



Florida Forever: Linking Land and Sea for the Future

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Florida Forever Program



Florida Forever has a long history as a national leader in conservation, which is vital to our state's environmental protection and economic growth.

Funding for Florida's premier land conservation program helps acquire natural lands that conserve critical habitats, protect water resources, benefit Everglades restoration and enhance local communities.

Florida Forever Program



The department is currently working to acquire land from the statewide list of Florida Forever projects.

These projects provide a host of ecosystem benefits, including water quality and quantity, resiliency from storm impacts, habitat and species protection and outdoor recreation.

Through Florida Forever, the State Has Protected:

- **637,570 acres of strategic habitat conservation areas**
- **603,510 acres of rare species habitat conservation areas**
- **758,520 acres of ecological greenways**
- **133,040 acres of under-represented natural communities**
- **521,600 acres landscape-size protection areas**
- **436,000 acres of natural floodplains**





- **770,860 acres important (adjacent) to significant water bodies**
- **440,430 acres minimize damage from flooding**
- **9,580 acres of fragile coastline**
- **309,600 acres of functional wetlands**
- **745,250 acres of significant groundwater recharge areas**
- **460 miles of priority recreational trails**
- **398,840 acres of forest land**
- **1,084 archaeological or historic sites**
- **12,120 acres in urban service areas**



2008:

Legislature Establishes Florida Forever Project Categories

**Critical Natural
Lands Projects**

**Partnerships and
Regional
Incentives Projects**

**Less-Than-Fee
Projects**

**Climate Change
Lands Projects**

**Substantially
Complete Projects**

**Critical Historical
Resources
Projects**

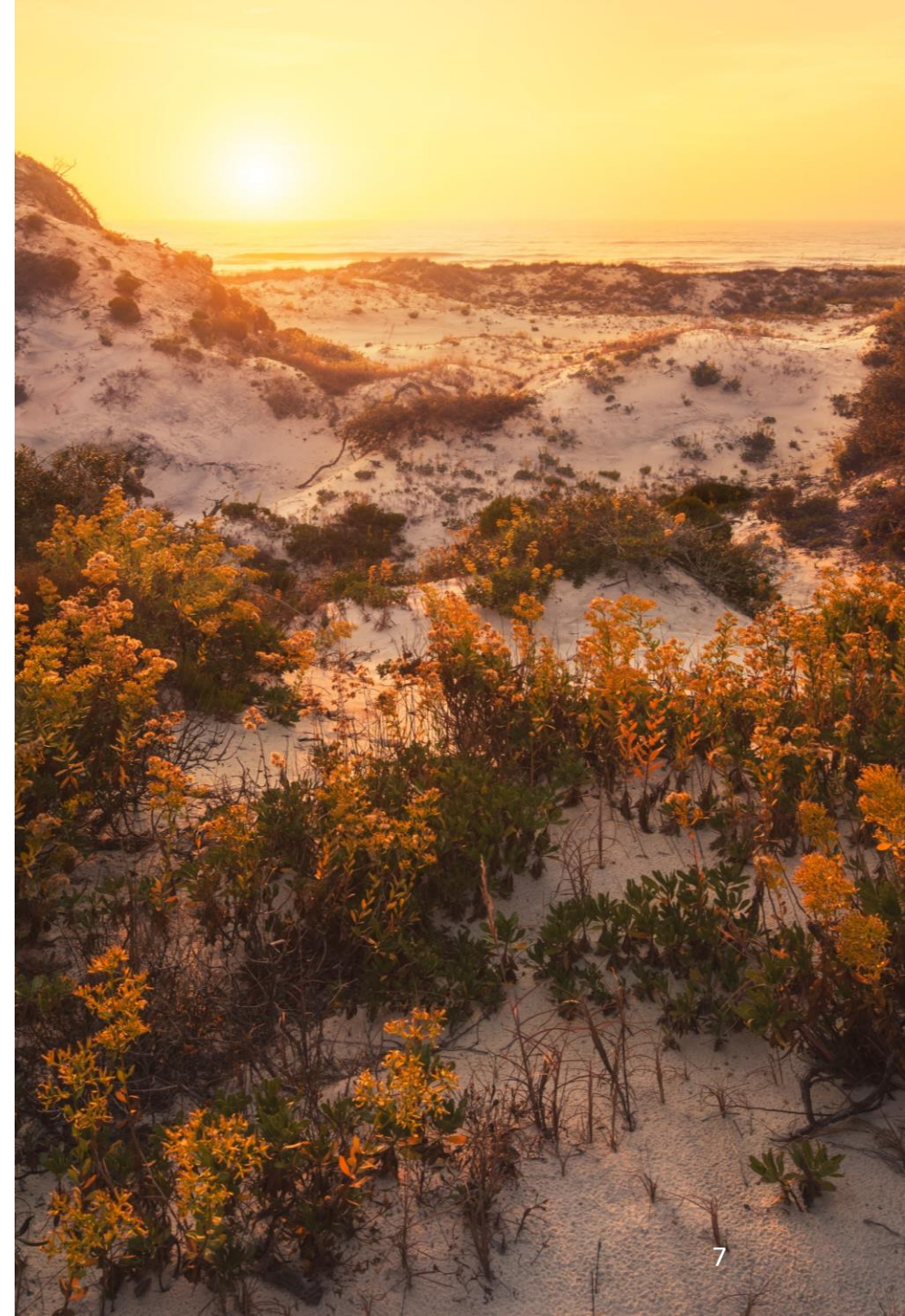


Florida Forever Five-Year Plan Climate Change Category

The **2008** Legislature established a climate change project category for the Florida Forever Priority List.

This category of Florida Forever projects:

