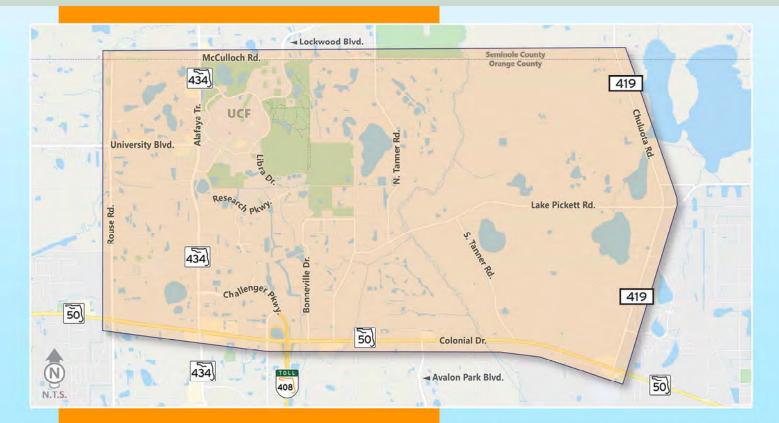
APPENDIX P: EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT



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Draft Existing Conditions Report Section 6.0 - Environmental







The purpose of this Existing Environmental Conditions Report is to document existing land uses, historical and/or archeological sites, cultural features, utilities, and identified and potentially hazardous sites completed for the North East Orange County Transportation Study (NEOCATS) Area. The natural environment includes soils, hydraulic and natural features and threatened endangered species. Due to the large extent of the overall project area, the environmental review has been broken down into four (4) study area quadrants as depicted in **Exhibit 6.1.0** to allow for more detailed mapping of individual resources.

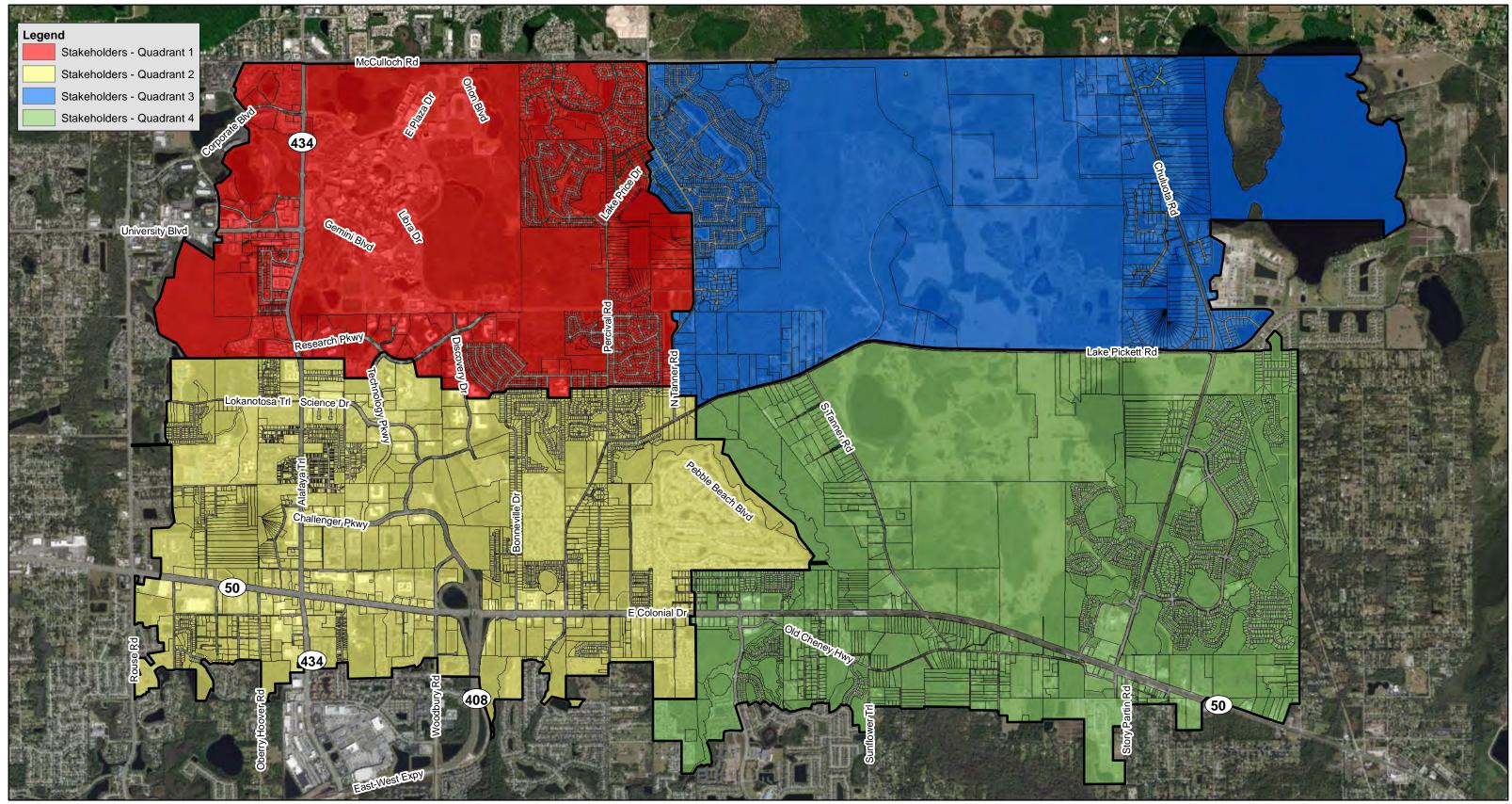
6.1 LAND USE / DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Relevant land use information has been compiled for the study area from a variety of sources including Orange County's FastTrack online system, Orange County's Comprehensive Plan, Orange County's Board of County Commission (BCC) and Planning 2021 GIS layers, FDOT's Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCFCS), as well as desktop reviews.

6.1.1 Zoning Districts

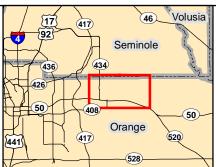
The Orange County BCC and Planning 2021 GIS zoning layer was used to identify the zoning districts for the study area. **Tables 6.1.1** through **6.1.4** summarize the zoning districts located within each of the study area quadrants, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. The Study Area zoning map series for each of the Quadrants can be found in **Exhibits 6.1.1** through **6.1.4**.

TABLE 6.1.1 - ZONING DISTRICTS IN QUADRANT 1			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q1 Acres	Percent of Q1
A-2	Farmland Rural District	156.07	4.96%
IND-2/IND-3	Industrial District (General)	433.78	13.79%
P-D	Planned Development District,		9.43%
R-1	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	Single-Family Dwelling Districts 276.07 8.7	
R-1A	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	329.96	10.49%
R-1AA	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	4.44	0.14%
R-1A-C	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	172.75	5.49%
2R-2	Residential District	0.01	0.01%
R-3	Multiple-Family Dwelling District	1,212.72	38.56%
R-CE	Country Estate	13.38	0.43%
U-R-3	University Residential District	52.40	1.67%
	Roads and Highways	196.56	6.25%
1	Totals for Area of Interest 3,144.80 100.00%		



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Study Quadrant Overview Map



NEOCATS - Study Area

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Quadrant 1 has the greatest acreage of land zoned for Multiple-Family Dwelling Districts (R-3), followed by Industrial District (IND-2/IND-3) and various Single Family Dwelling District zoning types. The area zoned as Multiple-Family Dwelling Districts (R-3) includes the University of Central Florida campus.

TABLE 6.1.2 - ZONING DISTRICTS IN QUADRANT 2			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q2 Acres	Percent of Q2
A-1	Citrus Rural District	40.70	1.09%
A-2	Farmland Rural District	211.33	5.66%
C-1	Retail Commercial District	187.93	5.03%
C-2	General Commercial District	34.91	0.94%
C-3	Wholesale Commercial District	12.69	0.34%
IND-2/IND-3	Industrial District (General)	527.87	14.13%
P-D	Multiple-Family Dwelling District	482.81	12.93%
P-O	Professional Office District	30.70	0.82%
R-1	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	628.53	16.83%
R-1A	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	34.87	0.93%
R-1AAA	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	0.68	0.02%
R-2	Residential District	234.18	6.27%
R-3	Multiple-Family Dwelling District	267.94	7.17%
R-CE	Country Estate District	11.32	0.30%
Restricted R-2	Restricted Residential District	4.97	0.13%
Restricted R-3	Restricted Multiple-Family Dwelling District	5.96	0.16%
RSTD C-2	Restricted General Commercial District	53.24	1.43%
RSTD R-1	Restricted Single-Family Dwelling Districts	0.07	0.00%
RSTD R-T	Restricted Mobile Home Park District	82.13	2.20%
R-T	Mobile Home Park District	423.21	11.33%
R-T-1	Mobile Home Subdivision District	0.92	0.02%
R-T-2	Combination Mobile Home and Single-Family Dwelling District	11.41	0.31%
U-R-3	University Residential District	40.31	1.08%
	Roads and Highways	406.22	10.88%
т	otals for Area of Interest	3,734.90	100.00%



Quadrant 2 has the greatest acreage of land zoned for Single-Family Dwelling Districts (R-1) followed by Industrial District (IND-2/IND-3) and Multiple-Family Dwelling District (R-3).

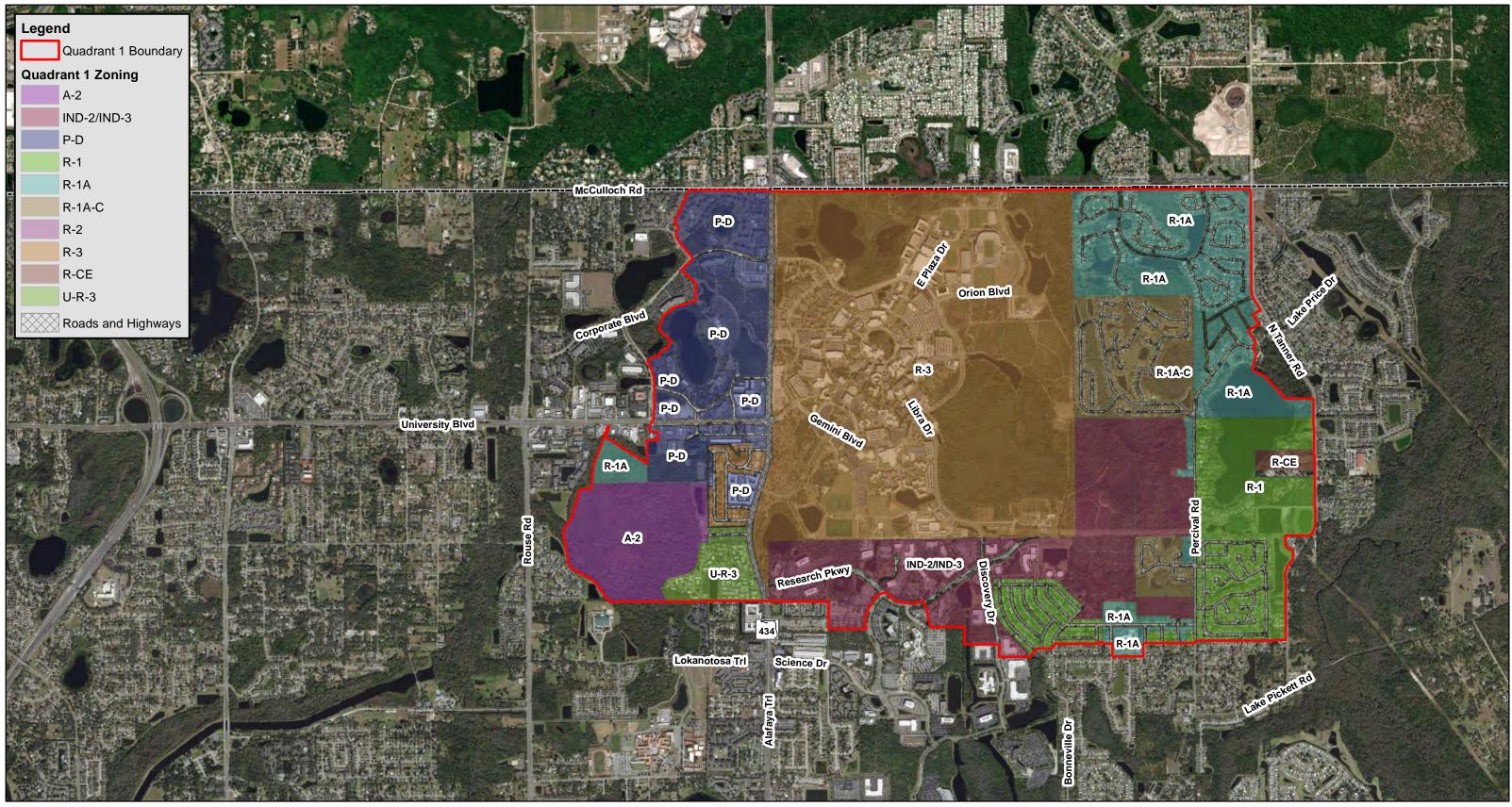
TABLE 6.1.3 - ZONING DISTRICTS IN QUADRANT 3			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q3 Acres	Percent of Q3
A-2	Farmland Rural District	2,288.34	53.93%
PD	Planned Development District, including Regulating Plans (PDRP) and Unified Neighborhood Plans (PD- UNP)	549.28	12.94%
R-1	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	45.81	1.08%
R-1A	Single-Family Dwelling Districts	24.56	0.58%
R-1AAAA	Residential Urban District	31.69	0.75%
R-CE	Country Estate District	1,009.49	23.79%
R-CE-C	Country Estate District Cluster	182.95	4.31%
	Roads and Highways	111.15	2.62%
1	Totals for Area of Interest 4,243.27 100.00%		



The largest zoning area for Quadrant 3 is Farmland Rural District (A-2). Farmland Rural District covers over half of the quadrant. The remaining land in the quadrant is zoned for Country Estate District (R-CE), Planned Development District (PD), and various residential zoning districts.

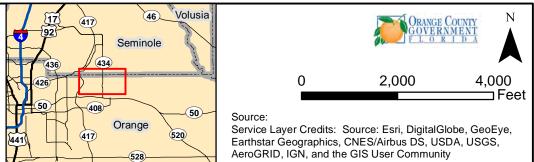
	TABLE 6.1.4 - ZONING DISTRICTS IN QUADRANT 4		
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q4 Acres	Percent of Q4
A-1	Citrus Rural District	1.00	0.02%
A-2	Farmland Rural District	1,073.30	23.42%
C-1	Retail Commercial District	73.17	1.60%
C-2	General Commercial District	12.39	0.27%
C-3	Wholesale Commercial District	52.76	1.15%
P-D	Planned Development District, including Regulating Plans (PDRP) and Unified Neighborhood Plans (PD-UNP)	2,746.53	59.93%
R-2	Residential District	1.06	0.02%
R-CE	Country Estate District	1.79	0.04%
R-CE-5	Rural Country Estate Residential District	48.40	1.05%
R-CE-C	Country Estate District Cluster	42.05	0.92%
RSTD C-2	Restricted General Commercial District	0.95	0.02%
RSTD C-3	Restricted Wholesale Commercial District	23.73	0.52%
RSTD R-T-1	Restricted Mobile Home Subdivision District	0.87	0.02%
R-T	Mobile Home Park District	72.23	1.57%
R-T-1	Mobile Home Subdivision District	11.77	0.26%
R-T-2	Combination Mobile Home and Single- Family Dwelling District	103.43	2.26%
	Roads and Highways	317.40	6.93%
	Totals for Area of Interest	4,582.83	100.00%

Over half of the land in Quadrant 4 is zoned as Planned Development District (PD). The remainder of the quadrant is Farmland Rural District (A-2), Roads and Highways, and various commercial districts. A large development application in Quadrant 4 is the GROW.



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Quadrant 1: Existing Zoning



Note: Existing Zoning - Orange County, 2021.

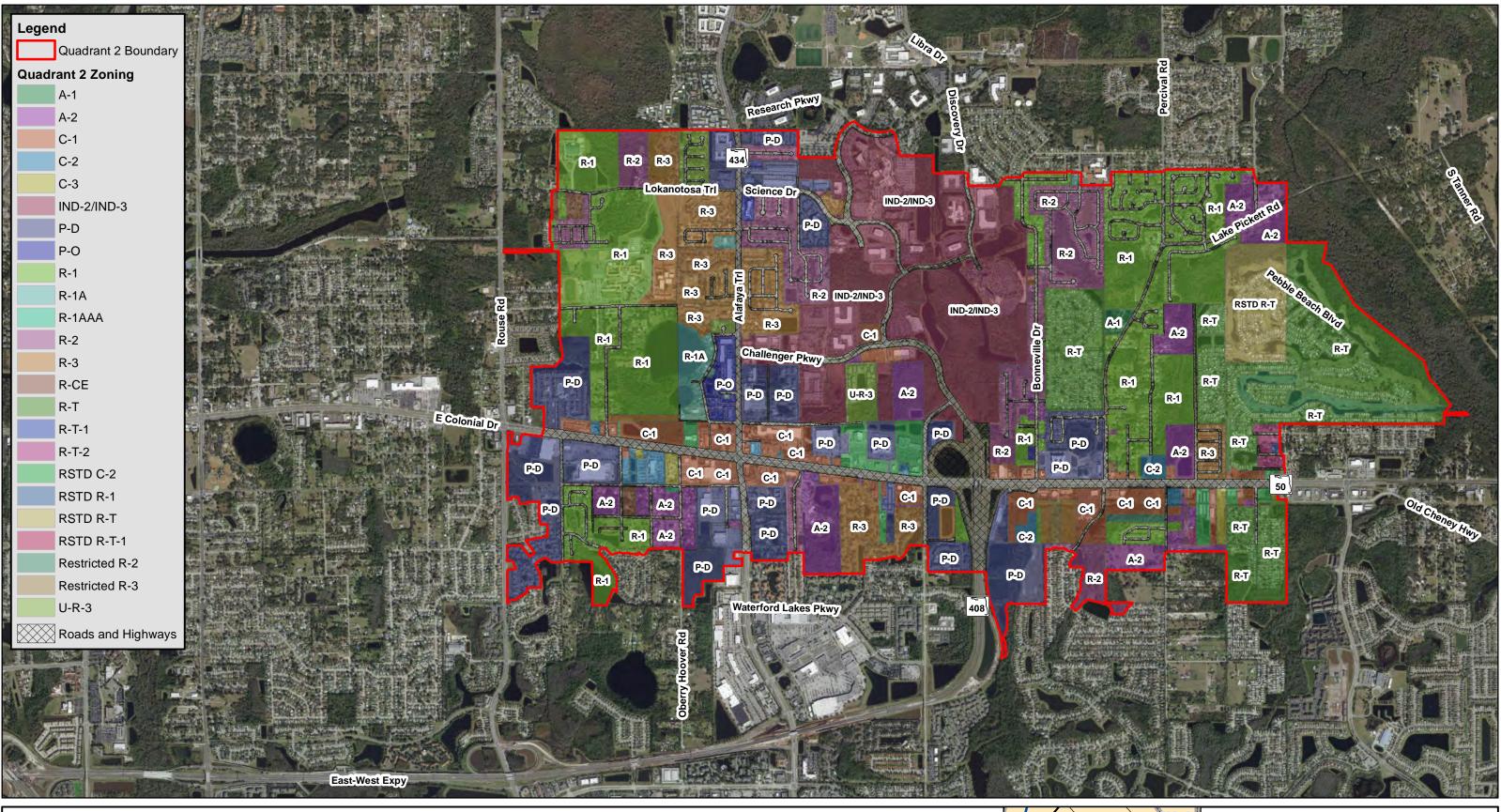
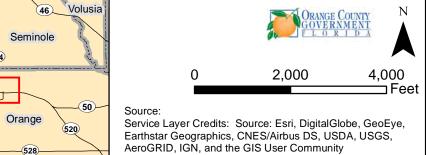


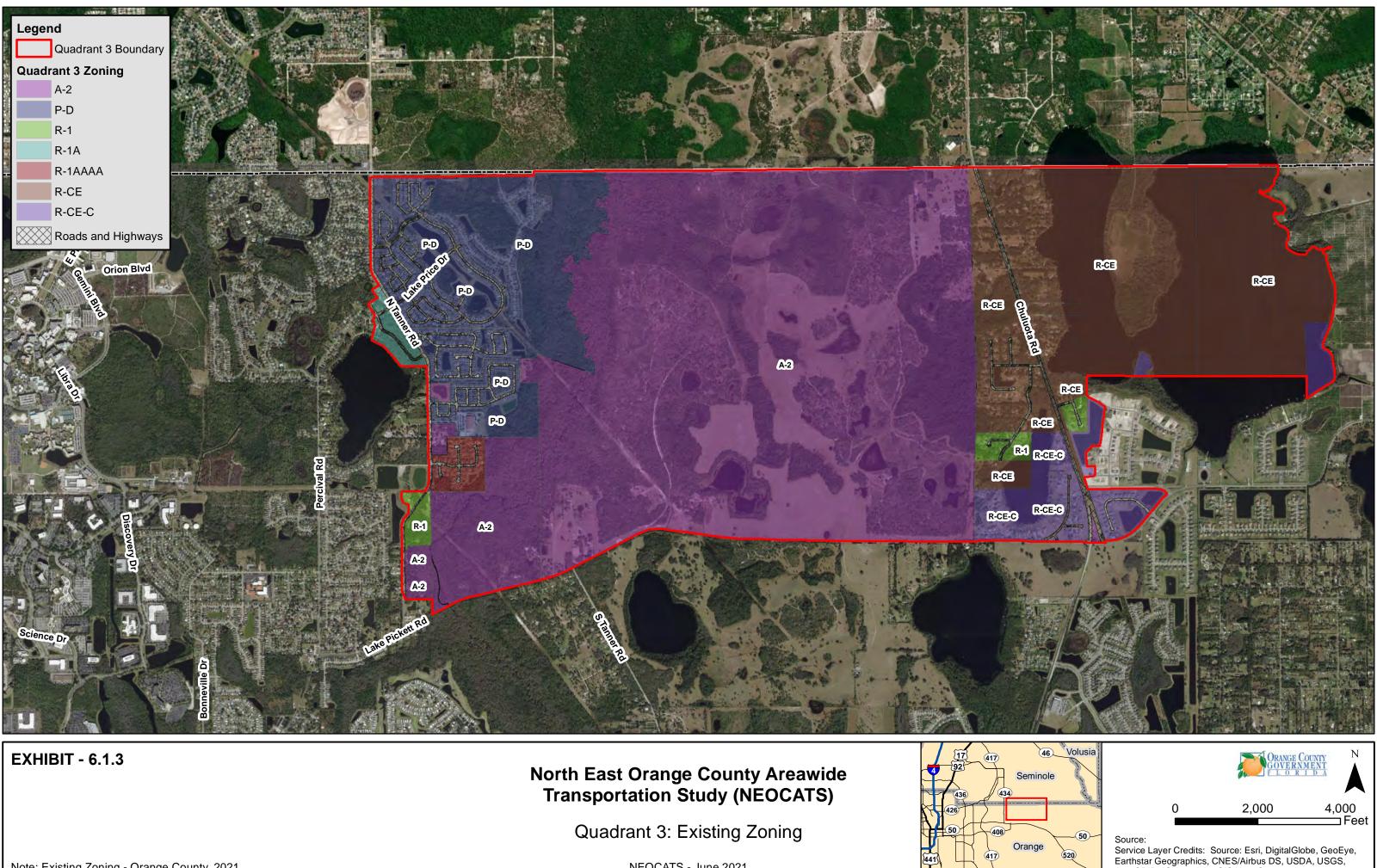
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Quadrant 2: Existing Zoning

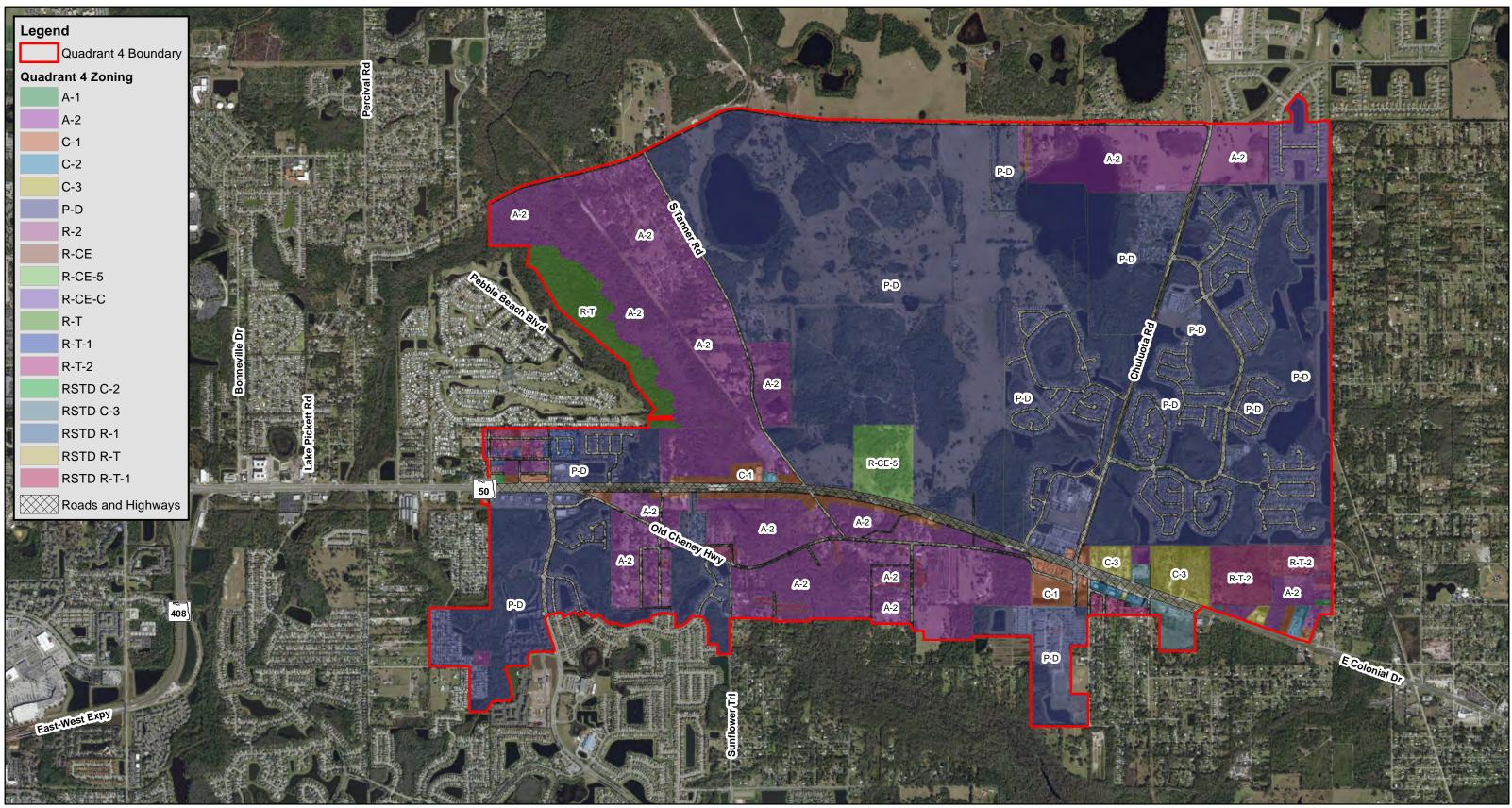
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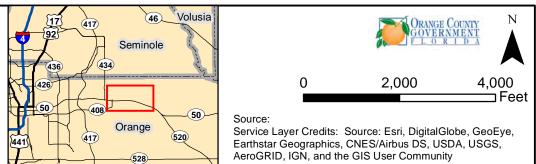


Note: Existing Zoning - Orange County, 2021.



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Quadrant 4: Existing Zoning



Note: Existing Zoning - Orange County, 2021.

6.1.2 Future Land Use

The Orange County's BCC and Planning 2021 GIS layers were used to identify the future land uses for the project area. **Tables 6.1.5** through **6.1.8** summarize the future land uses located within each of the study area quadrants, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. The Study Area future land use for each of the Quadrants can be found in **Exhibits 6.1.5** through **6.1.8**.

	TABLE 6.1.5 - FUTURE LAND USES IN QUADRANT 1		
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q1 Acres	Percent of Q1
С	Commercial	30.78	0.98%
I	Industrial	418.50	13.31%
IN	Institutional	1,266.18	40.26%
LD	Low Density Residential	654.01	20.80%
LM	Low Medium Density	0.04	0.00%
MD	Medium Density Residential	134.93	4.29%
0	Office	175.75	5.59%
PD	Planned Development	35.86	1.14%
WB	Water Body	228.93	7.28%
	Roads and Highways	199.82	6.35%
То	Totals for Area of Interest 3,144.80 100.00%		

Within Quadrant 1, the most prominent future land use remains Institutional, followed by Low Density Residential and Industrial land uses.



	TABLE 6.1.6 - FUTURE LAND USES IN QUADRANT 2		
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q2 Acres	Percent of Q2
С	Commercial	341.23	9.14%
Ι	Industrial	580.61	15.55%
IN	Institutional	163.95	4.39%
LD	Low Density Residential	554.60	14.85%
LM	Low Medium Density	933.16	24.98%
MD	Medium Density Residential	371.05	9.93%
0	Office	39.05	1.05%
P/R	Park/Recreation	38.49	1.03%
PD	Planned Development	195.05	5.22%
PRES	Preservation	0.01	0.00%
R	Rural	3.54	0.09%
WB	Water Body	113.11	3.03%
	Roads and Highways	401.05	10.74%
To	Totals for Area of Interest 3,734.90 100.00%		

The prominent future land uses in Quadrant 2 are Low Medium Density, followed by Industrial and Low Density Residential land uses.

	TABLE 6.1.7 - FUTURE LAND USES IN QUADRANT 3		
Map Unit Map Unit Name		Q3 Acres	Percent of Q3
1/1	Rural 1/1	574.77	13.55%
С	Commercial	4.38	0.10%
LD	Low Density Residential	418.74	9.87%
LM	Low Medium Density	29.83	0.70%
PRES	Preservation	67.72	1.60%
R	Rural	1,435.50	33.83%
WB	Water Body	716.02	16.87%
	Roads, Highways, and Unassigned	996.31	23.48%
То	Totals for Area of Interest 4,243.27 100.00%		



In Quadrant 3, the largest area remains as Rural in the future, followed by Road, Highways, and Unassigned, and Water Bodies. The category Roads, Highways, and Unassigned includes 961.66 acres of land that was not assigned a future land use category, but which appears to include the area of the planned Sustanee development.

	TABLE 6.1.8 - FUTURE LAND USES IN QUADRANT 4		
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q4 Acres	Percent of Q4
1/1	Rural 1/1	370.69	8.09%
C	Commercial	179.24	3.91%
E	Education	87.68	1.91%
IN	Institutional	45.23	0.99%
LD	Low Density Residential	1,066.17	23.26%
LM	Low Medium Density	299.39	6.53%
LP	Lake Pickett	1,087.31	23.73%
P/R	Park/Recreation	69.66	1.52%
PD	Planned Development	25.26	0.55%
PRES	Preservation	139.00	3.03%
R	Rural	714.01	15.58%
WB	Water Body	177.41	3.87%
	Roads and Highways	321.78	7.03%
То	Totals for Area of Interest 4,582.83 100.00%		

In Quadrant 4, the most prominent future land use is the Lake Pickett future land use, which is the area planned for The GROW development, followed by Low Density Residential, and Rural 1/1 future land uses.

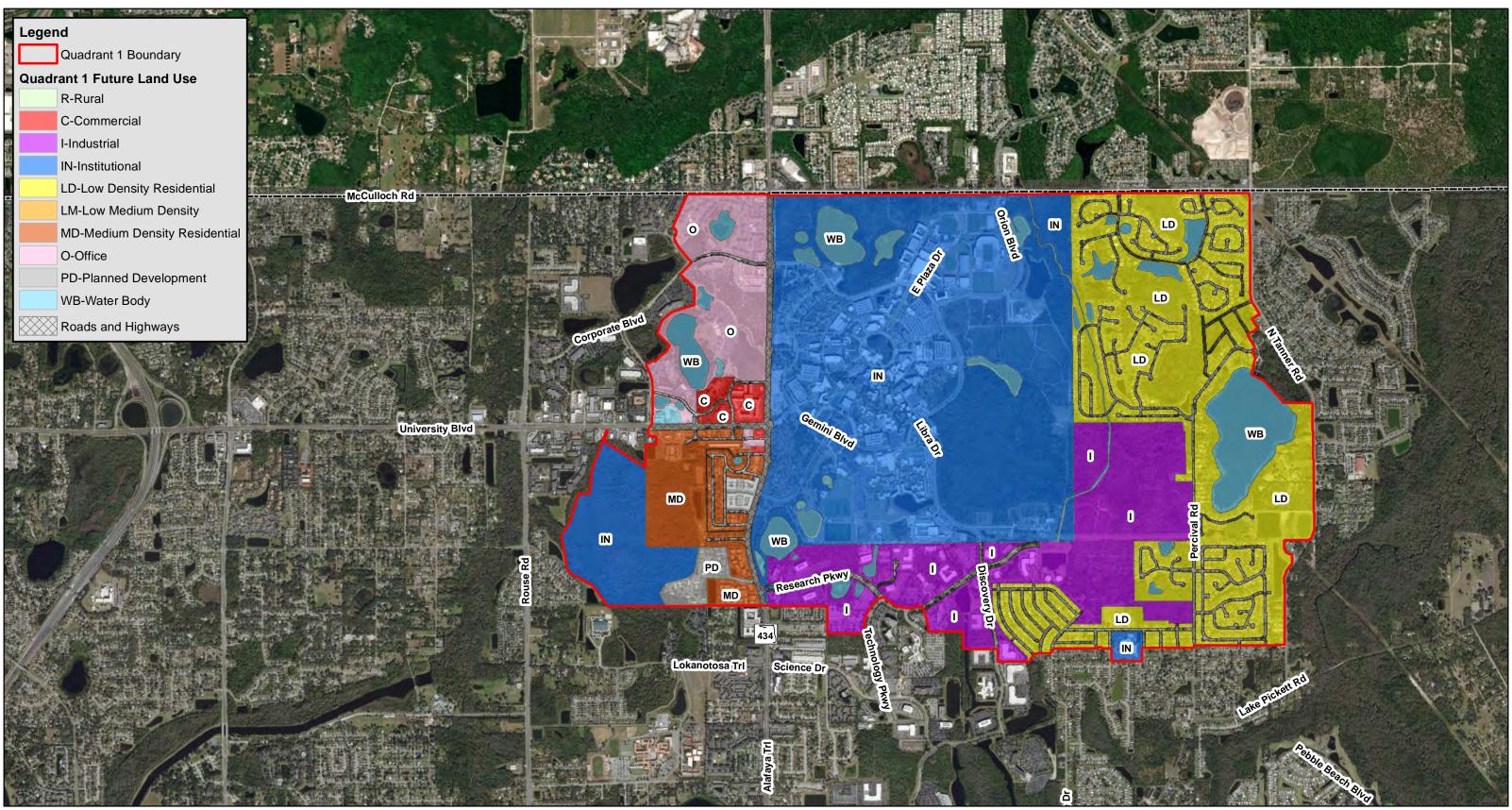
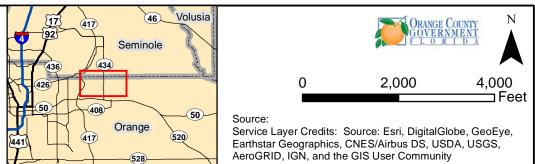


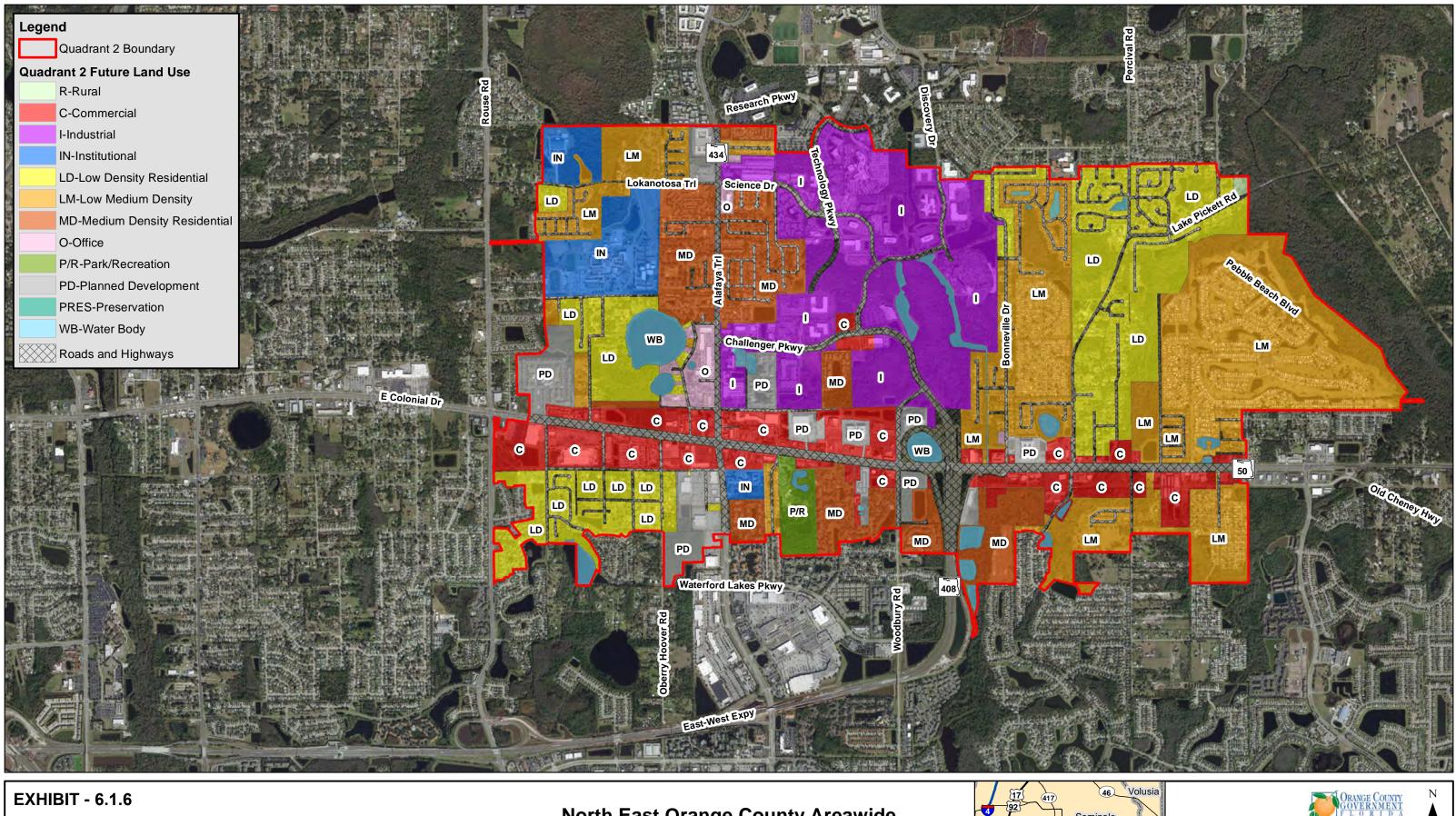
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Quadrant 1: Future Land Use



Note: Future Land Use - Orange County, 2021.

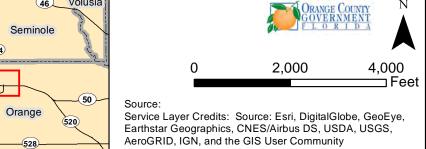


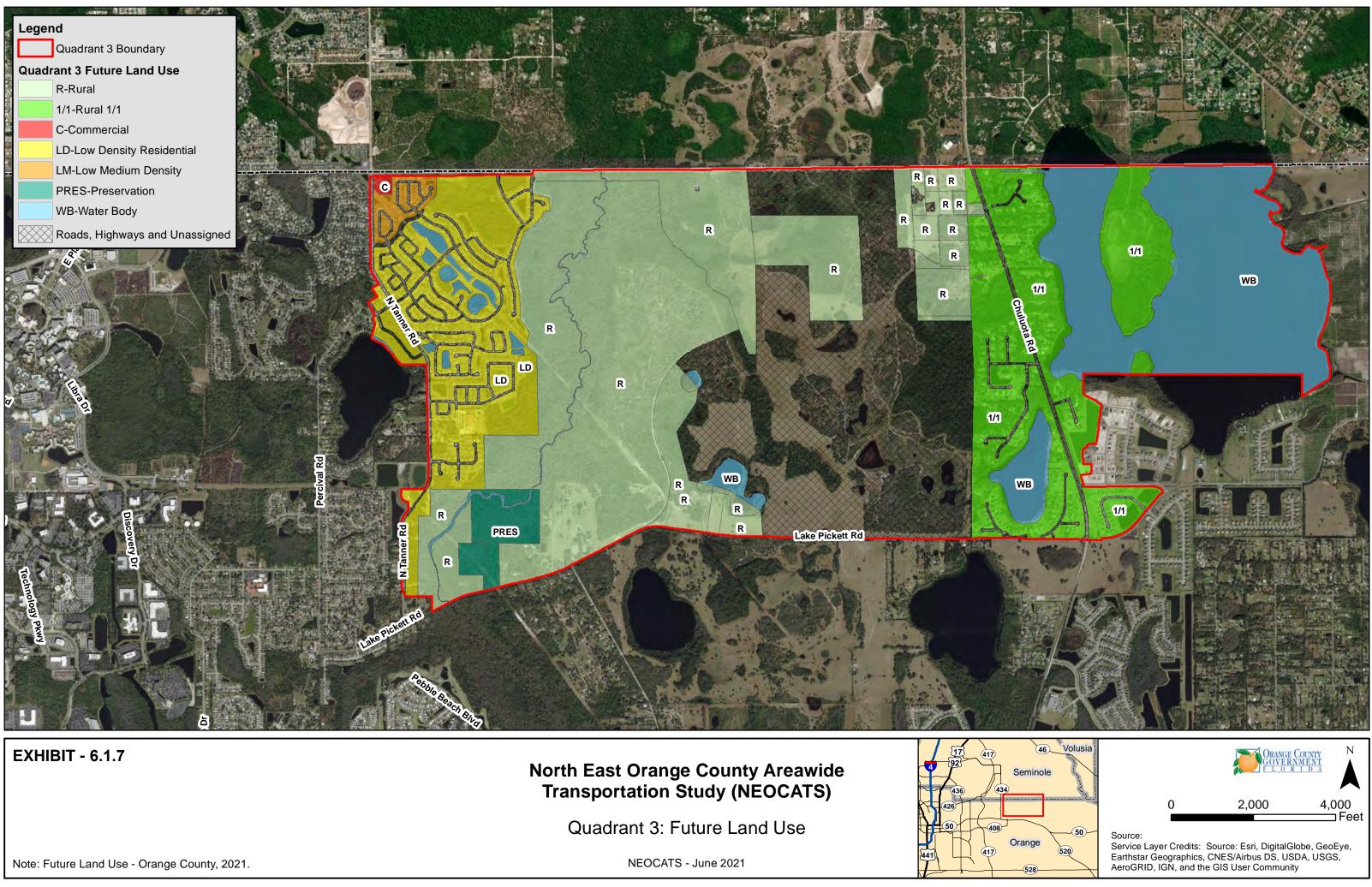
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Quadrant 2: Future Land Use

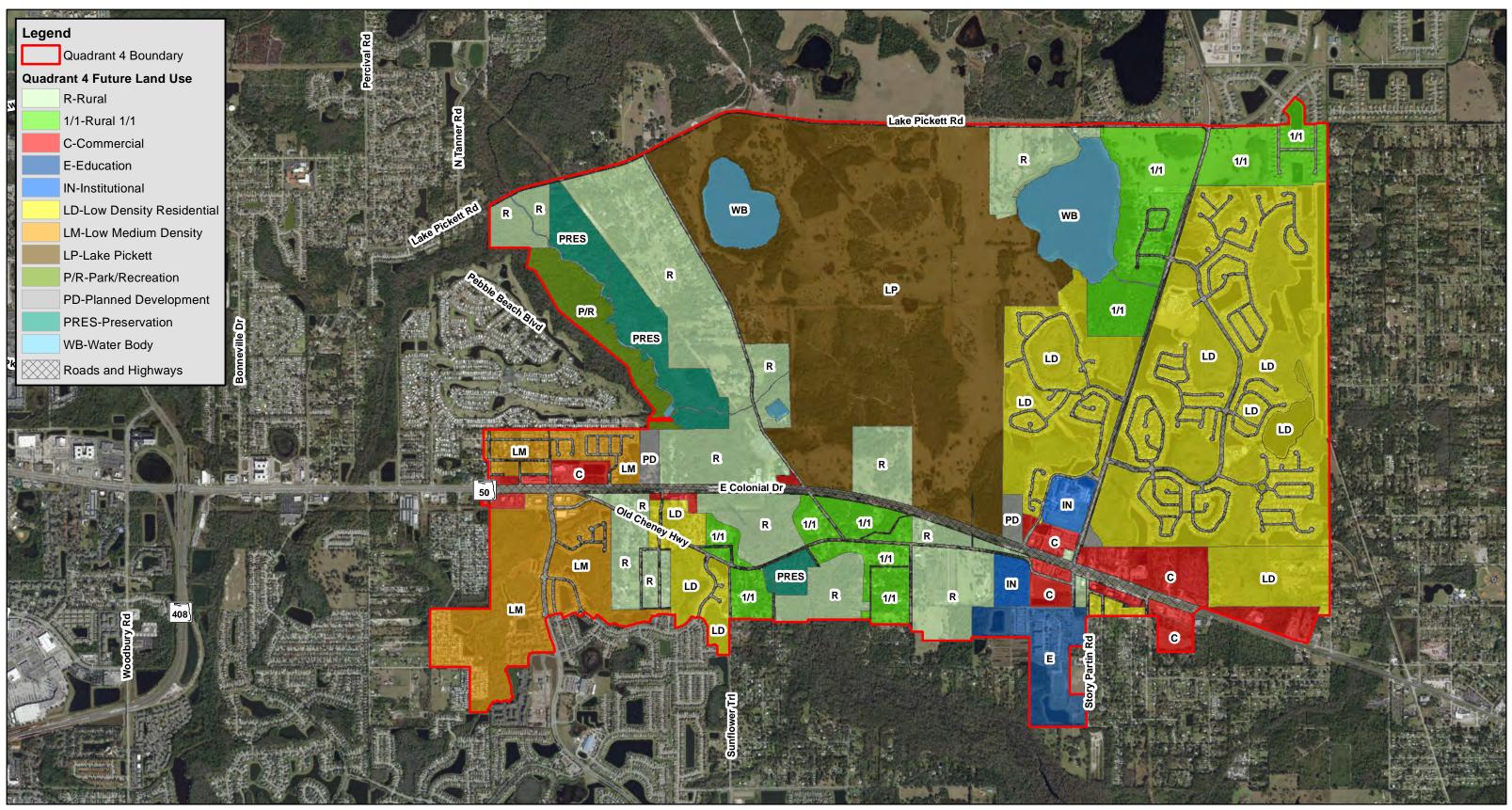


Note: Future Land Use - Orange County, 2021.





