#### WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE IS GOOD FOR THE GANDER: CONCEPTUAL PERMITTING FOR LONG TERM LARGE SCALE RESTORATION IN FLORIDA

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## INTRODUCTION

- Restoration projects typically permitted on a project-by-project basis
- Current system involves:
  - Regulatory uncertainty
  - Multiple regulatory approvals
  - User group conflicts
  - Increasingly significant temporal and spatial scales

### THE CONCEPTUAL PERMIT

- Comes in 3 flavors
  - Statutory
    - 373.4133 Port conceptual permits
  - Regulatory
    - FAC 62-330.055 Conceptual Approval Permits for Urban Infill or Redevelopment
    - FAC Rule 62-330.056 "Other Conceptual Use Approval Permits"

#### PORT CONCEPTUAL PERMIT

#### CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

#### North Cargo Berths 5 & 6



Aerial view of the start of the project.

Current aerial view of the project.

Project Costs: \$15,019,230 Designer: Halcrow, Inc. Contractor: Orion Marine Group Start Date: March 2012

Completion Date: May 2014 (Est.)

Project Description/Statistics: This project is the construction of the new sea wall and dredging at the corner cut off area of the west turning basin for 2 new cargo berths.

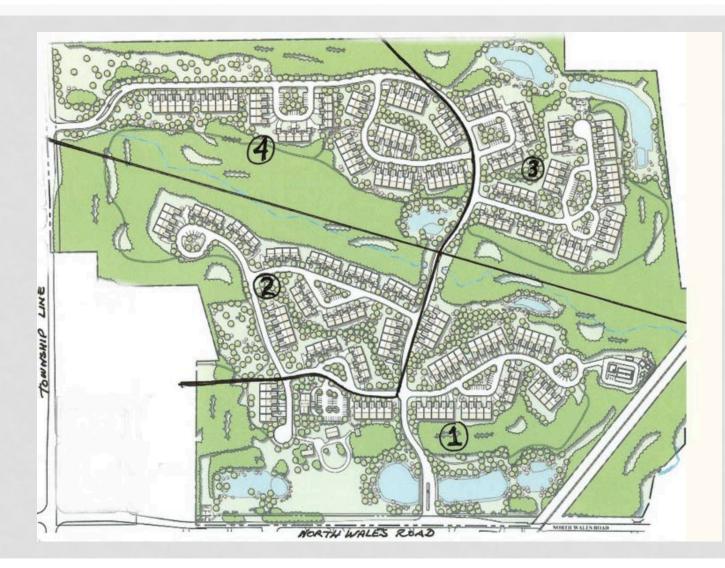
#### THE OTHER CONCEPTUAL PERMIT: REDEVELOPMENT& URBAN INFILL FAC 62-330.055



#### THE OTHER CONCEPTUAL PERMIT

- 62-330.056 Other Conceptual Approval Permits.
- (1) A conceptual approval permit is available for an applicant who desires approval of design concepts for a master or future plan to construct, alter, operate, maintain, remove, or abandon projects that require an individual permit under this chapter.

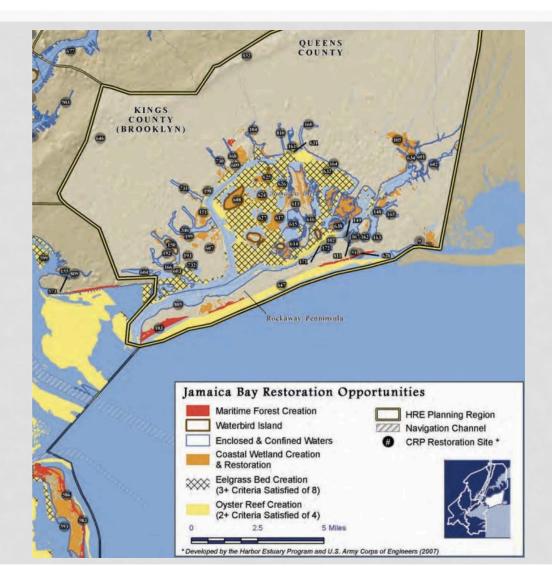
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#### THE "OTHER" CONCEPTUAL PERMIT: KEY ELEMENTS

- Duration (20 years provided work begins in 5 years)
- Can satisfy several approvals (ERP, SSL & CZM Consistency)
- A determination that conceptual plans are...<u>consistent with applicable rules at the time of</u> <u>issuance.</u>
- Creates a <u>rebuttable presumption</u> that the design and environmental concepts upon which the conceptual approval permit is based (within the detail provided in the application) will meet applicable rule criteria for issuance of permits for subsequent phases of the project.