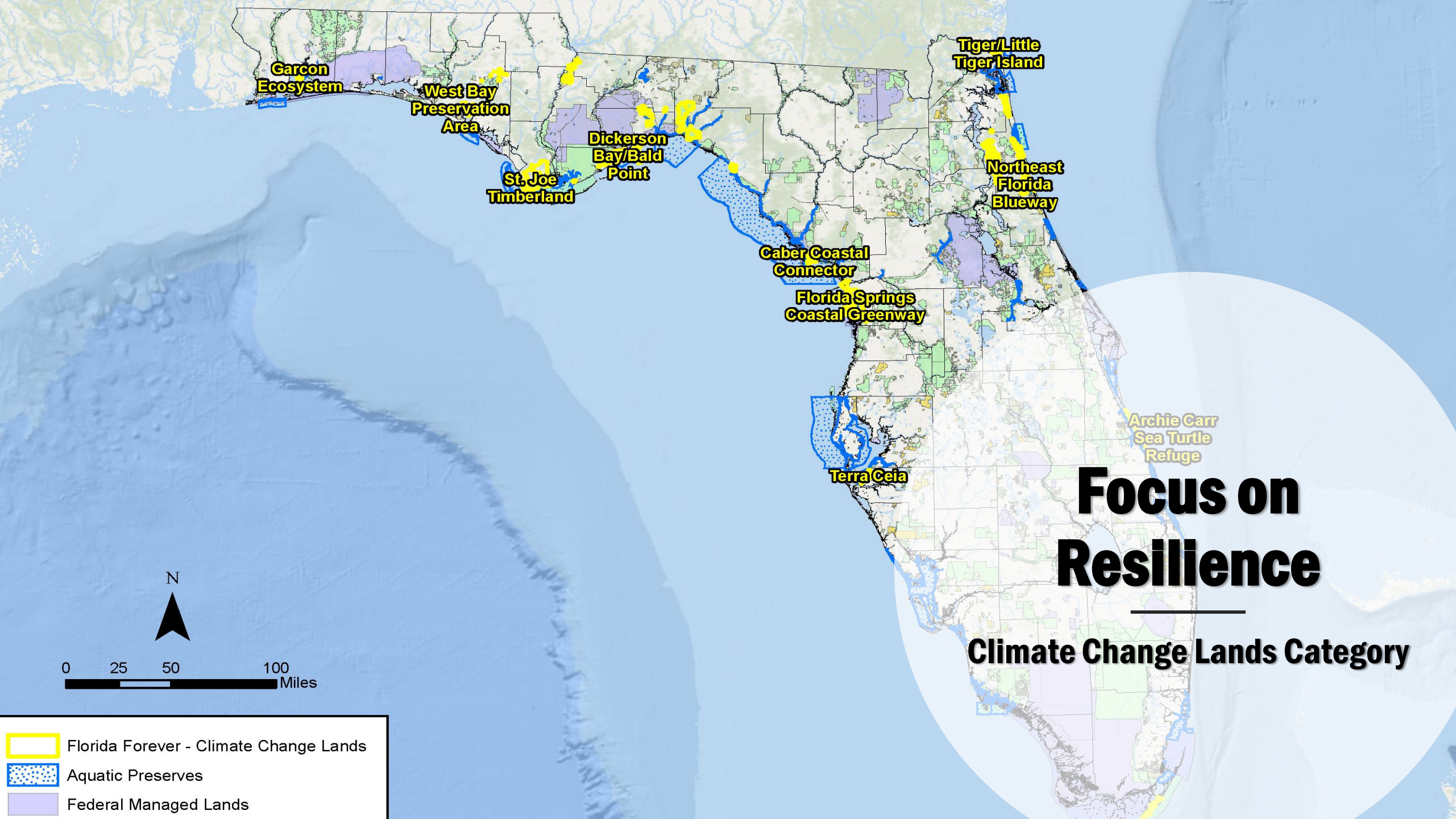
“A list of lands where acquisition or other conservation measures will address the challenges of global climate change, such as through protection, restoration, mitigation, and strengthening of Florida’s land, water, and coastal resources. This category includes lands that provide opportunities to sequester carbon, provide habitat, protect coastal lands or barrier islands, and otherwise mitigate and help adapt to the effects of sea-level rise and meet other objectives of the program”





2019 Florida Forever Priority List

Rank	Climate Change Lands Projects	County (ies)
1	Florida Keys Ecosystem	Monroe
2	Dickerson Bay/ Bald Point	Wakulla/ Franklin
3	Coupon Bight/ Key Deer	Monroe
4	St. Joe Timberland	Bay/ Franklin/ Gadsden/ Gulf/ Jefferson/ Leon/ Liberty/ Taylor/ Wakulla/ Walton/ Washington
5	Northeast Florida Blueway	Duval/ St. Johns/ Flagler
6	Florida Springs Coastal Greenway	Citrus
7	Caber Coastal Connector	Levy
8	Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge	Brevard/ Indian River
9	St. Johns River Blueway	St. Johns
10	Taylor Sweetwater Creek	Taylor
11	Garcon Ecosystem	Santa Rosa
12	West Bay Preservation Area	Bay/ Franklin/ Gadsden/ Gulf/ Jefferson/ Leon/ Liberty/ Taylor/ Wakulla/ Walton/ Washington
13	Terra Ceia	Manatee
14	Tiger Island/ Little Tiger Island	Nassau



Garcon Ecosystem

West Bay Preservation Area

St. Joe Timberland

Dickerson Bay/Bald Point

Caber Coastal Connector

Florida Springs Coastal Greenway

Terra Ceia

Tiger/Little Tiger Island

Northeast Florida Blueway

Archie Carr Sea Turtle Refuge

Focus on Resilience

Climate Change Lands Category



0 25 50 100 Miles

-  Florida Forever - Climate Change Lands
-  Aquatic Preserves
-  Federal Managed Lands



Florida Forever Five-Year Plan Substantially Complete Category



The 2008 Legislature established a substantially complete project category for the Florida Forever Priority List.

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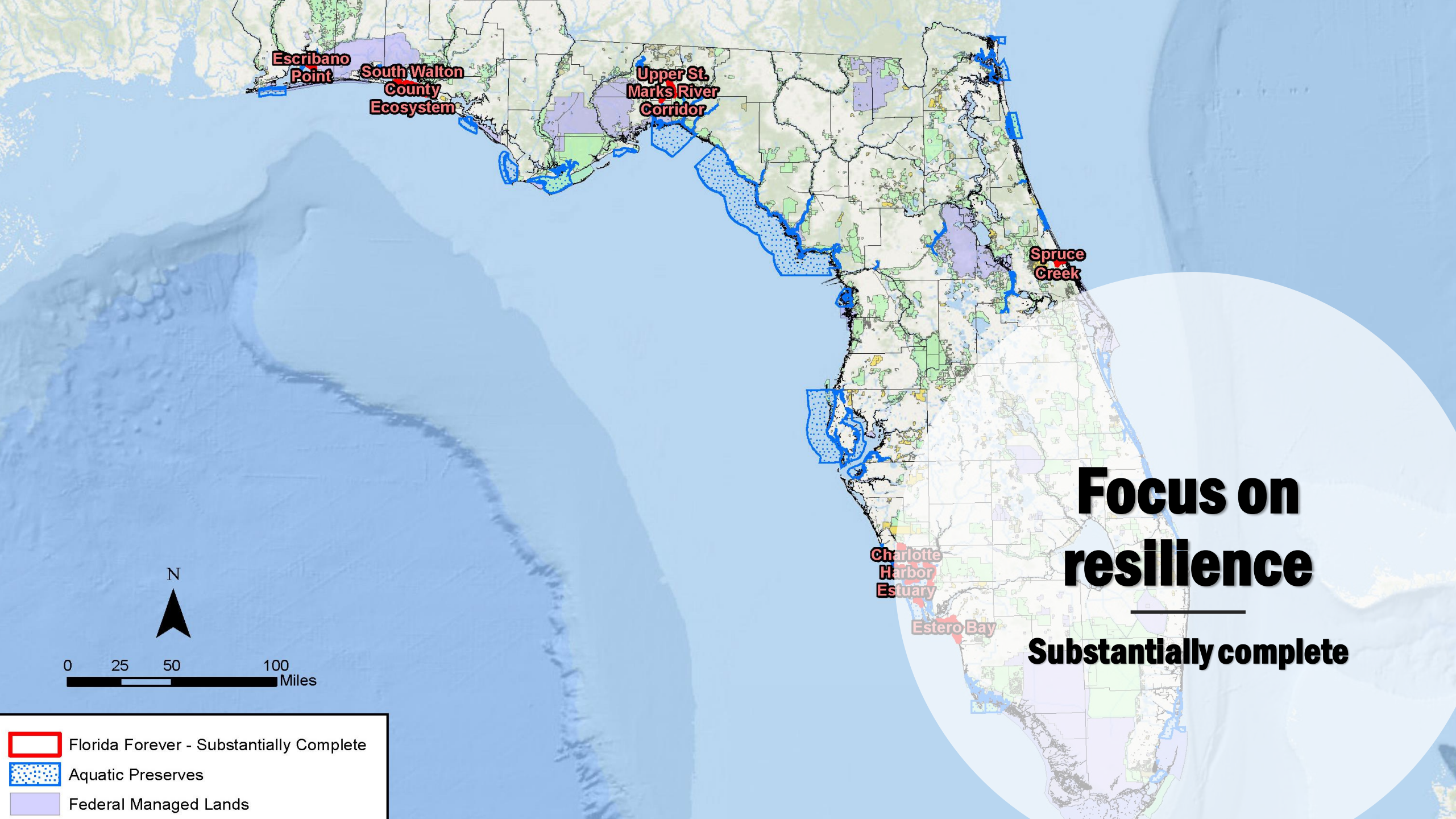
“Where mainly inholdings, additions, and linkages between preserved areas will be acquired and where 85 percent of the project is complete.”

