17/2021	126.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
45	DMS	12/17/2021	10.94	LAN PORTS AND INTRANET/INTERNET
45	DMS	12/17/2021	93.20	MILTON LOCAL
45	DMS	12/17/2021	1,604.49	HQ LOCAL
45	DMS	12/17/2021	51.03	HQ LONG DISTANCE

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
45	DMS	12/17/2021	1,981.86	DEFUNIAK ETHERNET AND LONG DISTANCE
45	DMS	12/17/2021	659.01	DEFUNIAK LOCAL PHONE
45	DMS	12/17/2021	7.94	CONFERENCE CALLS
45	DMS	12/17/2021	0.82	MILTON LONG DISTANCE
45	DMS	12/17/2021	0.17	LAN PORTS AND INTRANET/INTERNET
45	DMS	12/17/2021	8,259.94	HEADQUARTERS ETHERNET
4855	ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED	12/17/2021	2,079.17	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR HQ
4807	WEX BANK	12/17/2021	1,114.36	FLEET/FACILITIES - WEX
4807	WEX BANK	12/17/2021	1,792.01	RMD - WEX
4807	WEX BANK	12/17/2021	3,351.04	LANDS - WEX
4807	WEX BANK	12/17/2021	2,952.35	REG - WEX
4807	WEX BANK	12/17/2021	(520.27)	1ST QTR REBATE
4961	PETER FOLLAND	12/17/2021	126.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5368	KOUNTRY RENTAL NWF, INC.	12/17/2021	207.50	CLEANING ECONFINA FIELD OFFICE
5337	VANASSEE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.	12/17/2021	9,900.00	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	12/17/2021	56.55	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMI
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 88,437.36	
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	2,829.16	NOVEMBER 2021 P-CARD
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	50.00	REG SUNPASS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	44.99	AMAZON ORDER FOR IT ITEMS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	9.99	DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GA
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	27.72	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	9.99	DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION TO TALLAH
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	15.96	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	9.99	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	9.99	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	53.93	FIELD SUPPLIES-AMAZON
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	67.69	AMAZON - OFFICE SUPPLIES
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2021	275.09	REG CALENDARS & OFFICE SUPPLIE
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	12/17/2021	50.00	REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT 302475-1
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	12/17/2021	50.00	REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT 302467-1
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 3,504.50	
TOTAL AP			\$ 185,706.44	

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	12/22/2021	42.19	LAKESHORE & I10
2291	GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,INC	12/22/2021	244.44	ELECTRIC SERVICE EFO
4038	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	12/22/2021	59.41	800 NUMBERS & EFO LONG DISTANCE
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 346.04	
3813	PENNINGTON, P.A.	12/22/2021	1300.00	LEGAL COUNSEL
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 1,300.00	
TOTAL AP			\$ 1,646.04	

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
4923	JOHN ALTER	12/29/2021	56.07	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4923	JOHN ALTER	12/29/2021	89.32	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	12/29/2021	814.84	TRANSACTION FEES FOR EPERMITT
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	12/29/2021	29.95	MONTHLY TRANSACTION FEES
3158	BELL, GRIFFITH & ASSOCIATES, INC.	12/29/2021	5,000.00	APPRAISAL OF BRANDON AND FACIA
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	12/29/2021	50.00	REFUND WELL PERMIT 3017441 MI
2713	FL DEPT OF AG. & CONSUMER SERVICES	12/29/2021	972.00	PRESCRIBED BURN ASSISTANCE
5790	GADSDEN COUNTY NEWS CORP	12/29/2021	68.25	LEGAL ADSWATER USE PERMITS
5474	HATCHER PUBLISHING INC	12/29/2021	32.50	LEGAL ADSWATER USE PERMITS
5827	HELTON BROTHERS FARM	12/29/2021	1,500.00	REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT FOR P 72062
61	JACKSON COUNTY FLORIDAN	12/29/2021	80.20	LEGAL ADSWATER USE PERMITS
1695	JAMES MOORE & COMPANY	12/29/2021	6,500.00	INDEPENDANT AUDITOR SERVICES
3266	LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.	12/29/2021	90.24	8FT BI PINS BULBS FOR EFO
5104	MASSEY SERVICES, INC.	12/29/2021	350.00	INSPECTION/EXTERMINATION OF WA
5610	OKALOOSAWALTON SECURITY & SURVEILLANCE	12/29/2021	75.00	DFO SECURITY
4849	NICK PATRONIS	12/29/2021	51.94	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4849	NICK PATRONIS	12/29/2021	89.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
62	PENSACOLA NEWSJOURNAL	12/29/2021	121.86	LEGAL ADSWATER USE PERMITS
62	PENSACOLA NEWSJOURNAL	12/29/2021	119.54	LEGAL ADSWATER USE PERMITS
5629	ROAD MART OF FLORIDA, LLC	12/29/2021	2,014.88	WMD 2434 TIRES AND REPAIRS
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 18,105.59	
3293	ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR.	12/29/2021	106.80	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4742	BRECK BRANNEN	12/29/2021	88.11	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5450	CAITLIN BRONGEL	12/29/2021	408.51	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4845	CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	12/29/2021	625.48	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI
3771	CHOCTAWHATCHEE BASIN ALLIANCE	12/29/2021	39,462.61	LIVE OAK POINT LIVING SHORELINES
5687	COLLINS LAND SERVICES, INC.	12/29/2021	54,452.84	HURRICANE MICHAEL REPAIR
5739	DARRYL BOUDREAU	12/29/2021	8.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5739	DARRYL BOUDREAU	12/29/2021	462.04	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5824	DAVID STANFORD	12/29/2021	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5824	DAVID STANFORD	12/29/2021	79.00	TRAVELREIMBURSMENT
97	THE DEFUNIAK HERALD	12/29/2021	37.13	LEGAL ADS WATER USE PERMITS
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	12/29/2021	1,962.55	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT NO. 11012
4961	PETER FOLLAND	12/29/2021	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3337	FORESTECH CONSULTING	12/29/2021	14,478.00	LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS
5650	ELIZABETH HOLLISTER	12/29/2021	1,457.96	TUTION REIMBURSEMENT
5641	MUNROE FOREST & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, INC	12/29/2021	7,500.00	REFUND OF PERFORMANCE BOND 19015
4090	JERRY PATE	12/29/2021	134.71	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4090	JERRY PATE	12/29/2021	165.54	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
2663	PATIENTS FIRST LAKE ELLA MEDICAL CENTER, P.A.	12/29/2021	49.00	LABORATORY TESTING
4607	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	12/29/2021	1,087.65	MAILING SYSTEMS FOR HQ AND DEF
3960	GEORGE ROBERTS	12/29/2021	89.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3960	GEORGE ROBERTS	12/29/2021	51.94	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
5675	TONY KELLY HEATING & A/C	12/29/2021	16,917.00	INSTALLATION OF 7.5 TON A/C UNIT
5218	WAGEWORKS, INC.	12/29/2021	137.70	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMI
2631	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	12/29/2021	<u>10,965.20</u>	LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			<u>\$ 151,018.77</u>	
TOTAL AP			<u><u>\$ 169,124.36</u></u>	

DIRECT DEPOSIT	12/03/2021	\$ 224,625.11
CHECKS	12/03/2021	3,304.03
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	12/03/2021	1,657.57
DIRECT DEPOSIT	12/17/2021	226,796.30
CHECKS	12/17/2021	444.37
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	12/17/2021	1,657.57
DIRECT DEPOSIT	12/29/2021	243,385.34
CHECKS	12/29/2021	169.85
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		\$ 702,040.14

Chairman or Executive Director

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Carlos Herd, Director, Division of Resource Management
Paul Thorpe, Deputy Director, Division of Resource Management

FROM: Jerrick Saquibal, Chief, Bureau of Projects and Planning

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Contractual Services to Support Algae Harvesting and Biomass Reuse for Sustainable Nutrient Reductions in Agricultural Runoff to the Gulf of Mexico

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to approve expenditures and execute task orders with AECOM for an amount not to exceed \$690,000.00 to provide contractual services for Algae Harvesting and Biomass Reuse for Sustainable Nutrient Reductions in Agricultural Runoff to the Gulf of Mexico.

Background

In March 2021, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive grant funding up to \$959,754.00 for a Gulf of Mexico Division Farmer to Farmer grant: Algae Harvesting and Biomass Reuse for Sustainable Nutrient Reduction in Agricultural Runoff to the Gulf of Mexico.

Pursuant to a request for proposals, the Governing Board in June 2021 authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the AECOM to provide contractual services for Algae Harvesting and Biomass Reuse for Sustainable Nutrient Reductions in Agricultural Runoff to the Gulf of Mexico. An agreement was executed in September 2021.

AECOM will implement a novel approach to nutrient reduction in an agricultural operation in Gadsden County. Work to be performed includes mobilization and deployment of an intact cellular algae harvesting system at an agricultural facility. The system will have the ability to remove intact cellular algae from a surface water source, separate the algae from the water, and return the clarified water back to the agricultural operation. The selected firm shall provide options to manage, reuse as fertilizer, and/or dispose of the algal biomass in a manner that improves water quality in the receiving watershed.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Carlos Herd, Director, Division of Resource Management

FROM: Paul Thorpe, Deputy Director, Resource Management Division

DATE: January 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Delegation to Executive Director for Approval of Annual Regional Mitigation Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director, as its designee, to approve annual Regional Mitigation Plan updates required by section 373.4137, Florida Statutes.

Background

In accordance with section 373.4137(4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the District develops an annual Regional Mitigation Plan update to provide mitigation options to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to offset wetland impacts associated with transportation projects when use of a private mitigation bank is not feasible. The section requires the annual Regional Mitigation Plan update to be approved by the Governing Board or its designee before March 1 annually.

In February 2006, the Governing Board delegated authority for approving the annual update to the Executive Director. This item provides to the Board an opportunity to revisit this delegation and consider an updated recommendation from staff.

After District approval, the plan is submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for final approval. Development of the update includes consultation with FDEP; the United States Army Corps of Engineers; FDOT; other appropriate federal, state, and local government agencies; and other interested parties. The plan update is made available for public review via the District's website, with notice provided in the Florida Administrative Register. Since 1997, the District has developed 31 mitigation sites that have enabled approximately 80 FDOT transportation projects in northwest Florida to move forward.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director

FROM: Frank Powell, Director
Division of Asset Management

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Division of Asset Management Spending Authority for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve and authorize the Executive Director with spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 with Extreme Logistics Gulf Coast, LLC for rental and service of portable toilets and service of compost toilets and for vehicle and equipment purchases in an amount not to exceed \$271,775.

Background:

Rental and Service of Portable Toilets and Service of Compost Toilets

The Division of Asset Management requires the services of several portable toilet companies in our 16-county area to provide regular and handicap-accessible portable toilets and to service portable and compost toilets located at District recreation sites and campsites. These companies not only provide the units but also provide weekly or monthly service for the portable and compost units and also provide the necessary supplies for cleaning hands.

Extreme Logistics Gulf Coast, LLC has been providing portable toilets and service for portable and compost toilets in the West Region (Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties) since March 2020 and it is anticipated that the District will exceed \$65,000 with Extreme Logistics Gulf Coast, LLC during FY 2021/22. Since March 2020, the District has spent with Extreme \$44,565.84. According to the District's Policies and Procedures Manual, Governing Board approval is required if multiple purchases from the same vendor for the same purpose cumulatively is anticipated to exceed \$65,000 across fiscal years.

Purchase of Vehicles and/or Heavy Equipment

Each year, the Division of Asset Management replaces vehicles, ATV/UTV's and heavy equipment, as necessary, in the Bureau of Land Management Operations (BLMO) and the District's Fleet. In the current year budget, the Division has \$80,000 budgeted to purchase two 4x4 pickup trucks for the BLMO, a budget of \$121,775 to purchase a transport or heavy equipment for the BLMO and a budget of \$70,000 to purchase two vehicles for the District's Fleet. The ordering of these vehicles and/or heavy equipment exceeds the threshold of \$65,000 for purchasing from one vendor. As such, Governing Board approval is required.

