



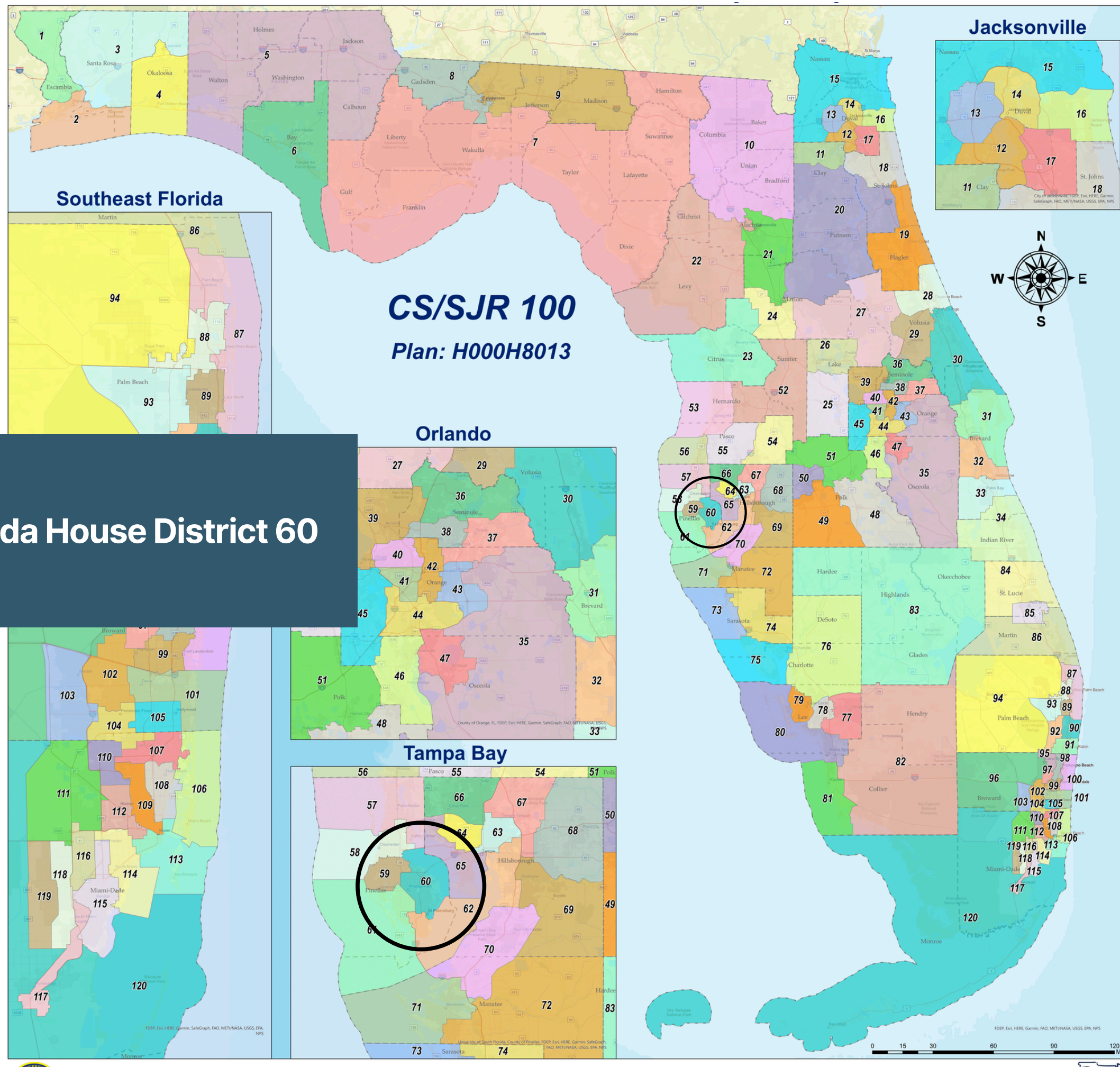
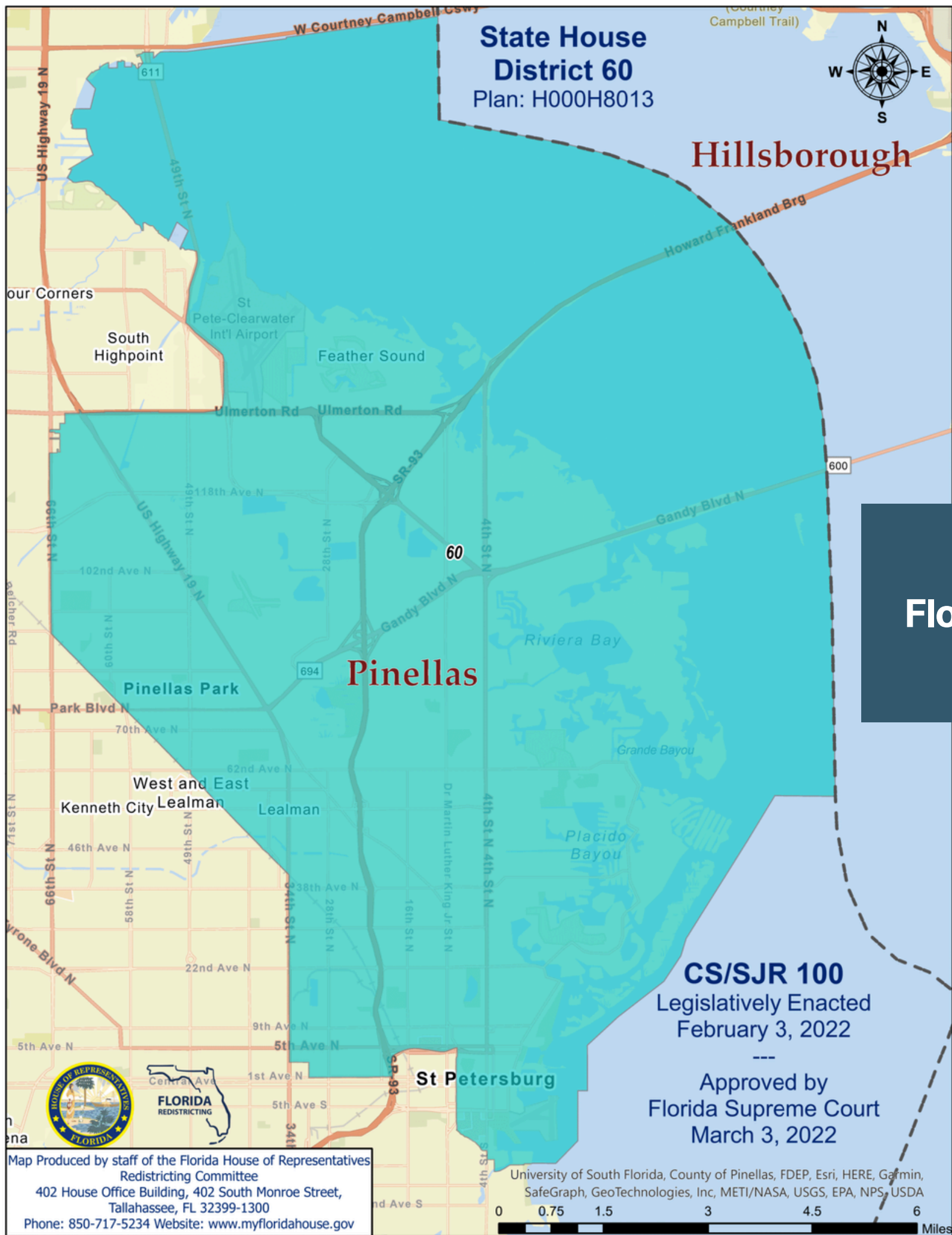
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**Agriculture & Natural Resources
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**Water Quality, Supply & Treatment
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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND



Environmental Science & Policy Manager



Executive Director



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RELEVANT STATE POLICIES/FUNDING



- **Stormwater Rule**
- **Good and Bad: Water Quality, Climate and Land Use Legislation**

SB7040: STORMWATER RULE

- Significant legislation
- Potential to reduce nutrient loads by 80–95% (TP) and 45–60% TN
- Estimated price tag (DEP estimate) of \$1.21 billion over five years
- Considered a “compromise”
- Largely quiet during Session



HB 789: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Does not prohibit a person from bringing a cause of action ... for all damages to **real or personal property** for unpermitted discharges
- Would limit the ability of someone to recover health or economic damages
- Bill amended to remove “loser pays” provision



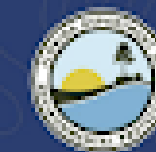
FDEP/STATE WATER FUNDING

- Water Quality Improvement Grants: for areas
 - Not attaining nutrient standards;
 - Have an established TMDL; BMAP, RA, alternative restoration plan, rural area of opportunity

Funding pots also for alternative water supply, springs restoration, and wetlands restoration and protection.

Water Quality Improvement Grant Projects

Project Number	Partners	Project Name	State Funding Requested
1	Alachua County	Newnans Lake System Hydrologic Restoration Project	\$1,100,000
2	Bay Laurel Community Development District	On Top of the World North Advanced Wastewater Treatment Construction Project - Phase II	\$33,900,000
3	City of Arcadia	Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Project - Phase I	\$19,868,000
4	City of Bonita Springs	Lakes of Sans Souci Septic-to-Sewer Project	\$487,500
5	City of Bonita Springs	Sun Village Septic-to-Sewer Project	\$424,250
6	City of Cape Coral	North 1 Utilities Extension Septic-to-Sewer Project	\$25,000,000
7	City of DeLand	Wiley M Nash Water Reclamation Facility Advanced Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Project	\$15,000,000
8	City of High Springs	County Road 238 Septic-to-Sewer Project	\$1,100,000
9	City of High Springs	Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion & Wetlands Project - Phase II	\$1,083,592
10	City of Jacksonville Beach	Pollution Control Advanced Wastewater Treatment Filtration Upgrade Project	\$1,750,000
11	City of LaBelle	Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction Project	\$4,000,000
12	City of Live Oak	Septic-to-Sewer and Reuse Project	\$2,850,000
13	City of Maitland	Dommerich Hills Septic-to-Sewer Project - Phases II-IV	\$6,135,000
14	City of Miami Springs	Water Quality Improvements to C-6 Miami Canal East Drive and Drainage Improvements to Oakwood Drive	\$500,000
15	City of Orange City	Septic-to-Sewer Project	\$2,500,000
16	City of Starke	Collections System Improvement Project	\$2,500,000
17	City of Tallahassee	Southside Triangle Septic-to-Sewer Project	\$10,000,000



HB 1153: ADVANCED WASTEWATER

Directs the Department of Environmental Protection to compile a comprehensive list of wastewater facilities including:

- Size, treatment levels, age of facility
- Spills or infrastructure impairment
- Health of the receiving water bodies

Develop priority rankings for upgrades and inform public and decision makers.



RESILIENT FLORIDA FUNDING

- Funding began in FY 2021/22
- Total appropriations: ~\$1.6 Billion
- 23/24 appropriation: \$150 million
- > 250 projects (some may be multi-year)
- Project types:
 - Adaptation planning
 - Comprehensive vulnerability assessments
 - Resiliency modeling
 - Stormwater and drainage improvement
 - Replacement of seawalls
 - Living shorelines and shoreline stabilization



HB 1645: ENERGY RESOURCES

- Strikes more than 100 lines related to Florida's current state energy goals, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the implementation of alternative energy technologies.
- Discourages use of EVs and removes the requirement of state agencies and local governments from selecting the most fuel-efficient vehicles.

Florida could remove the majority of mentions of climate change from state law

A bill backed by the speaker of the Florida House would also make wide-ranging changes to state energy policies.