Other project categories included in the Florida Forever Priority List are: critical natural lands; partnerships and regional incentives; less-than-fee; and critical historical resources.



2019 Florida Forever Priority List

Rank	Substantially Complete Projects	County (ies)
1	Escribano Point	Santa Rosa
2	Charlotte Harbor Estuary	Charlotte/ Lee/ Sarasota
3	Estero Bay	Lee
4	South Walton County Ecosystem	Walton
5	Lochloosa Wildlife	Alachua
6	Upper St. Marks River Corridor	Leon/ Jefferson/ Wakulla
7	Spruce Creek	Volusia
8	Save Our Everglades	Collier
9	Clay Ranch	Putnam



Escribano Point

South Walton County Ecosystem

Upper St. Marks River Corridor

Spruce Creek

Charlotte Harbor Estuary




Estero Bay

Focus on resilience

Substantially complete

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0 25 50 100 Miles

-  Florida Forever - Substantially Complete
-  Aquatic Preserves
-  Federal Managed Lands

FNAI Analyzes Resources for ARC

Main Focus on Specific Florida Forever Measures

B1: Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas (Priority 1-5)

B2: FNAI Habitat Conservation Priorities (Priority 1-6)

B3: Ecological Greenways (Priority 1-6)

B4: Under-represented Natural Communities (i.e. Sandhill upland lake)

B6: Listed Species Occurrences (G1-G5)

C4: Natural Floodplain Function (Priority 1-5)

C5: Surface Water Protection (Priority 1-7)

C7: Fragile Coastal Resources (Coastal Uplands, Lakes and Wetlands)

C8 Functional Wetlands (Priority 1-6)

D3: Aquifer Recharge (Priority 1-6)

E2: Recreational Trails (Priorities and Opportunities)

F2: Archaeological and Historic Sites (number of sites)

G1: Sustainable Forestry (Priority 1-5)

G3: Forestland for Recharge (acres)



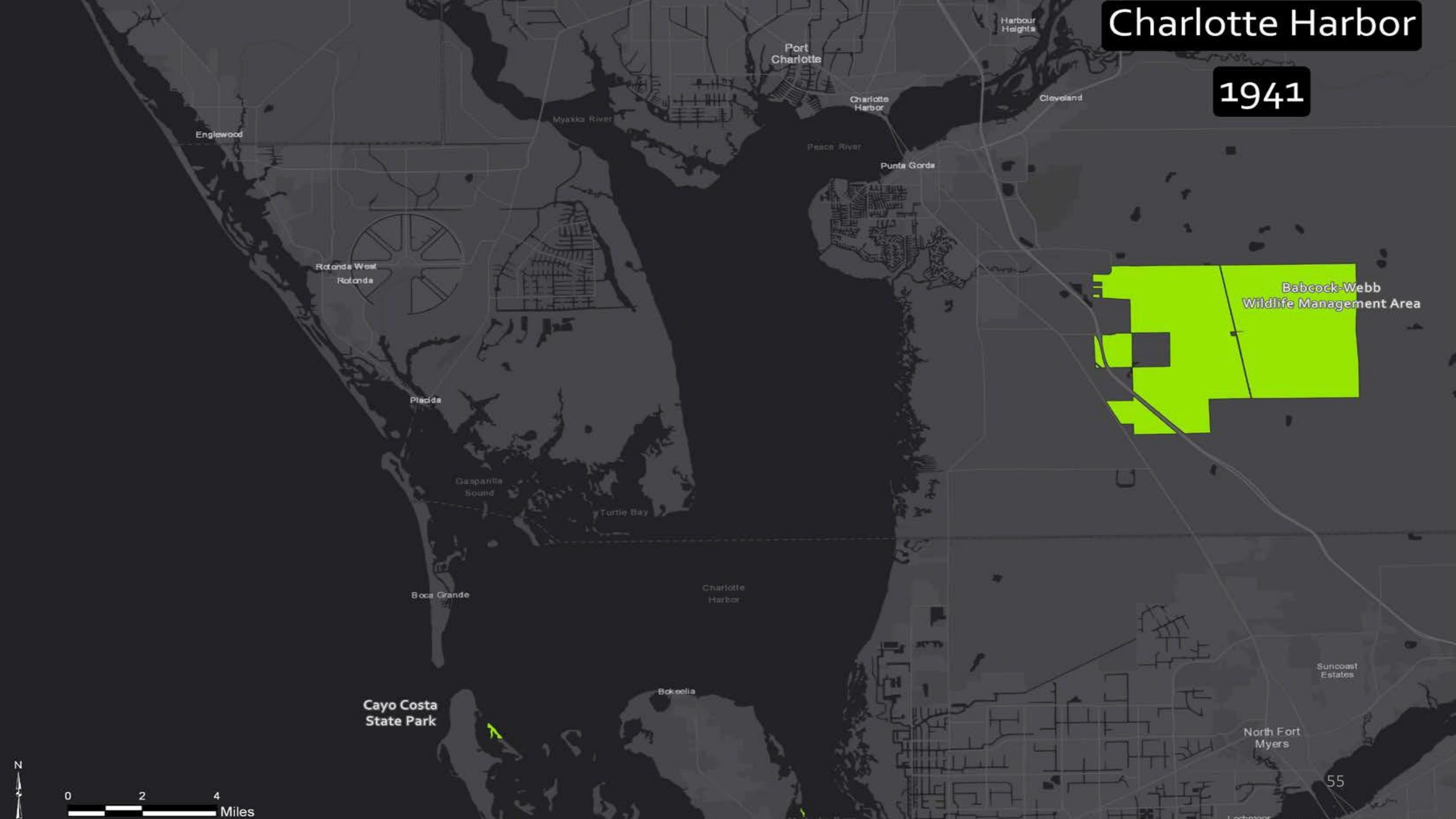
Florida's Natural Communities Associated with Fnai's Fragile Coastal Resources Data Layer

The fragile coastal resources data layer identifies natural communities within one mile of the coast that are most vulnerable to disturbance or development including:

- Beach dune
- Coastal scrub
- Coastal grasslands
- Coastal strand
- Maritime hammock
- Shell mound
- Coastal dune lake
- Coastal rockland lake
- Mangrove wetlands
- Salt marsh (G5)