Due to a severe shortage of fleet vehicles and equipment on state contract, and within local markets, District staff have requested numerous quotes for fleet vehicles and miscellaneous equipment. However due to the limited availability of vehicle stock nationwide, these vehicles have been taken by cash buyers or other agencies. The District will first consider state and alternate contract sources and then will next consider the local market within the 16 counties of the District, followed by outside of the region.

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director

FROM: Grace Adams, Human Resources Administrator

DATE: January 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Renewal of Employee Health and Life Insurance

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the renewal of the annual employee health and life insurance policies beginning April 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023.

Background

The District's current employee health coverage, a dual option plan with Capital Health Plan of Tallahassee (an HMO) and Florida Blue (a PPO) will expire on March 31. Insurance is scheduled to be renewed on an annual basis with the approval of the Governing Board.

To maintain a comparable level of health insurance coverage for District employees, and with the current providers, the premiums will increase by 13.11 percent over the current year rate. The District contributes 87 percent of the premium for regular staff and 98 percent for those in management positions.

Florida Blue / Capital Health Plan Health Insurance Rates - Monthly Amount								
Coverage	Current	April 2022 Renewal						
	Rates	Rates	Increase					
			District Portion*		Employee Portion*		Total*	
Employee	\$779.25	\$ 881.43	\$88.90	11.41%	\$13.28	1.70%	\$102.18	13.11%
Employee/Spouse	\$1,620.81	\$ 1,833.34	\$184.90	11.41%	\$27.63	1.70%	\$212.53	13.11%
Employee/Children	\$1,343.89	\$ 1,520.11	\$153.31	11.41%	\$22.91	1.70%	\$176.22	13.11%
Full Family	\$2,328.24	\$ 2,633.53	\$265.61	11.41%	\$39.68	1.70%	\$305.29	13.11%

** Figures are based on District contribution of 87% of the premium for Regular Class. The District contribution is 98% for Select Exempt and Senior Management Classes.*

In addition to health insurance, the District provides a \$25,000 life insurance policy for employees in authorized positions through Sun Life Financial, Inc. The rates paid by the District for life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance will remain at the current rates.

Life & Accidental Death and Dismemberment Rates-Sun Life				
Policy	Current	April 2022 Renewal		
	Rate per \$1,000 Coverage*	Increase		
Life	\$0.38	\$0.38	\$0.00	0.00%
AD&D	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.00	0.00%

* Figures are based on the District's contribution of 100% of the rate for coverage of \$25,000.

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) we are required to hold an annual open enrollment. We would like to start the open-enrollment period on February 21, 2022, to provide employees 30 days to review their options. Open enrollment allows employees to discuss coverage details with the company representatives, make changes to insurance options including the supplemental insurance products offered through the District, and make changes to dependent coverage.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director

FROM: Wendy Dugan, Division of Administration Director

DATE: January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 901 amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget and allow staff to realign revenues and reserves to maintain the proper balance in each fund.

Background

Amendment 2 realigns budget of \$73,485 and the deletion/addition of one full-time position within and across funds, programs, projects, and budget categories. This amendment does not increase or decrease the District's total budget or total count of authorized positions. Below is an explanation of the budget transfers and position adjustment:

- \$39,210 in Salaries and Benefits from Activity 614 Administrative Support to Activity 113 Other Water Resources Planning and Activity 230 Surface Water Projects to support project planning and development and updates to water resource planning documents. This transfer includes deleting one vacant full-time equivalent position (FTE) in the Division of Administration and adding one FTE in the Division of Resource Management.
- \$30,000 in Grants and Aids from Activity 222 Water Supply Development Assistance to Activity 130 Technical Assistance to help Washington County meet fuel costs associated with providing flood relief.
- \$3,275 from Operating Capital Outlay in Activity 620 Technology and Information Services to Operating Expenses in Activity 520 Public Information for continuing education and Activity 540 Lobbying for the District's online governmental research and legislative monitoring subscription.
- \$1,000 in Contracted Services from Activity 111 Water Supply Planning to Activity 113 Other Water Resources Planning for related legal counsel expenses.

Summary of Fund Impact to Expense Budget:

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Impact</u>
General Fund	33,275	(72,485)	(39,210)
Land Acquisition Fund	0	(0)	0
Projects Fund	40,210	(1,000)	39,210
Lands Management Fund	0	(0)	0
Regulation Fund	0	(0)	0
Mitigation Fund	0	(0)	0
	73,485	(73,485)	0



Lyle Seigler
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 901 AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

WHEREAS, chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, require the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) to adopt a final budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 897, after a public hearing on September 23, 2021, the Governing Board of the District adopted a final budget for the District covering its proposed operations and other requirements for the ensuing fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 189.016(7), Florida Statutes, the District will post the adopted amendment on its official website within five days after its adoption; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment involves an action that transfers, increases, or decreases to total appropriated Fund amounts in the budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 120.525, Florida Statutes, the District has provided notice of its intention to amend the Budget in the published notification of the Governing Board meeting at which the amendment will be considered; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, that:

The budget is hereby amended as summarized in the memorandum dated January 26, 2022, requesting Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. Amendment No. 2 provides for a cost-neutral budget transfer in the amount of \$73,485 and the deletion and addition of one full-time equivalent position between divisions. This amendment recognizes the reallocation of budget authority within and across funds, programs, projects, and categories to properly reflect activities performed and estimated costs. This amendment does not increase or decrease the District's total budget or total count of authorized positions.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2022, A.D.

ATTEST:

George Roberts, Chair

Lyle Seigler, Executive Director

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Panama City

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Carlos Herd, Director, Division of Resource Management
Kathleen Coates, Bureau Chief, Water Resource Evaluation

FROM: Paul Thurman, Program Manager, Minimum Flows and Levels

DATE: February 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment 4 to Grant AT003 with the DEP and Expenditures
Associated with the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project for FY 2021-22

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment 4 of Grant Agreement AT003 with the Department of Environmental Protection and execute task orders with contractors to enhance data collection associated with the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project for Fiscal Year 2021-22, subject to legal counsel review. The revised total cost of the grant agreement is not to exceed \$556,250.

Discussion:

The purpose of this request is for the collection and analysis of expanded discharge and water quality data for the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project during Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22. At the October 2022 Board Meeting, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection to accept grant funding not to exceed \$340,000 for discharge data collection for the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project (Grant AT003). This request is for an amendment to Grant AT003 to restart tidal flux discharge data collection and re-initiate water quality sampling in St. Joseph Bay and St. Andrew Bay. Data collected through this project will continue data collection efforts initiated during Fiscal Year 2019-20 and will help determine the volume and quality of water flowing between the St. Joseph Bay, St. Andrew Bay and the Apalachicola River. These efforts will be largely conducted by outside contractors and expenditures for this project are anticipated to be reimbursed by the DEP through Grant AT003. The revised total cost for FY 2021-22 is not to exceed \$556,250, which represents an increase of \$216,250.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Brett J. Cyphers, Executive Director
Lyle Seigler, Chief of Staff

FROM: Frank Powell, Director, Division of Asset Management

DATE: January 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Haddock Conservation Easement and
Amendment No. 2 to the Hodson Conservation Easement

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Haddock Conservation Easement and approve Amendment No. 2 to the Hodson Conservation Easement and authorize the Executive Director to sign both amendments, subject to legal counsel review.

Background:

The District purchased a Conservation Easement on 331.90 acres in February 2006 from Mr. Gary Haddock. This property is located in Washington County and consists of bottomland hardwood swamp and pine plantations. The parcel is bisected east to west by Highway 276A and has frontage on Holmes Creek (see attached map).

The District also purchased a Conservation Easement in May 2018 on 230.18 acres from Dr. Larry Hodson and his wife Carole Hodson individually and as Trustees of the Hodson Family Trust. The property is located on Mashburn Road, east of Econfina Creek in Bay County (see attached map). The Hodson Conservation Easement is made up of three parcels and combined, these parcels have over over 7,000 linear feet of frontage along Econfina Creek with numerous small seepage springs.

Both Mr. Haddock and the Hodsons have requested an amendment to their respective Conservation Easements to allow the removal, if needed, of the damaged timber in the wetlands as a result of Hurricane Michael. Both of these landowners are interested in the grant available through the Timber Recovery Block Grant Program managed by the State of Florida (Division of Emergency Management). This grant provides assistance to the landowner to help recover the damaged or destroyed timber as a result of Hurricane Michael. Both properties are located within an eligible county according to the FDEM Block Grant Program.

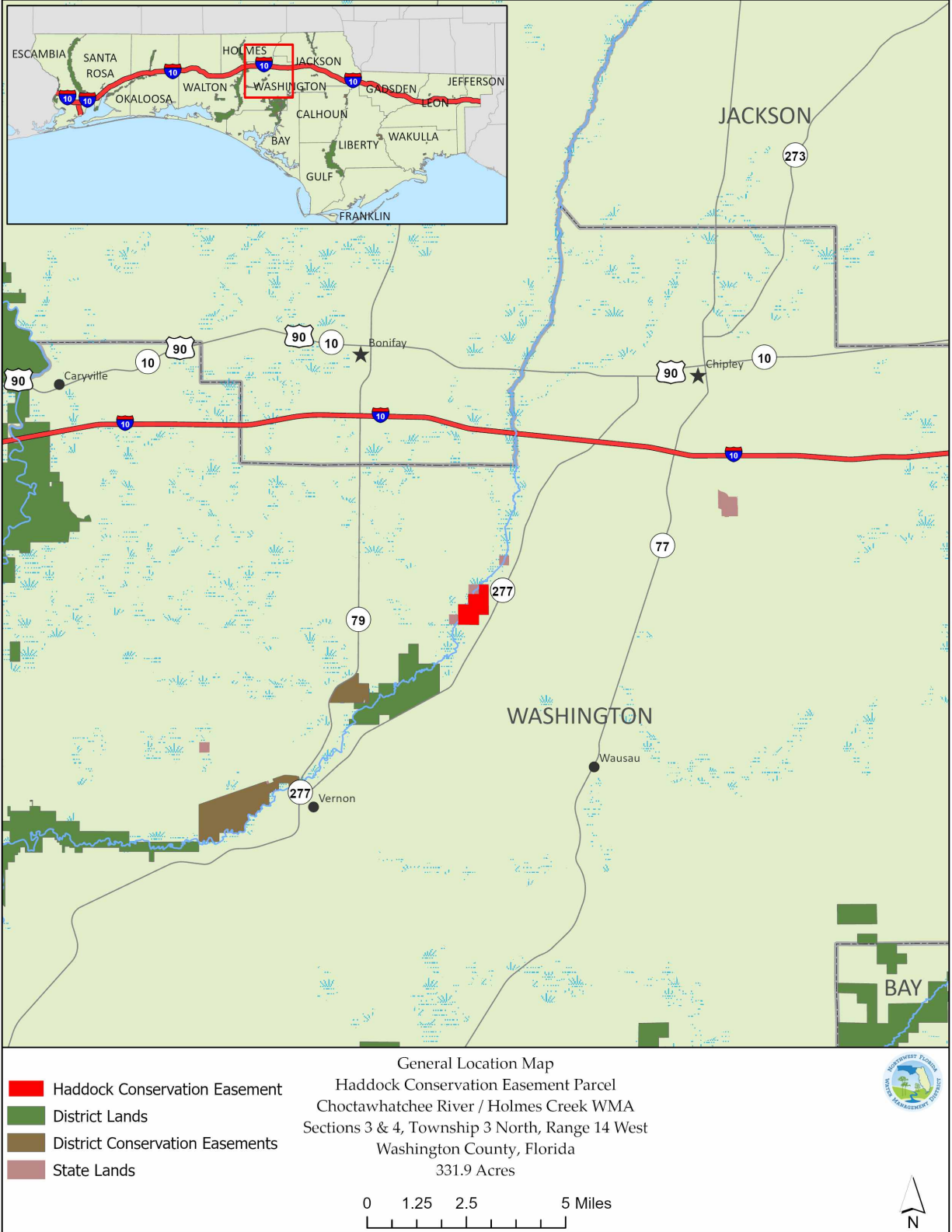
Both Conservation Easements prohibit the Grantor from cutting or removing timber in the wetland areas but currently allows the Grantee (the District) to cut and remove such damaged timber. As shown below, staff would like to revise the following paragraph for both Conservation Easements

