

# **GSSHA MODELING FOR ANALYSIS OF FLOOD DESIGN FEATURES AT THE PICAYUNE STRAND RESTORATION PROJECT**

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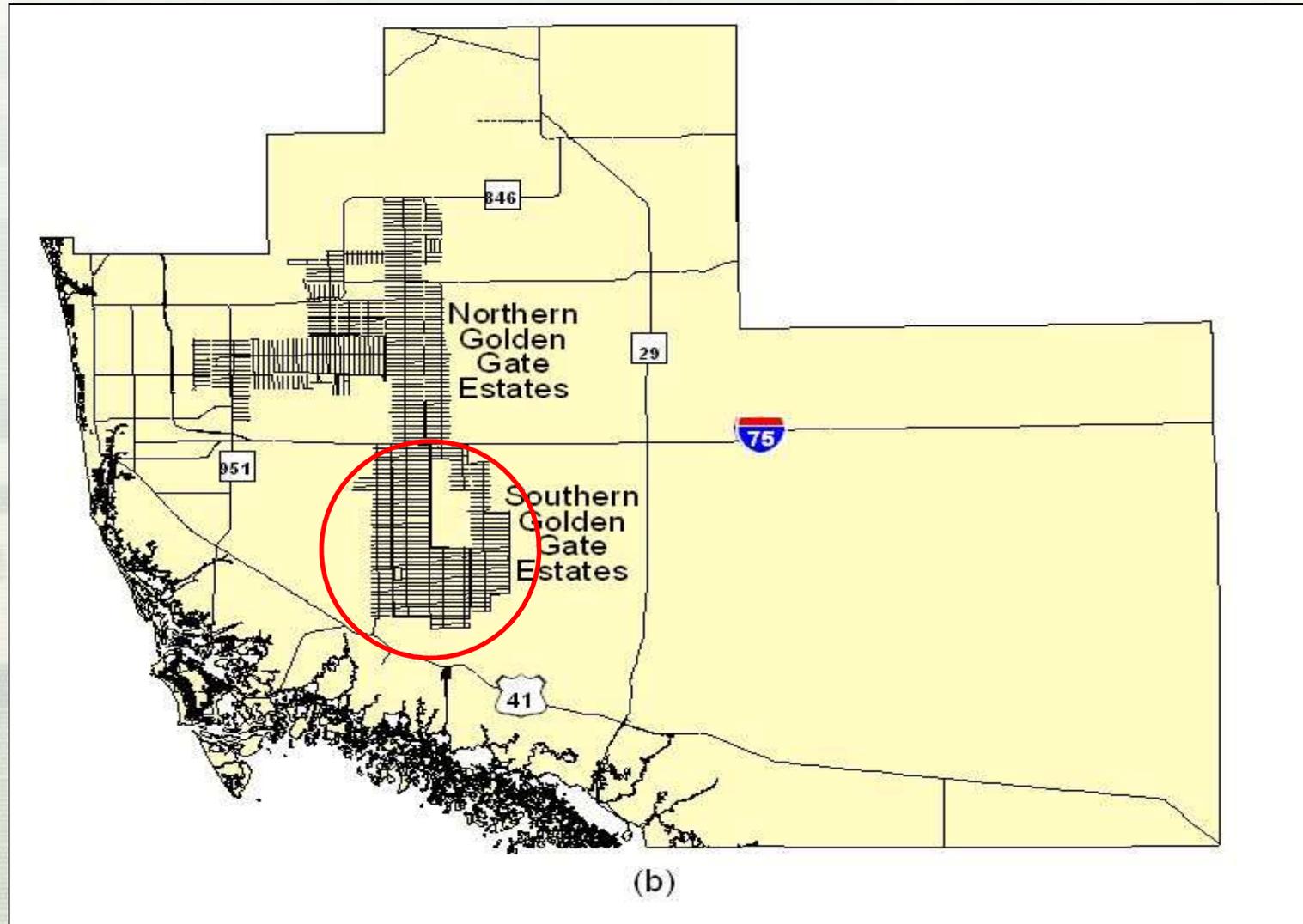
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# Golden Gate Estates

Map showing grid of roads and bisection of GAC holdings by I-75 into Northern Golden Gate Estates and Southern Golden Gate Estates



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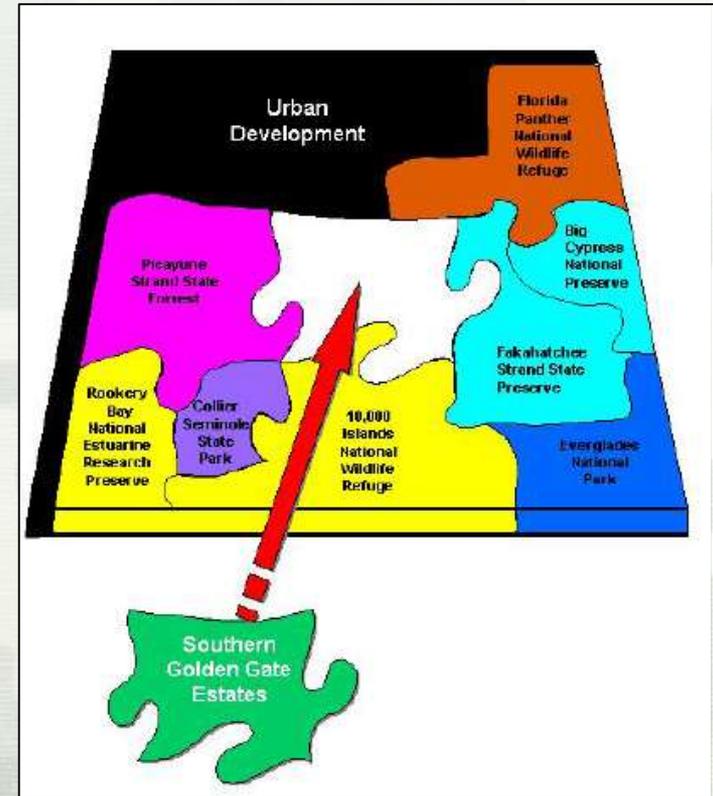
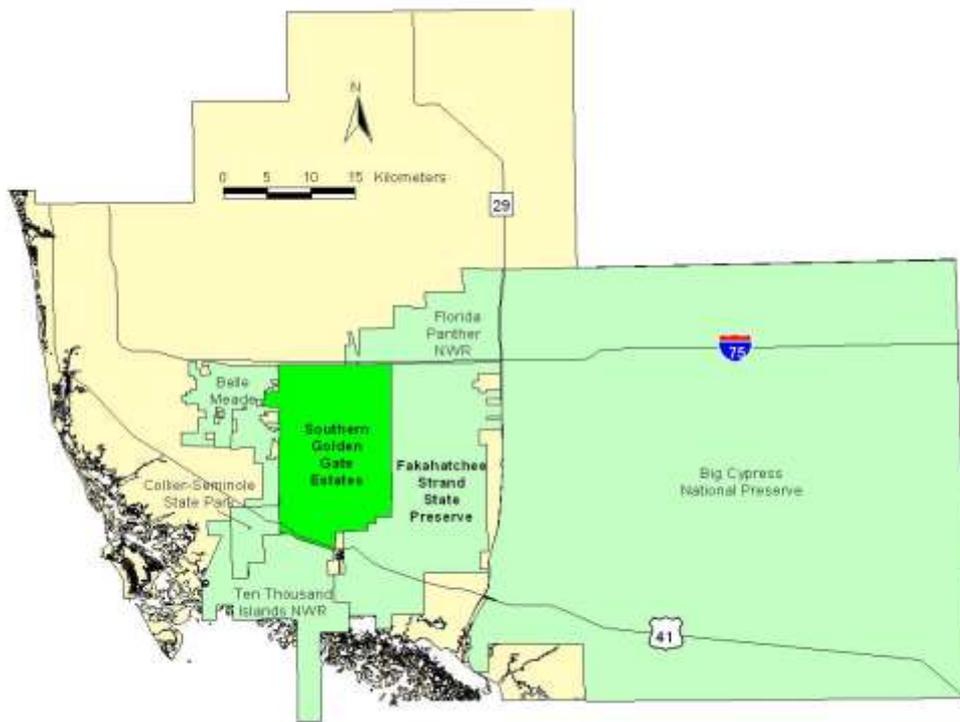
# Miller Blvd. (wet Season)