Charlotte Harbor

1941



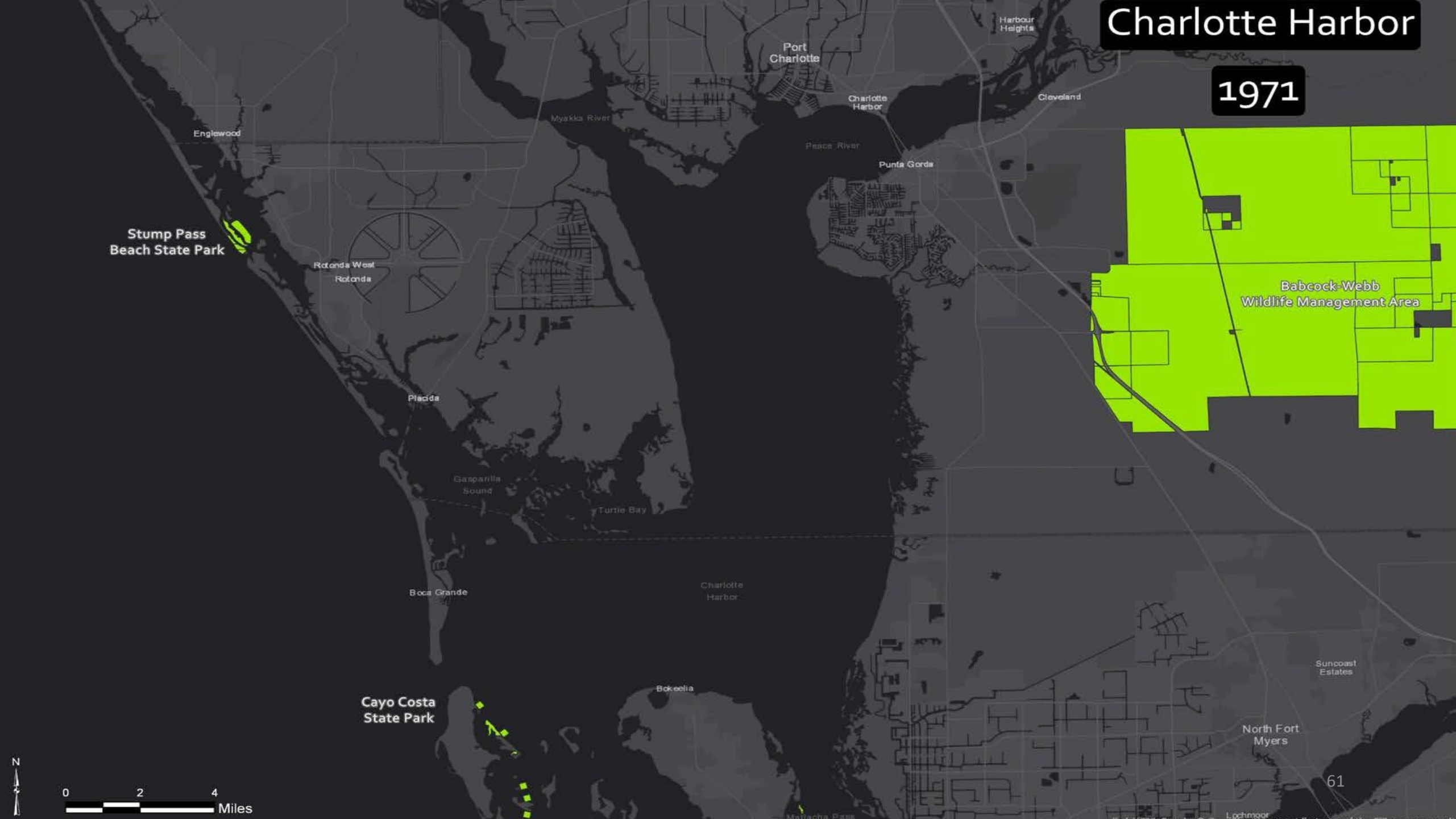
Babcock-Webb
Wildlife Management Area

Cayo Costa
State Park



Charlotte Harbor

1971



Stump Pass
Beach State Park

Babcock-Webb
Wildlife Management Area

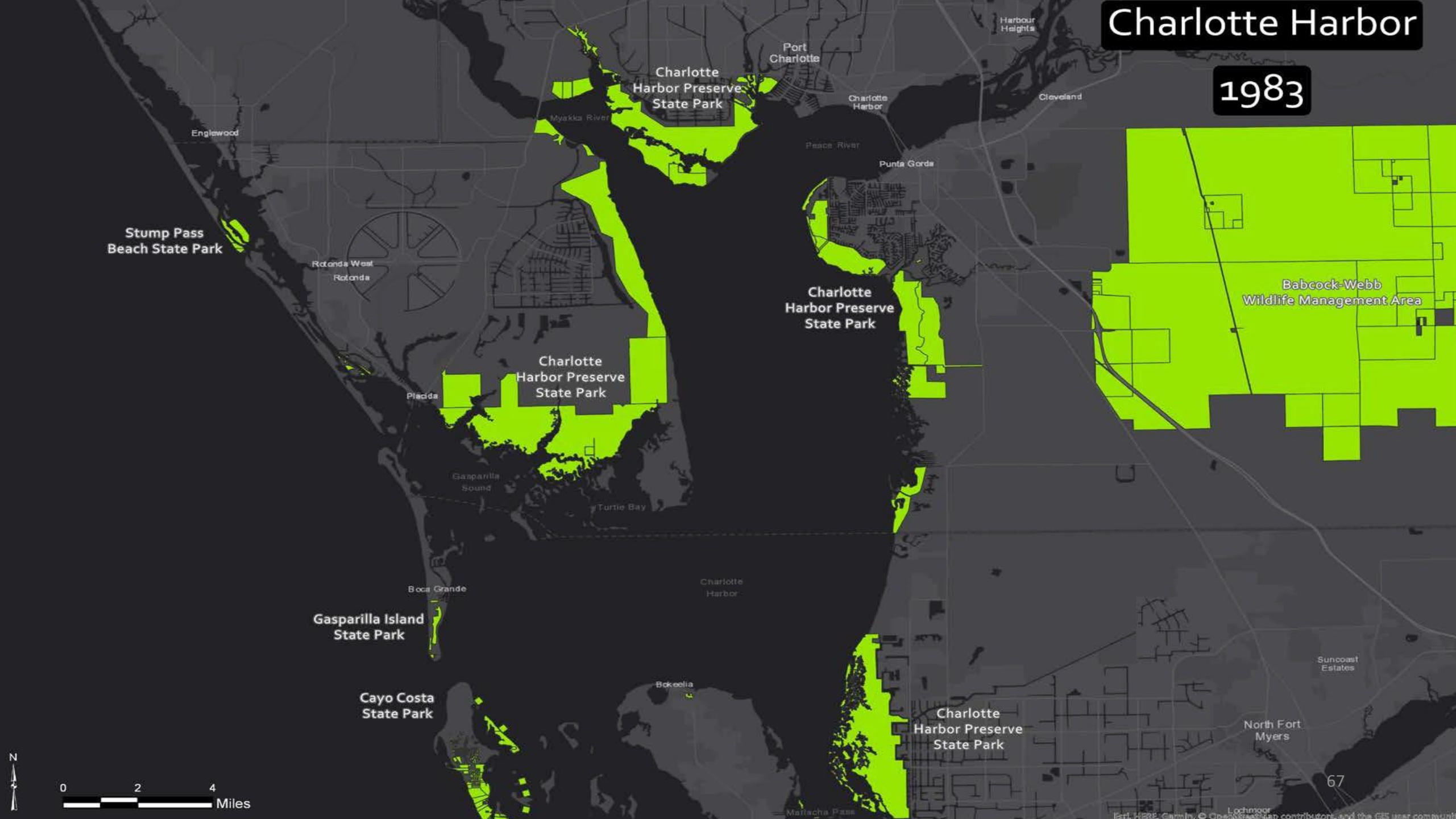
Cayo Costa
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Charlotte Harbor

