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PD&E Study from State Road (S.R.) 70 to S.R. 66

Corridor Alternatives Public Meeting

TITLE VI

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- › Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.
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TÍTULO VI

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WHAT IS A PD&E?

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) multi-step process:

- Evaluates social, economic, natural, and physical environmental impacts of proposed project
- Compares proposed alternatives to a no-build alternative
- Includes community engagement
- Compliant with federal and state laws and regulations

PD&E CONSIDERATIONS



SOCIAL and ECONOMIC

- Social
- Economic
- Land Use Changes
- Mobility
- Aesthetic Effects
- Relocation Potential



CULTURAL

- Historic and Archaeological Sites
- Recreational Areas and Protected Land



NATURAL

- Wetlands and Surface Waters
- Water Resources
- Floodplains
- Protected Species and Habitat
- Coastal and Marine Environments



PHYSICAL

- Noise
- Air Quality
- Contamination
- Infrastructure
- Navigation



SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS

- Outstanding Florida Waters
- Aquatic Preserves
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Sole Source Aquifers

PURPOSE AND NEED



SYSTEM LINKAGE

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND



SAFETY



PROJECT OUTCOMES

To improve transportation network connectivity, support regional freight, and improve safety, including evacuation capabilities.



TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Public Outreach and Interagency Coordination

Dates are subject to change.



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
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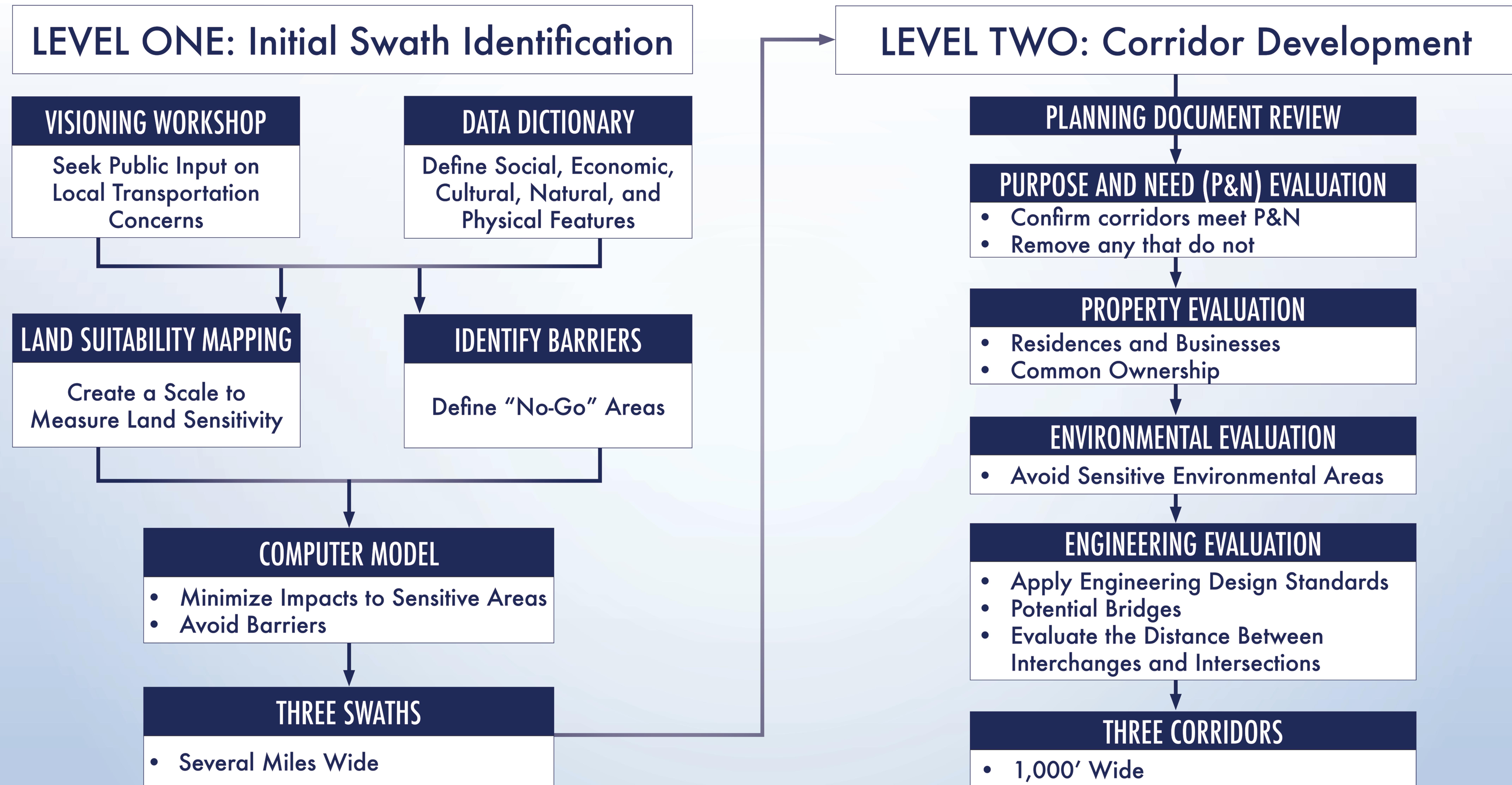
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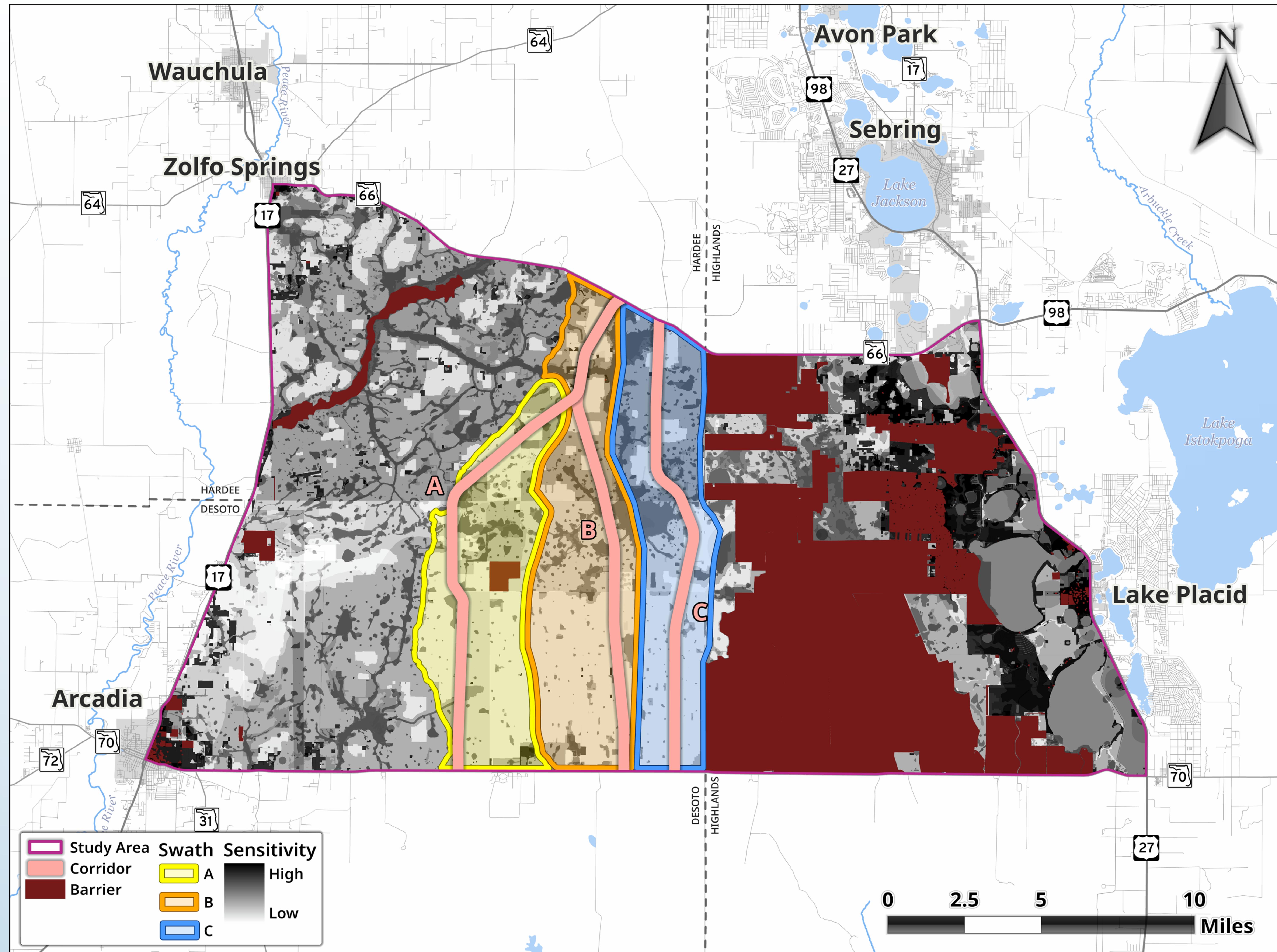
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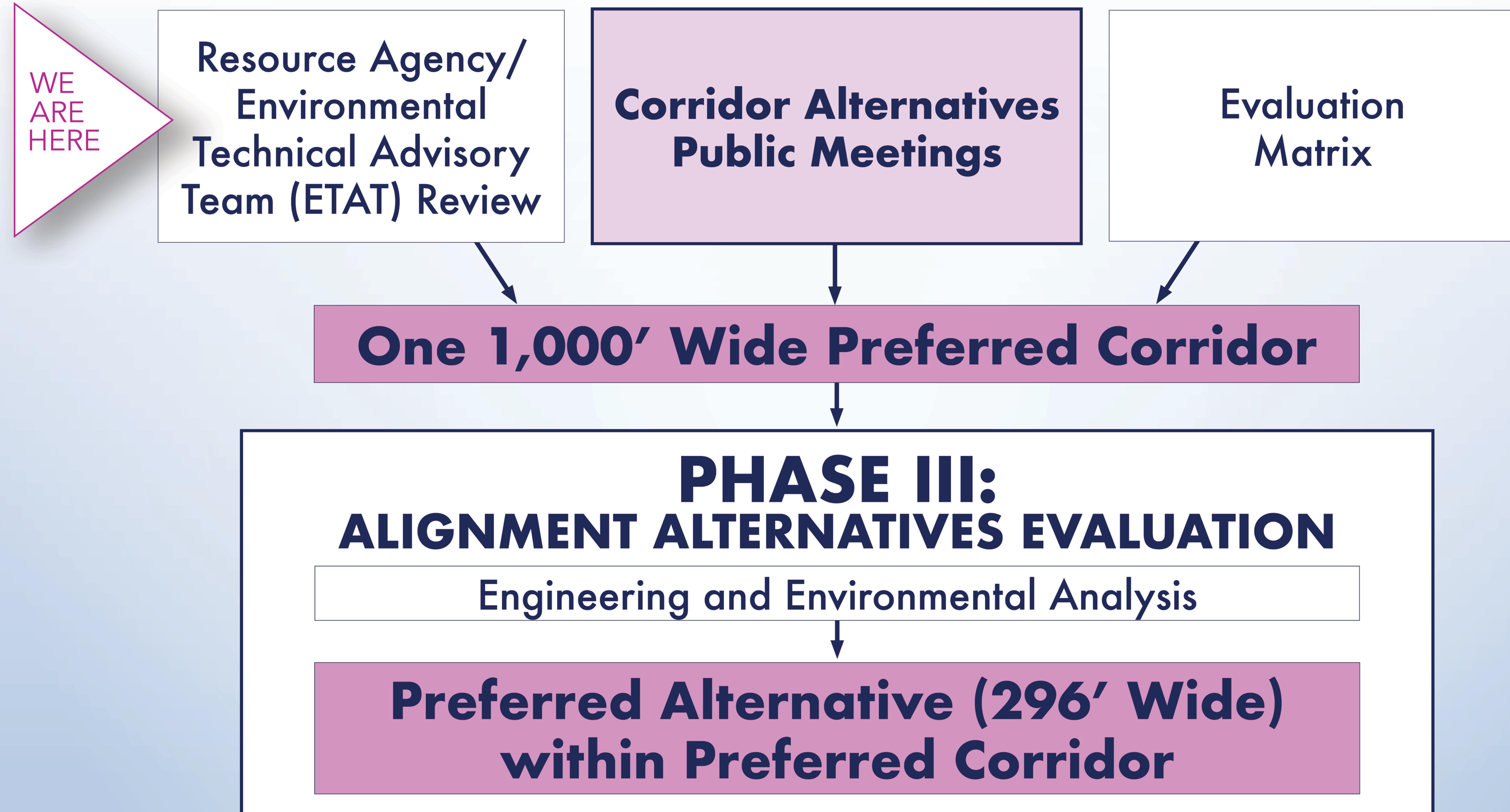