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# Picayune Strand Restoration

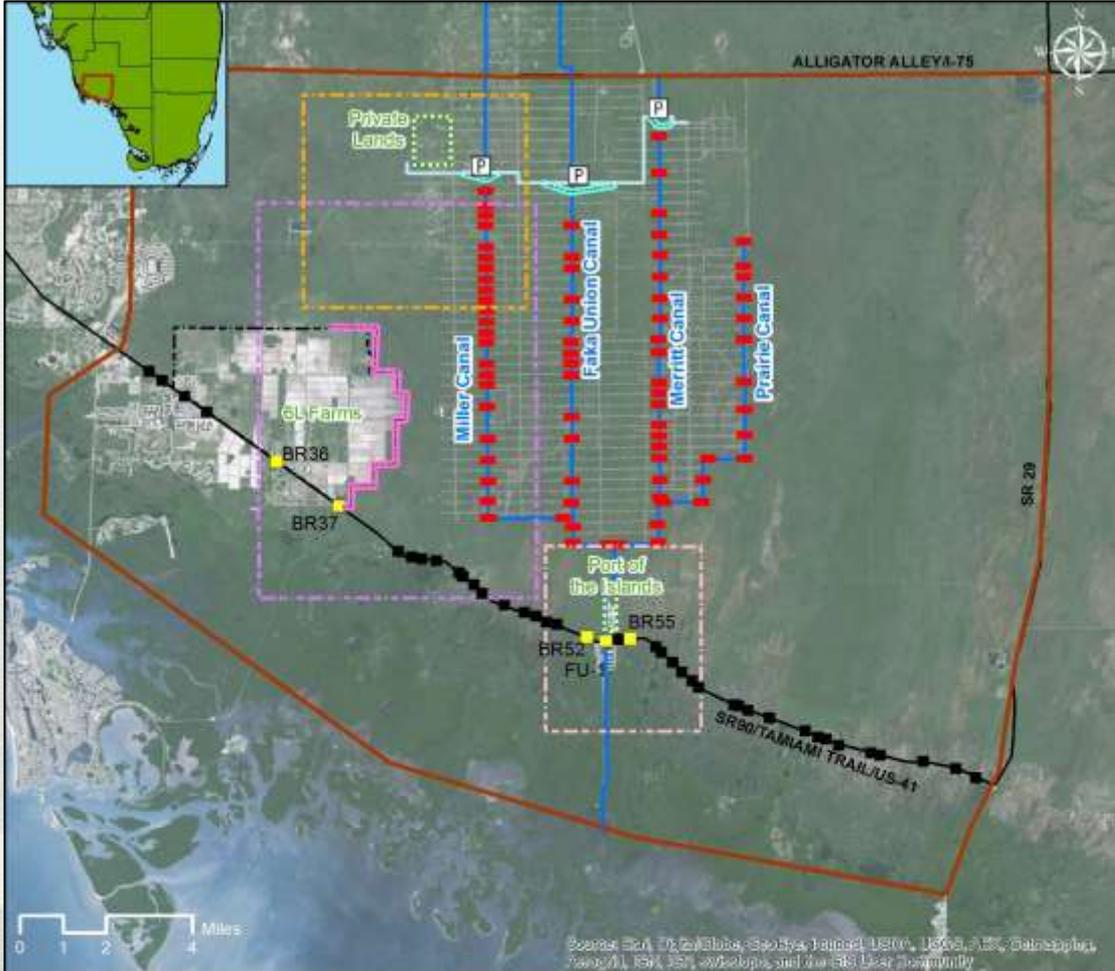


- one of the first Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects under construction
- Restores 55,000 acres of native Florida wetlands and uplands at the site of the failed Southern Golden Gate Estates development.



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# Project Features

- 3 spreader canals
- 3 pump stations:
  - Merritt
  - Faka Union
  - Miller
- Plugging 48 miles of canals (with more than 100 plugs)
- Removing and degrading 260 miles of roads

## Legend

Tier 1 Model Domain	Separated	<b>Project Features</b>	Canal Plugs
Private Lands Tier 2 Model Domain	Canals	Spreader Berms	Pump Station
POI Tier 2 Model Domain	Major Roads	Tie Back Levee	
6L Tier 2 Model Domain	Calibration/ Verification Stations	Degraded SGGE Roads	
Existing 6L Farms Levee	Other US-41 Bridges	Proposed 6L Levee	



# Study Purpose and Design

- **Refinement proposed flood control features per**
  - EMs 1110-2-1619
  - 1110-2-1913
  - ER 1105-2-101)
- **Multi-tiered modeling approach.**
  - MIKESHE → Tier 1 GSSHA → Tier 2 GSSHA models for the three privately owned areas.

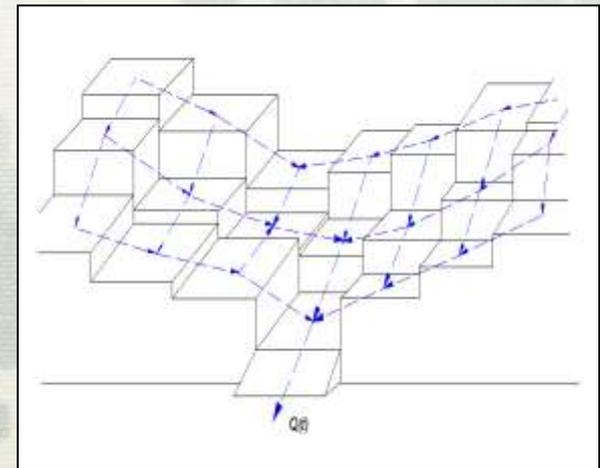
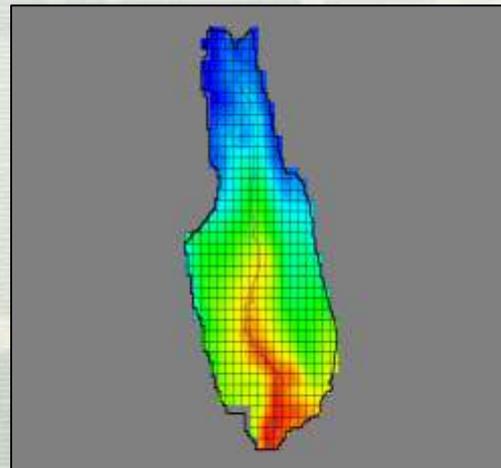
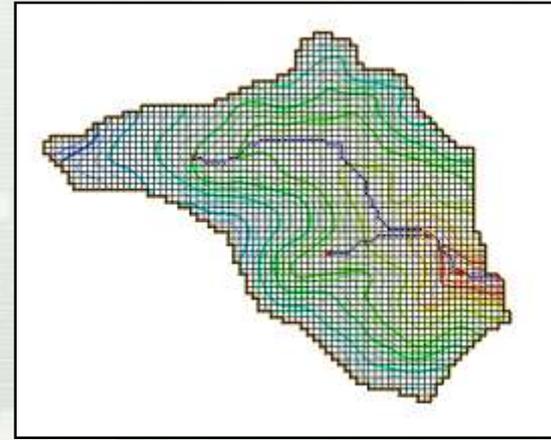