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Stump Pass
Beach State Park

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Harbor Preserve
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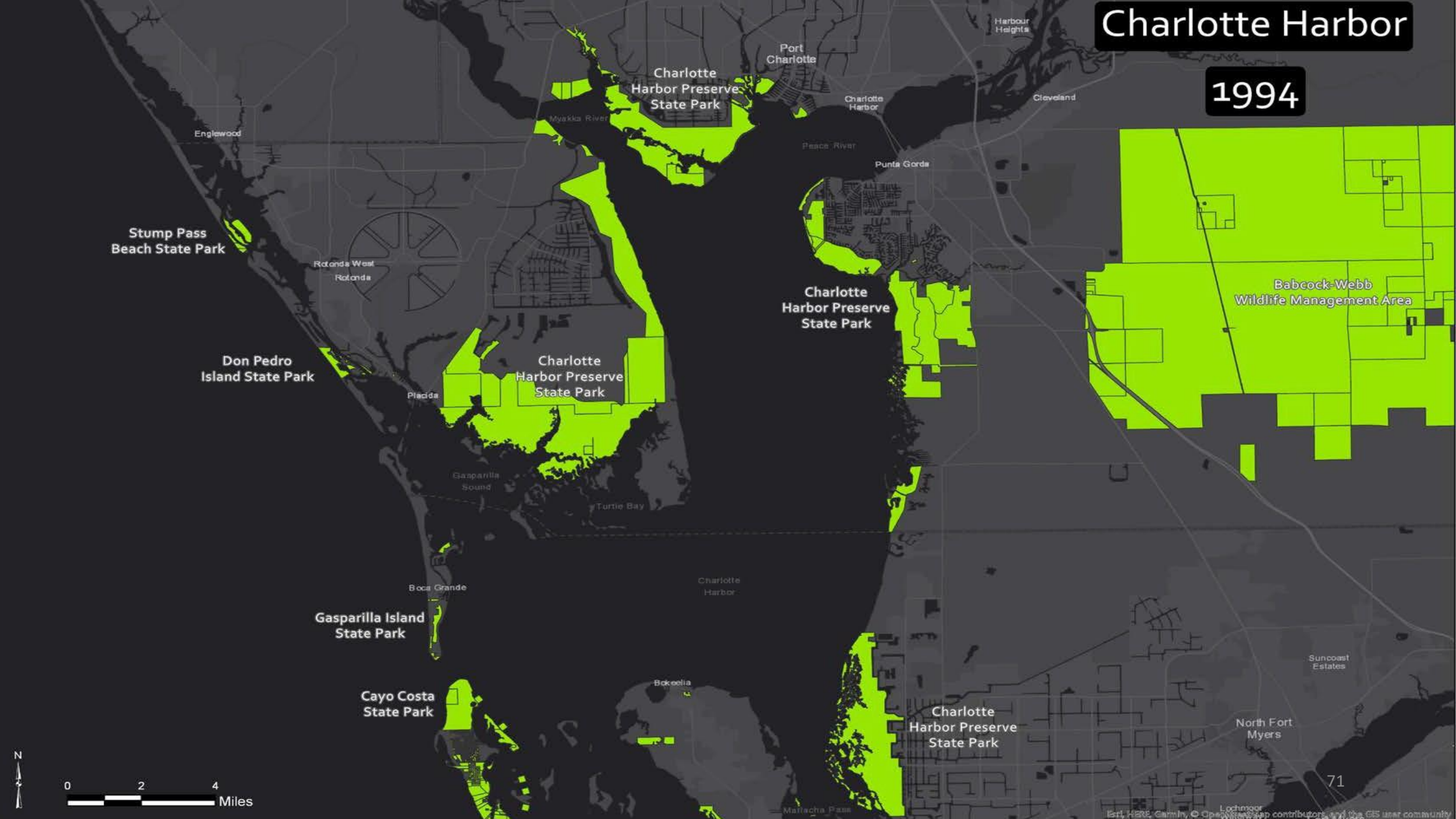
Charlotte
Harbor Preserve
State Park



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Charlotte Harbor

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Stump Pass Beach State Park

Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park

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Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management Area

Don Pedro Island State Park

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Gasparilla Island State Park

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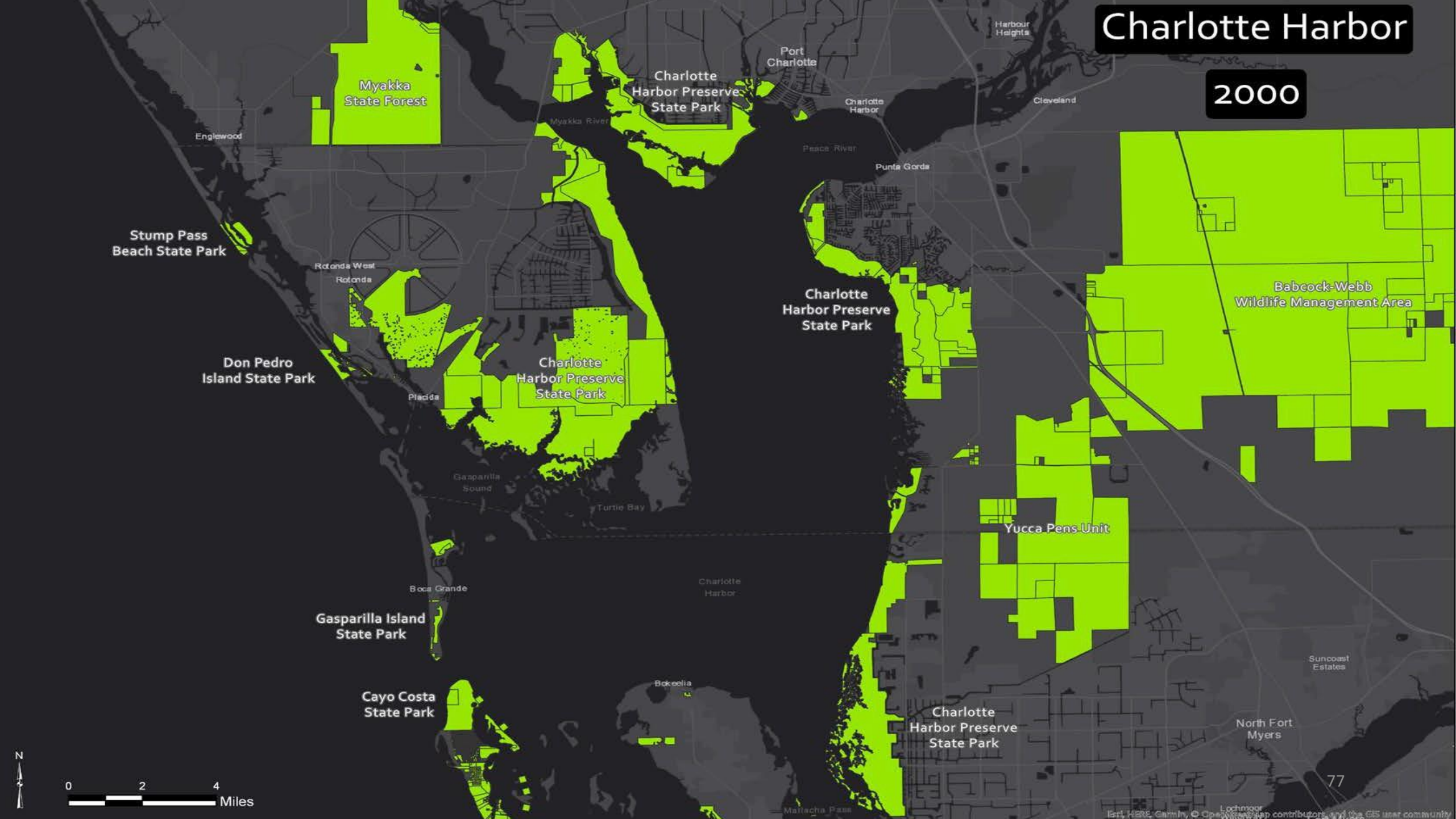
Cayo Costa State Park