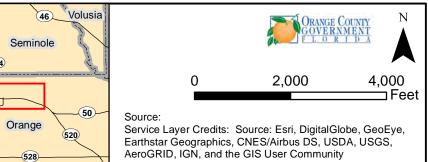




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Quadrant 4: Future Land Use

Note: Future Land Use - Orange County, 2021.





6.1.3 Rural Settlements and Urban Service Area

Rural Settlements recognize and preserve communities that existed as of adoption of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan. New construction on rural settlements (RS) must be approved by the BCC. **Tables 6.1.9** and **6.1.10** summarize the rural settlements located within each of the study area quadrants, respectively for Quadrants 3 and 4. Rural settlements in the project area exist only on the project's eastern side of the study area in Quadrants 3 and 4. The Study Area rural settlement map for Quadrants 3 and 4 can be found in **Exhibits 6.1.9** and **6.1.10**.

Rural Settlement	Within Study Area
Lake Pickett	1
Corner Lake	1

Table 6.1.9: Summary of Rural Settlements in Quadrant 3

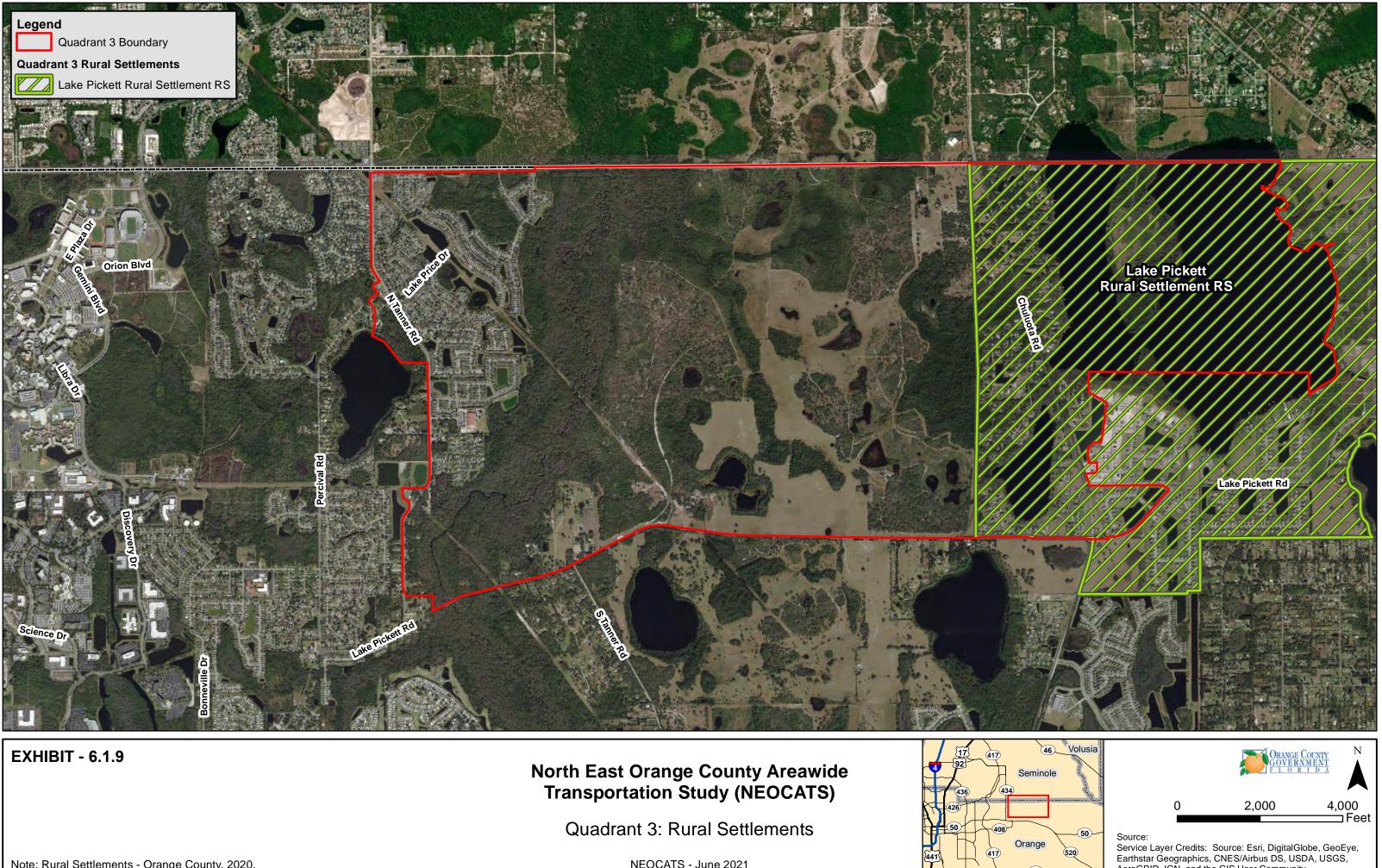
Source: Orange County BCC and Planning 2021 GIS layer

Rural Settlement	Within Study Area
Corner Lake	1
Bithlo	1
Sunflower Trail	1

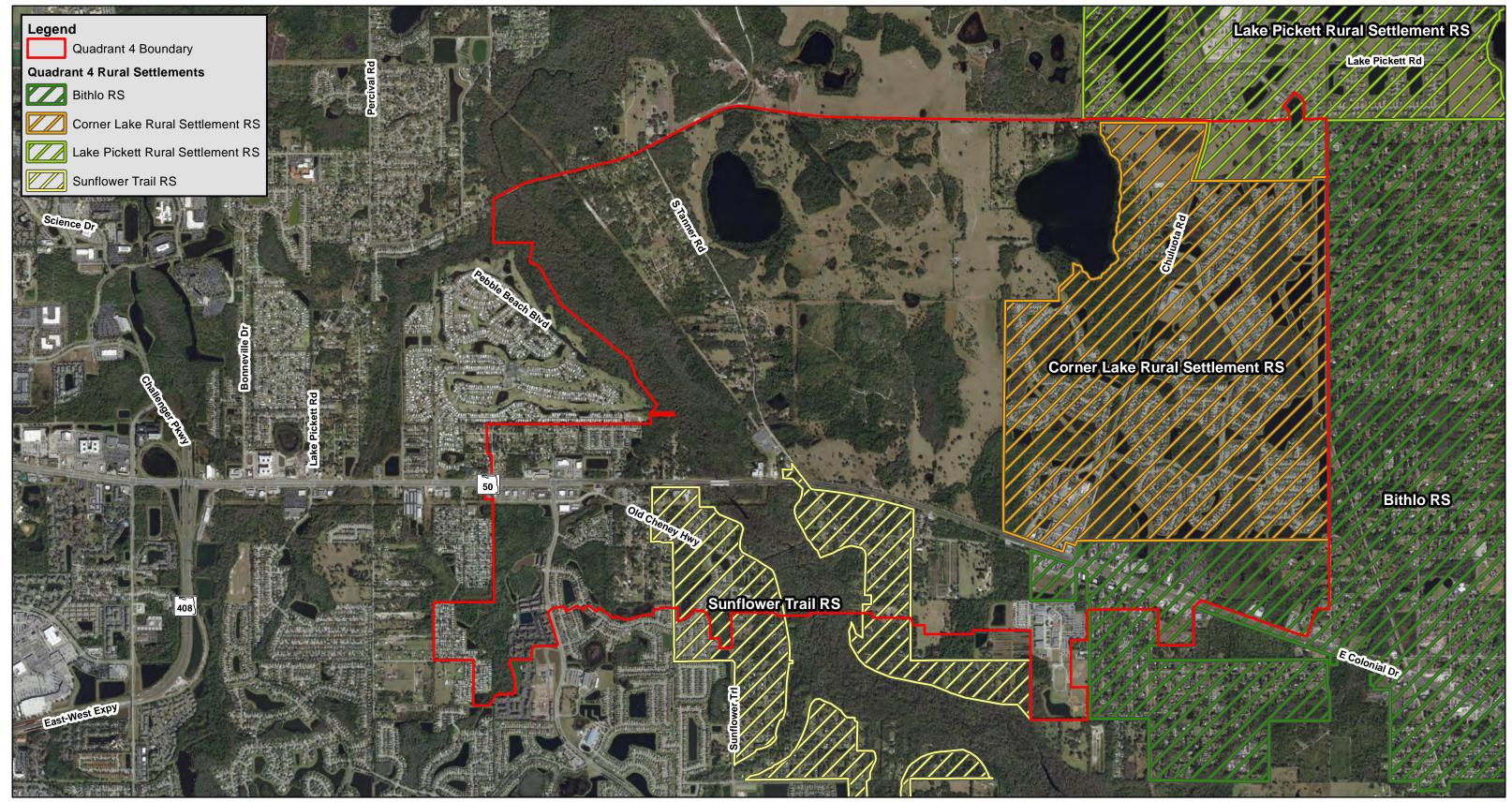
Table 6.1.10: Summary of Rural Settlements in Quadrant 4

Source: Orange County BCC and Planning 2021 GIS layer

The urban service area includes lands where urban development patterns exist or are planned and typically are areas where the County provides infrastructure and services such as utilities to support urban development. Orange County's urban service area exists on the west side of the study area and includes the area west of the Econlockhatchee River.







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Quadrant 4: Rural Settlements



Note: Rural Settlements - Orange County, 2020.

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6.1.4 Major Developments and Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

There are several major developments and developments of regional impact (DRIs) within the project study area. DRIs are large scale developments that are projected to have regional impacts and affect more than just Orange County. **Tables 6.1.11** through **6.1.14** summarize the major developments and DRIs located within each of the study area quadrants, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. The Study Area Major Developments/DRIs for each of the Quadrants can be found in **Exhibits 6.1.11** through **6.1.14.** The information reported is based on information obtained from the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's DRI Plus tool, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Developments of Regional Impact Repository, Orange County's FastTrack online system and the Florida Geographic Database Library (FGDL).

Major Development/DRI	Within Study Area
Quadrangle DRI	1
Central Florida Research Park DRI	1

Table 6.1.11: Summary of Maj	or Developments/DRIs in Quadrant 1
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Source: ECFRPC DRI Plus Tool, FGDL

Quadrangle DRI is a 473.15-acre mixed-use development located northwest of the intersection of Alafaya Trail and University Boulevard, approved in 1984 with conditions. After several amendments, the approved land use plan includes 313,000 square feet of commercial retail, 2,560,000 square feet of office, 588 hotel rooms, and 1,490 multi-family dwelling units, per Map "H" of the Non-Substantial Deviation Amendment to Development Order for the Quadrangle Development of Regional Impact, approved by the BCC on February 17, 2009. This amendment also extended the build-out date to December 30, 2010.

The Central Florida Research Park DRI, formerly known as the UCF Research Park, was originally approved for mixed-use development on 1,027.4 acres located at the northeast corner of SR 434 and SR 50. The original development order approved in 1984 included 5,419,300 square feet of research and development space, a 6,000 square foot bank, 200 hotel rooms, 209,500 square feet office, and 141,500 square feet commercial. In 2007 approximately 217 acres were transferred from the Orange County Research & Development Authority to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, leaving the approximately 810 remaining acres shown in Exhibits 6.1.11 and 6.1.12. The developer also applied for additional development with conditions to include 884,900 square feet research and development space, 500 hotel rooms, and 126,300 square feet commercial, per the most recently available annual report for the reporting period October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013.



Major Development/DRI	Within Study Area
Central Florida Research Park DRI	1
Waterford Lakes DRI	1
High Point of Orlando PD	1

Table 6.1.12: Summary of Major Developments/DRIs in Quadrant 2

Source: ECFRPC DRI Plus Tool, FGDL, Orange County FastTrack Online System

The Central Florida Research Park also falls within Quadrant 1 and is described above.

The Waterford Lakes DRI, formerly known as Huckleberry, was approved for a mixed-use development on 36,028 acres located south of SR 50 along the east side of Alafaya Trail. The original development order approved in 1983 included 1,602 multi-family dwelling units, 440,900 square feet of office, 1,514,607 square feet of town center, 450,900 square feet of office/commercial, and 115,000 square feet of retail. After several amendments, the approved land use plan includes 675 multi-family dwelling units, 1,055,900 square feet of office, and 1,601,607 square feet of commercial retail per the Non-Substantial Deviation Amendment to Development Order for the Waterford Lakes Town Center Development Program DRI, approved by the BCC on May 23, 2000. This DRI is mostly built out.

High Point of Orlando originated as a DRI but was later reclassified as a Planned Development (PD). It includes lands developed as retail/commercial at the intersection of Rouse Road and SR 50, and the Highpoint Club Apartments and Sylvan Pond subdivision on Rouse Road. Along Bloomfield Road, the PD includes the Dean Point, Shannon Trace, Briar Bay, Huntridge, and Cypress Lakes II subdivisions, as well as the Pine Harbour apartment complex. It also includes Lawton Chiles Elementary School, industrial tracts south of Lake Underhill Road and 100,101 SF of self-storage. This PD is mostly built out.

Major Development/DRI	Within Study Area
Rybolt Park DRI (withdrawn)	1
Sustanee	1

Source: ECFRPC DRI Plus Tool, FGDL, Orange County FastTrack Online System



The proposed, but later withdrawn, Rybolt Park DRI is located south of the Orange/Seminole County Line and McCulloch Road, west of Chuluota Road (SR 419), north of Lake Pickett Road and east of the Rybolt Reserve, Stonemeade, and Tanner Crossing subdivisions. Rybolt Park was a proposed DRI with a preapplication in 2008 that had not yet been approved. The proposed development plan for the 1,441-acre property included 2,000,000 square feet of office park, 150,000 square feet of retail, 50,000 square feet of office, 25,000 square feet of civic use, 3,300 multi-family dwelling units, 300 hotel rooms, 1,700 single family dwelling units, and one K-8 school. The DRI application was withdrawn; however, a portion of the Rybolt Park DRI property later became known as Lake Pickett North and is currently known as the planned Sustanee development.

The Sustanee development includes approximately 1,436 gross acres of land generally north of Lake Pickett Road, west of Chuluota Road, and east of the Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area. An application has been submitted to adopt a Conceptual Regulating Plan (CRP) that is consistent with the Lake Pickett future land use designation. The proposed development plan is less intense than the previous Rybolt Park DRI and includes 2,400 residential dwelling units and the community resources to support the development (a community center, a planned fire station, and a school site). A traffic study has been submitted and an agreement to address transportation improvements will be required.

Major Development/DRI	Within Study Area	
The GROW	1	

Table 6.1.14: Summary of Major Developments/DRIs in Quadrant 4

Source: Orange County FastTrack Online System

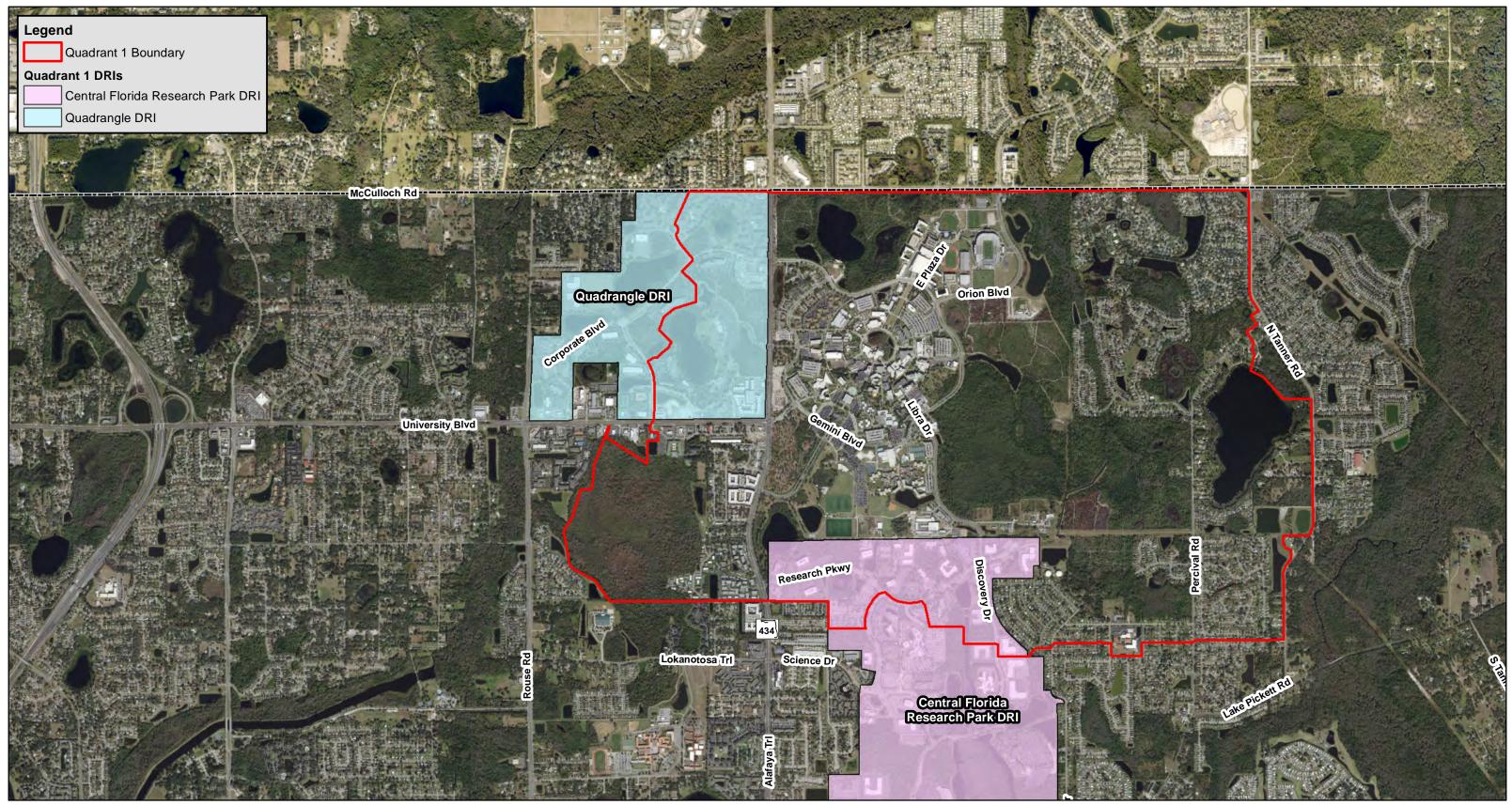
The GROW community, also known as Lake Pickett South, is a proposed farm-like, mixed-use community development located north of East Colonial Drive, west of Chuluota Road, south of Lake Pickett Road, and east of South Tanner Road and Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area. The total acreage of the property is 1,188 acres and includes 1,778 single-family dwelling units, 300 townhomes, 165,000 square feet of retail/commercial, and 7,000 square feet of office space. The 2016 Land Use Plan was approved, but the associated Preliminary Subdivision Plan has not yet been approved.



It should be noted that the River Cross development, proposed just north of the overall study area in Seminole County as a land swap for the Econ Wilderness Area, as of the writing of this technical memo, will not proceed. This development, which was proposed for up to 1,338 residential units and 200,000 square feet of offices and commercial uses, could have had a significant impact on traffic and the environment. However, the River Cross development received pushback from the developer after initial denial, and in June 2021 a federal judge ruled that the county commissioners' unanimous rejection was fair and valid and that the land swap and River Cross community would not go forward with development. However, a notice has been filed that the developer plans to appeal the federal judge's ruling.

6.1.5 Special Area Studies / Plans

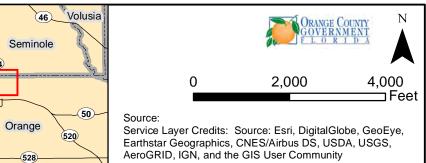
The project area is included within the study area boundary of the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force (ECFCTF) Study published in 2014 and submitted to then-Governor Rick Scott. The ECFCTF Study described the importance of conservation of regionally significant natural resources such as the Econlockhatchee River, and preservation of natural lands, including the Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area. The ECFCTF Study also identified future transportation corridor needs for east/west travel between Orange/Osceola counties and Brevard County as well as north/south travel in eastern Orange and Osceola counties. One alternative presented in the ECFCTF Study includes the preservation and enhancement of the existing SR 50 corridor, recognizing the need for connectivity between high-technology research and employment centers such as the University of Central Florida within the project study area. A result of this study was a PD&E Study conducted by the Central Florida Expressway Authority in 2015 and the extension of SR 408 to SR 50.

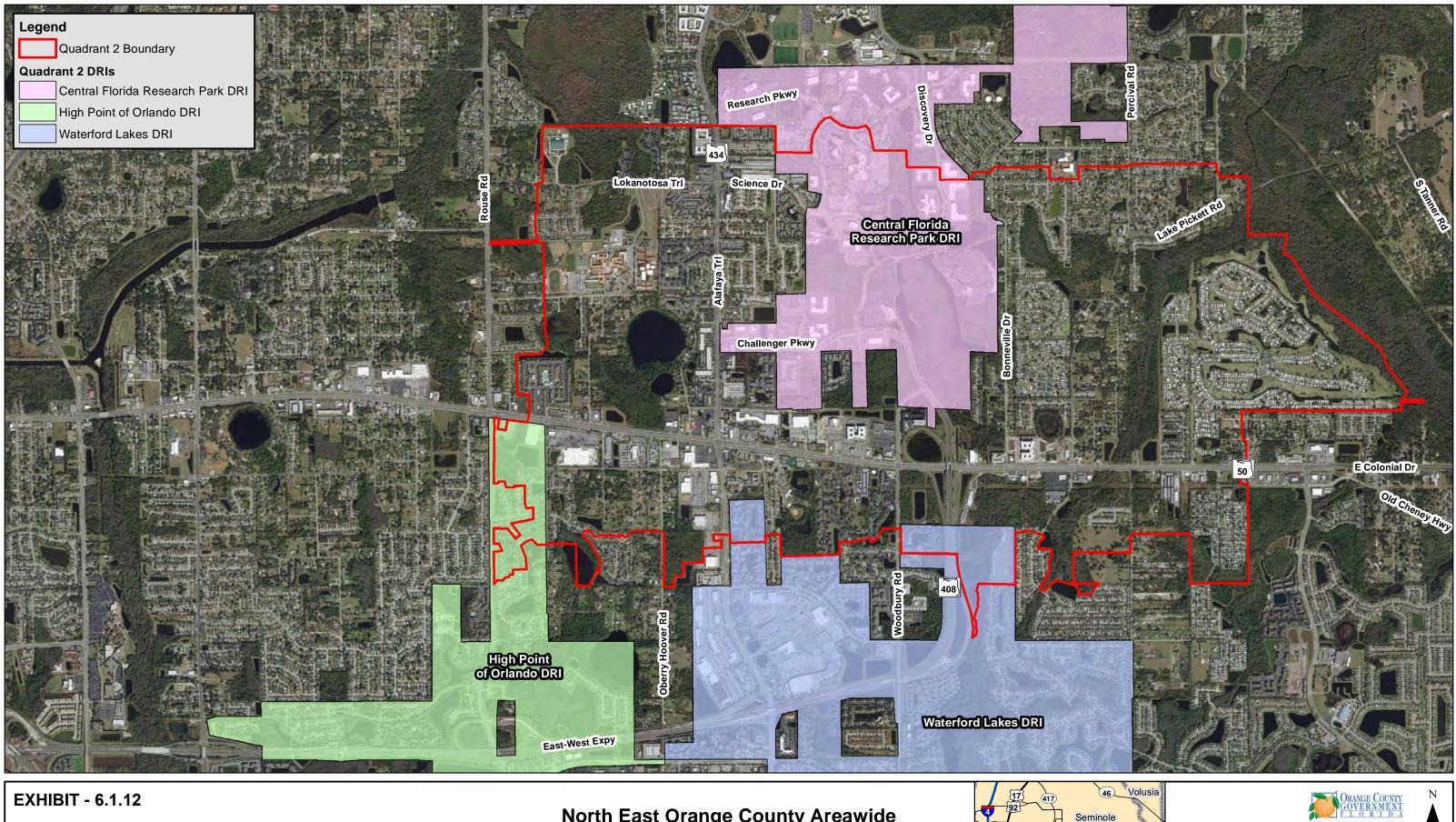


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Quadrant 1: Major Developments/DRIs

Note: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 2018. Planned Developments - Orange County, 2019



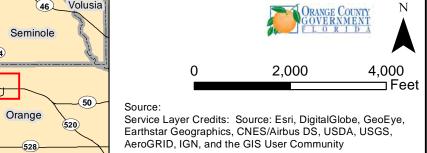


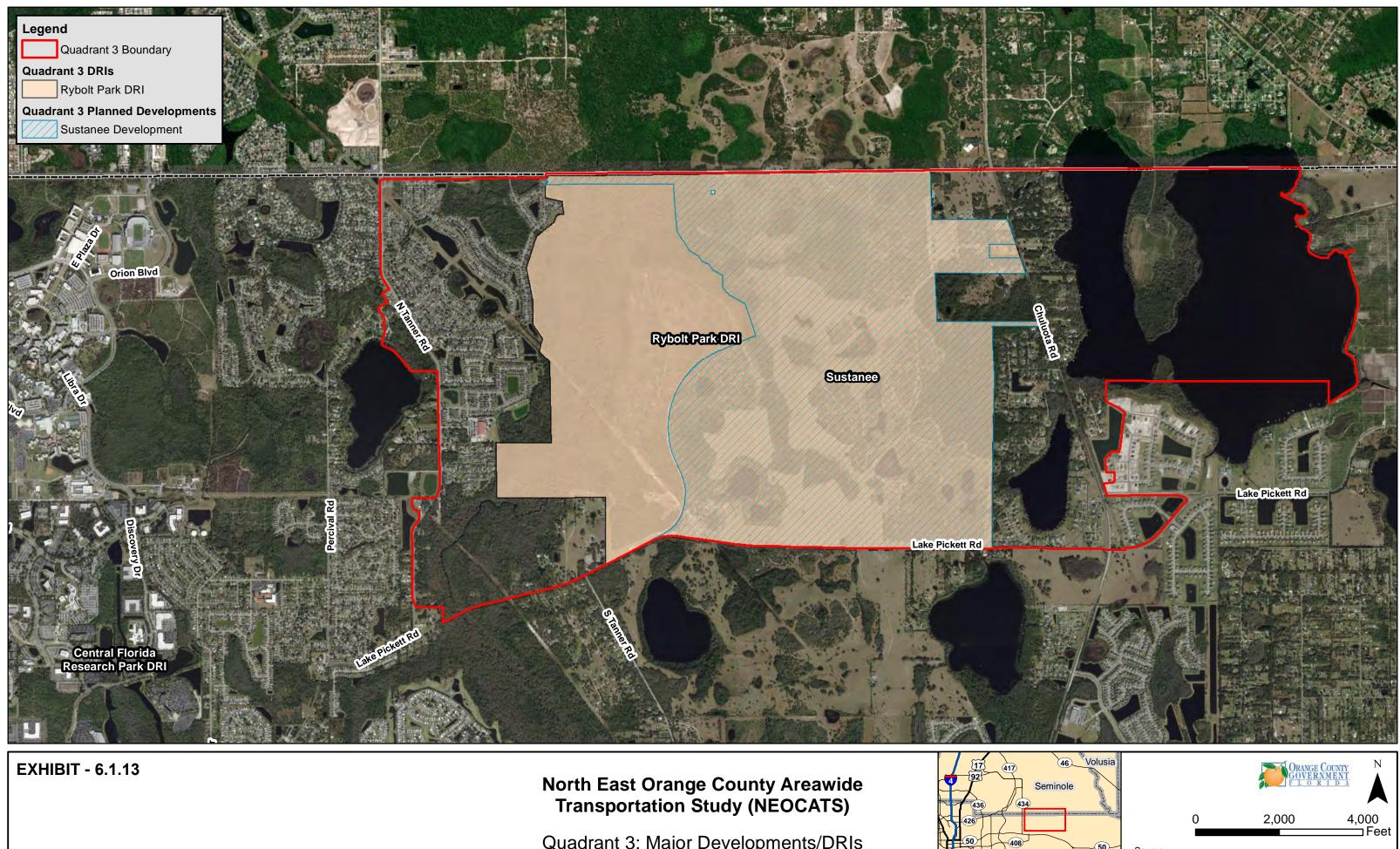
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Quadrant 2: Major Developments/DRIs



Note: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 2018. Planned Developments - Orange County, 2019





Quadrant 3: Major Developments/DRIs

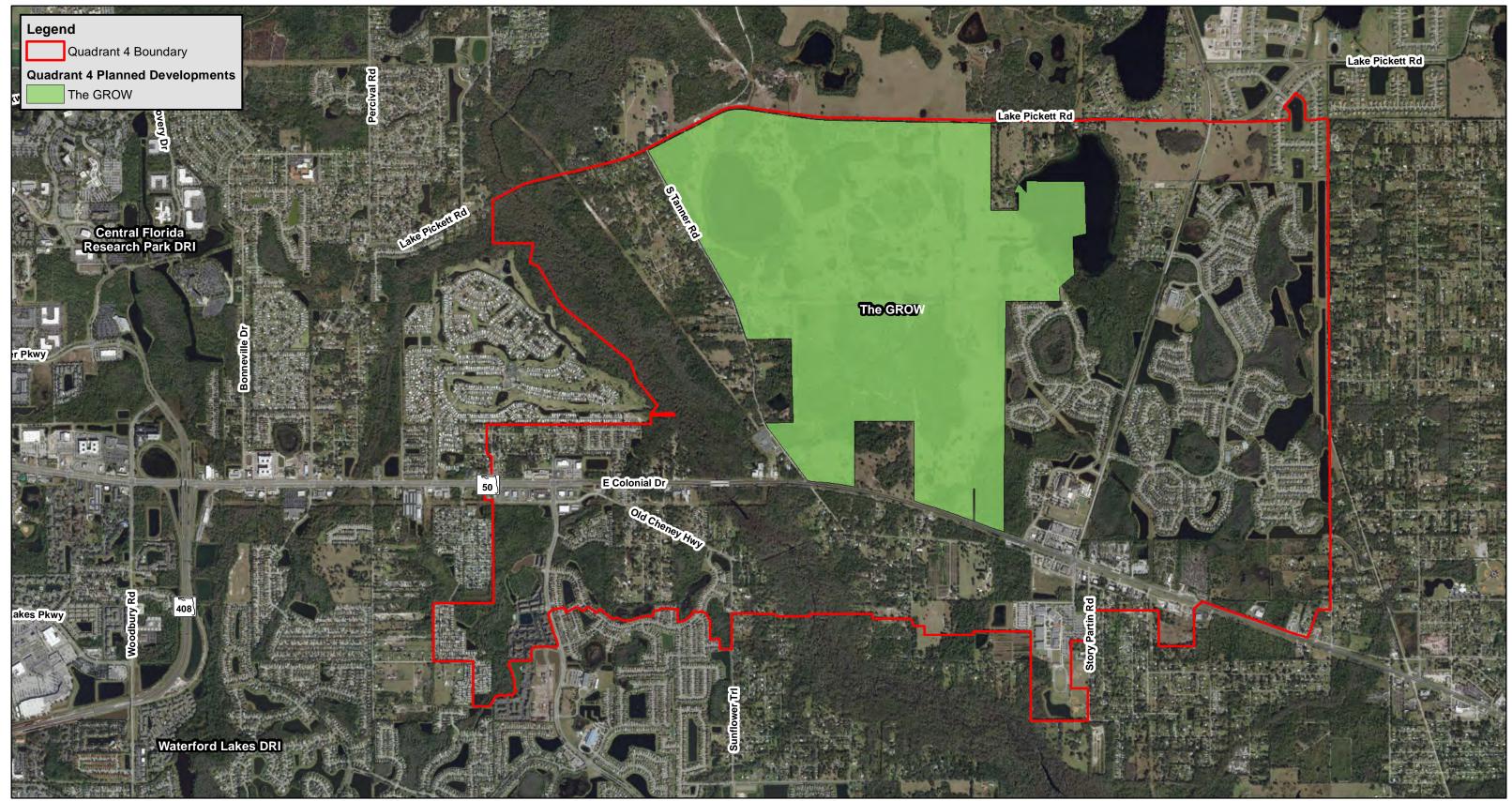
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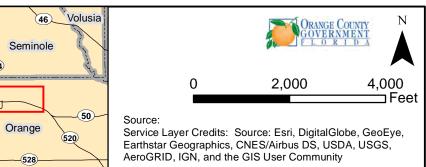
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Quadrant 4: Major Developments/DRIs

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6.1.6 Existing Land Use

The Florida Land Use, Cover, and Forms Classification System (FLUCFCS) was used to identify the existing land uses for the project area. **Tables 6.1.15** through **6.1.18** summarize the existing land uses located within each of the study area quadrants, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. Within Quadrant 1, the most prominent land use is Institutional, due to the University of Central Florida, followed by High Density Residential and Pine Flatwoods land uses. In Quadrant 2, the most prominent land use is High Density Residential, followed by Commercial and Services. While the northwest portion of Quadrant 4 is still mostly undeveloped, the southern and eastern portions are significantly residential. The most prominent existing land uses in Quadrant 4 are Improved Pastures, followed by High Density Residential and Low Density Residential. The Study Area existing land use for each of the Quadrants can be found in **Exhibits 6.1.15** through **6.1.18**.



TABLE 6.1.15 - EXISTING LAND USES IN QUADRANT 1			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q1 Acres	Percent of Q1
1100	Residential, Low Density	35.66	1.13%
1200	Residential, Medium Density	278.55	8.86%
1300	Residential, High Density	388.48	12.35%
1400	Commercial and Services	320.64	10.20%
1700	Institutional	636.86	20.25%
1850	Parks and Zoos	4.92	0.16%
1860	Community Recreational Facilities	2.58	0.08%
1900	Open Land	6.36	0.20%
2150	Field Crops	2.78	0.09%
3100	Herbaceous Upland Non-Forested	21.39	0.68%
3200	Shrub and Bushland	62.09	1.97%
3300	Mixed Upland Non-Forested	2.48	0.08%
4110	Pine Flatwoods	381.47	12.13%
4200	Upland Hardwood Forests	1.85	0.06%
4340	Upland Mixed Coniferous/Hardwood	61.00	1.94%
5200	Lakes	135.98	4.32%
5250	Open Water Within a Freshwater Marsh	7.11	0.23%
5300	Reservoirs – Pits, Retention Ponds, Dams	99.57	3.17%
6110	Bay Swamp (If Distinct)	6.41	0.20%
6170	Mixed Wetland Hardwoods	75.86	2.41%
6210	Cypress	35.61	1.13%
6250	Hydric Pine Flatwoods	98.86	3.14%
6300	Wetland Forested Mixed	254.40	8.09%
6410	Freshwater Marshes	35.12	1.12%
6430	Wet Prairies	38.48	1.22%
6440	Emergent Aquatic Vegetation	14.04	0.45%
6460	Mixed Scrub-Shrub Wetland	42.27	1.34%
8140	Roads and Highways	43.26	1.38%
8200	Communications	0.84	0.03%
8310	Electrical Power Facilities	2.13	0.07%
8320	Electrical Power Transmission Lines	13.83	0.44%
8330	Water Supply Plants	8.28	0.26%
8340	Sewage Treatment	16.61	0.53%
8370	Surface Water Collection Ponds	9.03	0.29%
	Totals for Area of Interest	3,144.80	100.00%



Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q2 Acres	Percent of Q2
1100	Residential, Low Density	175.75	4.71%
1200	Residential, Medium Density	244.32	6.54%
1300	Residential, High Density	1053.82	28.22%
1400	Commercial and Services	643.14	17.22%
1490	Commercial and Services Under Construction	3.55	0.10%
1700	Institutional	161.74	4.33%
1820	Golf Courses	86.68	2.32%
1890	Other Recreational (Stables, Go-Carts)	3.47	0.09%
1900	Open Land	27.84	0.75%
2110	Improved Pastures (Monocult, Planted Forage Crops)	13.96	0.37%
2410	Tree Nurseries	6.46	0.17%
3100	Herbaceous Upland Non-Forested	16.90	0.45%
3200	Shrub and Brushland (Wax Myrtle or Saw Palmetto, Occasionally Scrub Oak)	6.80	0.18%
3300	Mixed Upland Non-Forested	12.93	0.35%
4110	Pine Flatwoods	310.80	8.32%
4340	Upland Mixed Coniferous/Hardwood	42.47	1.14%
5100	Streams and Waterways	0.48	0.01%
5200	Lakes	33.70	0.90%
5300	Reservoirs - Pits, Retention Ponds, Dams	184.48	4.94%
6110	Bay Swamp (if Distinct)	4.18	0.11%
6170	Mixed Wetland Hardwoods	161.82	4.33%
6210	Cypress	9.35	0.25%
6250	Hydric Pine Flatwoods	48.06	1.29%
6300	Wetland Forested Mixed	223.01	5.97%
6410	Freshwater Marshes	35.97	0.96%
6430	Wet Prairies	1.44	0.04%
6440	Emergent Aquatic Vegetation	18.63	0.50%
6460	Mixed Scrub-Shrub Wetland	8.45	0.23%
7420	Borrow Areas	8.93	0.24%
8140	Roads and Highways (Divided 4-Lanes with Medians)	144.33	3.86%
8310	Electrical Power Facilities	1.14	0.03%
8320	Electrical Power Transmission Lines	7.05	0.19%
8330	Water Supply Plants	1.27	0.03%
8370	Surface Water Collection Ponds	31.98	0.86%
	Totals for Area of Interest	3,734.90	100.00%



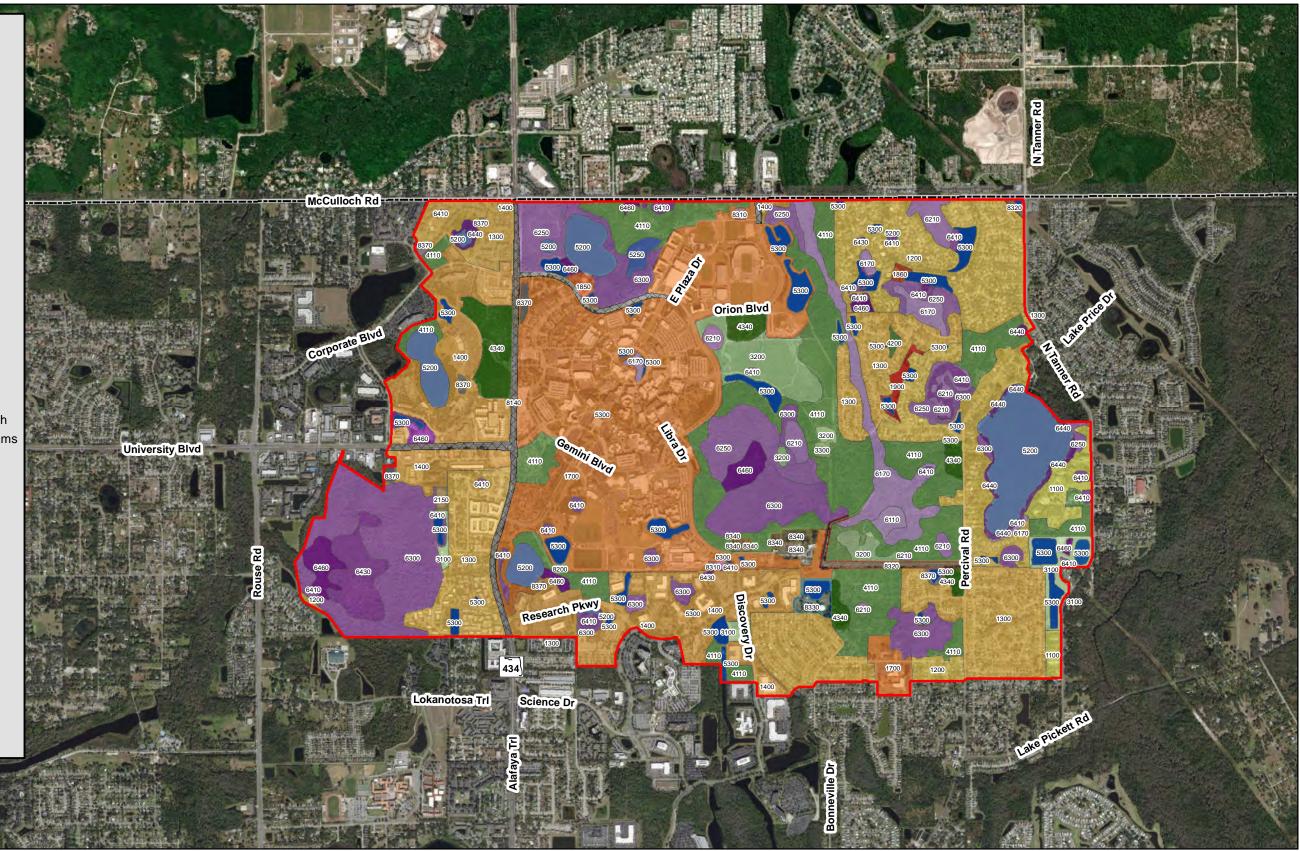
TABLE 6.1.17 - EXISTING LAND USES IN QUADRANT 3			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q3 Acres	Percent of Q3
1100	Residential, Low Density	261.13	6.15%
1180	Rural Residential	92.38	2.18%
1200	Residential, Medium Density	71.62	1.69%
1300	Residential, high density	313.88	7.40%
1400	Commercial and Services	1.48	0.03%
1700	Institutional	11.68	0.28%
1900	Open Land	3.99	0.09%
2110	Improved Pastures (Monocult, Planted Forage Crops)	461.90	10.89%
2120	Unimproved Pastures	390.64	9.21%
2130	Woodland Pastures	458.31	10.80%
2210	Citrus Groves	53.38	1.26%
2510	Horse Farms	37.82	0.89%
3100	Herbaceous Upland Non-Forested	12.23	0.29%
3200	Shrub and Brushland (Wax Myrtle or Saw Palmetto, Occasionally Scrub Oak)	22.24	0.52%
4110	Pine Flatwoods	36.78	0.87%
4210	Xeric Oak	52.36	1.23%
4340	Upland Mixed Coniferous/Hardwood	30.79	0.73%
5200	Lakes	647.05	15.25%
5300	Reservoirs - Pits, Retention Ponds, Dams	49.28	1.16%
6110	Bay Swamp (If Distinct)	49.40	1.16%
6170	Mixed Wetland Hardwoods	146.12	3.44%
6210	Cypress	59.41	1.40%
6250	Hydric Pine Flatwoods	46.32	1.09%
6300	Wetland Forested Mixed	705.26	16.62%
6410	Freshwater Marshes	48.57	1.14%
6430	Wet Prairies	9.98	0.24%
6440	Emergent Aquatic Vegetation	44.21	1.04%
6460	Mixed Scrub-Shrub Wetland	76.42	1.80%
8200	Communications	0.69	0.02%
8320	Electrical Power Transmission Lines	46.41	1.09%
8370	Surface Water Collection Ponds	1.54	0.04%
٦	otals for Area of Interest	4,243.27	100.00%



