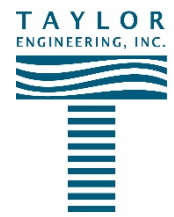


Contributed Session #39

Restoring Large Florida Farms to Wetlands: NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)



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Florida: Lots of Protected Lands

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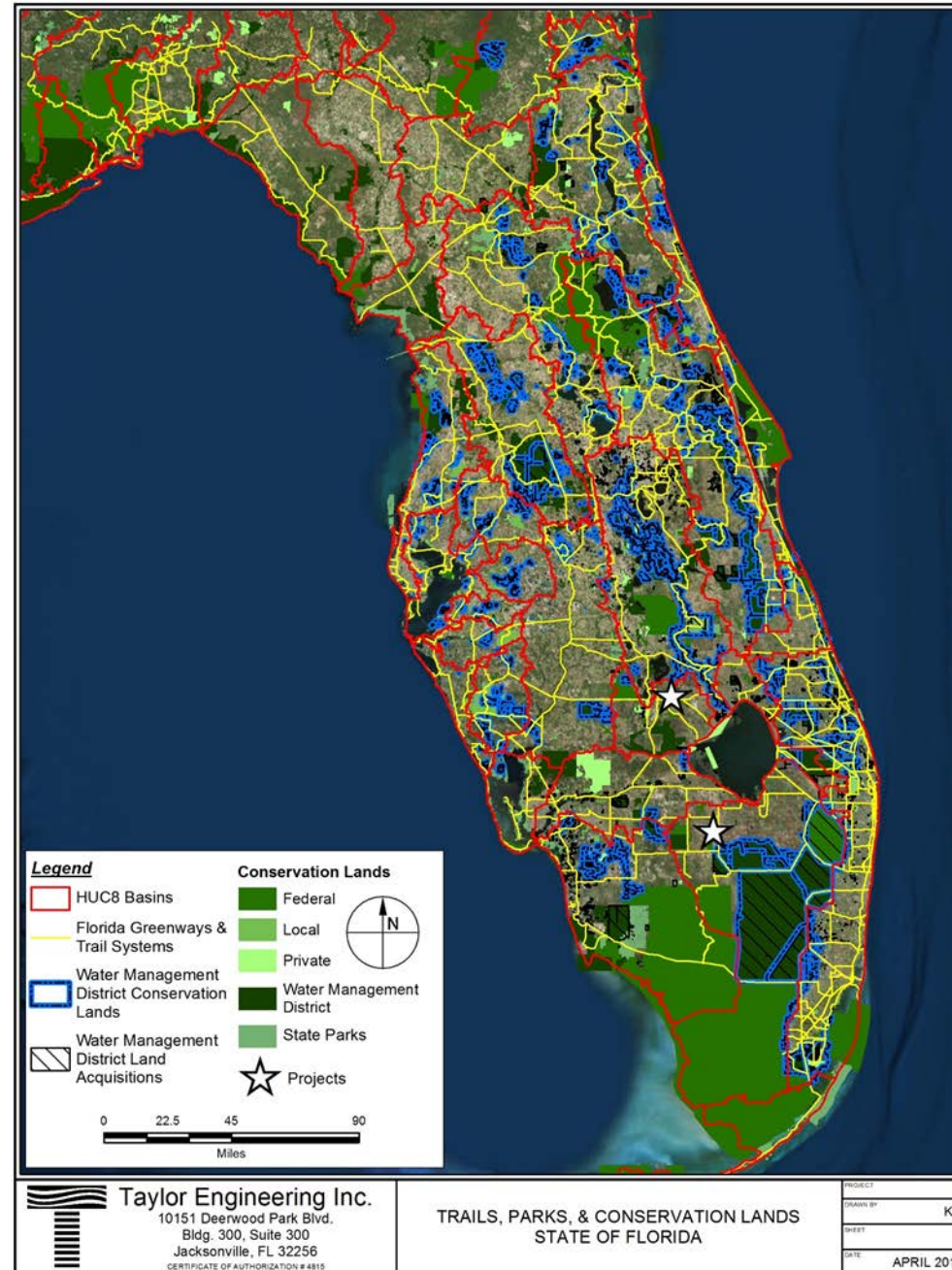
Most are public lands

Many of the restored wetlands are multi-purpose

WRE easement restorations are most often rainfall-driven wetlands.

WRE lands are private.

Property owner pays taxes, keeps permits, maintains structures, and controls access



Topic

The Florida NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP): Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)

- Part of a National NRCS Program
- Very small to very large sites
- Sites include a wide range of hydrologic and ecologic alterations
- Private Property with NRCS Easement

Presentations

Scott Kuipers, NRCS

- Wetland Restoration Under the ACEP in Florida

David L. Stites, Ph.D. Taylor Engineering, Inc.

- Ecological, Hydrologic, and Engineering Design Principles

Jennifer Klich, P.E. Taylor Engineering, Inc.

- Engineering Case Studies of Ongoing NRCS Wetland Restoration Projects

Scott Turgeon, NRCS

- Long-Term Monitoring and Management of Restored Wetlands in Florida



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