#### THE OTHER CONCEPTUAL PERMIT: WHY NOT THE GANDER?



Marine Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Plan Partnership with Florida Sea Grant





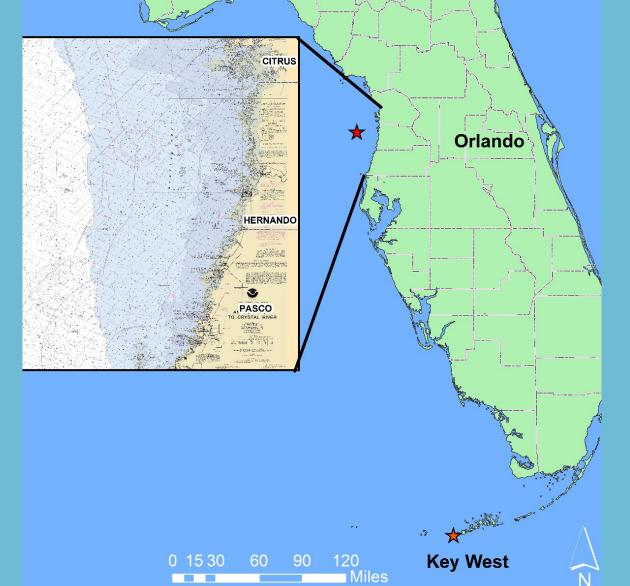




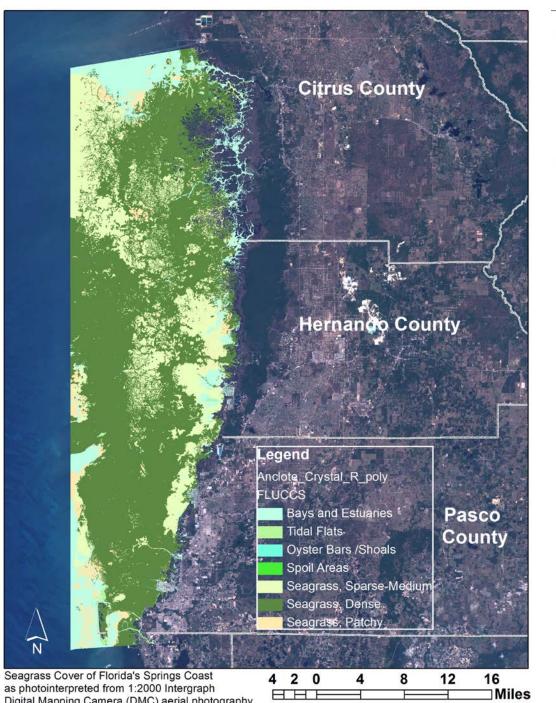


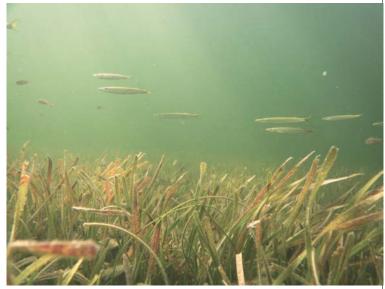
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### Example: Hernando County Marine Enhancement and Restoration Plan











Digital Mapping Camera (DMC) aerial photography.

