

REVIEW TEAM MEETING MINUTES

NWFWMD UMBRELLA PLAN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015

[FDOT District-3 Maintenance Office – Midway, FL]

Attendees	
Melinda Witgenstein – USACE (Panama City)	Ted Hoehn – FWC (Tallahassee)
Andy Kizlauskas – USACE (Panama City)	Paul Thorpe – NWFWMD (Tallahassee)
David Rydene – NMFS (St. Petersburg)	David Clayton – NWFWMD (Tallahassee)
Mary Mittiga – USFWS (Panama City)	Robert Lide – NWFWMD (Tallahassee)
Joy Swanson – FDOT (Chipley)	Jim Lamar – NWFWMD (Tallahassee)
Erica Collins – FDOT (Chipley)	Janet Strutzel – NWFWMD (Tallahassee)
Duncan Cairns – NWFWMD (Tallahassee)	

The Review Team (RT) meeting was held Friday, January 30, 2015 (10 AM – 12 PM EST) at the FDOT District-3 Midway Maintenance Office (17 Commerce Blvd. at the US 90 / I-10 interchange west of Tallahassee).

- USACE approval of the NWFWMD ILF Program is imminent. This program will provide options to FDOT when private mitigation banks are not available.
- The Umbrella Plan will continue to operate on the state side, and will parallel the federal ILF program.
- Non-ILF mitigation (i.e., permittee-responsible mitigation for federal and state permits) will continue under the Umbrella Plan where FDOT is unable to make use of private mitigation banks or the ILF program. FDOT will hold mitigation permits, although NWFWMD is responsible for mitigation per Florida Statutes.
- Updates on various NWFWMD mitigation projects (ILF project sites and the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank) were presented.
- The FDOT, USFWS and the USACE presented awards of appreciation to Duncan, who is retiring February 2, 2015.

Meeting PowerPoint Attached

FDOT District-3 Mitigation Review Team Meeting

30 January 2015

(FDOT Midway Operations Center)



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Today's Agenda

- **Status of In-Lieu Fee Program and Umbrella Plan**
- **New FDOT Mitigation Needs**
- **Other Business or Concerns**
- **Review of Ongoing NFWFMD Mitigation Projects
(Time Permitting)**

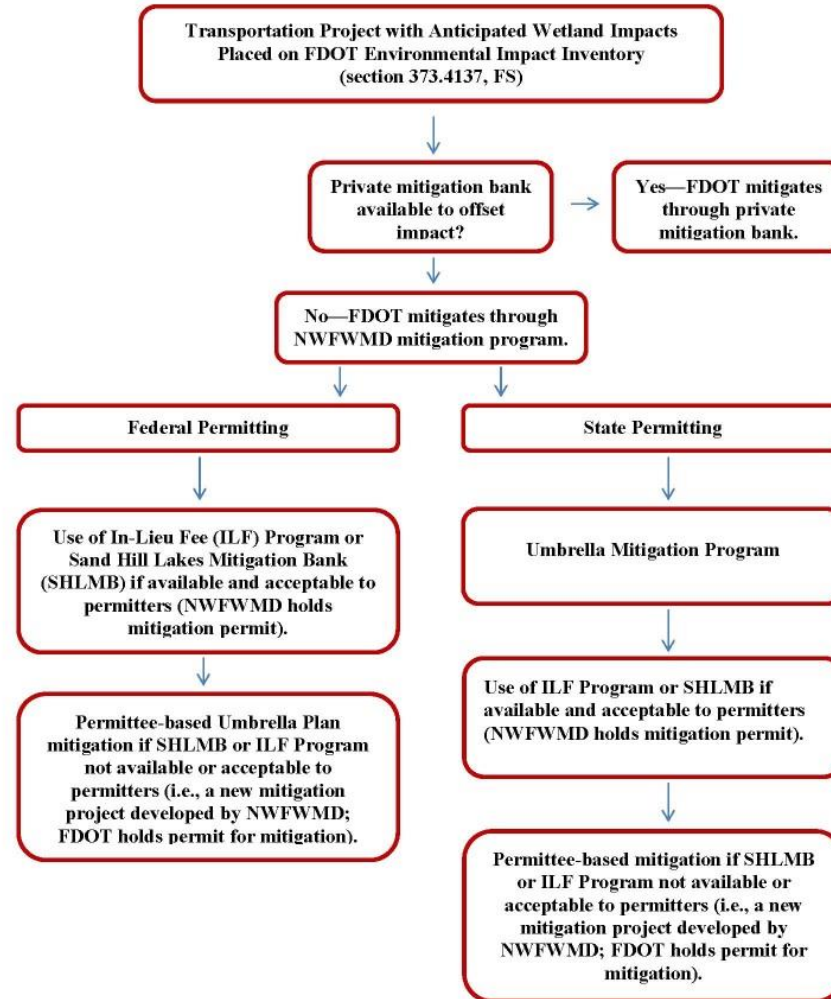
Status of In-Lieu Fee Program and Umbrella Plan

