

**Integrated  
Modeling for  
Environmental  
Evaluation using  
ICPR v4**

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# Background

## St. Johns Marsh Conservation Area

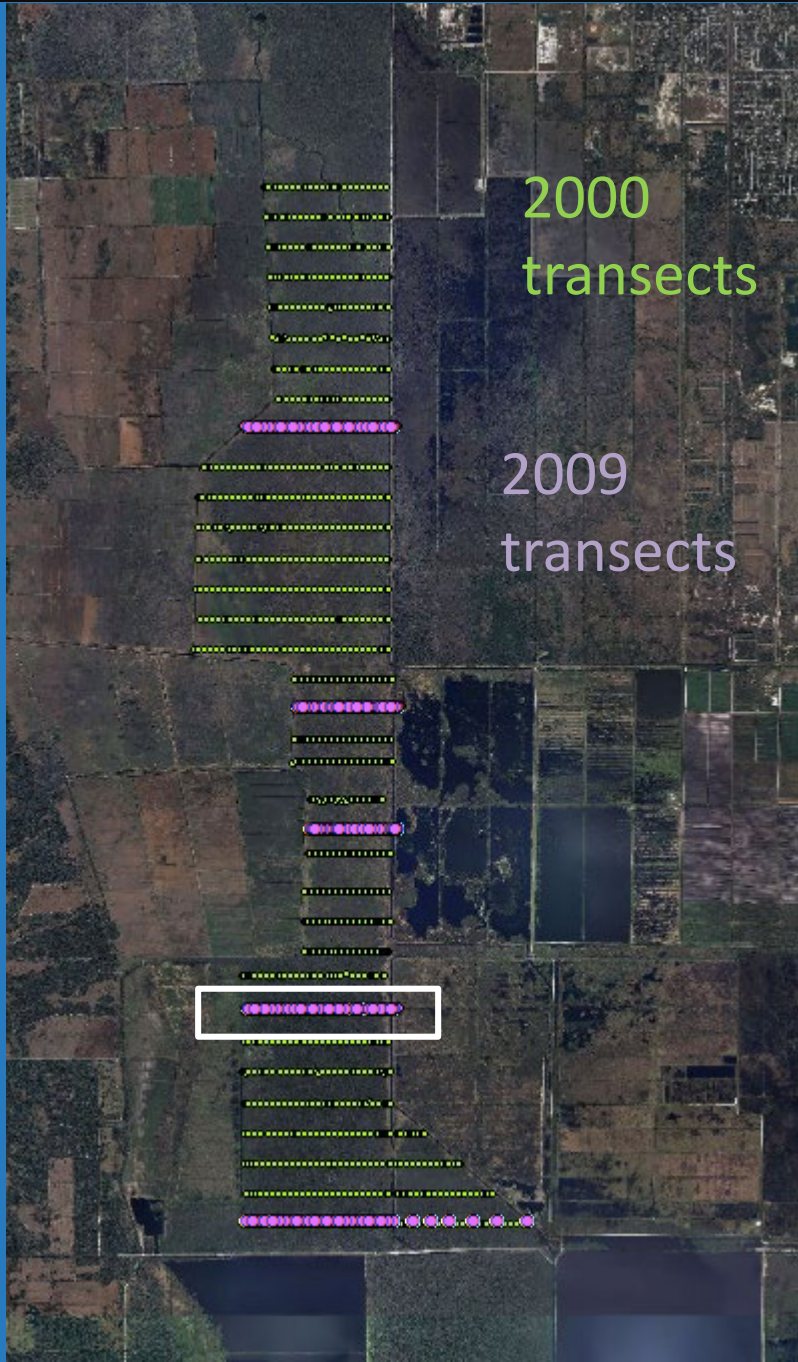
- Near headwaters of Upper St. Johns River
- Approximately 35 square miles
- Land is owned and managed by SJRWMD
- Provides important water quality and ecological functions
- Managed flood flows from south and east



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2000

35 transects

1,420 points

~500m between transects

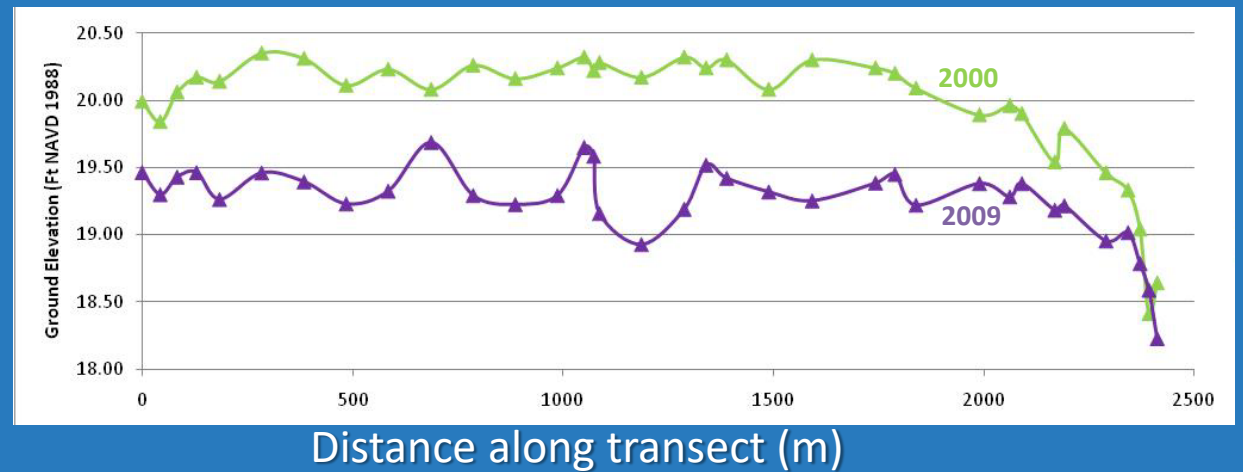
~50 meters between points

2009/2010

Repeat 5 transects

175 points

~same location



# Background

## Changes to Historic Conditions

- Canal plugs installed in the 1990s
- All but one were removed by early 2000s
- Former inflows diverted eastward into Three Forks MCA before returning to SJMCA