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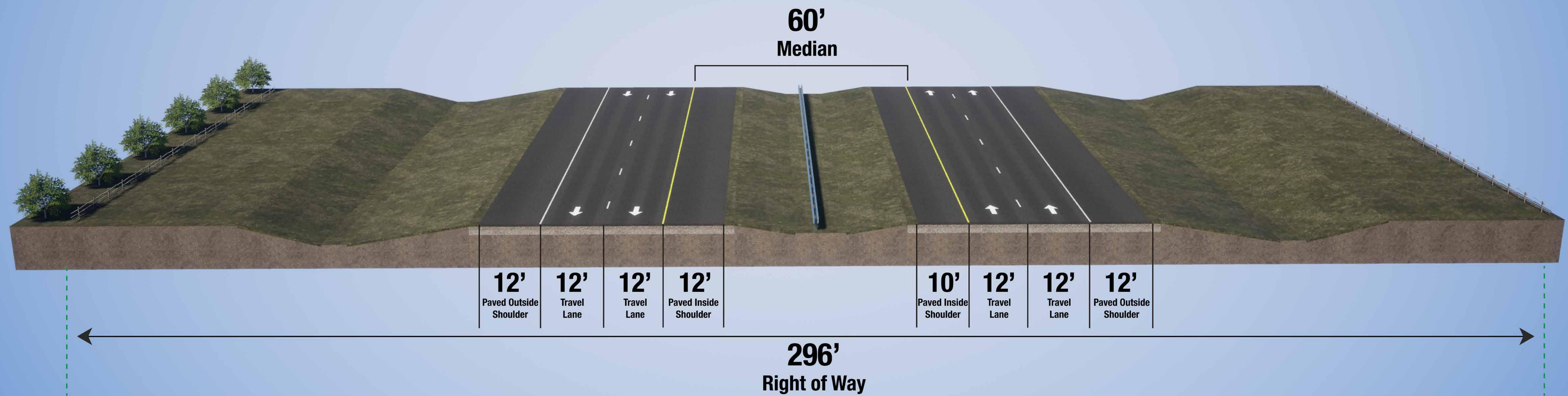


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
PHASE II: CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION



CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES



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EVALUATION MATRIX

EVALUATION FACTORS	Purpose and Need			
	No-Build Alternative	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C
IMPROVE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	✗	✓	✓	✓
ACCOMMODATE FREIGHT ACTIVITY	✗	✓	✓	✓
IMPROVE SAFETY & EVACUATION	✗	✓	✓	✓

EVALUATION MATRIX

Resources Found within 1,000-FT Corridor

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	Unit of Measure	No-Build Alternative	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C
Agricultural Land Use	Acres	N/A	2,034	1,816	1,688
Prime Farmlands	Acres	N/A	1,069	780	1,031
Residential/Industrial Land Use	Acres	N/A	14	12	13
Estimated Minority Population Percentage	Percent	N/A	37%	37%	41%
Estimated Percent of Population with Limited English Proficiency	Percent	N/A	4%	4%	4%
Estimated Percent of Population Below the Poverty Level	Percent	N/A	34%	34%	38%
CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT					
Probability of Archaeological/Historical Sites (Low/Medium/High)	Degree	N/A	High	High	High
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT					
Threatened & Endangered Species (Low/Medium/High)	Degree	N/A	High	High	High
Florida Wildlife Corridors	Acres	N/A	732	731	575
Critical Lands and Water Identification Project (CLIP) Priorities	Acres	N/A	1,088	1,367	1,158
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT					
Estimated Contamination Sites	Number	N/A	12	15	27
Noise Sensitive Areas	Number	N/A	10	7	2
Estimated Impaired Waters	Acres	N/A	67	740	742

EVALUATION MATRIX

Impacts Based on Centered Alignment (296' Wide) within Corridor - Preferred Alignment Developed in Phase III May Vary

POTENTIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPACTS	Unit of Measure	No-Build Alternative	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C
Potential Parcel Impacts*	Number	0	41	42	46
Potential Residential & Industrial Parcel Impacts	Number	0	12	11	3
Potential Residential Relocations	Number	0	0	0	1
Potential Agricultural Parcel Impacts	Number	0	38	39	43
Potential Business/Commercial Parcels Impacts	Number	0	4	6	1
Potential Business Relocations**	Number	0	4	8	1
Potential Right-of-Way Acquisition	Acres	0	813	764	722
ENGINEERING FACTORS					
Length of Corridor	Miles	0	18.16	16.35	15.54
Major Utilities	Number	0	2	2	2
Proposed Bridges	Number	0	14	16	10
Bisected Parcels	Number	0	4	6	7
Driveway/Access Road Impacts	Number	0	2	3	7
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT					
Non-Forested Wetlands	Acres	0	21	30	32
Forested Wetlands	Acres	0	9	16	15
Floodplains	Acres	0	28	54	47
Managed Lands	Acres	0	1	0	57

* Some parcels include both residential and agricultural uses

** There are multiple business relocations on one parcel

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PRESENT DAY COST-ESTIMATES (\$ MILLIONS)	Unit of Measure	No-Build Alternative	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C
Construction Cost	Dollars	\$0	\$407,704,000	\$347,174,000	\$337,753,000
Final Design (10% of Construction)	Dollars	\$0	\$40,770,000	\$34,717,000	\$33,775,000
Construction Engineering Inspection (10% of Construction)	Dollars	\$0	\$40,770,000	\$34,717,000	\$33,775,000
Right-of-Way	Dollars	\$0	\$21,565,000	\$21,790,000	\$21,245,000
Utilities	Dollars	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
Species Mitigation***	Dollars	\$0	\$19,970,000	\$18,004,000	\$17,116,000
Wetland Mitigation****	Dollars	\$0	\$4,903,000	\$7,518,000	\$7,681,000
Environmental Enhancements	Dollars	\$0	\$68,859,000	\$61,995,000	\$58,924,000
TOTAL COSTS	Dollars	\$0	\$607,041,000	\$527,715,000	\$512,069,000

*** Species mitigation assumes the following total Geographic Information Systems (GIS) acreages: Corridor A: 2,218.91, Corridor B: 2,000.45, & Corridor C: 1,901.78

