

Enhancing Flood Resilience: A Real-time Flood Forecasting Model for the Upper St. Johns River Basin

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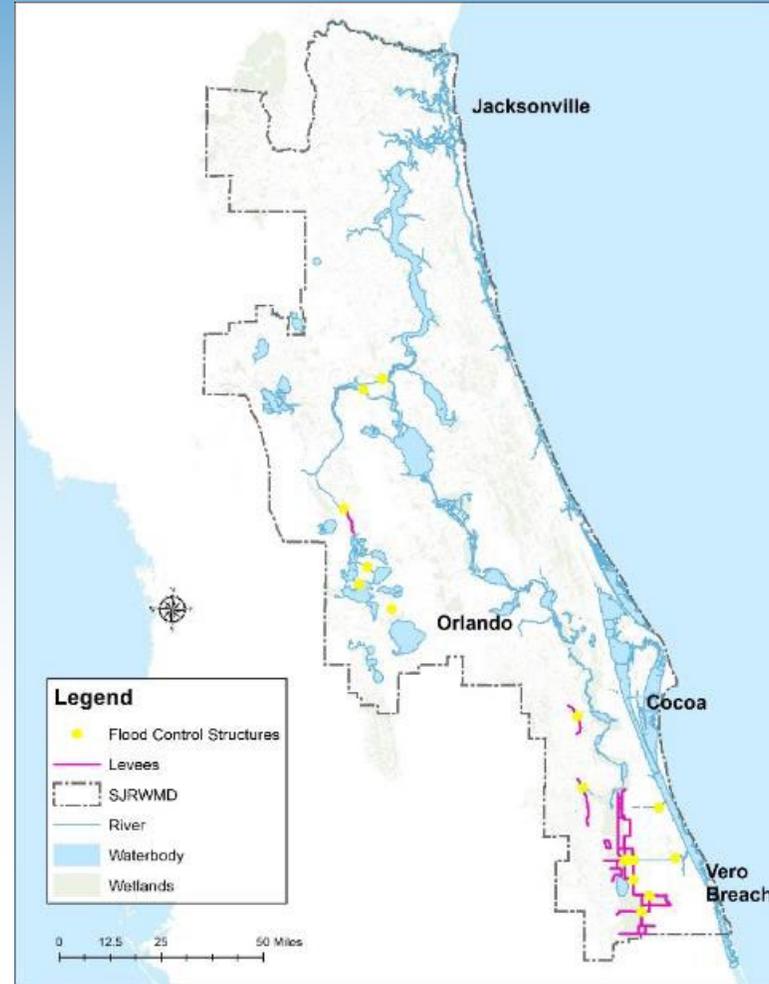
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SJRWMD Flood Protection

- ▶ Provide flood protection to headwaters and downstream
- ▶ Basin-wide flood forecasting model to assess flood risk and improve resiliency
- ▶ Support other core missions