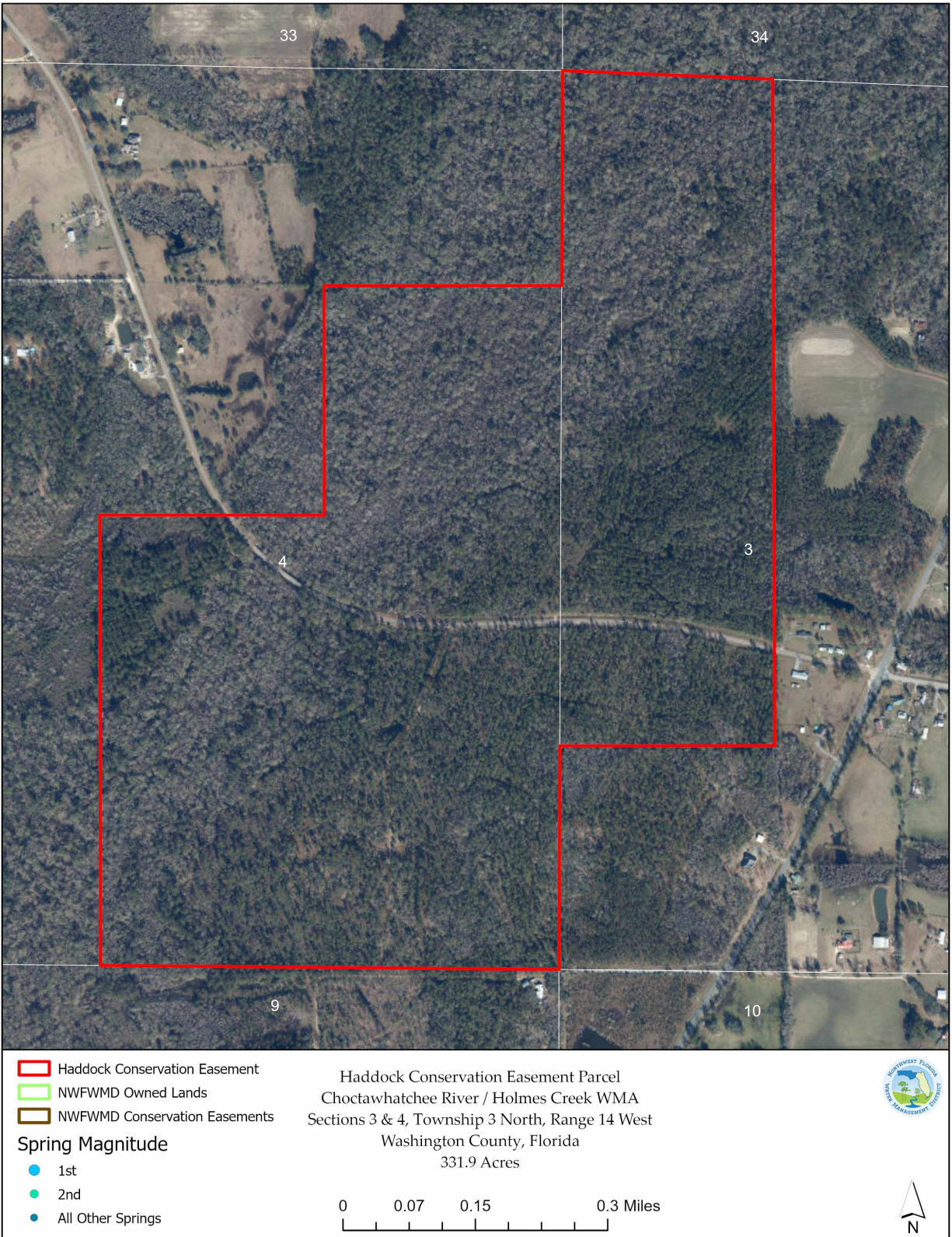
to change Grantee (the District) to Grantor (Mr. Haddock and the Hodson's). This revision has been shown using strike through for deletions and underline for new text.

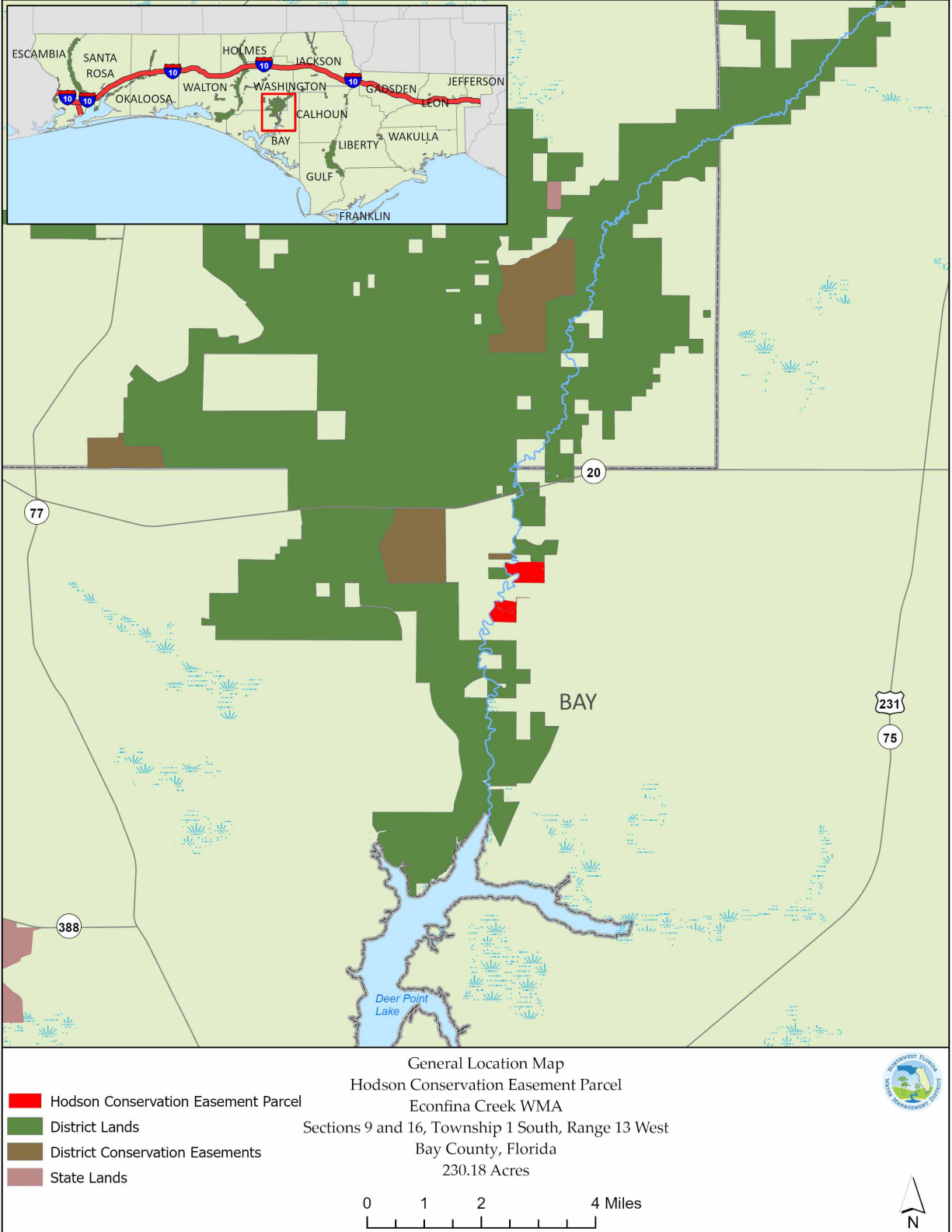
“In the areas that Grantor may not cut or remove timber, in the event the timber is damaged by natural disaster, fire, infestation or the like, ~~Grantee~~ Grantor may, at its sole discretion, enter upon the Property to cut and remove such damaged timber to protect the remaining timber. In such event, the Grantor shall submit a restoration/conservation plan to the Grantee to which both parties shall agree which damaged timber is to be removed. Reforestation shall be conducted by Grantor according to such plan. ~~In such event, the~~ If Grantor cuts and removes damaged timber, the ~~Grantee~~ Grantor shall restore and reforest the area from which such timber is removed. All costs for cutting and removal and restoration and reforestation shall be at the expense of the ~~Grantee~~ Grantor and the ~~Grantee~~ Grantor shall be entitled to the proceeds from the sale of the timber so cut and removed, if any.”

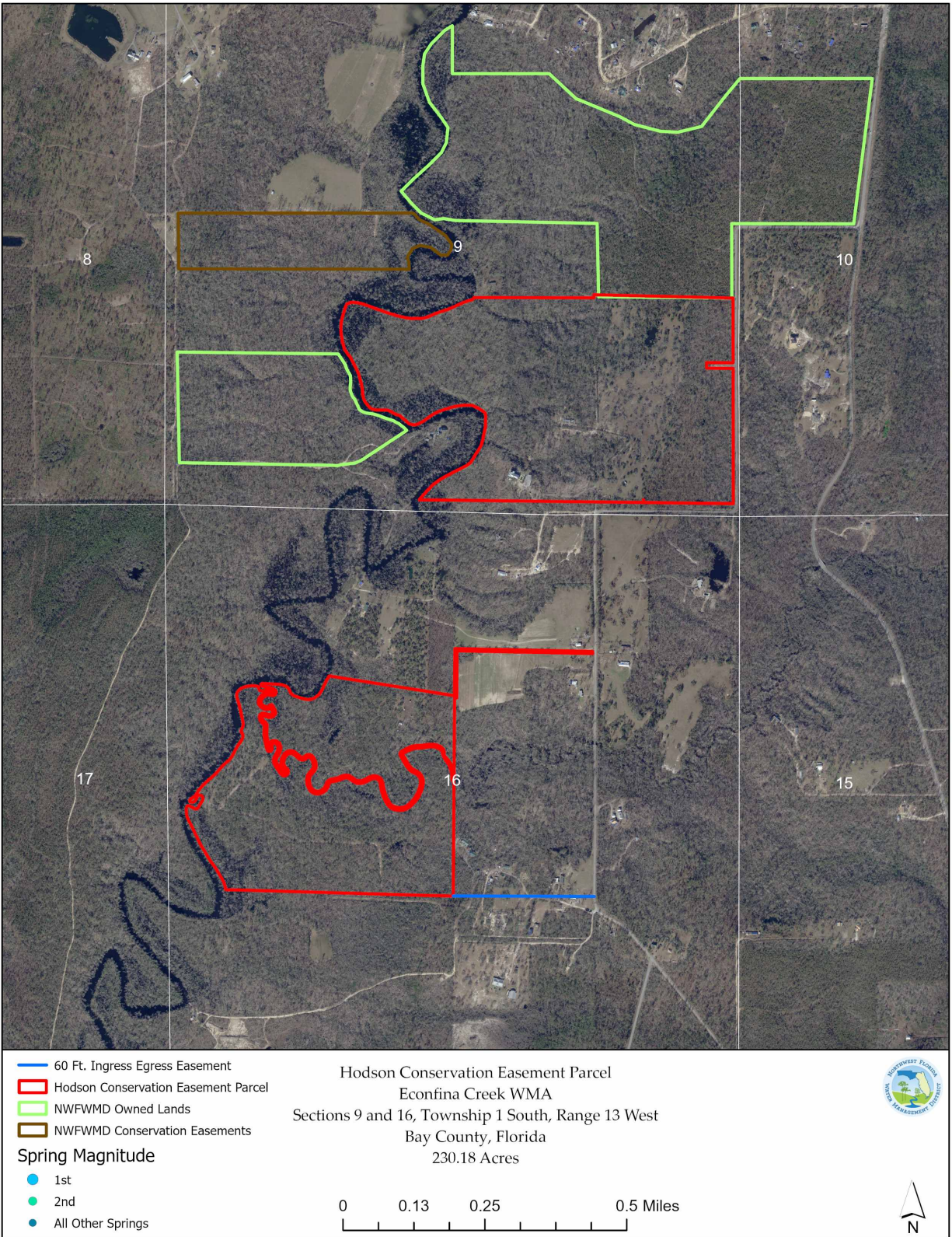
To date, the District has amended two District Conservation Easements to allow the landowner to participate with the State of Florida Timber Recovery Block Grant Program.