TABLE 6.1.18 - EXISTING LAND USES IN QUADRANT 4			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q4 Acres	Percent of Q4
1100	Residential, Low Density	426.09	9.30%
1180	Rural Residential	51.97	1.13%
1200	Residential, Medium Density	394.47	8.61%
1300	Residential, High Density	453.51	9.90%
1400	Commercial and Services	146.72	3.20%
1490	Commercial and Services Under Construction	1.07	0.02%
1550	Other Light Industrial	12.26	0.27%
1700	Institutional	115.54	2.52%
1860	Community Recreational Facilities	13.34	0.29%
1900	Open Land	16.97	0.37%
2110	Improved Pastures (Monocult, Planted Forage Crops)	741.31	16.18%
2120	Unimproved Pastures	56.72	1.24%
2130	Woodland Pastures	184.39	4.02%
2210	Citrus Groves	10.20	0.22%
2400	Nurseries and Vineyards	4.40	0.10%
2430	Ornamentals	18.24	0.40%
2500	Specialty Farms	2.81	0.06%
3100	Herbaceous Upland Non-Forested	36.16	0.79%
3200	Shrub and Brushland (Wax Myrtle or Saw Palmetto, Occasionally Scrub Oak)	48.35	1.06%
3300	Mixed Upland Non-Forested	25.31	0.55%
4110	Pine Flatwoods	173.97	3.80%
4200	Upland Hardwood Forests	10.77	0.23%
4340	Upland Mixed Coniferous/Hardwood	54.94	1.20%
5100	Streams and Waterways	0.83	0.02%
5200	Lakes	152.77	3.33%
5300	Reservoirs - Pits, Retention Ponds, Dams	183.38	4.00%
6170	Mixed Wetland Hardwoods	390.05	8.51%
6210	Cypress	145.31	3.17%
6250	Hydric Pine Flatwoods	185.46	4.05%
6300	Wetland Forested Mixed	323.62	7.06%
6410	Freshwater Marshes	24.92	0.54%
6430	Wet Prairies	18.87	0.41%
6440	Emergent Aquatic Vegetation	25.45	0.56%
6460	Mixed Scrub-Shrub Wetland	36.06	0.79%

TABLE 6.1.18 - EXISTING LAND USES IN QUADRANT 4			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q4 Acres	Percent of Q4
8140	Road and Highways (Divided 4-Lanes with Medians)	55.11	1.20%
8200	Communications	1.95	0.04%
8310	Electrical Power Facilities	11.31	0.25%
8320	Electrical Power Transmission Lines	21.40	0.47%
8370	Surface Water Collection Ponds	6.83	0.14%
	Totals for Area of Interest	4,582.83	100.00%

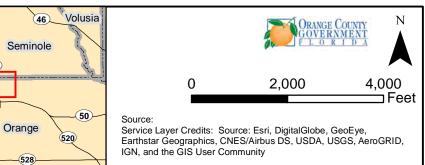


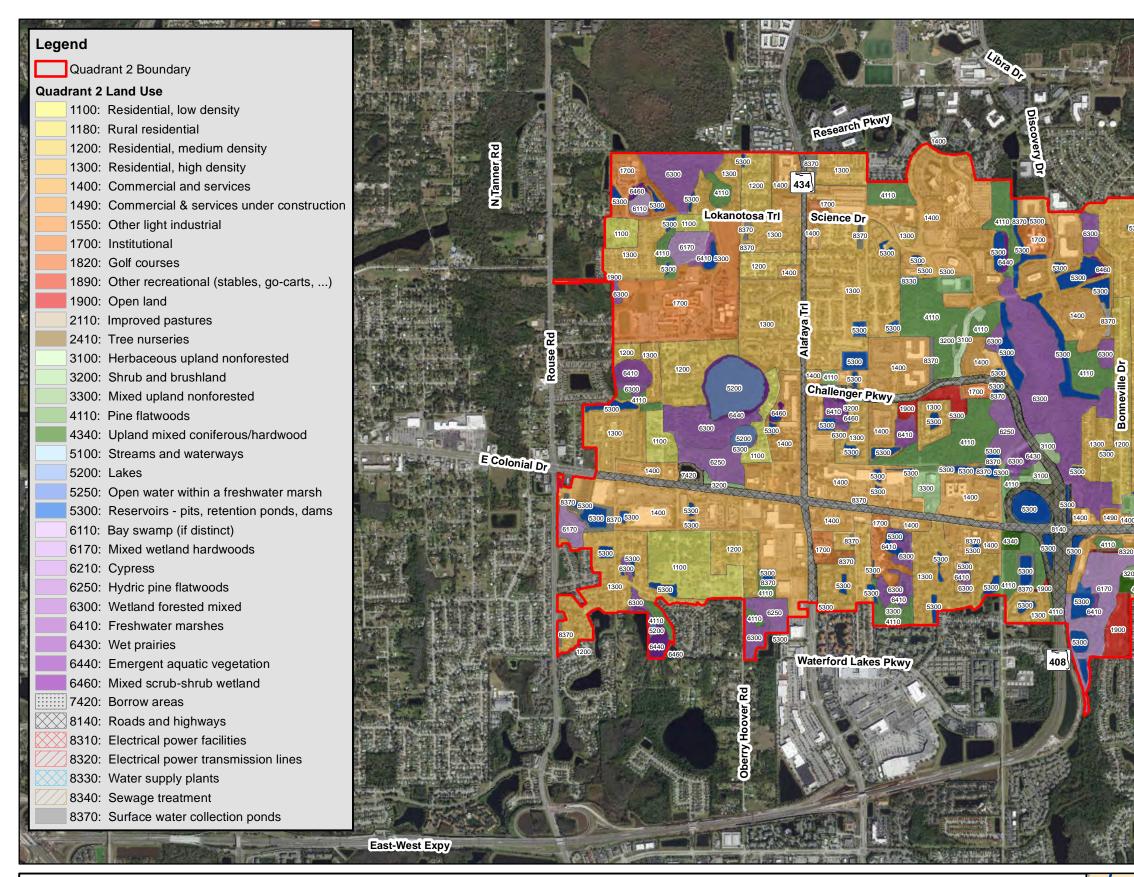


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Quadrant 1: Existing Land Use

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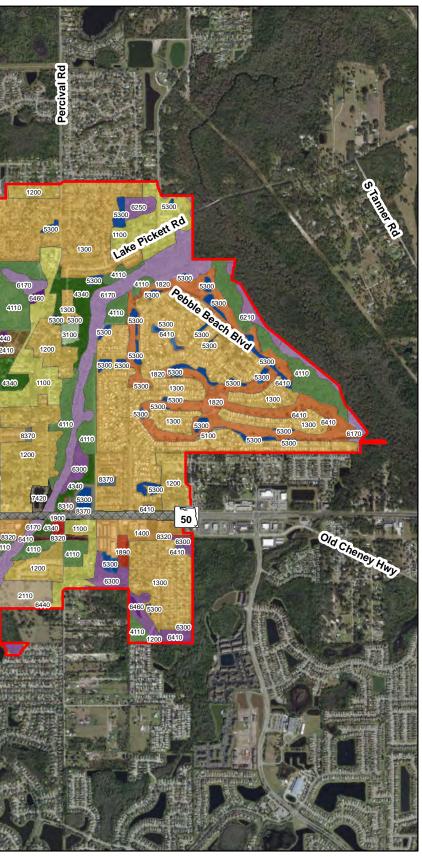


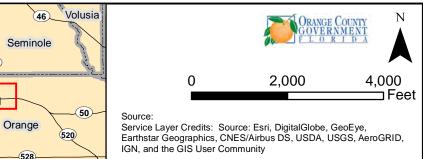


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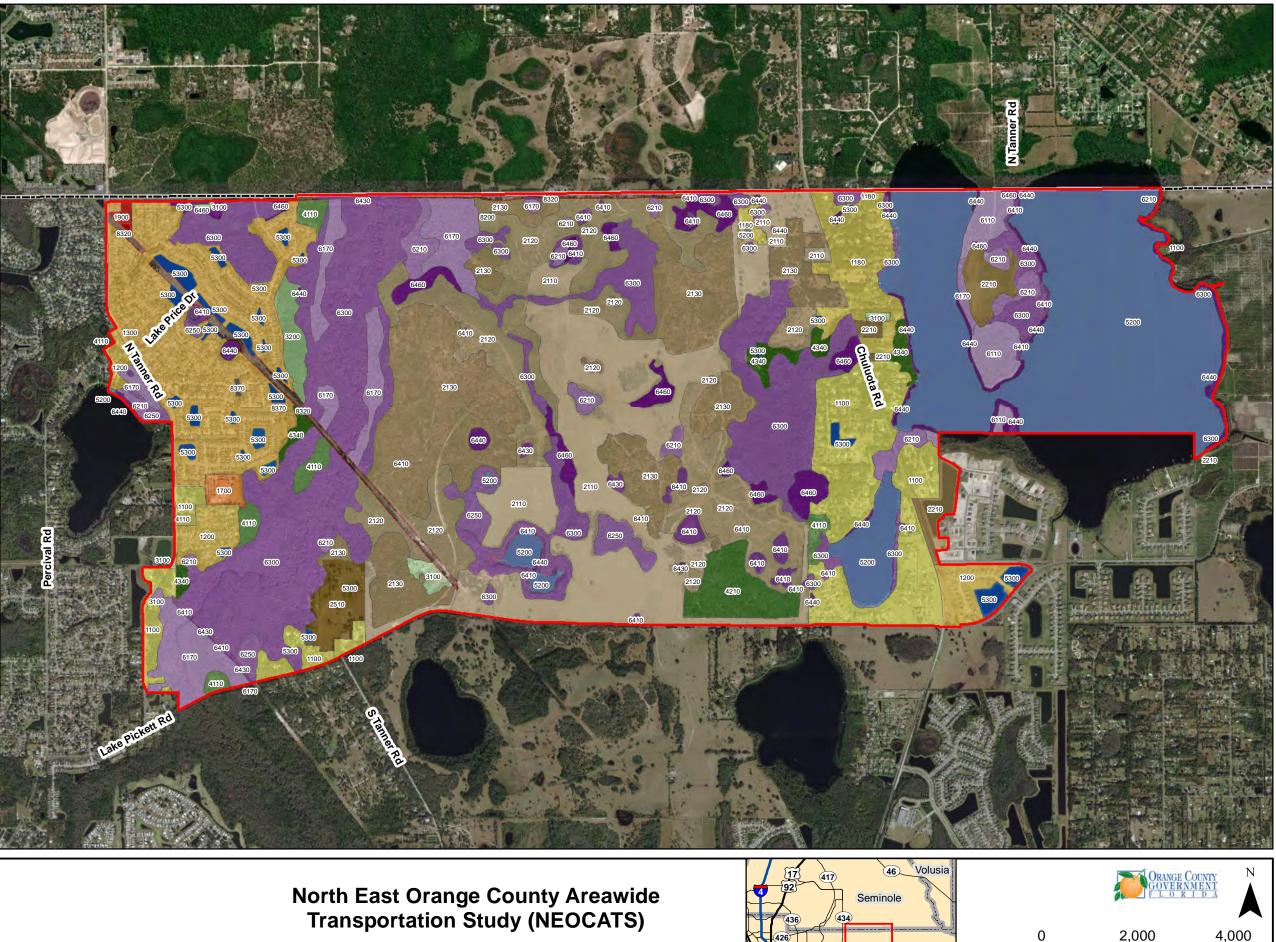
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Quadrant 3: Existing Land Use



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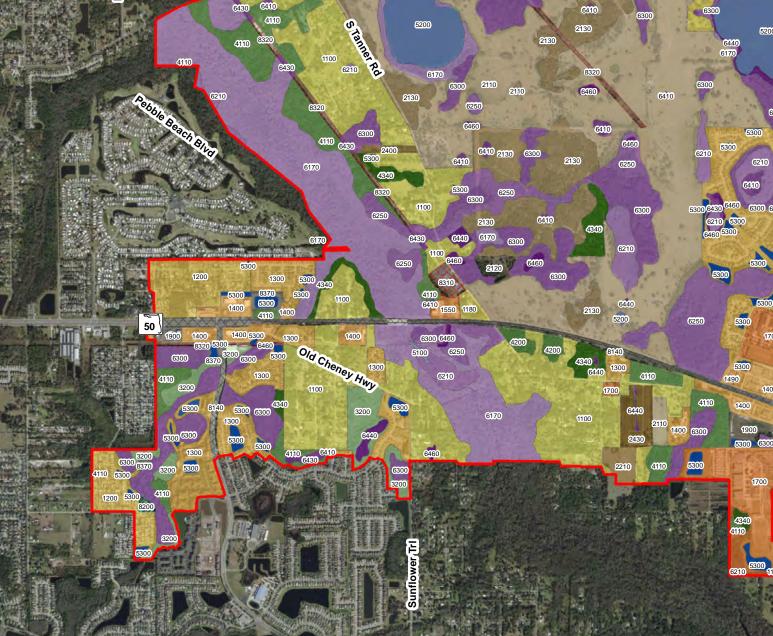
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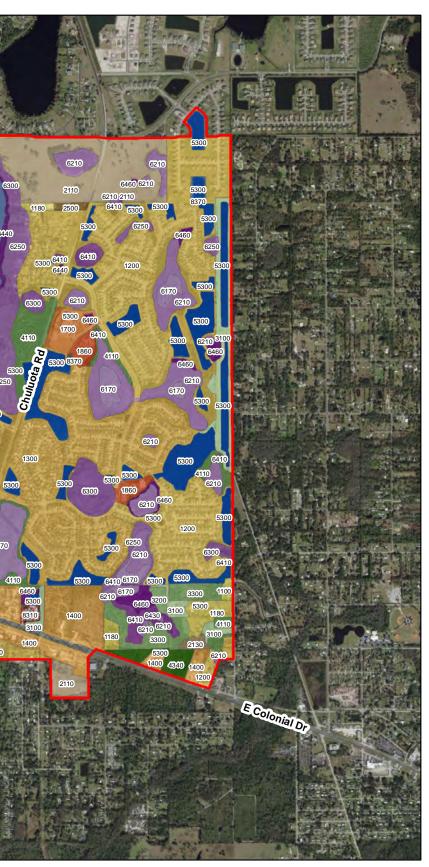
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	Quadr	ant 4 Boundary
Quad	rant 4	Land Use
	1100:	Residential, low density
	1180:	Rural residential
	1200:	Residential, medium density
	1300:	Residential, high density
	1400:	Commercial and services
	1490:	Commercial & services under construction
	1550:	Other light industrial
	1700:	Institutional
	1850:	Parks and zoos
	1860:	Community recreational facilities
	2110:	Improved pastures
	2130:	Woodland pastures
	2210:	Citrus groves
	2400:	Nurseries and vineyards
	2430:	Ornamentals
	2500:	Specialty farms
	3100:	Herbaceous upland nonforested
	3200:	Shrub and brushland
	3300:	Mixed upland nonforested
	4110:	Pine flatwoods
	4200:	Upland hardwood forests
	4210:	Xeric oak
	4340:	Upland mixed coniferous/hardwood
	5100:	Streams and waterways
	5200:	Lakes
	5300:	Reservoirs - pits, retention ponds, dams
	6170:	Mixed wetland hardwoods
	6210:	Cypress
	6250:	Hydric pine flatwoods
	6300:	Wetland forested mixed
	6410:	Freshwater marshes
	6430:	Wet prairies
	6440:	Emergent aquatic vegetation
	6460:	Mixed scrub-shrub wetland
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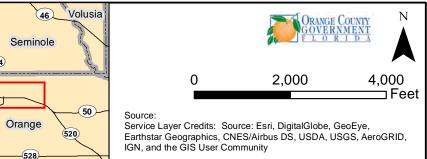
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Quadrant 4: Existing Land Use

Note: Existing Land Use - SJWMD, Land Use Land Code FLUCFCS, 2016.









6.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC FEATURES

Cultural resources are defined by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 and governed by federal and state regulations. Section 106 of the NHPA provides a general process for cultural resource assessments and requires historic and archaeological resources be considered in project planning for federally funded or permitted projects. Cultural resources or "historic properties" include any "prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)." Any archaeological sites or historic resources that are listed, determined eligible, or considered potentially eligible by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for listing in the NRHP, are identified in **Tables 6.2.1** through **6.2.4**, respectively for Quadrants 1 through **4.** These sites along with other state recorded sites and survey locations for each of the Quadrants can be found in **Exhibits 6.2.1** through **6.2.4**.

Cultural Resources	Within Study Area
SHPO Structures	0
SHPO Bridges	0
SHPO Resource Groups	0
National Register (Site, District, Building)	0
Archaeological Sites	0
SHPO Surveys	12

Table 6.2.1: Summary of Cultural Resources in Quadrant 1

Source: FGDL, FMSF

According to the Florida Master Site File (FMSF), there are no historic sites, resource groups, or archaeological sites within the Quadrant 1 Study Area. However, 12 cultural resource assessment surveys have been conducted within and in the vicinity of the Study Area. These previous surveys cover the majority of the Quadrant 1.



Cultural Resources	Within Study Area
SHPO Structures	23
SHPO Bridges	0
SHPO Resource Groups	1
lational Register (Site, District, Building)	0
rchaeological Sites	0
SHPO Surveys	12
Source: FGDL, FMSF	

Table 6.2.2: Summary of Cultural Resources in Quadrant 2

According to the Florida Master Site File (FMSF), there are 23 historic sites within Quadrant 2. All 23 sites are listed as ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP but six (6) of the 23 sites have not been evaluated by SHPO. All six (6) sites are private residential homes and five (5) of the sites are classified as being potential contributors to the National Register District due to the potential ability of meeting the required criteria put forth by SHPO. There is one (1) historic resource group located in Quadrant 2 that is associated with a drainage canal and is ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP due to the lack of historical significance. In addition, 12 cultural resource assessment surveys have been conducted within and in the vicinity of Quadrant 2.

Cultural Resources	Within Study Area
SHPO Structures	5
SHPO Bridges	0
SHPO Resource Groups	0
National Register (Site, District, Building)	0
Archaeological Sites	0
SHPO Surveys	12

Table 6.2.3: Summary of Cultural Resources in Quadrant 3

Source: FGDL, FMSF

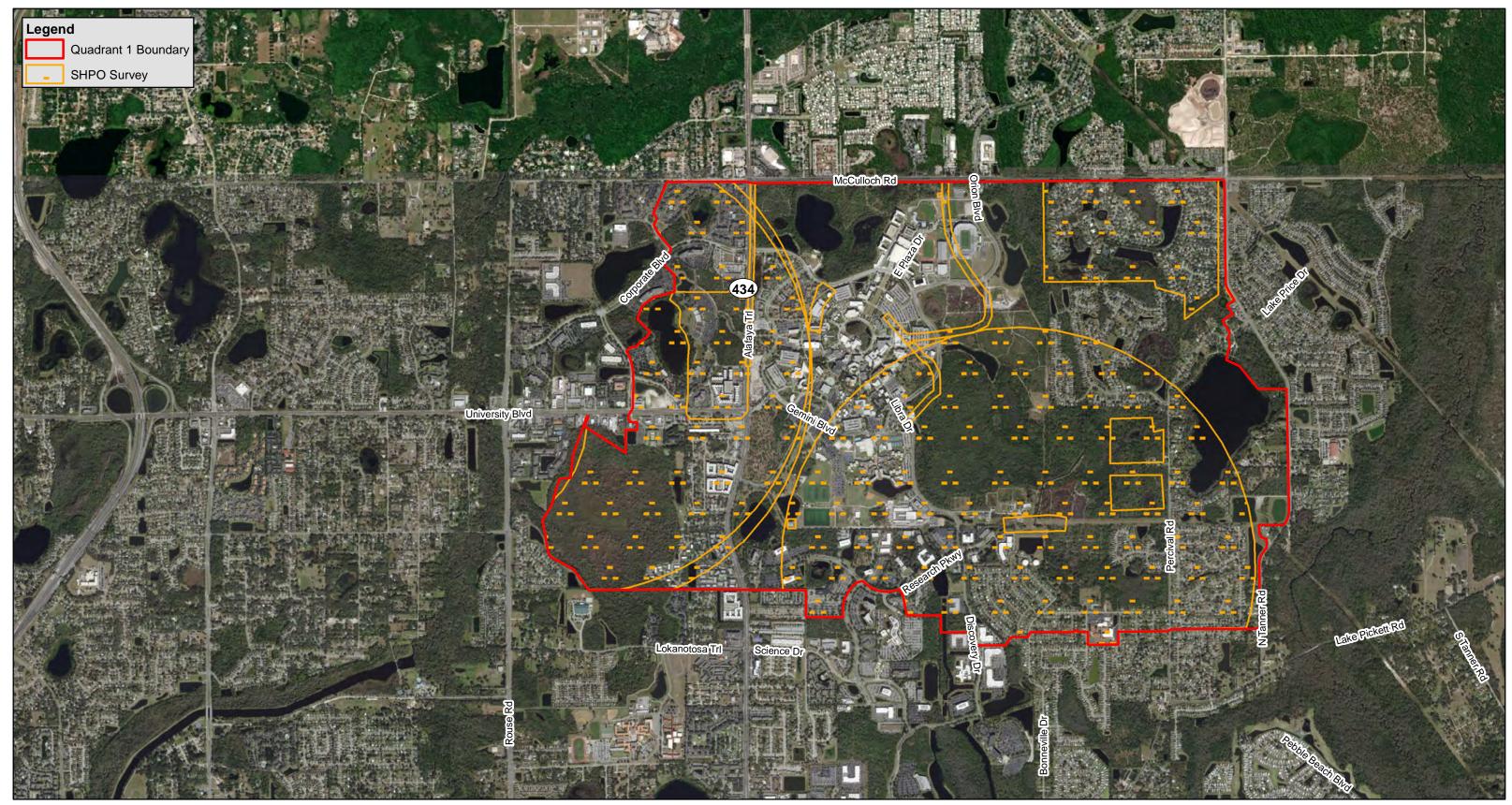


According to the Florida Master Site File (FMSF), there are five (5) historic sites within Quadrant 3. All five sites are listed as ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP but two (2) have not been evaluated by SHPO. Both sites are registered as private residences and are classified as being potential contributors to the National Register District. In addition, 12 cultural resource assessment surveys have been conducted within and in the vicinity of Quadrant 3.

Cultural Resources	Within Study Area
SHPO Structures	125
SHPO Bridges	2
SHPO Resource Groups	7
National Register (Site, District, Building)	0
Archaeological Sites	0
SHPO Surveys	20
Source: FGDL, FMSF	

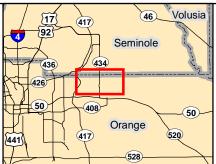
Table 6.2.4: Summary of Cultural Resources in Quadrant 4

According to the Florida Master Site File (FMSF), there are 125 historic sites within the Quadrant 4. All 125 sites are listed as ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP but two (2) have not been evaluated by SHPO. Both sites are listed as a private residence and are potential contributors to the National Register District. Two (2) bridges are located within the Quadrant but are ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Seven (7) historic resource groups were identified; however, all groups are ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP due to lack of sufficient historic significance and architectural distinction. In addition, 20 cultural resource assessment surveys have been conducted within and in the vicinity of Quadrant 4.



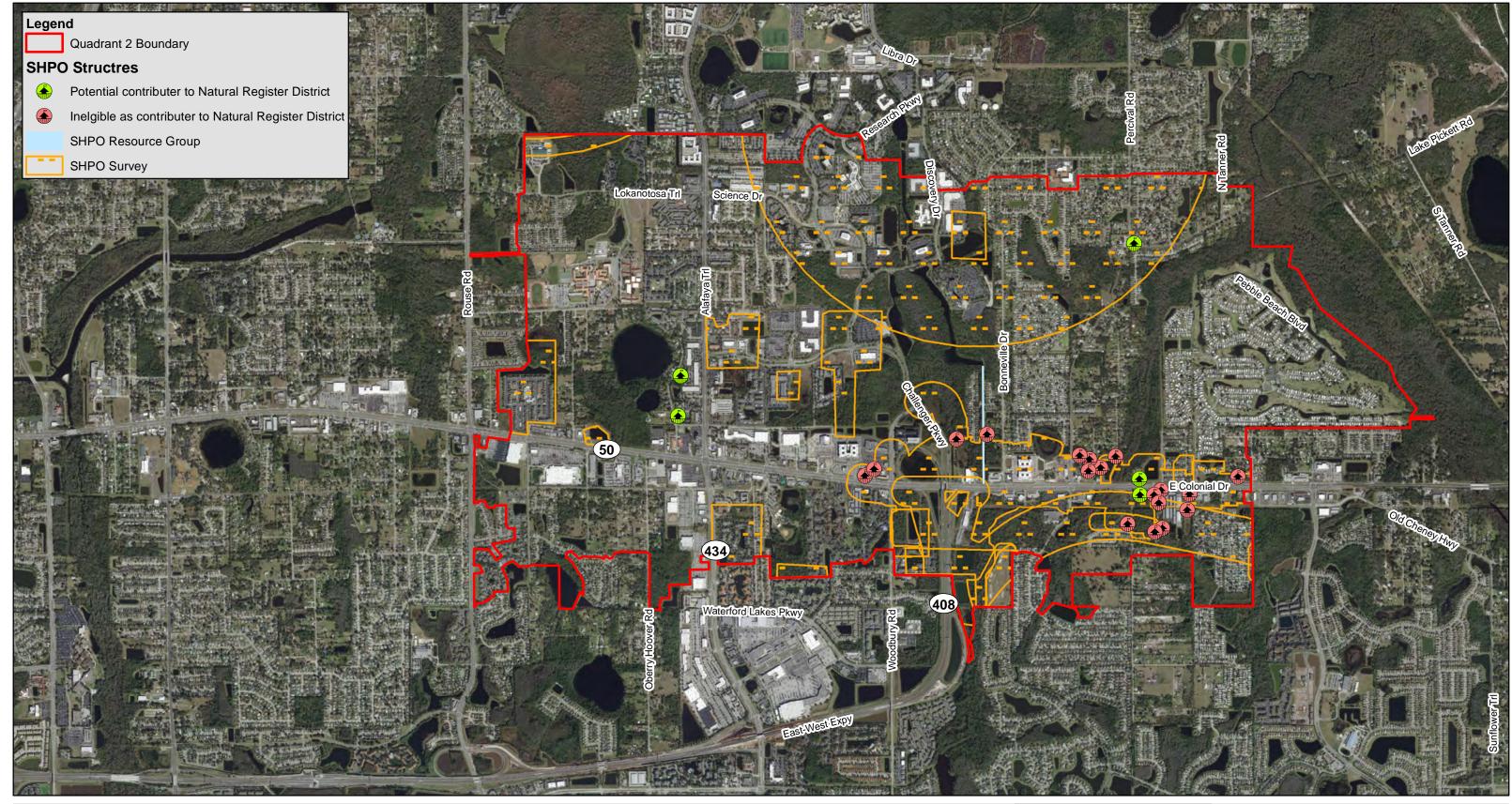
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Quadrant 1: Cultural Resources Map



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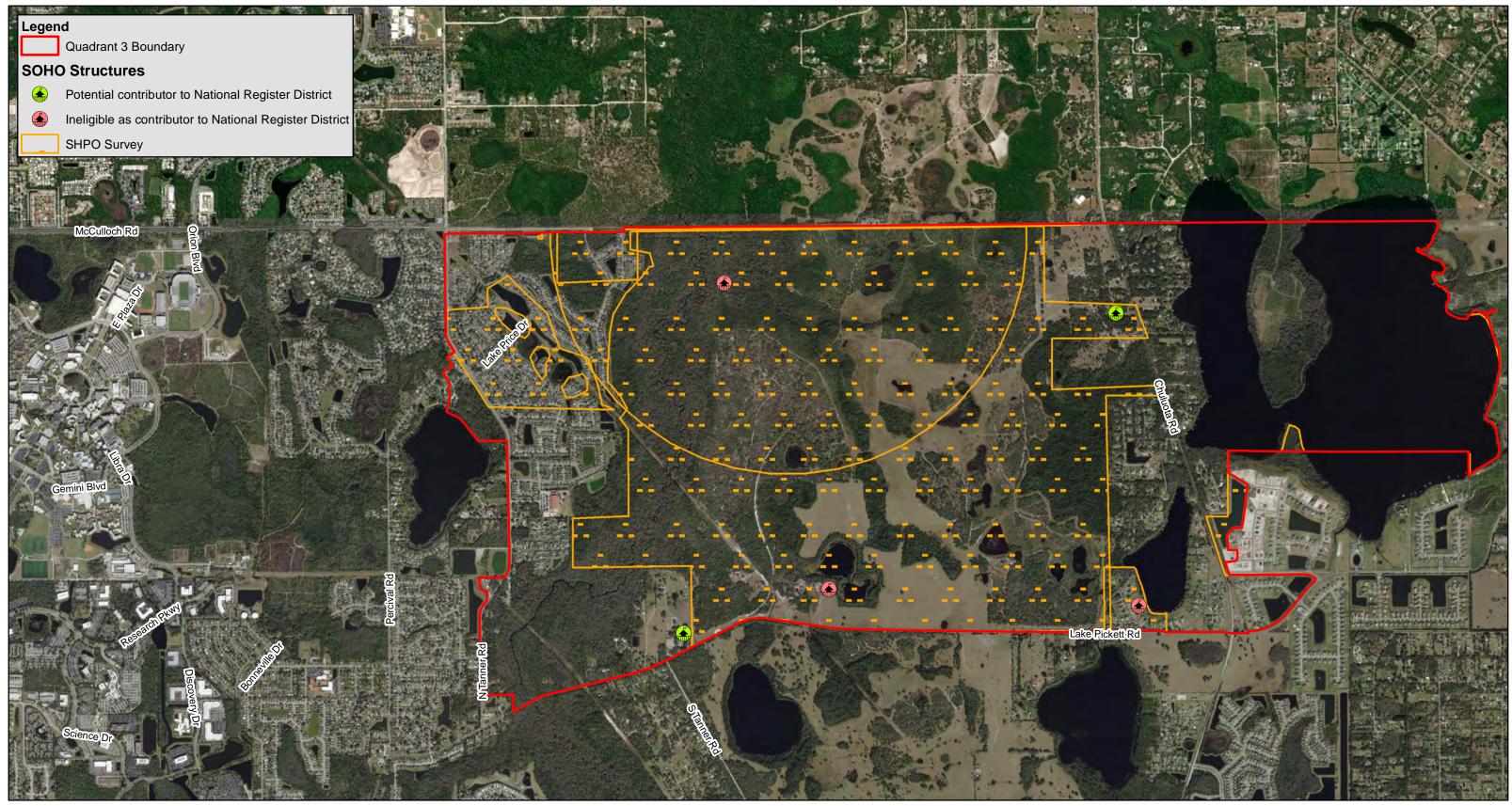
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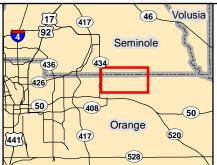






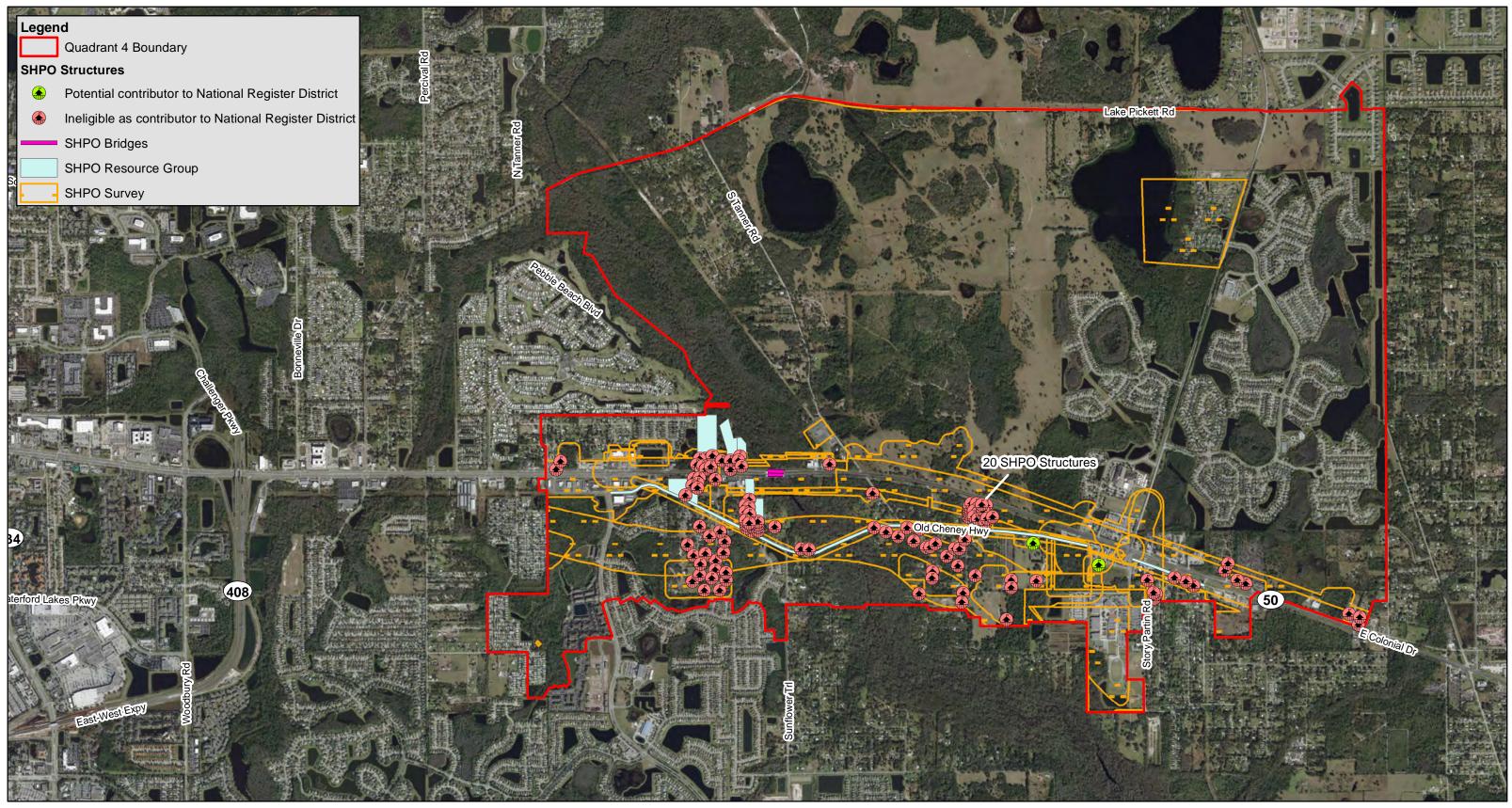
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Quadrant 3: Cultural Resources Map



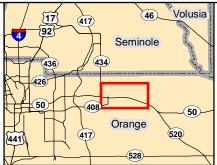
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Quadrant 4: Cultural Resources Map



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6.3 SOCIAL RESOURCES

Social resources/facilities include, but are not limited to, trails, parks, schools, and recreational areas as well as the neighborhoods they serve. Many of these features are protected under the Department of Transportation Act (DOT Act) of 1966, section 4(f) which limits the use of public land. **Tables 6.3.1** through **6.3.4** summarize the number of sites that are in public ownership or use, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. The locations of social resources are provided for each of the Quadrants in **Exhibits 6.3.1** through **6.3.4**.

Social Resources	Within Study Area
Cemetery	0
Civic Center	6
Conservation Lands	9
Cultural Center	0
Fire Station	1
Government Building	0
Health Care Facility	0
lospital	0
aw Enforcement	1
Park	2
Religious Center	3
School	5
Social Service Facility	0
/eteran Facility	0

Table 6.3.1: Summary of Social Resources in Quadrant 1

Source: FGDL



As shown in **Exhibit 6.3.1**, there are two parks (Student Union Cypress Dome and Arboretum South Entrance Trailhead) that are associated with the University of Central Florida and consist of walking trails and neighborhood/nature parks. The student Union Cypress Dome is also listed as a one of the nine (9) conservation lands as upland habitat restoration is also occurring in the area. Therefore, Quadrant 1 also includes eight (8) additional plots of conservation lands, though several are part of a single unit but are physically disconnected from each other. All plots are owned by the state and managed by the University of Central Florida to be restored and/or maintained as various natural communities such as mesic flatwoods, scrub oak, and wet prairies. There are six (6) civic centers located in the study area and all are associated with the University of Central Florida as arenas/stadiums or athletic/recreational fields. In addition, the area encompasses the Orange Co./Seminole Co. Fire Station 65, the University of Central Florida Police Department, three (3) religious centers, and five (5) schools which are comprised of four (4) University of Central Florida buildings and one (1) elementary school.

Social Resources	Within Study Area
Cemetery	0
Civic Center	0
Conservation Lands	2
Cultural Center	0
Fire Station	1
Government Building	0
Health Care Facility	7
Hospital	1
Law Enforcement	0
Park	1
Religious Center	2
School	8
Social Service Facility	0
Veteran Facility	1

Table 6.3.2: Summary of Social Resources in Quadrant 2

Source: FGDL



As shown in **Exhibit 6.3.2**, there is one park, The East Orange Neighborhood Park, that consists of mixed-use recreation with walking trails. Quadrant 2 also includes two (2) plots of conservation lands that are situated along the study area boundary on the far east side, but largely contained within Quadrant 4. One plot is associated with the Big Econlockhatchee River Sanctuary and is owned and managed by the Florida Audubon Society. The plot is designated to protect part of the floodplain of the Big Econlockhatchee River an Outstanding Florida Water (OFW). The second plot is associated with the Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve and is owned and managed by Orange County in order to maintain various natural communities. In addition, the area encompasses the Orange County Fire Department and Rescue Station 80, seven (7) health care facilities, one (1) hospital, two (2) religious centers, eight (8) schools (one (1) elementary school, two (2) high schools, and five (5) university level schools), and one (1) veteran facility.

Social Resources	Within Study Area
Cemetery	0
ivic Center	0
onservation Lands	4
ultural Center	0
re Station	0
overnment Building	0
ealth Care Facility	0
spital	0
v Enforcement	0
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hool	1
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teran Facility	1
Source: FGDL	

Table 6.3.3: Summary of Social Resources in Quadrant 3

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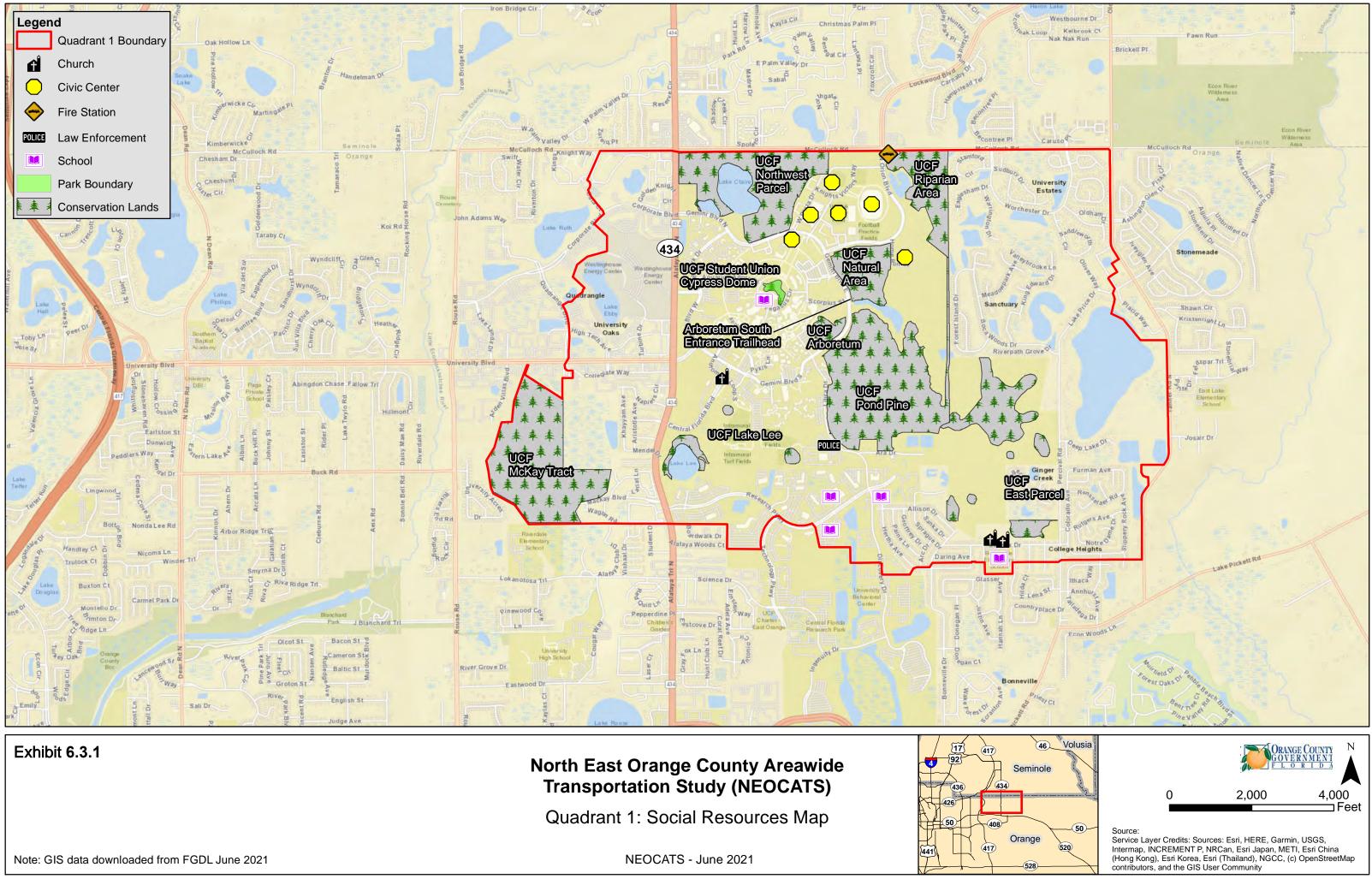
As shown in **Exhibit 6.3.3**, there is one park, the Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area, that consists of a trailhead and a nature park. Quadrant 3 also includes four (4) plots of conservation lands. Two plots known as the Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve and Circle C Ranch II are owned and managed by Orange County while the third plot known as the Rybolt Property is co-owned by Orange County and the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) but is managed solely by SJRWMD. The fourth plot known as the Econlockhatchee River Wilderness Area is owned and managed by Seminole County and lies in alignment with and adjacent to the northern boundary of Quadrant 3 but is largely encompassed in Quadrant 4. All four properties are designated to maintain various natural communities. In addition, the area encompasses one (1) school (an elementary school) and one (1) veteran facility.