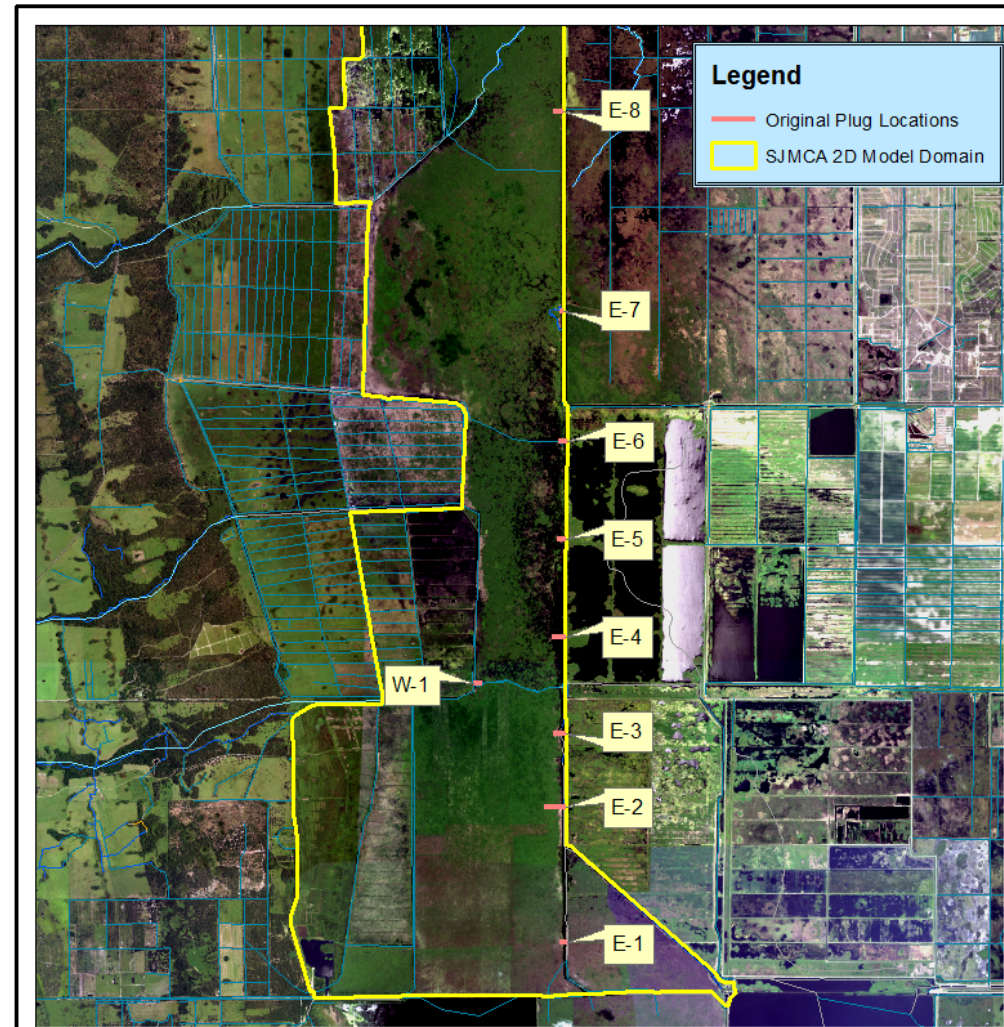


Figure 2  
Original SJMCA Canal  
Plug Locations

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# Model Selection

ICPR version 4 selected

## Criteria:

- Represent 2D overland flows
- Continuous simulation
- Hydraulic structures
- Simulate surface/groundwater interaction
- Ease of use
- Reasonable cost

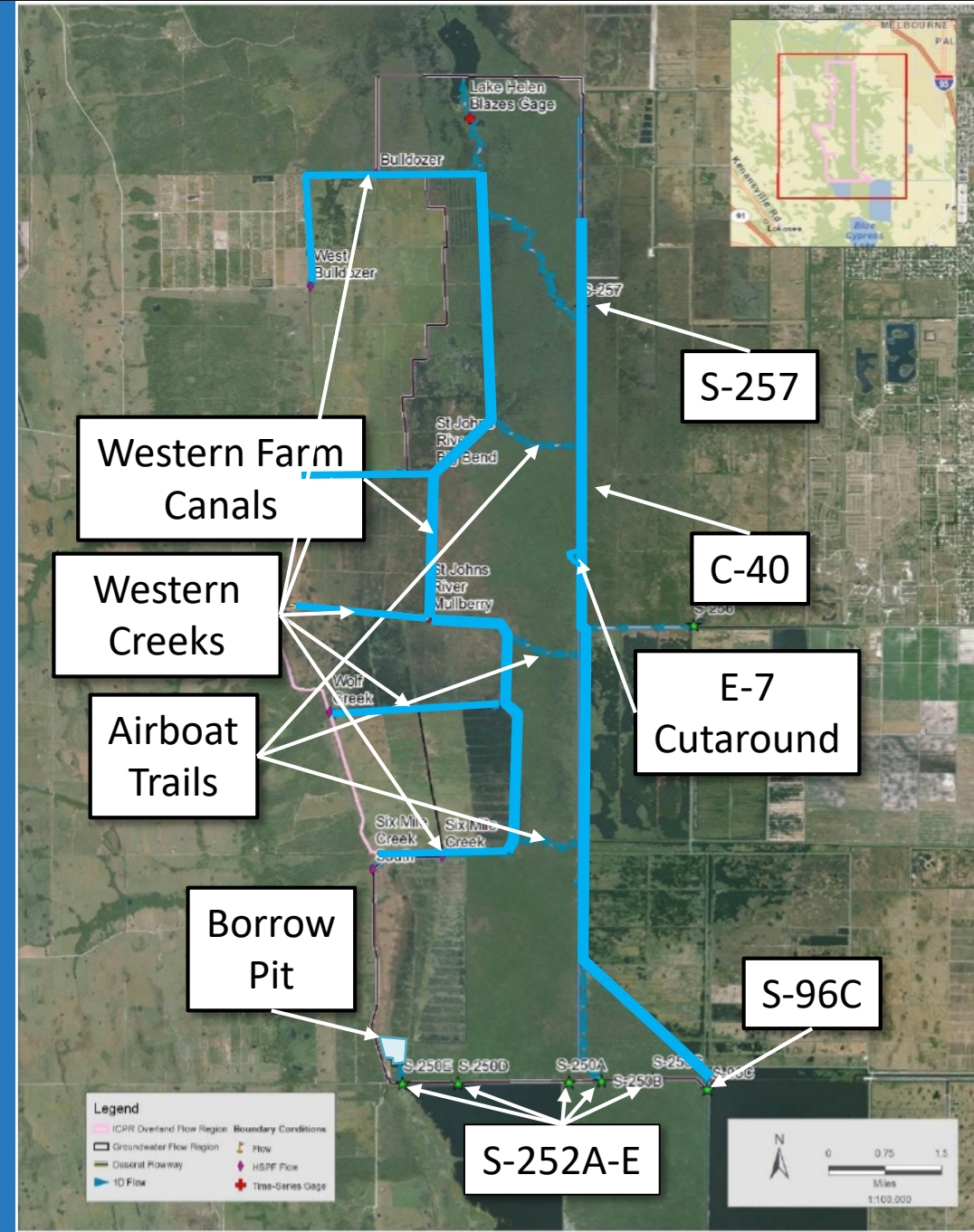
Jones Edmunds Associates contracted to develop base model