Real-Time Flood Forecasting Model

Data Acquisition

Weather Forecast

Real-Time Stage

Real-Time Gate
Operations

H&H Model

Upper St. Johns River
Basin ICPR4

User Interface

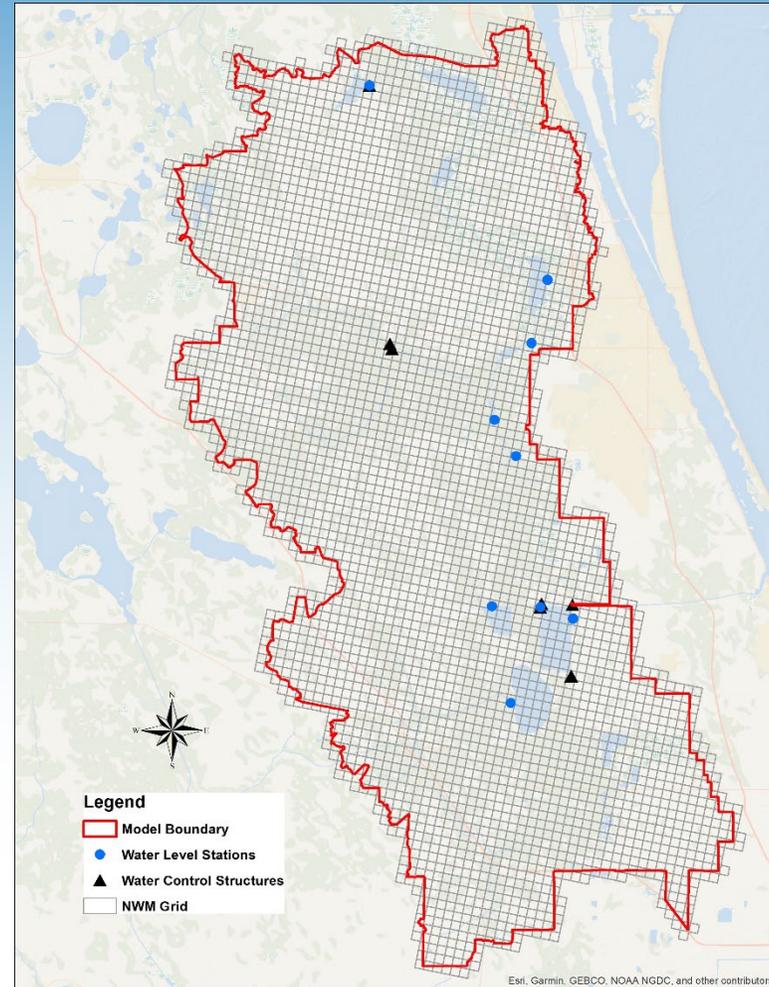
Web Portal

Flood Mapping



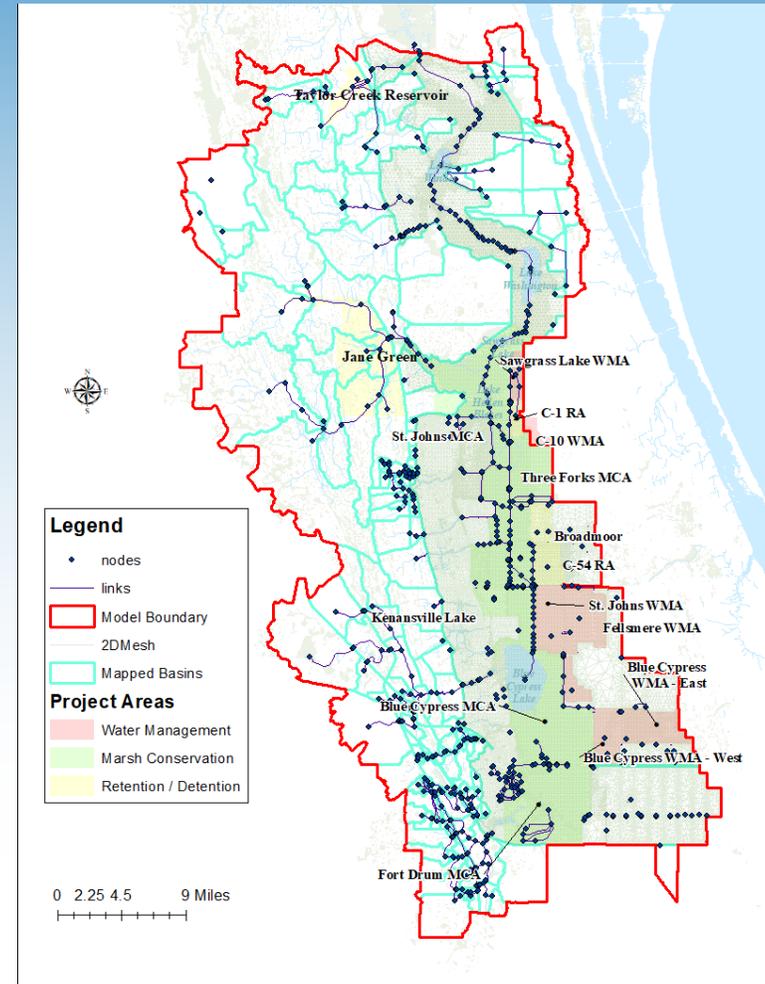
Data Acquisition

- ▶ National Water Model rainfall forecast
- ▶ USGS and SJRWMD stage data
- ▶ SJRWMD water control structure gate operations