- Approval of Final ILF Instrument imminent.
- 195.98 credits released under Umbrella Plan will transition to the federal ILF Program and be available for immediate use.
- An additional 159.38 credits may be released under the federal ILF Program as success criteria are met.

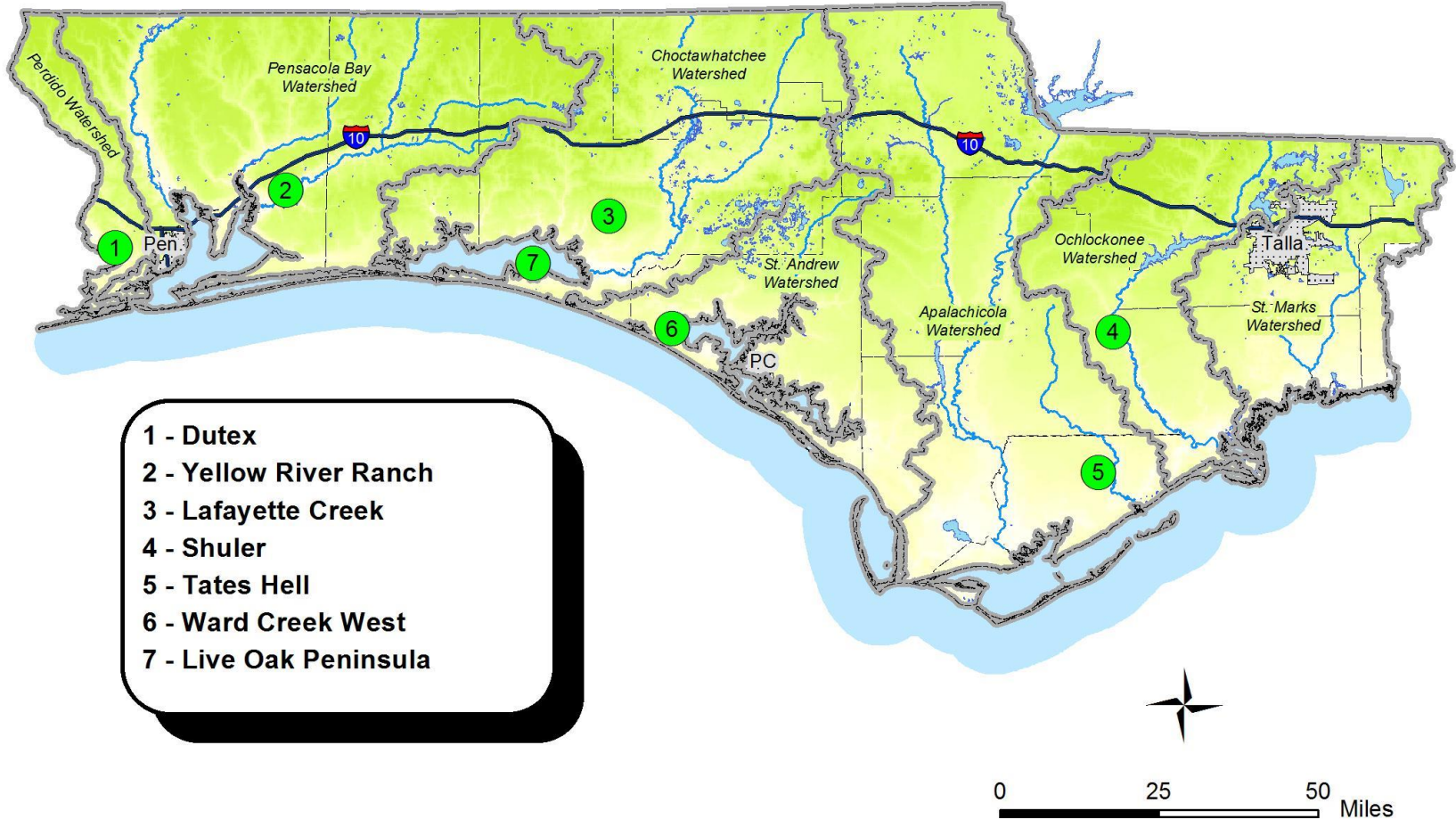
Status of In-Lieu Fee Program and Umbrella Plan (Continued)