Streamline Technologies, Inc. (software developer) contracted to perform peer review

# Model Development

## SJMCA 1D Features

- Inlet structures
  - S-96C
  - S-252A-E
  - S-257 Weir
- C-40 and western farm canals
- E-7 cut-around channel
- 3 cross-marsh airboat trails
- Western creek and flow-way channels
- Pond control volume – borrow pit



# Model Development

SJMCA 2D Model

- Combination of 1D and 2D overland flow, plus 2D groundwater mesh
- Intended for design of structural improvements
- Possible future additional uses include:
  - Evaluation of flowage easements on western boundary
  - Improved stage/discharge relationships for large-scale watershed models.

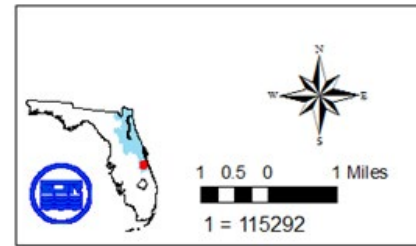
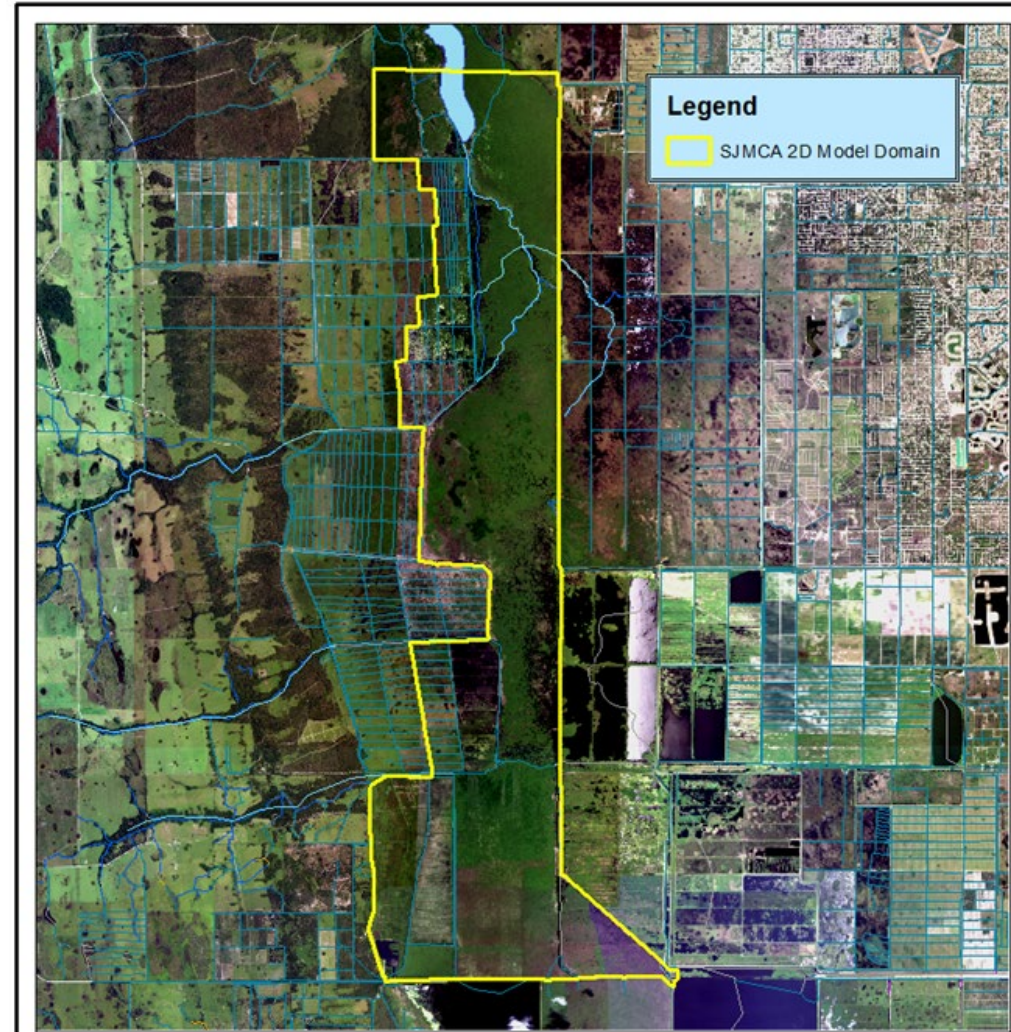