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Charlotte Harbor

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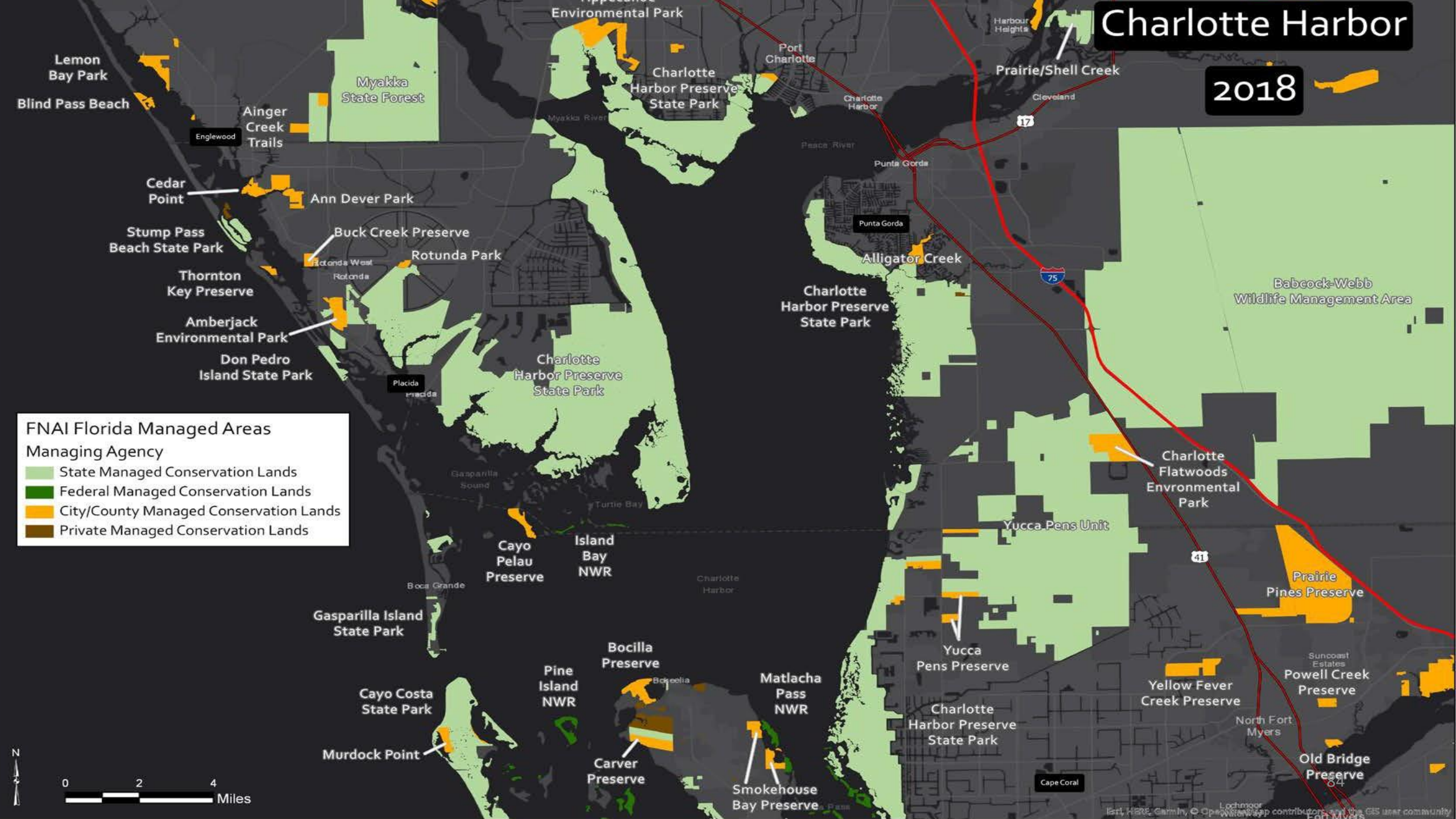
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Charlotte Harbor

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FNAI Florida Managed Areas
Managing Agency

- State Managed Conservation Lands
- Federal Managed Conservation Lands
- City/County Managed Conservation Lands
- Private Managed Conservation Lands



