

MRMCC Chair's Report

August 11, 2023

Jono Miller

Since our last meeting: April 7th

**Myakka Village
OLPH Retreat Center Permit
Hurricane Ian
Downs' Dam removal
Park bridge
Snook Haven
County Acquisition Efforts
Permitting (1700 & Cope)
Alligators**

**Landis property
National W&S River Partnership**

MYAKKA VILLAGE

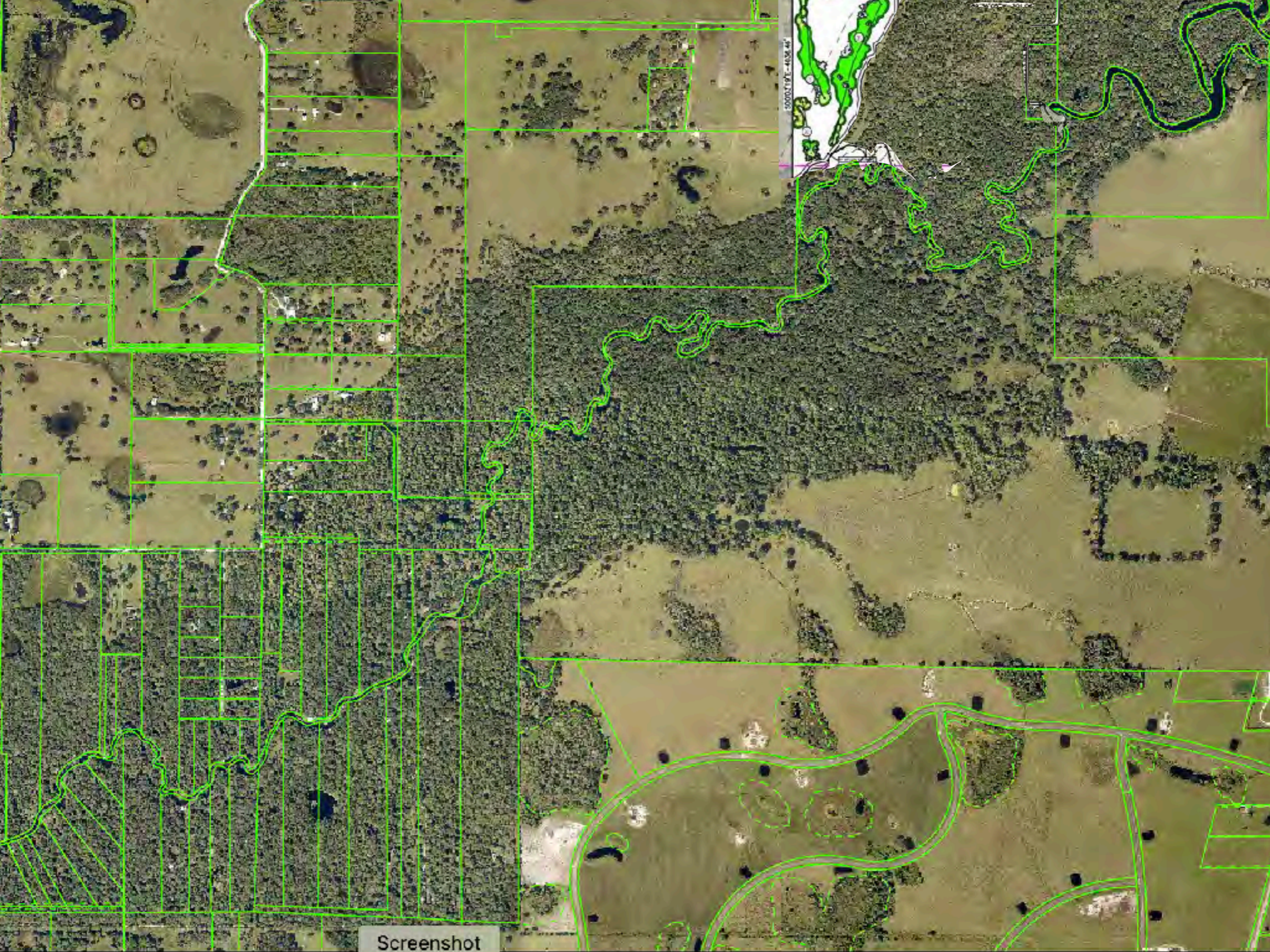


In addition to an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Nick Price, the Manatee County, Fla. development plans include 95 custom single-family homes, 55,000 sq.-ft. of residential amenities and 14 resort cottages. The residential amenities include a 25,000-sq.-ft. clubhouse, a 20,000-sq.-ft. training facility designed by David Leadbetter, and a 10,000-sq.-ft. maintenance building.

Commission Approval Clears Way for Myakka Village

By C&RB Staff | June 22, 2023





Screenshot



OLPH Retreat Center Permit
July 24, 2020

1,057
days later



OLPH Retreat Center Permit

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

June 16, 2023

VIA EMAIL (Jennifer.Carpenter@FloridaDEP.gov)

Jennifer Carpenter
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
South District Office
2295 Victoria Ave.
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Fort Myers, FL 33902

Re: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center Erosion of Shoreline

Dear Ms. Carpenter,

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- One or more demonstration shoreline stabilization projects that are fully documented and can serve as generic blueprints for appropriate approaches. To simplify matters they could be on state, county, or city lands.