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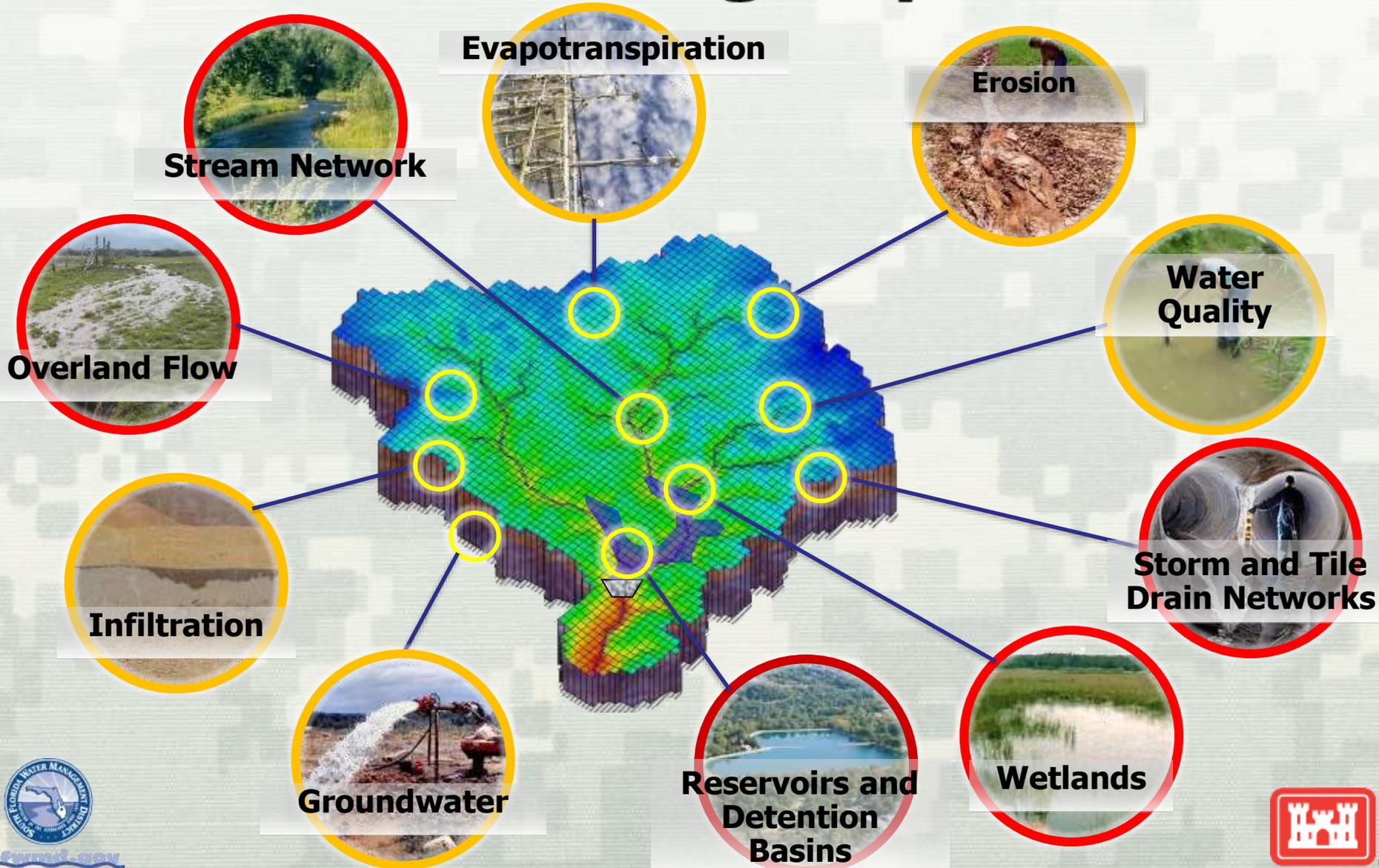


# What is GSSHA?

- **Watershed simulation and management**
  - Hydrologic
  - Hydraulic
  - Sediment and water quality simulation
- **Fully distributed, physics based**
- **Finite Difference regular grid**
- **US Army ERDC Product**  
([www.gsshawiki.com](http://www.gsshawiki.com))
  - Maintained
  - Supported
  - Distributed



# GSSHA Modeling Capabilities



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# Model Purpose

**Determine hydraulic design criteria for the protective features per the new ER's-EM's-ETL's**

- **Port of the Islands**
- **Private Lands**
- **6L's**



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# Modeling Approach

## 1. Model Migration

- Existing Mike She/Mike 11 Models (PIR Models)
- Gridded Surface Subsurface Hydrologic Analysis (GSSHA)

## 2. Develop Tier 1 Models

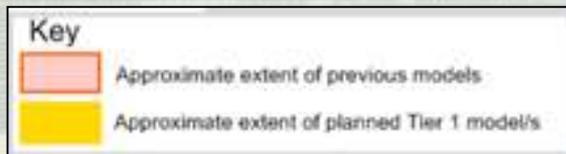
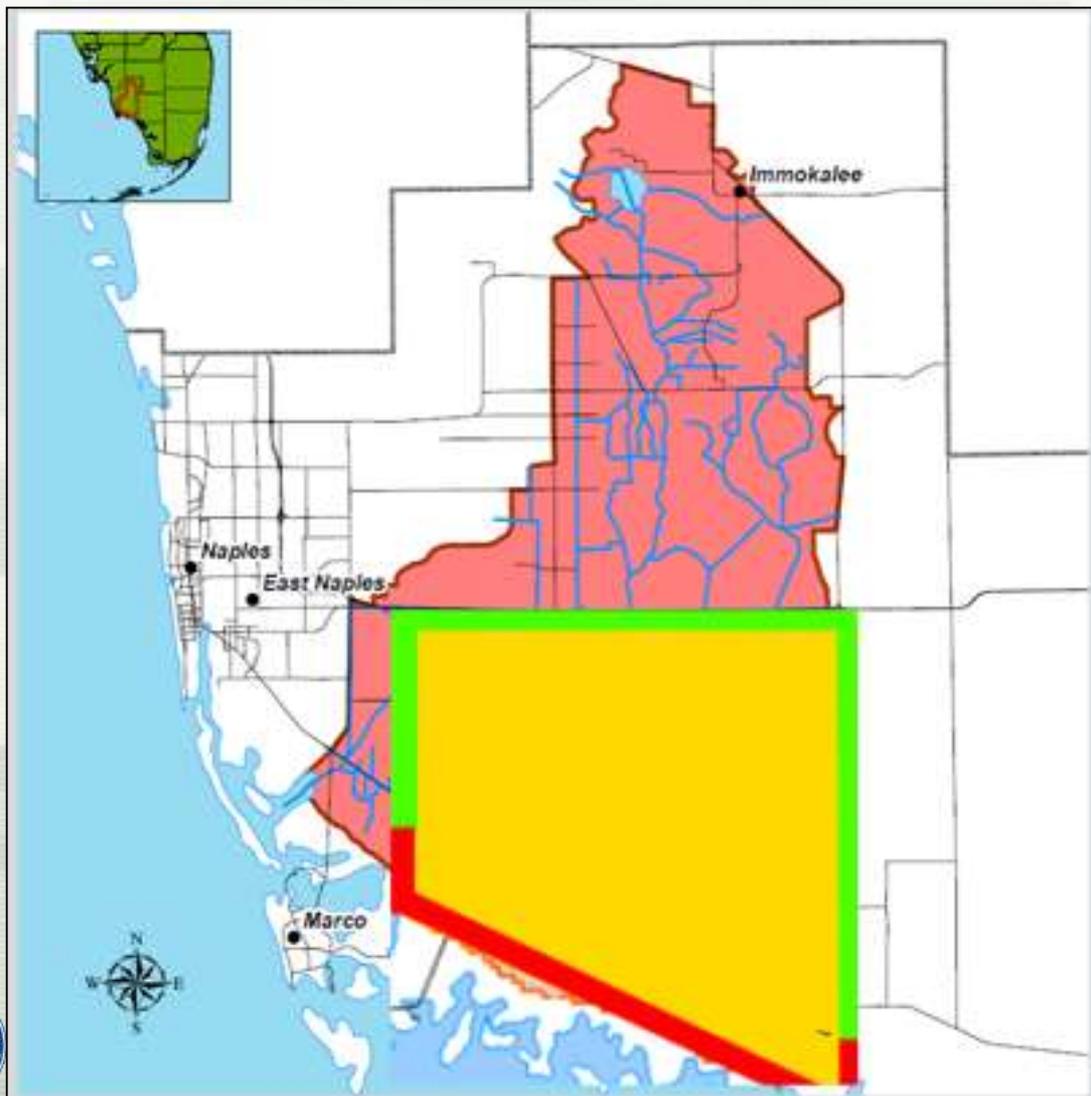
- Low resolution, large domain
- Calibration: 1995 Storm Event (Tropical Storm Jerry)
- Develop existing and “with” project conditions