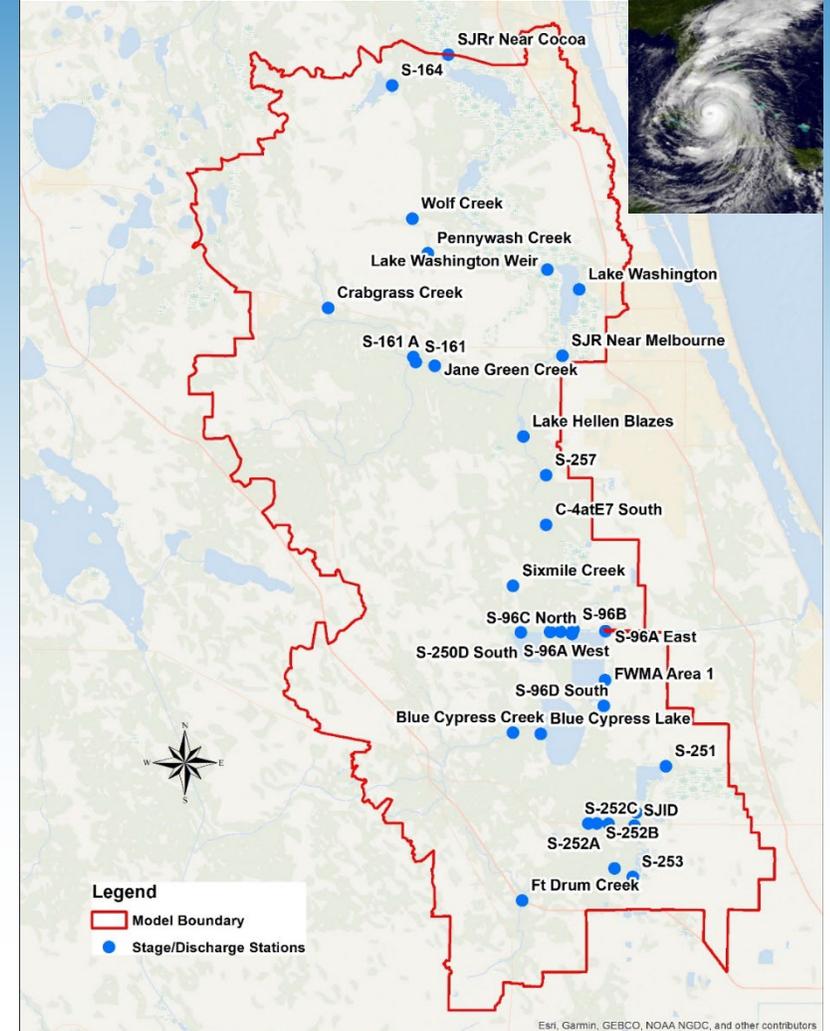
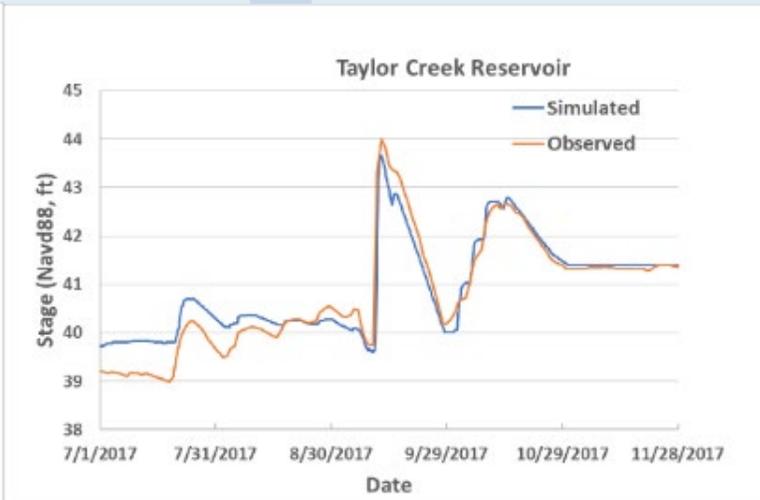
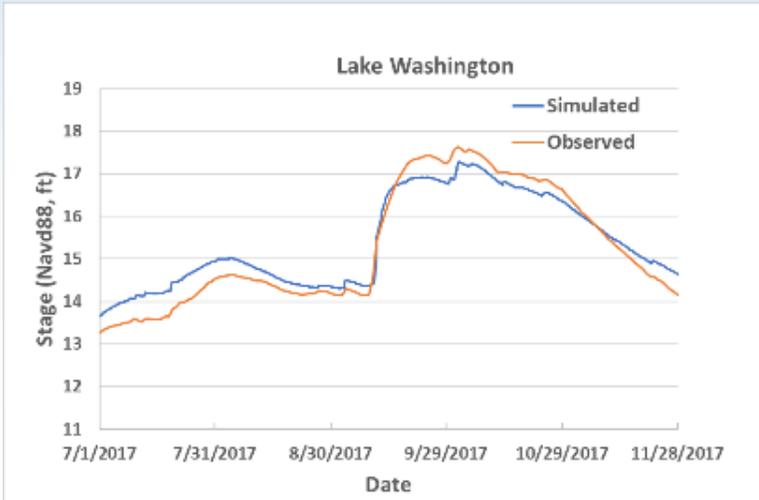