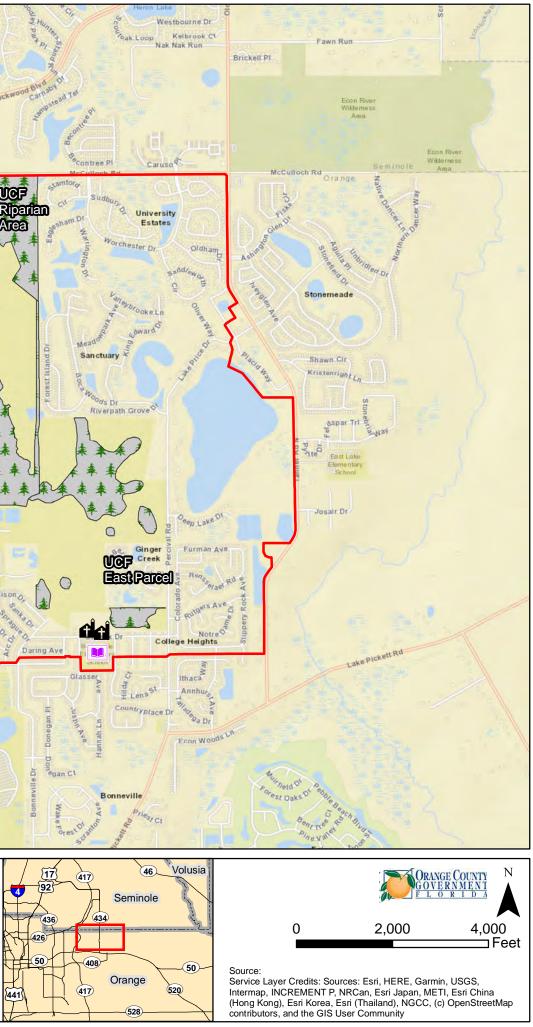
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Civic Center	0
Conservation Lands	6
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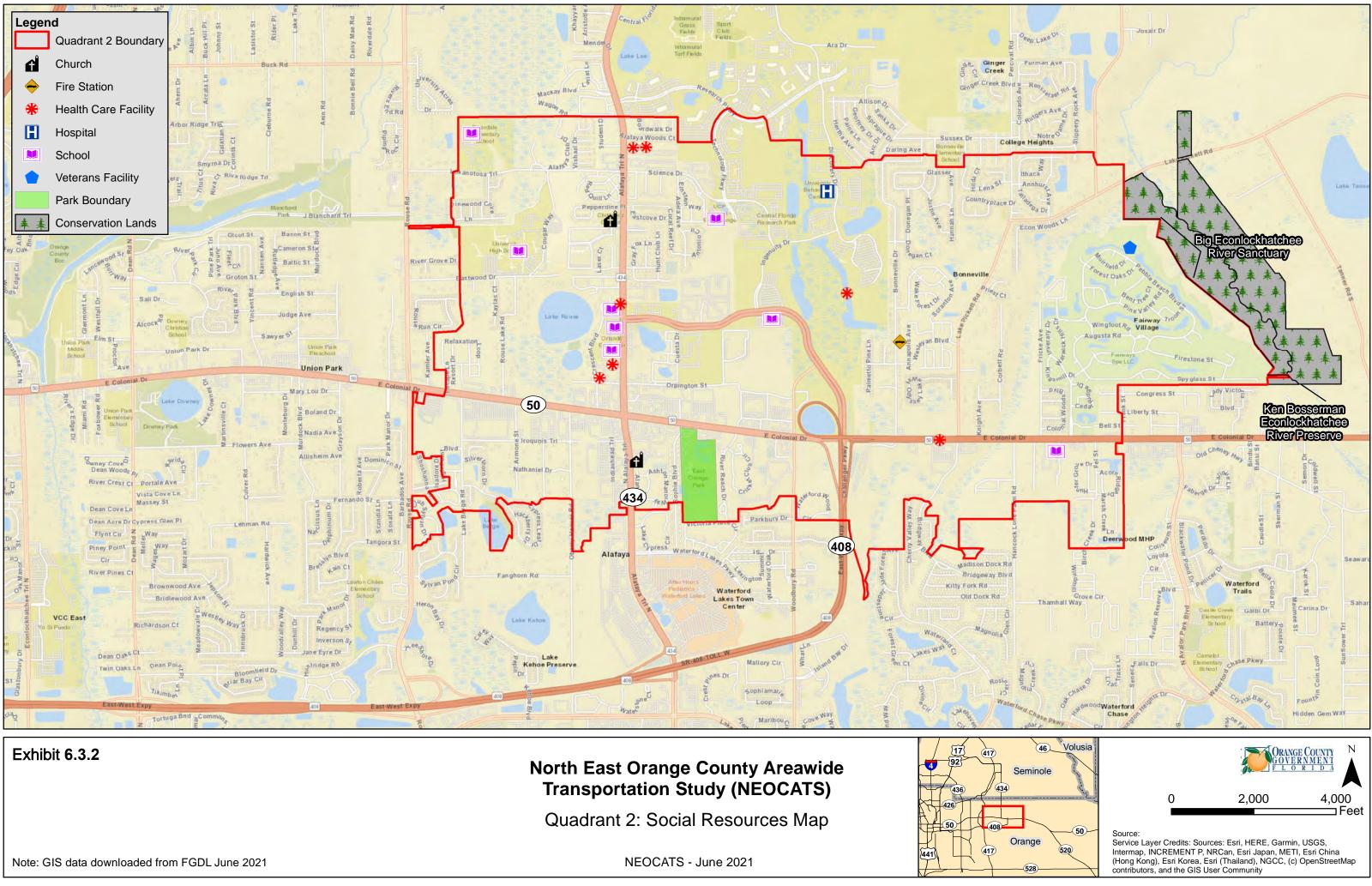
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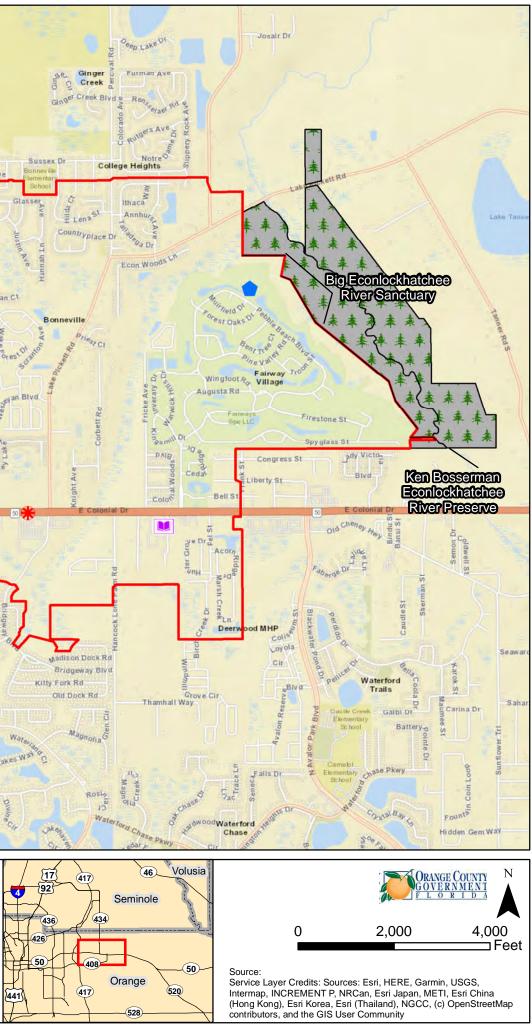


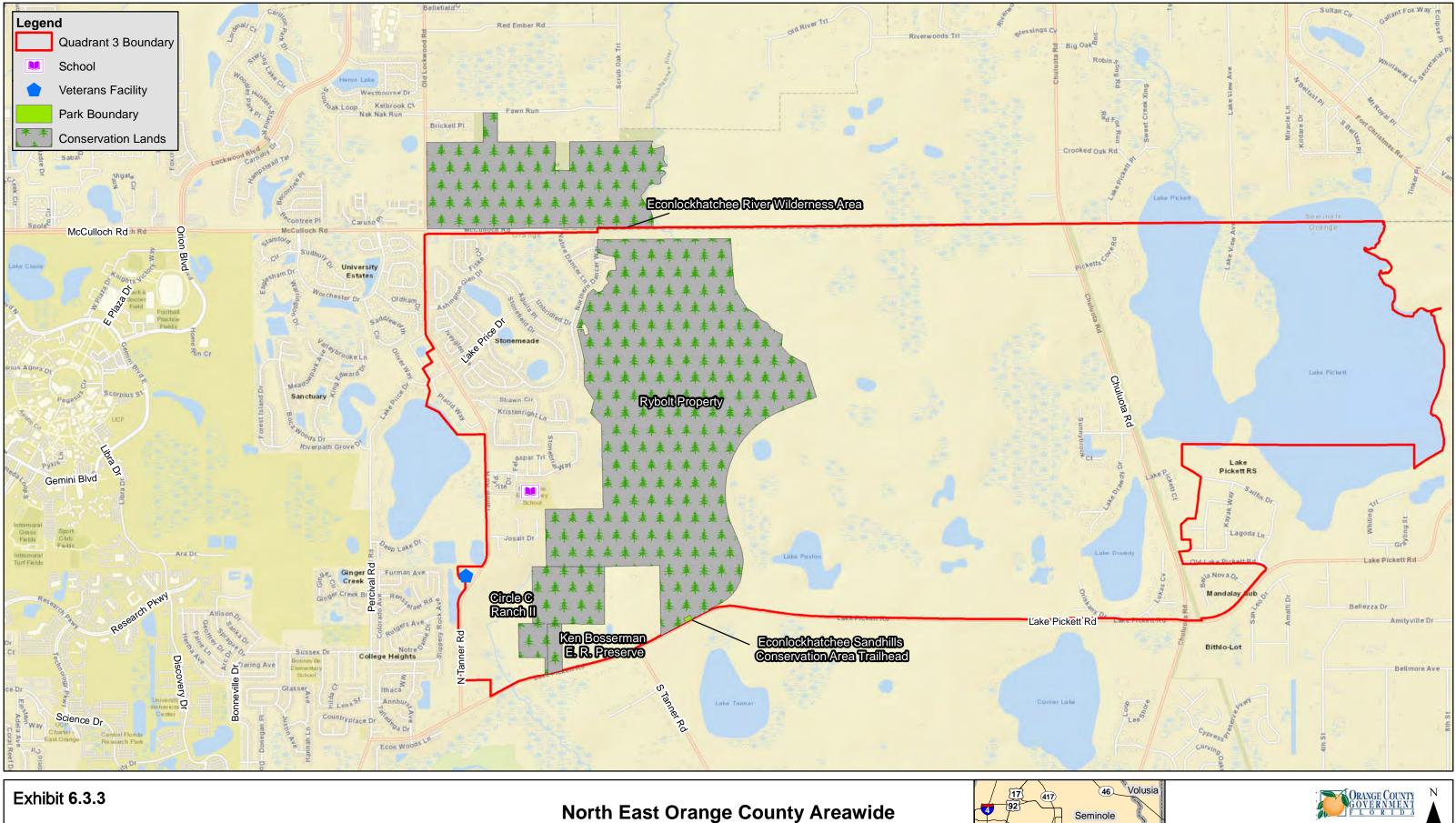
As shown in **Exhibit 6.3.4**, Quadrant 4 includes six (6) plots of conservation lands although two (2) lie along and adjacent to the boundary (Circle C Ranch II and Rybolt Property), with the majority of those site encompassed in Quadrant 3. Four plots, Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve, Circle C Ranch II, Evans Property, and Nunnally Property are all owned and managed by Orange County. One plot, Big Econlockhatchee River Sanctuary, is owned and managed by the Florida Audubon Society, Inc. The last plot, Rybolt property, is co-owned by Orange County and SJRWMD but is managed solely by SJRWMD. Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve, Circle C Ranch II and Rybolt Property are designated to preserve native habitats, while the Evans, Nunnally, and Big Econlockhatchee River Sanctuary are designated to protect the floodplain of the Econlockhatchee River due to its designation as an OFW. In addition, the area encompasses three (3) religious centers, three (3) schools (an elementary, middle and high school), and one (1) veteran facility.











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Quadrant 3: Social Resources Map

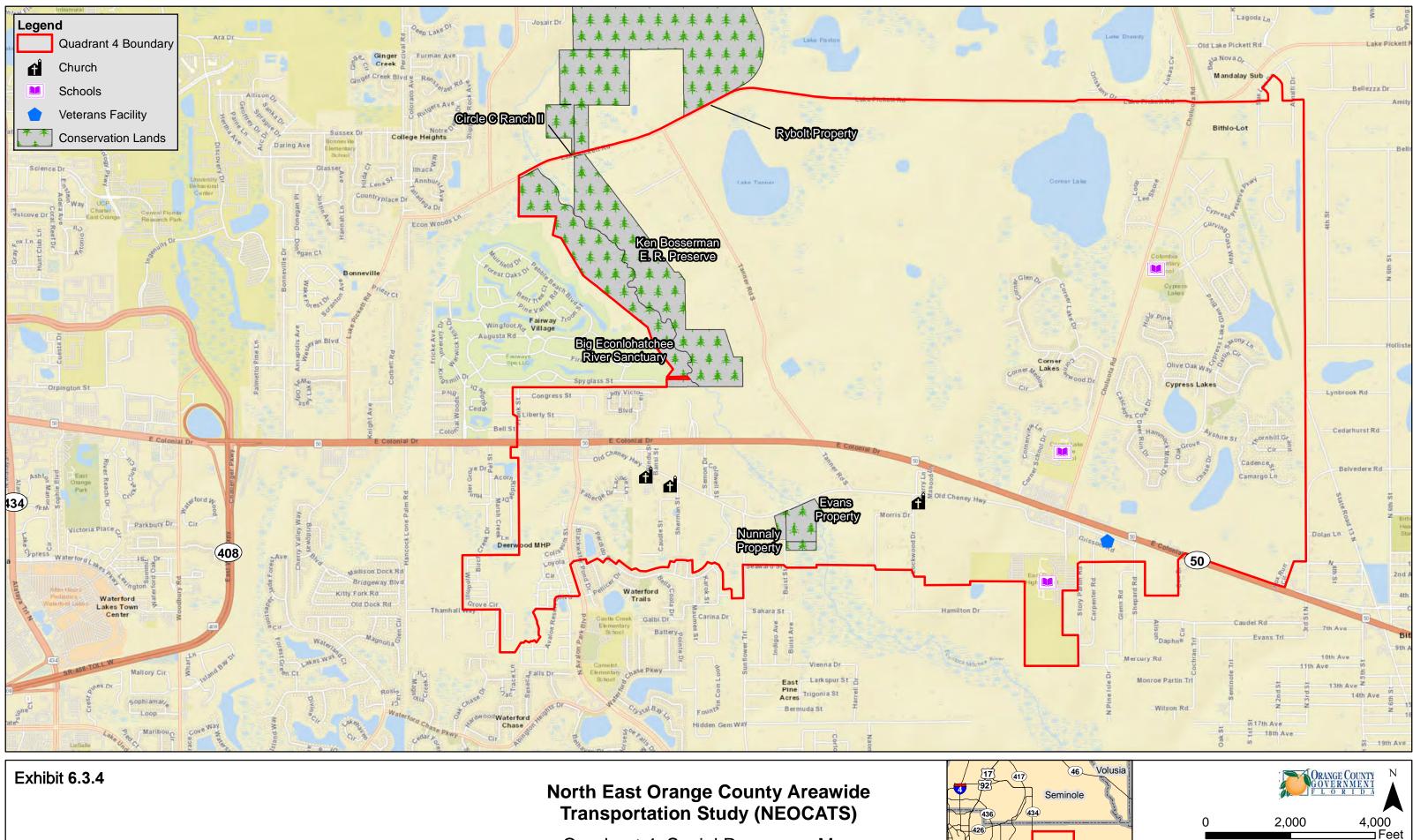


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Quadrant 4: Social Resources Map





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6.4 UTILITIES

To better evaluate the various corridor alternatives and potential impacts with existing utilities, available information on the existing utilities was research and compiled for the study area. Due to the size of the study area, research was performed with a focus on major utilities and existing utility facilities in easements or on property owned by the utility company. This approach allows for the identification of possible fatal flaws with existing utilities and additional project cost estimates due to reimbursable utility relocations. Types of major utilities include transmission electric lines, power substations, transmission water/wastewater mains, municipal treatment facilities, water towers/tanks, booster pump stations, large natural gas pipelines, petroleum pipelines, cell towers, and large communication duct banks. Utility Agency/Owners (UAO's) have been identified within the study area through our Sunshine 811 Design Ticket. Additionally, utility information was compiled through research of available GIS information for transmission electric lines and Orange County Utilities, National Pipeline Mapping System, antenna/cell tower mapper, municipality master plans, as-built plans, plats, utility permits, Orange County Property Appraiser, and desktop review of the study area. Existing UAOs and utility facilities for Quadrants 1 through 4 are identified in Tables 6.4.1 through 6.4.4, and are graphically depicted for each of the quadrants in Exhibits 6.4.1 through 6.4.4, respectively.

Twenty-three (23) UAO's have been identified in Quadrant 1. Six (6) of these UAO's include facilities identified as major utilities that may require special consideration with alternatives being evaluated. Twenty-six (26) UAO's have been identified in Quadrant 2. Five (5) of these UAO's include facilities identified as major utilities that may require special consideration with alternatives being evaluated. Eleven (11) UAO's have been identified in Quadrant 3. Two (2) of these UAO's have facilities identified as major utilities that may require special consideration with alternatives being evaluated. Nineteen (19) UAO's have been identified in Quadrant 4. Seven (7) of these UAO's include facilities identified as major utilities that may require special consideration with alternatives being evaluated. Nineteen (19) UAO's have been identified in Quadrant 4. Seven (7) of these UAO's include facilities identified as major utilities that may require special consideration with alternatives being evaluated.



Utility Company	Description	
	Electric distribution service throughout the project	
*Duke Energy	 69 kV runs on the south side of McCullouch Rd enters/exits a substation (<i>private property - UCF</i>) on the southwest corner of McCulloch Rd and N. Orion Blvd 	
	 3-230 kV lines cut across the top right corner of the quadrant running northwest to southeast (<i>110' easement</i>) 	
*Florida Power and Light	 2-69 kV line runs east to west between SR 434 and N Tanner Road (160' easement) 	
	69 kV line runs north to south on the west side of N Tanner Road	
Utilities and Energy Services	• Electric, Gas, Water, Fiber and Wastewater distribution service within the UCF campus area	
TECO Peoples Gas	Gas distribution service throughout the study area	
AT&T Distribution	Telephone throughout the study area	
Black & Veatch Orlando	Fiber throughout the study area	
CenturyLink	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Charter Communications	Aerial CATV, Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Comcast Communications	CATV throughout the study area	
Crown Castle	Fiber throughout the study area	
Embarq Comm.	Fiber throughout the study area	
MCI	Communication lines and fiber throughout the study area	
NAWCTSD	 Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division and Federal, State, and University Network at UCF campus Fiber 	

Table 6.4.1: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 1



Utility Company	Description	
	• 12" DIP WM on SR 434	
	 24" DIP WM at bottom of quadrant north of Research Pkwy and south of UCF 	
	• 20" DIP WM on N Tanner	
	• 6", 8" and 10" WM in upper right corner of quadrant (neighborhood)	
	• 16" DIP WM on Research Pkwy	
*Orange County	• 12" PVC WM south of McCulloch Rd	
Utilities	 Ground Storage Tanks located southeast to the dead end of Research Parkway (<i>private property – Orange County BBC</i>) 	
	 Water tower on the southeast corner of Gemini Blvd. S and Libra Dr. (<i>private property – UCF</i>) 	
	12" PVC Pressurized Sewer on N Alafaya Trail	
	• 12" PVC Pressurized Sewer at bottom of quadrant and along N. Tanner	
	• 6" and 8" pressurized sewer in neighborhoods	
Smart City Telecom	• Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Summit Broadband	• Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Uniti Fiber	Fiber throughout the study area	
	Fiber and telephone on UCF campus	
University of Central Florida	• 18" Force main on Gemini Blvd. that turns north and runs along the east side of SR 434. This main heads west on McCulloch Road and goes to the Iron Bridge RWRF.	
Zayo Group	Fiber throughout the study area	
Campus Communications	UCF Fiber on campus	

Table 6.4.1: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 1



Utility Company	Description
	 Cell tower north of the intersection of Knights Victory Way and W. Plaza Dr. (<i>private property - UCF</i>)
*T-Mobile	 Cell tower between the lakes to the west of a group of six athletic fields (<i>private property - UCF</i>)
	 Cell tower southwest of the roundabout on Walden Woods Dr. (<i>private property - UCF</i>)
*AT&T Mobility	 Cell tower in the project area southwest of the roundabout on Walden Woods Dr. (<i>private property - UCF</i>)
*\/orizon	 Cell tower north of the intersection of Knights Victory Way and W. Plaza Dr. (<i>private property - UCF</i>)
*Verizon	 Cell tower southwest of the roundabout on Walden Woods Dr. (<i>private property - UCF</i>)

Table 6.4.1: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 1

*Major Utility



Utility Company	Description	
	Electric distribution service throughout the project	
*Duke Energy	 230 kV lines on the south side of E. Colonial Dr and enters/exits a substation north of E. Colonial drive and east of Lake Picket Road (<i>private property – Duke Energy</i>) 	
Utilities and Energy Services	Electric, Gas, Water, Fiber and Wastewater distribution service within the UCF campus area	
American Traffic Solutions	Red light running facilities and fiber throughout the project	
TECO Peoples Gas	Gas distribution service throughout the project	
Lovelace Gas Services	Propane gas storage tanks throughout the project	
AT&T Distribution	Telephone throughout the study area	
AT&T Corp.	High-capacity fiber throughout the study area	
Black and Veatch Orlando	Fiber throughout the study area	
CFX	Fiber throughout the study area	
CenturyLink	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Charter Communications	Aerial CATV, Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Comcast Communications	CATV throughout the study area	
Crown Castle	Fiber throughout the study area	
Embarq Comm.	Fiber throughout the study area	
MCI	Communication lines and fiber throughout the study area	
NAWCTSD	 Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division and Federal, State, and University Network at UCF campus Fiber 	

Table 6.4.2: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 2



Utility Company	Description
	• 16" WM on Research Parkway
	• 6", 8", 12" WM in neighborhoods
	• 20" DIP WM on Lake Pickett
	• 24" and 8" WM on Bonneville Dr
*Orange County	• 16" DIP WM on Orpington St.
Utilities	• 20" DIP WM on SR 434
	• 6" Pressurized Sewer on SR 434
	• 16" PVC Pressurized Sewer Main on Lake Pickett
	• 12" and 16" Pressurized Sewer on Bonneville Dr
	• 4" Pressurized Sewer on Orpington St.
Smart City Telecom	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area
Summit Broadband	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area
Uniti Fiber	Fiber throughout the study area
University of Central Florida	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area
Zayo Group	Fiber throughout the study area
Campus Communications Group, Inc.	Fiber throughout the study area
*T-Mobile	 Cell tower north of Orpington St. and east of SR 434 (<i>private property</i> – <i>Self-Stor Alafaya Partners LTD</i>)
*Sprint	 Cell tower north of Orpington St. and east of SR 434 (<i>private property</i> – <i>Self-Stor Alafaya Partners LTD</i>)

Table 6.4.2: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 2



Utility Company	Description
*Verizon	 Cell tower north of Orpington St. and east of SR 434 (<i>private property</i> – <i>Self-Stor Alafaya Partners LTD</i>)
	 Cell tower southeast of the intersection of 408 and E. Colonial Dr. (<i>private property – Sun Wen Fang</i>)

Table 6.4.2: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 2

*Major Utility



Table 6.4.3: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 3

Utility Company	Description
*Duke Energy	Electric distribution service throughout the project
	• 69 kV runs on the south side of McCullouch Rd
*Florida Power and Light - Seminole	Electric distribution service throughout the project
	 3-230 kV lines cut across the quadrant running northwest to southeast (<i>110' easement</i>)
	 69 kV line runes north to south on the west side of N Tanner Road and cuts from N Tanner Road to the southeast (<i>easement</i>)
TECO Peoples Gas	Gas distribution service throughout the project
AT&T Distribution	Telephone throughout the study area
CenturyLink	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area
Charter Communications	CATV, Fiber and telephone throughout the study area
Comcast Communications	CATV throughout the study area
Crown Castle	Fiber throughout the study area
Orange County Utilities	• Limited service, 6" and 8" WM in neighborhood areas in the west of the quadrant
	• 12" PVC Pressurized Sewer along N. Tanner
	• 6" and 8" pressurized sewer in neighborhood areas in the west of the quadrant
Summit Broadband	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area
Zayo Group	Fiber throughout the study area

*Major Utility



Utility Company	Description	
	• Electric distribution service throughout the project.	
*Duke Energy	 Substation at the northwest corner of SR 50 and S Tanner Rd (<i>private property – Duke</i>) 	
	• 2-69 kV line runs south of SR 50 (<i>easement</i>)	
	• 3-230 kV lines run northwest to southeast through rural land in the middle of the quadrant. (110' easement)	
*Florida Power and Light	 2-230 kV lines run between the substation and the 3-230 kV lines (<i>easement</i>) 	
	 69 kV line runs northwest to southeast on the west side of S Tanner Rd (<i>easement</i>) 	
American Traffic Solutions	Red light running facilities and fiber throughout the project	
AT&T Distribution	Telephone throughout the study area	
AT&T Corp.	High-capacity fiber throughout the study area	
Black & Veatch Orlando	Fiber throughout the study area	
CenturyLink	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Charter Communications	CATV, Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Comcast Communications	CATV throughout the study area	
Crown Castle	Fiber throughout the study area	
MCI	Communication lines and fiber throughout the study area	

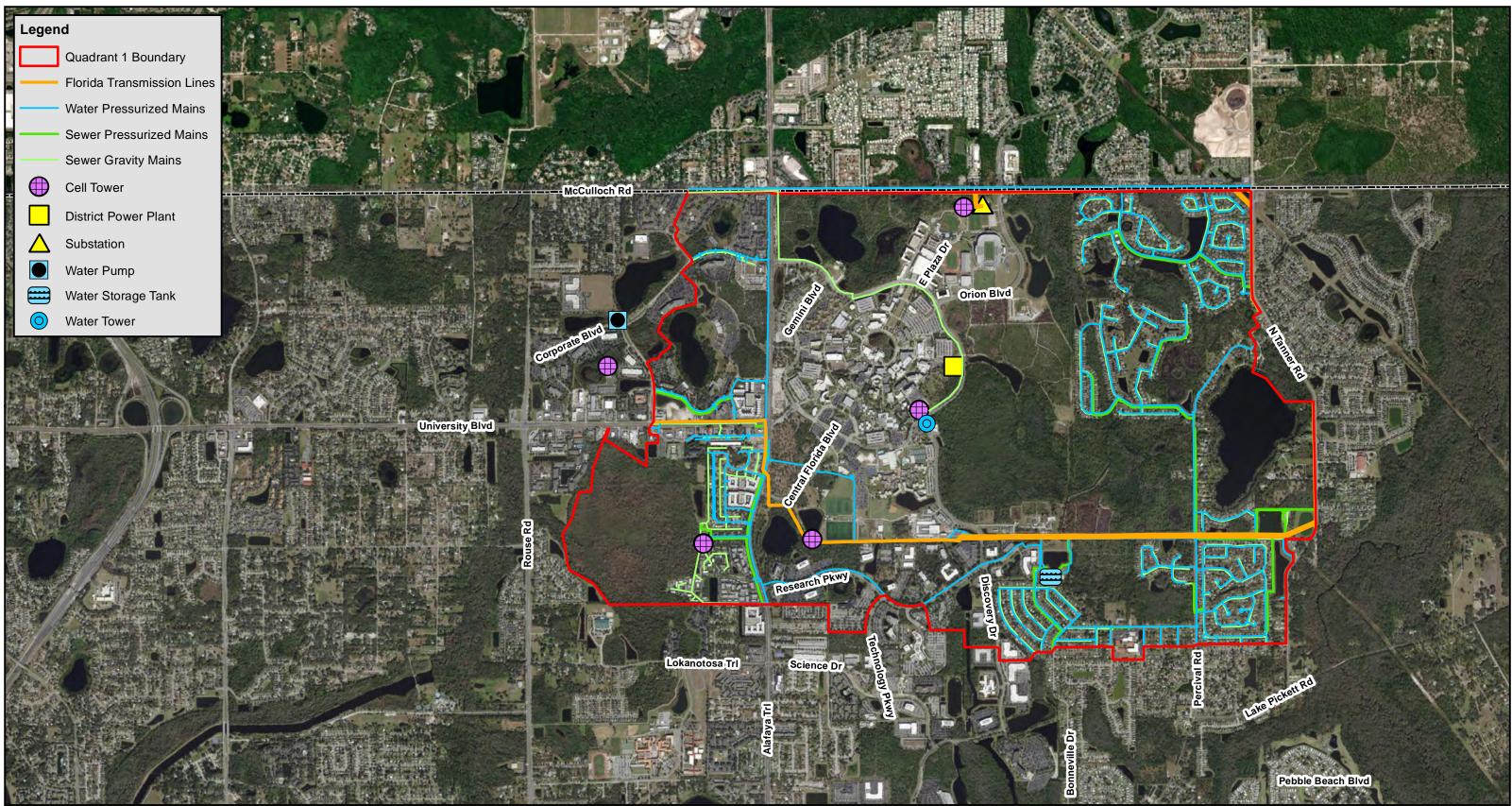
Table 6.4.4: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 4



Utility Company	Description	
	24" DIP WM along E Colonial Dr	
	• 16" PVC WM on CR 419	
	• 20" DIP WM on Lake Pickett	
*Orange County	• 6" and 8" PVC WM in neighborhoods	
Utilities	• 12" PVC Pressurized Sewer on CR 419	
	12" PVC Pressurized Sewer on Cypress Lake Glen Blvd	
	16" PVC Pressurized Sewer Main on Lake Pickett	
	8" Pressurized Sewer in Neighborhoods	
Summit Broadband	Fiber and telephone throughout the study area	
Uniti Fiber	Fiber throughout the study area	
Zayo Group	Fiber throughout the study area	
*T-Mobile	 Cell tower northwest of the intersection of SR 50 and S. Tanner Rd. (<i>private property – Crown Castle South LLC</i>) 	
	 Cell tower southeast of the intersection of SR 419 and Lake Pickett Rd (<i>private property – Nelson & Company Inc</i>) 	
*AT&T Mobility	 Cell tower northwest of the intersection of SR 50 and S. Tanner Rd. (<i>private property – Crown Castle South LLC</i>) 	
	 Cell tower southeast of the intersection of SR 419 and Lake Pickett Rd (private property – Nelson & Company Inc) 	
*Verizon	 Cell tower southeast of the intersection of SR 419 and Lake Pickett Rd (<i>private property – Nelson & Company Inc</i>) 	
*Sprint	 Cell tower southeast of the intersection of SR 419 and Lake Pickett Rd (private property – Nelson & Company Inc) 	

Table 6.4.4: Summary of Existing Utilities in Quadrant 4

*Major Utility

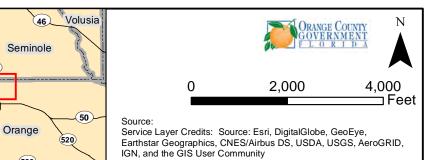


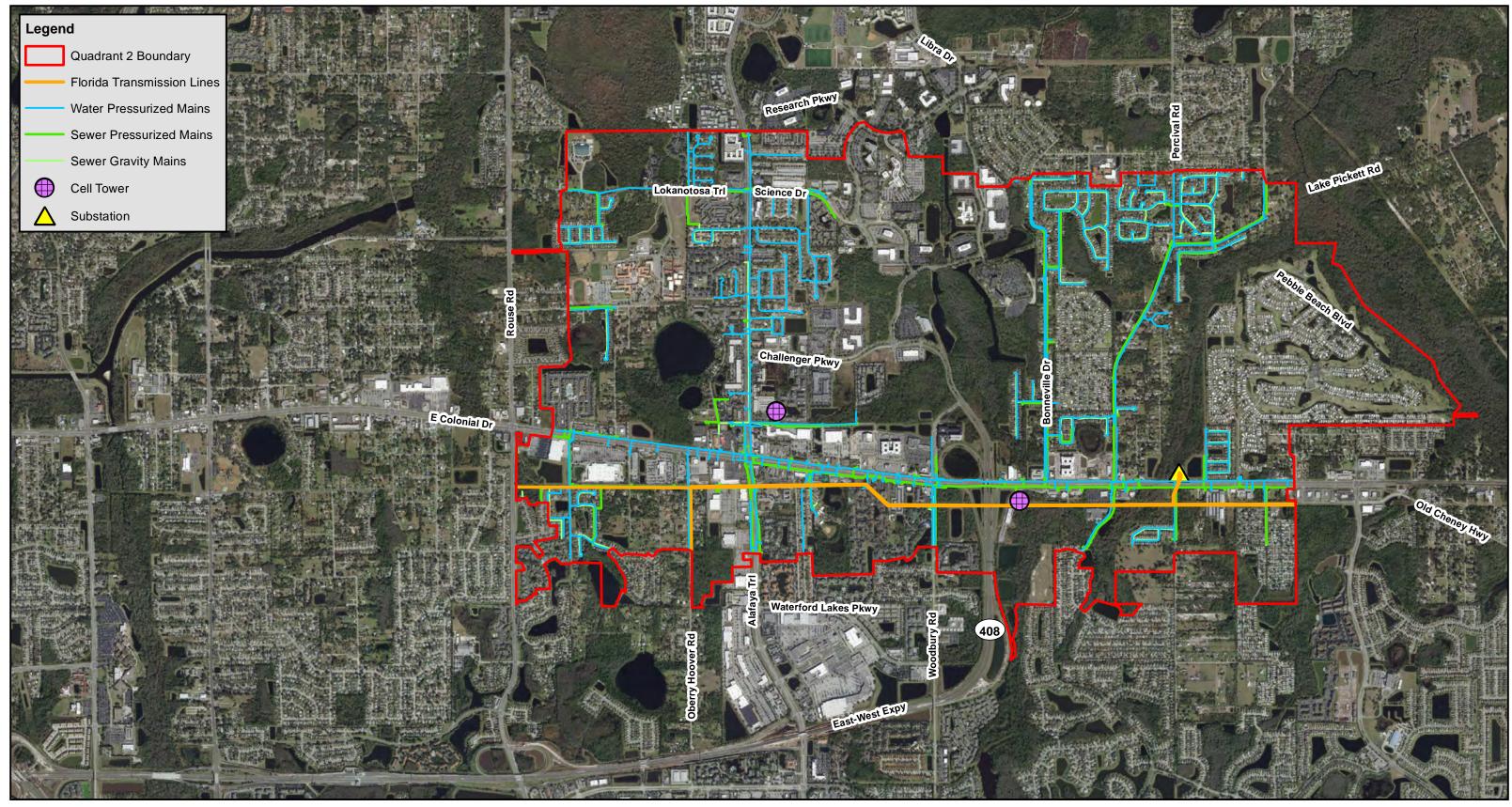
Note: Water and Sewer Mains - OUC, Orange County 2018 Power and Substation - OUC, Orange County 2019 Transmission Lines - FGDL 2017 & OUC 2019 Cell Tower -

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Quadrant 1: Existing Utilities



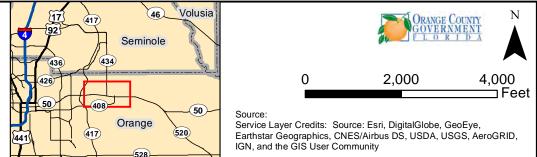


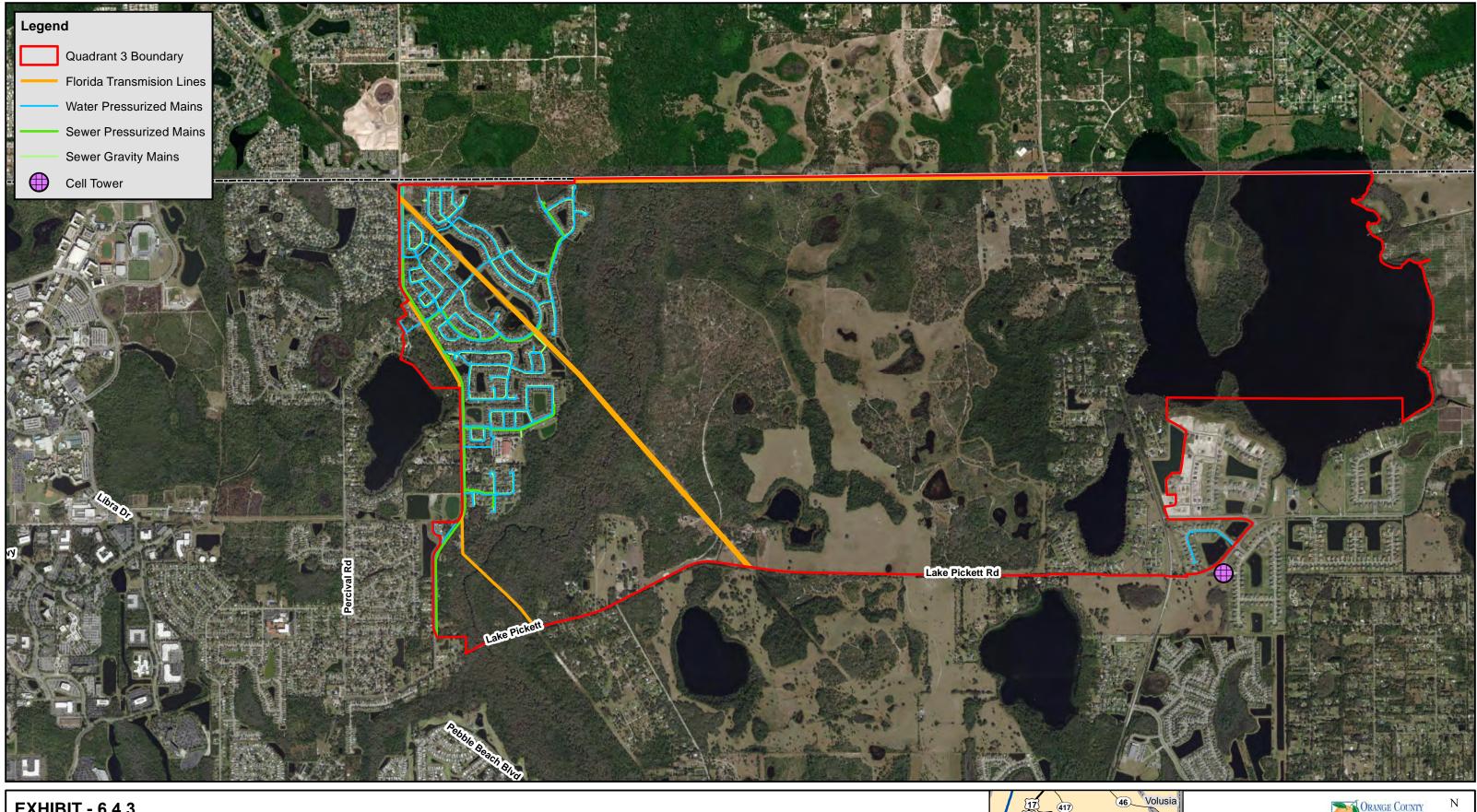


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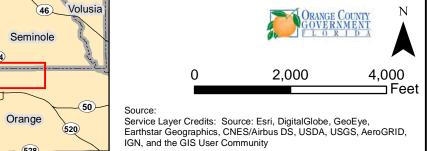


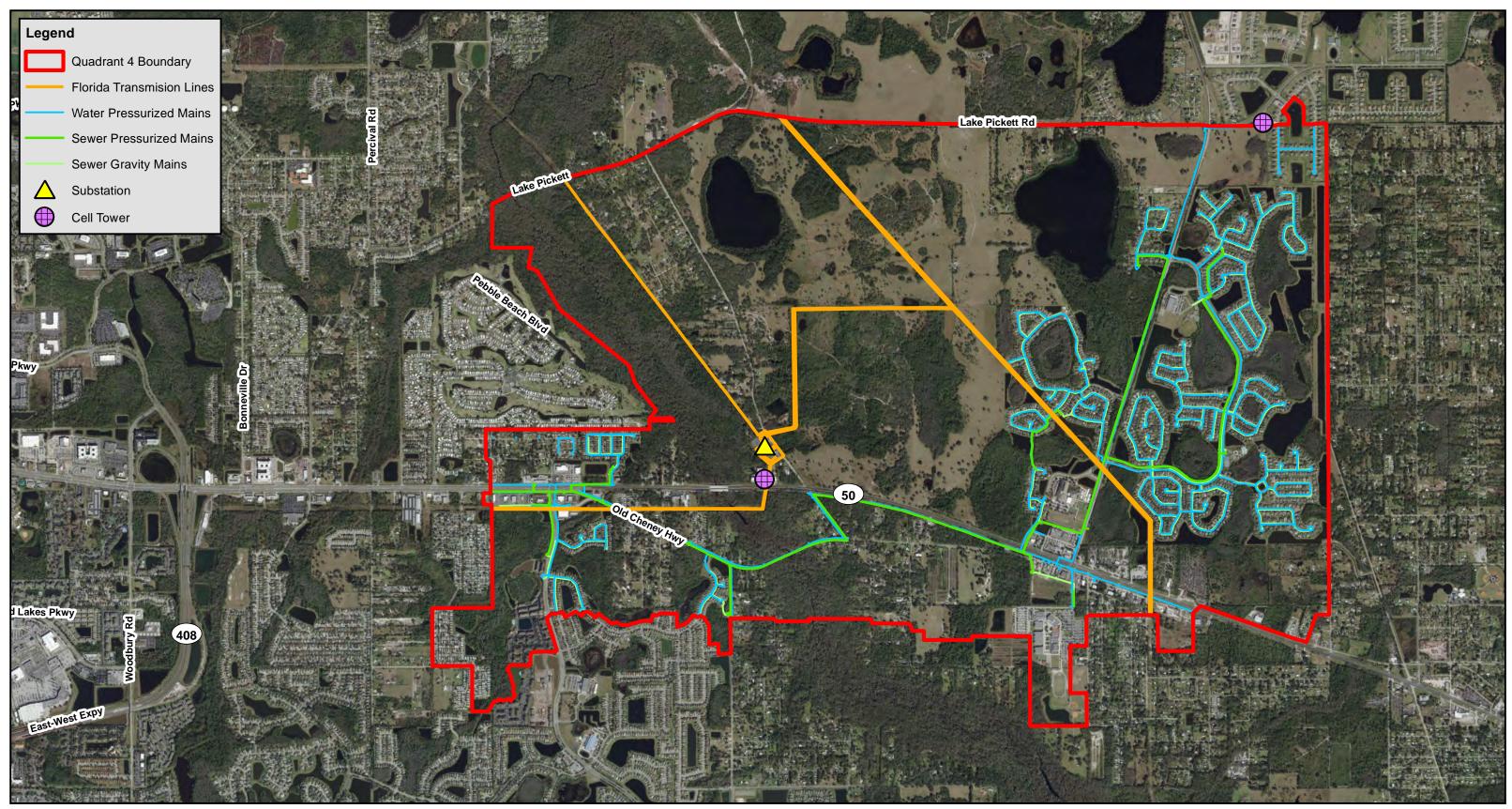
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Quadrant 3: Existing Utilities



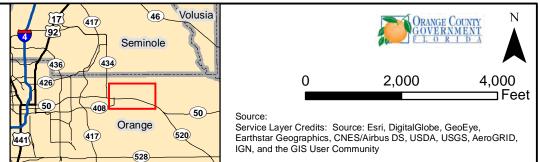




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Quadrant 4: Existing Utilities





6.4.1 Utility Mitigation and Avoidance

Due to the nature of the existing conditions throughout the study area, there is a potential for impacts of major utility facilities on the project. Major utility facilities potentially impacted include large diameter water and wastewater mains owned by Orange County Utilities, transmission electric lines owned by Duke, substations, cell towers and gas lines.

Mitigation measures should be taken during the study phase of the project to minimize impacts to the existing utilities to the fullest extent possible. If impacts are unavoidable, design alternatives would be reviewed to allow for relocation of impacted facilities in a manner that minimizes cost to the UAO and disruption to their customers.

Since relocations of facilities located in easements and on private property would likely be eligible for reimbursement, all measures will be taken to avoid impacting the existing utility facilities identified in easements or privately owned parcels. Though relocation of other facilities within the existing right-of-way are anticipated, all efforts will be made during the study to minimize impacts to existing pipelines, power plants, substations, booster/metering stations, and transmission facilities, to the greatest extent possible.

6.5 HAZARDOUS SITES

Contaminated sites within the Study Area were identified using data made available by the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). **Tables 6.5.1** through **6.5.4** and **Exhibits 6.5.1** through **6.5.4** summarize the number of sites that have the potential for contamination or are being monitored, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. It must be noted that the facilities shown are regulated facilities which have the potential for contamination or but are not necessarily contaminated.



Analysis Type	Within Study Area
Biomedical Waste Facility	24
Brownfield Area	0
Hazardous Waste Facility	17
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	50
Petroleum Contamination Monitoring Site (PCMS)	6
Storage Tank Contamination Monitoring (STCM)	21
SUPER Act Risk Sources	9
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Regulated Facilities	14
Toxic Release Inventory Sites	0
Waste Cleanup Responsible Party Sites - Open	0
Source: FGDL, DOH, FDEP, USEPA	

Table 6.5.1: Summary of Contamination Analysis Quadrant 1

As shown in Exhibit 6.5.1, Quadrant 1 contains twenty-four (24) biomedical waste facilities, several of which are associated with the University of Central Florida and are classified as facilities that generate, transport, store, or treat biomedical waste. There are also seventeen (17) hazardous waste facilities which are facilities that are in possession of waste that are characterized by 40 CFR Part 261, Subpart C as hazardous by exhibiting one of the four characteristics, ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) was created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act to address water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants to waters of the U.S. of which fifty (50) sites are located within Quadrant 1; however, forty-two (42) have been terminated. Petroleum Contamination Monitoring Sites (PCMS) are storage tank facilities registered with the FDEP that are being tracked for active storage tanks, storage tank history, or petroleum clean up activity and Quadrant 1 contains six (6) such facilities with four (4) having work underway and two (2) being closed. There are also twenty-one (21) Storage Tank Contamination Monitoring (STCM) sites, which are being tracked by petroleum storage tank registration, compliance and clean up; however, only thirteen (13) of these sites are open and most of them are associated with refueling structures such as gas stations. The State Underground Petroleum Environmental Response (SUPER) Act was created to conduct drinking water well sampling and investigations around known or suspected contaminated petroleum facilities of which nine (9) are located within Quadrant 1. There are fourteen (14) U.S. EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulated facilities which include the generation, transportation, treatment, storage and/or the disposal of hazardous waste within Quadrant 1.



Analysis Type	Within Study Area
Biomedical Waste Facility	36
Brownfield Area	0
Hazardous Waste Facility	27
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	82
Petroleum Contamination Monitoring Site (PCMS)	20
Storage Tank Contamination Monitoring (STCM)	44
SUPER Act Risk Sources	12
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Regulated Facilities	31
Toxic Release Inventory Sites (TRI)	1
Waste Cleanup Responsible Party Sites - Open	0
Source: EGDL DOH EDEP LISEPA	

Table 6.5.2: Summary of Contamination Analysis Quadrant 2

Source: FGDL, DOH, FDEP, USEPA

As shown in **Exhibit 6.5.2**, Quadrant 2 contains thirty-six (36) biomedical waste facilities and twenty-seven (27) hazardous waste facilities. There are eighty-two (82) NPDES sites identified; however, sixty-eight (68) have been terminated, and one (1) has expired. The Quadrant also contains twenty (20) facilities being monitored for petroleum contamination where four (4) are closed and one (1) does not require cleanup. There are an additional forty-four (44) STCM sites; however, only thirty-one (31) of these sites are open and the majority of them are associated with refueling structures such as gas stations. There are also twelve (12) SUPER Act Risk Sources located within the quadrant also largely associated with refueling structures. In addition, there are thirty-one (31) RCRA regulated facilities which include the generation, transportation, treatment, storage and/or the disposal of hazardous waste. There is also one (1) Toxic Release Inventory Site (TRI) within Quadrant 2 that is related to tracking a chemical, styrene, that is manufactured or released by Cook Composites & Polymers Company. The TRI database provides a summary of on-site releases and management, off-site transfer and releases, and off-site transfer and waste management.