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director

FROM: Frank Powell, Director, Division of Asset Management

DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: *Public Hearing 1:10 p.m.* ET - Consideration of Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan.

Background:

Section 373.139(3), Florida Statutes, requires the District to adopt, following a public hearing, a Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan. The District's 2022 land acquisition program will focus on acquiring properties that improve the quality or quantity of water flowing from springs. The use of a Conservation Easement will be the preferred method of acquisition.

FP/cb

Consolidated Annual Report

Chapter 6

Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan Annual Report



Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan Annual Report

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Chapter 6. Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan Annual Report

Introduction

Section 373.199(7), F.S. requires the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD or District) to annually update the Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan. The 21st annual update of the plan contains information on projects eligible to receive funding under the Florida Forever Act and Land Acquisition Trust Fund and also reports on land management activities, surplus or exchanged lands, and the progress of funding, staffing and resource management of projects for which the District is responsible. This plan also applies to land acquisition funds deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to s.28(a), Art. X of the State Constitution.

Florida Forever Program

In 1999, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Forever Act (section 259.105, F.S.) which has continued the state's long-term commitment to environmental land acquisition, restoration of degraded natural areas, and high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

While previous programs focused almost exclusively on the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, the Florida Forever program is somewhat different in that it authorizes the use of up to half of the program funding for certain types of capital improvement projects. Eligible uses of these funds include water resource development, stormwater management projects, water body restoration, recreation facilities, public access improvements, and removing invasive plants, among others. The remaining 50 percent must be spent on land acquisition. The table below illustrates actual expenditures for land acquisition using Florida Forever funding.

Table 6.1 Land Acquisition Expenditures by Water Management Area

Water Management Area	Acres	Dollars Expended
Perdido River	6,044	\$13,535,865
Escambia River	697	\$ 1,231,692
Yellow River	205	\$ 630,046
Choctawhatchee River	4,269	\$ 6,162,350
Econfina Creek	3,663	\$ 7,977,220
Apalachicola River	1,912	\$ 3,981,132
Chipola River	2,440	\$ 5,922,785
St. Marks River	830	\$ 1,862,050
Ochlockonee River	1,529	\$ 1,951,197
TOTAL	21,589	\$43,254,337

Since the inception of the District's land acquisition program, the goal has been to protect the floodplain of our major rivers and creeks. To date, 225,545 acres have been protected for water resource purposes through the land acquisition efforts of the District either in fee simple or through conservation easements.

Acquisition Planning

The District employs a watershed approach to select and prioritize the water resources and natural systems within the groundwater contribution areas and major river basins of northwest Florida. Primary

among the considerations in this process are how specific floodplain or buffer areas help satisfy the District's water resources and natural system protection objectives; the availability of funds; the seller's willingness; how different areas fit into the District's land management strategy; and the size, accessibility, and overall condition of each property. Recommendations from interest groups, landowners, local governments, agency representatives, and other interested parties are given full consideration in the acquisition process. Existing water management areas (WMAs) include the Perdido River, Escambia River, Blackwater River, Yellow River, Garcon Point, Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek, Econfina Creek, Chipola River, Apalachicola River, and St. Marks/Wakulla Rivers.

Subject to receiving funding, the District's acquisition efforts this year will focus on the purchase of fee simple or less than fee simple (Conservation Easements) projects that protect the quality and quantity of water that flows into and out of springs. The District's acquisition efforts will focus on acquiring fee or less than fee simple interest in properties located within the Jackson Blue, Chipola, Econfina, and Wakulla Springs Groundwater Contribution Areas.

In developing the annual update, District staff review projects proposed by DEP's Division of State Lands in order to minimize redundancy and facilitate an efficient and mutually supportive land acquisition effort.

Approved Acquisition Areas

The approved acquisition areas listed below are not presented on a priority basis. For each of these water bodies, it is desirable to acquire both the floodplain and a natural buffer zone to provide further water resource protection.

Table 6.2 Approved Acquisition Areas

Rivers & Creeks Originating In Florida	Rivers and Creeks Originating Outside Florida	Springs	Lakes & Ponds	Other Ecosystems, Basins and Buffers
Wakulla River	Apalachicola River	St. Marks River near Natural Bridge	Lake Jackson	Southwest Escambia County Ecosystem
St. Marks River	Lower Apalachicola River Wetland	Spring Lake Spring Group Area	Sand Hill Lakes	Garcon Point Ecosystem
Econfina Creek and other Tributaries of Deer Point Lake	Chipola River	Bosel Springs Chipola River Springs Waddell Springs		West Bay Buffer
Lafayette Creek	Choctawhatchee River including Holmes Creek	Cypress Spring		Sandy Creek Basin
	Escambia River	Hays Springs		Apalachicola Bay and St. Vincent Sound Buffer
	Blackwater River including Juniper, Big Coldwater, and Coldwater creeks	Econfina Springs		
	Ochlockonee River and its major tributaries	Jackson Blue Spring		
	Yellow and Shoal Rivers	Wakulla Spring		
	Perdido River and Bay			

Groundwater Recharge Areas

Such lands may be designated by the District as Recharge Areas for the Floridan, Sand-and-Gravel, and other important aquifers and may be acquired in fee simple or less than fee simple.

Donated Lands

The District may accept donations of lands within its major acquisition areas if those lands are necessary for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of land and water resources.

Exchange Lands

The District may exchange lands it has acquired under the Florida Forever program for other lands that qualify for acquisition under the program. The District's Governing Board establishes the terms and conditions it considers necessary to equalize values of the exchange properties. In all such exchanges, the District's goal will be to ensure there is a net positive environmental benefit.

Mitigation Acquisitions

Under Florida law, unavoidable losses of natural wetlands or wetland functions require "mitigation" through the acquisition or restoration of other nearby wetlands. The District is often the recipient of such lands in the form of donations and also serves as the mitigation agent for the Florida Department of Transportation. Whenever possible, the District attempts to acquire mitigation lands contiguous to its existing ownership, but since proximity to the original wetland impact is often paramount, the District will on occasion acquire or manage isolated tracts.

Surplus

Chapter 373.089, F.S., allows the Governing Board of the District to sell (surplus) lands or interests or rights in lands to which the District has acquired title or to which it may hereafter acquire title. Any lands, or interests or rights in lands, determined by the Governing Board to be surplus may be sold by the District at any time for the highest price, but in no case shall the selling price be less than the appraised value.

Surplus Lands

District staff conducted an evaluation of all District lands to determine if there were any parcels appropriate for surplus. The parcels recommended for surplus were small, non-contiguous, isolated tracts or connected only on a corner. The following tracts were declared surplus by the District's Governing Board in 2013.

Table 6.3 District Surplus Lands

WMA	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Status
Econfina Creek	8.39	Washington	December 19, 1997	For Sale
Escambia River	115	Escambia	April 26, 1994	For Sale

Note to Landowners

It is important to note the District's land acquisition process only involves willing sellers and is usually initiated by landowners offering parcels for sale.

This plan includes a number of areas the District has identified for potential purchase. If your property is included in any of our acquisition areas or maps and you do not desire to sell your land to the District, Florida Statutes require the District to remove your property from the acquisition plan at the earliest

opportunity. Please contact the Division of Asset Management at (850) 539-5999 at any time if you wish to remove your property from possible purchase consideration. The District will maintain a list of such requests and annually adjust its acquisition plan accordingly.

Less Than Fee Methods of Land Protection

In less than fee purchases, the District attempts to acquire only those rights in property (i.e., development and land use conversion rights) that are needed to accomplish specific resource protection goals. Such less than fee methods can provide a number of public benefits. First, acquisition funding can be conserved, thereby enabling the protection of more land with limited funds. Also, the property continues in private ownership and thus may remain on local property tax rolls. Moreover, the District does not incur the long-term costs of land management since the property's management and maintenance remains the landowner's responsibility. Not all properties are suitable for less than fee acquisition, but the potential benefits make these kinds of transactions the preferred alternative to the District's typical fee-simple land purchases.

DEP Florida Forever Priority List

The Florida Forever Priority List can be found at:

<https://floridadep.gov/lands/environmental-services/content/florida-forever>

Florida Forever Goals and Numeric Performance Measures

As outlined in Chapter 18-24, F.A.C., the District is required to report on the goals and measures for lands to be acquired under the Florida Forever program. The following page summarizes the goals and measures applicable to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Florida Forever Goals and Numeric Performance Measures

Reported as of October 1, 2021

Rule No. 18-24.0022

(2)(d)1. For proposed acquisitions, see the (Florida Forever) Water Management District Work Plan Annual Report in the Consolidated Annual Report.

(2)(d)2. For proposed acquisitions for water resource development projects, see the (Florida Forever) Water Management District Work Plan Annual Report in the Consolidated Annual Report

(3)(a)2. Refer to (Florida Forever) Capital Improvement Work Plan of the Consolidated Annual Report for funded capital improvements identified in SWIM, stormwater, or restoration plans.

(3)(a)3. NFWFMD lands to be treated for upland invasive, exotic plants = <5,000 acres

The District has not conducted surveys to identify the spatial distribution of invasive exotic plant infestation on District lands. It is known that invasive plant problems exist at varying levels on some District lands, and staff treat with herbicide as needed.

(3)(b) New water to be made available through Florida Forever funding for water resource development - Major water resource development accomplishment has been provided by additions to Econfina Creek Water Management Area (1992-2009). Additionally, Florida Forever funding has in the past contributed to the construction of a 750,000-gallon reuse storage facility for the City of Freeport to serve a 0.6 MGD reuse water service area (project completed in 2009). Funding for water supply development, including construction of water reuse facilities, is primarily provided through State alternative water supply funding, the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund, NFWFMD General Fund, and local funding. See the NFWFMD Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program report and Consolidated Annual Report.

(4)(a)1. NFWFMD lands that are in need of and are undergoing restoration, enhancement, or management by the District.

In need of restoration, enhancement, and management = 3,308 acres

Undergoing restoration or enhancement = 2,613 acres

Restoration completed = 26,332 acres

Restoration maintenance = 26,332 acres

(4)(a)3. Refer to section 3, (Florida Forever) Capital Improvement Work Plan of the Consolidated Annual Report for capital improvements identified in SWIM, stormwater, or restoration plans.

(4)(a)6. NFWFMD lands under upland invasive, exotic plant maintenance control = <10,000 acres

(4)(b) Refer to Water Projects in the Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program of the Consolidated Annual Report for quantity of new water made available through regional water supply plans.

(4)(c) See (Florida Forever) Land Acquisition Work Plan (Table 6.6) of the Consolidated Annual Report for resource-based recreation facilities by type.

Land Acquisition Projects

The Florida Forever Act, in particular section 373.199(3) F.S., identifies information that must be included for each Florida Forever Project. Some of the required information is relatively general and applicable to all projects. To reduce the redundancies of this plan, general information is provided separately as part of the District's Five-Year Plan for the Florida Forever Program. Specific land acquisition projects are individually identified and detailed information specific to the project is provided in the following pages.