Figure 1  
SJMCA 2D Model Domain

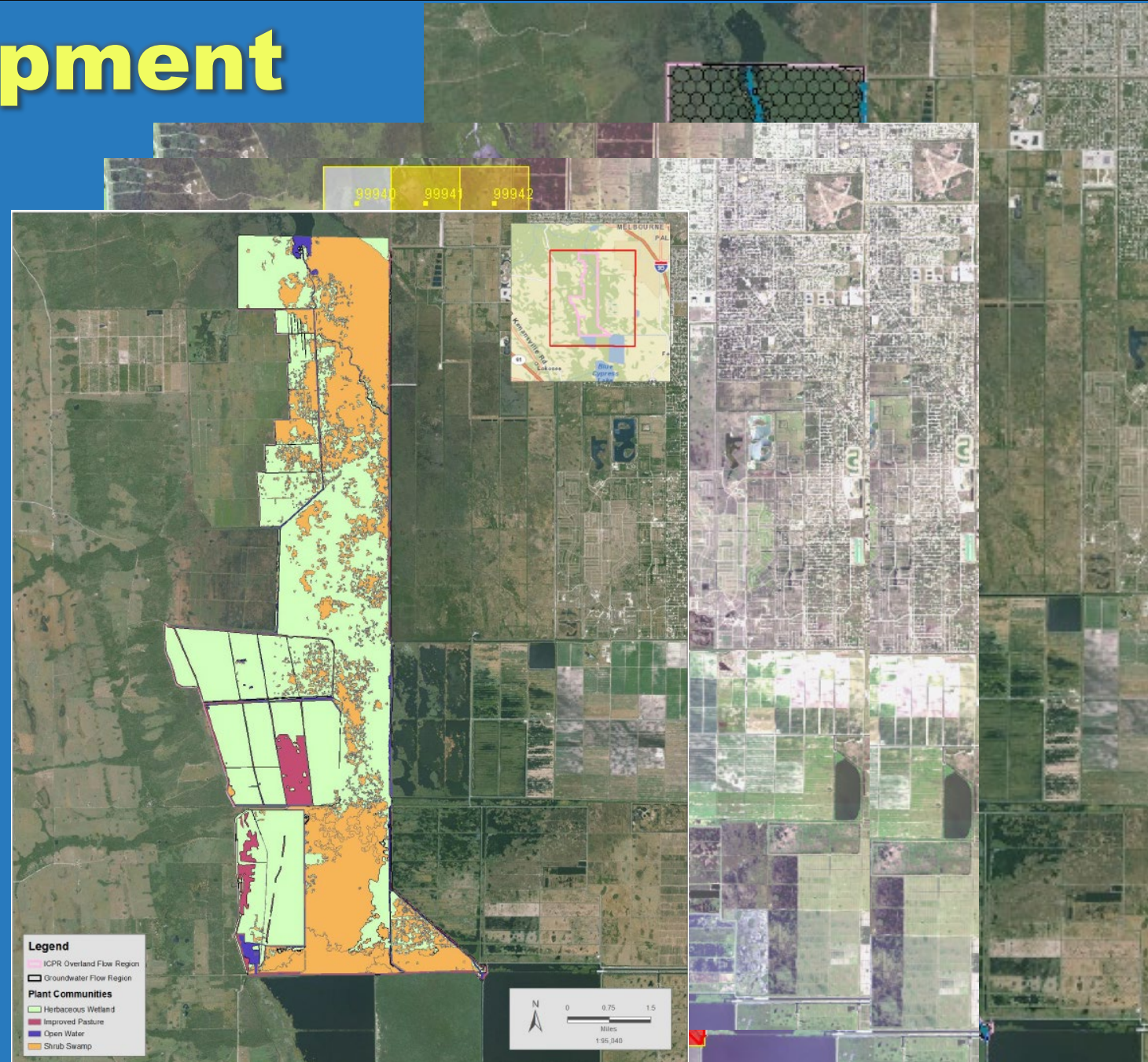
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# Model Development

## 2D Surface Region

- Breakpoints
- Breaklines
- 2D weirs
- Control volumes
- 8,500 surface nodes
- Lidar-based DEM



# Model Development

## Groundwater Region

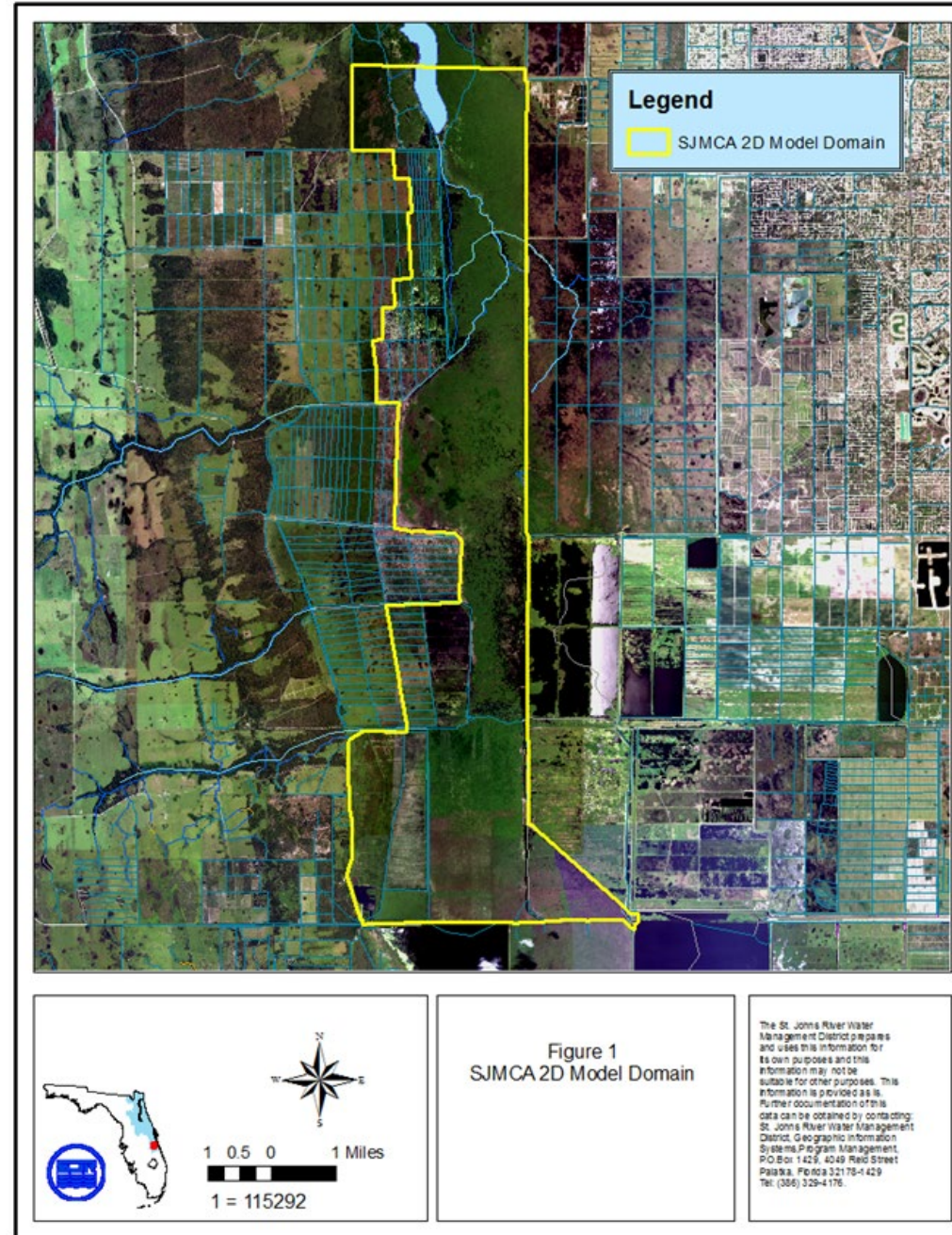
- 3,400 groundwater nodes
- Peat layer above sand aquifer
- Downstream boundary condition established using gauge data
- No leakance to UFA