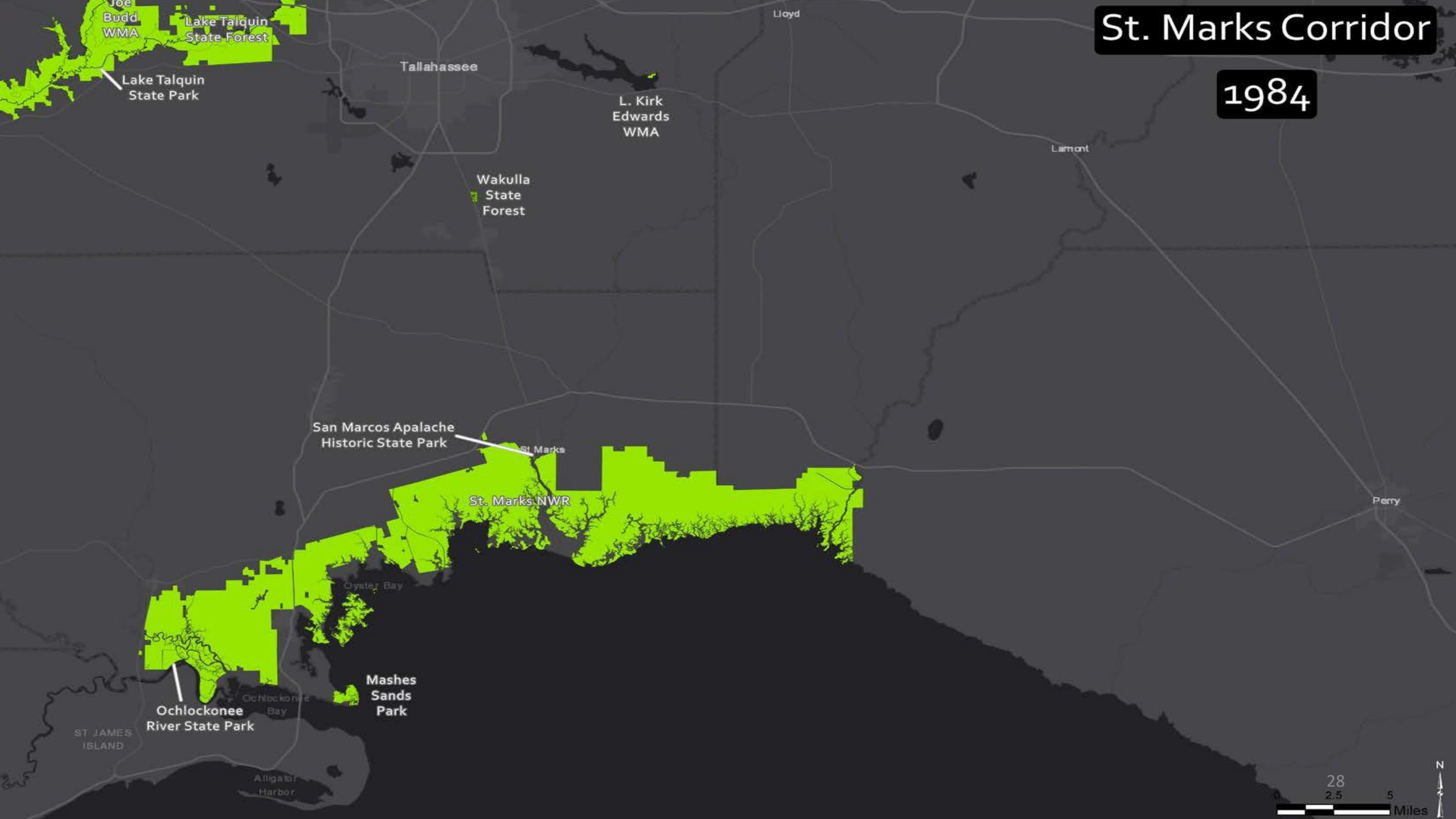
Charlotte Harbor

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St. Marks Corridor

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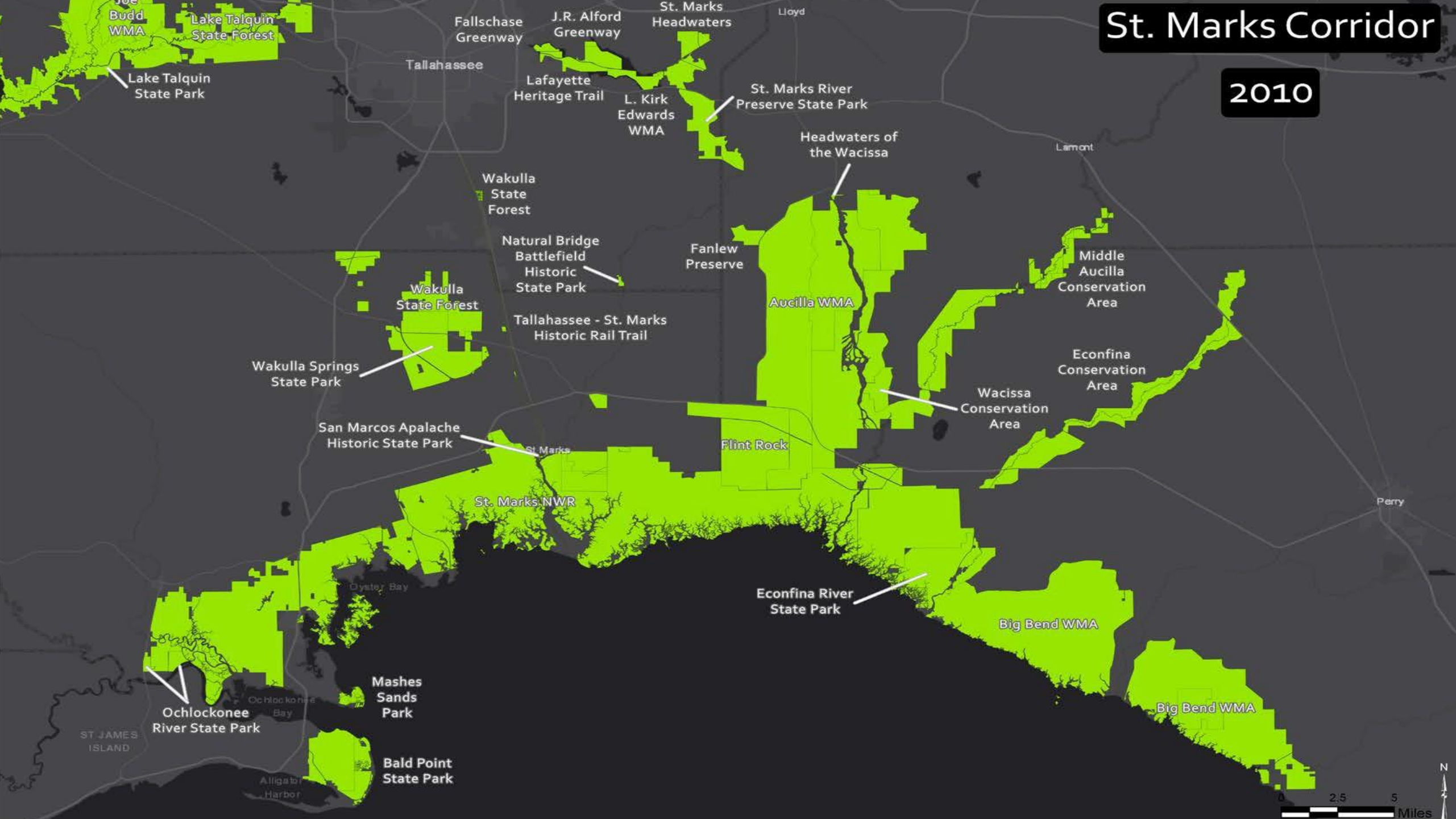
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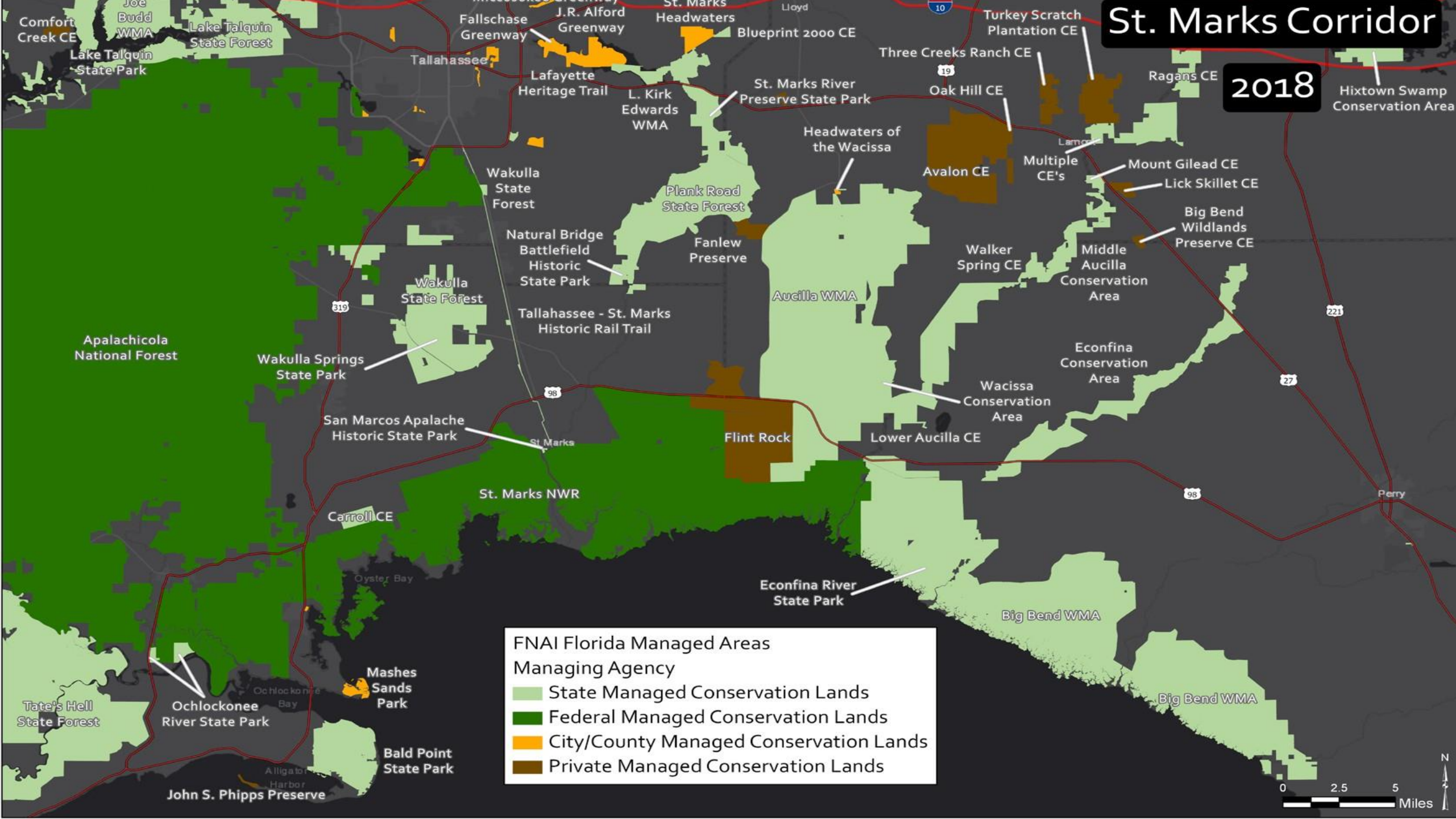
St. Marks Corridor