- A non-federal “Umbrella Plan” program will continue to operate and parallel the federal ILF program.
- Debits for federal permits will be recorded on both the ILF federal credit ledger and the Umbrella Plan credit ledger, whereas debits for state permits will be recorded only on the Umbrella Plan credit ledger.
- Non-ILF mitigation (i.e., permittee-responsible mitigation for federal and state permits) will continue under the Umbrella Plan.
- Although we loosely use the term “umbrella plan” to refer to everything, in the context of the above, the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank is a third rail and separate from the Umbrella Plan.

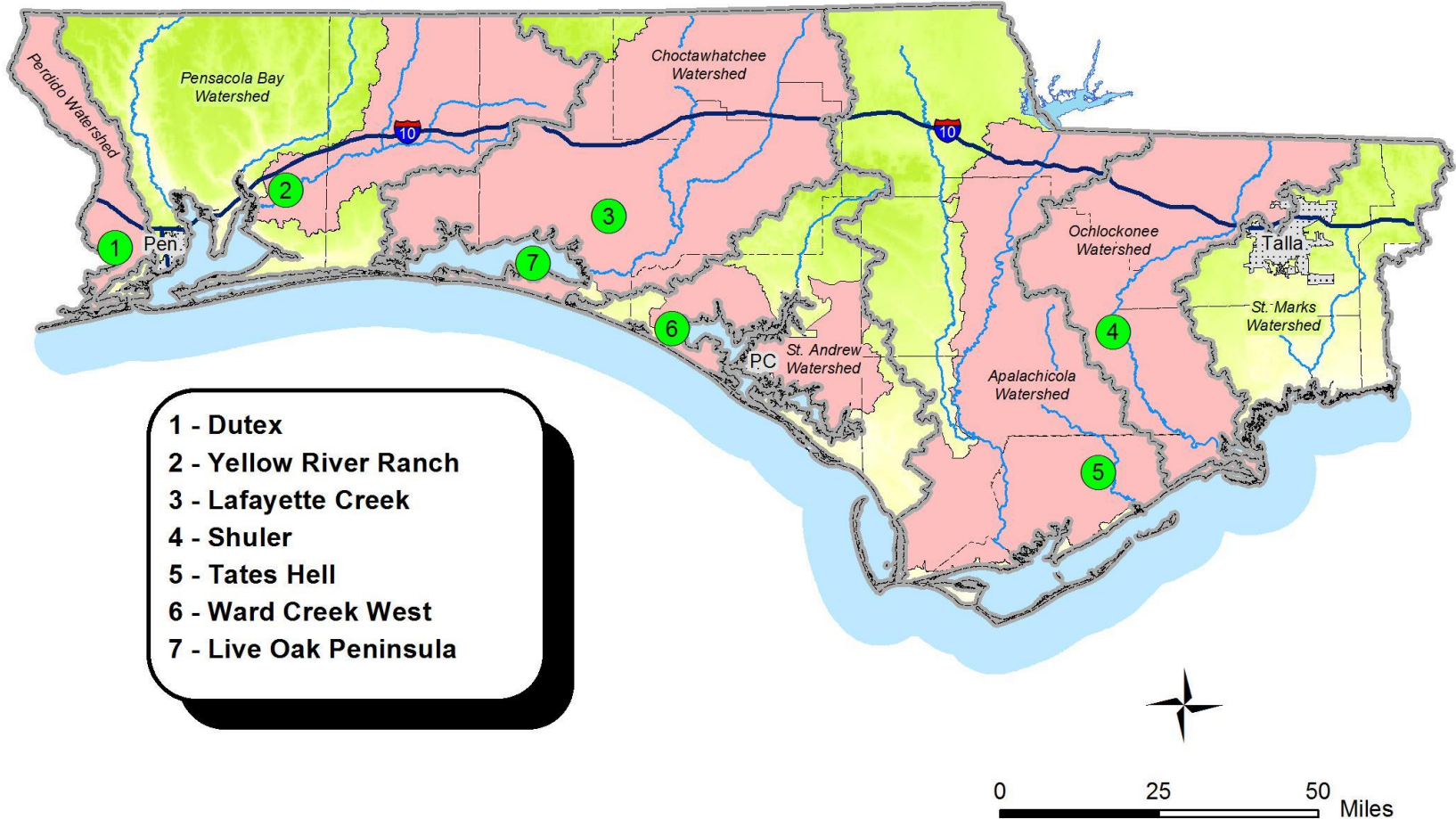
FDOT Compensatory Mitigation Process



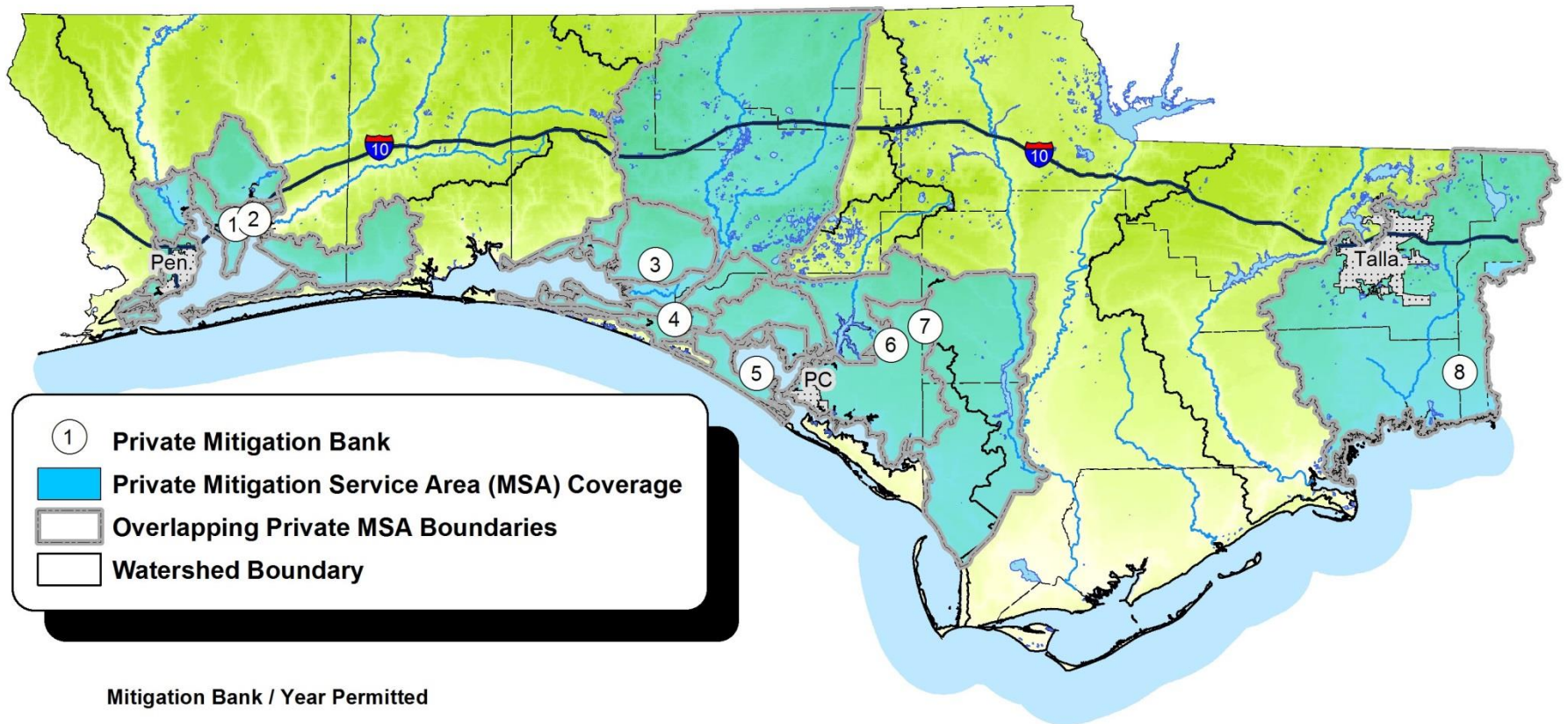
NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee Program Mitigation Sites



NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee Program Mitigation Service Areas