**** Wetland mitigation costs assume FDOT's FY 29/30 \$163,434 cost per acre from FDOT's Work Program Instructions

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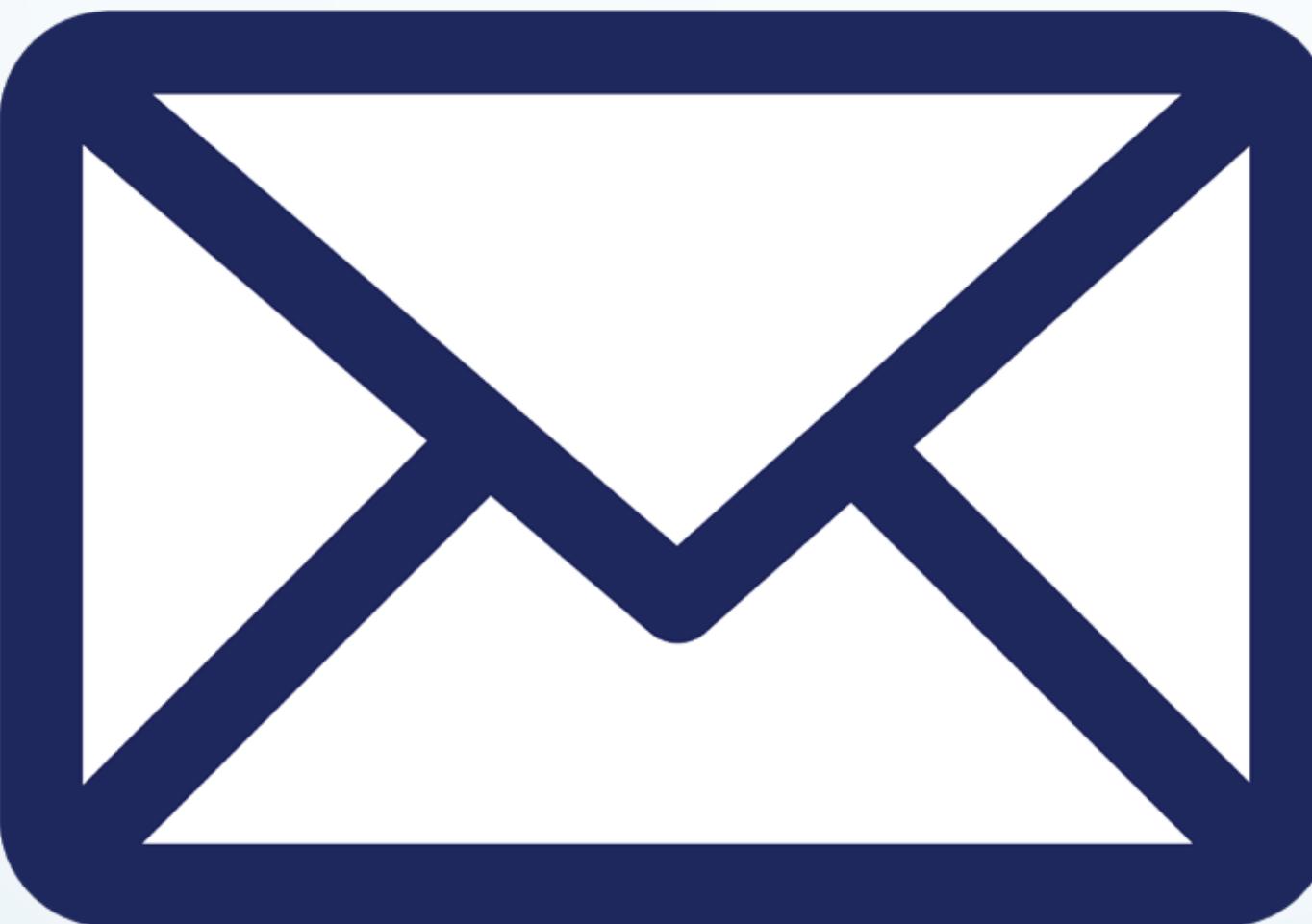
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To be included in the formal meeting record,