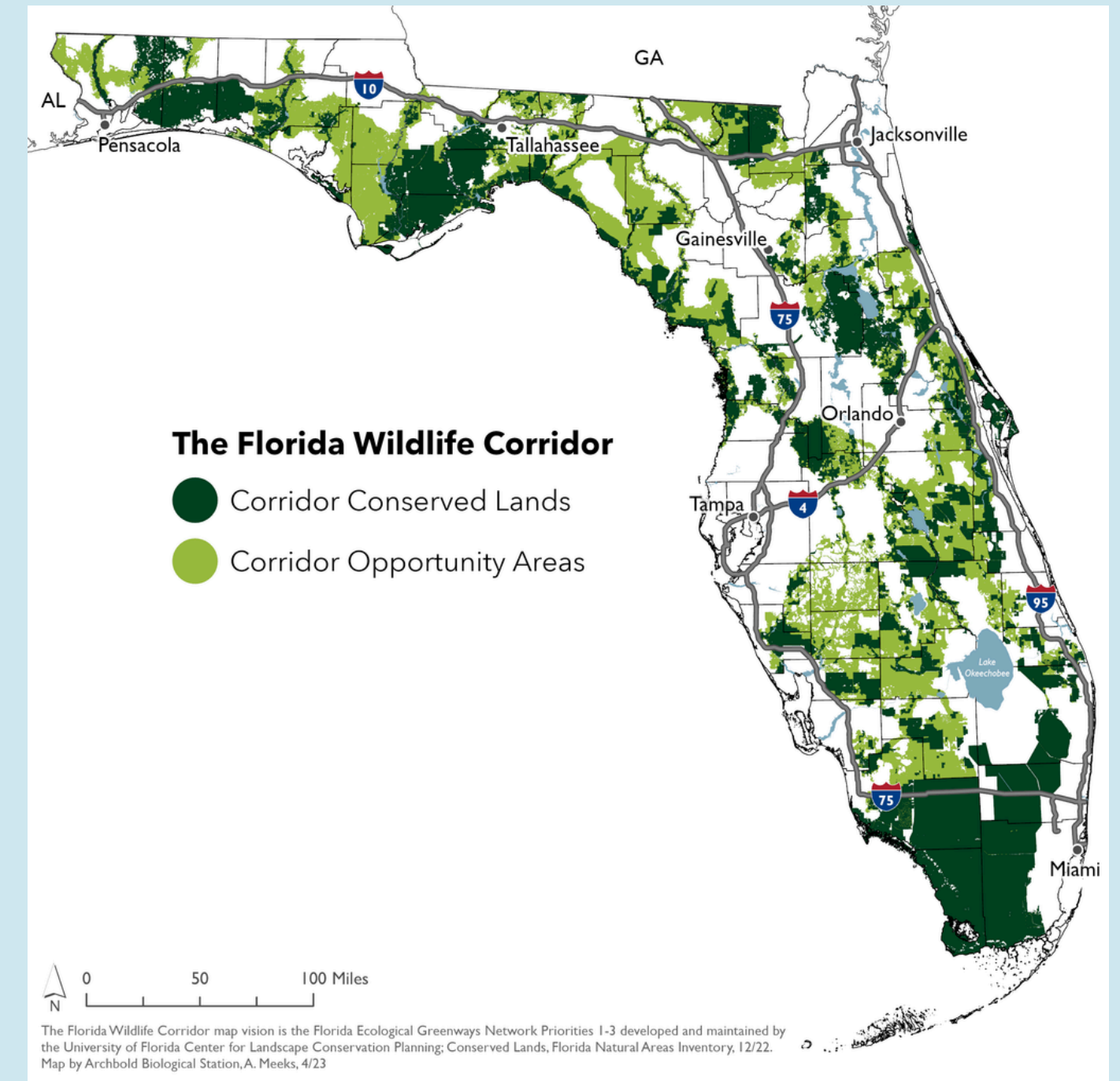
HB 1187: CARBON SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE

- A new interagency task force would develop the framework for a state-level carbon sequestration program.
- Evaluate the storage potential for various terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, as well as working landscapes.
- Establish benchmarks for success and evaluate methodologies.
- Identify funding opportunities for carbon sequestration programs.
- Recommend policies to optimize carbon storage.



SB 1638: FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Allocates ~\$400 million annually from Seminole gaming compact to:
 - Florida Wildlife Corridor conservation
 - Invasive species control
 - State parks
 - Trails
 - Dept of Ag land management
 - FWC land management and endangered species (gopher tortoise, panthers)
 - Resilient Florida Trust Fund



HB 1581: MANGROVE REPLANTING

- **Identify vulnerable public and private properties** along the coastline and encourage partnerships with local governmental entities to create local mangrove protection and restoration zone programs for implementing the rules developed by the department pursuant to this subsection.
 - Create **permitting incentives** and approve of and encourage the use of new strategies for living shorelines and nature-based features, such as mangroves for coastal protection.
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***SB32 (companion bill) did not pass**

SB 1526: NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES

- Prohibits local governments from blocking the demolition of buildings that fall within the Coastal Construction Control Line and are “non conforming.”
- Property owners would be able to construct new buildings on the site up to the maximum height and density of the area.



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