Private Mitigation Banks in Northwest Florida



Mitigation Bank / Year Permitted

- 1 - Garcon Peninsula Mitigation Bank, 2001
- 2 - Pensacola Bay Mitigation Bank, 2009
- 3 - Nokuse Plantation Mitigation Bank, 2011
- 4 - Devils Swamp Mitigation Bank, 2010 (Mod)
- 5 - Breakfast Point Mitigation Bank, 2011 (Mod)
- 6 - Sweetwater Mitigation Bank, 2009
- 7 - Bear Creek Mitigation Bank, Pending
- 8 - St. Marks Mitigation Bank, 2011

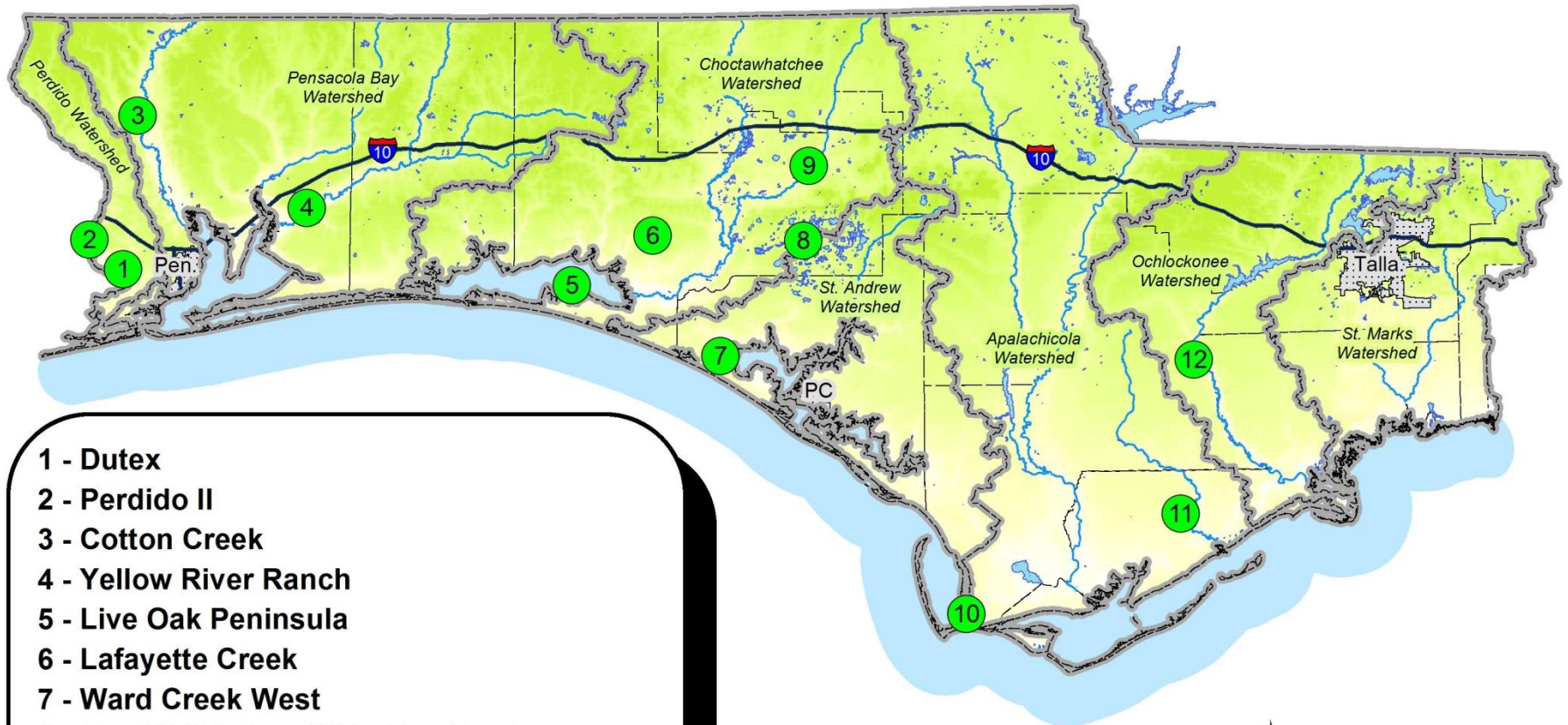


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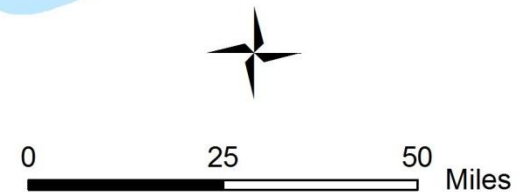
Umbrella Plan (Non-ILF) Projects with Ongoing Restoration Activities



