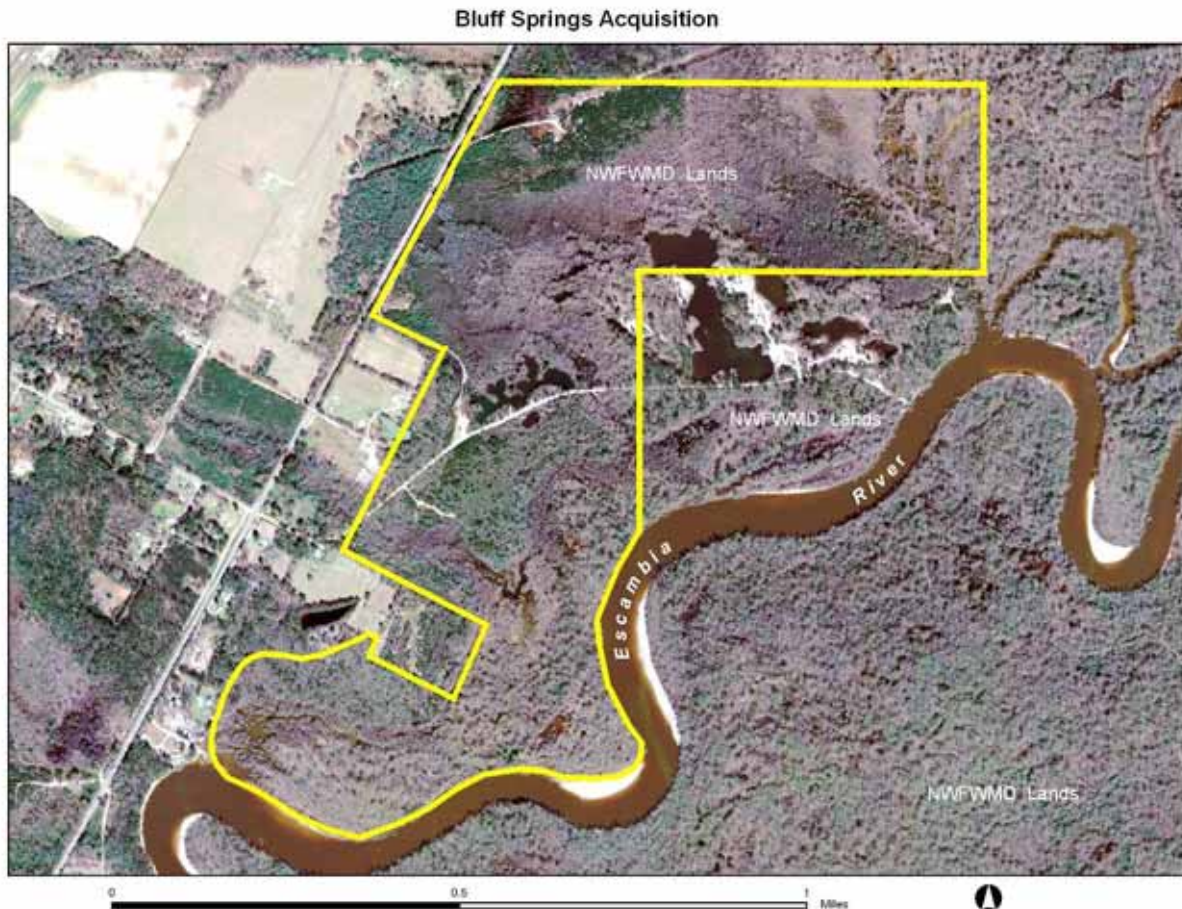


Bluff Springs – 2007 Monitoring
CORPS Permit No. 199707957 (IP-CP)

Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) staff conducted a site visit and photo-monitoring on December 4, 2007 for mitigation associated with CORPS Permit No. 199707957 (IP-CP). To fulfill mitigation requirements for this permit, the NFWFMD in 2004 acquired the 322-acre Bluff Springs property on the Escambia River (see map below). This site is being preserved in perpetuity and managed in a natural state by the NFWFMD. The mitigation value of this parcel was greatly enhanced by its adjacency to existing NFWFMD preservation lands along the Escambia River. Representative photographs taken on 12/4/07 are shown below. No nuisance or exotic species were noted. Minor dumping of trash was observed and is being addressed by the NFWFMD Lands Management Division. Forested portions of the site that were damaged in 2004 by Hurricane Ivan are recovering. Overall, the site appears ecologically healthy, and will greatly benefit from future management activities including prescribed fire.





Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; Minor Trash Dumping



Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; High Quality Tupelo and Cypress Swamp



Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; Uplands



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Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; Pond Created from 1940s Sand Mining



Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; Hurricane Ivan (2004) Damage



Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; Bottomland Forest (Impacted by Hurricane Ivan—2004)



Bluff Springs; 12/4/07; Cypress Slough