- A compendium written in lay terms that would explain the various requirements of shoreline permitting on the W&S stretch of the Myakka. I believe we could secure grant money to pay for a writer/researcher and attorney to develop a draft. The draft could then be vetted by legal staff in Tallahassee for accuracy. A conceptual model is the useful Florida Wetlands Delineation Manual (although the Manual is far more involved than what I'm suggesting). In addition to integrating

legal staff in Tallahassee for accuracy. A conceptual model is the useful Florida Wetlands Delineation Manual (although the Manual is far more involved than what I'm suggesting). In addition to integrating aspects of the act, rule, and plan, the document would also explain requirements imposed by the Corps, SWFWMD, Sarasota County, and the various municipalities.

Maybe you or your staff have other ideas. But we need to move beyond these debilitating case by case mis-steps to provide landowners, consultants (and even permittees) with guidance on how to successfully comply with the various governing documents.

What do you think?

Thank you for your thoughtful comments Jono. I agree that demonstration shoreline projects and a compendium may be very helpful moving forward.

Let's plan to get the group together for a discussion this fall.

Jennifer

Hurricane Ian



Hurricane Ian: Black Needle Rush



Hurricane Ian: Not just styrofoam



Sarasota County

Resilient SRQ

Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery

Levee Issues

submitted by Jono Miller

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MISLEADING LEVEE DESCRIPTION

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2.7.3.1.3 Levee Failure

The LMS indicated that there are no certified levees for Unincorporated Sarasota County but that there are two non-certified levees that may affect Sarasota County. The two levees include a private levee located in the Hidden River subdivision near the northeastern edge of the County that is maintained by a community HOA; and a public levee located in the Bahia Vista subdivision in the City of Sarasota. The levee in Hidden River has breached on several occasions but there is an Emergency Services monitoring and response plan for this levee. The Bahia Vista levee is located in an urbanized area with well-maintained stormwater management infrastructure and risk of failure is deemed to be relatively low. Failure of either of these levees could result in significant structural damage to residential structures and road closures. It should be noted that impacts from a levee failure would result in flooding impacts which is the primary hazard concern for the County as described in this section.

It is not a “private levee, because a significant portion of the Hidden River levee is apparently located in Myakka River State Park including the pump station designed to pump water that falls into the subdivision into the river.

Having a monitoring and response plan does not solve the problem of a destined-to-fail levee that was designed to protect cattle grazing serving as a bulwark protecting residential homes and accessory structures.



Hidden River subdivision

Myakka River State Park

Levee (referred to as a dike)