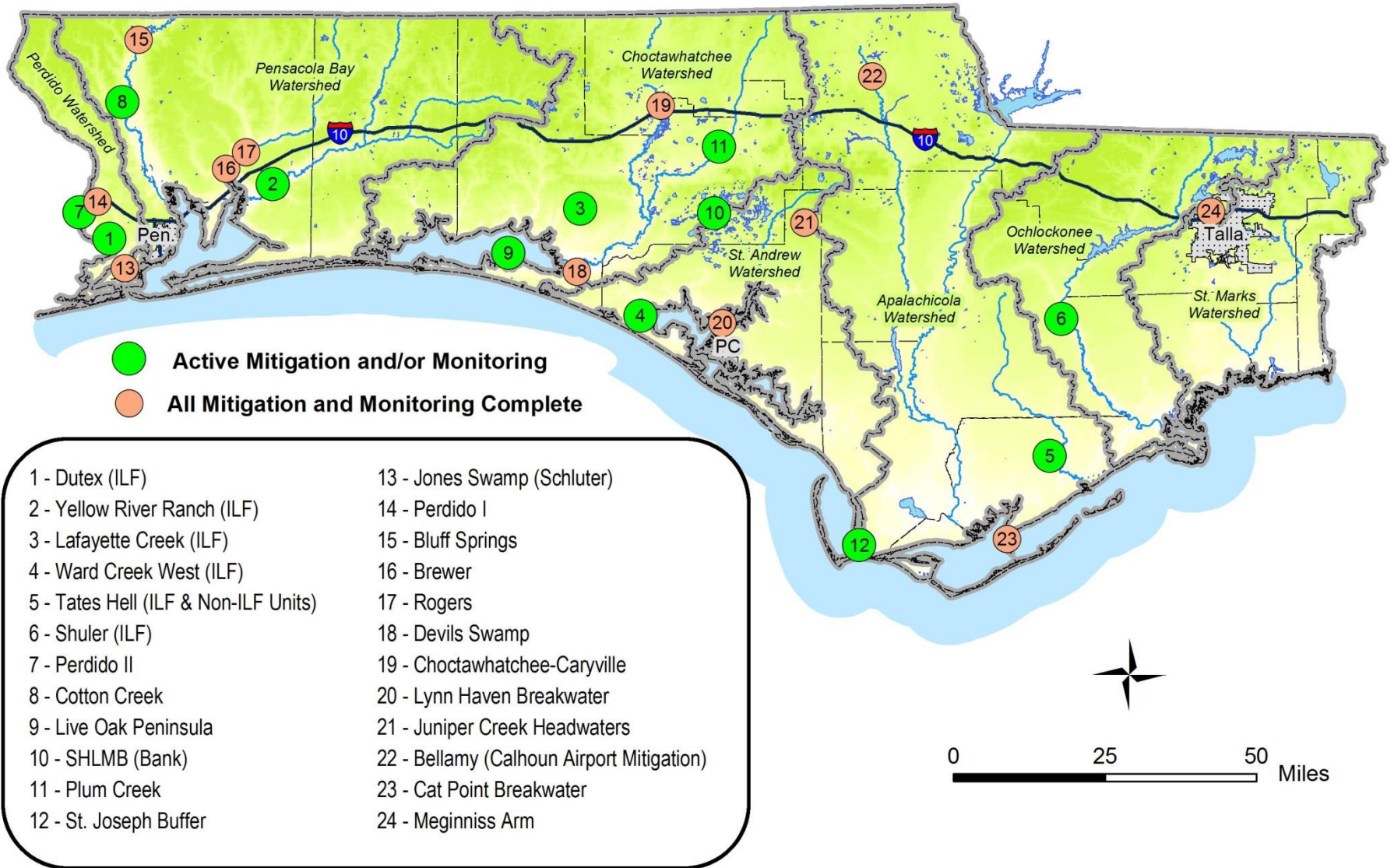
Active Monitoring (ILF and Non-ILF Projects)