Analysis Type	Within Study Area
Biomedical Waste Facility	1
Brownfield Area	0
Hazardous Waste Facility	1
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	3
Petroleum Contamination Monitoring Site (PCMS)	1
Storage Tank Contamination Monitoring (STCM)	2
SUPER Act Risk Sources	0
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Regulated Facilities	1
Toxic Release Inventory Sites	0
Waste Cleanup Responsible Party Sites - Open	0
Source: FGDL, DOH, FDEP, USEPA	

Table 6.5.3: Summary of Contamination Analysis in Quadrant 3

As shown in **Exhibit 6.5.3**, Quadrant 3 contains one (1) biomedical waste facility and one (1) hazardous waste facility. There are three (3) NPDES sites identified; however, two (2) have been terminated. Within the Quadrant, there is also one (1) petroleum contamination monitoring site (which has been closed), and one (1) RCRA regulated facility. There are also two (2) STCM sites that are both open within the Quadrant.

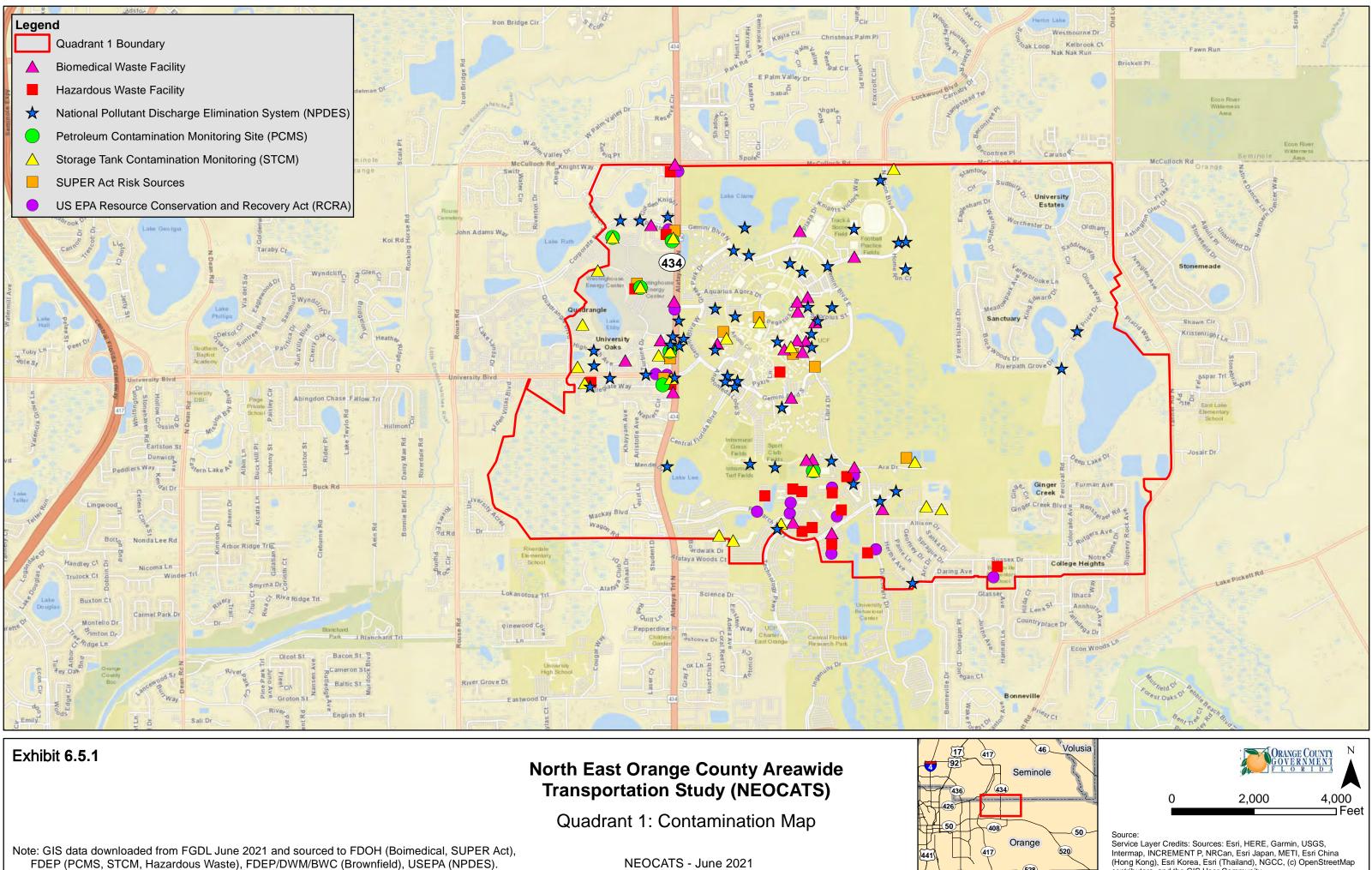
Analysis Type	Within Study Area
Biomedical Waste Facility	4
Brownfield Area	0
Hazardous Waste Facility	19
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	48
Petroleum Contamination Monitoring Site (PCMS)	4
Storage Tank Contamination Monitoring (STCM)	16
SUPER Act Risk Sources	4
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Regulated Facilities	20
Toxic Release Inventory Sites	0
Waste Cleanup Responsible Party Sites - Open	0

Table 6.5.4: Summary of Contamination Analysis in Quadrant 4

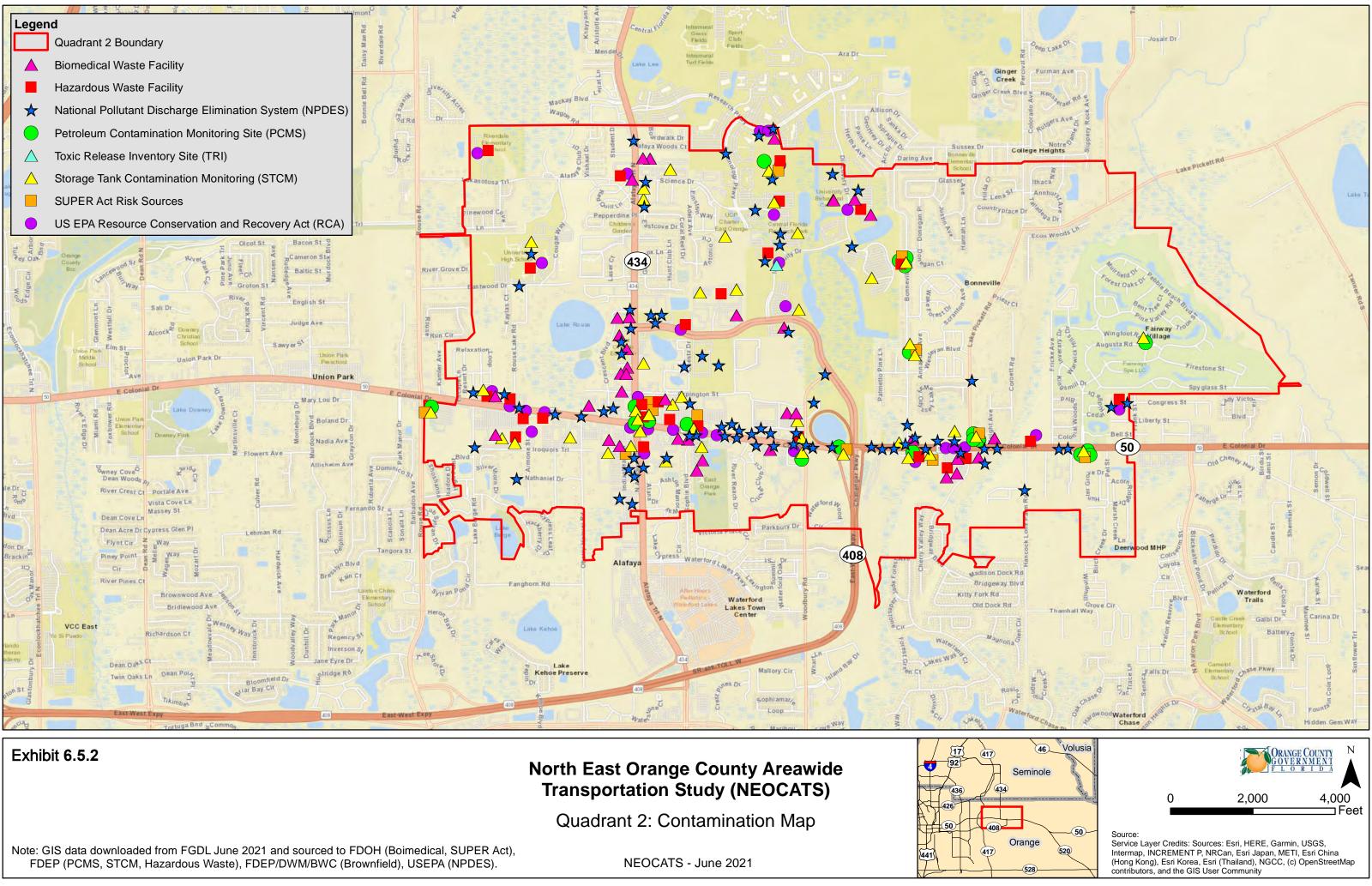
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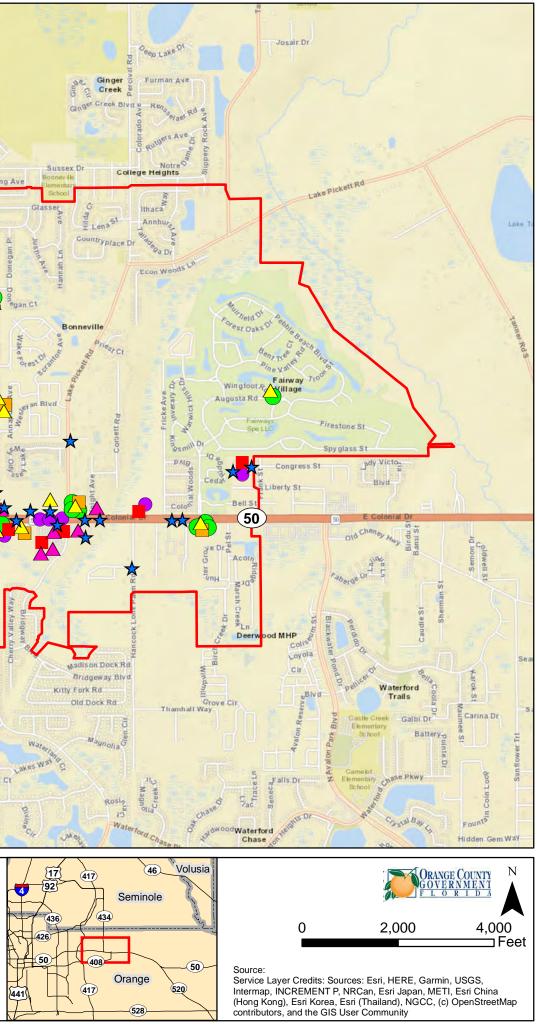


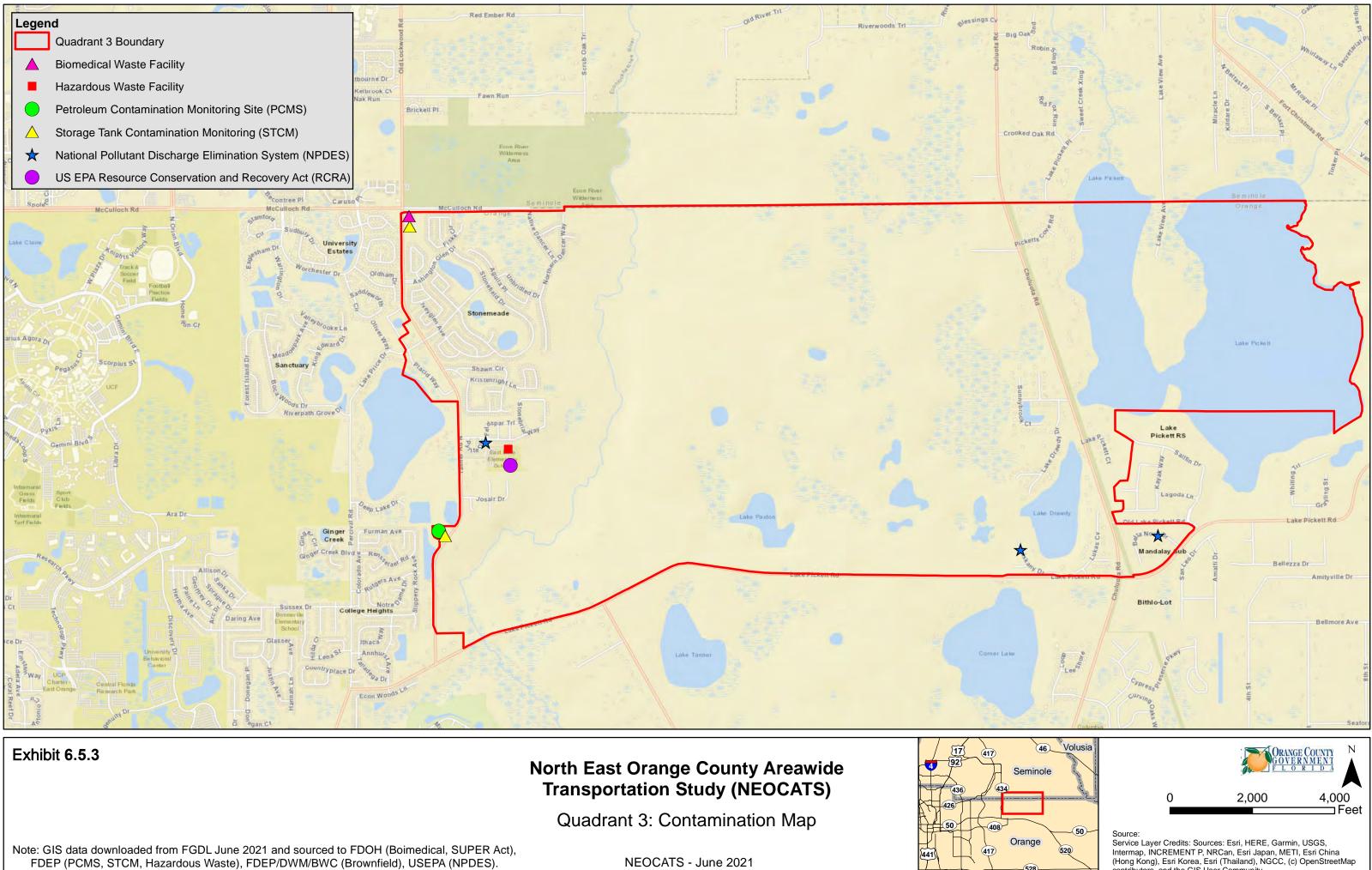
As shown in **Exhibit 6.5.4**, Quadrant 4 contains four (4) biomedical waste facilities and nineteen (19) hazardous waste facilities. There are also forty-eight (48) NPDES sites, though thirty-eight (38) have been terminated and one (1) has expired. The Quadrant contains four (4) facilities being monitored for petroleum contamination, however all of them are closed. There are also sixteen (16) STCM sites; however, only seven (7) of these sites are open. Additionally, there are four (4) SUPER Act Risk Sources located within the Quadrant. Finally, there are twenty (20) RCRA regulated facilities.

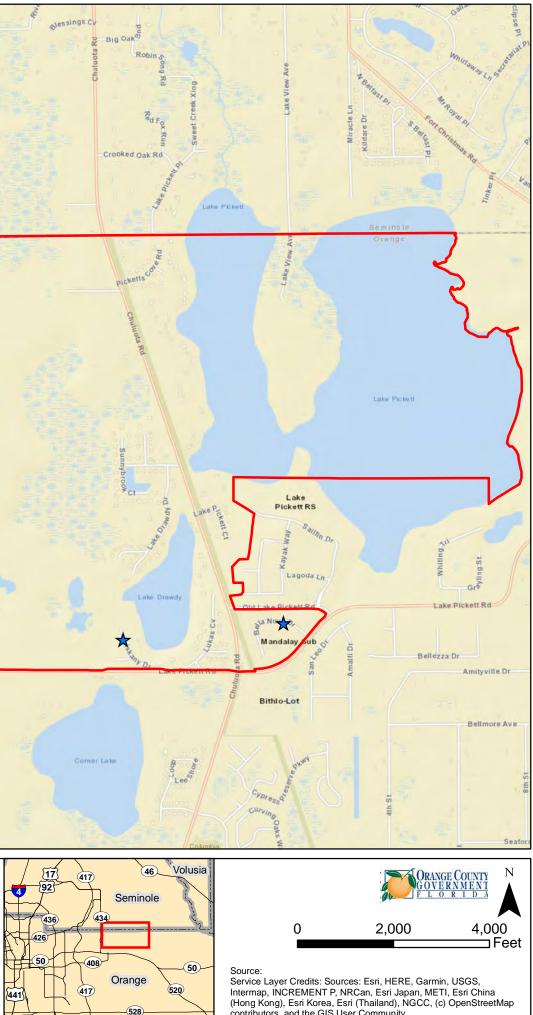




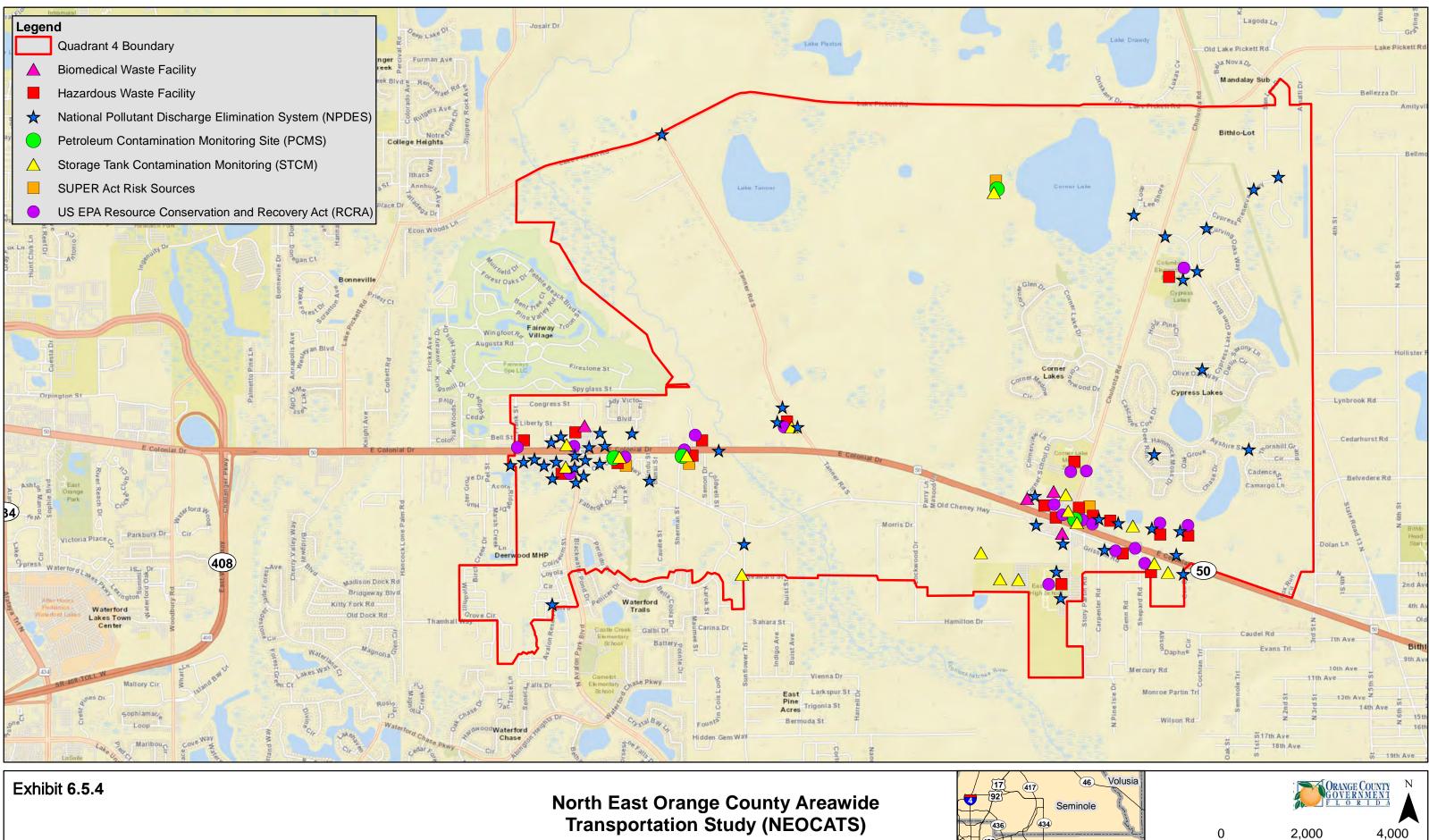








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Quadrant 4: Contamination Map

Note: GIS data downloaded from FGDL June 2021 and sourced to FDOH (Boimedical, SUPER Act), FDEP (PCMS, STCM, Hazardous Waste), FDEP/DWM/BWC (Brownfield), USEPA (NPDES).

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6.6 SOILS

Soil types were mapped within the Study Area using GIS data obtained from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). **Tables 6.6.1** through **6.6.4** summarize the soil types located within each of the Quadrants, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. Following the tables are general descriptions of the soil types and their characteristics, taken from the USDA *Soil Survey of Orange County, Florida* (August 1989). Hydric and non-hydric soil designations are based on the *Hydric Soils of Florida Handbook*. Non-hydric soils are typically associated with uplands and hydric soils are generally associated with wetlands. The NRCS soils map for each of the Quadrant can be found in **Exhibits 6.6.1** through **6.6.4**.



TABLE 6.6.1 - SUMMARIZED SOIL TYPES IN QUADRANT 1

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Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q1 Acres	Percent of Q1	Hydric Status
1	Arents, nearly level	4.85	0.15%	Non-Hydric Soil
2	Archbold fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	235.76	7.50%	Non-Hydric Soil
3	Basinger fine sand, depressional	119.30	3.79%	Hydric Soil
4	Candler fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes,	13.81	0.44%	Non-Hydric Soil
7	Candler-urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	1.77	0.06%	Non-Hydric Soil
15	Felda fine sand, frequently flooded	35.48	1.13%	Hydric Soil
19	Hontoon muck	211.75	6.73%	Hydric Soil
26	Ona fine sand	0.02	less than 0.01%	Hydric Inclusions
27	Ona-urban land complex	4.15	0.13%	Hydric Inclusions
33	Pits	1.94	0.06%	Hydric Inclusions
34	Pomello fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	279.19	8.88%	Non-Hydric Soil
35	Pomello- urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	36.06	1.15%	Hydric Inclusions
37	St. Johns fine sand	37.97	1.21%	Hydric Inclusions
38	St. Lucie fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	3.22	0.10%	Non-Hydric Soil
39	St. Lucie-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	86.09	2.74%	Non-Hydric Soil
40	Samsula muck	5.60	0.18%	Hydric Soil
41	Samsula-Hontoon-Basinger association, depressional	95.99	3.05%	Hydric Soil
42	Sanibel muck	191.39	6.09%	Hydric Soil
43	Seffner fine sand	8.80	0.28%	Hydric Inclusions
44	Smyrna Fine sand	1,046.87	33.29%	Hydric Inclusions
45	Smyrna-Urban land complex	161.33	5.13%	Hydric Inclusions
46	Tavares fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	99.72	3.17%	Non-Hydric Soil
48	Tavares-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	55.26	1.76%	Non-Hydric Soil
50	Urban land	33.32	1.06%	Non-Hydric Soil
54	Zolfo fine sand	166.15	5.28%	Non-Hydric Soil
99	Water	209.01	6.65%	Unranked
Totals for	or Area of Interest	3,144.80	100.00%	

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	TABLE 6.6.2 - SUMMARIZED SOIL TYPES IN QUADRANT 2					
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q2 Acres	Percent of Q2	Hydric Status		
1	Arents, nearly level	0.03	less than 0.01%	Non-Hydric Soil		
2	Archbold fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	185.46	4.97%	Non-Hydric Soil		
3	Basinger fine sand, depressional	285.84	7.65%	Hydric Soil		
15	Felda fine sand, frequently flooded	77.97	2.09%	Hydric Soil		
19	Hontoon muck	49.50	1.33%	Hydric Soil		
20	Immokalee fine sand	69.00	1.85%	Hydric Inclusions		
26	Ona fine sand	35.48	0.95%	Hydric Inclusions		
27	Ona-Urban land complex	4.80	0.13%	Hydric Inclusions		
33	Pits	4.25	0.11%	Hydric Inclusions		
34	Pomello fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	467.81	12.53%	Hydric Inclusions		
35	Pomello-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	19.54	0.52%	Hydric Inclusions		
37	St. Johns fine sand	106.09	2.84%	Hydric Inclusions		
38	St. Lucie fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	40.43	1.08%	Non-Hydric Soil		
39	St. Lucie-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	33.74	0.90%	Non-Hydric Soil		
40	Samsula muck	24.22	0.65%	Hydric Soil		
42	Sanibel muck	174.09	4.66%	Hydric Soil		
44	Smyrna fine sand	1,469.50	39.34%	Hydric Inclusions		
45	Smyrna-Urban land complex	118.97	3.19%	Hydric Inclusions		
46	Tavares fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	165.63	4.43%	Non-Hydric Soil		
48	Tavares-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	6.96	0.19%	Non-Hydric Soil		
54	Zolfo fine sand	280.95	7.52%	Non-Hydric Soil		
55	Zolfo-Urban land complex	12.18	0.33%	Non-Hydric Soil		
99	Water	102.46	2.74%	Unranked		
Totals f	or Area of Interest	3,734.90	100.00%			



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Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Q3 Acres	Percent of Q3	Hydric Status
1	Arents, nearly level	1.35	0.03%	Non-Hydric Soil
2	Archbold fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	88.47	2.08%	Non-Hydric Soil
3	Basinger fine sand, depressional	203.13	4.79%	Hydric Soil
4	Candler fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	12.94	0.31%	Non-Hydric Soil
15	Felda fine sand, frequently flooded	337.60	7.96%	Hydric Soil
20	Immokalee fine sand	21.78	0.51%	Hydric Inclusions
26	Ona fine sand	20.18	0.48%	Hydric Inclusions
34	Pomello fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	225.13	5.31%	Hydric Inclusions
37	St. Johns fine sand	121.27	2.86%	Hydric Inclusions
40	Samsula muck	15.34	0.36%	Hydric Soil
41	Samsula-Hontoon-Basinger association, depressional	49.23	1.16%	Hydric Soil
42	Sanibel muck	454.90	10.72%	Hydric Soil
43	Seffner fine sand	13.58	0.32%	Hydric Inclusions
44	Smyrna fine sand	873.76	20.59%	Hydric Inclusions
46	Tavares fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	26.93	0.63%	Non-Hydric Soil
54	Zolfo fine sand	1,073.13	25.29%	Non-Hydric Soil
99	Water	704.55	16.60%	Unranked
Totals f	or Area of Interest	4,233.23	100.00%	



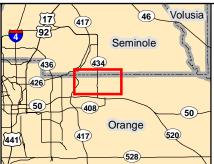
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2	Archbold fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	18.23	0.40%	Non-Hydric Soil
3	Basinger fine sand, depressional	326.30	7.12%	Hydric Soil
15	Felda fine sand, frequently flooded	306.54	6.69%	Hydric Soil
20	Immokalee fine sand	106.99	2.33%	Hydric Inclusions
22	Lochloosa fine sand	16.46	0.36%	Non-Hydric Soil
26	Ona fine sand	18.49	0.40%	Hydric Inclusions
30	Pineda fine sand	2.97	0.06%	Hydric Soil
34	Pomello fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	308.80	6.74%	Hydric Inclusions
37	St. Johns fine sand	189.52	4.14%	Hydric Inclusions
39	St. Lucie-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	0.90	0.02%	Non-Hydric Soil
40	Samsula muck	121.06	2.64%	Hydric Soil
42	Sanibel muck	288.65	6.30%	Hydric Soil
44	Smyrna fine sand	1,920.77	41.91%	Hydric Inclusions
45	Smyrna -Urban land complex	1.27	0.03%	Hydric Inclusions
46	Tavares fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	6.72	0.15%	Non-Hydric Soil
51	Wabasso fine sand	27.73	0.61%	Non-Hydric Soil
53	Wauberg fine sand	1.32	0.03%	Hydric Soil
54	Zolfo fine sand	751.44	16.40%	Non-Hydric Soil
99	Water	168.67	3.68%	Unranked
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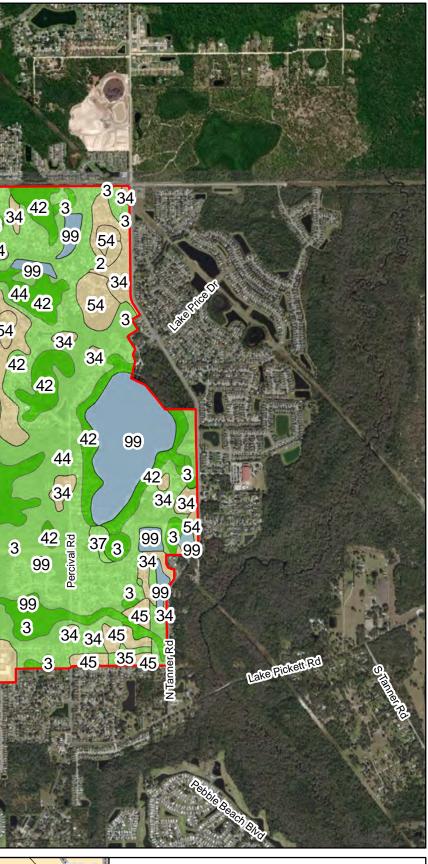
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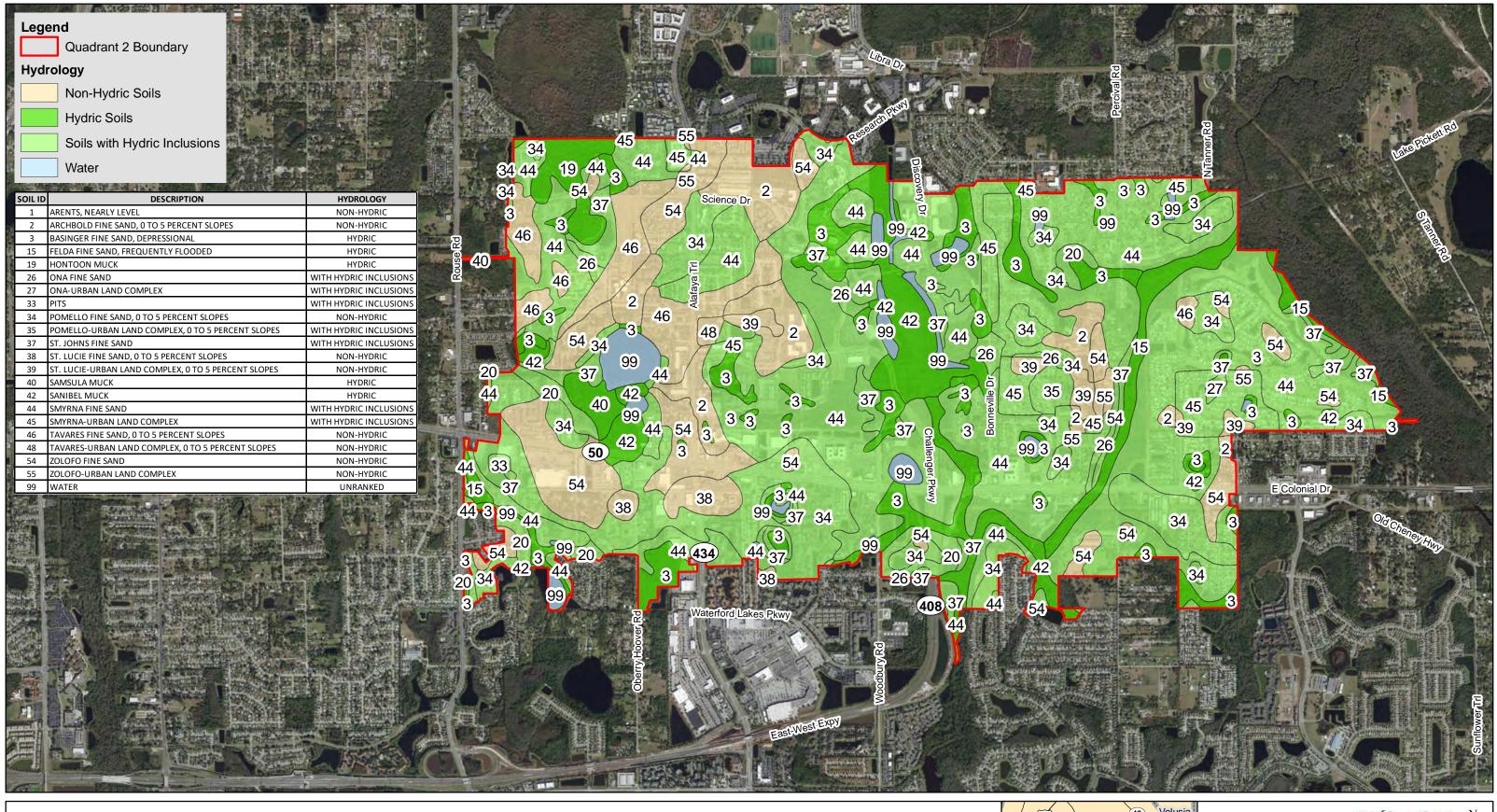
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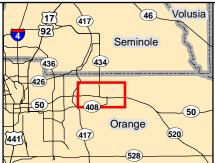






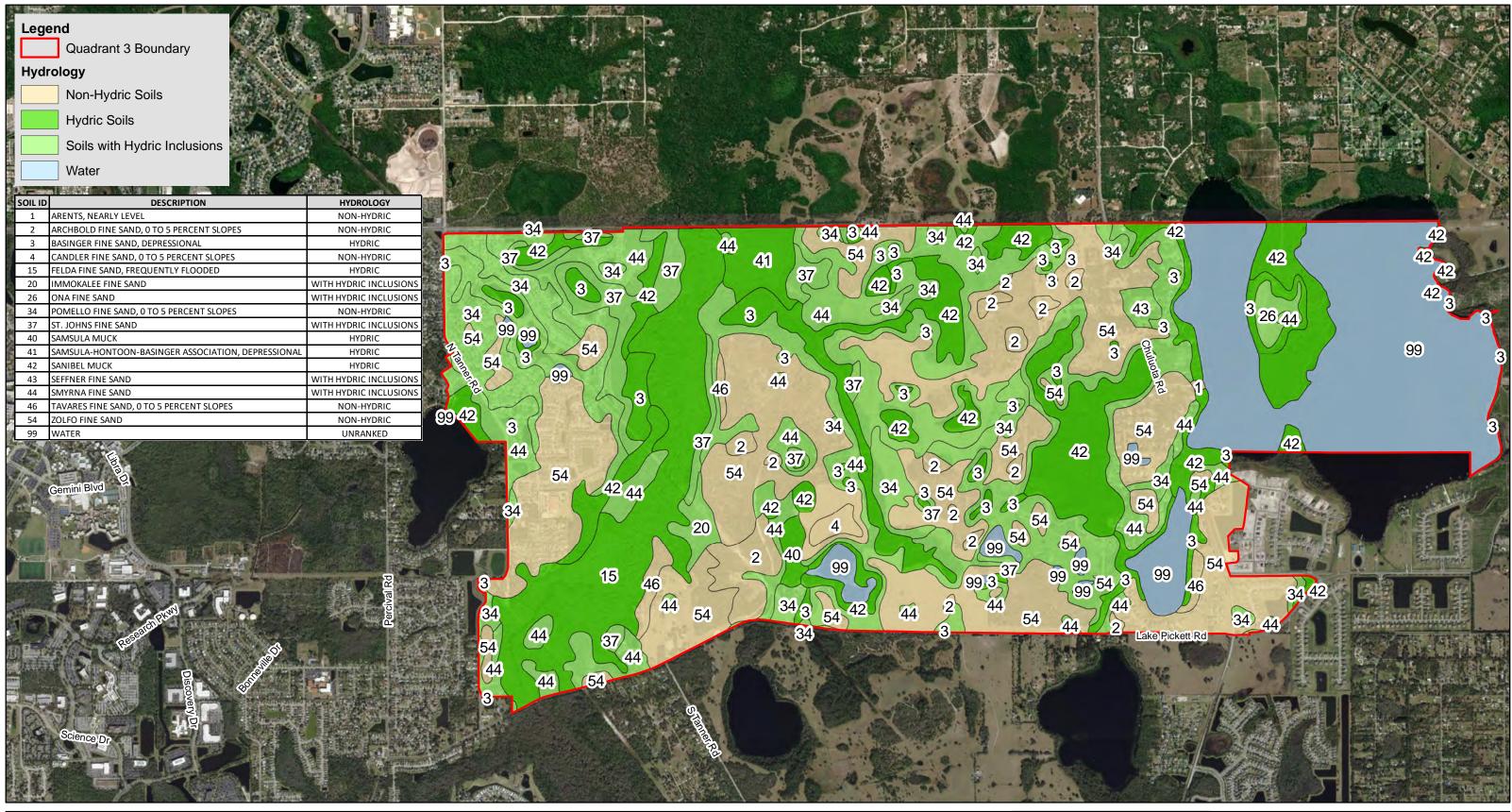
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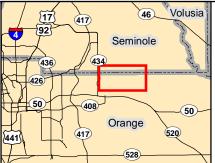
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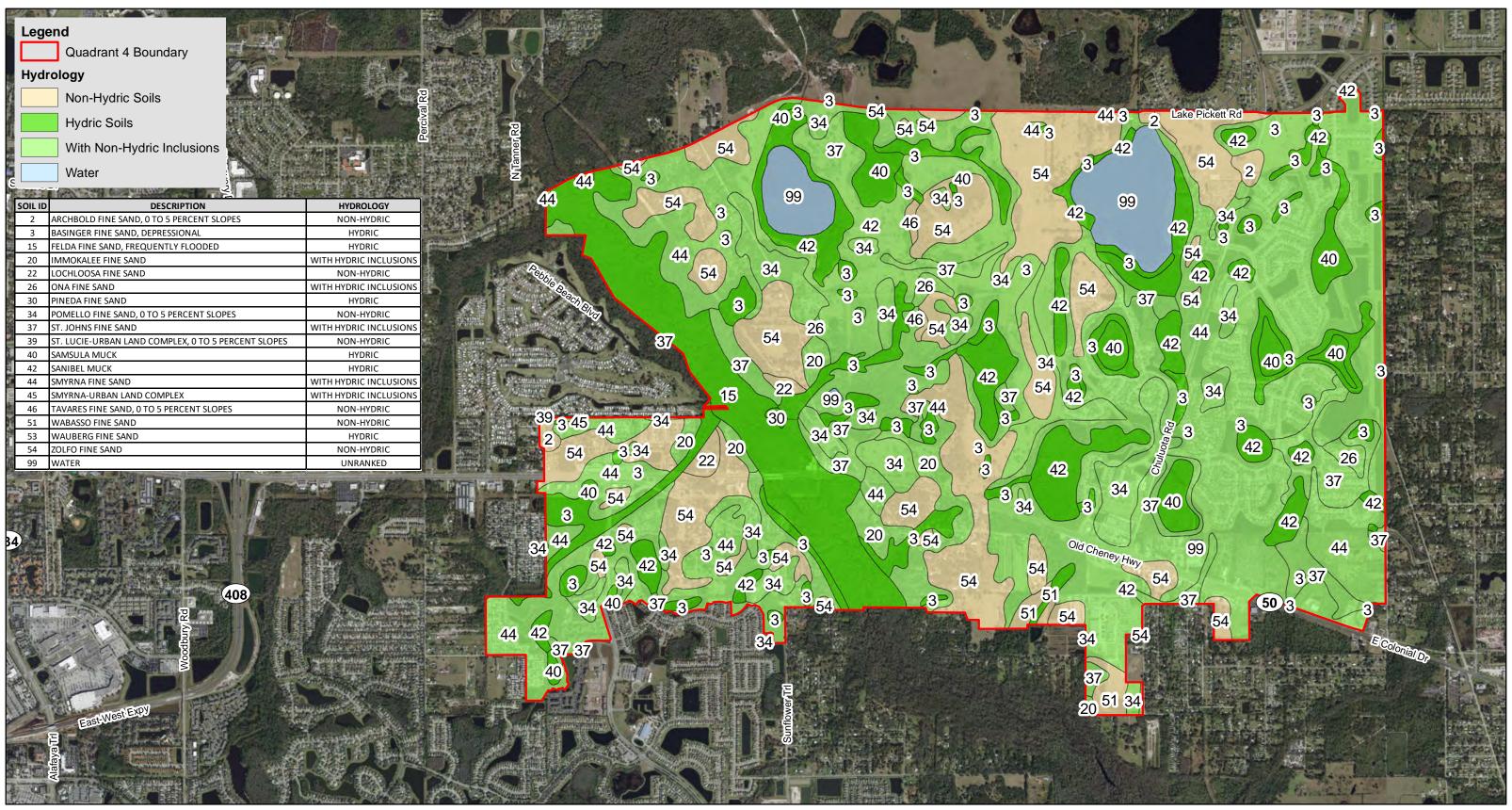
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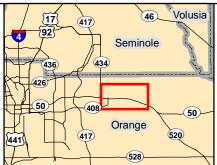
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Quadrant 4: NRCS Soils Map



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6.6.1 Soil Description Summaries

<u>Arents, nearly level (1)</u>- Arents consist of material dug from several areas that have different kinds of soil. This soil is used to fill such areas as sloughs, depressions, and other low-lying areas above their natural ground levels during land-leveling operations. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. A seasonal high-water table varies with the amount of fill material and artificial drainage in any mapped area. In most years, a seasonal high-water table is at depth of 24 to 36 inches for 3 to 4 months. It recedes to a depth of about 60 inches or more during extended dry periods. The water capacity property is variable and also depends on the amount of fill material and artificial drainage in any mapped area. This is considered a non-hydric soil typically indicative of uplands in developed urban areas.

<u>Archbold Fine Sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes (2)</u> - This nearly level to gently sloping and moderately well drained soil is typically found on low ridges and knolls on the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth and convex. The seasonal high-water table is at depth of 42 to 60 inches of the surface for about 6 months, and it recedes to a depth of 60 to 80 inches for the rest of the year. It is at a depth of 24 to 40 inches for about 1 month to 4 months during extended wet periods. It recedes to a depth of more than 80 inches during extended dry periods. The permeability is very rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very low. This is considered a non-hydric soil and can be indicative of marine terraces on coastal plains.

<u>Basinger Fine Sand, Depressional (3)</u>-This nearly level and very poorly drained soil is found on shallow depressions and sloughs and along the edges of freshwater marshes and swamps. Slopes range from 0 to 2 percent. Under natural conditions, the water table is above the surface for 6 to 9 months or more each year and is within 12 inches of the surface for the rest of the year. Permeability is rapid throughout. The available water capacity is low in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum and is medium in the subsoil. This is considered a hydric soil associated with wetlands.

<u>Candler Fine Sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes (4)</u>-This nearly level to gently sloping and excessively drained soil is typically located on uplands. Slopes are nearly smooth to convex. The seasonal high-water table is typically at a depth of more than 80 inches. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers, and it is rapid to moderately rapid in the subsoil. The available water capacity is very low in the surface and subface layers and low in the subsoil. This is considered a non-hydric soil and is indicative of uplands.

<u>Candler-Urban Land Complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes (7)</u>-This nearly level to gently sloping and excessively drained soil in areas of urban land is typically located on uplands. Slopes are nearly smooth to convex. The seasonal high-water table is typically at a depth of more than 80 inches. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers, and it is rapid to moderately rapid in the subsoil. The available water capacity is very low in the surface and subsurface layers and



low in the subsoil. This disturbed soil designation is considered a non-hydric soil associated with developed lands which are typically classified as uplands.

<u>Felda Fine Sand, Frequently Flooded (15)</u>-This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located on flood plains of Econlockhatchee River and of other minor streams. Slopes are nearly smooth to slightly concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is typically within 10 inches of the surface for 2 to 6 months. Flooding occurs frequently during rainy periods. Flooding normally lasts from 1 month to 4 months. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers, and it is moderately in the subsoil. The available water capacity is very low in the surface and subface layers and in in the substratum and is medium in the subsoil. This is considered a hydric soil indicative of wetlands.