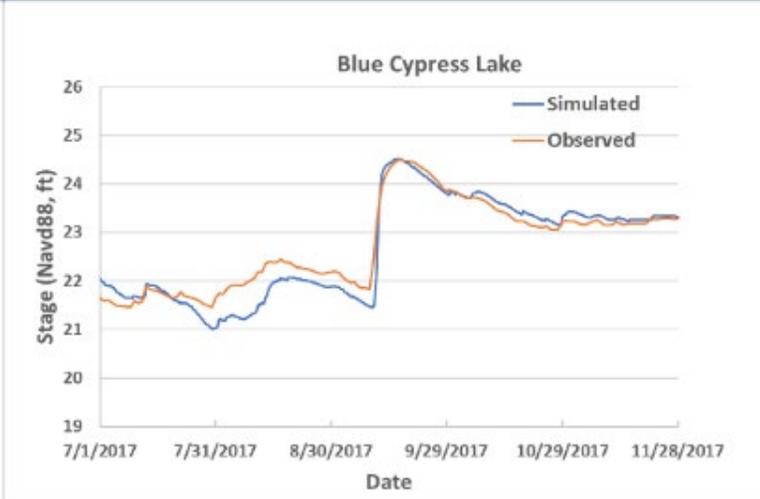
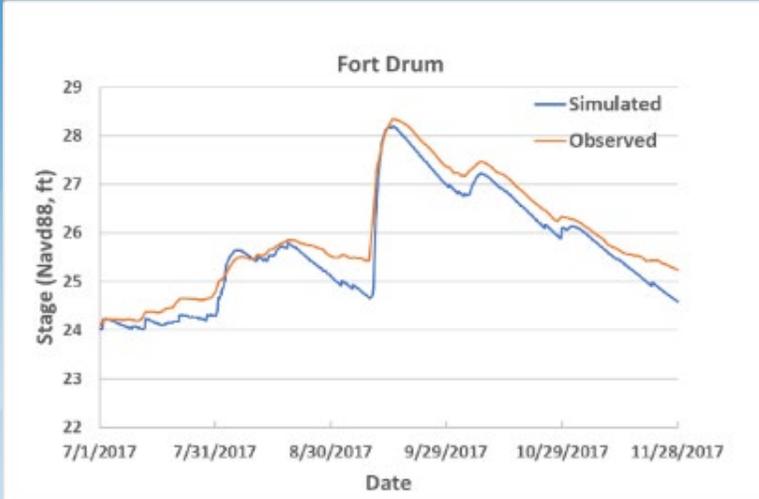