▼ Find address or place 🔍

Hidden River subdivision

Myakka River State Park

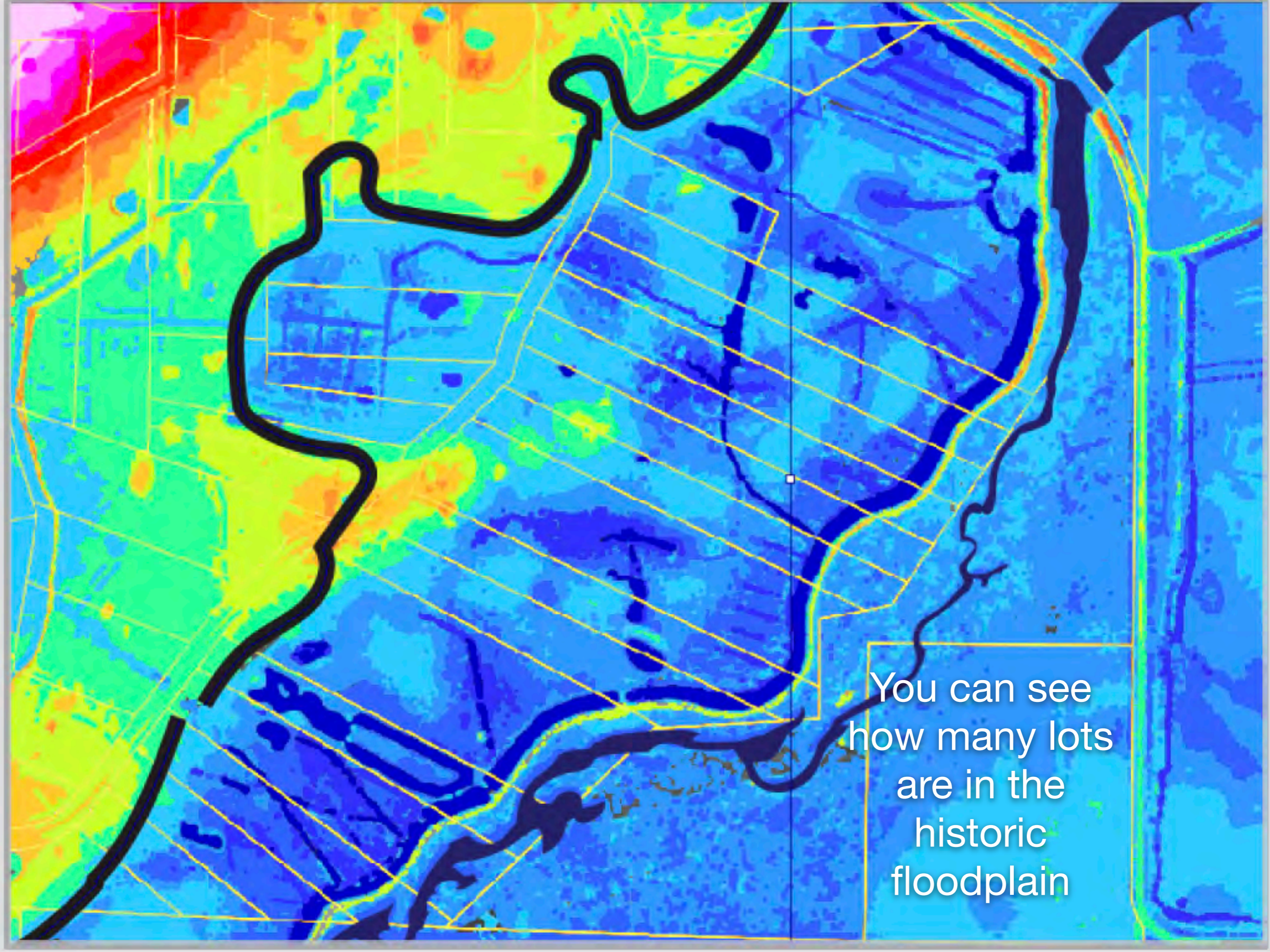
Pump
Facility



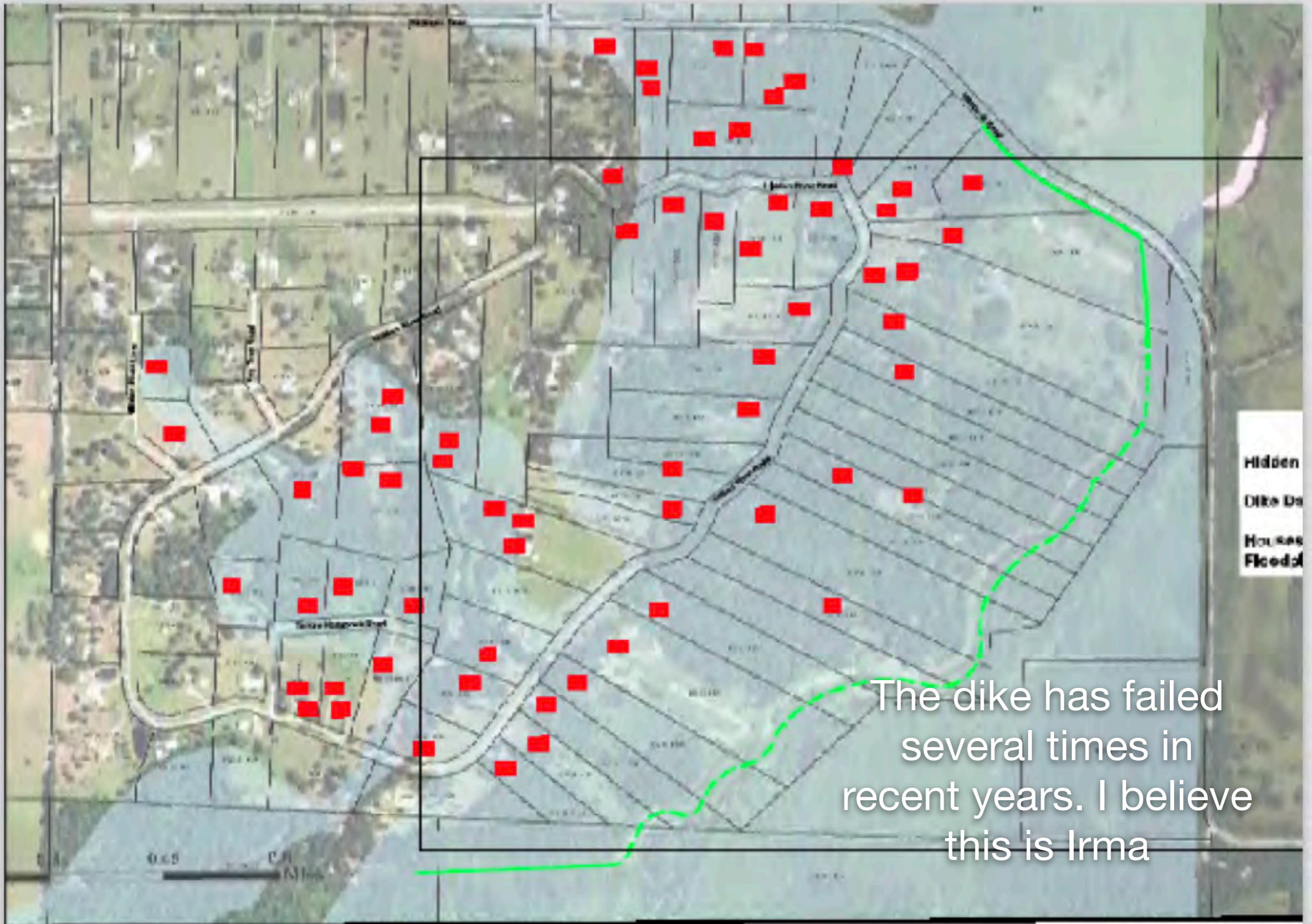
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You can see
how many lots
are in the
historic
floodplain



Hidden
Dike De
Houses Flooded

The dike has failed several times in recent years. I believe this is Irma

Gage in Myakka River State Park

Major Flood Stage 10.5

Moderate Flood Stage 8.5'

Minor flood stage 7'

The dike (levee) at Hidden River has failed 3 times:

in 2003, 2017 (Irma) and 2022 (ian)

This will keep happening because it is simply an earthen dike and the community lacks the resources to upgrade it.