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Fill out
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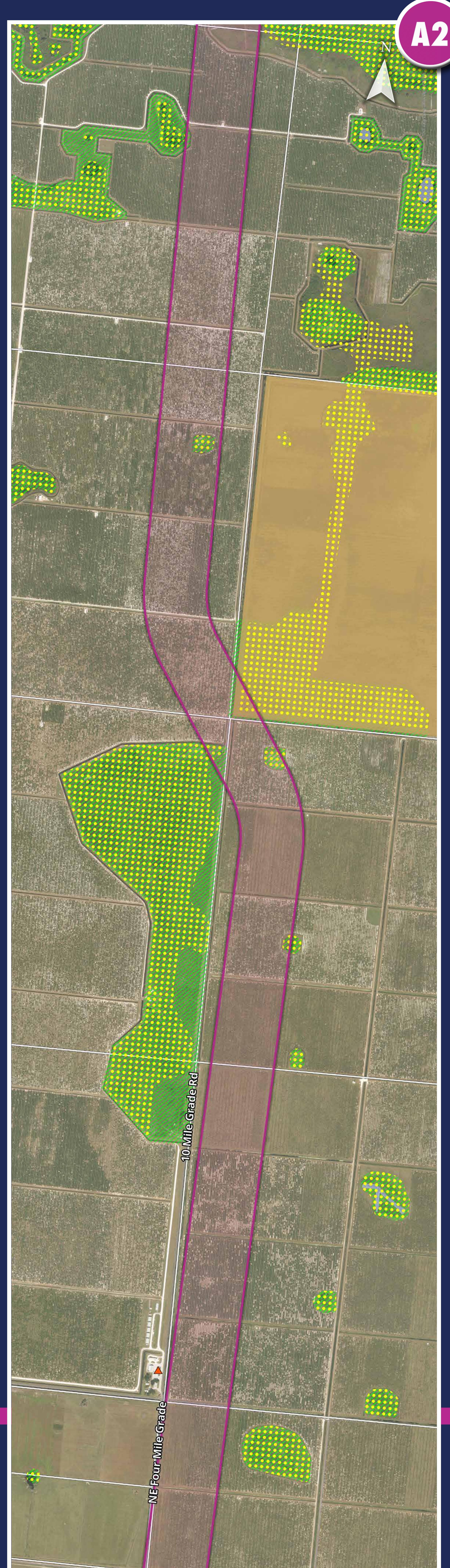
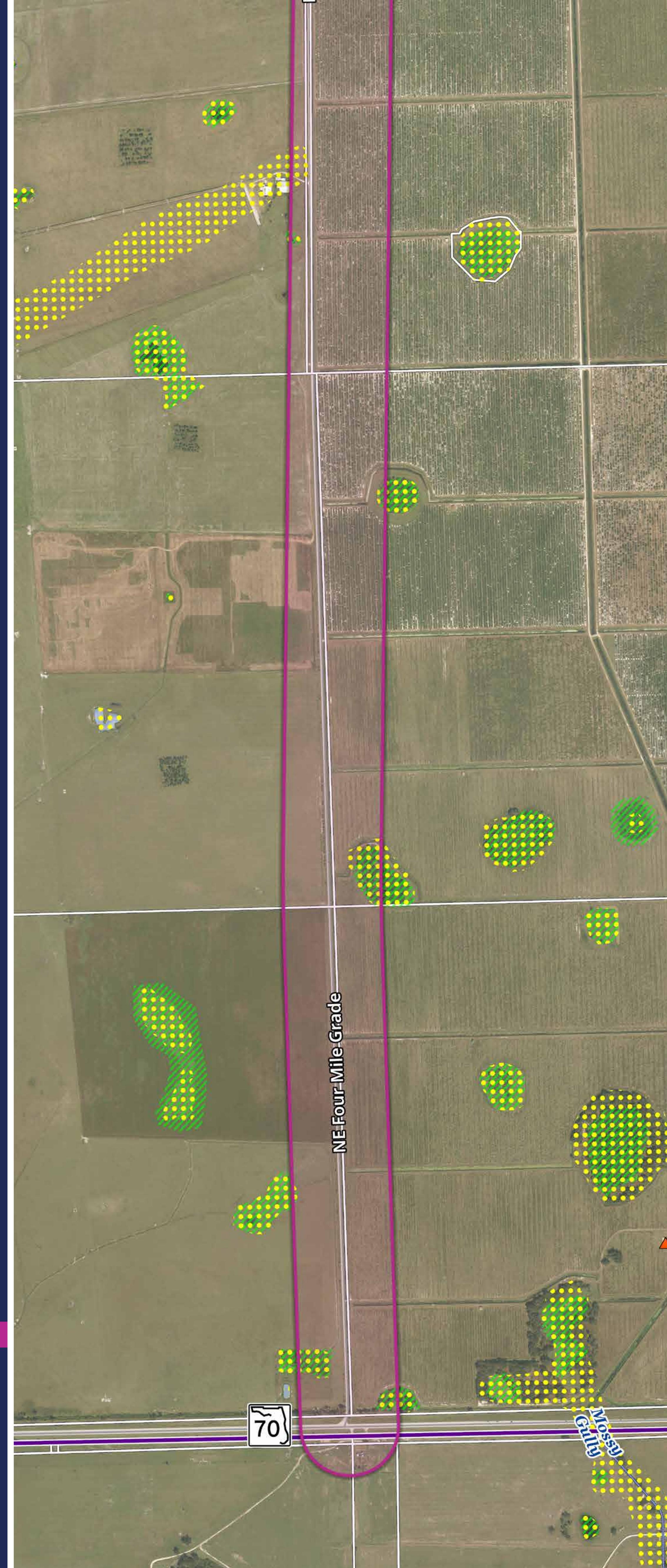
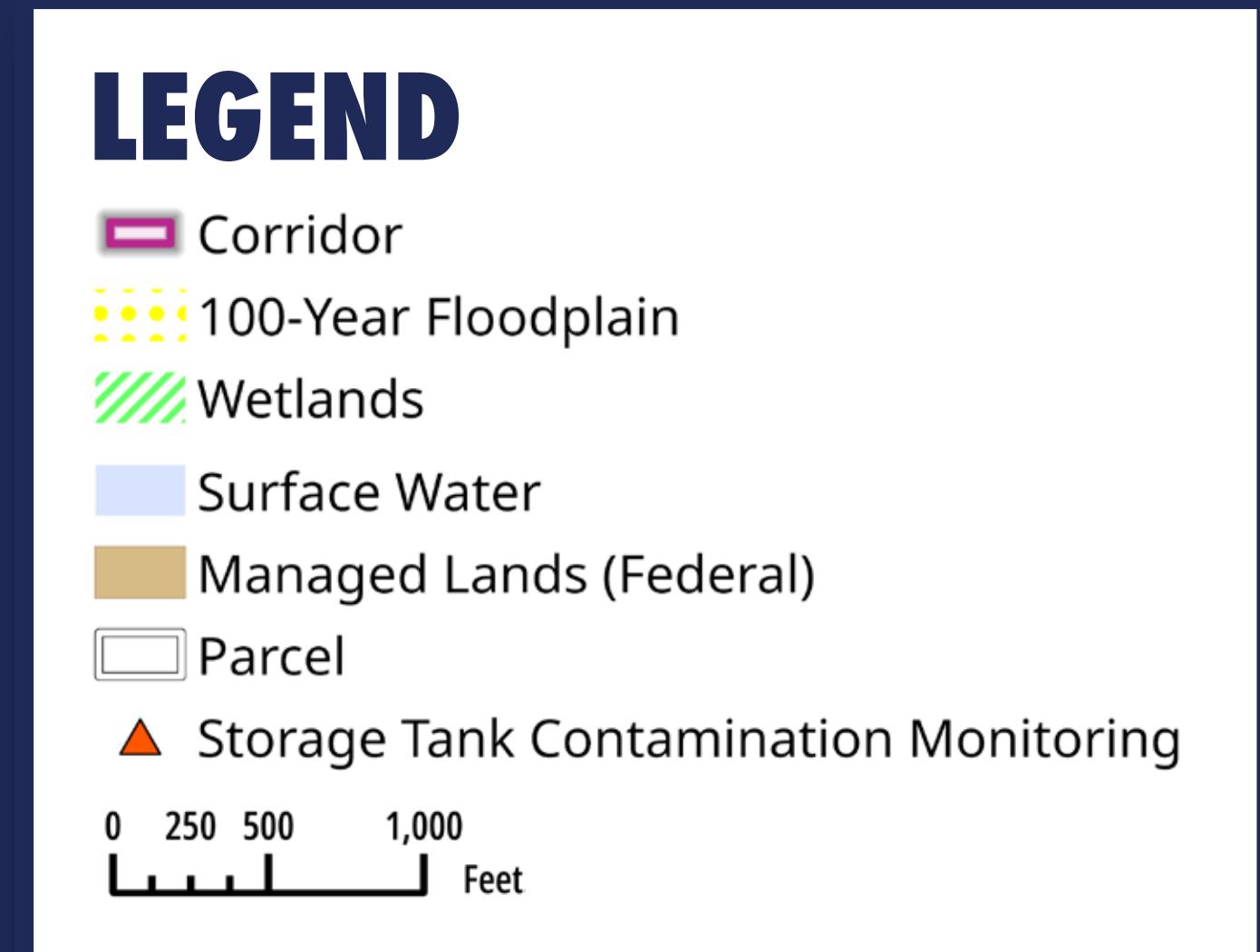
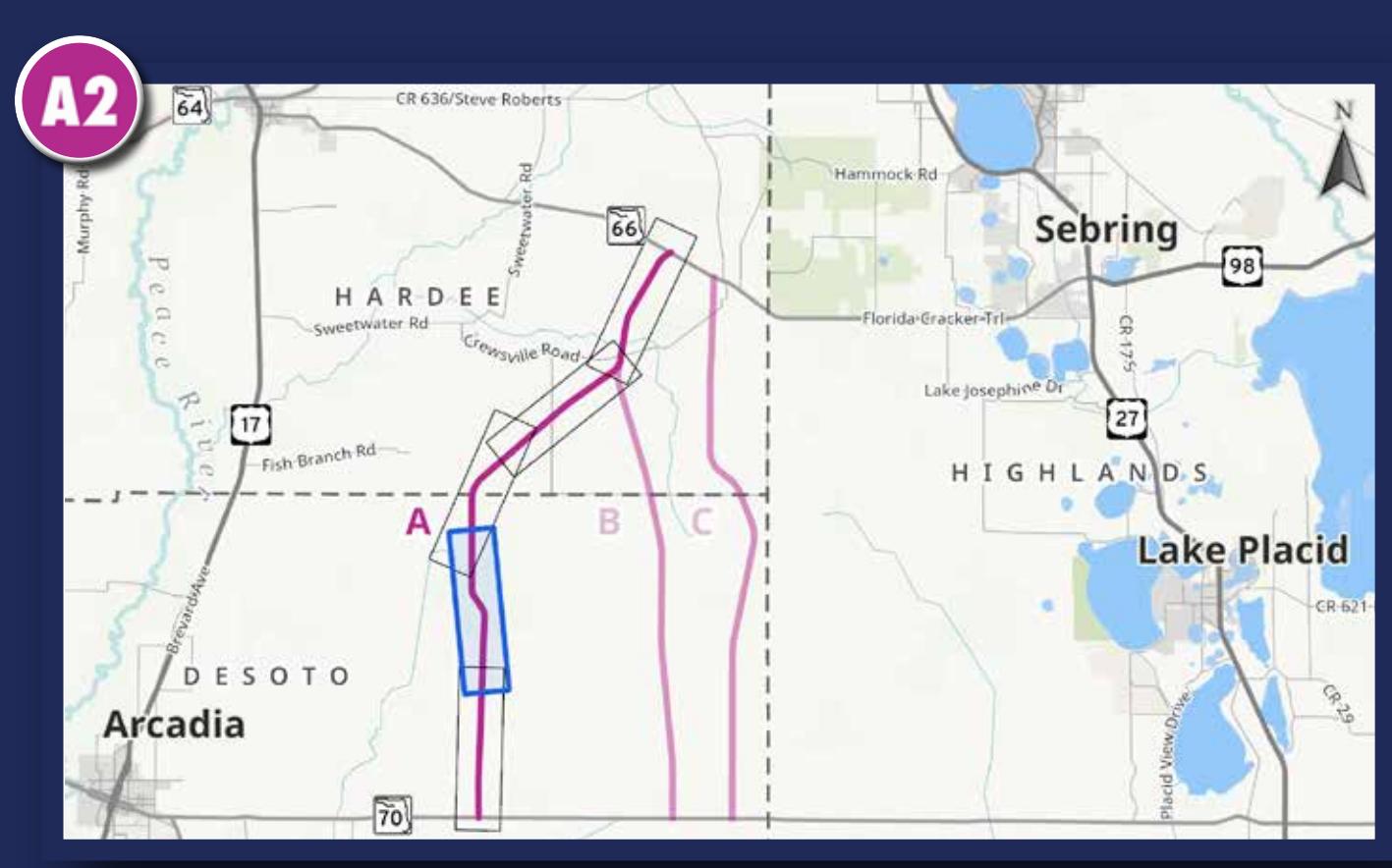
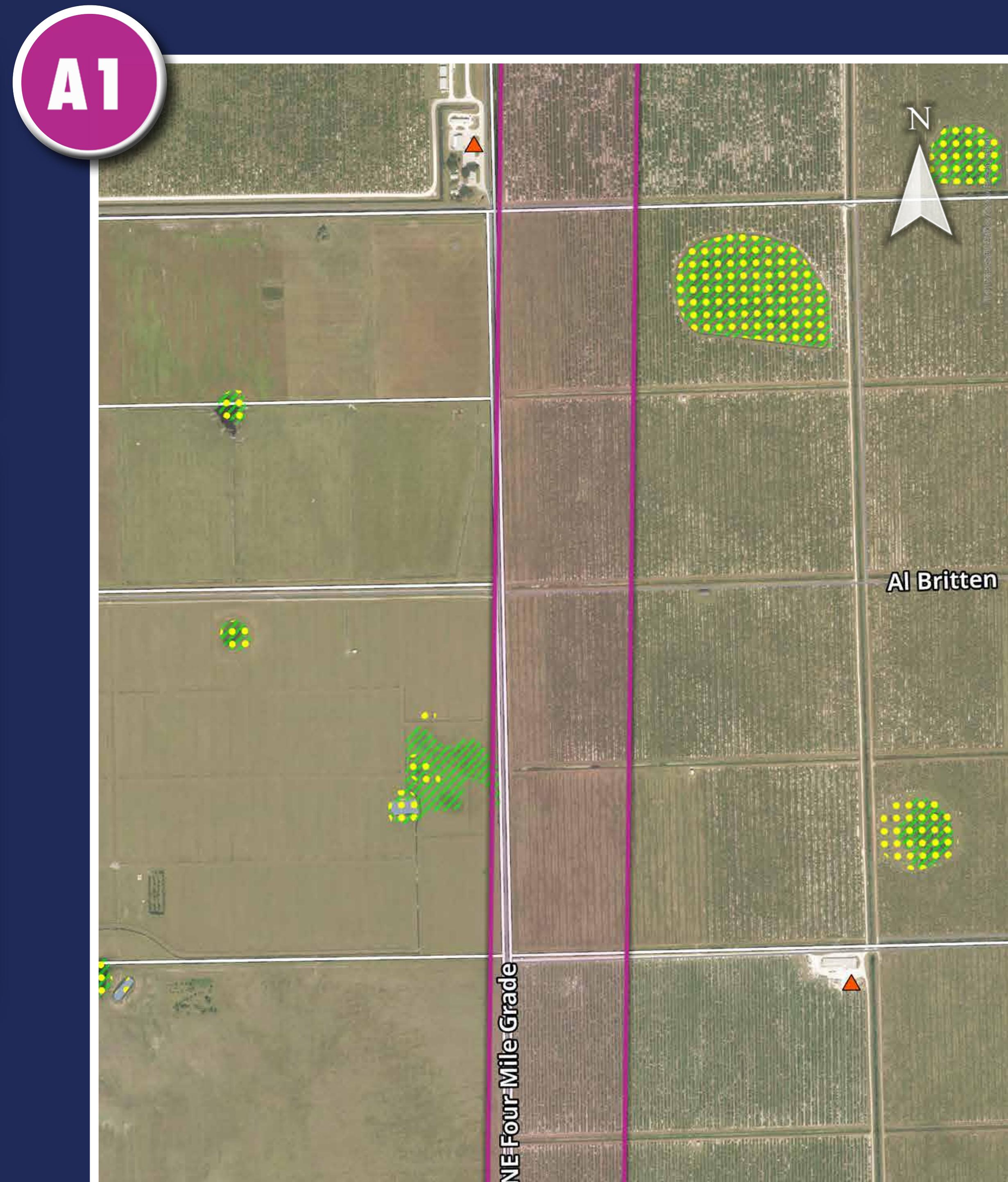