USJR ICPR4 Model

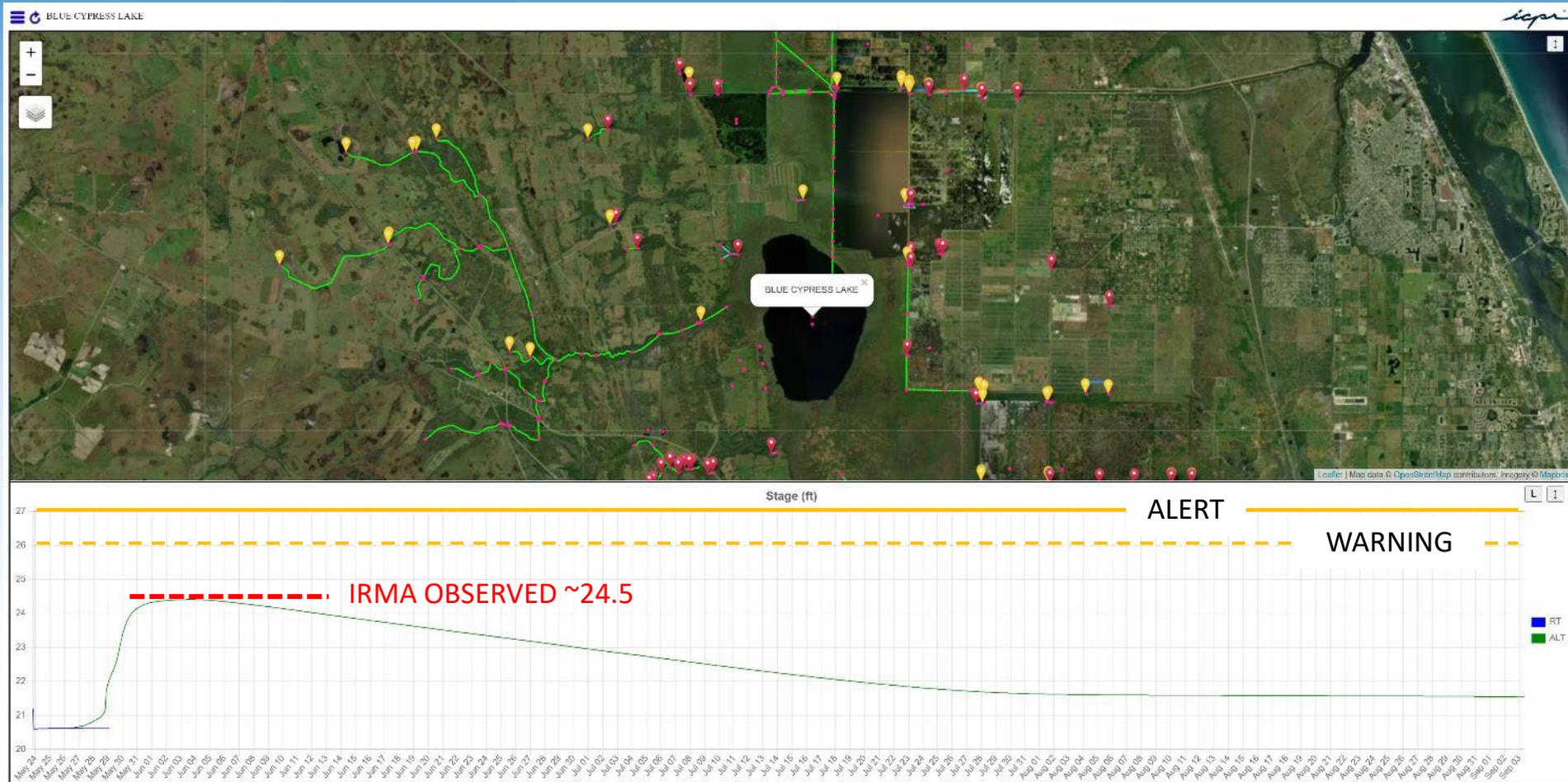
- ▶ Combination of 1D/2D overland flow
- ▶ Model domain: 1,333 sq. mi.