Historic Crests

- (1) 12.84 ft on 10/01/2022
- (2) 12.46 ft on 06/24/2003
- (3) 11.73 ft on 06/29/1992
- (4) 11.60 ft on 09/23/1962
- (5) 11.58 ft on 08/01/1960
- (6) 11.15 ft on 09/10/1988
- (7) 11.03 ft on 09/14/1960
- (8) 10.78 ft on 09/21/1947
- (9) 10.57 ft on 03/22/1998
- (10) 10.19 ft on 09/19/1959
- (11) 10.13 ft on 02/20/1998
- (12) 10.08 ft on 09/14/2017
- (13) 10.07 ft on 11/16/1997
- (14) 10.02 ft on 08/13/2003
- (15) 10.00 ft on 08/29/2017
- (16) 9.95 ft on 09/11/2004
- (17) 9.92 ft on 09/30/1948
- (18) 9.74 ft on 08/05/1995
- (19) 9.56 ft on 08/18/2004

The two most sensible solutions are to:

buy out owners and
remove the structures,

and/or

find a way to assist owners
in elevating their structures

Buyouts p. 97

Properties acquired through HUD's Buyout Program are purchased using public funds and become public lands. These buyout parcels undergo the removal of all structures and are placed under a conservation-based restrictive covenant. This covenant eliminates the right to build on the parcel and prevents any future development, except for specific uses outlined in the covenant, such as related restrooms or parking or storm water management infrastructure like pump stations, bio-swales, or retention ponds.

Buyouts p. 97

As per HUD's CDBG-DR National Objectives, parcels acquired through the Buyout Program are permanently designated as open green spaces. Additionally, these publicly owned, open-space parcels can be utilized by communities through collaborative agreements with neighboring residents, allowing for non-construction activities like community gardening or recreation.

To participate in the Buyout Program, homeowners must demonstrate that the residential structure was either their primary residence at the time of the storm or located in a HUD-designated LMA.

MISSING LEVEE

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There is a third significant levee in the County, and it is not only also called a dike, but it is also split between private ownership and Myakka River State Park. It apparently was designed to direct Howard Creek water to Upper Myakka Lake instead of flowing into Vanderipe Slough separating Shep's Island (on the east) from Myakka Valley Ranches on the west.