- 1 - Dutex
- 2 - Perdido II
- 3 - Cotton Creek
- 4 - Yellow River Ranch
- 5 - Live Oak Peninsula
- 6 - Lafayette Creek
- 7 - Ward Creek West
- 8 - Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank
- 9 - Plum Creek
- 10 - St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve
- 11 - Bates Hell
- 12 - Shuler



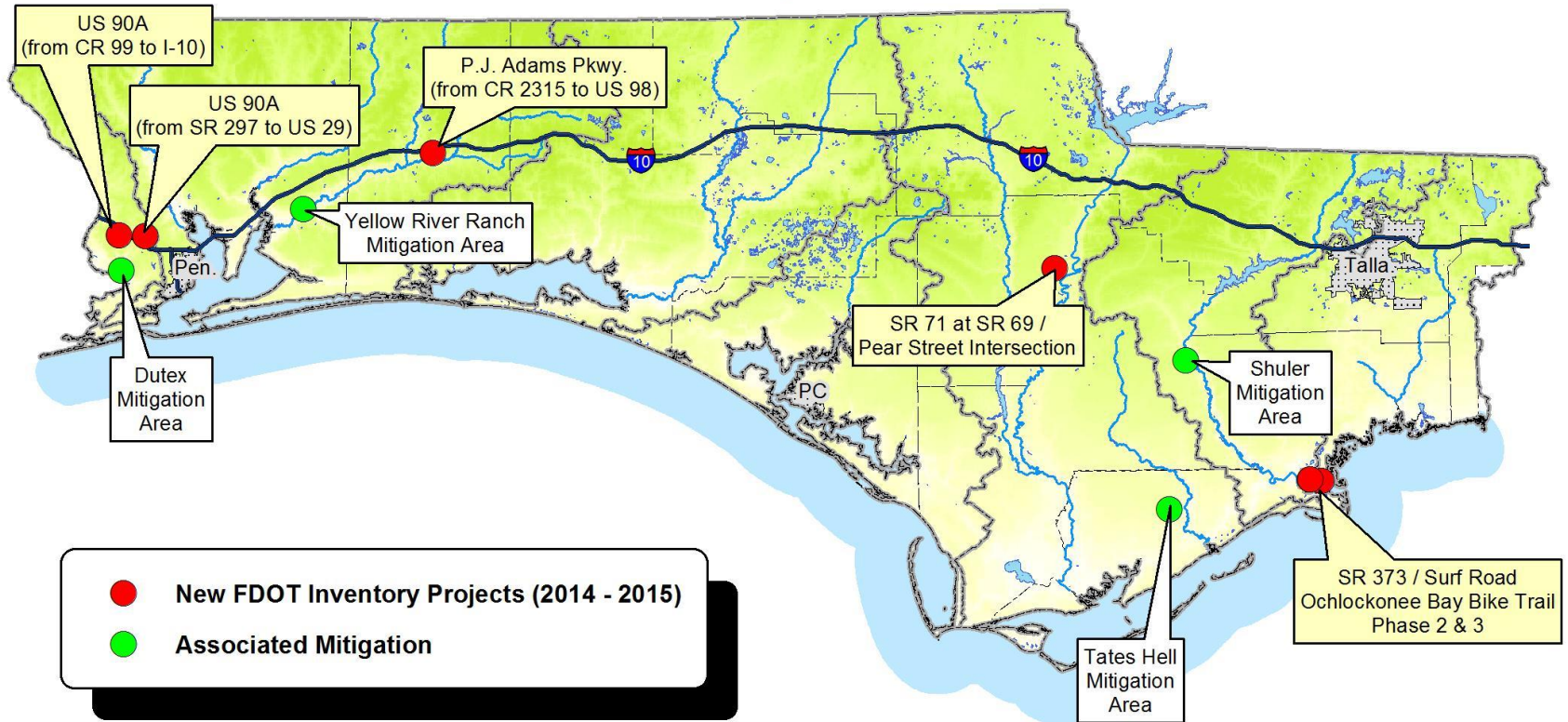
All NFWMD Mitigation Projects for FDOT Impacts (1997 - 2014)*