<u>Hontoon Muck (19)</u>-This nearly level and very poorly drained soil is typically located in freshwater swamps and in marshes. Slopes are smooth and less than 1 percent. The seasonal high-water table is typically within 10 inches of the surface, but under natural conditions this soil can be ponded for most of the year. In drained areas the water table is typically controlled at a depth of 10 to 36 inches in which the water table is at or above the surface for short periods after heavy rains. The permeability is rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very high. This is considered a hydric soil indicative of wetlands.

Immokalee Fine Sand (20)-This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located on broad flatwoods. Slopes are smooth and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is within 10 inches of the surface for 1 month to 3 months, and it recedes to a depth of 10 to 40 inches for more than 6 months. The permeability is rapid on the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum and is moderate in the subsoil. The available water capacity is very low in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum and is moderate in the substratum and is moderate in the substratum and is medium in the subsoil. This is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Lochloosa fine sand (22)-</u> This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located in the slightly high positions on the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to convex and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is within 30 to 60 inches of the surface for 1 month to 4 months. It may recede to more than 60 inches during prolonged dry periods. The permeability is moderately rapid to rapid in the surface and subsurface layers, moderate to moderately slow in the subsoil, and slow to moderately slow in the substratum. This is considered non-hydric soil indicative of uplands.

<u>Ona Fine Sand (26)</u>-This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located in broad areas on the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is typically within 10 inches of the surface for 1 month or 2 months. It recedes to a depth of 10 to 40 inches for periods of 6 months or more. The permeability is rapid in surface and subsurface layers, and it is moderate in the subsoil. The available water capacity is medium in the surface



layer and subsoil and is low in the substratum. This is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Ona-Urban Land Complex (27)</u>-This nearly level and poorly drained soil and of areas and of Urban land is typically located on the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is typically within 10 inches of the surface for 1 month or 2 months. The permeability is rapid in surface layer and in the substratum and is moderate in the subsoil. The available water capacity is moderate in the surface layer and subsoil and is low in the substratum. This disturbed soil designation is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Pineda Fine Sand (30)-</u> This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located on low hammocks, in broad, poorly defined drainageways, and in sloughs. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is within 10 inches of the surface for 1 month to 6 months. It recedes to a depth of 10 to 40 inches for more than 6 months. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers and the upper part of the subsoil, and moderately slow in the lower part of the subsoil and substratum. The available water capacity is very I ow in the surface and subsurface layers and in the upper part of the subsoil, and it is medium in the lower part of the subsoil and substratum. This is considered a hydric soil and is indicative of wetlands.

<u>Pits (33)</u>-This soil consists of excavated areas of unconsolidated or heterogenous soil and geologic materials which have been removed primarily for use in road construction or as fill material for low areas and building foundations. Most soil properties area variable according to the type and amount of fill material removed. This disturbed soil designation is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be associated with uplands or wetlands/surface water features.

Pomello Fine Sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes (34)-This nearly level to gently sloping and moderately well drained soil is typically located on low ridges and knolls on the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to convex. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth to 24 to 40 inches for 1 month to 4 months and recedes to a depth of 40 to 60 inches during dry periods. The permeability is very rapid in surface layer and subsurface layers, moderately rapid in the subsoil, and rapid in the substratum. The available water capacity is very low in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum, and it is medium in the subsoil. This is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Pomello-Urban Land Complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes (35)</u>-This nearly level to gently sloping and moderately well drained soil is associated with urban areas but can be located on low ridges and knolls on the flatwoods. The urban land part of this complex is covered by concrete, asphalt, buildings, or another impervious surface. Slopes are smooth to convex. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth to 24 to 40 inches for 1 month to 4 months and recedes to a depth of 40 to 60 inches during dry periods. The permeability is very rapid in surface layer and subsurface layers,



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<u>St. Johns Fine Sand (37)</u>-This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located on broad flats in the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal highwater table is within 10 inches of the surface for 6 to 12 months and between depths of 10 and 40 inches for more than 6 months. In rainy period, it rises to the surface for brief periods. The permeability is rapid in surface layer and subsurface layers and the substratum, and it is moderately slow to moderate in the subsoil. The available water capacity is medium in the surface layer, very low to low in the subsurface layer, and substratum, and medium to very high in the subsoil. This is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>St. Lucie Fine Sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes (38)</u>-This deep, nearly level to gently sloping, and excessively drained soil is typically located on uplands. Slopes are uniform and range from 0 to 5 percent. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth of 72 inches or more. The permeability is very rapid. The available water capacity is very slow. This is considered a non-hydric soil and can be indicative of uplands.

<u>St. Lucie-Urban Land Complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes (39)</u>-This complex consists of St. Lucie soil that is nearly level to gently sloping, and excessively drained. It is typically associated with urban lands. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth of 72 inches or more. The permeability is very rapid. The available water capacity is very slow. This soil type is considered a non-hydric soil associated with uplands and developed land.

<u>Samsula Muck (40)</u> - This nearly level and very poorly drained soil is typically located in freshwater marshes and swamps. Slopes are smooth and are less than 1 percent. The seasonal high-water table fluctuates between depths of about 10 inches to above the surface. The permeability is rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very high in the organic matter and is very low in the underlying sandy material. This is considered a hydric soil typically indicative of wetlands.

<u>Samsula-Hontoon-Basinger Association, Depressional (41)</u> - This nearly level and very poorly drained soil is typically located in freshwater swamps, depressions, slough, and broad, poorly defined drainageways. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table fluctuates between depths of about 10 inches and the surface. The permeability is rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very high in the organic matter and is very low in the underlying sandy material. This is considered a hydric soil typically indicative of wetlands.

Sanibel Muck (42) - This nearly level and very poorly drained soil is typically located in depressions, freshwater swamps and marshes, and in poorly defined drainageways. Slopes are concave and are less than 1 percent. The seasonal high-water table fluctuates between depths of about 10 inches



and the surface for 2 to 6 months. The permeability is rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very high in the organic matter and is medium to low in the underlying sandy material. This is considered a hydric soil typically indicative of wetlands.

<u>Seffner Fine Sand (43)</u> - This nearly level and somewhat poorly drained soil is typically located on the rims of depressions and on broad, low ridges on the flatwood. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is within 18 to 40 inches of the surface for 2 to 4 months and between depths of 10 to 20 inches for periods of up to 2 weeks during wet periods. It recedes to a depth of less than 60 inches during extended dry periods. The permeability is rapid throughout. The available water capacity is medium in the surface layer, and it is low to very low in the underlying material. This is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Smyrna Fine Sand (44)</u> - This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located on broad flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is within 10 inches of the surface for 1 month to 4 months. It recedes to a depth of 10 to 40 inches for more than 6 months. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum, and it is moderate to moderately rapid in the subsoil. The available water capacity is low to very low in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum, and it is considered soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Smyrna-Urban Land Complex (45)</u> - This complex contains nearly level and poorly drained soil and area of urban lands. It is typically located on the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is within 10 inches of the surface for 1 month to 4 months. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum, and it is moderate to moderately rapid in the subsoil. The available water capacity is low to very low in the surface and subsurface layers and in the subsoil. This is considered a soil with hydric inclusions and can be indicative of uplands or wetlands depending on where it lies in the landscape.

<u>Tavares Fine Sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes (46)</u> - This nearly level to gently sloping and moderately well drained soil is typically located on low ridges and knolls on the uplands. Slopes are smooth to concave. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth of 40 to 80 inches for more than 6 months, and it recedes to a depth of more than 80 inches during extended dry periods. The permeability is very rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very low. This is considered a non-hydric soil and can be indicative of uplands.

<u>Tavares-Urban Land Complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes (48)</u> - This complex of nearly level to gently sloping and moderately well drained soil typically contains urban land, but is also located on low ridges and knolls on the uplands and in the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to concave and range from 0 to 5 percent. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth of 40 to 80 inches for more than



6 months, and it recedes to a depth of more than 80 inches during extended dry periods. The permeability is very rapid throughout. The available water capacity is very low. This soil designation is considered a non-hydric soil associated with uplands and developed land.

<u>Urban Land (50)</u>-This soil designation is a result of natural soils that cannot be observed or identified because it is covered by urban facilities such as shopping centers, parking lots, industrial buildings, houses, streets, airports, and other structures. Soils in unoccupied areas such as lawns, vacant lots, playgrounds and parks, mostly consist of Candler, Florahome, Millhopper, Ona, Pomello, St. Lucie, Smyrna, Tavares, and Wabasso soils. These soils have been altered by grading and shaping, or a fill material has been used to cover the natural soils to a depth of 12 inches. Drainage systems have been established in most areas and the seasonal high-water table is highly variable. This disturbed soil designation is considered a non-hydric soil associated with uplands and developed land.

<u>Wabasso Fine Sand (51)</u>- This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located on broad flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to slightly convex and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth of less than 10 inches for 1 month to 5 months and recedes to a depth of more than 40 inches during dry periods. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers and in the substratum and moderate in the sandy part of the subsoil and slow or very slow in the loamy part. The water capacity is very low in the surface and subsurface layers, medium in the subsoil, and low in the substratum. This is considered a non-hydric soil typically indicative of uplands.

<u>Wauberg Fine Sand (53)</u> - This nearly level and poorly drained soil is typically located in low areas in the flatwoods. Slopes are nearly smooth to slightly concave and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high-water is within 12 inches of the surface for a period of 6 months and can recede to a depth of more than 40 inches during dry periods. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers, very slow in the upper part of the subsoil and substratum and moderately slow in the lower part of the subsoil. The water capacity is low to medium in the surface layer, subsoil, and substratum. This is considered a hydric soil typically indicative of wetlands.

<u>Zolfo Fine Sand (54)</u> - This nearly level and somewhat poorly drained soil is typically located on broad, slightly higher positions adjacent to the flatwoods. Slopes are smooth to convex and range from 0 to 5 percent. The seasonal high-water table is at a depth of 24 to 40 inches for 2 to 6 months, and it is a depth of 10 to 24 inches during periods of heavy rains. It recedes to a depth of about 60 inches during extended dry periods. The permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers, and it is moderate in the subsoil. The available water capacity is low in the surface and subsurface layers and is medium in the subsoil. This is considered a non-hydric soil indicative of uplands.

<u>Zolfo-Urban land complex</u> (55) – This complex is nearly level and somewhat poorly drained and contains urban lands. It can be found on broad, slightly higher positions adjacent to flatwoods.



Slopes are smooth and range from 0 to 2 percent. The seasonal high water table is at a depth of 24 to 40 inches for 2 to 6 months and at a depth of 10 to 24 inches during periods of high rainfall. It recedes to a depth of 60 inches during extended droughts. When altered and drained in urban areas, the water table is highly variable. Permeability is rapid in the surface and subsurface layers and moderate in the subsoil. The available water capacity is low in the surface and subsurface layers and medium in the subsoil. This is considered a non-hydric soil typically associated with uplands and developed land.

<u>Water (99)</u> - Water is a miscellaneous area including areas of open water, lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. There is no hydric soil classification associated with open water and therefore it is an unranked category.

6.7 HYDRAULIC AND NATURAL FEATURES

The most recent, publicly available information and Geographic Information System (GIS) data regarding environmental resources in or with the potential to occur in the project area were reviewed. This information and data included local topography, floodplains, wetlands, documented wildlife observations, management plans, and other historical records. Other information included but was not limited to:

- Historic and recent aerial photography;
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Topographic Maps;
- NRCS Soil Maps;
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Maps;
- USFWS Wood Stork Colony Core Foraging Area Maps;
- USFWS Consultation Areas;
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Bald Eagle Nests;
- FWC Imperiled and Managed Species Lists and Occurrence Data;
- Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCFCS) Maps;
- USFWS IPaC Information for Planning and Consultation;
- St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Conservation/Regulatory Easements;
- SJRWMD existing Environmental Resource Permits;
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) CWA 404 Retained Waters;
- Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) Biodiversity Index and Field Guides



6.7.1 Floodplains and Floodways

The extent of floodplains and floodways within the project study area was determined via a desktop GIS analysis using the FEMA Flood Hazard data from October 2020. **Tables 6.7.1** through **6.7.4** below include the floodplain types and descriptions, and approximate acreages of each floodplain type within the project study area by quadrant for Quadrants 1 through 4. Floodplains and floodways for each of the quadrants within the project study area are depicted in **Exhibits 6.7.1** through **6.7.4**.

FEMA floodplain type A indicates areas that are subject to a 1% annual chance flood event or a 100-Year floodplain, using approximations, resulting in a lack of provided base flood depths. FEMA floodplain type AE indicates areas that are subject to a 1% annual chance flood event or a 100-Year floodplain, using detailed methods, providing base flood elevations. FEMA floodplain type X indicates areas that are not within the Special Flood Hazard Zone. Type X is between the limits of the base flood and the 0.2 percent annual chance for flood, or 500-Year floodplain.

TABL	TABLE 6.7.1 – FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS IN QUADRANT 1						
FEMA Floodplain Type	FEMA Floodplain Description	Q1 Acres	Q1 Percentage				
А	100-Year Floodplain	616.16	19.59%				
AE	100-Year Floodplain	182.77	5.81%				
Х	500-Year Floodplain	0.82	0.03%				
	Outside Floodplain	2,345.05	74.57%				
Total for A	Area of Interest	3,144.80	100.00%				

Approximately one-fourth of Quadrant 1 is located within a FEMA floodplain. Floodplain type A, followed by type AE, make up the floodplains within the quadrant.



TABL	TABLE 6.7.2 – FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS IN QUADRANT 2						
FEMA Floodplain Type	FEMA Floodplain Description	Q2 Acres	Q2 Percentage				
А	100-Year Floodplain	414.14	11.09%				
AE	100-Year Floodplain	317.93	8.51%				
Х	500-Year Floodplain	61.06	1.63%				
	Outside Floodplain	2,941.77	78.77%				
Total for A	Area of Interest	3,734.90	100.00%				

Approximately one-fifth of Quadrant 2 is located within a FEMA floodplain. These floodplains include floodplain type A, with small portions of type AE and type X 500-year floodplain.

TAE	TABLE 6.7.3 – FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS IN QUADRANT 3							
FEMA Floodplain Type	FEMA Floodplain Description	Q3 Acres	Q3 Percentage					
А	100-Year Floodplain	180.38	4.25%					
AE	100-Year Floodplain	1,607.10	37.88%					
V	500-Year Floodplain	201.28	4.74%					
Х	Outside Floodplain	2,254.51	53.13%					
Total fo	or Area of Interest	4,243.27	100.00%					

A large portion of Quadrant 3, almost half, is located within a floodplain. The largest floodplain type is type AE, with small portions of type A and X 500-year floodplain.

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TABLE 6.7.4 – FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS IN QUADRANT 4						
FEMA Floodplain Type	FEMA Floodplain Description	Q4 Acres	Q4 Percentage			
А	100-Year Floodplain	707.70	15.44%			
AE	100-Year Floodplain	723.52	15.79%			
Х	500-Year Floodplain	154.91	3.38%			
	Outside Floodplain	2,996.70	65.39%			
Total for Are	a of Interest	4,582.83	100.00%			

Floodplains and floodways make up approximately one-third of Quadrant 4. FEMA floodplain types A and AE are the primary floodplain types, followed by a small portion of type X 500-year floodplain.

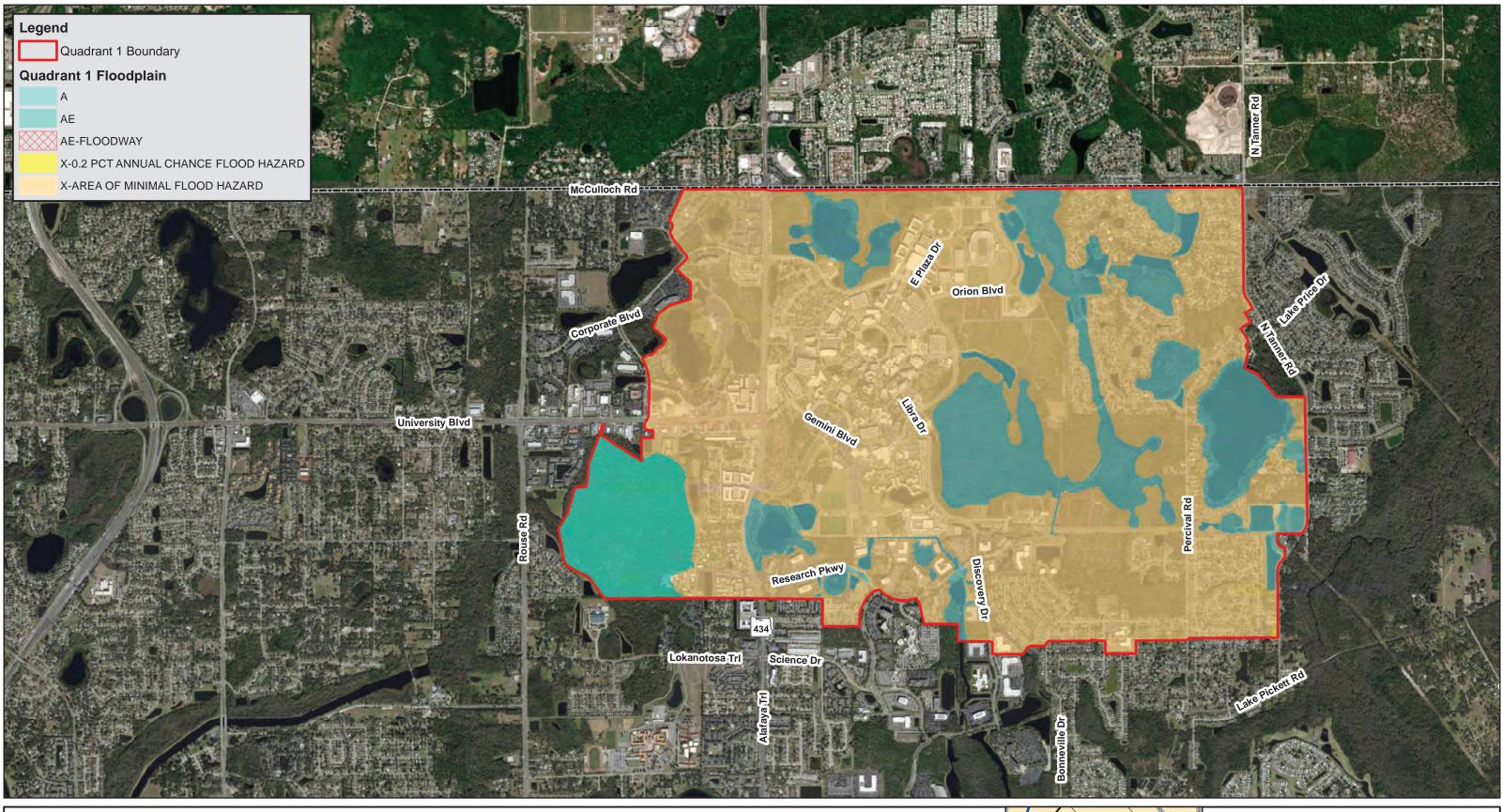
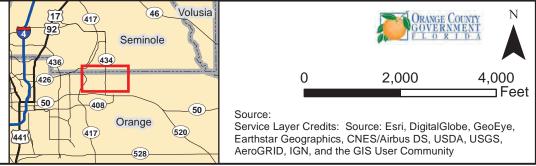


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Quadrant 1: Floodplains

Note: Floodplains - FEMA Flood Hazard, October 2020.



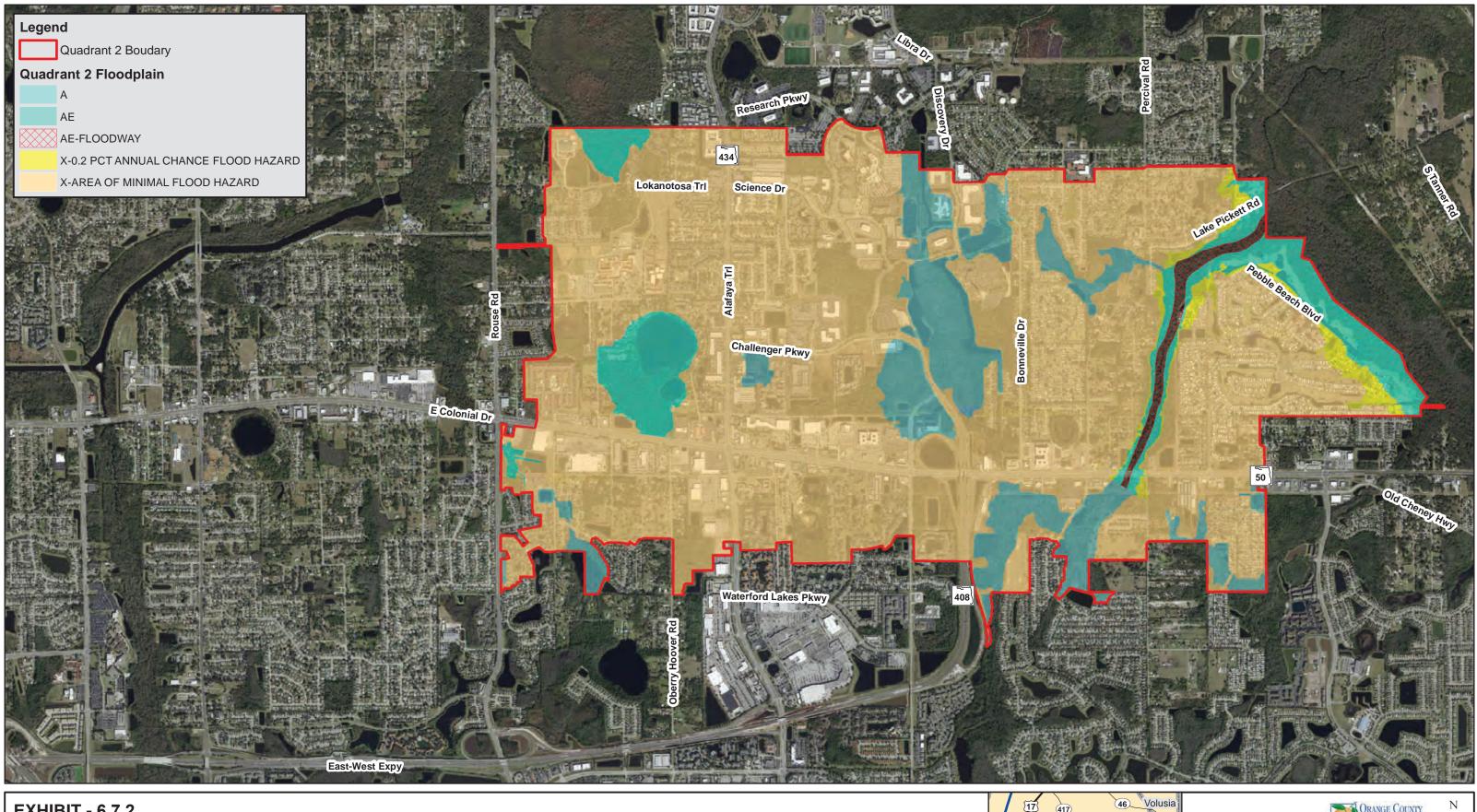
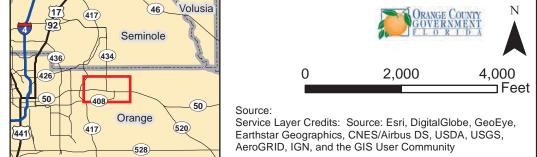


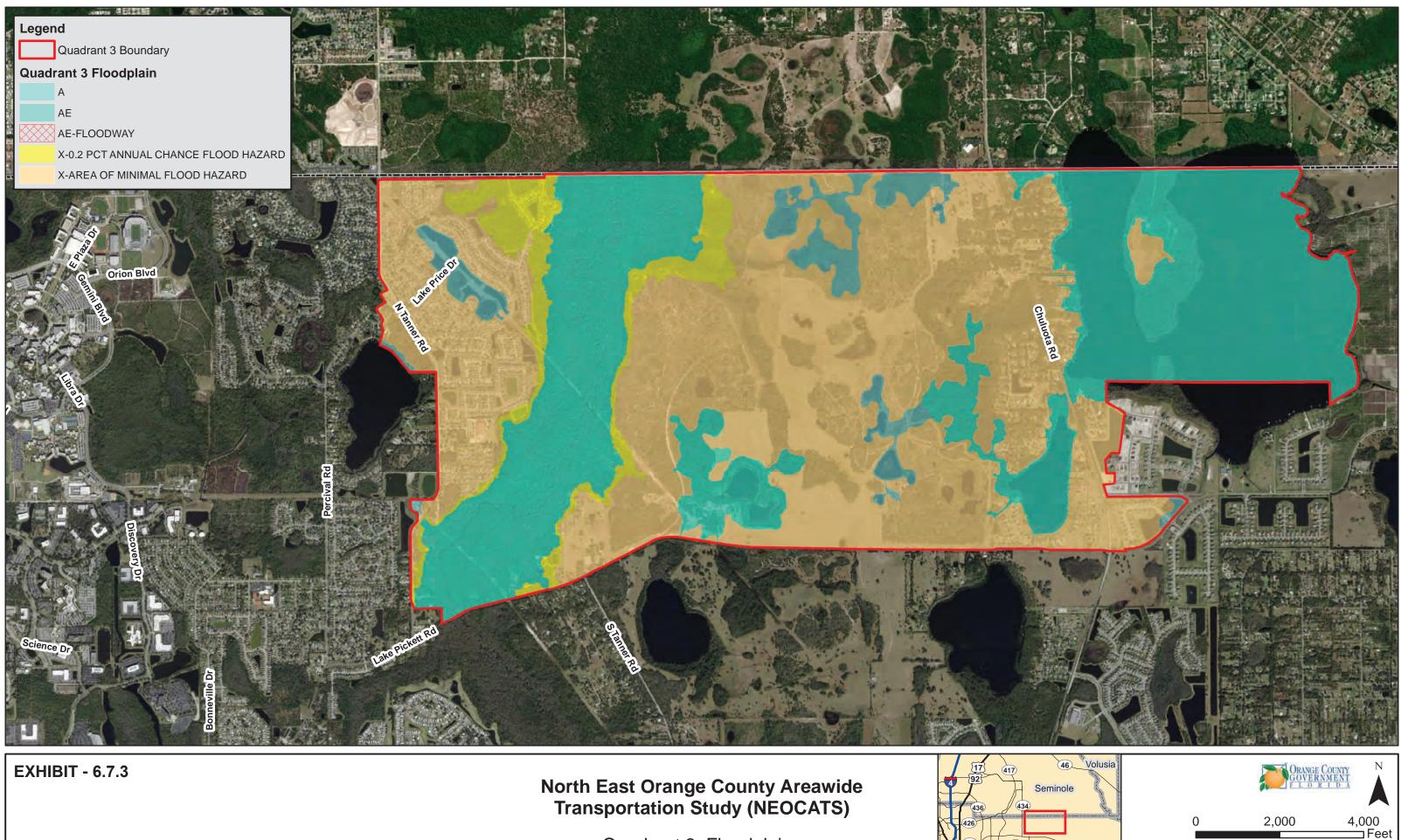
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Quadrant 2: Floodplains

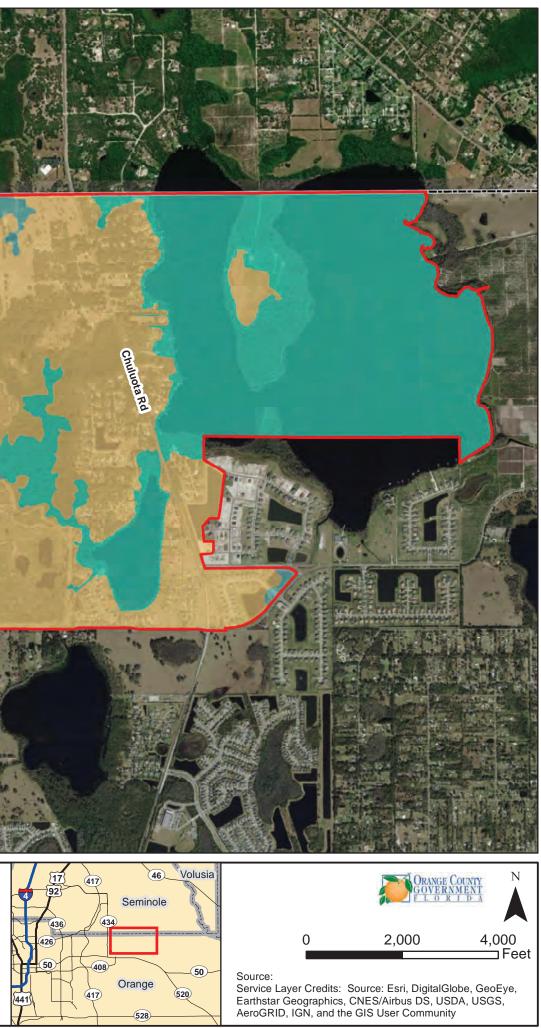
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Quadrant 3: Floodplains

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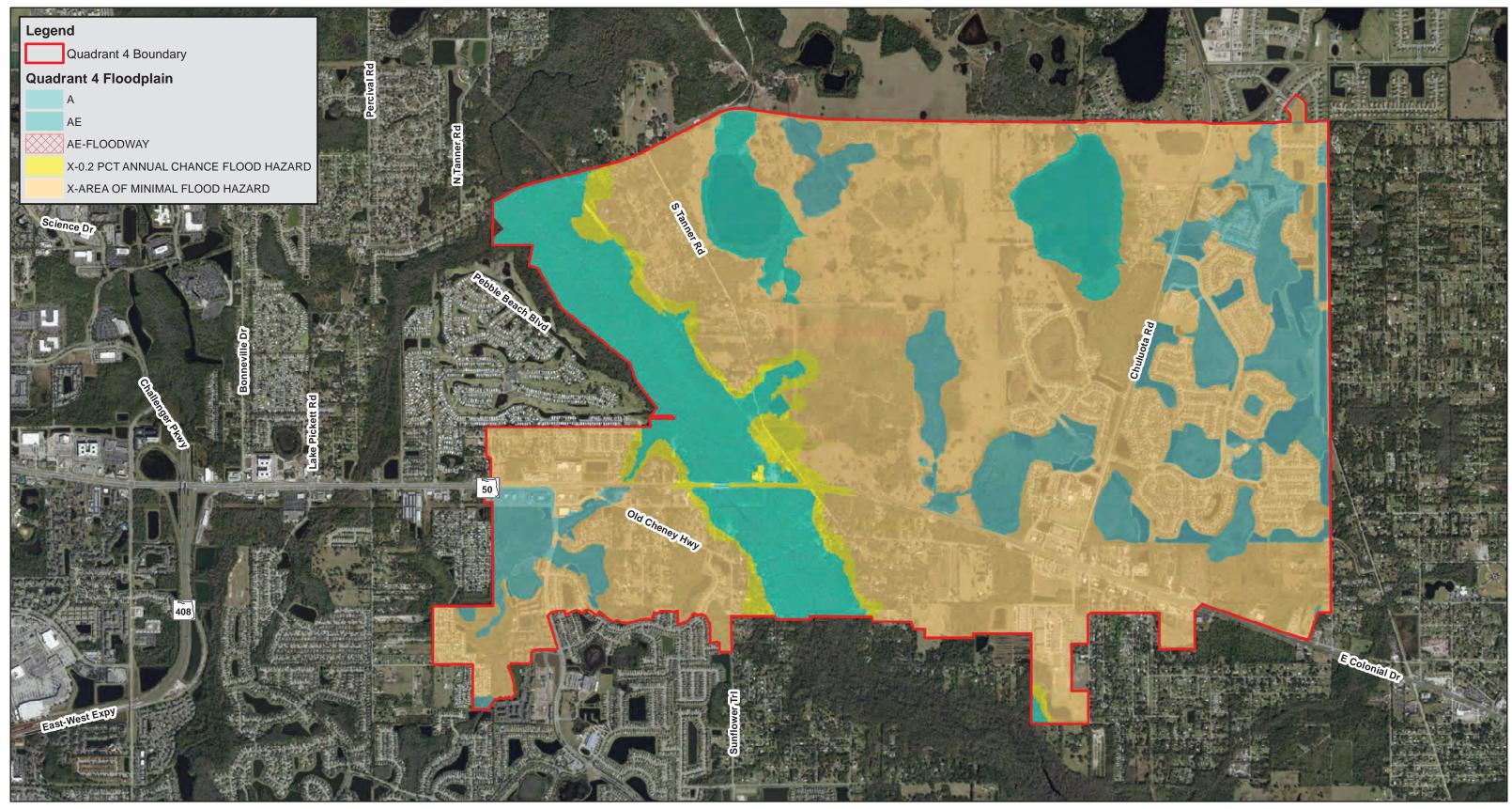
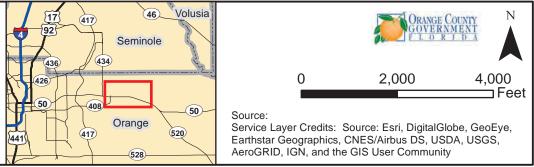


EXHIBIT - 6.7.4

North East Orange County Areawide Transportation Study (NEOCATS)

Quadrant 4: Floodplains



Note: Floodplains - FEMA Flood Hazard, October 2020.



6.7.2 Wetlands and Surface Waters

The extent of wetlands and surface waters within the project study area was determined via a desktop GIS analysis using a combination of the SJRWMD Land Use/Land Cover data, USFWS NWI data, and USDA NRCS soils data. **Tables 6.7.5** through **6.7.8** below include the classification, using both FLUCFCS and NWI nomenclature, and approximate acreage of wetlands and surface waters within the project study area by quadrant, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4. Wetlands and surface waters for each of the Quadrant within the project study area are depicted in **Exhibits 6.7.5** through **6.7.8**. NWI code descriptions are included in the exhibits.

It should be noted that Orange County Code Chapter 15, Article XI, the Econlockhatchee River Protection Ordinance, requires development projects within the Econlockhatchee River Protection Area to have additional setback and buffer requirements as follows:

- River Corridor Protection Zone 1,100 feet landward of stream's edge, 550 feet landward of the stream's edge of major tributaries, and 50 feet landward of the edge of wetlands abutting the Econlockhatchee River and its named tributaries;
- Undisturbed upland buffers with an average width of 50 feet and a minimum width of 25 feet from the landward edge of Class I and Class II conservation areas

In addition, the SJRWMD has established special permitting criteria for projects within the Econlockhatchee River Hydrologic Basin that are outlined in Section 13.4 of the <u>Permit Information</u> <u>Manual (PIM)</u> (SJRWMD 2018). In addition to specific stormwater management requirements, the SJRWMD has established two additional permitting criteria specific to the Econlockhatchee River: (1) Riparian Wildlife Habitat Standard (PIM Sec. 13.4.3) and (2) Off-Site Land Preservation as Mitigation in the Econlockhatchee River Hydrologic Basin (PIM Sec. 13.4.4). These requirements are summarized below:

Riparian Wildlife Protection Standard

- The standard includes wetlands contiguous with the Econlockhatchee River and the following tributaries: Little Econlockhatchee River north of University Boulevard, Mills Creek, Silcox Branch (branch of Mills Creek), Mills Branch (branch of Mills Creek), Long Branch, Hart Branch, Cowpen Branch, Green Branch, Turkey Creek, Little Creek, and Fourmile Creek
- Uplands which are within 50 feet landward of the landward extent of wetlands above
- The uplands which are within 550 feet landward of the stream's edge as defined as the waterward extent of the forested wetlands abutting the Econlockhatchee River and the above named tributaries. In the absence of forested wetlands abutting these streams, the stream's edge shall be defined, for the purpose of this subsection, as the mean annual surface water elevation of the stream; however, if hydrologic records are unavailable, the landward extent of the herbaceous



emergent wetland vegetation growing in these streams shall be considered to be the stream's edge.

- Development and/or construction activities are considered to adversely affect the Riparian Habitat Protection Zone (RHPZ) with the exception of any activity which promotes a more endemic state such as construction undertaken to return lands to managed for agriculture or silviculture to a vegetative community that is more compatible with endemic land cover.
- Applicants seeking to develop within the RHPZ must demonstrate that their development will have no adverse effect on functions provided by the Zone to aquatic or wetland dependent species. This can be accomplished through preservation, creation/enhancement of viable wildlife habitat, and other means as outlined in the PIM.
- Roads and other traversing works have a potential to fragment habitat within the RHPZ. Projects of this type must demonstrate the need for regional transportation, regional utility services, or reasonable property access, in addition to meeting the other requirements outlined above.

Off-Site Land Preservation as Mitigation in the Econlockhatchee River Hydrologic Basin

- Mitigation in the Basin must offset impacts to the RHPZ as well as wetlands and include lands that are regionally significant.
- Land to be preserved as mitigation must be located entirely within the Econlockhatchee River Basin.
- Prior to proposing mitigation, the applicant must demonstrate that alternatives that avoid impacts to the RHPZ and wetlands outside of the RHPZ have been evaluated.
- A functional analysis must be performed to ensure that the ecological value (function) of the land proposed for mitigation meet or exceed those of the lands to be impacted.



TABLE 6.7.5 - WETLANDS AND SURFACE WATERS IN QUADRANT 1					
FLUCFCS Code	FLUCFCS Description	NWI Code	Q1 Acres		
5000-5999	Water	L1UBH, PAB4Fx, PUBH, R4SBC, R5UBFx, R5UBH, PAB4Fx, PUBH, PUBHx, PUSCx	247.99		
6000-6199	Hardwood Forested Wetland	PFO1Bd, PFO1C, PFO1Cd, PFO1F, PFO1Fd, PSS1Bd, PSS1Cd, PSS1F, PSS1Fd	94.26		
6200-6299	Coniferous Forested Wetland	PFO2Cd, PFO2F, PFOFd, PFO4A, PFO4Bd, PFO4C, PFO4Cd, PSS3/FO3Bd, PSS3C	148.13		
6300-6399	Mixed Forested Wetland	PFO1/3B, PFO1/3Bd, PFO1/3C, PFO1/3Cd,	454.86		
6400-6499	Non-Forested Wetland	PEM1/SS1Cd, PEM1Ad, PEM1Bd, PEM1C, PEM1Cd, PEM1F, PEM1Fd	138.56		
	Total for Area	a of Interest	1,083.80		

Wetlands and Surface Waters in Quadrant 1 include water and both forested and non-forested wetlands. Water areas within the quadrant consist of lakes and reservoirs. Wetland areas within the quadrant include mostly Mixed Forested Wetlands, followed by Coniferous Forested Wetlands, Non-Forested Wetlands, and Hardwood Forested Wetlands.

TABLE 6.7.6 - WETLANDS AND SURFACE WATERS IN QUADRANT 2				
FLUCFCS Code	FLUCFCS Description	NWI Code	Q2 Acres	
5000-5999	Water	L1UBH, L2AB4H, R4SBC, R5UBFx, R5UBH, PAB4Fx, PAB4H, PAB4Hx	228.39	
6000-6199	Hardwood Forested Wetland	PFO1C, PFO1Cd, PFO1F, PFO1Fd, PSS1C, PSS1Cd, PSS1Fd, PSS3Cd	466.90	
6200-6299	Coniferous Forested Wetland	PFO2F, PFO2Fd, PFO4B, PFO4Bd, PFO4Cd,	61.43	
6300-6399	Mixed Forested Wetland	PFO1/3B, PFO1/3Bd, PFO1/3C, PFO1/3Cd, PFO1/EM1Fd,	618.16	
6400-6499	Non-Forested Wetland	PEM1Ad, PEM1Bd, PEM1C, PREM1Cd, PEM1Cx, PEM1F, PEM1Fd	38.84	
Total for Area of Interest				



Wetlands and Surface Waters in Quadrant 2 include water and both forested and non-forested wetlands. Water land uses within the quadrant include lakes and reservoirs. The wetlands within the quadrant consist mostly of Mixed Forested Wetland, followed by Hardwood Forested Wetland, Coniferous Forested Wetland, and Non-Forested Wetland.

TABLE 6.7.7 - WETLANDS AND SURFACE WATERS IN QUADRANT 3					
FLUCFCS Code	FLUCFCS Description	NWI Code	Q3 Acres		
5000-5999	Water	L1UBH, L1UBHx, L2AB4F, L2AB4H, PAB4F, PAB4Fx, PAB4H, PAB4Hx	904.70		
6000-6199	Hardwood Forested Wetland	PFO1A, PFO1B, PFO1C, PFO1F, PFO1Fd, PFO6F, PSS1C, PSS1Cd, PSS1F, PSS1Fd	495.37		
6200-6299	Coniferous Forested Wetland	PFO2C, PFO2Cd, PFO2F, PFO2Fd, PFO4A, PFO4B, PFO4Bd, PFO4C, PSS3C,	145.08		
6300-6399	Mixed Forested Wetland	PFO1/3B, PFO1/3Bd, PFO1/3C, PFO1/3Cd,	1,777.88		
6400-6499	Non-Forested Wetland	PEM1Ad, PEM1Bd, PEM1C, PEM1Cd, PEM1F, PEM1Fd	46.77		
Total for Area of Interest					

Wetlands and Surface Waters in Quadrant 3 include water and both forested and non-forested wetlands. Water areas within the quadrant are made up of lakes and reservoirs. Wetland types within the quadrant include mostly Mixed Forested Wetland, followed by Hardwood Forested Wetland, Coniferous Forested Wetland, and Non-Forested Wetland.

Wetlands and Surface Waters in Quadrant 4 include water and both forested and non-forested wetlands. Water land uses within the quadrant include lakes and reservoirs. Wetland types in this quadrant consist mostly of Hardwood Forested Wetland, followed by Coniferous Forested Wetland, Mixed Forested Wetland, and Non-Forested Wetland.



TABLE 6.7.8 - WETLANDS AND SURFACE WATERS IN QUADRANT 4					
FLUCFCS Code	FLUCFCS Description	NWI Code	Q4 Acres		
5000-5999	Water	L1UBH, L2AB4H, PAB4Fx	336.89		
6000-6199	Hardwood Forested Wetland	PFO1Bd, PFO1C, PFO1Cd, PFO1F, PFO1Fd, PSS1Bd, PSS1C, PSS1Cd, PSS1F, PSS1Fd	732.55		
6200-6299	Coniferous Forested Wetland	PFO2Cd, PFO2F, PFO2Fd, PFO4B, PFO4Bd, PFO4C, PFO4Cd, PSS7C	605.91		
6300-6399	Mixed Forested Wetland	PFO1/3Ad, PFO1/3B, PFO1/3Bd, PFO1/3C, PFO1/3Cd, PFO1/4C	550.82		
6400-6499	Non-Forested Wetland	PEM1A, PEM1Ad, PEM1Bd, PEM1C, PEM1Cd, PEM1Fd	22.04		
Total for Area of Interest					

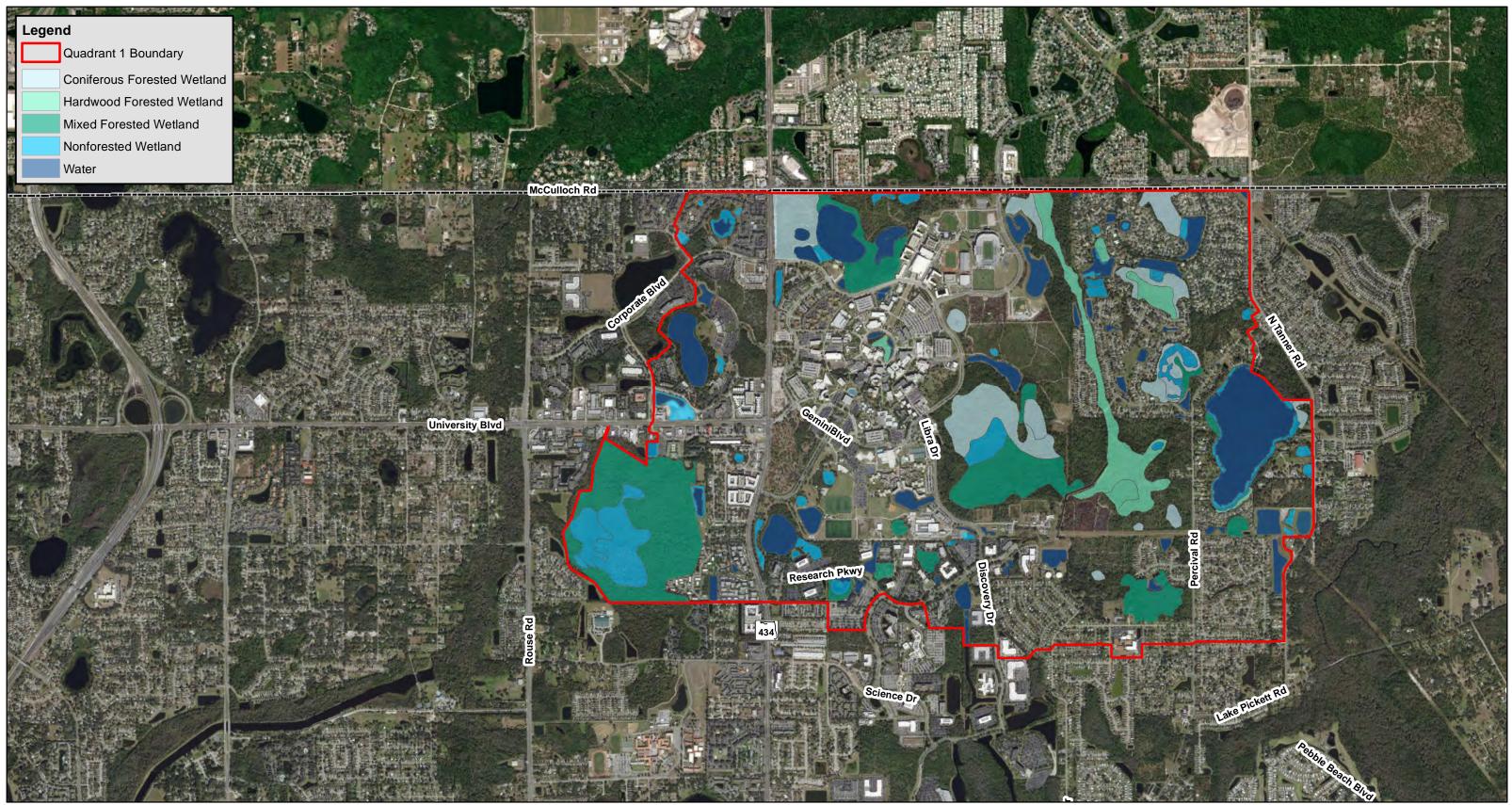
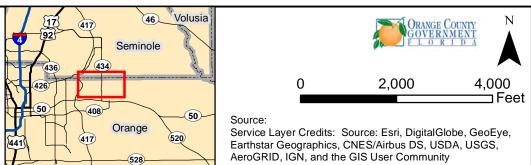


EXHIBIT - 6.7.5

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Quadrant 1: Wetlands and Surface Waters



Note: Existing Land Use - SJWMD, Land Use Land Code FLUCFCS, 2016.