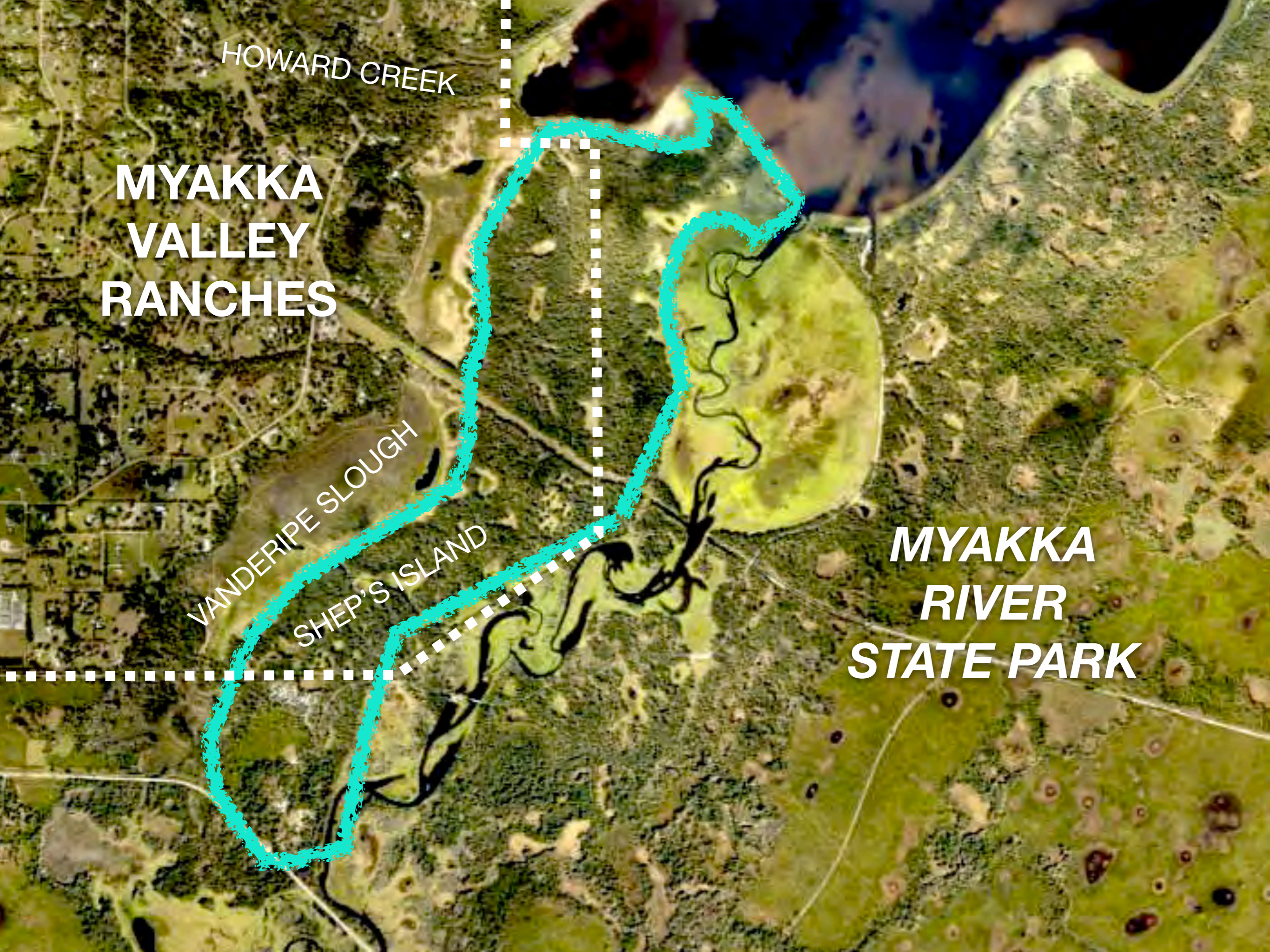
HOWARD CREEK

**MYAKKA
VALLEY
RANCHES**

VANDERPIPE SLOUGH

SHEP'S ISLAND

**MYAKKA
RIVER
STATE PARK**



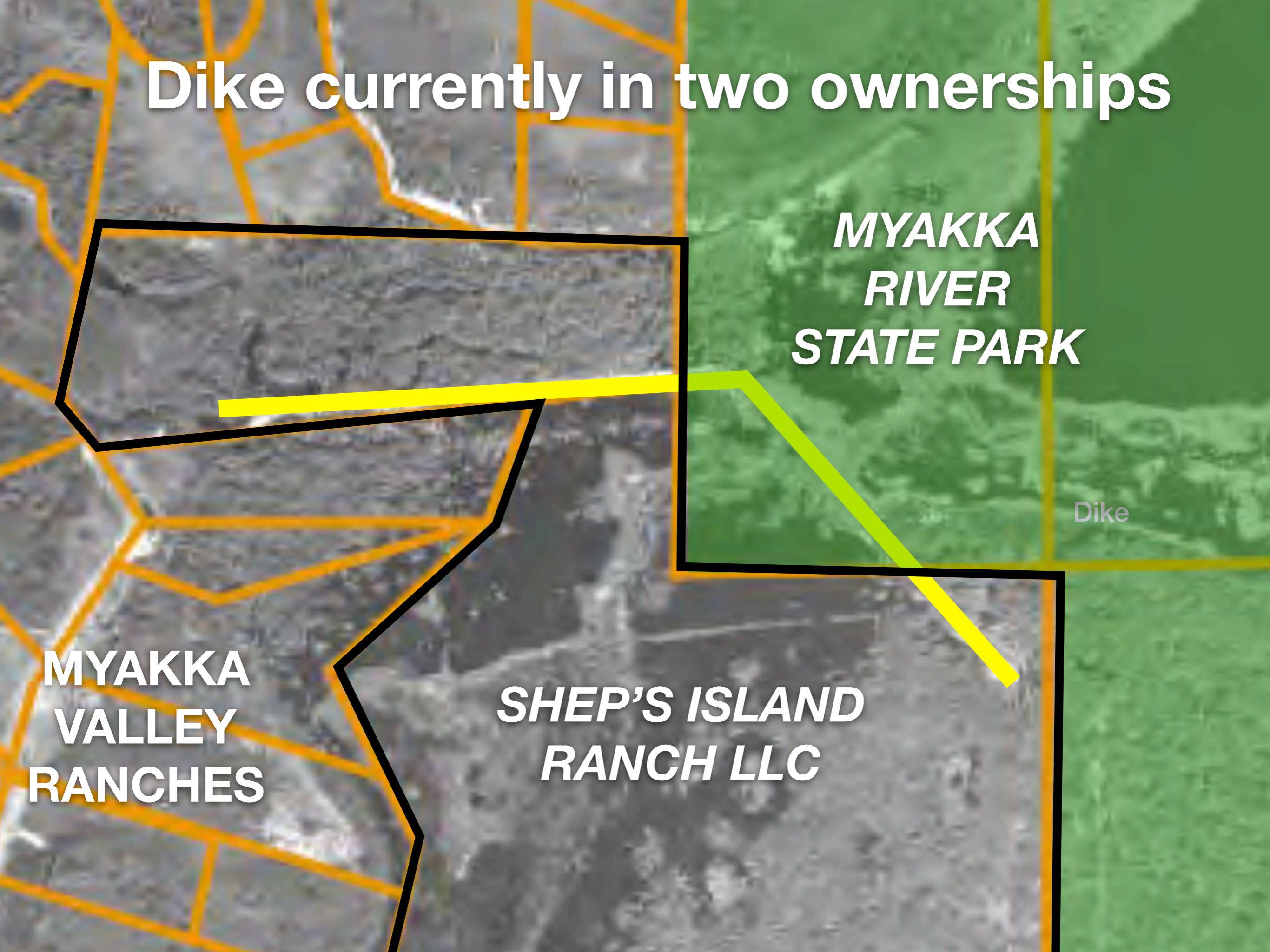
Dike currently in two ownerships

*MYAKKA
RIVER
STATE PARK*

Dike

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*SHEP'S ISLAND
RANCH LLC*