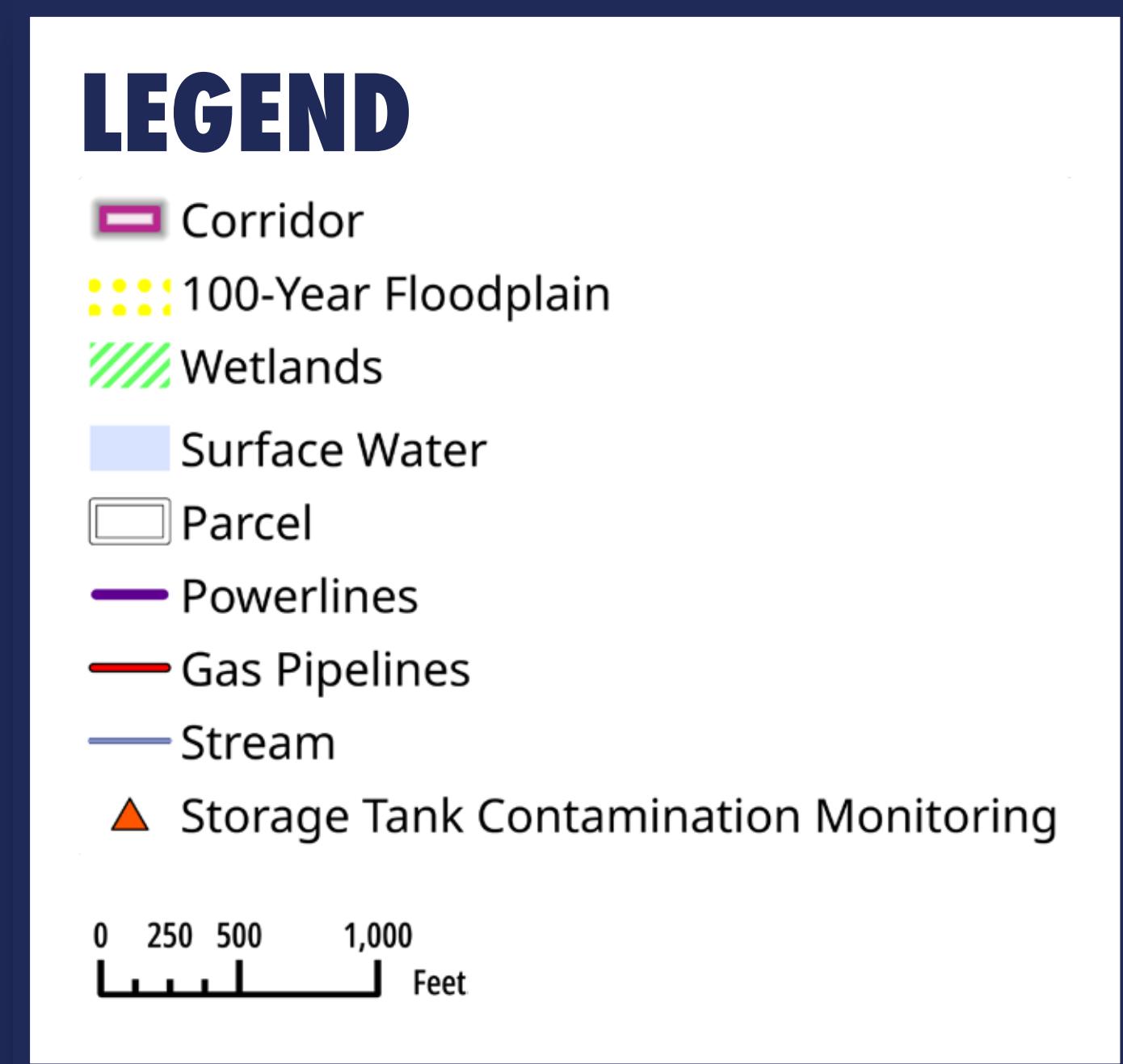
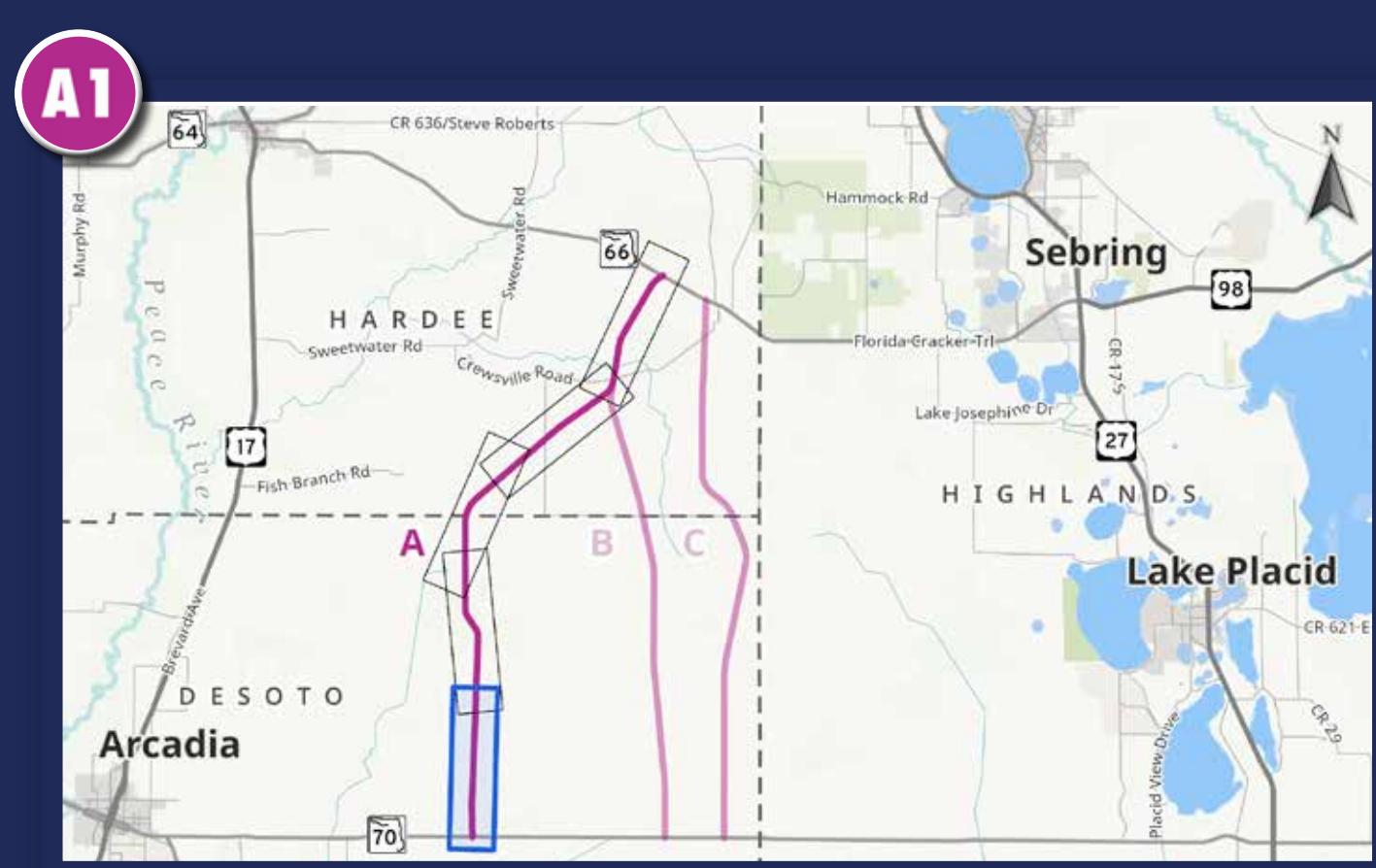
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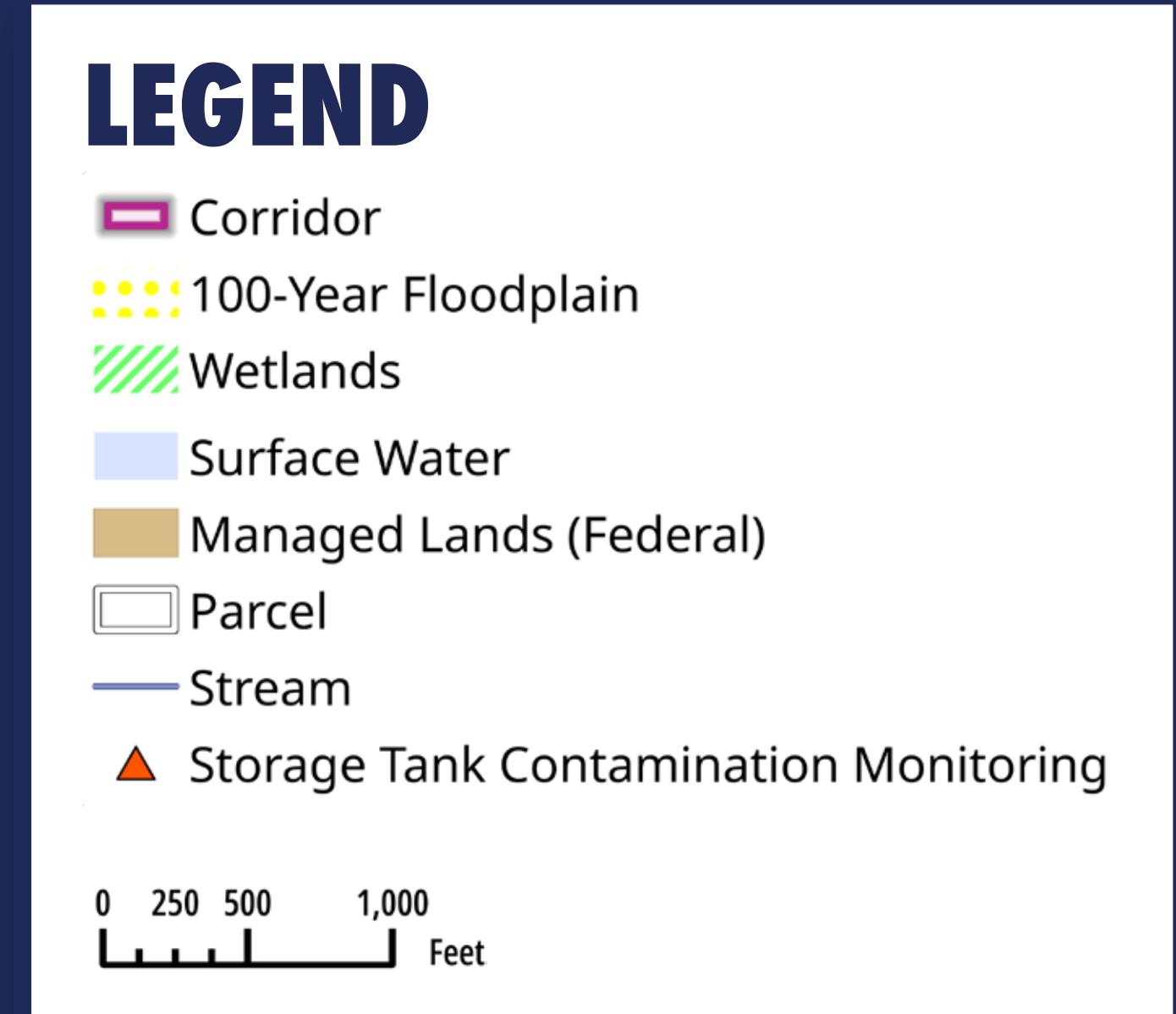
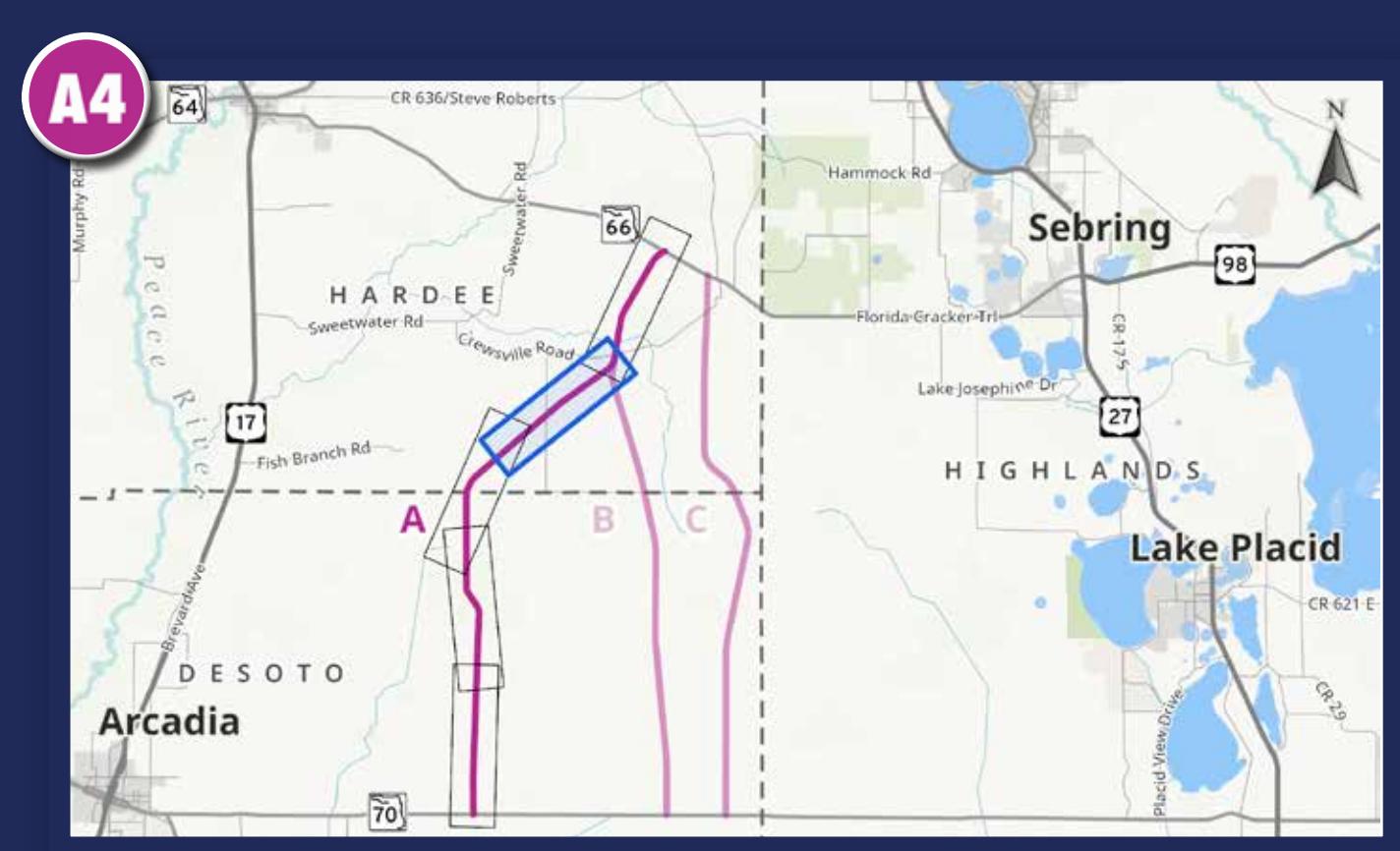
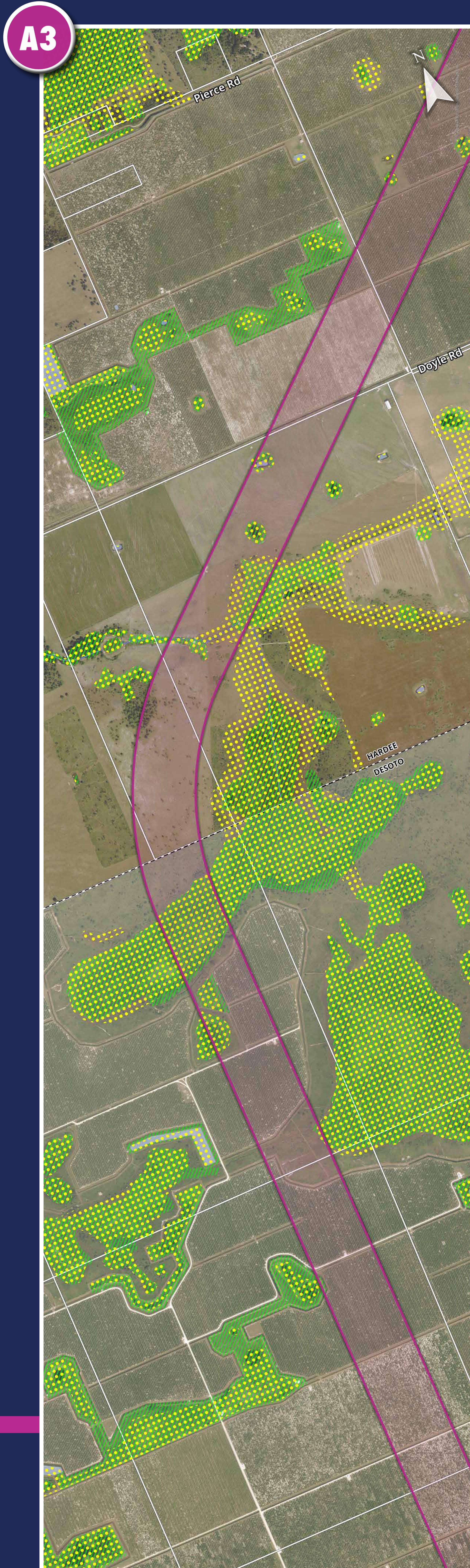
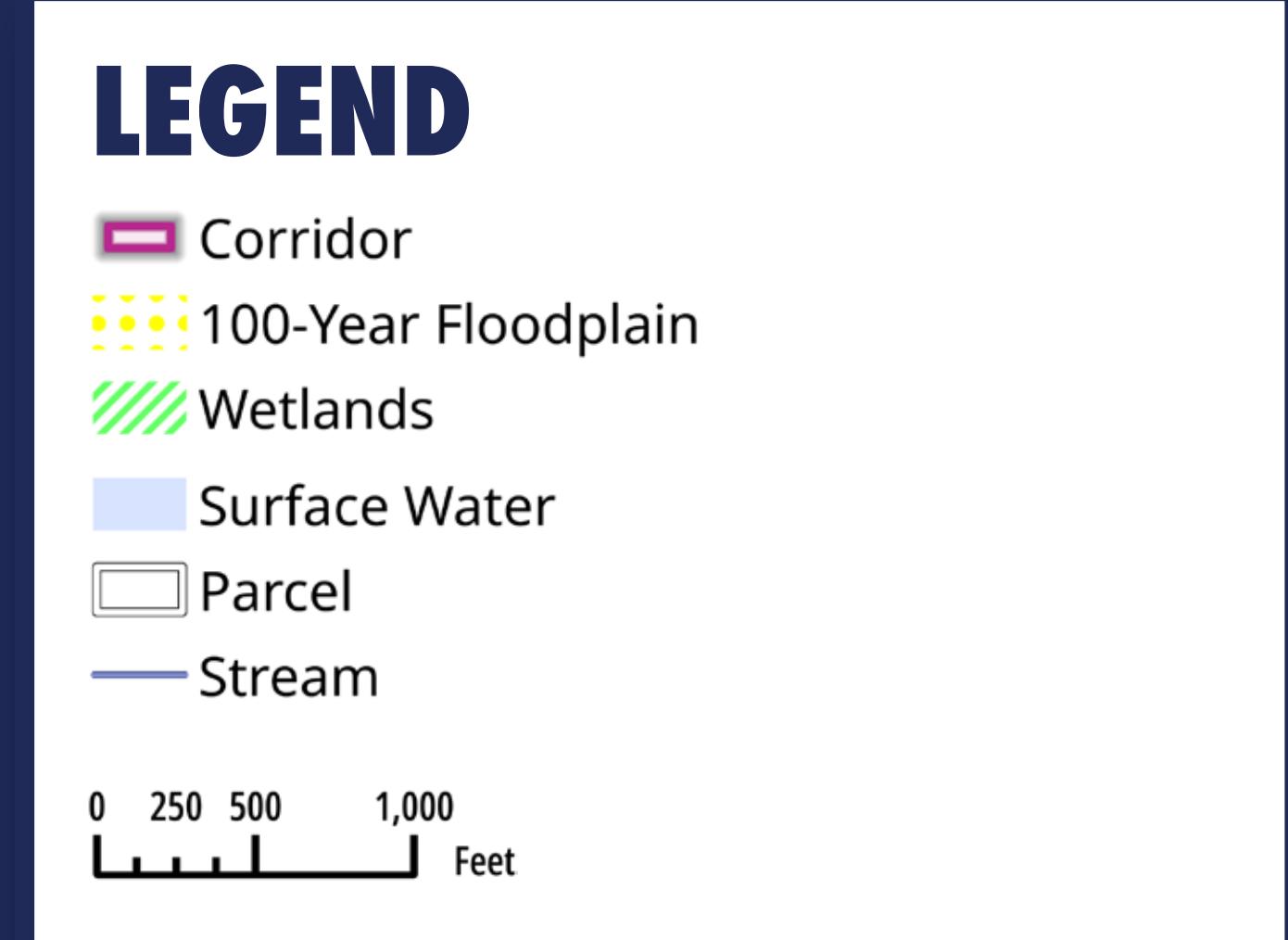