Model Calibration and Validation



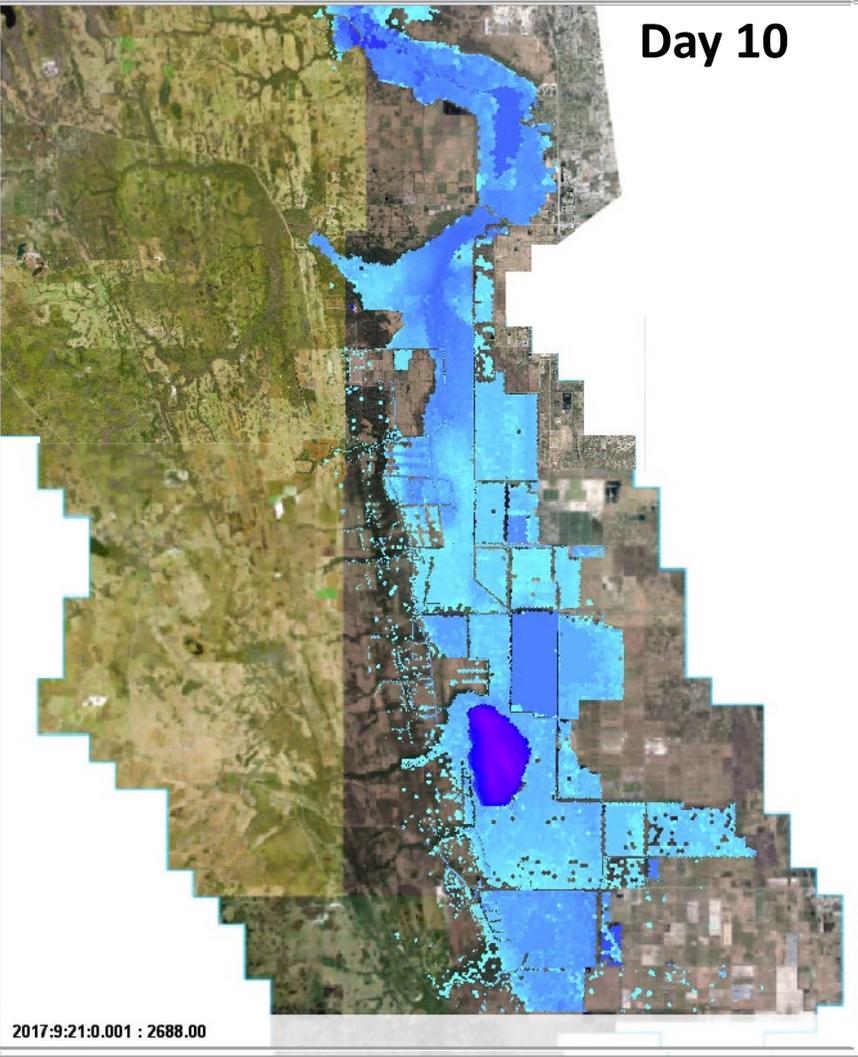
RTFF Web Portal



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