Hurricane Michael substantially impacted northwest Florida in October 2018. According to a report by the Florida Forest Service (<https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/Forest-Health/Forest-Recovery-After-a-Hurricane>), more than 2.8 million acres of forest land were damaged. Restoring and preserving flood protection and nutrient reduction capabilities inherent in these systems is vital not only to protecting the natural resources but to restoring the economy. To help in this effort, this plan identifies the hurricane impact area (as provided by National Weather Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) as the Forest Restoration Acquisition Area (FRAA). The goal of FRAA is to work with willing sellers to restore and protect, through conservation easement acquisition, the water quantity and quality benefits afforded by silviculture and agricultural best management practices.

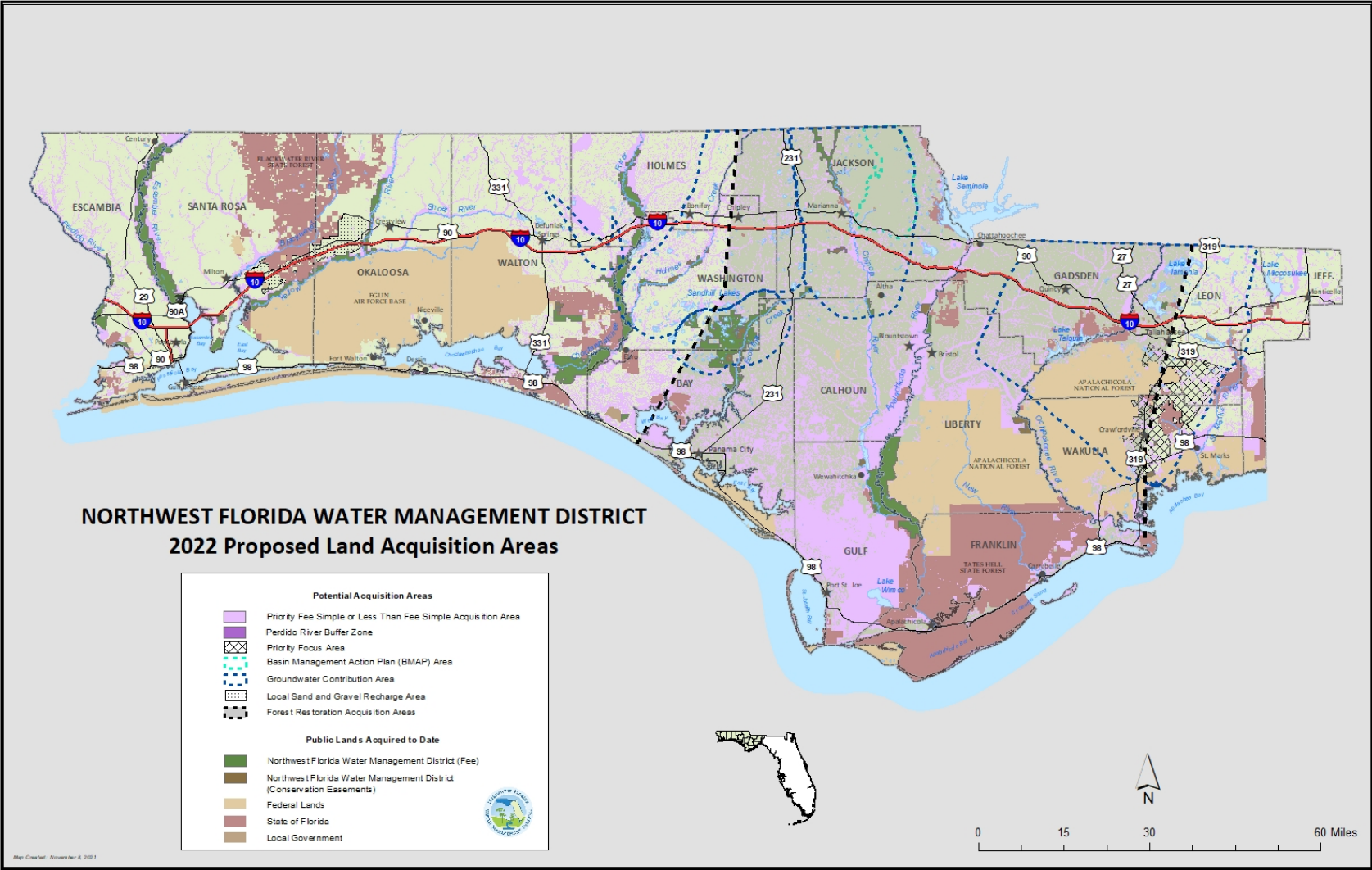


Figure 6.1 Proposed Land Acquisition Areas 2022

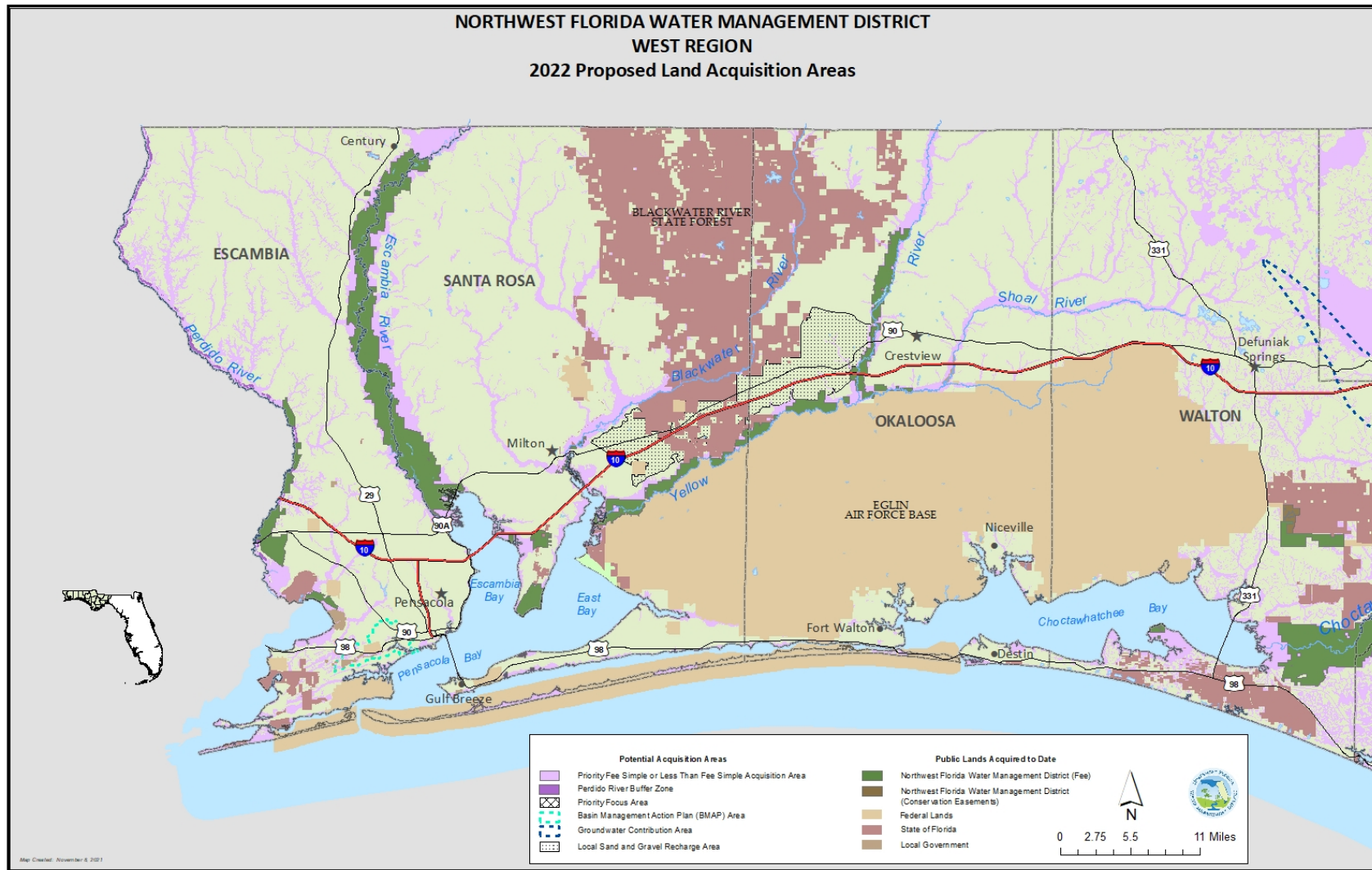


Figure 6.2 Proposed Land Acquisition Areas, 2022, West Region

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Perdido River and Bay Basin

The Perdido River serves as the state line, separating Florida from Alabama (see Figure 6.2). The Perdido River has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water and Special Water system, a canoe trail, and a recreation area. The upper part of the river is a shifting sand river system, unique to portions of northwest Florida, south Alabama, southern Mississippi, and eastern Louisiana, while the lower end of the river is characteristic of a blackwater stream. The District owns 6,261 acres in fee simple and 4 acres in less than fee between the Perdido River and Bay.

The project area is mostly undeveloped and contains a diverse list of species. Acquisition of any floodplain area along the Perdido River, whether in fee or less than fee, will enhance water quality protection efforts for the Perdido Bay system.

Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be concentrated on floodplain parcels along the river, around the river mouth, and designated tributaries.

The Perdido Bay is an estuarine system which receives fresh water from the Perdido River. Subsidiary embayments within the Perdido Bay estuary include Tarkiln Bay, Arnica Bay, Wolf Bay, Bayou La Launch, and Bayou St. John. Perdido Key separates Perdido Bay, Tarkiln Bay, Arnica Bay, Bayou La Launch, and Bayou St. John from the Gulf of Mexico. Big Lagoon adjoins Perdido Bay to the east, separating it from Pensacola Bay. Currently, the District owns 810.19 acres along Perdido Bay.

Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be concentrated on floodplain parcels adjacent to the bay which can enhance water quality protection.

Public Access

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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Southwest Escambia County Ecosystem

Several major estuarine drainages including Jones Swamp, Bayou Grande, Big Lagoon, and Tarkiln Bay, intersect in southwest Escambia County (see Figure 6.2). These, in turn, comprise portions of the Pensacola and Perdido bay watersheds. The Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Areas border a major urban area containing residential and commercial development.

Protecting the ecological integrity of this area is important to the quality of water resources in the Pensacola and Perdido bay systems. Acquisition will help limit non-point source pollution and untreated stormwater runoff by preventing channelization. Wetlands and upland buffers will also be preserved, and riparian buffer zones will be maintained. Additionally, public access will be improved, and fish, wildlife, and estuarine productivity will be protected.

This acquisition is consistent with a number of major initiatives designed to protect environmental and other public resources in the region. These include water quality treatment systems, acquisition programs for the Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve and the Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie, and efforts to prevent encroachment on NAS Pensacola. Together with nearby state parks, these acquisitions will provide for a major environmental reserve and greenway system within a rapidly urbanizing area.

Local Sand and Gravel Recharge Area

Designated area has groundwater recharge potential.

Public Access

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Land Acquisition

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Escambia River Basin

Beginning at the confluence of the Conecuh River and Escambia Creek above the Florida-Alabama border and discharging into Escambia Bay, the Escambia River corridor (see Figure 6.2) contains a rich diversity of plant and animal species, as well as many rare fish and waterfowl. The Escambia River basin is broad and well drained in the upper reaches, and swampy below Molino, Florida. While the overall water quality is considered good, many point, and non-point pollution sources empty into the river. Currently, the District owns 35,413 acres in fee and 19 acres in less than fee along the river.

Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be concentrated on floodplain parcels around the river mouth and designated tributaries.

Public Access

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Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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Garcon Point Ecosystem

The Priority Fee Simple or Less Than Fee Simple acquisition area contains a portion of the Garcon Point Peninsula, which borders Pensacola, Escambia, East, and Blackwater bays (see Figure 6.2). The project area is largely undeveloped and includes a variety of natural communities that are in good to excellent condition. The entire tract provides considerable protection to the water quality of the surrounding estuary, as well as harboring a number of rare and endangered species.

The emergent estuarine marsh that borders several miles of shoreline within the project is an important source of organic detritus and nutrients and serves as a nursery for many of the species found in Pensacola Bay. These wetlands function as stormwater filtration and a storm buffer area, as well as providing erosion controls to the neighboring uplands. A minimum of 13 endangered or threatened species are known to live in the region including the recently listed federally endangered reticulated flatwoods salamander. The northern wet prairie portion is known to be an outstanding pitcher plant habitat.

Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be concentrated on floodplain parcels adjacent to Escambia and East Bays. Currently the District owns 3,245 acres on Garcon Point.

Public Access

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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Blackwater River Basin

Originating in the Conecuh National Forest in Alabama, the Blackwater River (see Figure 6.2) has a large portion of its Florida watershed further protected by the Blackwater River State Forest. In all, nearly 50 miles of the river corridor is remote and undeveloped. As a result, the Blackwater River is considered one of Florida's best-preserved waterways. Currently the District owns 381 acres along the Blackwater River immediately north and south of Milton in Santa Rosa County.

The Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area includes considerable floodplain. Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be concentrated on these parcels. In addition, purchase of lands north and northwest of Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), along the I-10 corridor, would provide approximately 52,000 acres of land that has the potential for future water resource development to supplement the constrained potable water sources in southern Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. Acquisitions in this area are consistent with the District's Regional Water Supply Plan for Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties to protect future supply sources.

Local Sand and Gravel Recharge Area

In Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, the sand-and-gravel aquifer is the principal source of potable water for public supply. The sand-and-gravel aquifer is unconfined or poorly confined, making it particularly susceptible to contamination by surface land uses. Land acquisition along the I-10 corridor between the Yellow and Blackwater rivers in Santa Rosa County would protect recharge areas that are important for future water supply sources. This area encompasses approximately 52,000 acres.

Public Access

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis prior to acceptance.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over the next five years or more. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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Yellow and Shoal River Basin

The Yellow River has its headwaters in Conecuh National Forest in Alabama and forms the northern border of Eglin AFB across much of eastern Santa Rosa and western Okaloosa counties (see Figure 6.2). The proposed acquisitions would bring floodplain of the Yellow River in Florida under public ownership. Included in the project is a segment of the lower Shoal River, the largest tributary to the Yellow River. The Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be given to tracts containing considerable floodplain. Currently the District owns 16,553 acres along the river.

Although the Yellow and Shoal rivers exhibit good overall water quality, both are fed largely by rainwater runoff and are thus susceptible to pollution from land use activities. The Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area would provide water quality protection beginning at the Alabama border. Purchase of lands north and northwest of Eglin AFB, along the I-10 corridor, would provide approximately 52,000 acres of land that has the potential for future water resource development to supplement the strained potable water sources in southern Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. Acquisitions in this area are consistent with the District's Regional Water Supply Plan for Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties to protect future supply sources.

Local Sand and Gravel Recharge Area

The Sand-and-Gravel Aquifer is unconfined or poorly confined, making it particularly susceptible to contamination by land uses. Land acquisition along the I-10 corridor between the Yellow and Blackwater rivers in Okaloosa County would protect recharge areas that are important for future water supply sources. This area encompasses approximately 52,000 acres.

Public Access

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

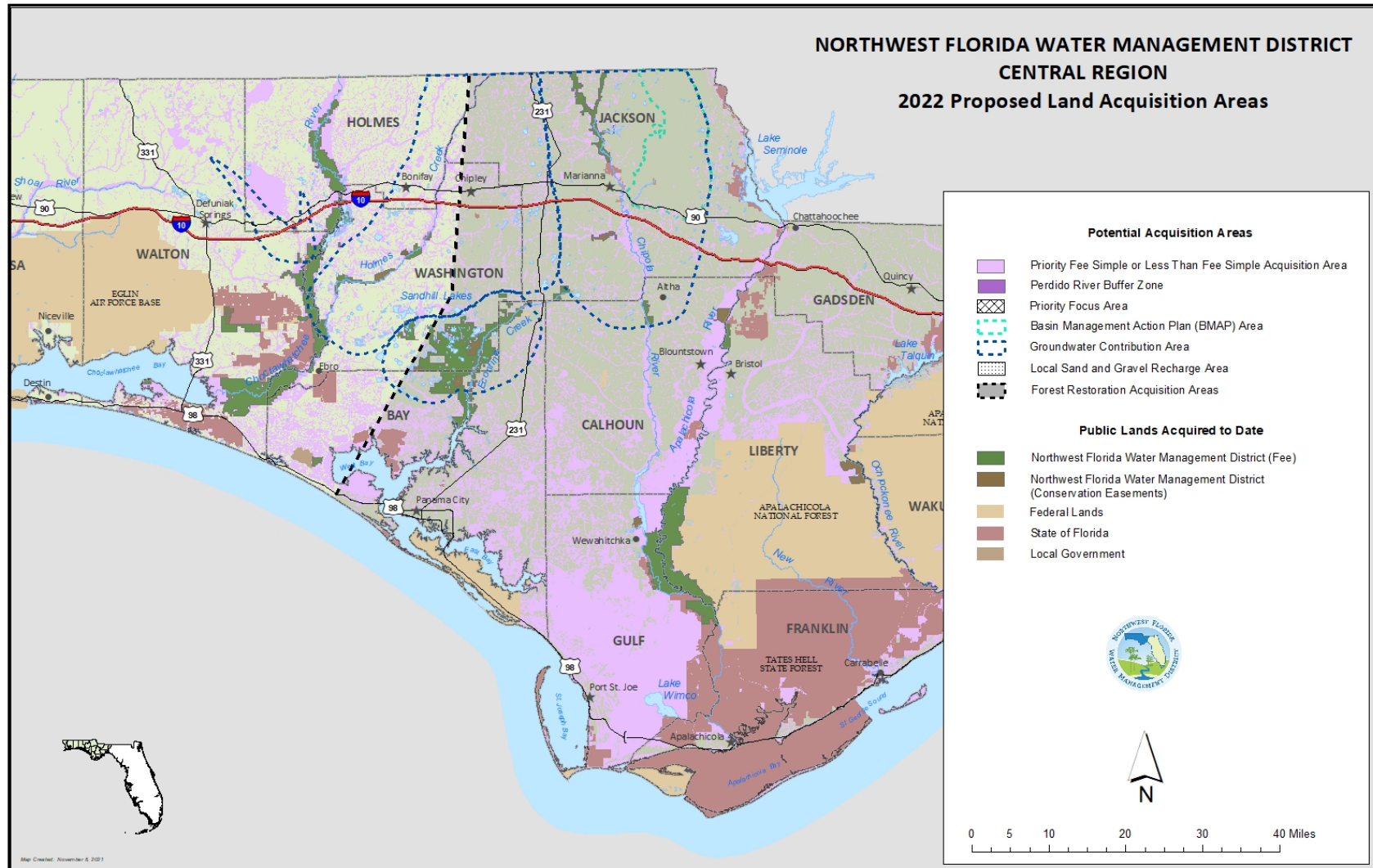


Figure 6.3 Proposed Land Acquisition Areas, 2022, Central Region

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Lafayette Creek

Originating in south central Walton County, the Lafayette Creek drainage basin is located northeast of Freeport, Florida (see Figure 6.3). The main stem of the creek begins about seven miles east of Freeport and runs due west for about six miles before it turns south and empties into LaGrange Bayou/Choctawhatchee Bay. Purchases with the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will protect a portion of Magnolia and Wolf creeks, both of which are significant tributaries to Lafayette Creek, as well as protect many diverse natural communities and habitat types. Currently, the District owns 3,160 acres along the creek, including 420 acres for DOT mitigation purposes.

Public Access

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Land Acquisition

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Choctawhatchee River and Holmes Creek Basin

Originating in Alabama and flowing into Choctawhatchee Bay, the Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek basin encompasses the second largest floodplain in the state (see Figure 6.3). Approximately 3,133 square miles of the watershed is in Alabama and 2,052 square miles is in Florida. The river is 170 miles long with about 88 miles in Florida. Although the river basin exhibits localized water quality problems, primarily due to agricultural land use in the upper basin, the overall water quality is considered good. The river basin encompasses 57 springs on Holmes Creek and a variety of habitats including bottomland hardwood forests, marshes, and Tupelo-Cypress swamps.

Due to the river corridor's undeveloped nature, the basin provides habitat for a variety of native wildlife, including several endangered plant and animal species. The river also serves as a breeding and migratory area for both the Alligator Gar and the Gulf Sturgeon. The District currently owns 63,673 acres along the river, creek, and bay in fee and less than fee. Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area will be concentrated on parcels containing floodplain along the river and designated tributaries such as Holmes Creek.

Groundwater Contribution Area

In addition, a portion of the Choctawhatchee River and all of Holmes Creek is captured within the Groundwater Contribution Area. Properties within this contribution area may be considered as a potential acquisition, especially those properties improving the quality or quantity of water for springs.

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Land Acquisition

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West Bay Buffer

West Bay is the westernmost embayment of the St. Andrew Bay estuary (see Figure 6.3). The bay supports notable shellfish and seagrass communities, important fisheries, and other environmental and economic resources. The West Bay watershed is characterized by extensive pine flatwoods, as well as hardwood forests, cypress wetlands, mixed-forested wetlands, freshwater marshes, wet prairie, and other wetlands. Salt marshes, inland forested wetlands, and associated upland communities are especially prominent in several areas, including the Breakfast Point peninsula and other lands adjacent to the Burnt Mill and Crooked Creek tributaries.

Like other estuaries, the bay is vulnerable to impacts associated with intensive residential and commercial development. Potential impacts include the long-term degradation as a result of non-point source pollution, as well as habitat loss and fragmentation. Acquisitions within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area would help prevent such degradation by preserving intact and extensive ecosystem of forests, scrub, salt marshes, and freshwater wetlands. Preserving the associated wetland and upland communities in the vicinity of the bay protects water quality by providing a substantial riparian buffer and maintaining the natural hydrology in the vicinity of the bay. The District currently owns 719 acres in the West Bay Buffer.

In addition to providing for public use and water resource protection, this acquisition will be consistent with several ongoing initiatives, including the West Bay Sector Plan. These initiatives also include efforts to restore seagrass communities in the bay and to improve the treatment and management of domestic wastewater.

Due to impacts of Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018, this basin has been identified as part of the Forest Restoration Acquisition Area (FRAA) for potential conservation easement acquisition.

Public Access

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Land Acquisition

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Econfina Creek

Econfina Creek is the major contributor to Deer Point Lake, which serves as the public water supply for Bay County, including Panama City, Panama City Beach, and neighboring communities (see Figure 6.3). Properties along the creek contain several spring-run streams, which are imperiled biological communities. The slope forest communities that border considerable lengths of the creek contain some of the highest species diversity encountered in Florida. The project area features high rolling sandhill habitat, steephead ravines, and numerous sandhill upland lakes. Much of the sand hills area is of excellent quality, with a nearly intact ground cover of wiregrass and dropseed. At least 18 species of rare or endangered plants inhabit the sand hills area. The District currently owns 44,145 acres in fee and less than fee, including the 2,155-acre Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank. Purchases will be concentrated on parcels within the Groundwater Contribution Area as well as purchases that improve the quality or quantity of water for springs.

Groundwater Contribution Area

The upper portion of the acquisition project is a significant groundwater contribution area of the Floridan Aquifer and properties within this contribution area may be considered as a potential acquisition, especially those properties improving the quality and quantity of water for springs. The majority of the acreage purchased by the District and targeted for future purchase is one of the most important groundwater contribution areas for the Floridan Aquifer in northwest Florida. Recharge rates in the area have been estimated at 25 to 40 inches per year, and this recharge drives the spring flows along Econfina Creek, the largest tributary of the Deer Point Lake Reservoir. The reservoir currently provides approximately 50 million gallons per day for residential, commercial, and industrial water uses in Bay County.

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Sandy Creek Basin

Sandy Creek is a major tributary of East Bay, the easternmost embayment of the St. Andrew Bay estuary (see Figure 6.3). The creek's basin is characterized by extensive wet pine flatwoods, as well as hardwood forests, saltmarshes, cypress wetlands, mixed forested wetlands, freshwater marshes, wet prairie, and other wetlands. Salt and freshwater marshes, inland forested wetlands, and associated upland communities are especially prominent along the creek and its tributaries.