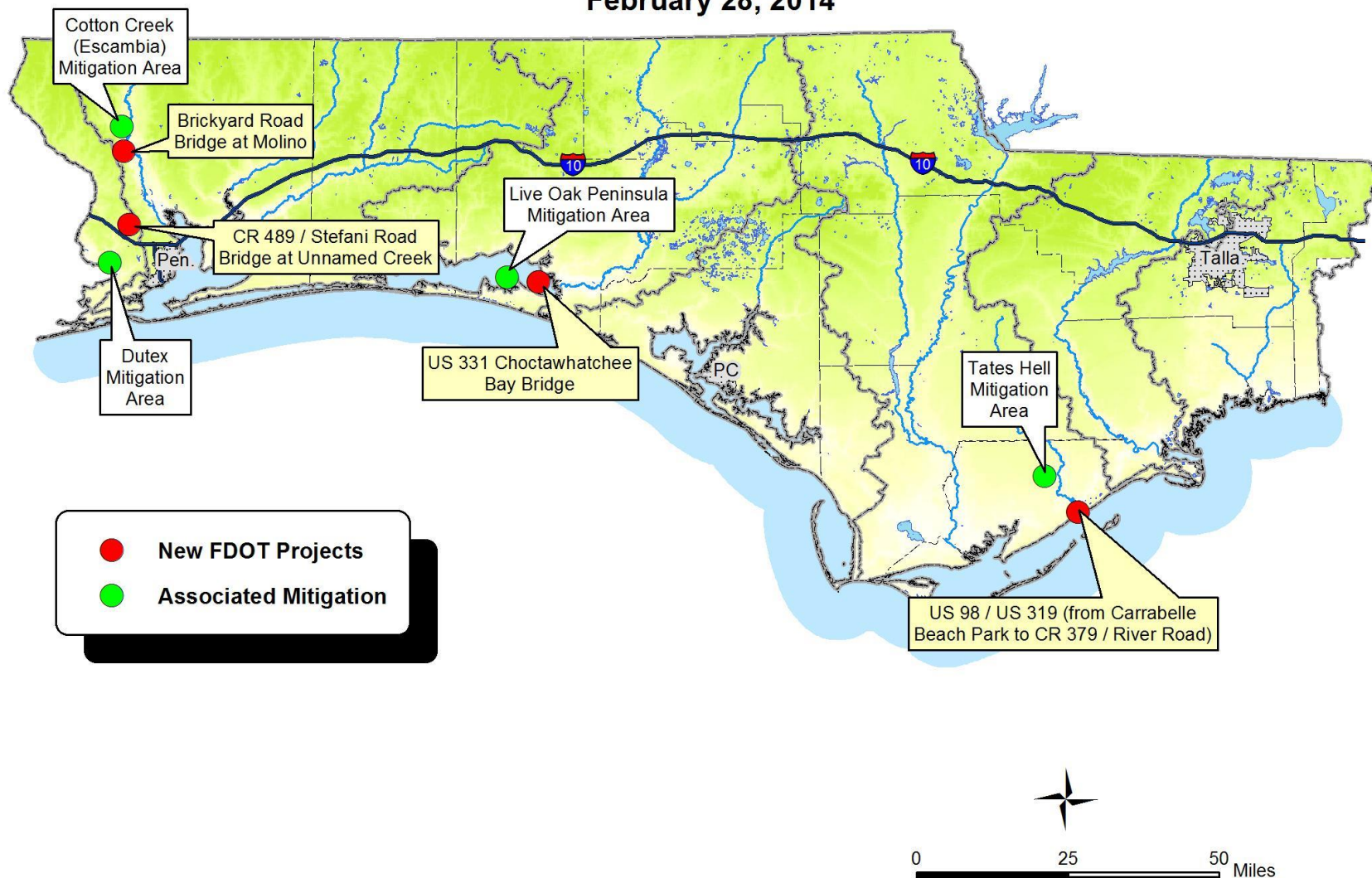
New and Recent FDOT Projects

Added to Inventory

**Northwest Florida Water Management District
Regional Mitigation Plan Modification
(FDOT Projects Added to Inventory Since 2/28/2014)
February 28, 2015**



**Northwest Florida Water Management District
Regional Mitigation Plan Modification
(FDOT Projects Added Since 1/1/2013)
February 28, 2014**



NWFWMD Mitigation Project Updates

Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank

In-Lieu Fee Projects

- Dutex, Yellow River Ranch, Lafayette Creek, Ward Creek West, Tates Hell, Shuler, Live Oak Peninsula

Non In-Lieu Fee Projects

- Perdido II, Plum Creek, St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve, Cotton Creek

Other Business or Concerns



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Wrap Up