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St. Marks Corridor

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Florida Forever Assists in Keeping Florida's Coastline Resilient and Maintains Lands in Their Natural State for Adaptation

- **Florida Forever has protected 9,580 acres of fragile coastline.**
- **The 2019 Florida Forever Priority List includes 14 Climate Change Lands category projects that we are still working to acquire.**
- **The 2019 Florida Forever Priority List includes in its Substantially Complete category five projects that would also meet the Climate Change category definition, but are at least 85 percent acquired.**

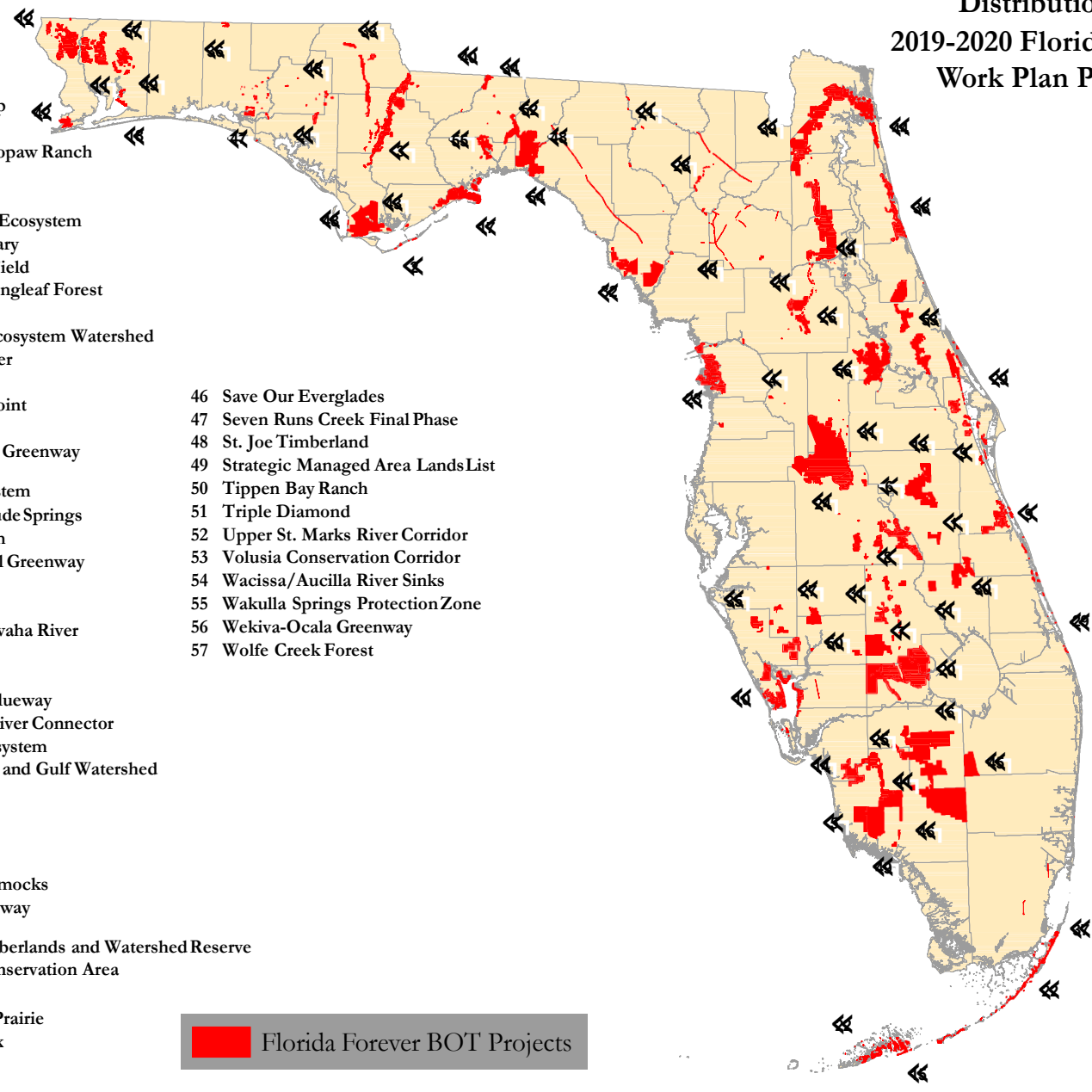


Distribution of 2019-2020 Florida Forever Work Plan Projects

- 1 Adams Ranch
- 2 Apalachicola Bay
- 3 Apalachicola River
- 4 Battle of Wahoo Swamp
- 5 Belle Meade
- 6 Big Bend Swamp/Holopaw Ranch
- 7 Blue Head Ranch
- 8 Bombing Range Ridge
- 9 Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem
- 10 Charlotte Harbor Estuary
- 11 Clear Creek/Whiting Field
- 12 Coastal Headwaters Longleaf Forest
- 13 Conlin Lake X
- 14 Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed
- 15 Coupon Bight/Key Deer
- 16 Devil's Garden
- 17 Dickerson Bay/Bald Point
- 18 Escribano Point
- 19 Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway
- 20 Fisheating Creek Ecosystem
- 21 Florida's First Magnitude Springs
- 22 Florida Keys Ecosystem
- 23 Florida Springs Coastal Greenway
- 24 Green Swamp
- 25 Half Circle L Ranch
- 26 Heather Island/Ocklawaha River
- 27 Horse Creek Ranch
- 28 Ichetucknee Trace
- 29 Indian River Lagoon Blueway
- 30 Kissimmee-St. Johns River Connector
- 31 Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem
- 32 Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed
- 33 Middle Chipola River
- 34 Millstone Plantation
- 35 Myakka Ranchlands
- 36 Natural Bridge Creek
- 37 North Key Largo Hammocks
- 38 Northeast Florida Blueway
- 39 Northeast Florida Timberlands and Watershed Reserve
- 40 Ochlockonee River Conservation Area
- 41 Panther Glades
- 42 Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie
- 43 Pierce Mound Complex
- 44 Pumpkin Hill Creek
- 45 Rotenberger

- 46 Save Our Everglades
- 47 Seven Runs Creek Final Phase
- 48 St. Joe Timberland
- 49 Strategic Managed Area Lands List
- 50 Tippen Bay Ranch
- 51 Triple Diamond
- 52 Upper St. Marks River Corridor
- 53 Volusia Conservation Corridor
- 54 Wacissa/Aucilla River Sinks
- 55 Wakulla Springs Protection Zone
- 56 Wekiva-Ocala Greenway
- 57 Wolfe Creek Forest

 Florida Forever BOT Projects



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