## 3. Develop Tier 2 Models

- High resolution/ small domain
- High level of detail wrt Tier 1 models
- Design criteria



# Migration of MSHE/M11 (PIR) model to GSSHA



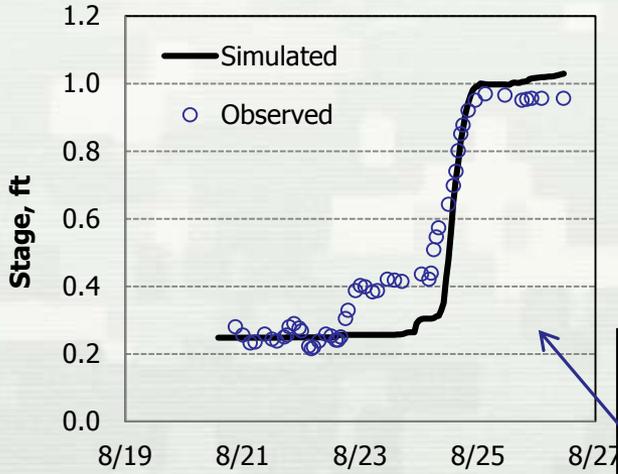
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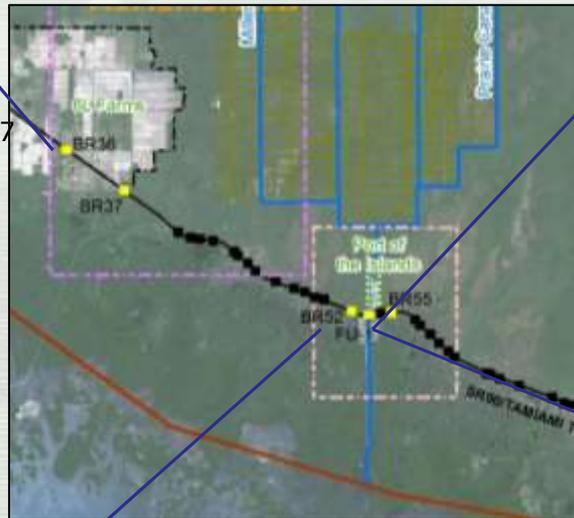
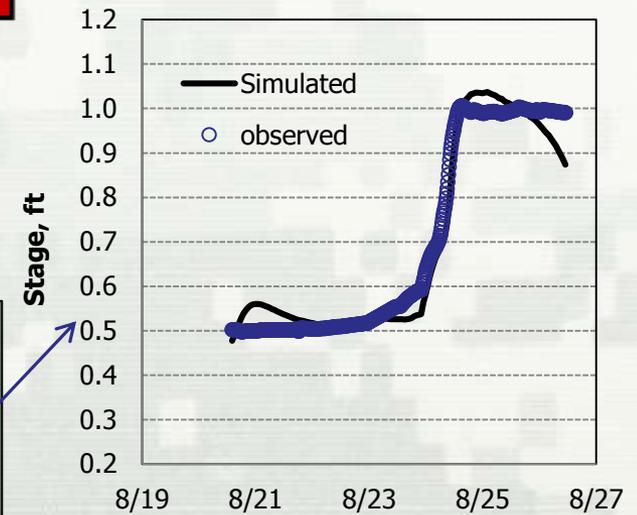


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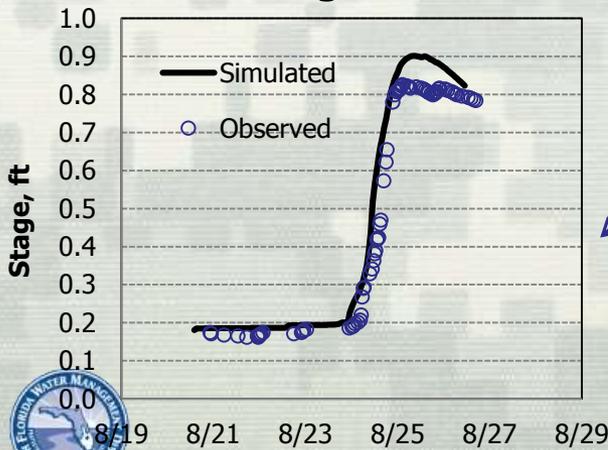
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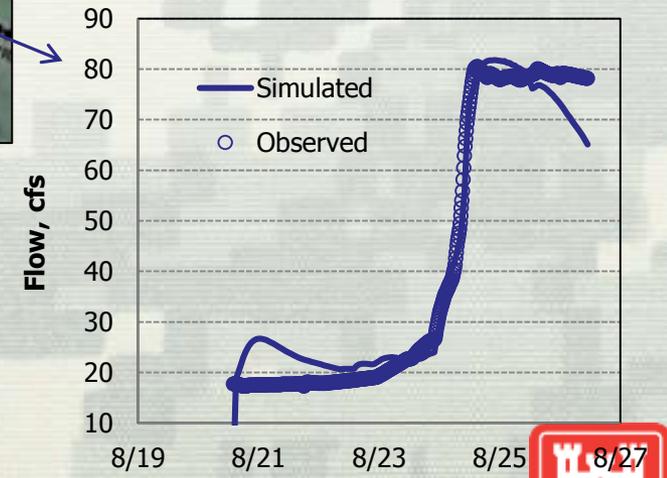
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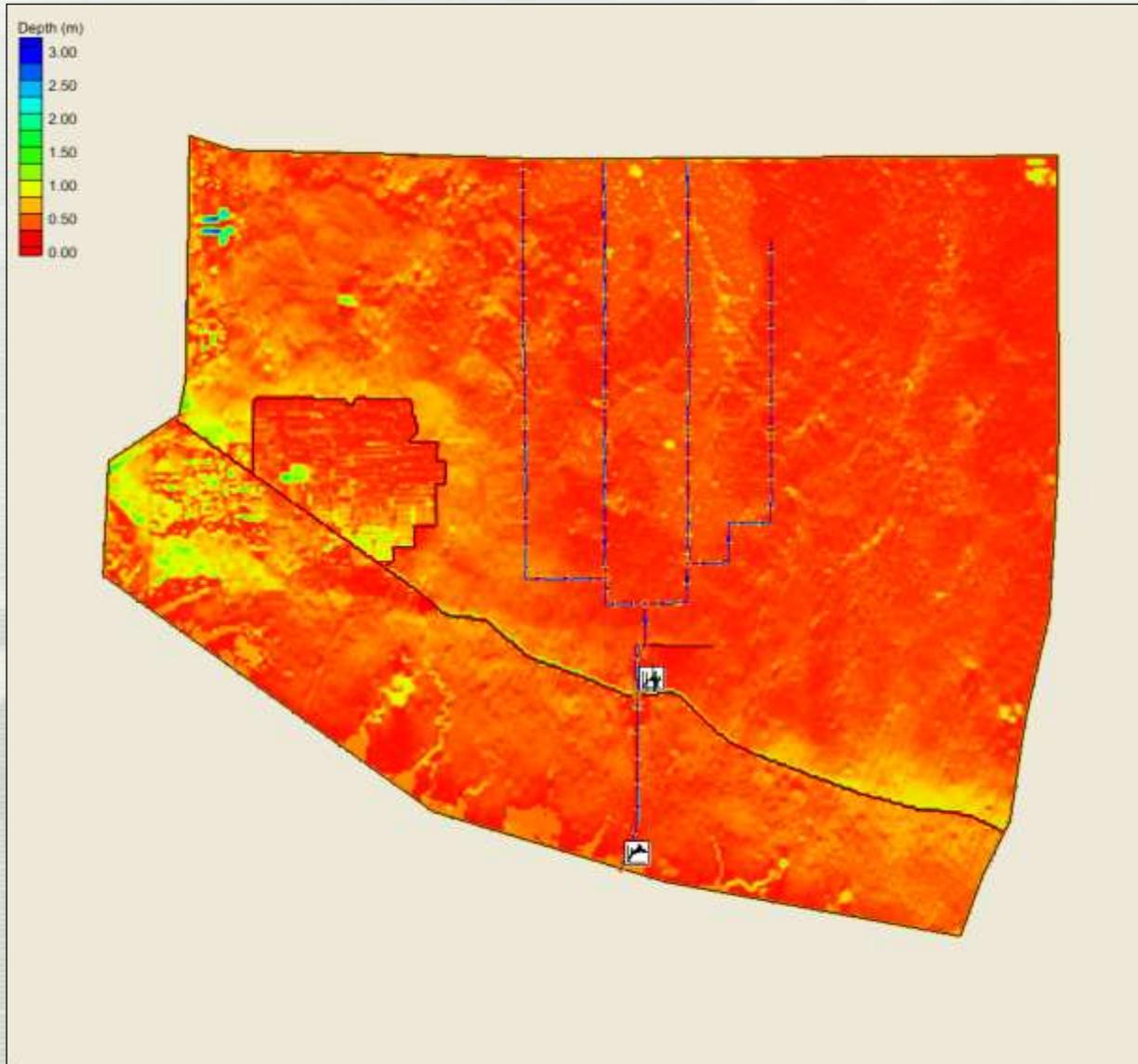
### Bridge 52