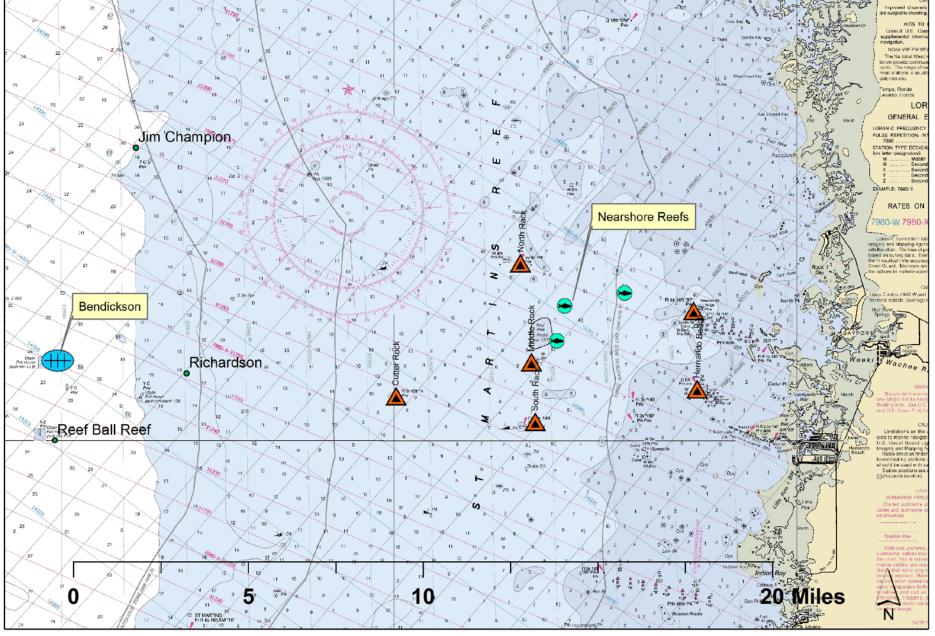
## Marine Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Plan

- Comprehensive rather than piece-meal approach
- Includes a baseline biological inventory
- Science based restoration and enhancement plan
- Evaluates feasibility of enhancement projects and viability of projects
- Engages stakeholders and community involvement
- Engages research community and students
- Expedites future permitting of projects

## Marine Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Plan

- Delineate the boundaries of zone
- Identify mission statement
- Identify areas of critical need
- Baseline biological inventory
- Develop planning goals, objectives, and actions through stakeholder input
- Establish best management practices and identify projects
- Determine permitting requirements and methods for streamlining

#### Hernando County Artificial Reefs

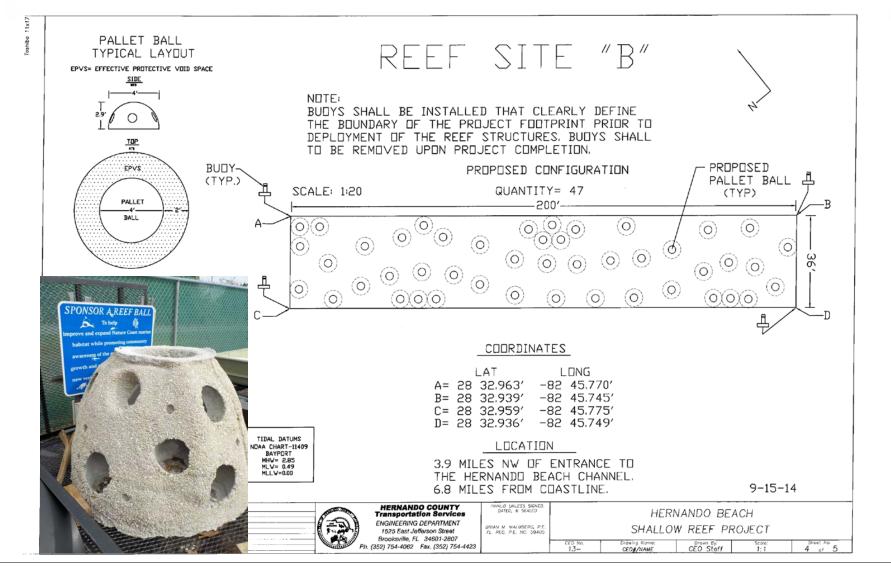


## **Proposed Projects**

- Construct additional shallow reefs (creation of a snorkeling trail)
- Oyster reef creation
- Living shoreline projects
- Coastal kayak/canoe trail
- Coastal marsh board walks

#### SHALLOW REEF ARRAYS – REEF BALLS





## Questions