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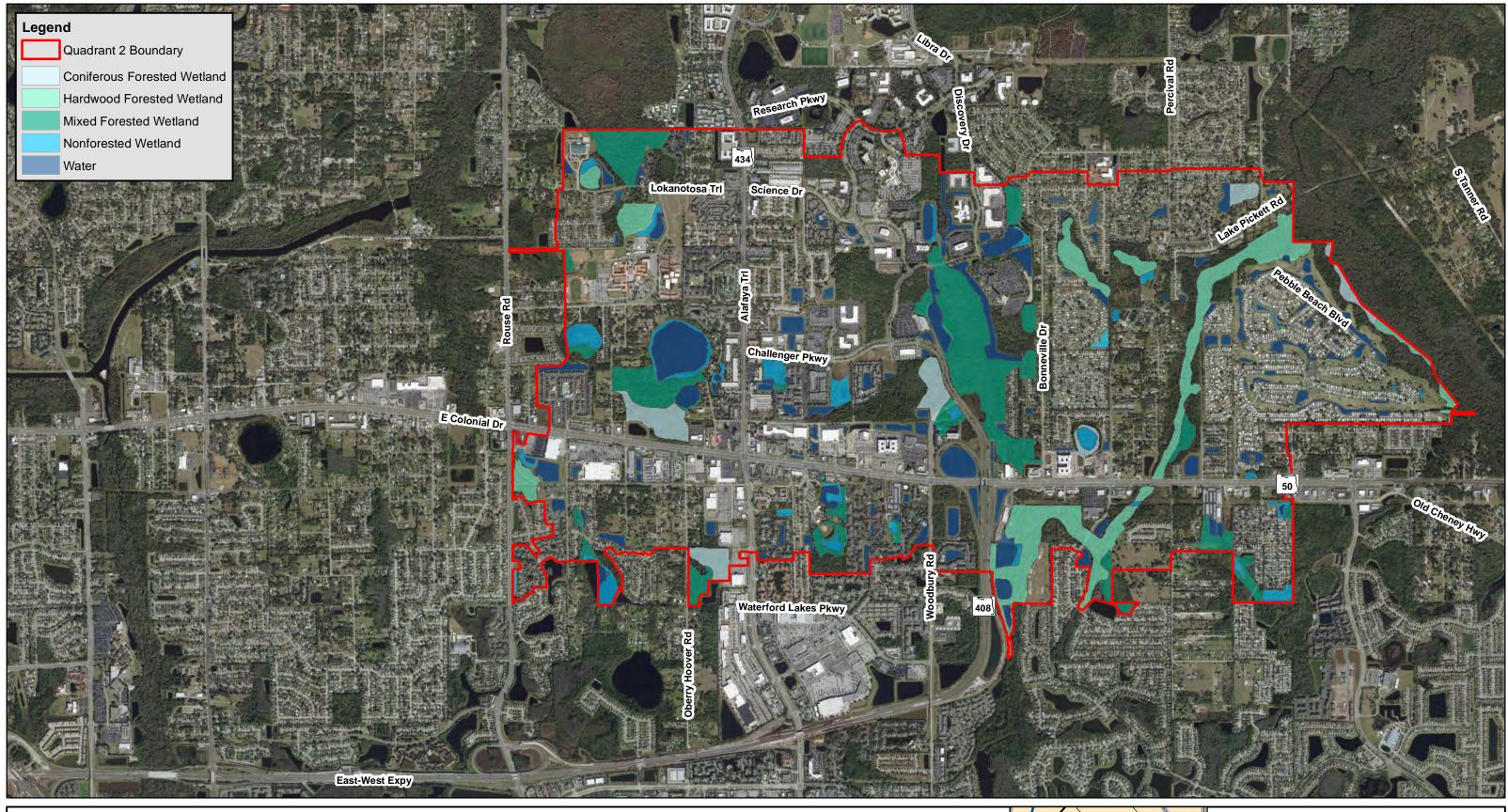
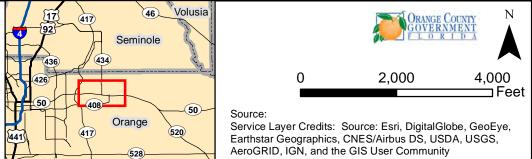


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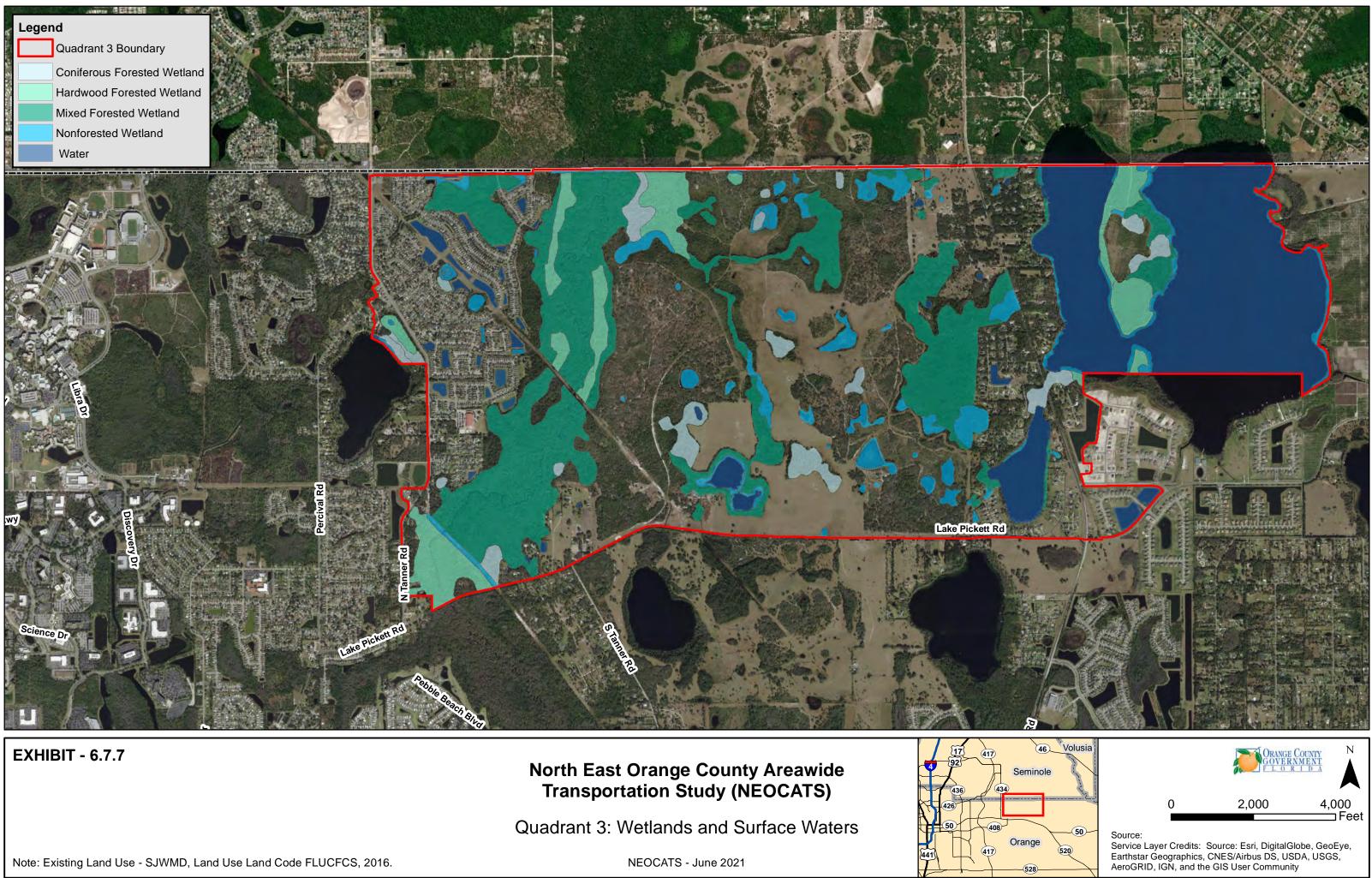
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Quadrant 2: Wetlands and Surface Waters



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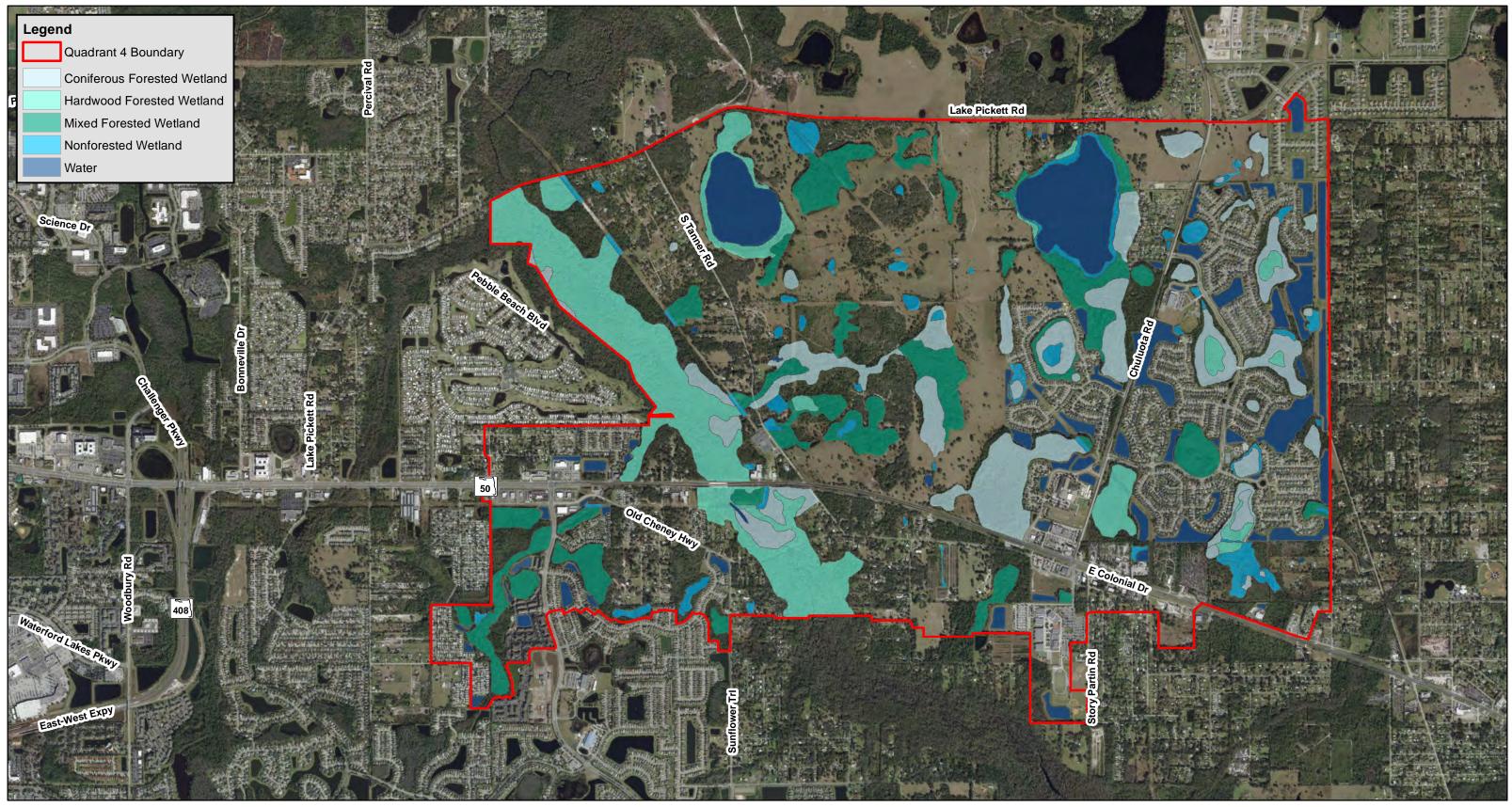
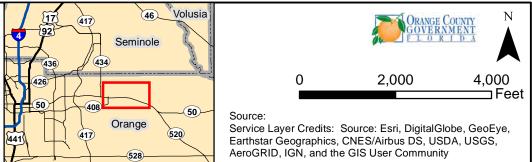


EXHIBIT - 6.7.8

North East Orange County Areawide Transportation Study (NEOCATS)

Quadrant 4: Wetlands and Surface Waters



Note: Existing Land Use - SJWMD, Land Use Land Code FLUCFCS, 2016.



6.7.3 Wetland and Surface Water Qualitative Assessment

Wetlands and surface waters within the overall project study area range in size from 0.08 acres to 1,024.00 acres and include a mixture of urban systems with little to no connectivity, in-tact natural systems, and large, regionally significant systems such as the Econlockhatchee River and its associated floodplains and tributaries. For development and restoration projects in Florida, the methodology generally used to determine the quality of wetlands and surface waters is the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Methodology (UMAM), which is described in detail in Chapter 62-345 of the Florida Administrative Code (FAC).

UMAM includes two parts: a qualitative description (Part I) and a quantification (Part II) for each assessment area. Part I provides a description of the native community type and current condition of the assessment area, including details such as anticipated wildlife usage; potential listed species usage; significant nearby features; uniqueness or rarity of the habitat; and geographic relationship and hydrologic connection with wetlands, other surface waters and uplands. Part II provides quantification of the current (or without mitigation) and anticipated condition (after project) using numerical scoring of the location and landscape support, water environment, and the community structure. Scoring ranges from 0 to 10 per category, where each point represents a 10% change in perceived function of the assessment area compared to the optimal reference habitat. The scores are then applied to the Assessment Area (AA). The AA is the area that is affected by the action and included in the UMAM assessment.

When conducting a qualitative assessment of wetlands and surface waters within the project study area, a full UMAM assessment, without a specific development or restoration project, is premature. However, the identification of regionally significant wetland and surface water features within the project study area is critical to understanding the local ecology as well as potential regulatory requirements that would likely be associated with development in and around these systems. **Tables 6.7.9** through **6.7.12** identify regionally and ecologically significant wetland and surface water features within each quadrant, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4.



TABLE 6.7.9 - SIGNIFICANT WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER FEATURES IN QUADRANT 1						
Q1 Feature	Comment					
Unnamed Tributary of Little Econlockhatchee River	Linear system with associated wetlands/floodplain connecting wetlands and habitats within the UCF Riparian Area to the Little Econ River					
Unnamed Tributary of Little Econlockhatchee River	Linear system with associated wetlands/floodplain in the UCF McKay Tract that outfalls to the Little Econ River					
Lake Lee	~12-acre lake near SR 434 and Research Pkwy					
Lake Claire	~23-acre lake on the northern portion of UCF campus					
Lake Price	~77-acre lake west of Tanner Rd in the western portion of Quadrant 1					
Lake Ebby	~19-acre lake in the northwest portion of Quadrant 1					

Quadrant 1 has six (6) significant wetland and surface water features. The largest lake, Lake Price, is a private lake served by the Big Econ River Drainage basin and managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District. Lake Lee, Lake Claire, and Lake Ebby are private lakes occurring within the Little Econ Watershed.

TABLE 6.7.10 - SIGNIFICANT WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER FEATURES						
IN QUADRANT 2						
Q2 Feature Comment						
Unnamed Tributary of	Linear system with associated wetlands NE of					
Econlockhatchee River	Challenger Pkwy connecting to the Econ River					
Laka Davias	~27-acre lake with adjacent wetlands due east of SR					
Lake Rouse	434 and Challenger Pkwy intersection					

Quadrant 2 has two (2) significant wetland and surface water features. The lake located in this quadrant, Lake Rouse, is a private lake within the Little Econ Watershed.

TABLE 6.7.11 - SIGNIFICANT WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER FEATURES						
IN QUADRANT 3						
Q3 Feature Comment						
Econlockhatchee River and associated tributaries	Major river system with associated wetlands and floodplain. Serves as the primary wildlife corridor bisecting the project study area					
Lake Pickett	Large lake system connected to Lake Drawdy and Corner Lake (Quad. 4).					
Lake Drawdy	~50-acre lake connected to Lake Pickett					
Lake Paxton	~11-acre lake connected to Econ River					

Quadrant 3 has four (4) significant wetland and surface water features. The Econlockhatchee River spans beyond this quadrant and is 44.7 miles long. The river's headwaters are an unnamed swamp located west of South County Road 13. Lake Pickett, Lake Drawdy, and Lake Paxton are private lakes within the Big Econ Watershed.

TABLE 6.7.12 - SIGNIFICANT WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER FEATURES IN QUADRANT 4							
Q4 Feature	Q4 Feature Comment						
Econlockhatchee River and associated tributaries	Major river system with associated wetlands and floodplain. Serves as the primary wildlife corridor bisecting the project study area						
Lake Tanner	~57-acre lake located in rural section in central portion of Quadrant 4						
Corner Lake	~95-acre lake and associated wetlands in northern section of Quadrant 4						

Quadrant 4 has three (3) significant wetland and surface water features. A segment of the 44.7-mile-long Econlockhatchee River exists within this quadrant. Lake Tanner and Corner Lake are both private lakes within the Big Econ Watershed.



6.7.4 Conservation Easements and Public Lands

There are 127 conservation and/or regulatory easements, not including areas recorded by plat, within the project study area. **Tables 6.7.13** through **6.7.15** provide an overview of public lands located in each quadrant. These easements are included for Quadrants 1, 3, and 4 in **Exhibits 6.7.9** through **6.7.11** and include: all or portions of major wetland systems within the project study area, including the Econlockhatchee River, Lake Pickett, Lake Drawdy; several unnamed wetland systems associated with major tributaries to the Econlockhatchee and Little Econlockhatchee River; and smaller easements associated with various development projects within the area. There are several parcels within public ownership that are shown in the aforementioned map series.

	TABLE 6.7.13 - PUBLIC LANDS IN QUADRANT 1							
Map Label	Parcel Name	Owner/Managing Entity						
1	UCF Arboretum	UCF						
2	UCF East Parcel	UCF						
3	UCF Lake Lee	UCF						
4	UCF McKay Tract	UCF						
5	UCF Northwest Parcel	UCF						
6	UCF Natural Area	UCF						
7	UCF Pond Pine	UCF						
8	UCF Riparian Area	UCF						
9	UCF Student Union Cypress Dome	UCF						

Quadrant 1 has the largest number of public land parcels of the four quadrants within the project study area. Each of the nine (9) parcels of public lands within Quadrant 1 are owned by UCF. The majority of the public lands in Quadrant 1 are natural areas that may include hiking trails on or near the UCF campus. There are no public lands in Quadrant 2.

TABLE 6.7.14 - PUBLIC LANDS IN QUADRANT 3										
Map Label	Map Label Parcel Name Owner/Managing Entity									
10*	Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve	Orange Co.								
11	Rybolt Property	SJRWMD and Orange Co.								

*Parcel is located within both Quadrants 3 & 4



Quadrant 3 includes two (2) parcels that contain public lands. Orange County owns the Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve located in the quadrant's southwest corner. The St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and Orange County jointly own (SJRWMD 91.1% interest/Orange County 8.9% interest) the Rybolt Property located in the western portion of Quadrant 3, spanning from the northern border to the southern border of the quadrant.

	TABLE 6.7.15 - PUBLIC LANDS IN QUADRANT 4							
Map Label	Parcel Name	Owner/Managing Entity						
10*	Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve	Orange Co.						
12	Evans Property	Orange Co.						
13	Nunnally Property	Orange Co.						

*Parcel is located within both Quadrants 3 & 4

Quadrant 4 includes three (3) parcels of public land. Orange County owns each of the public land parcels within this quadrant. The Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve is in the quadrant's northwest corner. The Evans Property and the Nunnally Property are adjacent to each other in the quadrant's southern central portion.

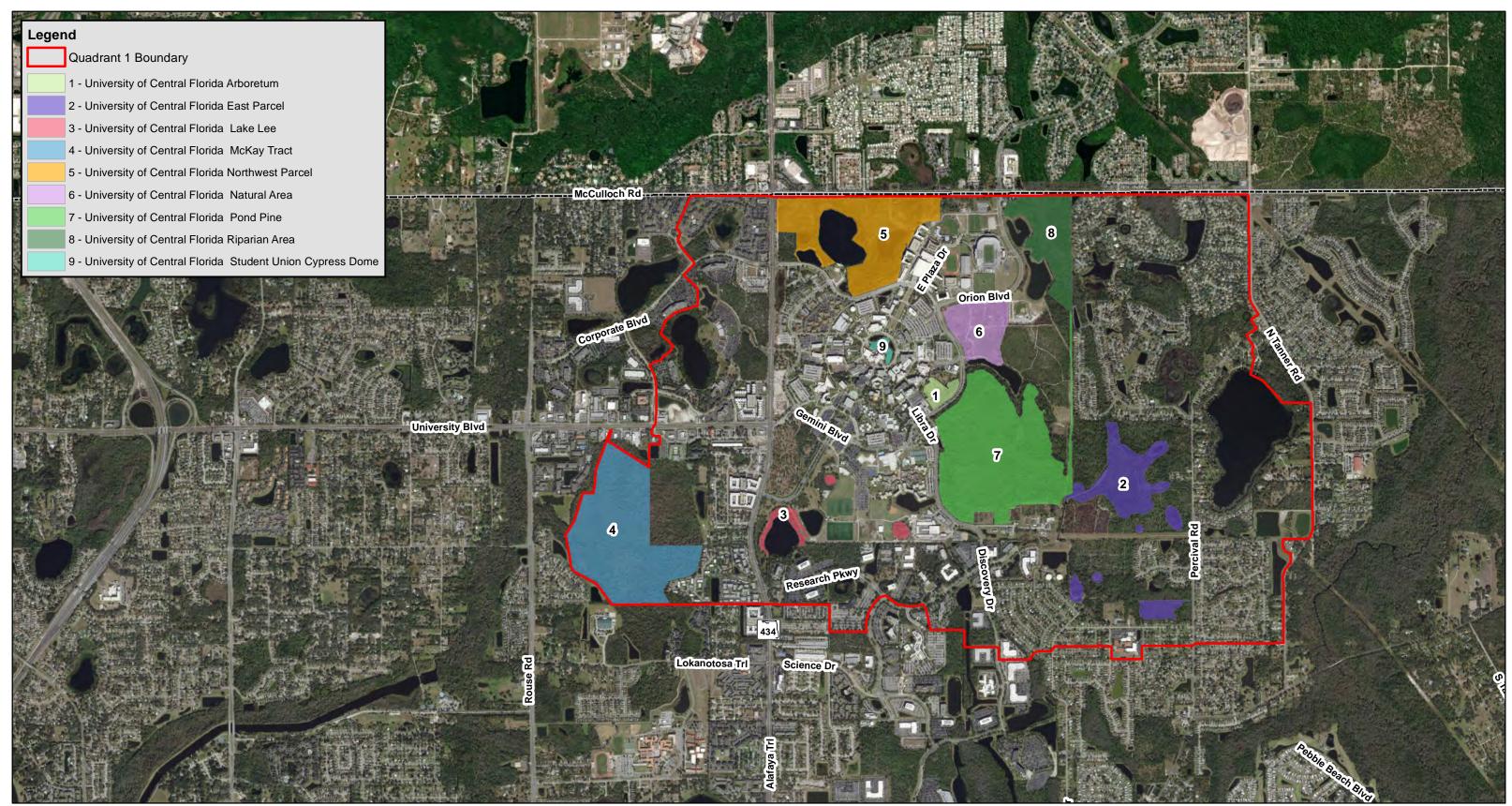
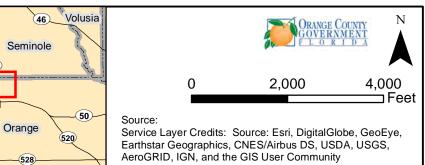


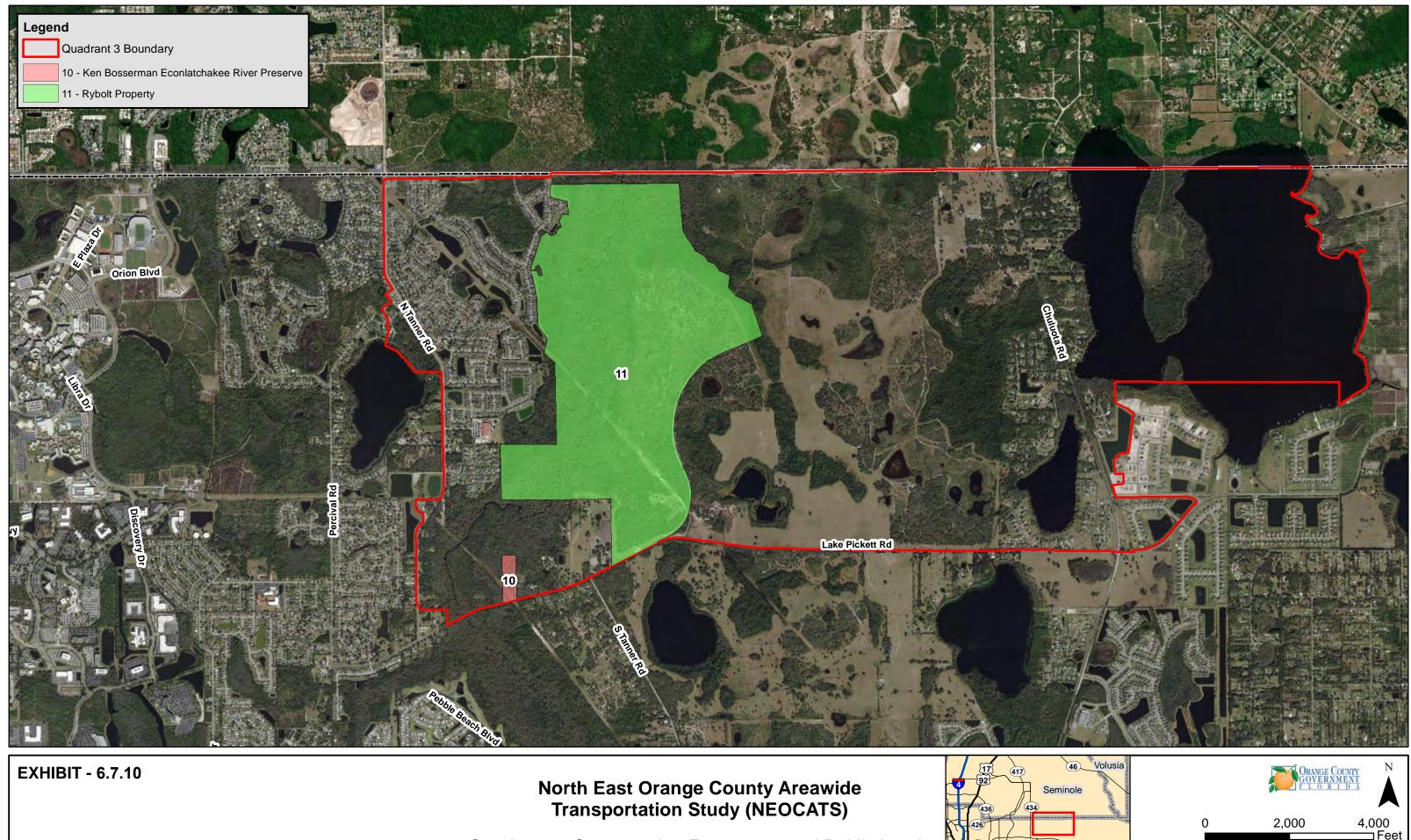
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Quadrant 1: Conservation Easements and Public Lands

Note: Conservation Easement and Public Land - Florida Natural Areas Inventory, FLMA 2020





Quadrant 3: Conservation Easements and Public Lands

Note: Conservation Easement and Public Land - Florida Natural Areas Inventory, FLMA 2020

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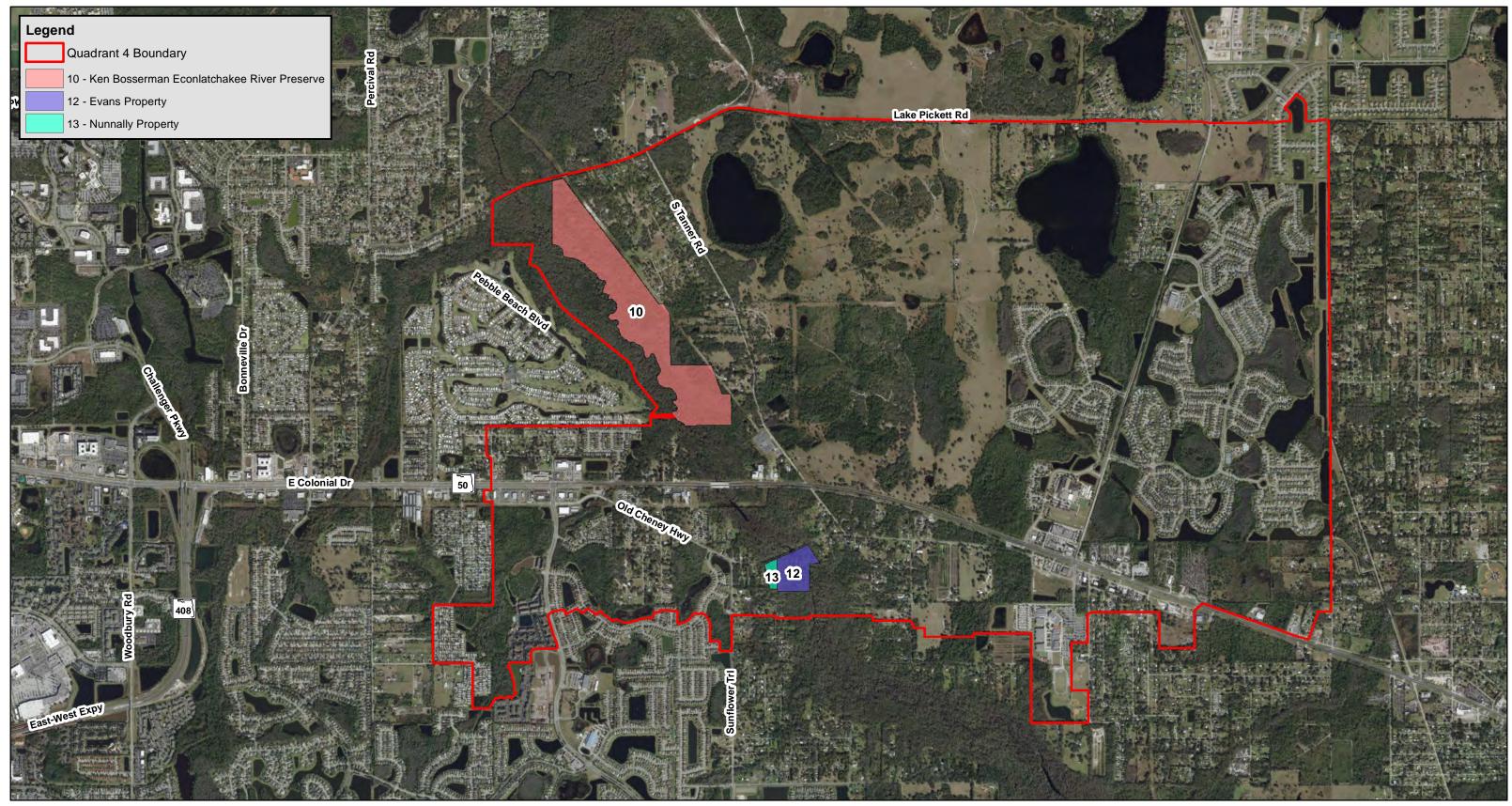
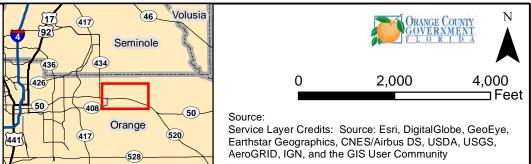


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Quadrant 4: Conservation Easements and Public Lands



Note: Conservation Easement and Public Land - Florida Natural Areas Inventory, FLMA 2020



6.7.5 Wildlife Crossings and Habitat Connectivity

Roads can have negative impacts on wildlife, most notably through habitat fragmentation and genetic isolation. Vehicle traffic on roads can lead to wildlife-vehicle collisions and roadkill, which may imperil local wildlife populations. Improved habitat connectivity, road permeability, and deterrents onto roads are all important factors when developing mitigation strategies for wildlife on future road projects. Roads have also surpassed hunting as the leading direct cause of wildlife mortality (Forman and Alexander 1998), particularly among amphibians and reptiles, large mammal species with low reproductive rates and large home ranges, and more mobile bird species (Smith and Dodd 2003, Rytwinski and Fahrig 2011, Rytwinski and Fahrig 2012, Smith et al. 2015). Consequently, roads pose a major obstacle to habitat and wildlife conservation.

In reviewing the existing transportation infrastructure within the project study area, seven locations were identified as having the potential to warrant a wildlife crossing or habitat connectivity enhancements. The wildlife crossing and habitat connectivity enhancement recommendations for Quadrants 2, 3, and 4 are provided in **Exhibits 6.7.12** through **6.7.14**.

In Quadrant 1 there were no identified locations for potential wildlife crossings.

Quadrant 2 contains two (2) locations with the potential to warrant wildlife crossings or connectivity enhancements (**Exhibit 6.7.12**): Challenger Parkway north of Woodbury Road and SR 50 over Econlockhatchee Tributary west of Hancock Lone Palm Road.

1. <u>Challenger Parkway north of Woodbury Road</u>

Challenger Parkway bisects a large, forested wetland system north of SR 50 that is under a conservation easement. As a major roadway corridor, Challenger Parkway constitutes a substantial impediment to terrestrial wildlife movement. Retrofit improvements such as wildlife shelves within existing cross drains could serve to reduce roadkill and improve the overall permeability of the roadway for wildlife.

2. <u>SR 50 over Econlockhatchee Tributary west of Hancock Lone Palm Road</u>

This wetland system serves as one of the few wildlife corridors crossing SR 50 within the project study area. Improvements to SR 50 and/or work on the existing stream crossing to include increased accommodations for wildlife movement are recommended.

Quadrant 3 has three (3) locations with the potential to warrant wildlife crossings or connectivity enhancements (**Exhibit 6.7.13**): Chuluota Road north of Countrybrook Lane and Lake Pickett Road over the Econlockhatchee River.

3. Lake Pickett Road over the Econlockhatchee River

The Econlockhatchee River and its associated wetlands, floodplain, and riparian areas constitute the largest and most significant wildlife corridor within the project study area,



including the Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve (owned by Orange County) and the Rybolt Property (owned jointly by SJRWMD and Orange County). The Econlockhatchee connects major conservation lands to the south of the project study area such as Hal Scott Preserve, Long Branch Park, and the TM Econ Mitigation Bank to northern preserves such as the Econ River Wilderness Area, Little Big Econ State Forest, and the St. Johns River. Wildlife movement within the corridor would benefit from added habitat connectivity if capacity improvements to Lake Pickett Road at the crossing over the Econlockhatchee River are proposed. This wildlife crossing is on the border of both Quadrants 3 and 4.

4. Chuluota Road north of Countrybrook Lane

Lake Pickett consists of a large open water and wetland habitat with limited connectivity for terrestrial species attempting to access the mosaic of wetland and upland habitat to the west. Several habitat connectivity enhancement locations occur at existing cross drains between Lake Pickett Court and north of Countrybrook Lane.

5. Lake Pickett Road between the Rybolt Property and Chuluota Road

This location was identified to increase the permeability of the Lake Pickett Road corridor for small species. The location is not specific. However, the overall location within an undeveloped area with a mixture of upland and wetland habitats is ideal for numerous species. It is recommended that future improvements to Lake Pickett Road consider one or more habitat connectivity enhancements to increase permeability of the roadway corridor for smaller species. This wildlife crossing is on the border of both Quadrants 3 and 4.

Quadrant 4 contains two (2) locations, in addition to locations 3 and 5 which lie on the border between Quadrants 3 and 4, which have the potential to warrant wildlife crossings or connectivity enhancements **(Exhibit 6.7.14)**: S. Tanner Road north of SR 50 and SR 50 over the Econlockhatchee River.

6. South Tanner Road north of SR 50

This location provides an opportunity to facilitate wildlife movement east and west across Tanner Road, connecting habitat abutting the Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve with undeveloped wetland and upland systems on the east side of Tanner Rd.

7. SR 50 over the Econlockhatchee River

As stated above, the Econlockhatchee River is the most significant wildlife corridor within the project study area. Constraints, such as roadway crossings, often serve as a bottleneck for wildlife, especially terrestrial species attempting to cross during the wetter months when the river is above its normal stage. If future bridge work is required, lengthening the bridges to also include riparian areas for wildlife to cross is recommended. Additional options include wildlife shelves to facilitate usage by terrestrial species year-round.

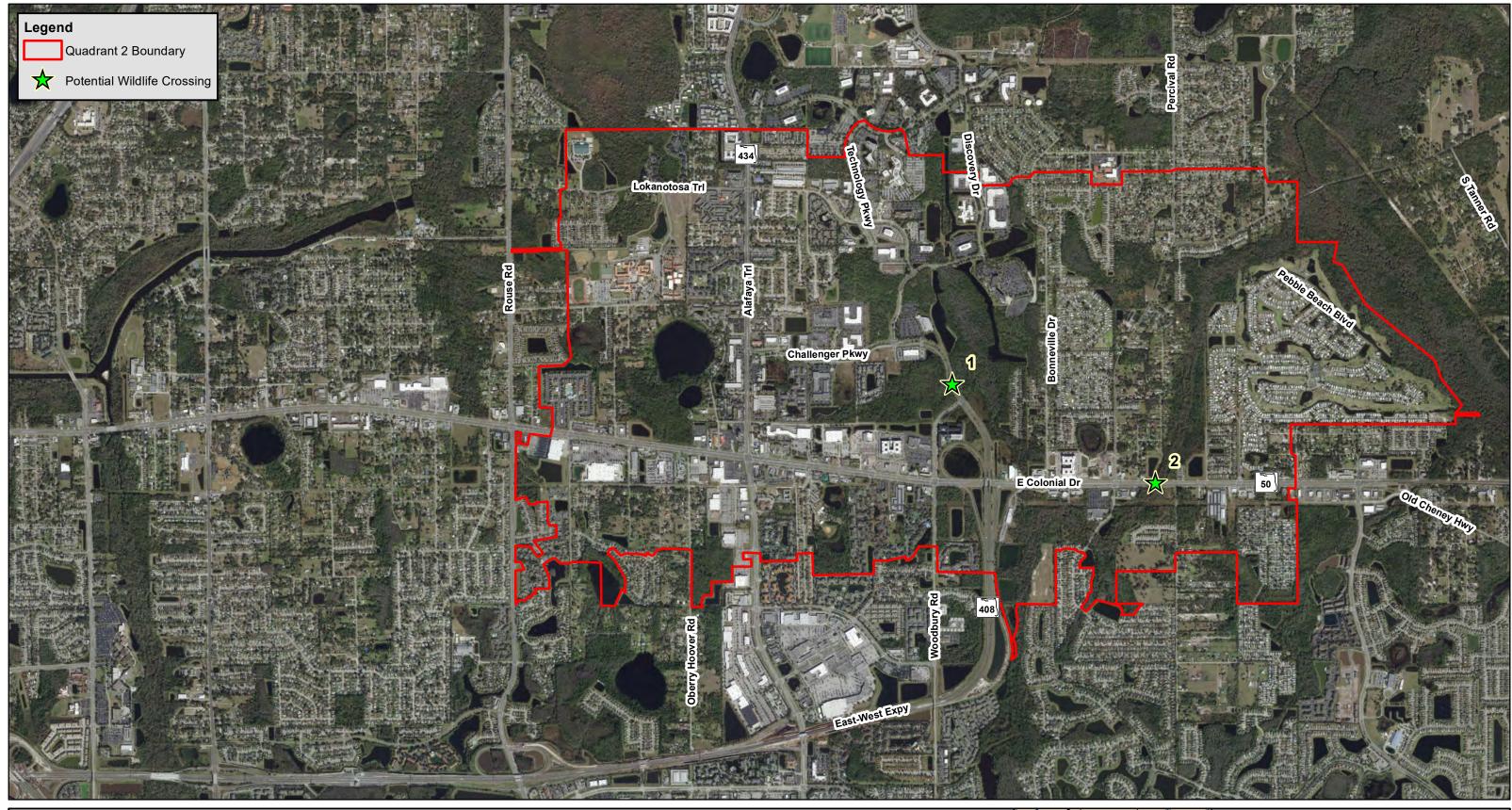
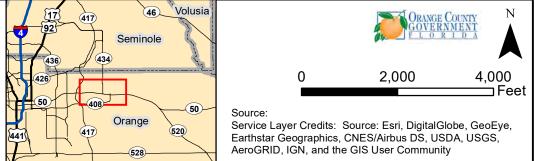
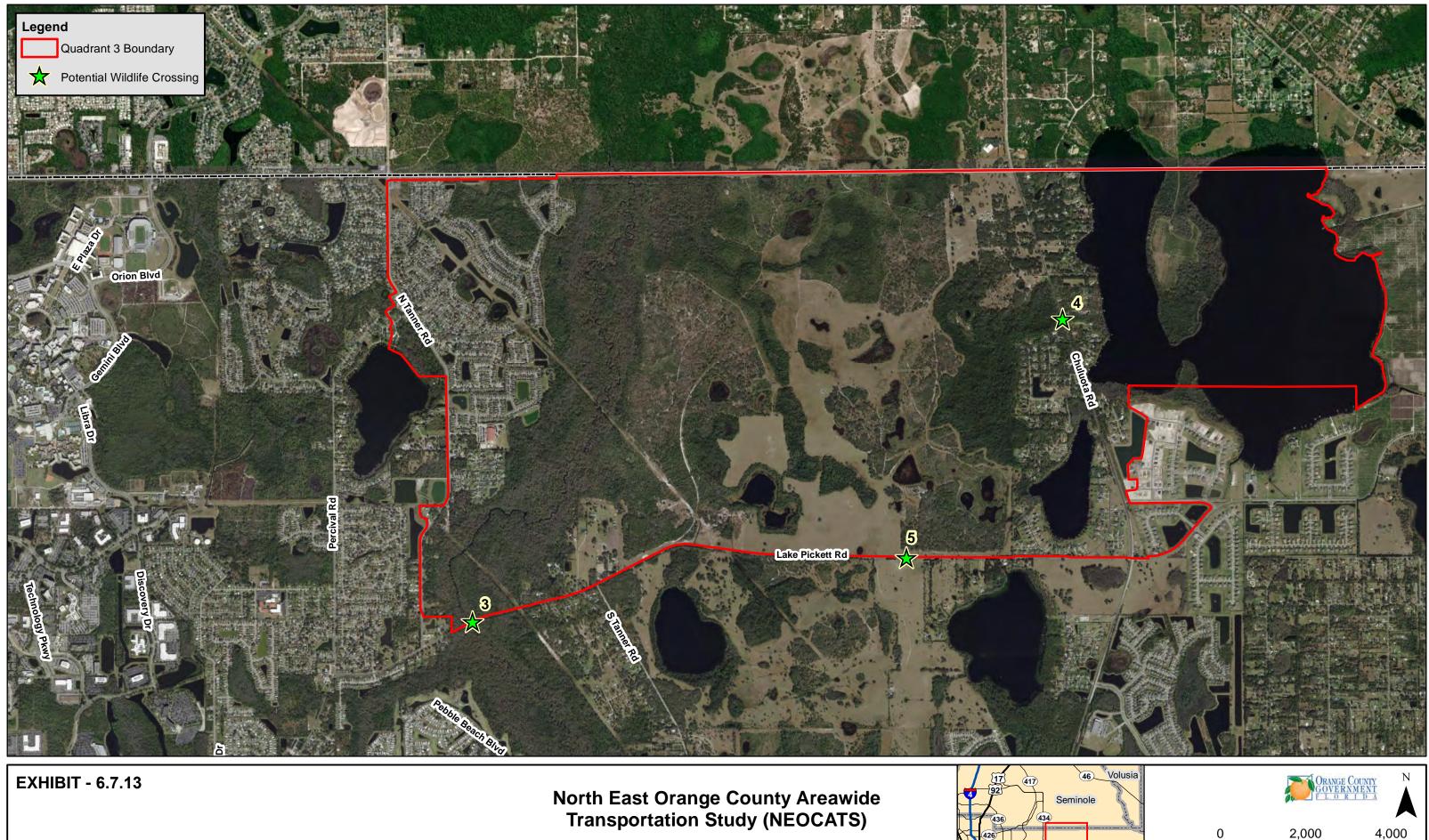


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Quadrant 2: Potential Wildlife Crossings

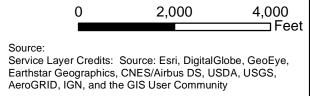




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Quadrant 3: Potential Wildlife Crossings





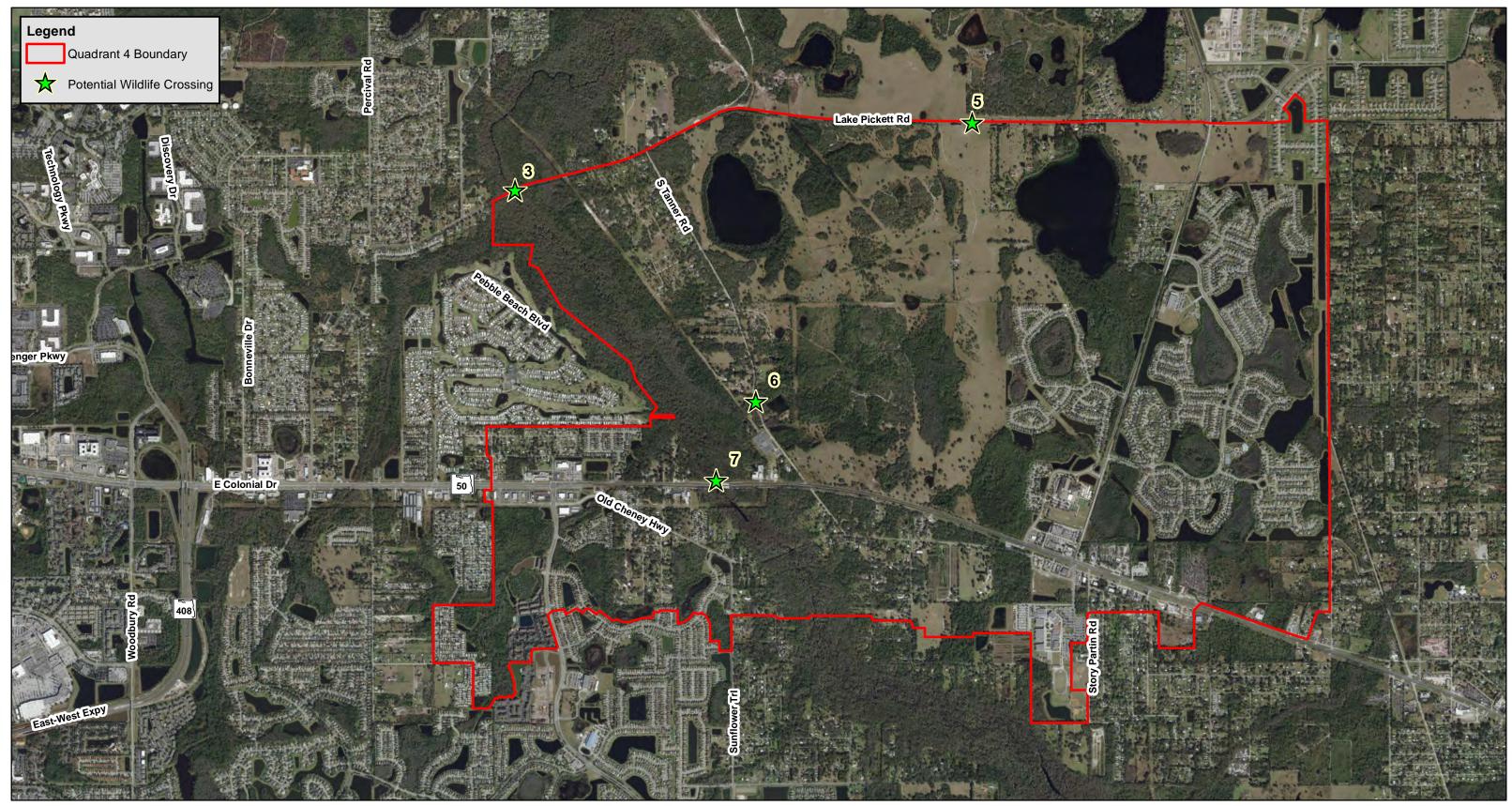
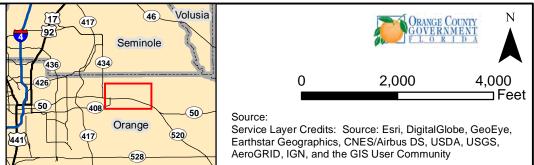


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Quadrant 4: Potential Wildlife Crossings





6.8 Threatened and Endangered Species

A Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment was conducted using GIS data collected from sources listed in Section 6.7. The term "protected species" refers to those protected by law, regulation, or rule. Species included in the assessment included those identified in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended; the Florida Endangered and Threatened Species Act, Section 379.2291, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Regulated Plant Index (58-40.0055, FAC).