### FU-1



# Peak Flooding Extent

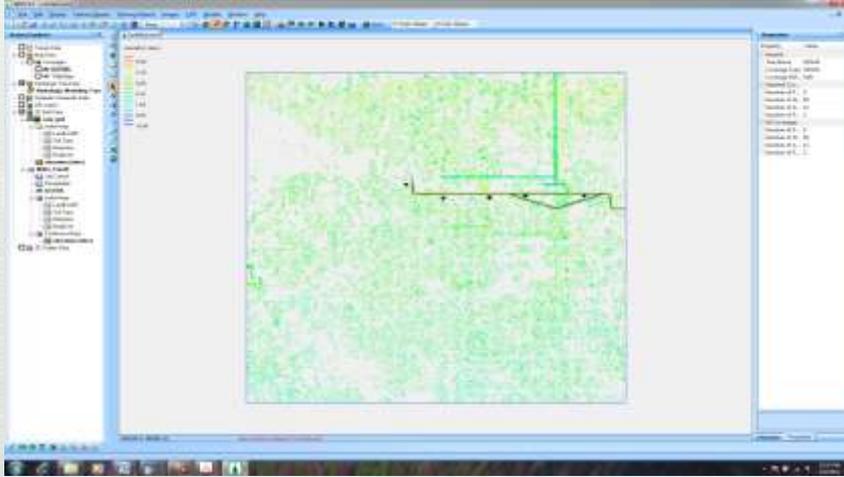


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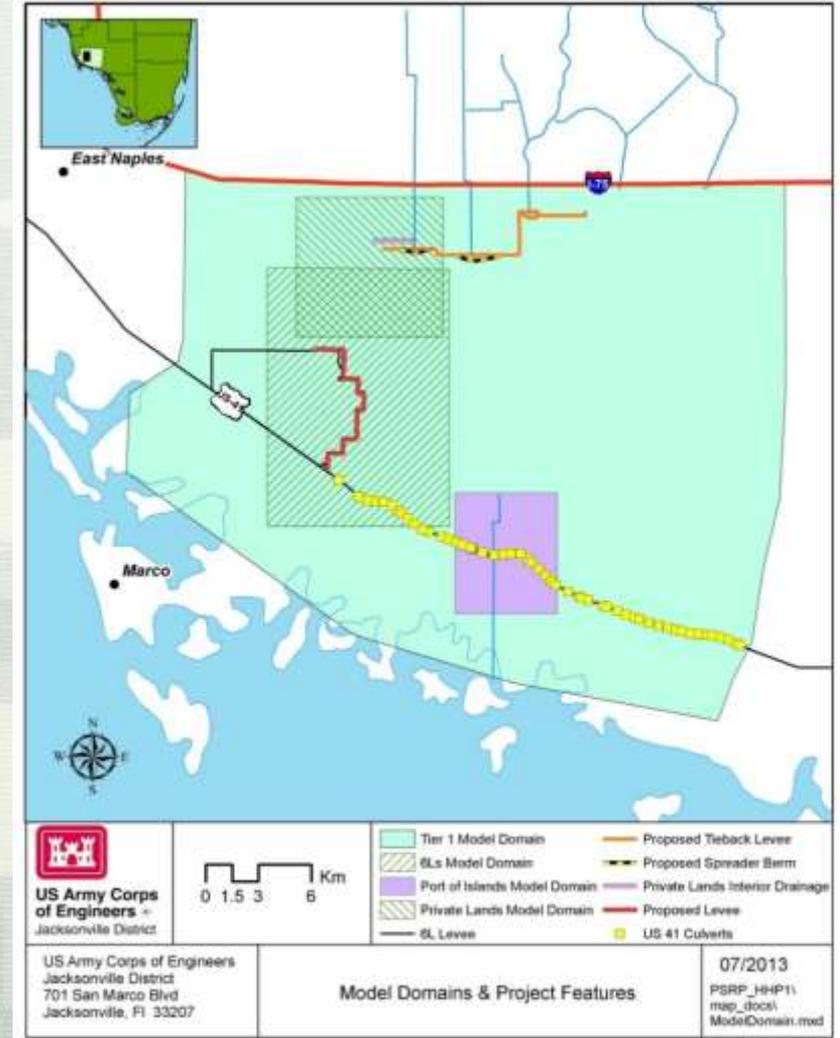
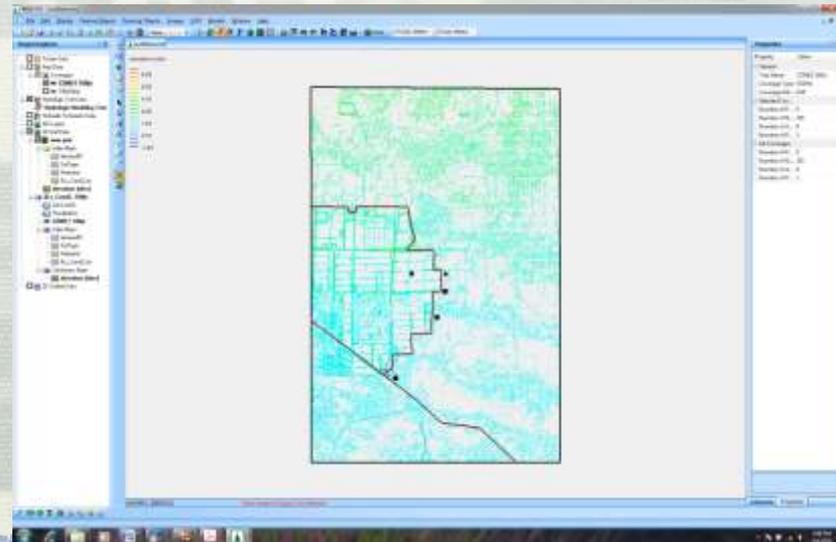