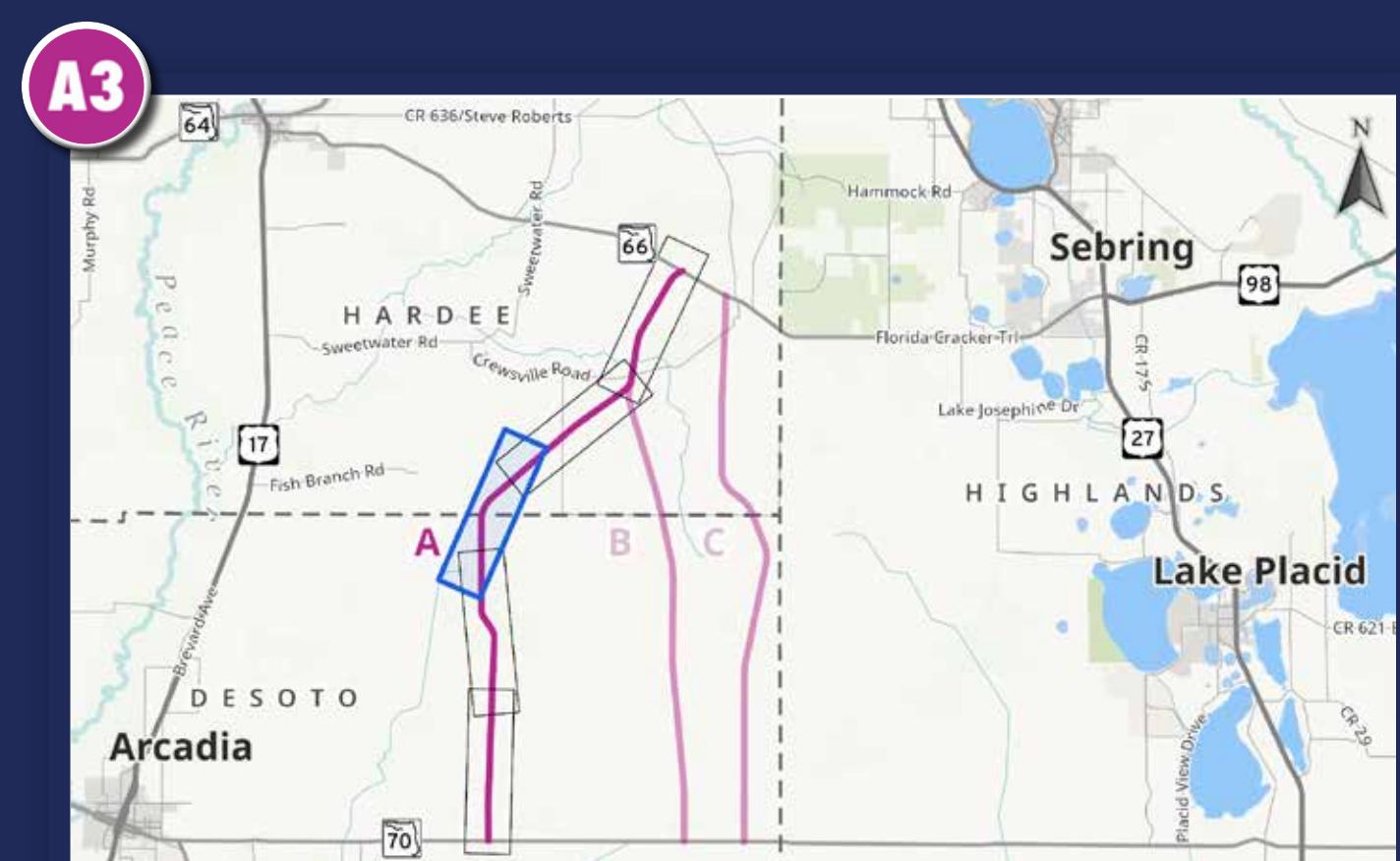
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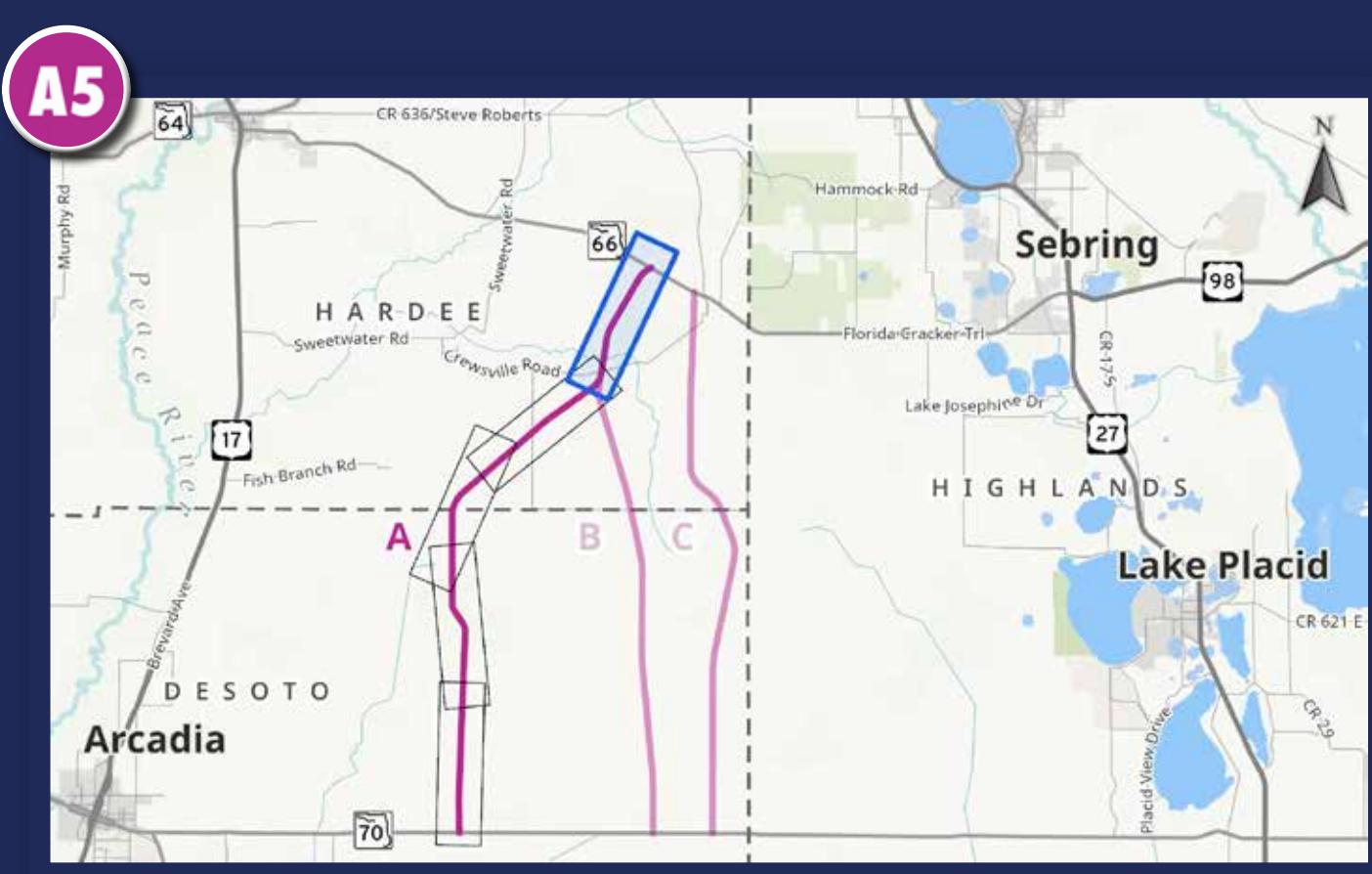
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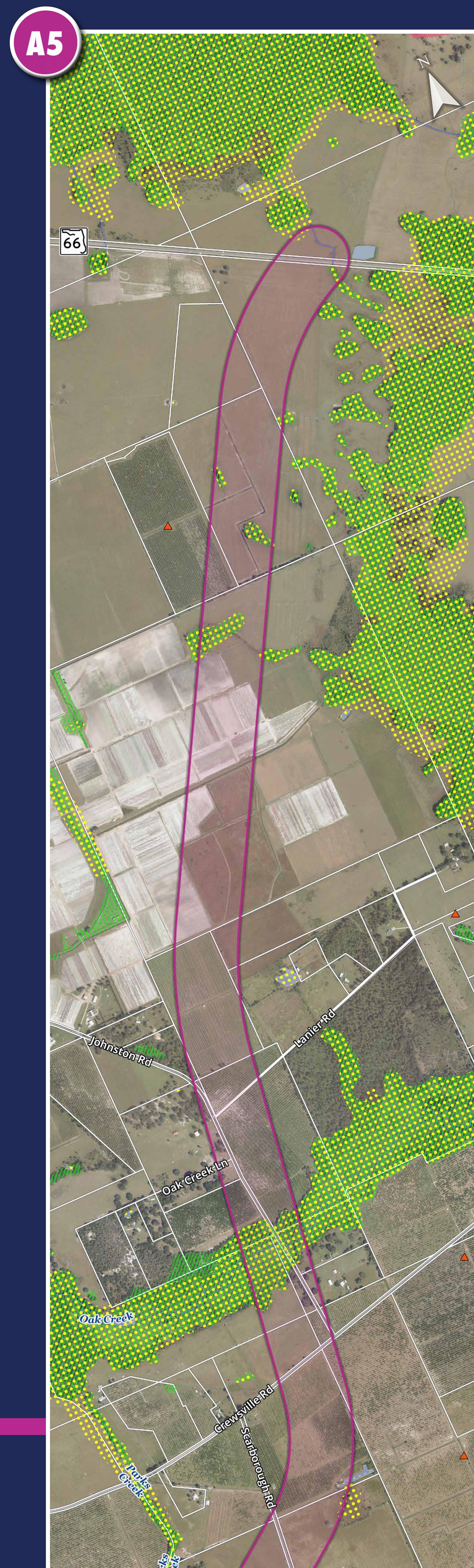
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LEGEND