**MYAKKA
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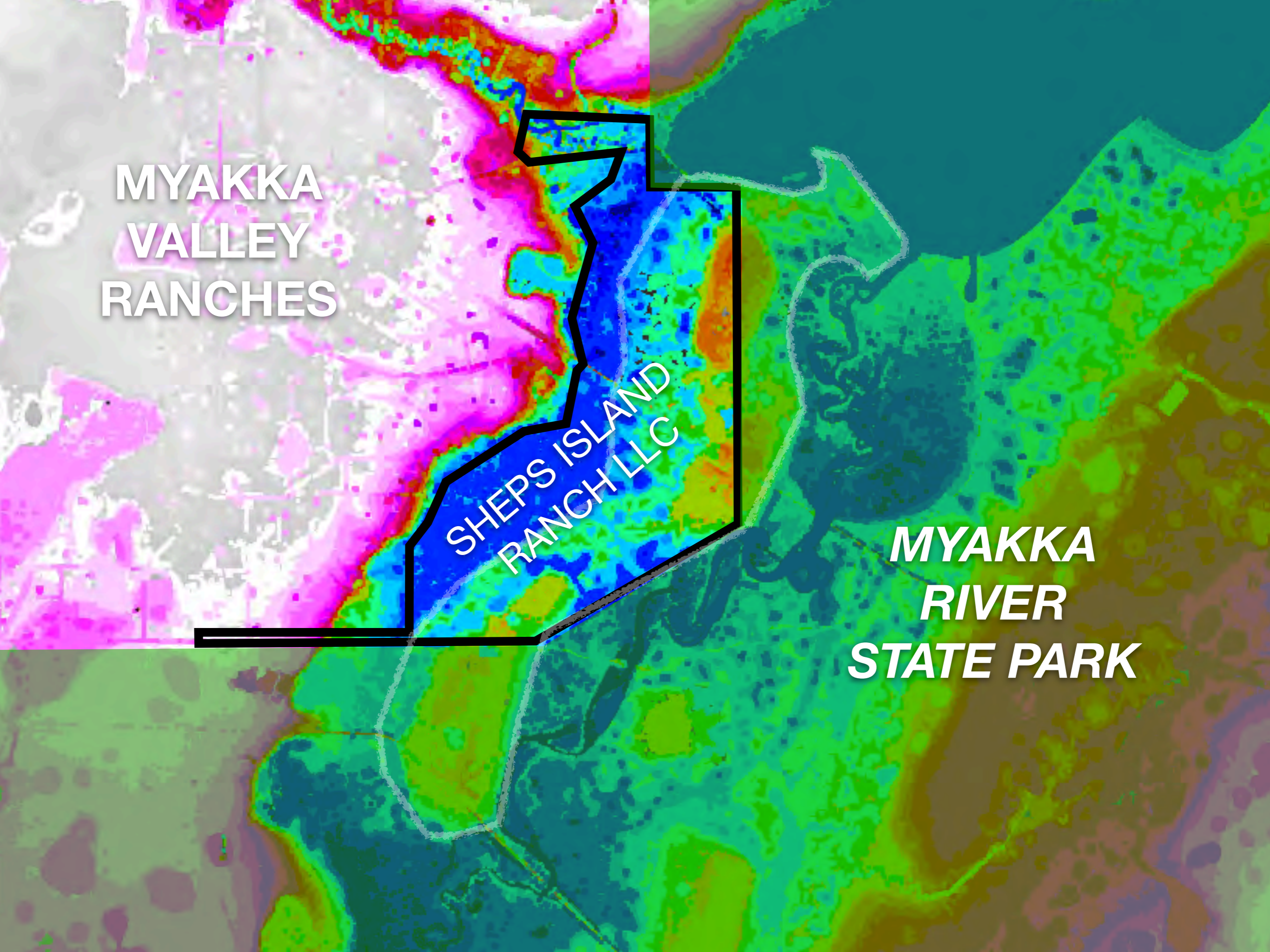
**SHEPS ISLAND
RANCH LLC**

**MYAKKA
RIVER
STATE PARK**

**MYAKKA
VALLEY
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Possible Home Inundation
Hurricane Ian
Myakka Valley Ranches



DOWN'S' DAM



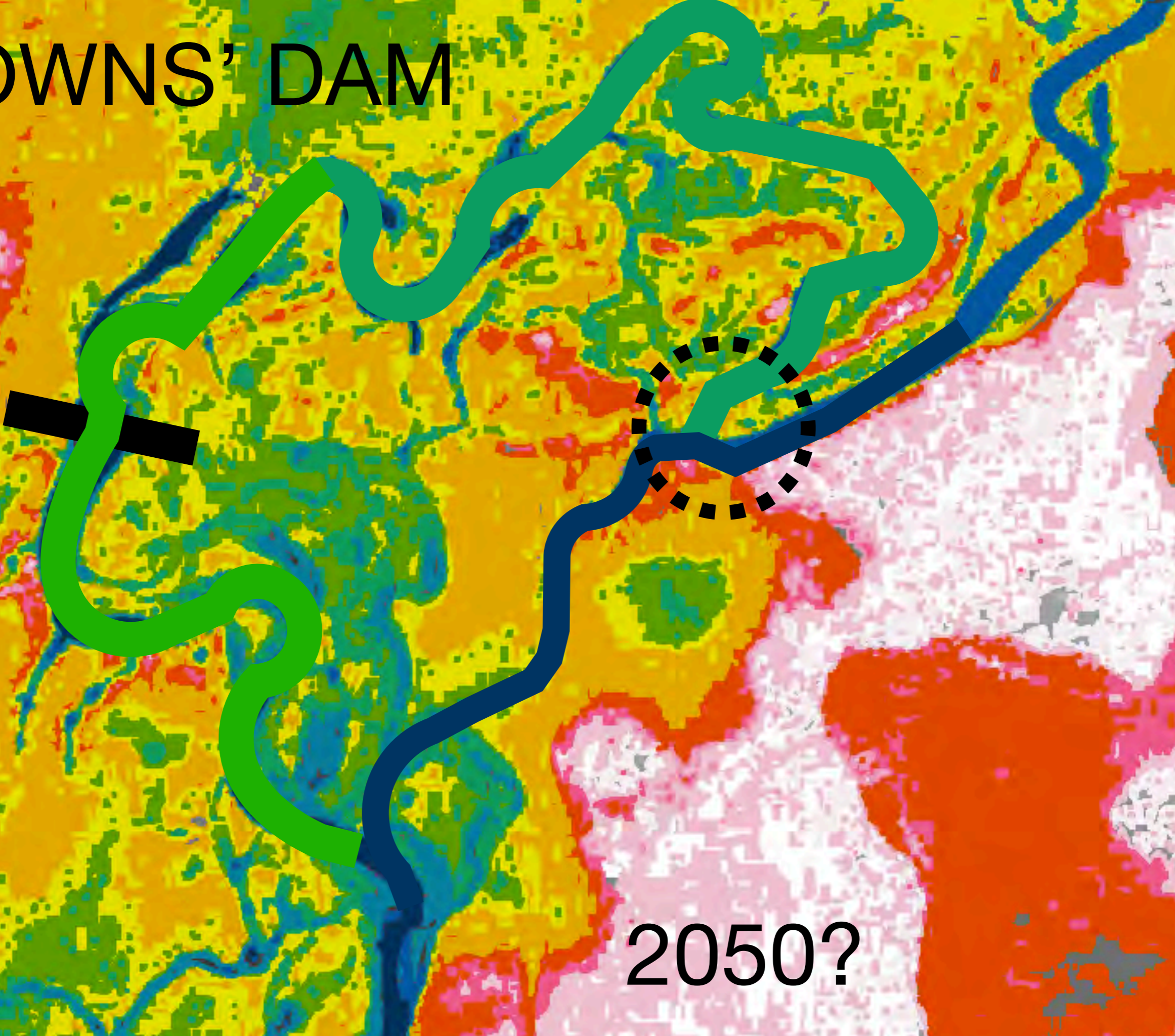
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PARK BRIDGE