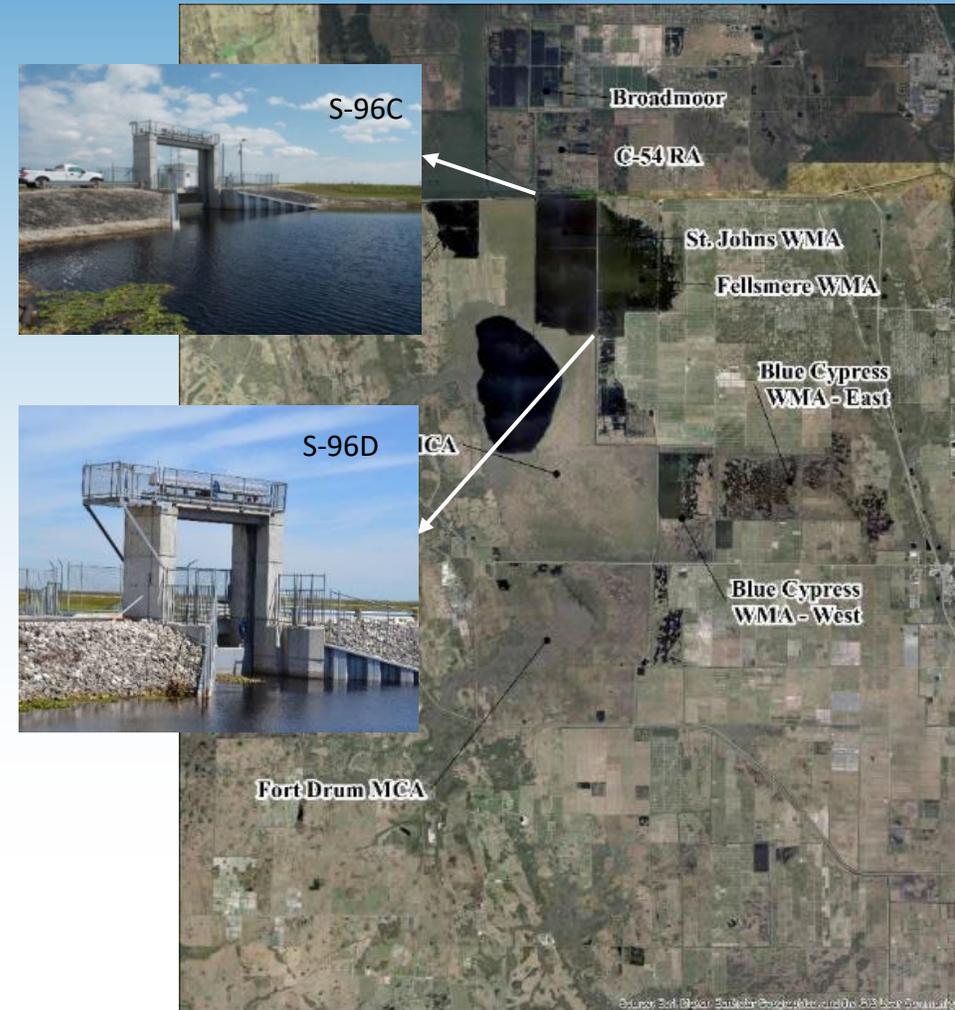
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Flood Inundation Maps