# Tier 2 With Project Models

## Private Lands



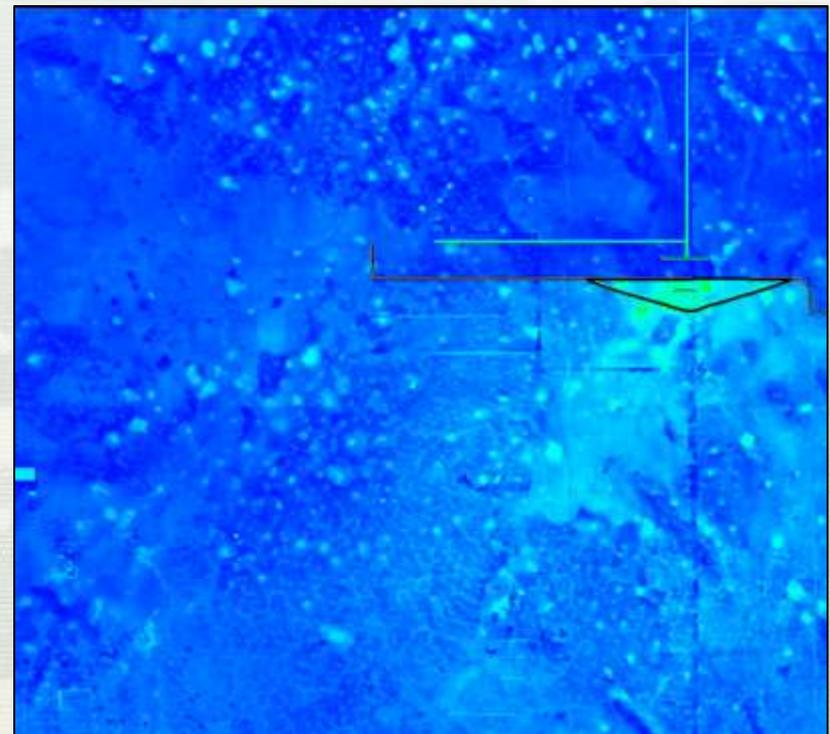
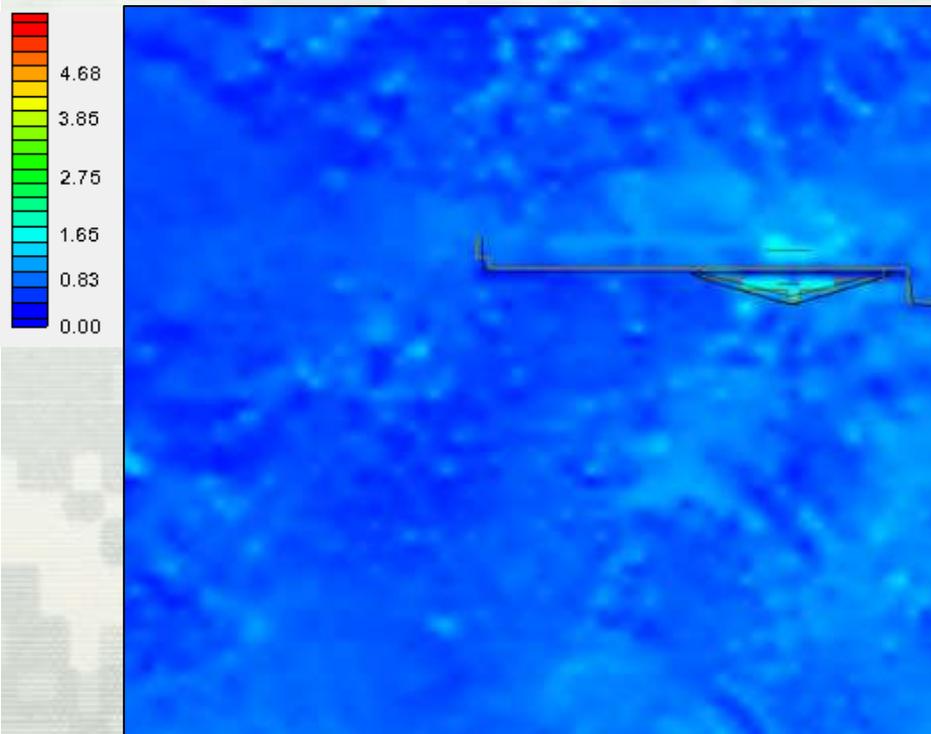
## 6Ls