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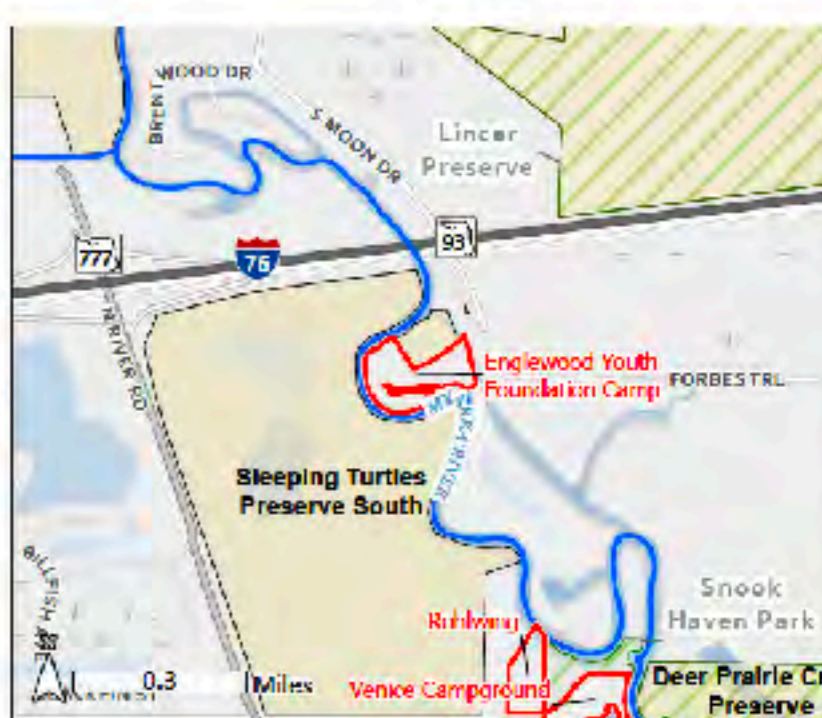
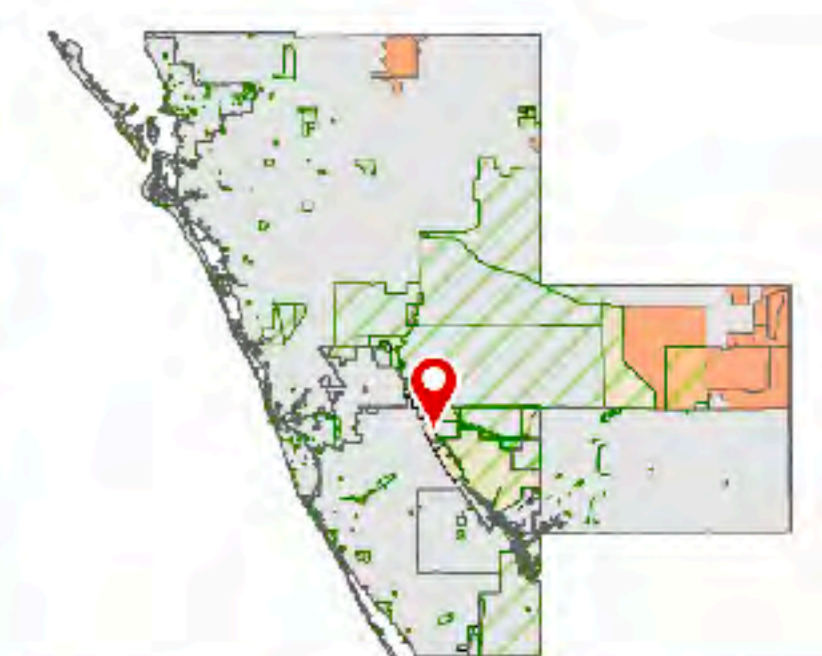
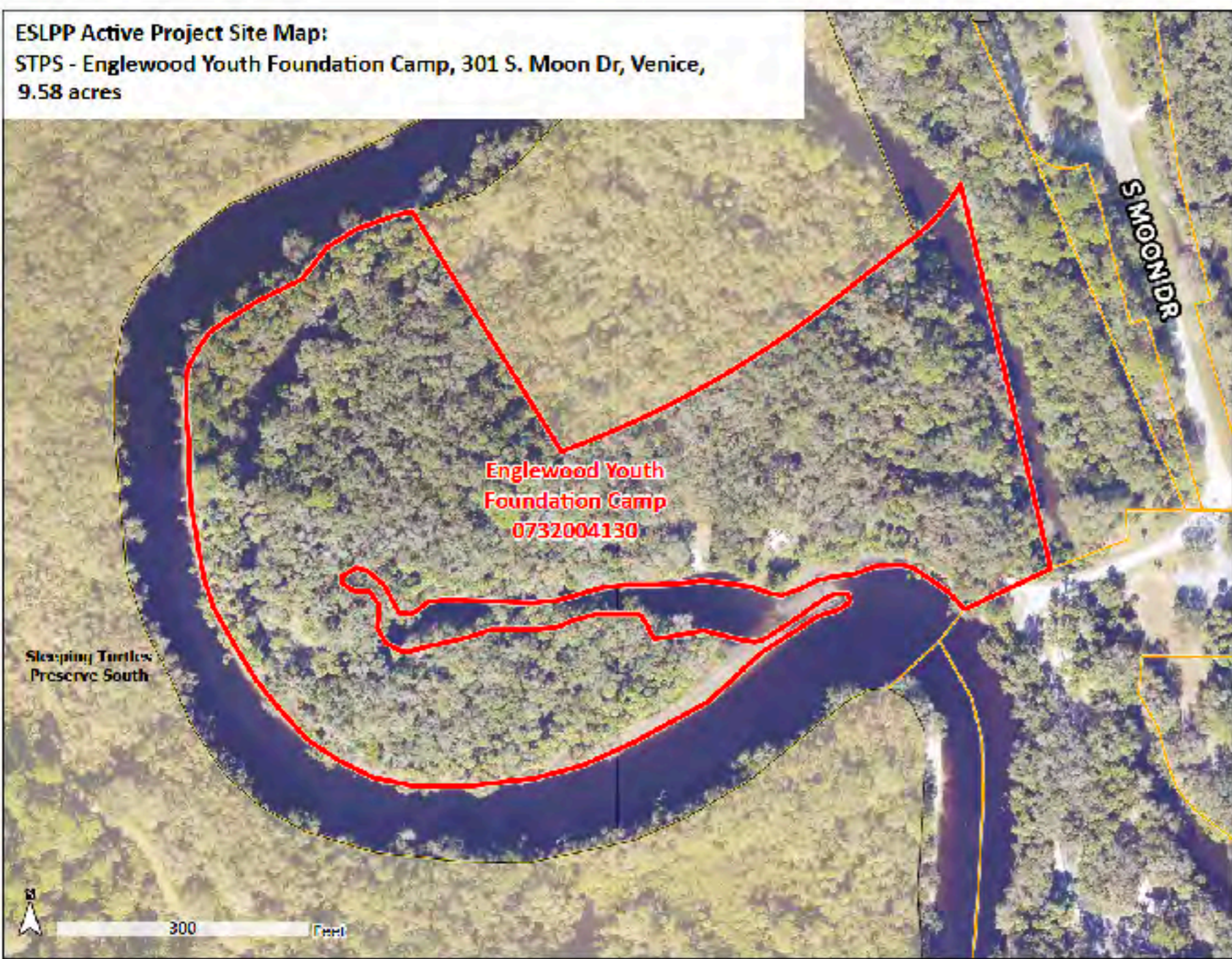
Thanks for reaching out in regards to concerns over the size of the rip rap along the Myakka River Park Drive bridge embankment. Our Bureau of Design and Construction confirmed that the rip rap will be in the 10" – 18" diameter range, weighing around 30 lbs (or more) per boulder. They are not proposing any rock armoring in the "hand held" size range, as it would become dislodged and displaced during flood events. The proposed size should reasonably preclude most people from picking up and heaving the boulders.