# Alternatives Analysis

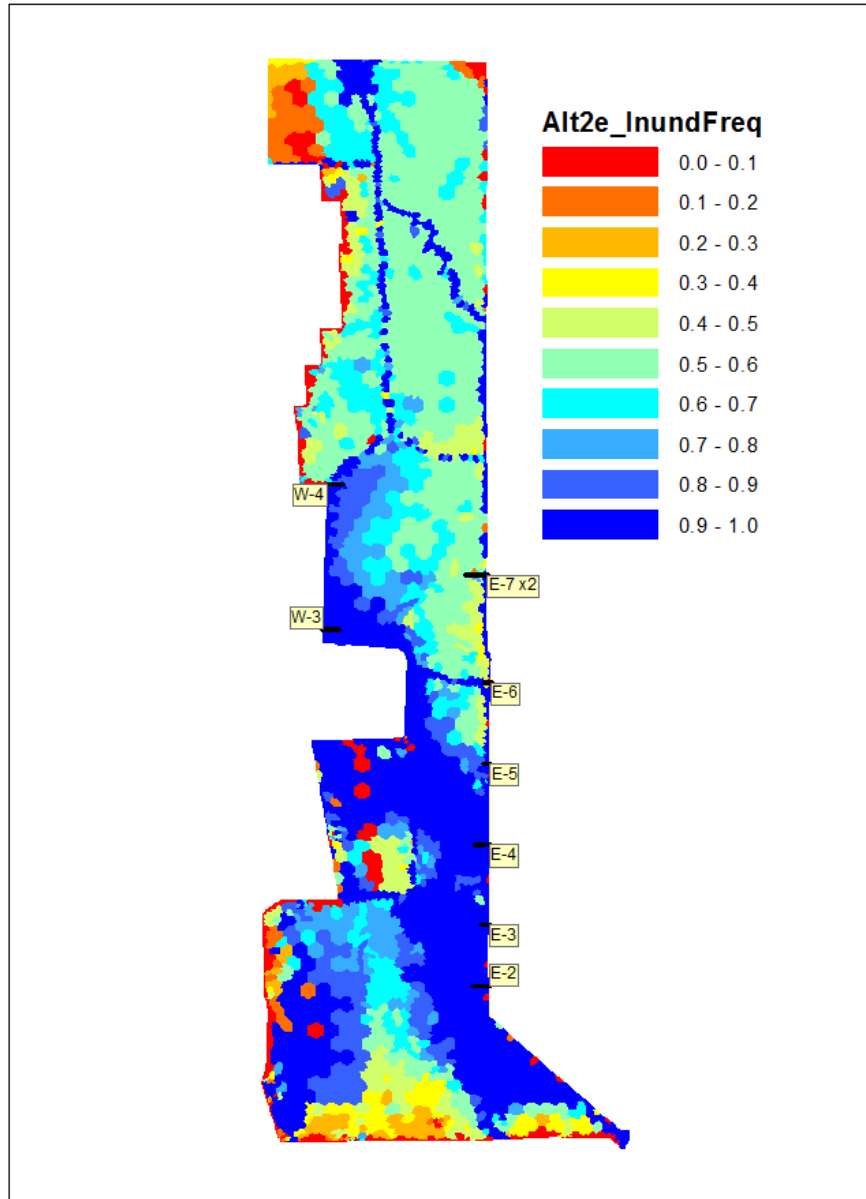
## SJMCA 2D Model

- Combinations of restored and new canal plugs and other features
- Alternatives were developed in three phases
- Environmental criteria applied for:
  - Percent inundation
  - Dry-down periods
  - Predicted vegetation community

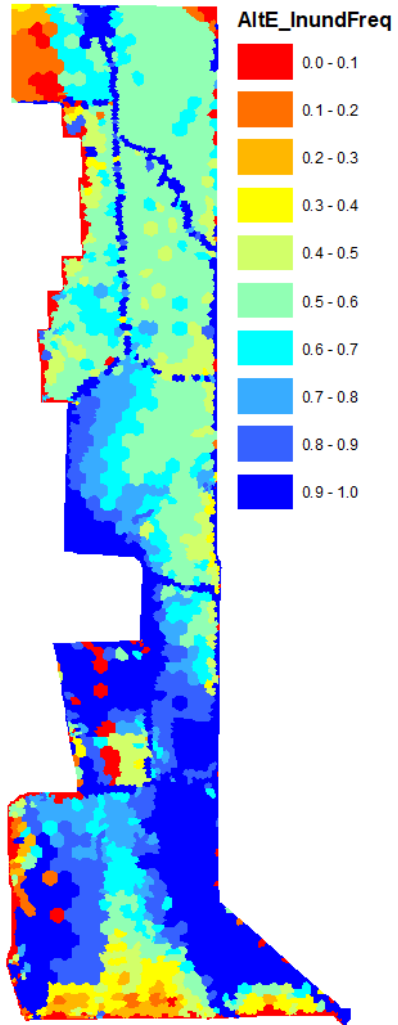


## West Side Alternatives

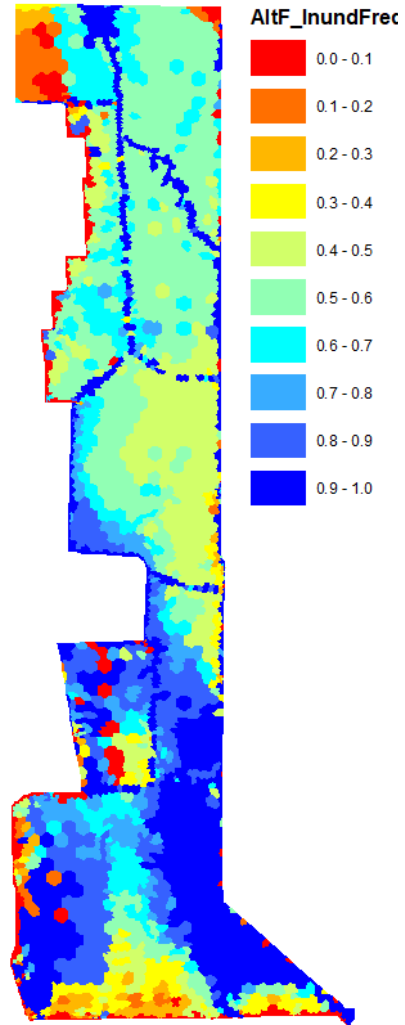
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Alt 2	W-1, 2, 3
Alt 2b	W-1,2,3,4
Alt 2c	W-3,4
Alt 2d	W-3,4,5
Alt 2e	W-3,4 + E-7 x 2