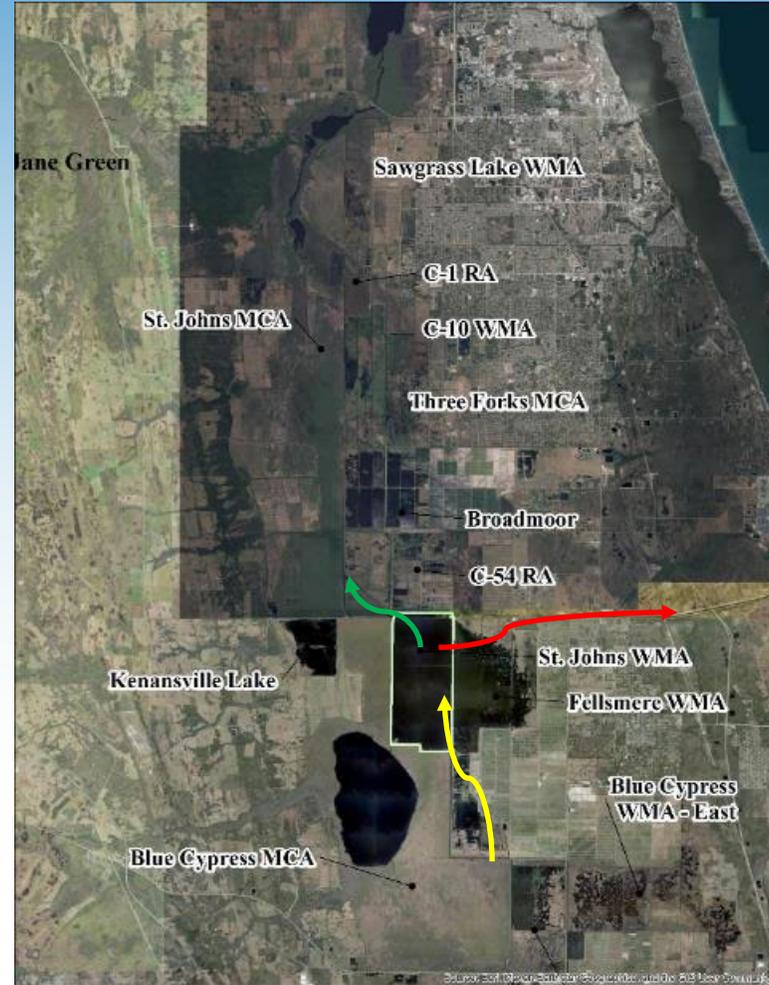
Flood Assessment

- ▶ System resiliency from rainfall and operation scenarios
- ▶ Conceptual design for flood control and water diversion projects



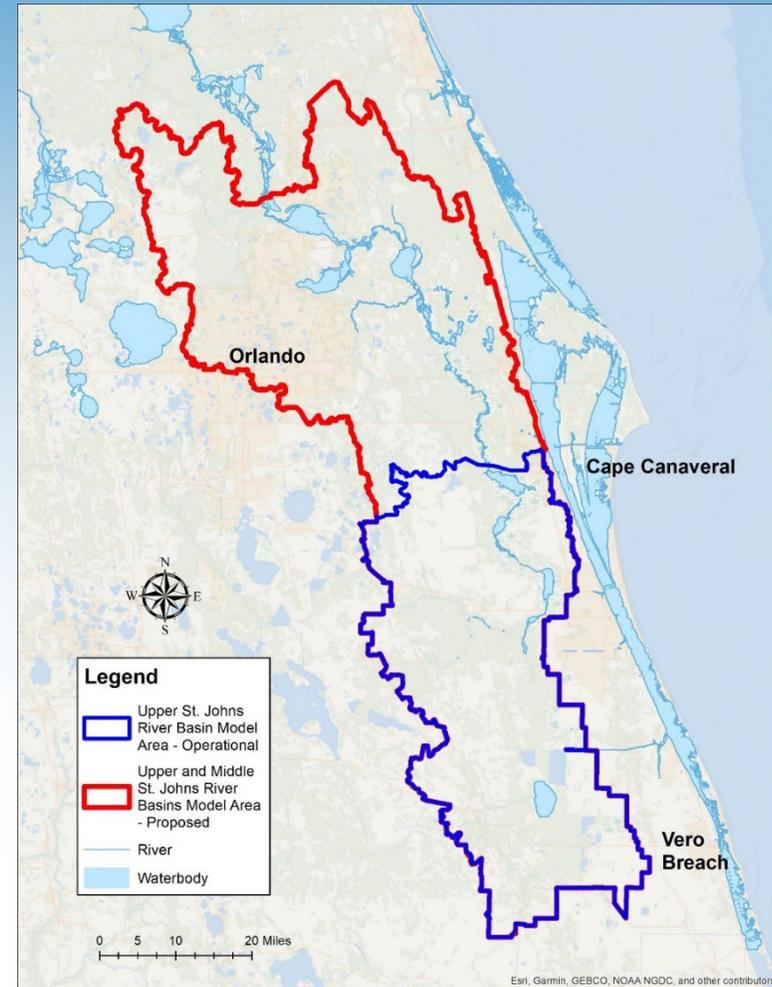
Structure Operations

- ▶ Optimize operations for flood mitigation
- ▶ Downstream flood protection



RTFF Model Expansion

- ▶ Resilient Florida Grants
- ▶ Enhance flood forecasting and resilience across the Upper and Middle St. Johns River basins
- ▶ Expected completion 2027



Lower and Middle St. Johns River Flood Forecasting Model

- ▶ Predict flow and stage along the mainstem, including nearby floodplain under 15 ft NAVD
- ▶ Provide downstream stages for the ICPR4 RTFF model
- ▶ Evaluate compound flooding due to rainfall and storm surge
- ▶ Expected completion 2027