Preservation of the Sandy Creek basin will protect a major tributary basin of East Bay. In doing so, it would preserve water quality and a mosaic of interconnected upland, wetland, stream, and estuarine habitats. Purchases within the Priority Fee Simple and Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area would protect water quality by providing a substantial riparian buffer and maintaining natural hydrology.

Due to impacts of Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018, this basin has been identified as part of the Forest Restoration Acquisition Area (FRAA) for potential conservation easement acquisition.

Public Access

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

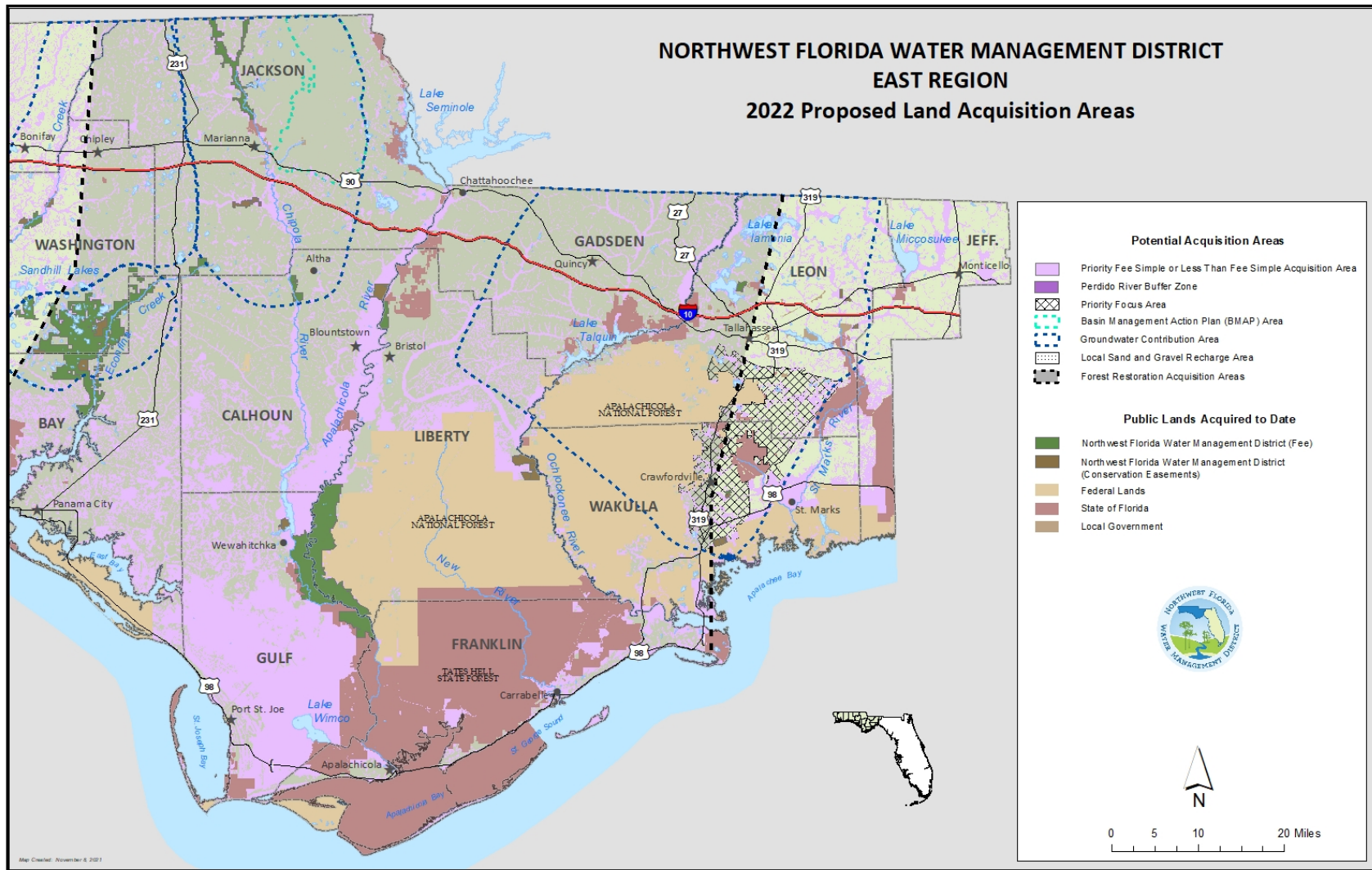


Figure 6.4 Proposed Land Acquisition Areas, 2022, East Region

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Chipola River Basin

Areas along the Chipola River have been identified as a Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition Area. The area lies in Calhoun and Jackson counties (see Figure 6.4). Acquisitions along the Chipola River will help protect miles of the riverbank. In 2009, the District acquired 1,377.76 acres in fee along the Middle Chipola River, including the “Look-N-Tremble” rapids. The District now owns a total of 9,094 acres in fee simple and holds a conservation easement on 1,011 acres in the Chipola River Basin.

An additional area is identified for Priority Fee Simple or Less than Fee Simple Acquisition along the Chipola River. Spring Lake Spring Group is located in central Jackson County. Acquisition of land in the Spring Lake Spring Group area with its numerous springs and tributaries which flow into the Chipola River will provide enhanced water resource protection to the area.

Due to impacts of Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018, this basin has been identified as part of the Forest Restoration Acquisition Area (FRAA) for potential conservation easement acquisition.

Jackson Blue Spring BMAP and Chipola Springs Groundwater Contribution Area (GWCA)

The Jackson Blue Spring BMAP Area, east of the Chipola River, and the Chipola Springs GWCA, have been identified for fee simple or less than fee simple acquisition to provide protection to Blue Spring and the groundwater contribution area in Jackson County. Properties within this BMAP or contribution area may be considered as a potential acquisition, especially those properties improving the quality or quantity of water for springs.

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Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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Apalachicola Bay and River

Apalachicola Bay has been recognized as a resource of state, federal, and international significance. The bay has extensive fish and shellfish resources, and it supports noteworthy commercial and recreational fisheries and other recreational and economic activities. It has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water, a State Aquatic Preserve, and an International Biosphere Reserve. It includes the Apalachicola Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge (see Figure 6.4). State and federal agencies, as well as the NFWFMD, have made extensive investments in acquiring and protecting lands throughout the basin.

Like other northwest Florida estuaries, Apalachicola Bay is vulnerable to impacts associated with development. Such potential impacts include the long-term effects of non-point source pollution and habitat loss and fragmentation. The proposed acquisition would help prevent such degradation by preserving the integrated forest and wetland community bordering St. Vincent Sound and Apalachicola Bay. The acquisition would limit new sources of pollution, prevent habitat loss and fragmentation, and protect the stability and integrity of littoral vegetation. The acquisition would also protect water quality by providing a substantial riparian buffer which would help prevent channelization from new impervious surfaces.

The Apalachicola River begins below Lake Seminole at the confluence of the Chattahoochee and Flint rivers (see Figure 6.4). It has the largest floodplain in the state and is widely regarded as one of the state's most important natural resources. The Apalachicola River supports the highly productive fishery in Apalachicola Bay. The District owns 36,823 acres of river floodplain and holds a conservation easement on 1,550 acres.

Major habitat types along the Apalachicola River include coastal marshes, freshwater marshes, flatwoods, and bottomland hardwood swamp. Water tupelo, Ogeechee tupelo, Bald cypress, Carolina ash, and Swamp tupelo have been identified in the floodplain, as well as numerous species of rare fish. Substantial additional acreage of the Apalachicola system is owned by other public agencies and private conservation organizations. Purchases will be concentrated on parcels within the Priority Fee Simple or Less than fee Simple Acquisition Area.

Due to impacts of Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018, this basin has been identified as part of the Forest Restoration Acquisition Area (FRAA) for potential conservation easement acquisition.

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Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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Ochlockonee River Basin

The Ochlockonee River originates in the coastal plain of Georgia and traverses parts of five Florida counties (see Figure 6.4). Water quality in the river is lowest when it enters Florida and generally improves as it flows closer to the Gulf of Mexico. The Ochlockonee is primarily fed by rainwater runoff and is therefore susceptible to pollution by land use activities. Large parts of the watershed are publicly owned, including Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area, Lake Talquin State Forest, and Apalachicola National Forest.

The District's primary focus is to acquire less than fee rights on privately owned floodplain land separating existing federal and state properties. Public ownership of the erosion-prone lands bordering this usually fast-flowing river will reduce water quality degradation. The District presently has 3,675 acres in less than fee holdings in the area.

Due to impacts of Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018, this basin has been identified as part of the Forest Restoration Acquisition Area (FRAA) for potential conservation easement acquisition.

Public Access

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

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St. Marks and Wakulla Rivers

The Wakulla River originates at Wakulla Spring and flows south approximately 10 miles to join the St. Marks River at the town of St. Marks in Wakulla County (see Figure 6.4). The St. Marks River starts east of Tallahassee as a narrow stream, widens considerably below Horn Spring, and then disappears underground at Natural Bridge. After reemerging as a much stronger river at St. Marks Spring, it flows 11 miles to its confluence with the Wakulla River. The St. Marks River supports one of the most heavily used inshore saltwater fisheries in north Florida, the viability of which is largely dependent on the quality of freshwater flowing into the estuarine system. Both the Wakulla Springs State Park and the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge are major refuges for numerous biological species. The District presently has 1,500 acres under less than fee acquisition and 131.49 acres in fee simple in the area.

Wakulla Springs BMAP and Priority Focus Area

Within the Upper Wakulla River and Wakulla Springs BMAP, the Priority Focus Area, east of the Apalachicola National Forest, has been identified for fee simple or less than fee simple acquisition to provide protection to the groundwater contribution area in Wakulla County. Properties within this contribution area may be considered as a potential acquisition, especially those properties improving the quality or quantity of water for springs.

Land Acquisition

Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: availability of funds, Governing Board policy, threats to the resource, availability of willing sellers, tract size, general market conditions, and available staff resources.

Florida Forever District Work Plan

As required by section 373.199(2), F.S., a District five-year work plan identifies and includes projects that further the goals of the Florida Forever Act (section 259.105, F.S.). These include priorities identified in approved Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) plans, Save Our Rivers land acquisition lists, stormwater management and water resource development projects, springs and water body restoration projects, and other eligible activities that would assist in meeting the goals of Florida Forever.

From 2003 to 2008, the District provided grant funding to local governments for capital improvements that help implement SWIM projects, water resource development projects, and projects included within stormwater master plans. The program awarded more than \$23 million for 55 stormwater retrofit, restoration, and reuse projects. These grants leveraged significant additional funding, with more than \$52 million in local and other match funding allocated to the approved projects.

No significant appropriations of Florida Forever funds for capital improvements have been made since FY 2008-2009. Table 6.4 identifies conceptual projects considered eligible for future Florida Forever capital improvement funding.

Table 6.4 Projects Currently Eligible for Florida Forever Funding

Project	Description	Status	Estimated Cost
Unpaved road sedimentation abatement	Unpaved road stabilization to reduce sedimentation and non-point source pollution; supports water quality improvement and habitat restoration objectives of SWIM plans for all District watersheds	Planning	TBD
Spring habitat restoration	Construction activities to restore riparian and aquatic habitats and shorelines associated with northwest Florida springs and to improve compatible public access	Planning	TBD
Stormwater retrofit facilities	Construction of cooperative stormwater retrofit projects, improving water quality and flood protection in accordance with approved SWIM plans	Planning	TBD
Reclaimed water storage facilities	Construction of reclaimed water storage facilities that contribute to water quality improvement and conservation and protection of water resources	Planning	TBD
Hydrologic, wetland, and shoreline restoration	Restoration of shoreline, wetland, and riparian habitats and hydrologic functions to improve water and habitat quality and to enhance public access, consistent with SWIM plans	Planning	TBD

Project specifics, as noted in section 373.199(2), (3), (4) and (5), F.S., will be provided in the future if projects are able to advance beyond the preliminary planning stage.