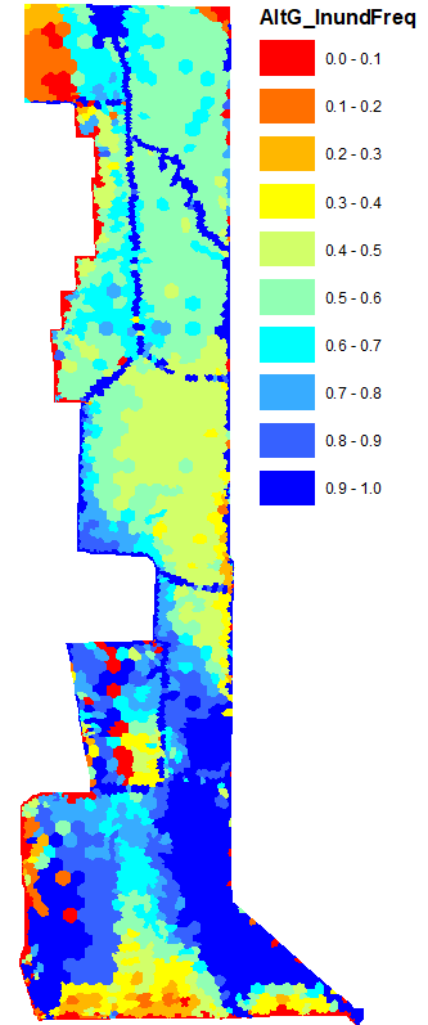
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Alt E: All 36"; Apr-Jun

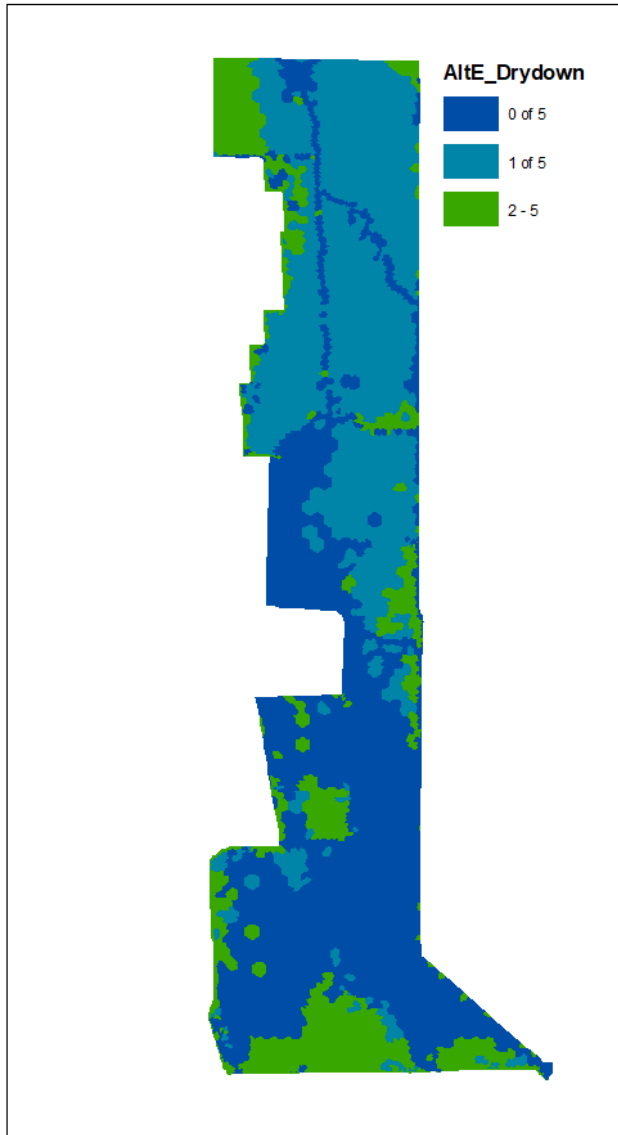


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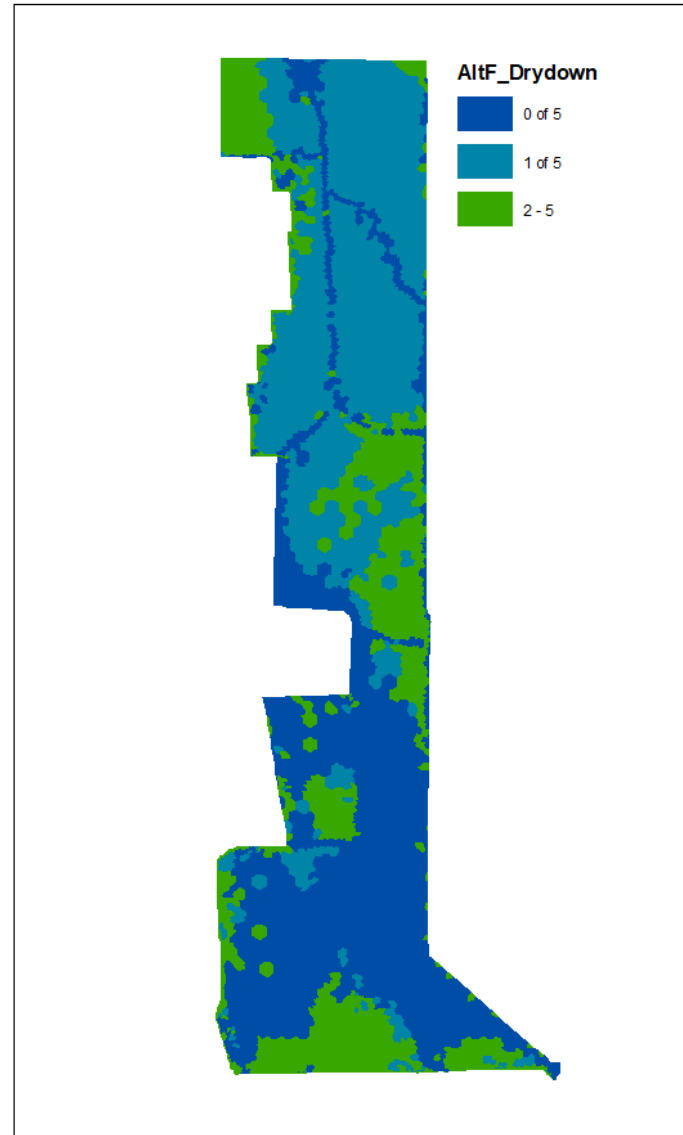