6.8.1 Potentially Occurring Protected Species

A total of fifty-one (51) protected species have the potential to occur within the project study area. These include twelve (12) avian, two (2) mammal, five (5) reptile, and thirty-two (32) plant species, all of which are included below in **Table 6.8.1**. Because the ranges of these species extend well beyond the project study area, the assessment was conducted for the study area as a whole since each quadrant has potential to support protected species. However, a map depicting the potential for Endangered Species for each of the Quadrants is provided in **Exhibits 6.8.1** through **6.8.4**, respectively for Quadrants 1 through 4.

Ecologists determine a species' potential occurrence in the study area based on its habitat preferences and distributions, existing site conditions, and historical data, when available. The likelihood of occurrence was rated as low, moderate, or high. A low rating indicates that the species occurs in Orange County, but suitable habitat is not present within the study area and the species has not been observed or documented within the study area. A moderate rating indicates that the species occurs in Orange County, suboptimal habitat or limited suitable habitat occurs within the study area, but the species has not been documented within the study area. A high rating indicates that the species occurs within Orange County, suitable habitat is present within the study area and the study area and the species is suspected to occur or has been previously documented within the study area.



TABLE 6.8.1 - LISTED SPECIES WITH POTENTIAL TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PROJECT STUDY AREA								
Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	USFWS	FWC	FDACS	Potential Occurrence		
	Ajaia ajaja	Roseate Spoonbill		Т		Low		
	Aphelocoma coerulescens	Florida Scrub- Jay	Т			Low		
	Athene cunicularia floridana	Florida Burrowing Owl		Т		Low		
	Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron		Т		High		
	Egretta tricolor	Tricolor Heron		Т		High		
	Falco sparverius paulus	Southeastern American Kestrel		Т		High		
Avian	Grus canadensis	Sandhill Crane	MBTA	Т		High		
	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	BGEPA			High		
	Mycteria americana	Wood Stork	Т			High		
	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	MBTA	М		High		
	Picoides borealis	Red-Cockaded Woodpecker	E			Moderate		
	Polyborus plancus	Audubon's Crested Caracara	Т			Moderate		
	Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus	Everglade Snail Kite	E			Low		
Mammal	Trichechus manatus latirostris	West Indian Manatee T	N/A					
	Ursus americanus floridanus	Florida Black Bear		М		High		
Dontiloc	Alligator mississippiensis	American Alligator	T (S/A)			High		
Avian	Drymarchon corais couperi	Eastern Indigo Snake	Т			High		



TABLE 6.8.1 - LISTED SPECIES WITH POTENTIAL TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PROJECT STUDY AREA								
Group	Scientific Name	Common Name USFWS F		FWC	FDACS	Potential Occurrence		
	Gopherus polyphemus	Gopher Tortoise	С	Т		High		
	Pituophis melanoleucus	Florida Pine Snake		Т		Moderate		
	Stilosoma extenuatum	Short-Tailed Snake		Т		Low		
	Bonamia grandiflora	Florida Bonamia	Т		E			
	Calopogon multiflorus	Many- Flowered Grass-Pink			т			
	Centrosema arenicola	Sand Butterfly Pea			E			
	Chionanthus pygmaeus	Pygmy Fringe Tree	E		E			
	Clitoria fragrans	Scrub Pigeon- Wing	Т		E			
	Coelorachis tuberculosa	Piedmont Jointgrass			Т			
Dista	Coleataenia abscissa	Cutthroatgrass			E			
Plants and	Deeringothamnus pulchellus	Beautiful Pawpaw	E		E			
Lichens	Eriogonum floridanum	Scrub Buckwheat	Т		E			
	Glandularia tampensis	Tampa Vervain			E			
	Illicium parviflorum	Star-Anise			E			
	Salix floridana	Florida Willow			E			
	Schizachyrium niveum	Scrub Bluestem			E			
	Lechea cernua	Nodding Pinweed			т			
	Lechea divaricate	Pine Pinweed			E			
	Lupinus aridorum Matelea floridana	Scrub Lupine Florida Spiny- Pod	E		E			



TABLE 6	TABLE 6.8.1 - LISTED SPECIES WITH POTENTIAL TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PROJECT STUDY AREA								
Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	USEWS EV		FDACS	Potential Occurrence			
	Monotropa hypopithys	Pinesap			E				
	Najas filifolia	Narrowleaf Naiad			Т				
	Nemastylis floridana	Celestial Lily			E				
	Nolina atopocarpa	Florida beargrass			Т				
	Nolina brittoniana	Britton's Beargrass	Е		E				
	Ophioglossum palmatum	Hand Fern			E				
	Paronychia chartacea var. chartacea	Paper-Like Nailwort	т		E				
	Pecluma plumula	Plume Polypody			E				
	Platanthera integra	Yellow Fringeless Orchid			E				
	Polygonella myriophylla	Small's Jointweed	E		E				
	Prunus geniculata	Scrub Plum	Е		E				
	Pteroglossaspis ecristata	Giant Orchid			Т				
	Stylisma abdita	Scrub Stylisma			E				
	Warea amplexifolia	Clasping Warea	E		E				
	Zephyranthes simpsonii	Redmargin Zephyrlily			Т				

E = Endangered; T = Threatened; M = Managed; C = Candidate

BGEPA = *Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act*

MBTA = *Migratory Bird Treaty Act*

T (S/A) = Threated Due to similarity of Appearance

N/A = *Not Applicable due to lack of habitat*

USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service

FWC = *Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*

FDACS = Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

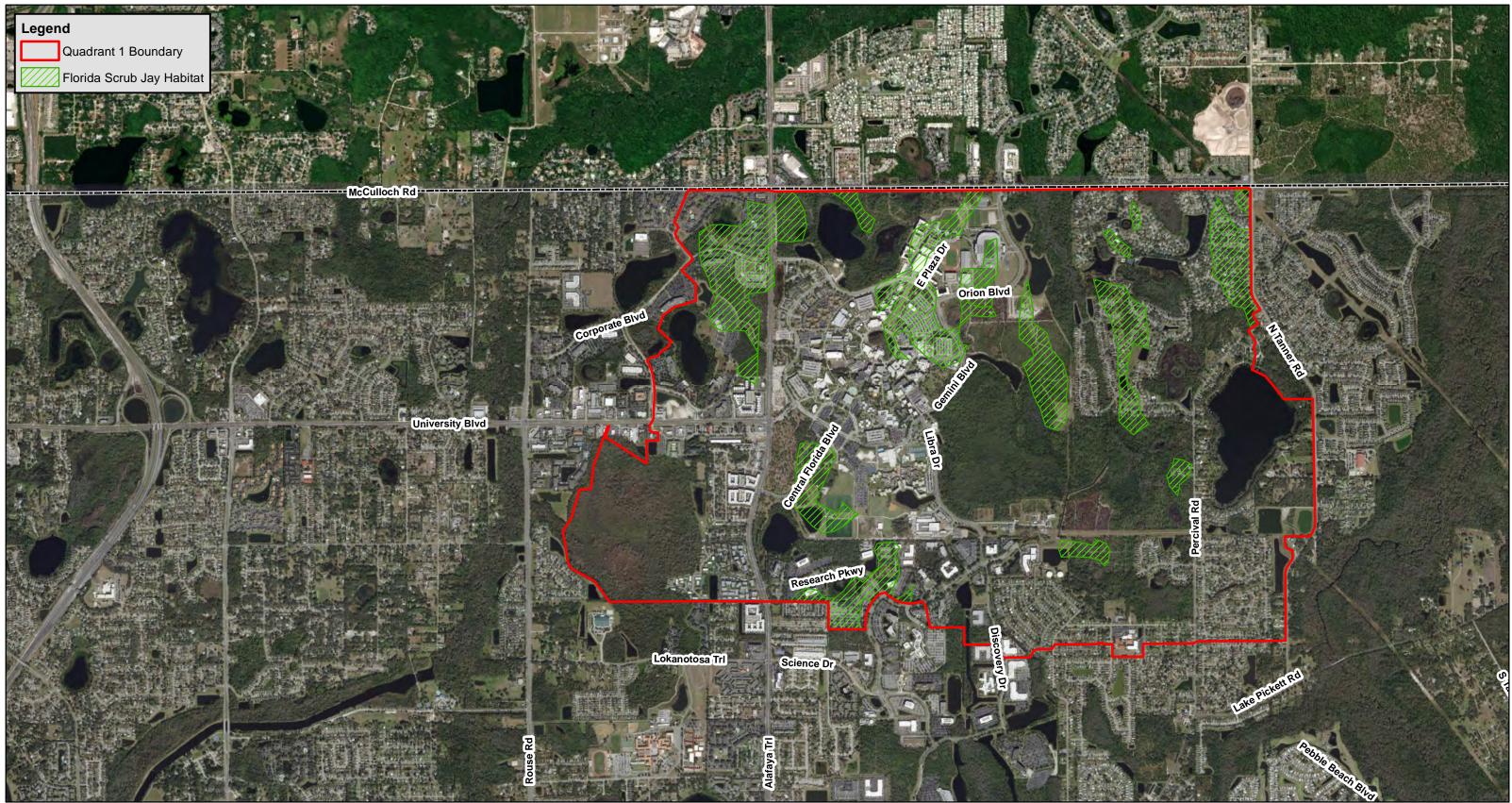
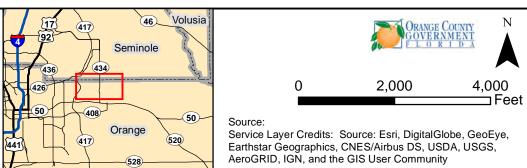


EXHIBIT - 6.8.1

Note: Bald Eagle Nest and 660 ft Buffer FWC 2016 Historic Scrub Jay Habitat - FWC, 1992-1993. Portion of CA for Caracara and Red Cockaded Woodpecker CA for Everglade Snail Kite Portions contain Wood Stork CFA, all within SFH

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Quadrant 1: Threatened and Endangered Species



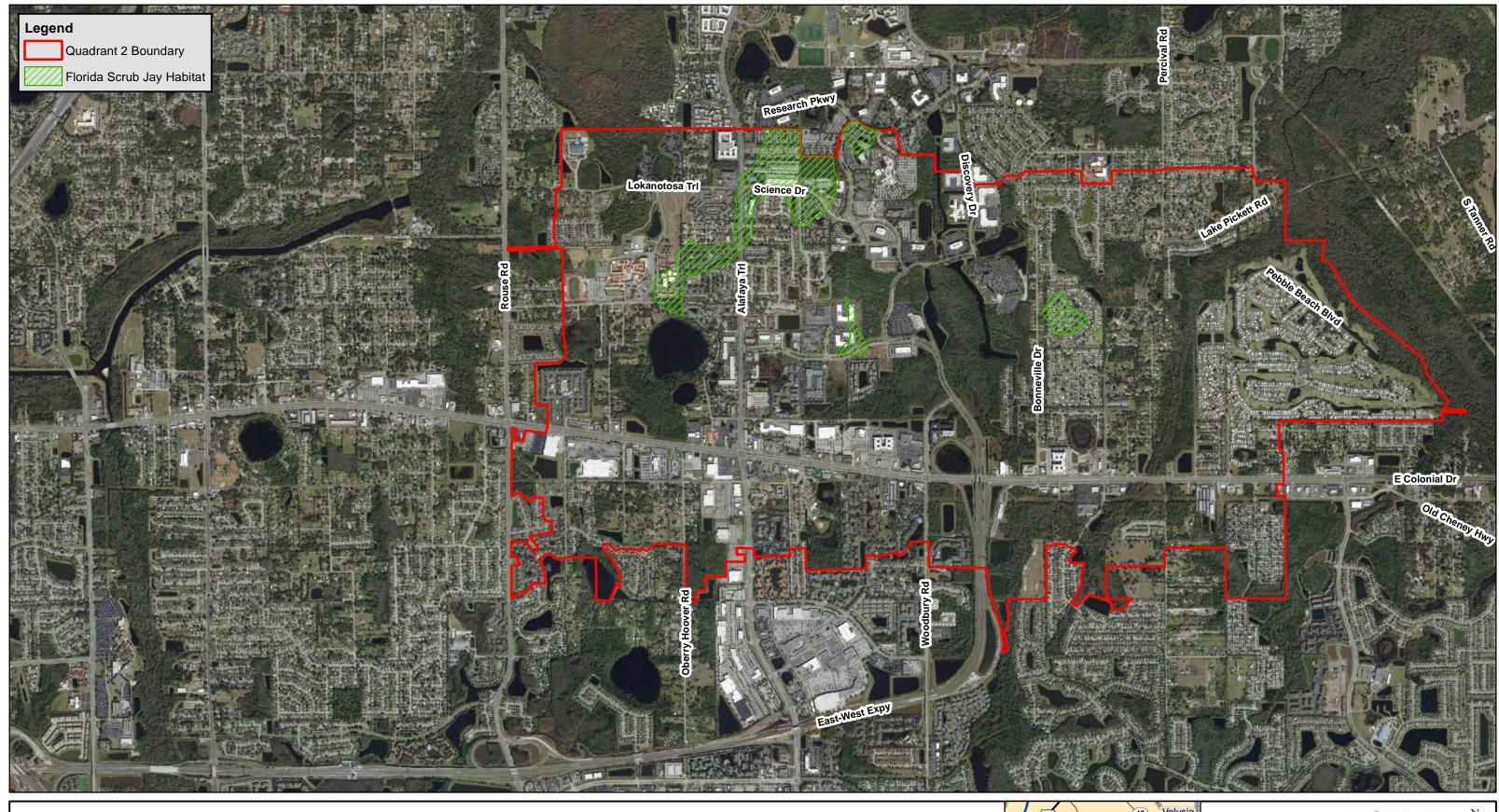
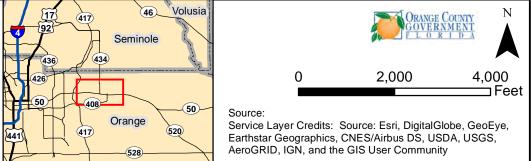


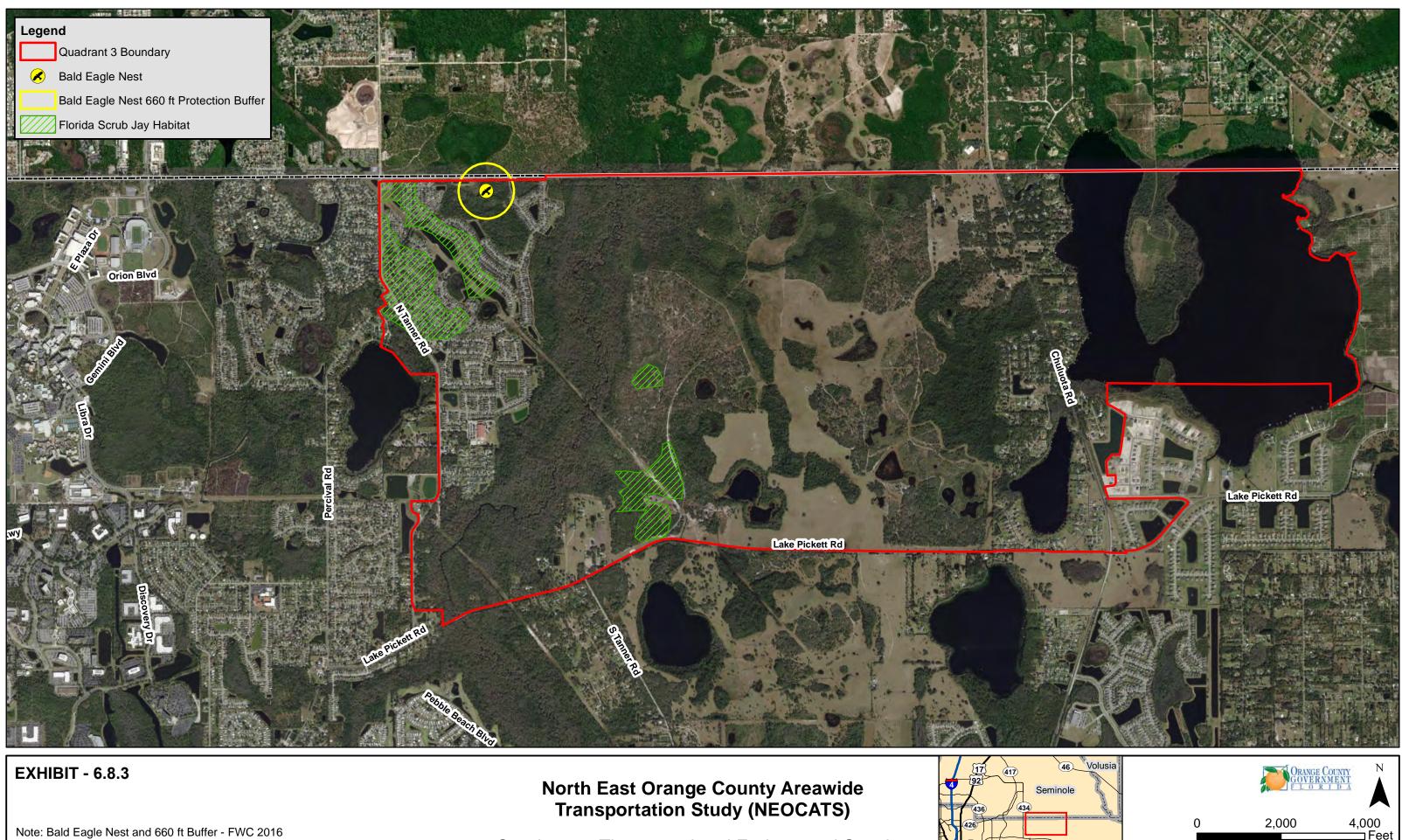
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Quadrant 2: Threatened and Endangered Species



Note: Historic Scrubjay Habitat - FWC, 1992-1993. Rev 2018 Portion of CA for Caracara CA for Everglade Snail Kite and Red Cockaded Woodpecker Portions contain Wood Stork CFA, all within SFH



Note: Bald Eagle Nest and 660 ft Buffer - FWC 2016 Historic Scrub Jay Habitat - FWC, 1992-1993. Portion of CA for Red Cockaded Woodpecker CA for Caracara, Everglade Snail Kite Portions contain Wood Stork CFA, all within SFH

Quadrant 3: Threatened and Endangered Species



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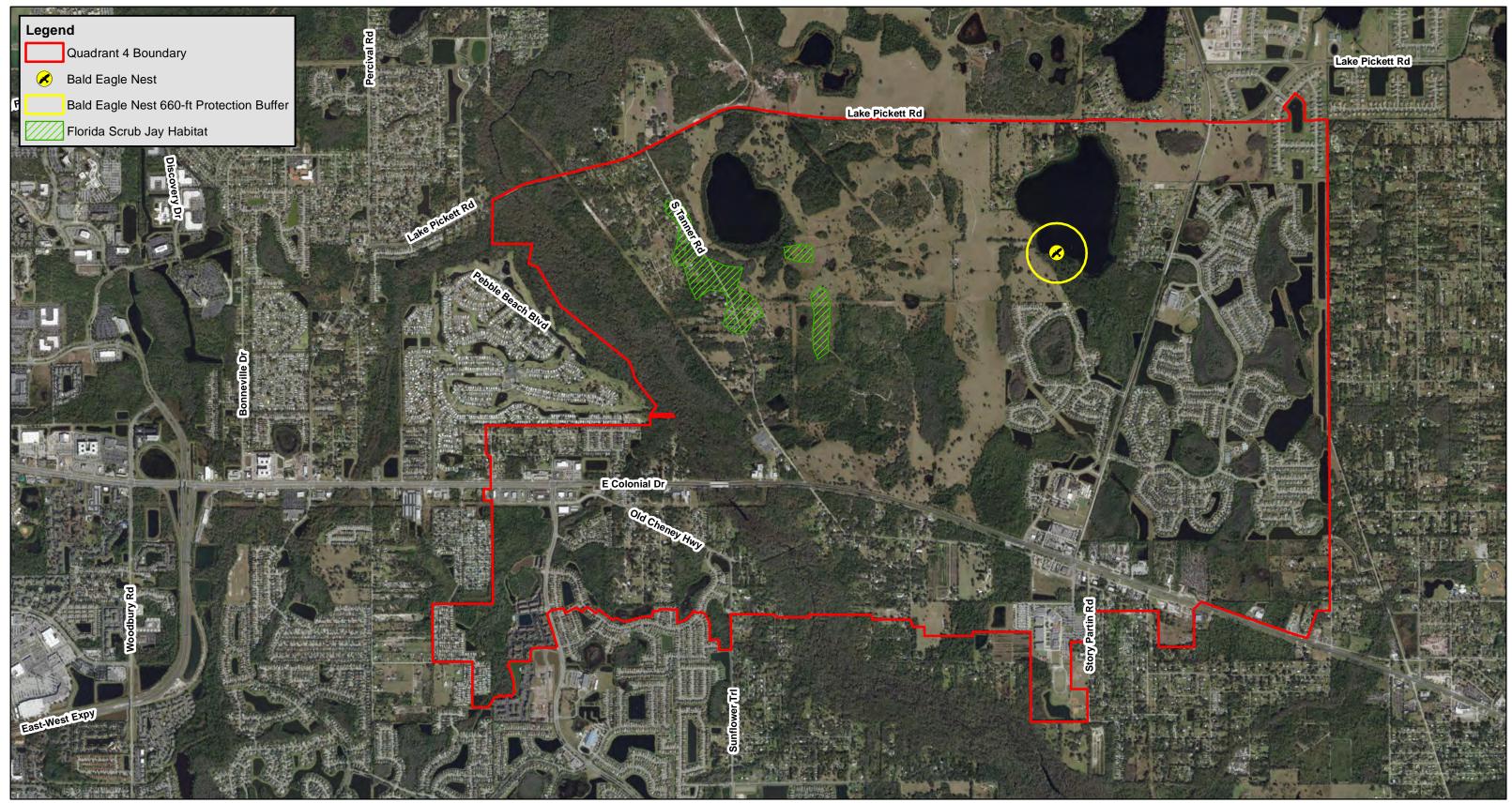
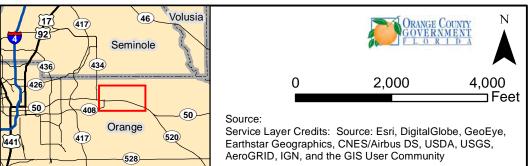


EXHIBIT - 6.8.4

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Quadrant 4: Threatened and Endangered Species



Note: Bald Eagle Nest and 660 ft Buffer FWC 2016 Historic Scrub Jay Habitat - FWC, 1992-1993. CA for Caracara, Everglade Snail Kite, Red Cockaded Woodpecker Portions contain Wood Stork CFA, all within SFH



6.8.1.1 USFWS Consultation Areas

The study area is located within or partially within the USFWS Consultation Area (CA) of the Audubon's crested caracara, Everglade snail kite, Florida scrub-jay, and red-cockaded woodpecker. A Consultation Area is intended to identify the geographical landscape where each federally listed species is most likely to occur. Portions of the study area also fall within two wood stork Core Foraging Areas (CFA), which include suitable foraging areas important to the reproductive success of known wood stork nesting colonies. The existing habitats in the study area may also support other federally protected species including the American alligator, bald eagle, eastern indigo snake, and gopher tortoise, a candidate species.

6.8.1.2 Federally Protected Species

Audubon's Crested Caracara

USFWS Audubon's crested caracara CA is located over the eastern sections of Quadrants 1 and 2 and includes the entirety of Quadrants 3 and 4. The caracara is a resident, non-migratory species in Florida that prefers grasslands and pastures in the south-central region of the state, particularly in Glades, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Osceola Counties (USFWS, 1999). Historically, caracara inhabited dry or wet prairies with scattered cabbage palms (*Sabal palmetto*) and occasionally used lightly wooded areas next to those prairies. Many of those areas were converted and frequently replaced by pastures with non-native sod-forming grasses that still support caracaras. Areas of suitable habitat primarily include open pasture east of the Econlockhatchee River and west Chuluota Road in Quadrants 3 and 4. The caracara is classified as threatened because of habitat losses and population declines (Layne, 1996). No critical habitat has been designated for the Audubon's crested caracara.

Everglade Snail Kite

USFWS Everglade snail kite CA is located over the entire project study area. The Everglade snail kite is classified as endangered due to a "very small population and increasingly limited amount of fresh marsh with sufficient water to ensure an adequate supply of snails" (Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 1973, p. 120). The USFWS has designated critical habitat for snail kites, which consists mostly of marshes near south Florida. The Everglade snail kite is a non-migratory subspecies only found in Florida, particularly near large watersheds (e.g., Everglades, Lake Okeechobee) and the shallow vegetated edges of lakes that support apple snails, the primary component of the snail kite's diet. The project study area generally lacks the marshes and large waterbodies suited for snails and snail kites. No critical habitat for the snail kite occurs within the project corridor.



Florida Scrub-Jay

USFWS Florida scrub-jay CA is located over the entire project study area. The scrub-jay is classified as threatened due to habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation (USFWS, 1987). They only occur on ancient dune ecosystems and scrub habitats of peninsular Florida. The USFWS and FWC have not documented any occurrences of the scrub-jay within the project study area.

According to the scrub-jay habitats described by Fitzpatrick et al. (1991) and identified by the FWC during their 1992-1993 scrub-jay survey, suitable habitat exists within all four quadrants in the project study area and is depicted in **Exhibits 6.8.1** through **6.8.4**. Currently, these habitats are disjunct or have been developed and consist mostly of Type II, Type III, or non-ranked (i.e., non-suitable) scrub-jay habitats. Scrub-jay habitat classifications include the following:

Type I- any upland plant community in which scrub oak species is greater than or equal to 15 percent cover.

Type II – any plant community in which one or more scrub oak species is present but is less than or equal to 15 percent cover.

Type III – any upland or seasonally dry wetland within 400 meters (0.25 miles) of any area designated as TYPE I or Type II habitat.

Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

The USFWS red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) CA includes portions of Quadrants 1 and 3 and all of Quadrants 2 and 4. The RCW is listed by the USFWS as endangered due to habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation (35 FR 16047). The species is still widely distributed throughout the state, but the largest populations occur on federally managed lands in the panhandle (USFWS, 1999). RCW habitat consists of pine stands or pine-dominated forests with little to no understory and numerous old growth pines, particularly longleaf pines. It excavates cavities in the living part of pine trees, typically choosing trees greater than 80 years old. No critical habitat has been designated for the RCW.

No RCW habitat has been documented within the project study area and no RCWs have been documented. The closest reported sighting is from FWC in 2010 south of Quadrant 2 near the SR 434/SR 408 interchange in the Waterford Lakes area.

Wood Stork

The wood stork is listed by the USFWS as threatened. Wood storks are associated with freshwater and estuarine wetlands that are used for nesting, roosting, and foraging. Nesting typically occurs in medium to tall trees that occur in stands located in swamps or islands surrounded by open water (Odgen, 1991; Rodgers et al. 1996). Preferred foraging habitat includes wetlands with a mosaic of submerged and/or emergent aquatic vegetation, and shallow open-water areas. Particularly attractive feeding sites are depressions in marshes or swamps where fish become concentrated during periods of receding water levels. No critical habitat has been designated for the wood stork.



According to the USFWS's North Florida Ecological Service Office, the habitats within 15 miles of a wood stork breeding colony are considered to be wood stork CFAs. Portions of the project study area fall within the CFA of two wood stork breeding colonies: Lake Mary Jane and Rookery No. 612320. Suitable Foraging Habitat (SFH) for wood storks is located throughout the study area including marshes, west pastures, and roadside ditches and canals, and areas within stormwater management facility locations.

American Alligator

The American alligator is listed as threatened due to its similarity of appearance to the American crocodile (*Crocodylus actus*). This listing status allows for state-approved management and control programs in addition to federal protections. Alligators occur throughout Florida but prefer to use freshwater lakes and slow-moving rivers and their associated wetlands. No critical habitat has been designated for the American alligator. Suitable habitat for the American alligator occurs throughout the project the study area and includes swamps and marshes along with artificial waters such as ditches, canals, and stormwater management facilities.

Bald Eagle

The bald eagle was removed from the ESA in 2007 and Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species list in 2008; however, it remains protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The bald eagle is a member of the Accipitridae family. Bald eagles tend to nest in the tops of very tall trees that provide unobstructed lines of sight to nearby habitats, particularly lakes and other open waters. Because eagles are piscivorous (fish-eating) raptors, nearly all eagles' nests occur within 1.8 miles of water (Wood et at., 1989). No critical habitat has been designated for the bald eagle.

According to the FWC's Eagle Nest locator, which maintains the location of known eagles' nests in the state, two nests are located within the study area. One nest (Nest ID OR036) is in the northwest portion of Quadrant 3 and one nest (Nest ID OR074) is located in the northeast section of Quadrant 4. The bald eagle is afforded a 660-foot next protection buffer. Work within 660 feet of an active eagle nest requires additional coordination with the USFWS and, potentially, additional conservation measures either prior to or during construction activities. The location of both nests along with the 660-foot nest protection buffers are shown in **Exhibits 6.8.3** and **6.8.4**.

Eastern Indigo Snake

The eastern indigo snake is listed by the USFWS as threatened due to over-collecting for the pet trade as well as habitat loss and fragmentation (USFWS, 1999). The eastern indigo snake is widely distributed throughout central and south Florida. They occur in a broad range of habitats, from scrub and sandhill to wet prairies and mangrove swamps. Indigo snakes are most closely associated with habitats occupied by gopher tortoises whose burrows provide refugia from cold or desiccating conditions (USFWS, 1999). No critical habitat has been designated for the eastern indigo snake.



As a habitat generalist, the eastern indigo snake has the potential to occur throughout the project study area, including developed areas. However, there are no eastern indigo snakes documented in the resources reviewed within the project study area. Generally, effect determinations for eastern indigo snake for construction projects are made using the USFWS <u>Eastern Indigo Snake</u> <u>Effect Determination Key</u> (USFWS 2010 and as amended 2013) and often include utilizing the <u>Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake</u> (USFWS 2013).

Gopher Tortoise

The gopher tortoise is a Candidate for listing under the ESA by the USFWS and listed as Threatened by the FWC. This species occurs in the southeastern Coastal Plain from Louisiana to South Carolina; the largest portion of the total population is located in Florida (FWC 2012). Gopher tortoises require well-drained, sandy soils for burrowing and nest construction, with a generally open canopy and an abundance of herbaceous groundcover, particularly broadleaf grasses, wiregrass (*Aristida stricta*), legumes, and fruits for foraging. Gopher tortoises can be found in most types of upland communities including disturbed areas and pastures. No critical habitat has been designated for the gopher tortoise. Suitable gopher tortoise habitat is located throughout the project study area, including some developed areas such as dry retention ponds or side slopes on ditches and canals.

Federally Protected Plant Species

According to the USFWS and FNAI, eleven (11) of the thirty-two (32) plant species in **Table 6.8.1** above are federally protected and have the potential to occur within the study area. Generally, these species tend to be endemic and/or habitat specialists. Protected plant surveys are recommended prior to any site alteration, especially in previously undisturbed areas.

6.8.1.3 State Protected Species

The FWC maintains the list of animals designated as federally endangered, federally threatened, state threatened, or species of special concern. While the USFWS has primary responsibility for federally endangered or threatened species in Florida, the FWC works as a cooperating agency to help conserve these species and other imperiled species found in the state. Some listed and non-listed species are considered 'managed species' because of the well-developed programs that address their species' conservation, management, or recovery. The FWC has developed a comprehensive management plan and species action plans for the state's 59 state-listed species (FWC, 2016, 2020).

Florida Burrowing Owl

The FWC listed the Florida burrowing owl as threatened due to loss of native habitat, dependence on altered habitat, and lack of regulatory protections (FWC, 2013a). The burrowing owl is a nonmigratory, year-round breeding resident of Florida, and maintains home ranges and territories while nesting. Burrowing owls inhabit upland areas that are sparsely vegetated. Natural habitats include dry prairie and sandhill, but they will make use of ruderal areas such as pastures, airports, parks, and road rights-of-way because much of their native habitat has been altered or converted to other uses.



Burrowing owls have not been documented within the project study area. However, suitable habitat to support burrowing owls has been identified within the project study area. Burrowing owls usually dig their own burrows but are known to utilize gopher tortoise burrows and armadillo burrows as well. Gopher tortoise burrows and mammal burrows have been documented within the project study area. If burrowing owls are observed onsite, coordination with the FWC is required to discuss avoidance, minimization, and permitting options. Avoidance measures that eliminate the need for FWC incidental take permitting include: avoiding acts that kill or injure burrowing owls or eggs; maintaining a minimum 10-foot buffer during non-breeding season (July 11-February 14) and a minimum 33-foot buffer during breeding season (February 15 – July 10) around the entrance of Potentially Occupied Burrows (POB); and ensuring that the project does not impact 50% or greater of foraging habitat within a 1,970-foot radius of a POB.

Southeastern American Kestrel

The southeastern American kestrel is listed by the FWC as threatened due to habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation, as well as lack of regulatory protection (FWC 2013d). The southeastern American kestrel is the only non-migratory, permanent resident kestrel in Florida. However, the seasonal occurrence of a migratory subspecies of the northern American kestrel (*Falco sparverius sparverius*) occurs from September through March in Florida. Confident identification of southeastern American kestrels can only be made during the portion of the breeding season when migratory species are not present (FWC, 2013d). The southeastern American kestrel is a secondary cavity nester, preferring habitats of sandhill and open pine savannah maintained by fire. They can be found in open pine habitats, woodland edges, prairies, pastures, and other agricultural lands.

Suitable kestrel habitat is documented throughout the study area. Activities within the 492 feet (150 meter) buffer of an active nest are considered to cause take. Pre-construction surveys are required to adhere to the components of the Imperiled Species Management Plan (ISMP).

Florida Sandhill Crane

The FWC listed the Florida sandhill crane as threatened due to the loss and degradation to nesting and foraging habitat from development and hydrologic alteration to their potential nesting habitat (FWC, 2013c). It is widely distributed throughout most of peninsular Florida. Sandhill cranes rely on shallow marshes for roosting and nesting and open upland and wetland habitats for foraging (Wood and Nesbitt 2001).

Florida sandhill cranes have been documented throughout the study area. The marshes and wet prairies within the study area provide potential nesting and roosting habitat for the sandhill crane. The pastures and other open uplands, including the roadway right-of-way, provide foraging habitat. Avoidance measures that eliminate the need for FWC take permitting include: avoid impacts to natural wetlands used for breeding, feeding, or sheltering; avoid activities within 400 feet of an active nest; and avoid land used conversion within 1,500 feet of the nest site until after young are capable of sustained flight.



<u>Florida Black Bear</u>

The Florida black bear was removed from Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species list in 2012; however, it remains protected under Chapter 68A-4.009 F.A.C., the Florida Black Bear Conservation Plan. The project study area is outside of the primary subpopulations of Chassahowitzka, Glades, and Ocala, but remains inside of the overall black bear range in Florida.

The black bear requires large amounts of space for its home range and a variety of forested habitats, including flatwoods, swamps, scrub oak ridges, bayheads, and hammocks. Self-sustaining populations of bears are generally found on large tracks of contiguous forests with understories of berry producing shrubs or trees. These types of habitats do not occur specifically within the project study area. However, the Econlockhatchee River serves as a major corridor for wildlife, including bears, and may be utilized to connect larger habitats outside of the project study area itself. Bears seldom occur within the project study area, as evidenced by roadkill data, nuisance incidence data, and telemetry data published by FWC. However, bears have been recently reported at bird feeders along the Econlockhatchee River and the issue has gained local attention, including being featured on the County Commissioners website.

Florida Pine Snake

The Florida pine snake is listed by the FWC as threatened due to habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation to upland habitats from development and fire suppression (FWC, 2013b). They inhabit areas that feature well-drained sandy soils with a moderate to open canopy (Franz 1992, Ernst and Ernst 2003). Preferred habitats include sandhill and former sandhill, including old fields and pastures, sand pine scrub, and scrubby flatwoods. The pine snake often coexists with gopher tortoises and pocket gophers, spending the majority of its time underground.

No pine snakes have been documented within the project study area. However, due to the cryptic natural of this species and its known association with gopher tortoise, mammal burrows, and pocket gopher mounds, it is reasonable to assume that pine snakes are likely to be found within the project study area. Current FWC guidelines for the relocation of the Florida pine snake state that any incidentally captured pine snake should be released on-site or allowed to escape unharmed if habitat will remain post-development.

Short-Tailed Snake

The short-tailed snake is listed by the FWC as Threatened. It is a member of the Colubridae family. This snake is endemic to Florida and is only found from the Suwannee River south to Highlands County (FNAI 2001). Short-tailed snakes are rarely seen above ground as they spend most of the time burrowed in sandy soils. They primarily inhabit areas with well-drained sandy soils, particularly longleaf pine and xeric oak habitats, but may also be found in scrub and xeric hammock habitats (Van Duyn 1939, Carr 1940, Campbell and Moler 1992, Engel 1997). Limited habitat for the short-tailed snake occurs within the project study area as it is limited to xeric habitats with open, sandy soils.



Wading Birds

Three wading birds have the potential to occur in the study area. These species are the roseate spoonbill, little blue heron, and tricolor heron. All are listed by the FWC as Threatened. While the spoonbill is generally limited to coastal systems and can be occasionally found inland, both species of herons are widely distributed throughout peninsular Florida. Wading birds depend on healthy wetlands and vegetated areas suitable for resting and breeding which are near foraging areas (FWC, 2013e). They forage in freshwater, brackish, and saltwater habitats. They tend to nest in multi-species colonies of a variety of woody vegetation types including cypress, willow, maple, black mangrove, and cabbage palm (FNAI, 2001). No wading bird rookeries are documented within the project study area.



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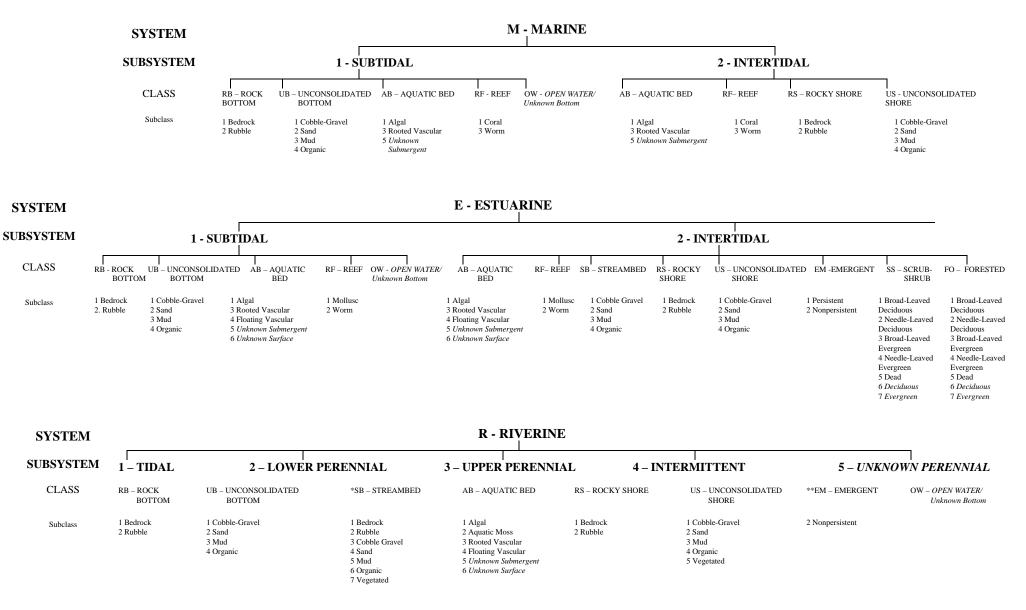
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