Future Florida Forever or special legislative appropriations, and funding from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, federal grants, local governments, other local matching resources, and potentially other sources

may contribute to the implementation of these projects. Final approval of funding for any project requires District Governing Board approval.

Implementation of the 2020-2021 Work Plan

Land Acquisition

In 2021, the District purchased one conservation easement and one fee simple tract for springs protection in Jackson and Bay Counties to further protect the Chipola River Groundwater Contribution Area and Econfina Springs Groundwater Contribution Area.

Land Management

In October 2018, Hurricane Michael severely impacted District lands and the District's Econfina Field Office. Recovery from Hurricane Michael became the highest priority for the District's land managers in the central and eastern land management regions. Recovery activities included initial damage assessments, securing of facilities and clearing debris for essential access, planning and implementing salvage timber harvests, clearing roads and firelines, clearing and repairing recreation sites, contracting for various hurricane recovery activities, and coordinating with FEMA. In addition to hurricane recovery, the District completed numerous land management activities during Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Management and restoration efforts included prescribed burns, native species planting, and timber harvesting across the District's 211,336 managed acres. In addition, the District maintains and improves public access and recreational amenities such as boat ramps, primitive campsites, and swimming and picnic areas. In the pages that follow, Table 6.5 and Table 6.6 provide additional information on specific land restoration activities completed during the year. The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 staffing and management budget by WMA can be found in Table 6.7.

To date, the District has conserved and protected 225,545 acres primarily through fee simple acquisition. These lands help promote wetland and floodplain functions, groundwater recharge, surface and groundwater quality, and fish and wildlife habitat, as well as protect natural systems. All District-owned lands are accessible to the public and are managed to provide public access and resource-based recreation.

District lands include the majority of the Escambia and Choctawhatchee river floodplains, as well as extensive lands along the Perdido, Blackwater, Yellow, Shoal, Apalachicola, and St. Marks/Wakulla rivers; Lafayette, Holmes, and Econfina creeks; and on Perdido Bay, Garcon Point, and Live Oak Point. In addition, the District manages and conducts habitat restoration and maintenance on Yellow River Ranch, Live Oak Point, Ward Creek West, and Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank. The District has acquired the majority of the groundwater recharge area for springs that discharge into Econfina Creek and form a crucial component of the groundwater contribution to Deer Point Lake Reservoir.

Land Management Accomplishments (FY 2020-2021)

- The District conducted prescribed burns on approximately 14,352 acres of District lands, as well as vegetation management (herbicide) and habitat enhancements on 1,009 acres.
- 3,763 camping permits were issued at 92 reservation-only sites on District lands.
- Twelve special resource area permits were issued on District property.
- Seven timber harvests totaling 1,234 acres were active, removing offsite sand pine and thinning loblolly and slash pine.

- More than 6,100 acres of District-owned land were surveyed for invasive exotic plants and control measures were implemented for identified problem areas.
- Hurricane debris removal was completed on 1,625.90 acres and contracted on an additional 1,186.57 acres to be completed in FY 2021-2022.

Restoration

The District accomplishes water resource restoration through several interrelated programs, primarily Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM), Land Management, longleaf reforestation, and mitigation.

Approved NFWFMD plans with substantial restoration components include the following:

- *Apalachicola River and Bay SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *Capital Improvements Plan (Annual)*
- *Choctawhatchee River and Bay SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *Ochlockonee River and Bay SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *Pensacola Bay System SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *Perdido River and Bay SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *St. Andrew Bay Watershed SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *St. Marks River and Apalachee Bay Watershed SWIM Plan (2017)*
- *Tate's Hell State Forest Hydrologic Restoration Plan (2010)*
- *NFWFMD In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program Final Instrument (2014)*
- *Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank Mitigation Banking Instrument (2006)*
- *East Region Land Management Plan (2019)*
- *West Region Land Management Plan (2020)*
- *Central Region Land Management Plan (2021)*

Restoration Accomplishments (FY 2020-2021)

- The District completed hand planting of 951 acres of longleaf pine reforestation and 68 acres of slash pine reforestation. These restoration activities improve upland habitat and serve important water resource functions by enhancing water recharge and providing water quality benefits. This work included site preparation and planting of 699,864 longleaf and slash pine tubelings within the Econfinia Creek and Chipola River WMA's.
- The District completed stabilization and restoration of approximately 150 linear feet of streambank at Econfinia Blue Spring using planted coir log retaining walls. To prevent further degradation of the shoreline from recreational use, existing concrete steps were replaced and an access boardwalk was installed. The project will improve water quality, restore historical shoreline impacted by erosion, and prevent destruction of habitat resulting from erosion and recreational use on Econfinia Creek.
- The District completed stabilization and restoration of approximately 140 linear feet of streambank at Seven Runs Creek using planted coir log retaining walls. To prevent further degradation of the shoreline from recreational use, existing wooden steps into the creek were replaced, and an additional set of steps installed. The project will improve water quality, restore historical shoreline impacted by erosion, and prevent destruction of habitat resulting from erosion and recreational use on Seven Runs Creek.

- The District initiated shoreline habitat and salt marsh restoration at Live Oak Point in Walton County. When complete, the project will include establishment of breakwaters and salt marsh vegetation on over 4,600 feet of shoreline on the south shore of Choctawhatchee Bay. Live Oak Point contains the largest salt marsh system (approximately 1,000 acres) in Choctawhatchee Bay. The marsh has been subject to rapid erosion, with recent shoreline retreat averaging 3-4 feet per year.

Table 6.5 Restoration, Enhancement, and Maintenance (2021)

Water Management Area	Acres Burned					Acres Planted					Acres Harvested				Acres Treated
	Total	Fuel Reduction	Site Preparation	Growing Season	Wiregrass Propagation	Total	Upland/Wetland Wiregrass and Toothache Grass	Longleaf Pine	Slash Pine	Hardwood	Total	Restoration	Thinning	Habitat Restoration	For Invasive, Non-native or Off-site Species
Escambia River	108	108													
Garcon Point															200
Blackwater River															
Yellow River	145	145													
Perdido River	1,357	1,357													519
Choctawhatchee River	3,036	3,036									160		160		880
Econfina Creek	9,240	8,327	883		30	951		951			1,074	1,074			
St. Andrews															1,260
Carter Restoration	757	278		479		5	5								
Ward Creek West						21	21								
Devils Swamp Restoration	138			138											
Chipola River	116	48	68			68			68						1,361
Apalachicola River															1,313
Lake Jackson	350	350													575
St. Marks/Wakulla Rivers															
Totals	15,247	13,649	951	617	30	1,045	26	951	68	0	1,234	1,074	160	0	6,108

Table 6.6 Access and Recreation Management (2021)

	Picnic Areas Day Use Sites Parking Areas Reserved Camp Sites Boat, Canoe/Kayak Landings Portolet Stations							Horse Trail Canoe Trail Hiking Trail Nature Trail Bike Trail Access Road						Camp Site Reservations	General Purpose (boundary signs)	Information Signs on District Lands	Weather Pavilions and Wildlife Viewing Towers
Water Management Area	Number Maintained							Miles Maintained						Issued	Signs		Maintained
Escambia River		6	11	12	28	11	10			1	2		27	1,166	35	9	15
Garcon Point			2	2						3			1		5	2	
Blackwater River		1	3	3		2					1						1
Yellow River			3	3		3			50				36		10	1	
Perdido River		3	3	4	1	4	10	6	15	6	1		32	59	25	14	1
Choctawhatchee River		12	15	15	24	14	10		15	11			55	919		4	11
Econfina Creek (incl. Carter Tract)		14	21	21	25	14	15	56	22	18	2		269	1,270		20	29
Chipola River		1	4	4	3	2	2		6				11	131			1
Apalachicola River		1	1	2	10	2	1						8	218			2
Lake Jackson		1	2	2			1	7		10		7	9				2
St. Marks/Wakulla Rivers			1	2			1			3	3	3	3		30	4	1
Totals		39	66	70	91	52	50	69	108	52	9	10	451	3,763	105	54	63

Table 6.7 Projected Funding, Staffing, and Resource Management for FY 2021-2022

Region	Water Management Area	Acres	Assigned Staff	Total Funding	Funding for Resource Management
Western	Escambia	35,413		\$139,297	\$80,750
	Escambia Conservation Easements	19		\$250	\$250
	Garcon Point	3,245		\$62,151	\$5,900
	Yellow	16,553		\$84,029	\$30,552
	Blackwater	381		\$14,054	\$6,750
	Perdido	6,261		\$178,620	\$123,700
	Perdido Conservation Easements	4		\$250	\$250
	Western Region Total	61,876	3	\$478,651	\$248,152
Central	Choctawhatchee	60,831		\$529,806	\$363,580
	Choctawhatchee/Holmes Conservation Easements	2,841		\$2,334	\$250
	Econfina	39,268		\$1,001,142	\$730,487
	St. Andrew/Econfina Conservation Easements	2,722		\$2,584	\$500
	Ward Creek West	719		\$0	\$0
	Carter Restoration	2,155		\$65,000	\$65,000
	Central Region Total	108,536	5	\$1,600,866	\$1,159,817
Eastern	Chipola	9,094		\$97,953	\$67,493
	Apalachicola	36,823		\$69,287	\$51,700
	Apalachicola/Chipola Conservation Easements	3,370		\$250	\$250
	Lake Jackson	539		\$44,670	\$15,950
	St. Marks/Wakulla Rivers	131		\$39,773	\$32,924
	St. Marks/Wakulla Rivers Conservation Easements	1,500		\$2,693	\$250
	Ochlockonee Conservation Easements	3,675		\$1,974	\$250
	Eastern Region Total	55,132	1	\$256,600	\$168,817
Regional Totals		225,544	9	\$2,336,117	\$1,576,786

Projected Funding, Staffing, and Resource Management for FY 2021-2022 (cont.)

Other Projects	Acres	Assigned Staff	Total Funding	Funding for Resource Management
Land Management Administration		4	\$1,165,909	\$494,708
IT Initiative			\$490,941	\$286,427
Land Management Database			\$49,314	\$44,500
Brunson Landing Tract (owned by FDEP)	348		\$10,364	\$8,460
Washington County School Board Donation			\$278	\$278
Hurricane Michael District Restoration			\$2,587,275	\$2,500,000
Cypress Spring Recreation Area			\$39,773	\$39,773
Grand Total	225,181	13	\$6,679,971	\$4,950,932

MEMORANDUM

TO: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board

FROM: J. Breck Brannen, General Counsel

RE: Legal Counsel Report

DATE: February 1, 2022

Northwest Florida Water Management District, Petitioner, vs. GHD Construction Services, Inc., Defendant, Walton County Circuit Court Case No. 21CA137

The District has filed and served a Petition for Enforcement against GHD Construction Services, Inc. (“GHD”), stemming from GHD’s violation of a Consent Order and of District statutes and rules. The District is seeking an injunction against GHD to require its compliance with the Consent Order and to cease violating statutes and rules. The District is also seeking the statutory monetary penalties associated with such violations.

GHD is the holder of an environmental resource permit known as a “10/2 Self-Certification” for the development and construction of residential units in DeFuniak Springs. In February 2020, the District determined that GHD was not complying with its permit and was violating District statutes and rules by adversely impacting wetlands. The District and GHD entered into a Consent Order in February 2020, whereby GHD agreed to pay a penalty and remediate the impacted wetlands. GHD eventually paid the penalty, but it never began the required remediation. After many failed attempts to motivate GHD to perform the required remediation, the District was forced to file the Petition for Enforcement in April 2021.

The District has served discovery requests upon GHD and responses have been received. The responses and documents have been reviewed and do not change the District’s analysis of the case. The deposition of GHD’s corporate representative was taken on January 26, 2022, and the testimony received does not change the District’s analysis of the case. A case management conference has been set with the Court for February 22, 2022, at which time we intend to argue for the earliest possible date for trial.

We continue to litigate this case as expeditiously as possible and remain confident in our position.