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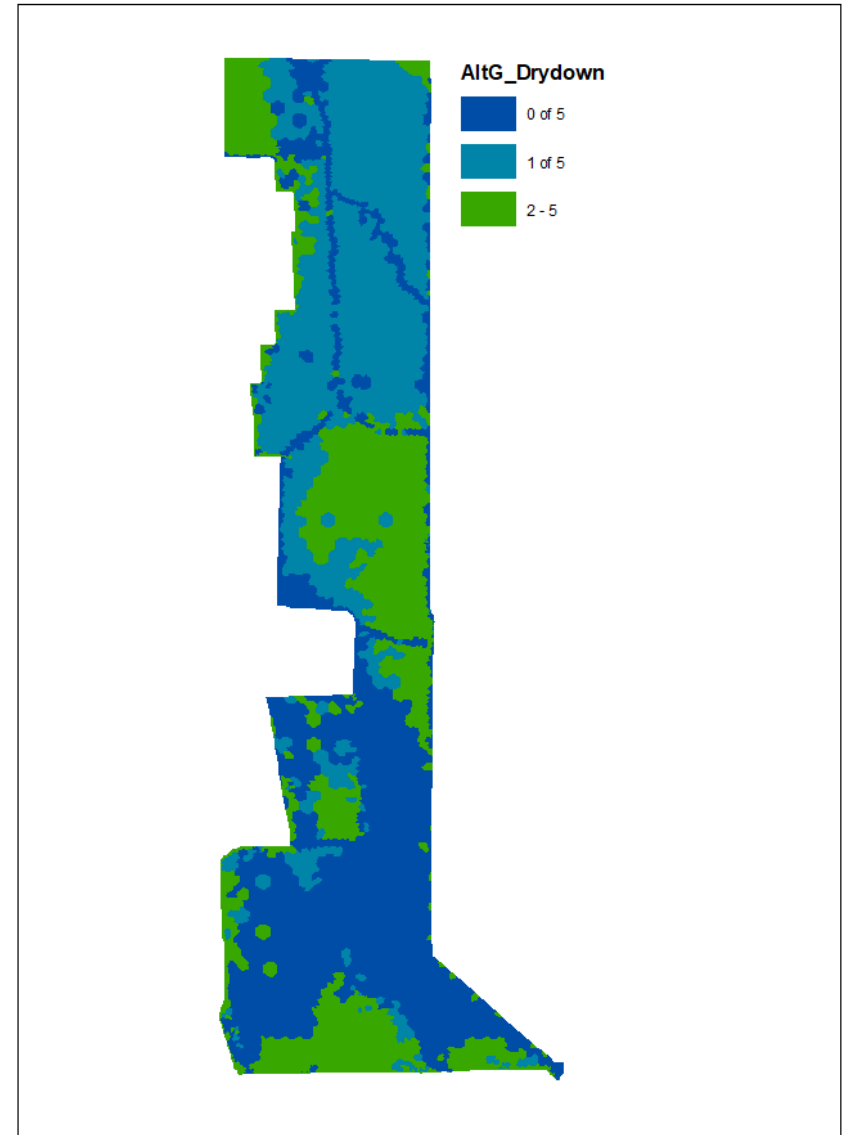
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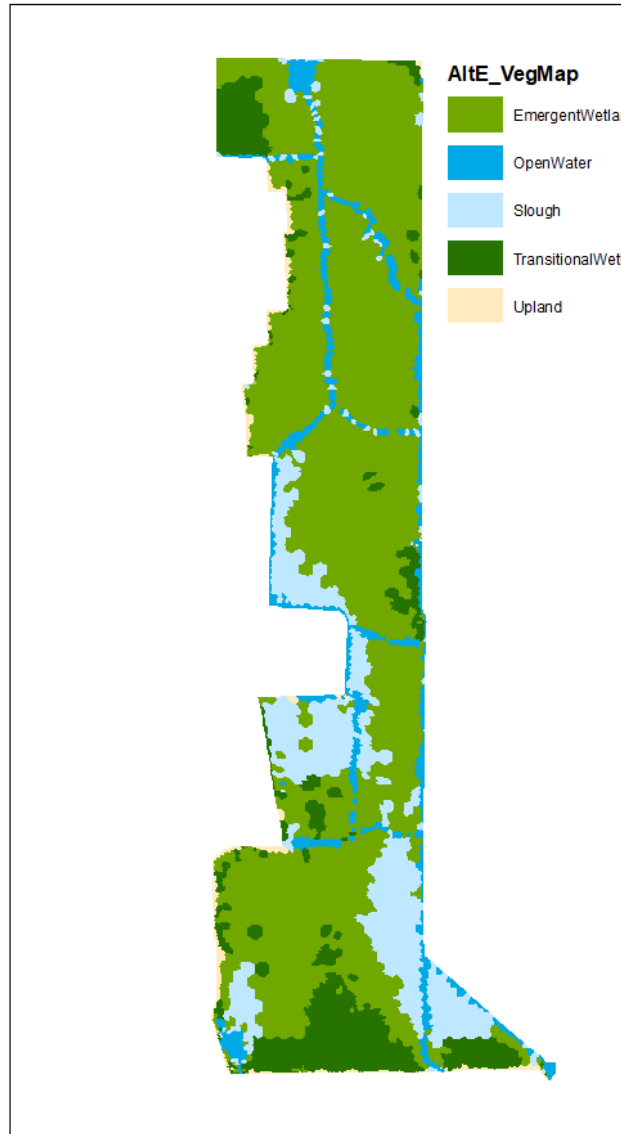