- Corridor
- 100-Year Floodplain
- Wetlands
- Surface Water
- Parcel
- Stream
- Storage Tank Contamination Monitoring

0 250 500 1,000 Feet

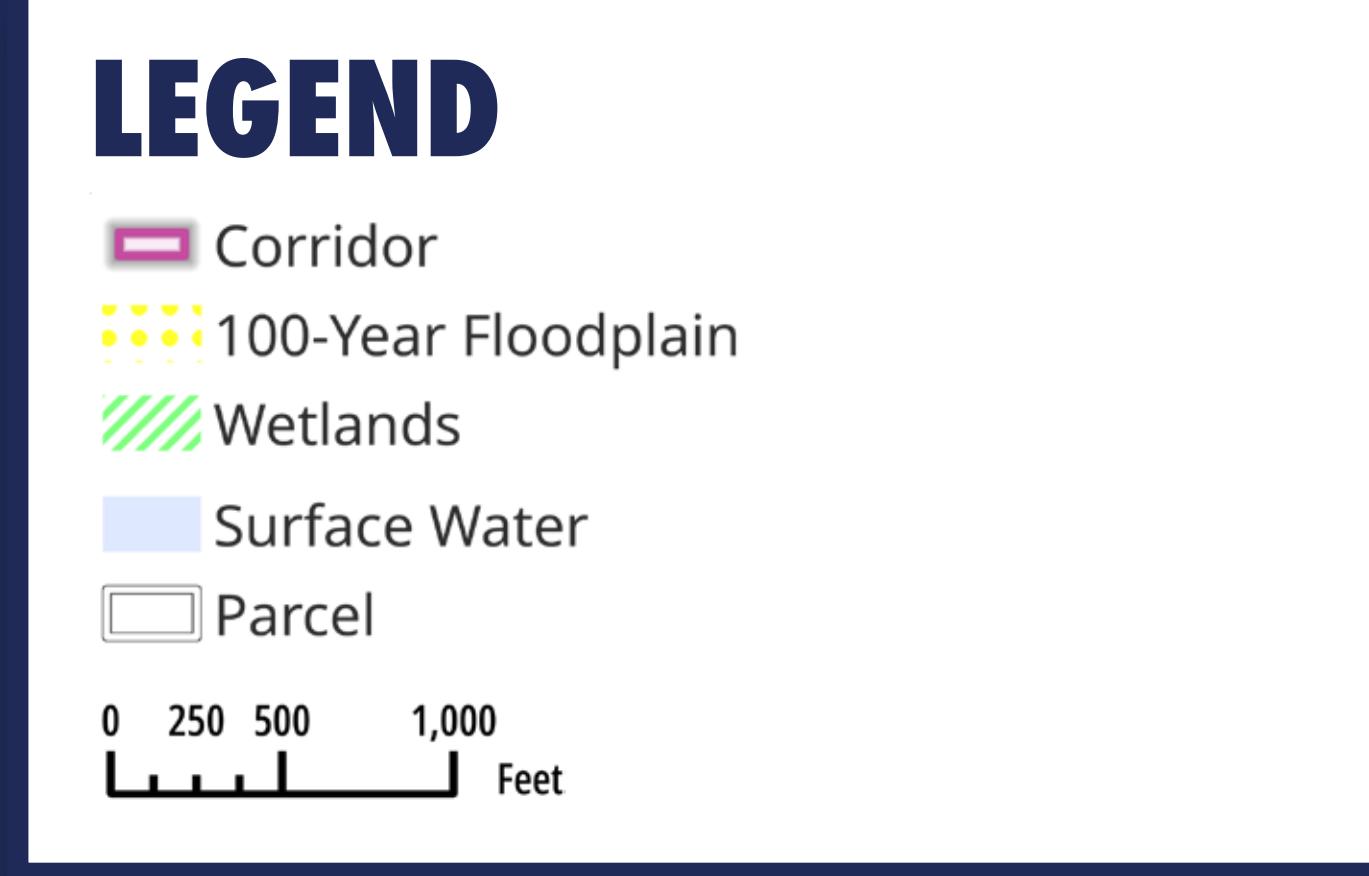
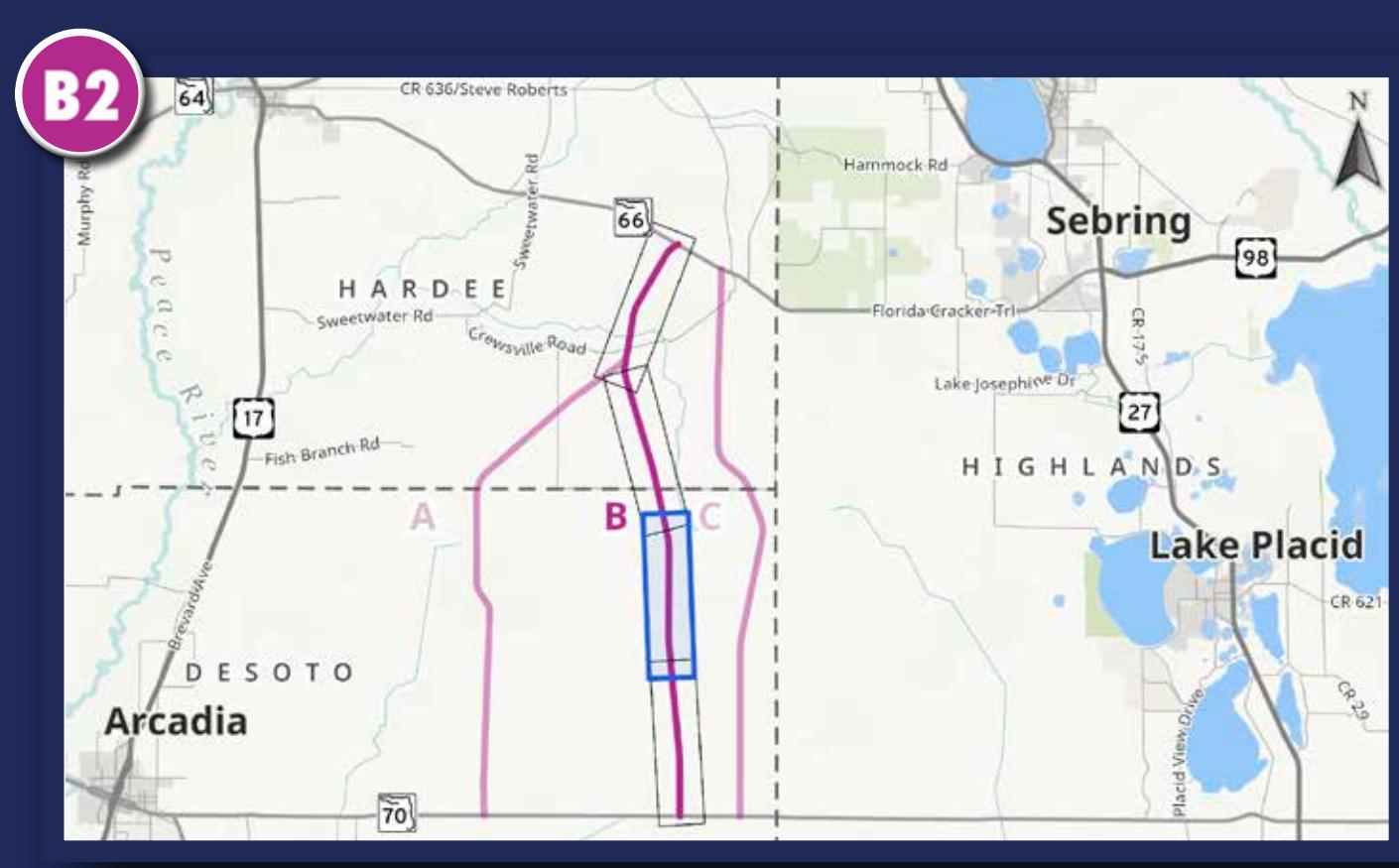
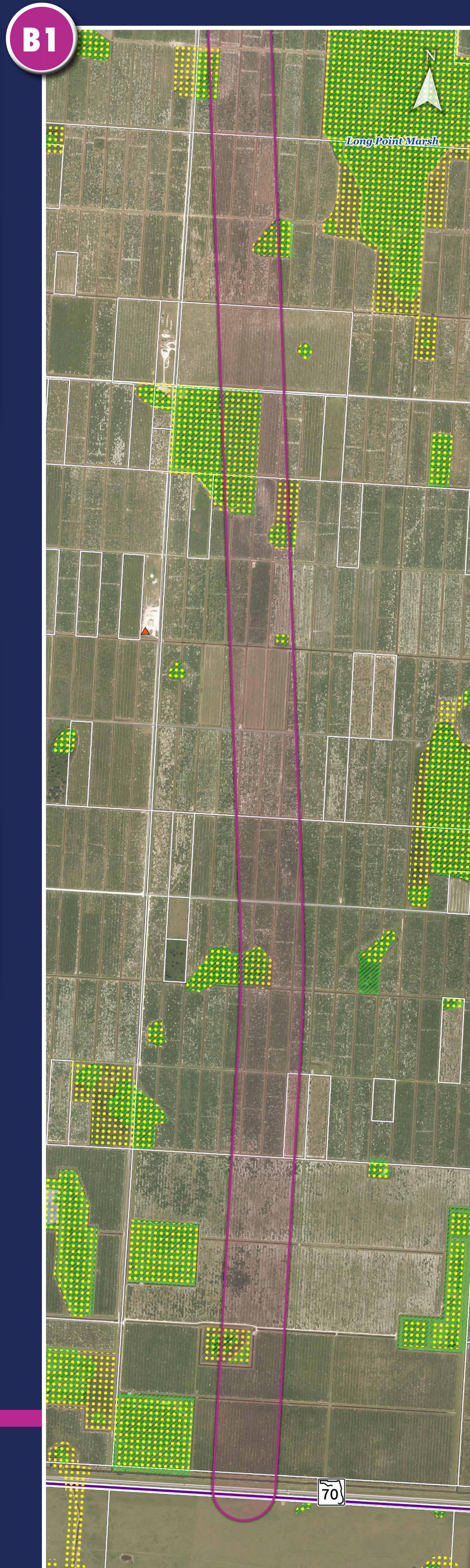
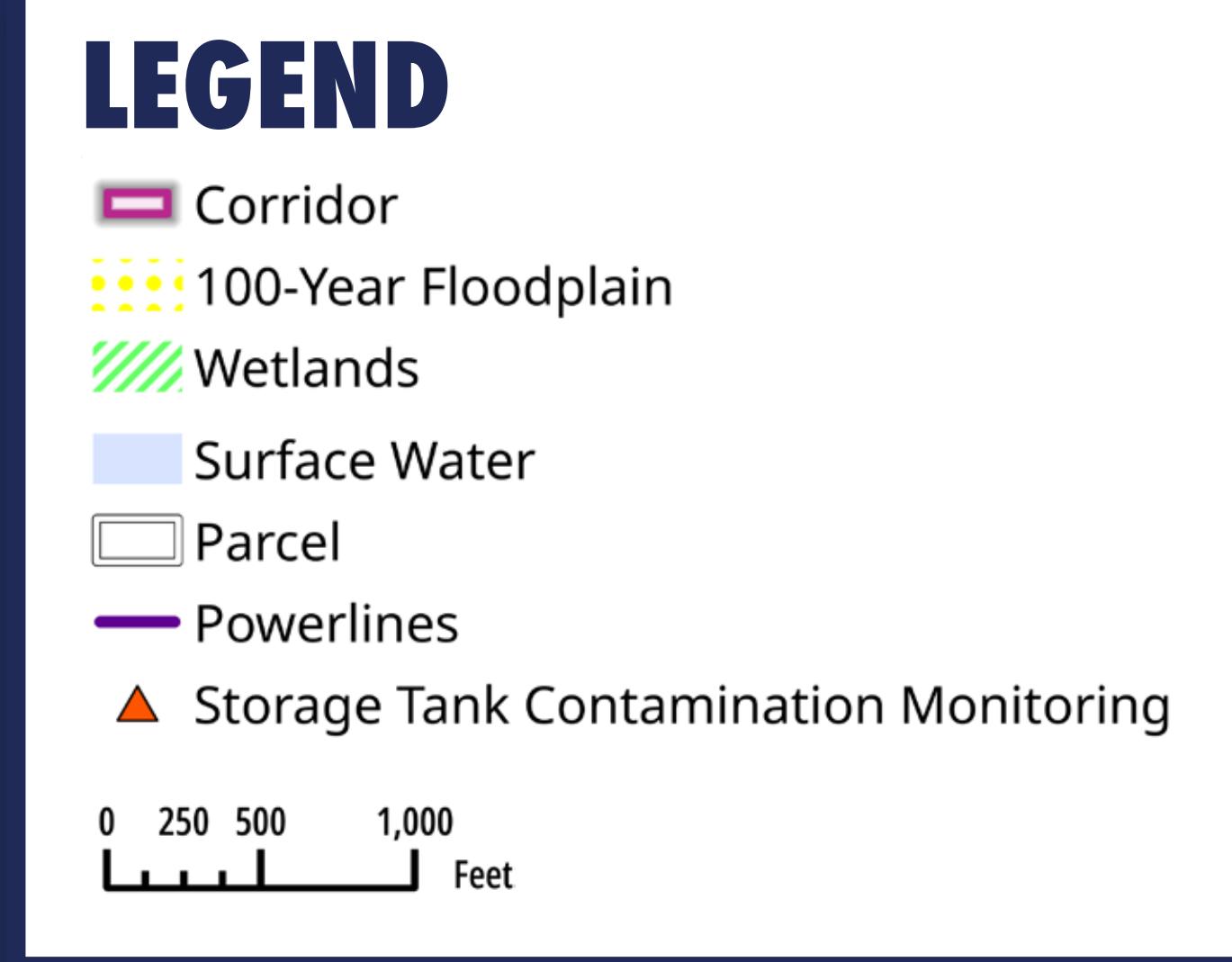
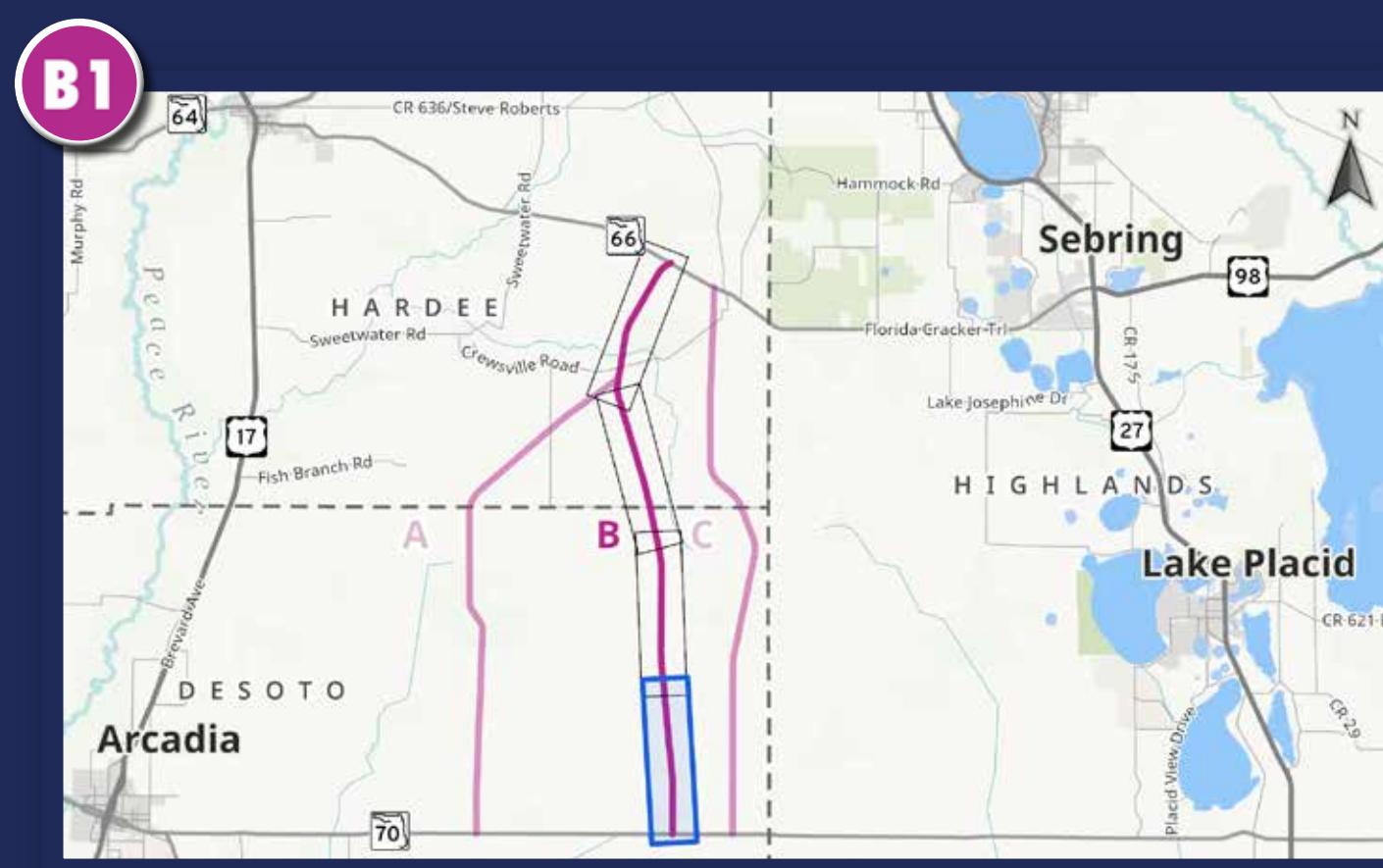