I look forward to your input when we begin working on the District 4 plan next calendar year.



SNOOK HAVEN

ENGLEWOOD YOUTH FOUNDATION 9.58 ACRES



- Parcel ID: 0732004130
 Status as of August 2023:
 Under Review by Staff - Appraisal Phase
- ESLPP Land Acquisition
 - Parcels
 - Sarasota County Boundary
 - Parks
 - ESLPP Acquired Properties
 - ESLPP Conservation Easements

- Paddle Trail
- ESLPP Land Acquisition Parcels

Data Sources: Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Municipal Revenue; Florida Department of Transportation; University of South Florida; Sarasota County GIS; FDOT; Esri; IDEC; Google; S. O'Quinn; GeoTechnology, Inc. NCTW/MDA; USGS; DM; NPS; US Census Bureau; USDA. This map is intended for informational purposes only. The County does not warrant the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of any information displayed on this map. The County does not accept any liability for any errors or omissions on this map.

PERMITTING

November 23, 2021



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May 28, 2022



COPE PERMIT

The Hollow

MAYAKA RIVER

SITE:
897 Brentwood Dr.
Venice, FL.



COPE PERMIT

Not on Curry Creek

No MHWL at this location

Use of Safe Upland Line

MHWL confusion

Does not qualify for an exemption

"I support Mr. Cope's goal to retard riverbank erosion. I would encourage all involved to propose solutions likely to meet the requirement of all permitting agencies to avoid unnecessary delays and expense related to modifications required to comply with other requirements."

ALLIGATORS

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CSV EXPORT

Year	Area Name	Carcass Size	Harvest Date	Location
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	9 ft. 9 in.	08/24/2019	DEER PRAIRIE CREEK
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	9 ft. 2 in.	10/06/2019	
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	7 ft. 6 in.	09/25/2019	BIG SLOUGH
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	7 ft. 0 in.	09/11/2019	
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	6 ft. 11 in.	10/19/2019	
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	6 ft. 0 in.	10/08/2019	
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	12 ft. 2 in.	10/26/2019	
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	11 ft. 2 in.	09/29/2019	LOWER MYAKKA LAKE
2019	SARASOTA COUNTY	10 ft. 8 in.	10/05/2019	LOWER MYAKKA LAKE

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