# Scale Effects – Private Lands

120m Model, Flood Depth

20m Model, Flood Depth

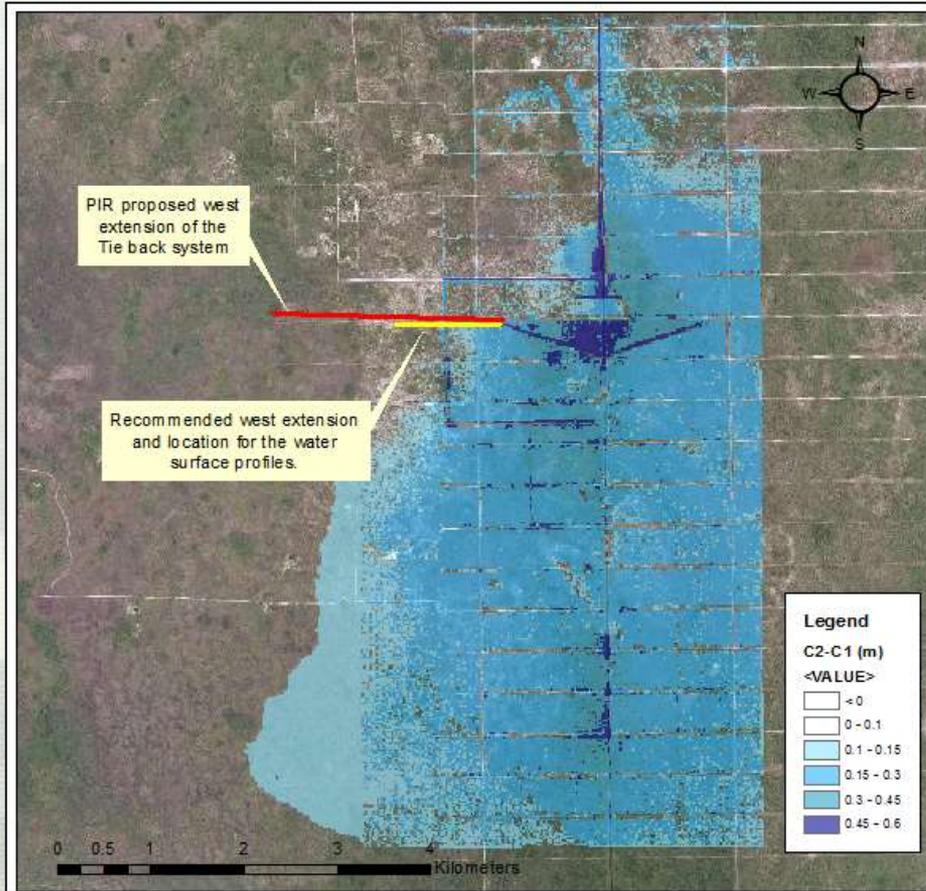


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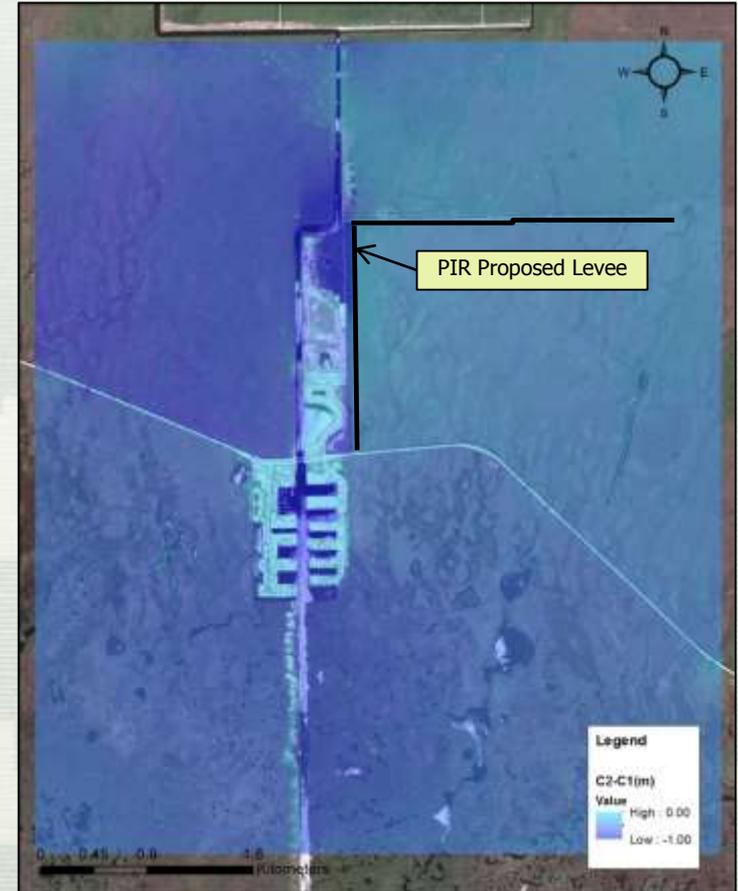