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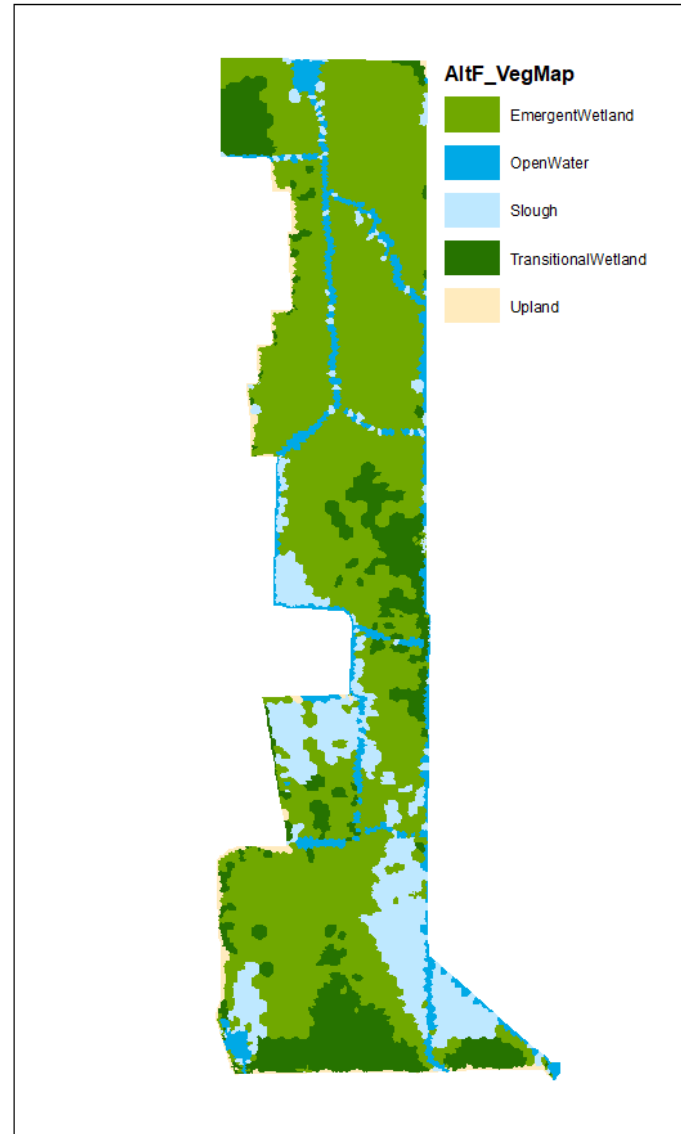


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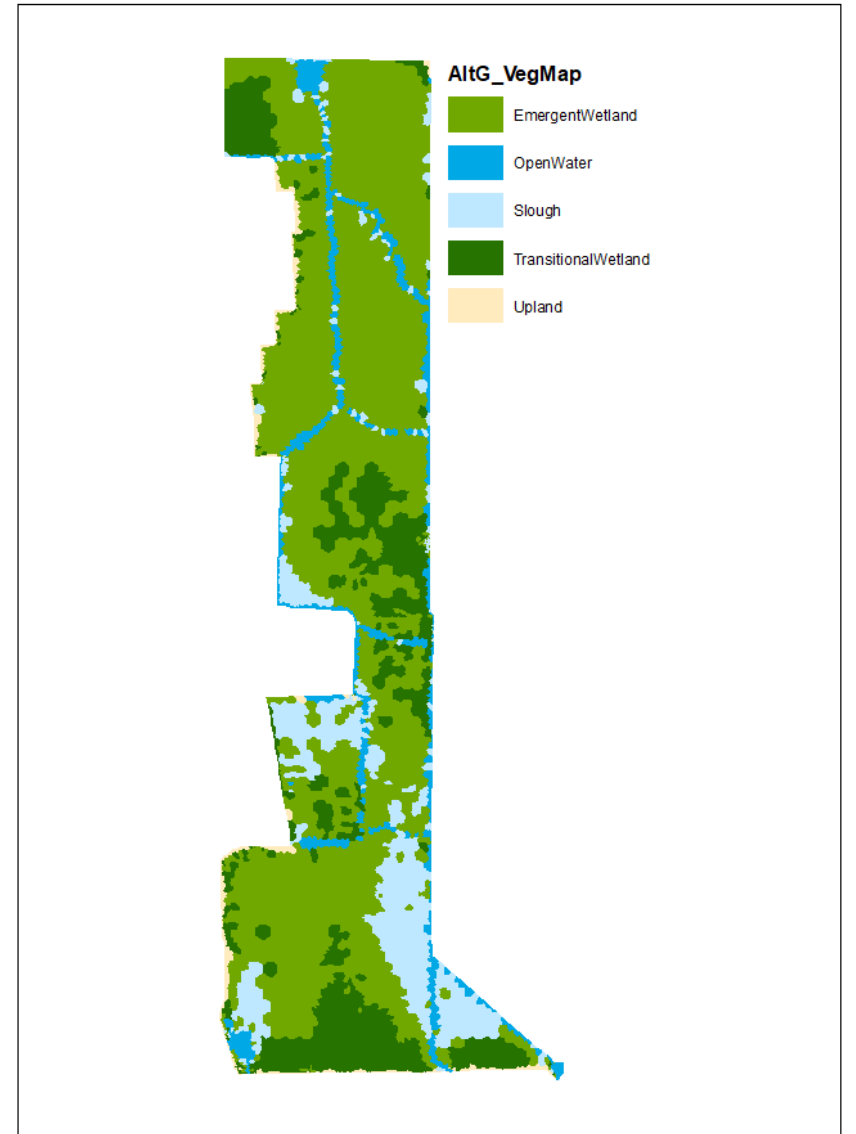
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# Model Outcome

Preferred scenario (Alternative E):

- ~1,700 additional acres (12%) protected from oxidation
- ~1,800 additional acres (13%) predicted to maintain most desirable vegetation categories

Restoration partially complete; the remainder pending further flood control analysis and other concerns.





# Project Team

- **Jones Edmunds Associates**
  - Model development, calibration, initial alternatives
- **Streamline Technologies: Pete Singhofen**
  - Support, review, code modifications
- **SJRWMD**
  - Hector Herrera – USJRB Restoration Project overall management
  - Tom Jobes – work order management, modeling
  - Rayner Fernandez – modeling support, postprocessing scripts
  - Steven J. Miller, Kimberli Ponzio, Dianne Hall – environmental analysis
  - Sandra Fox – DEM analysis and corrections

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Questions?