# Pre/Post Project Comparisons

## Private Lands



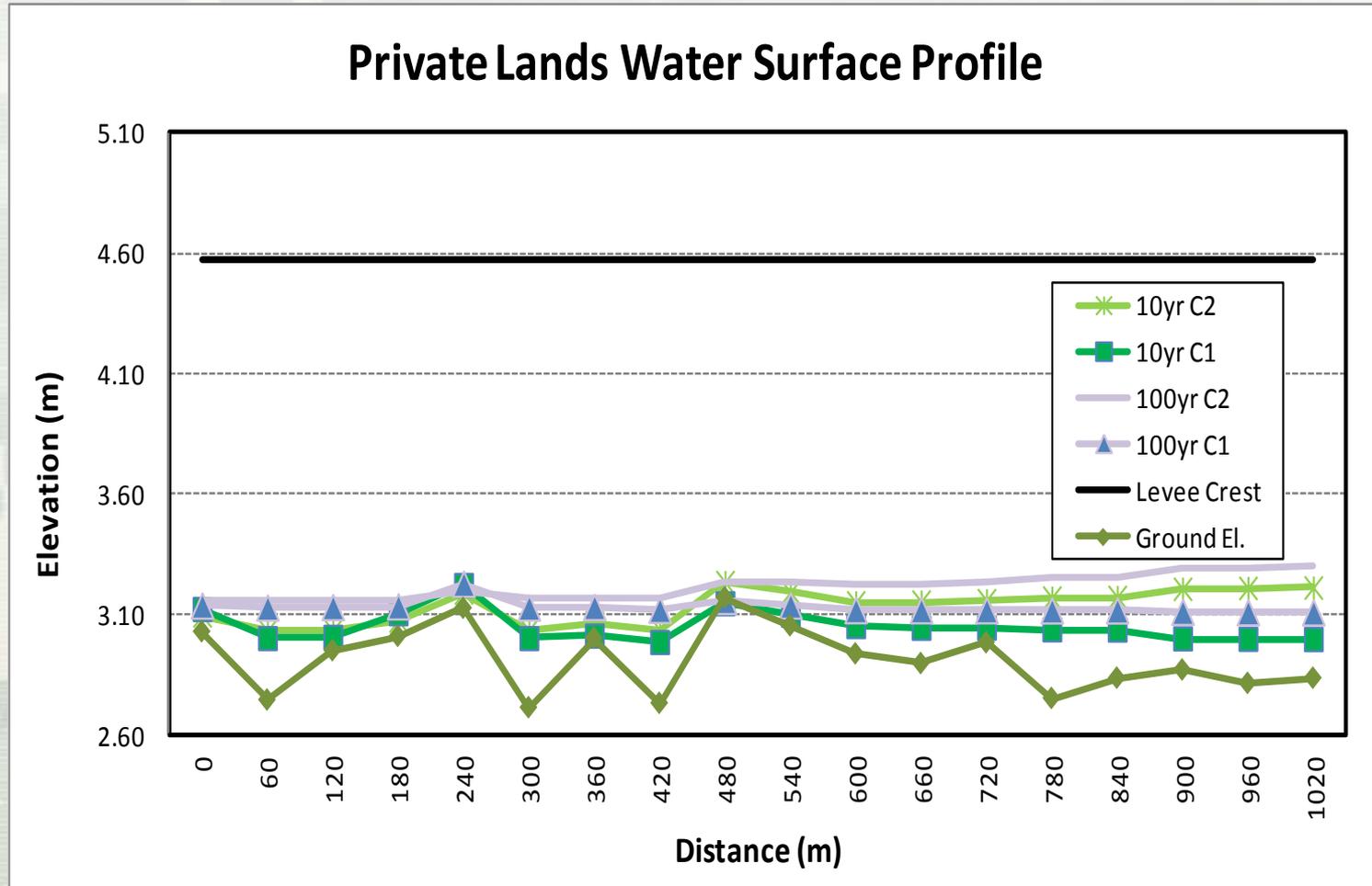
## Port of the Island



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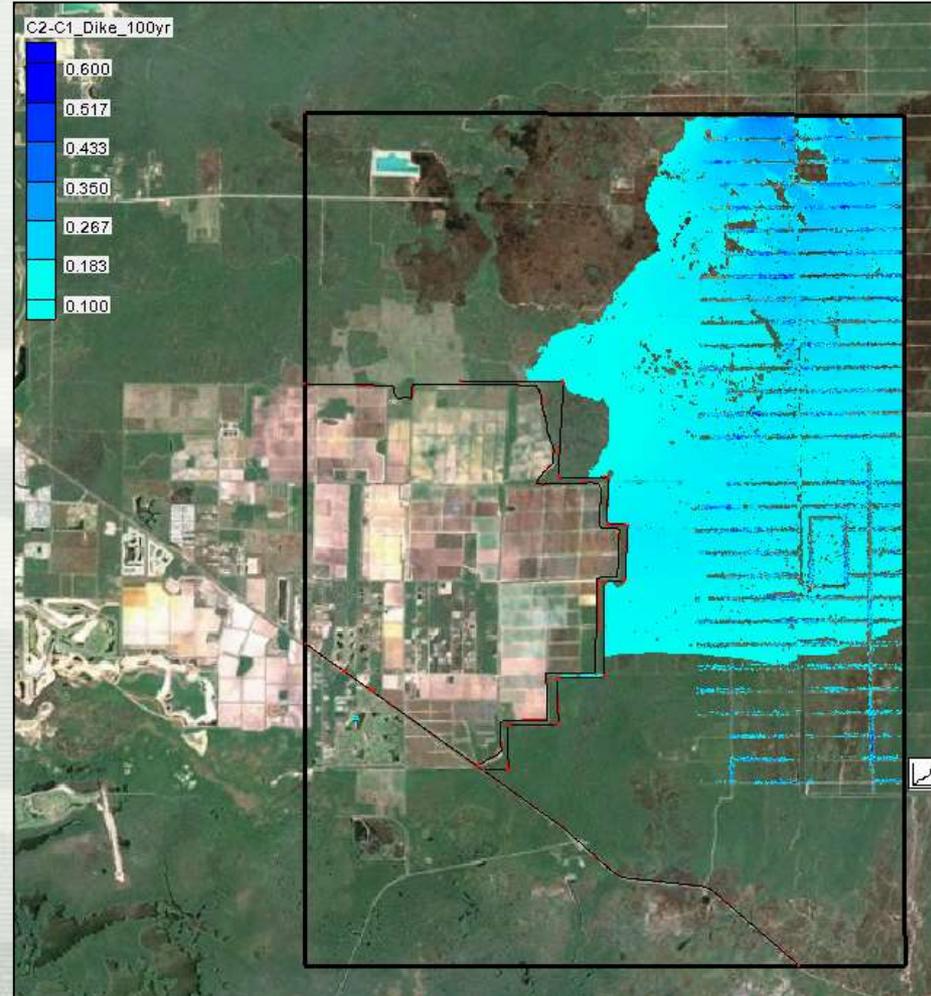
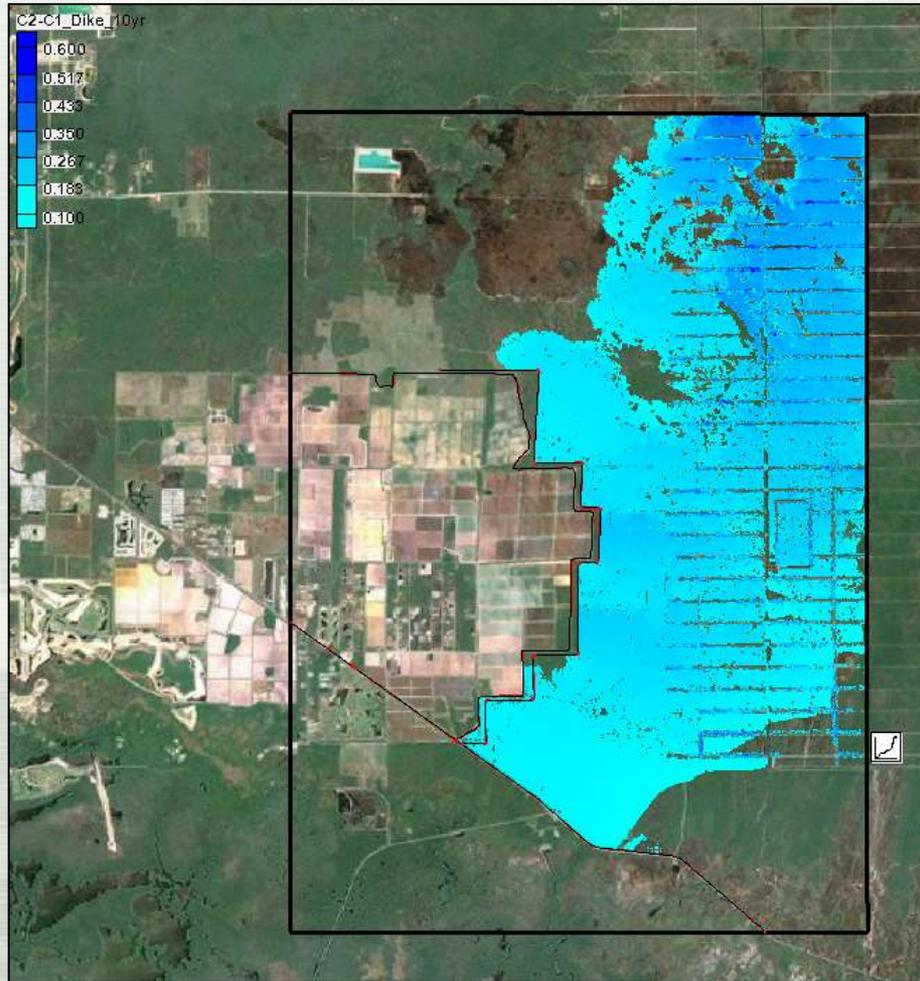
# Private Lands Levee Crest Design Criteria



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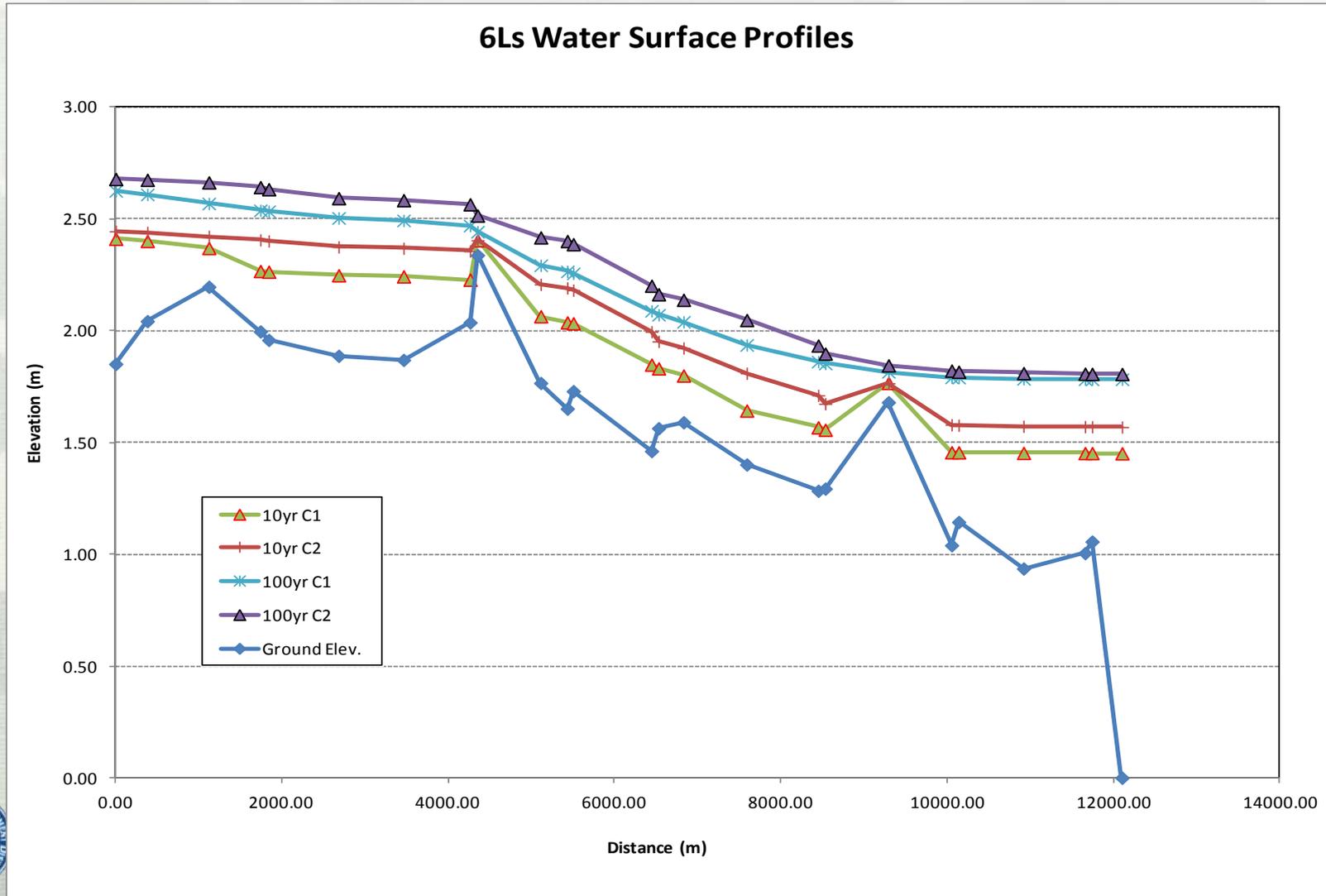
# 6Ls Tier 2 Model



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# 6L's Farms Levee Crest Design Criteria



# Conclusions

- levee originally envisioned to be constructed to protect the Port of the Islands areas from potential flooding is not necessary.
- Protective levee just south of the Miller pump station and extending to the west, could be shortened to almost half of what it was originally envisioned in the PSRP PIR.
- The outcome of this modeling work represented approximately \$40M in construction cost savings to the USACE Jacksonville District and the South Florida Water Management District.



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