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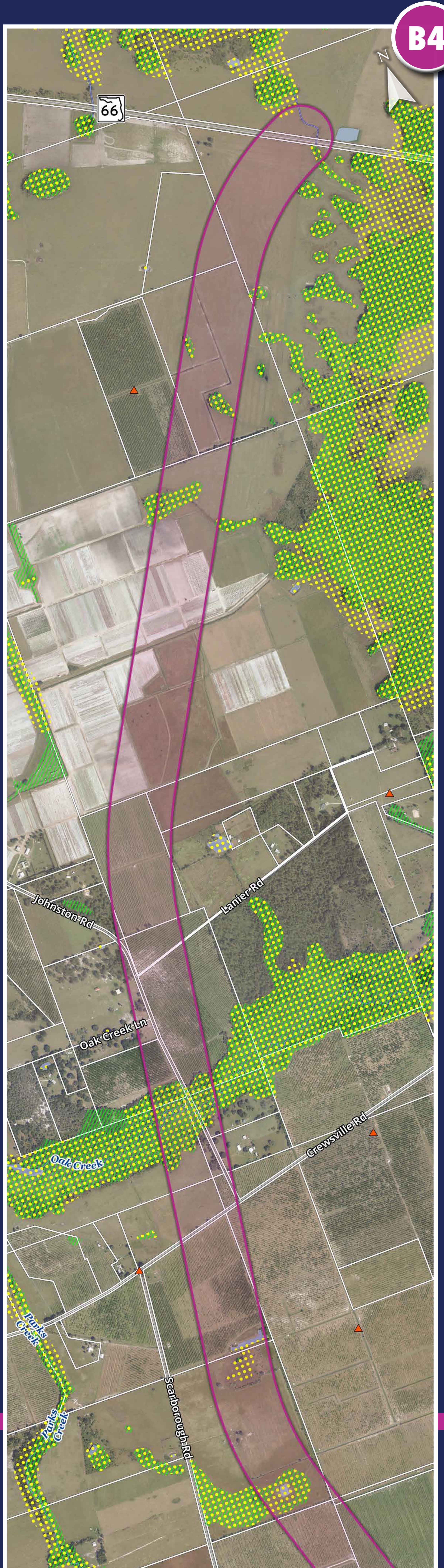
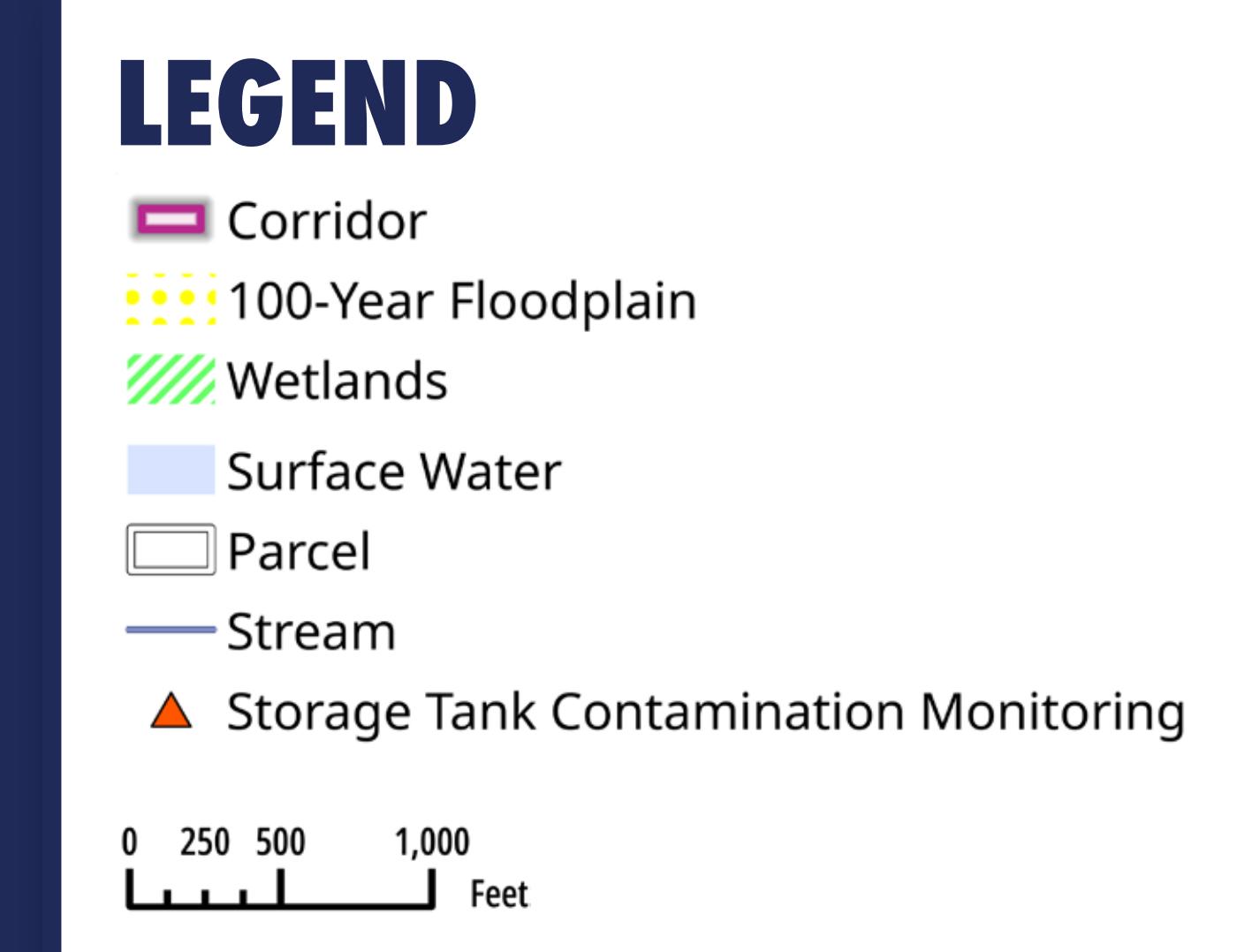
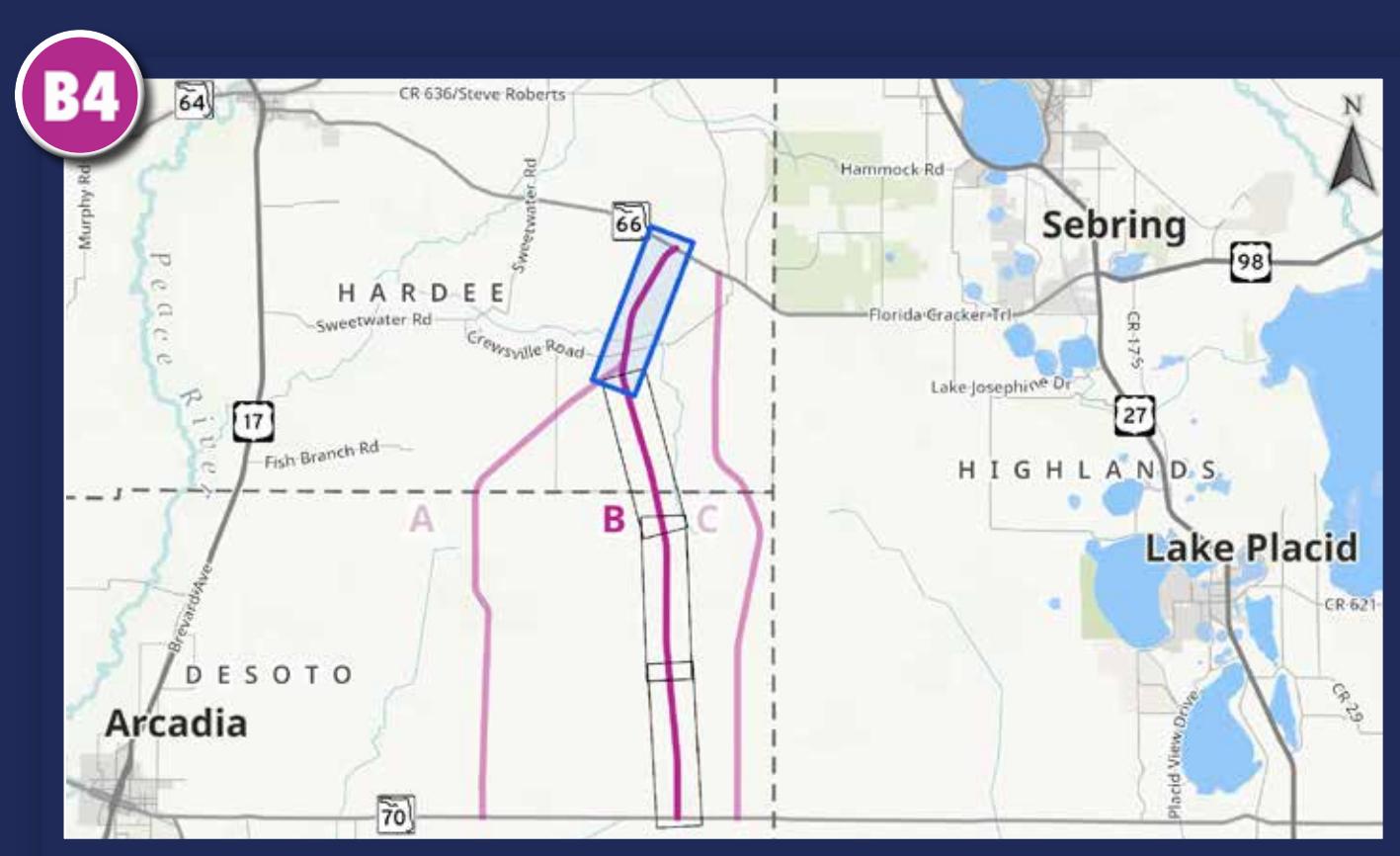
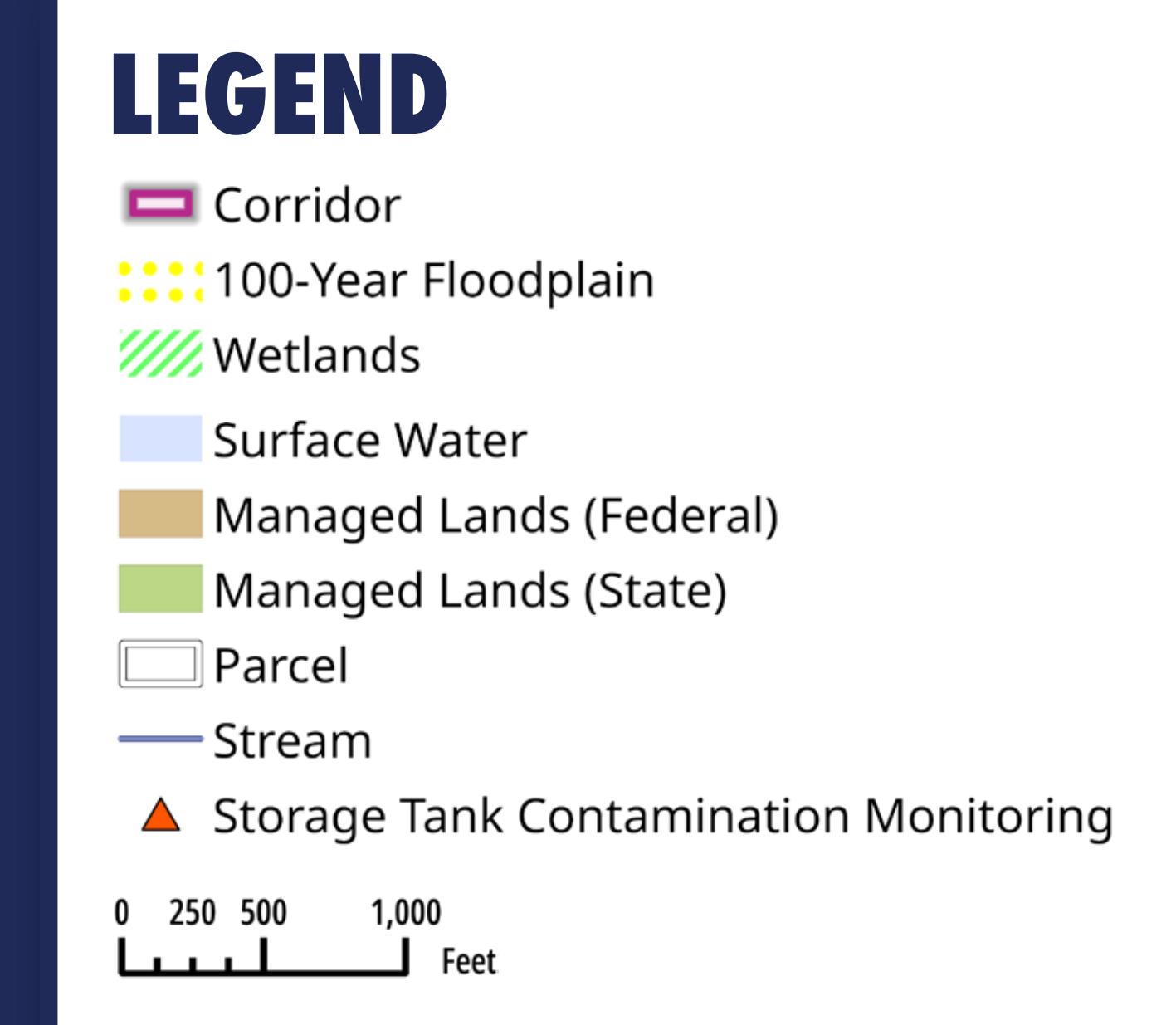
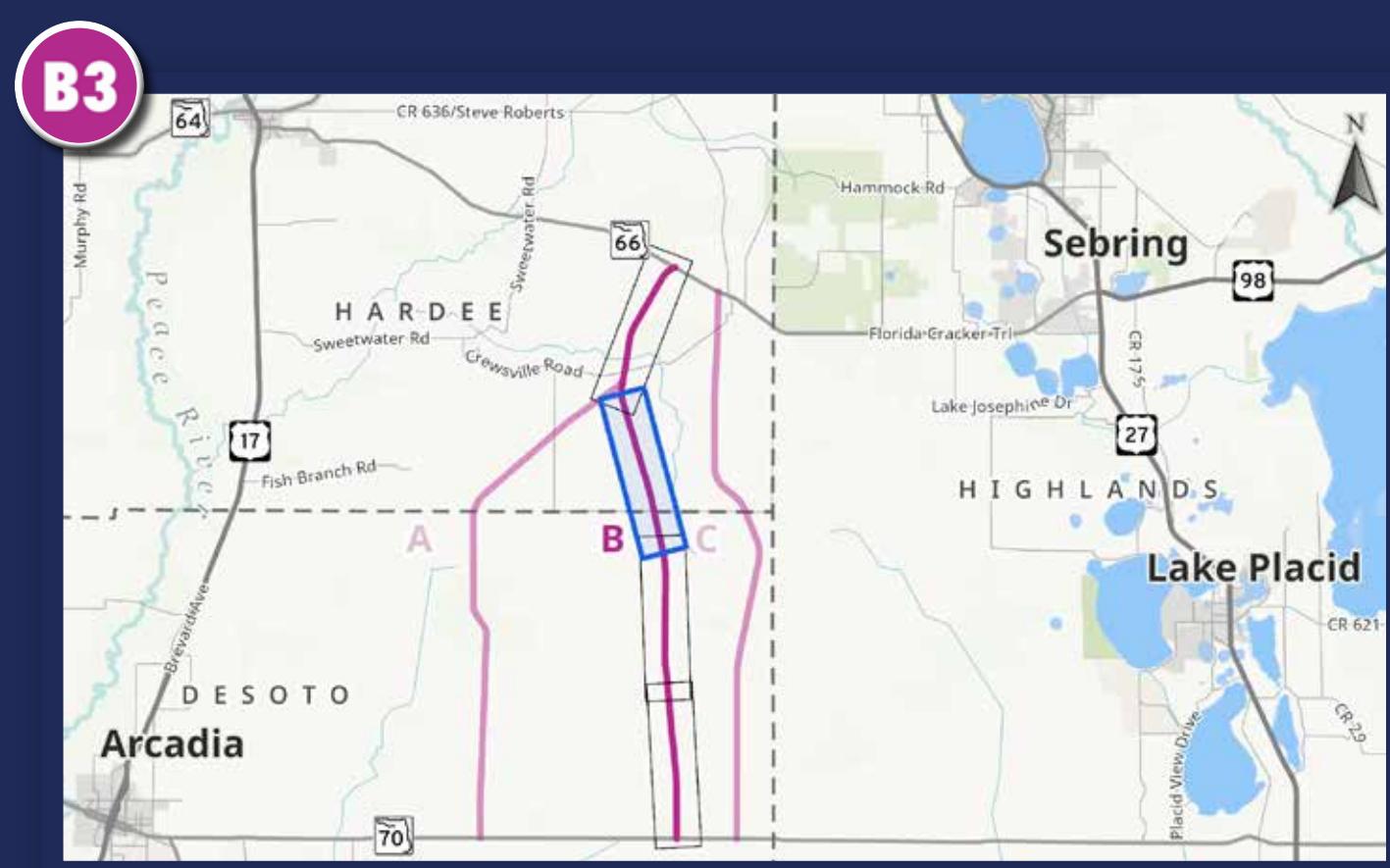
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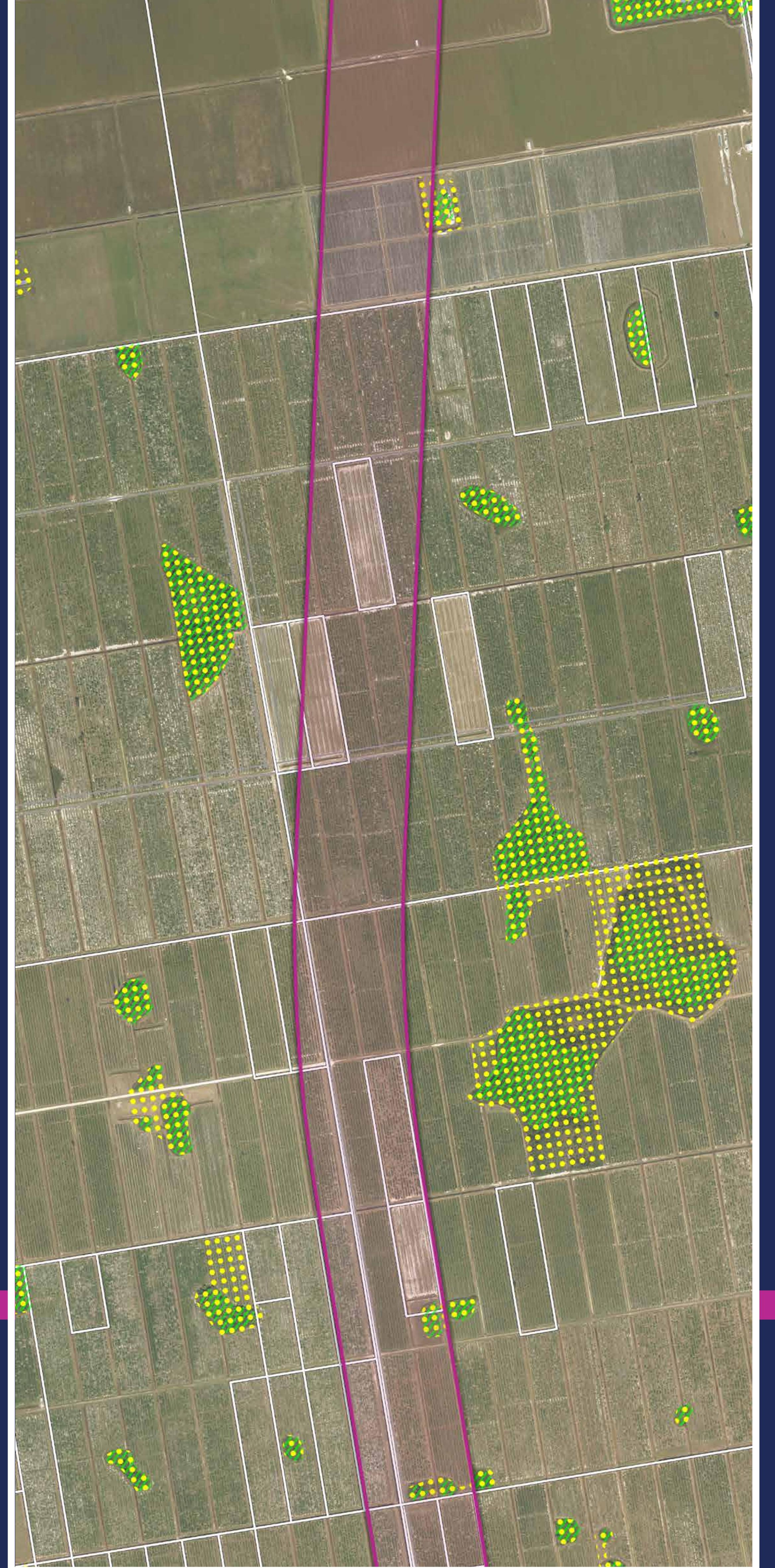
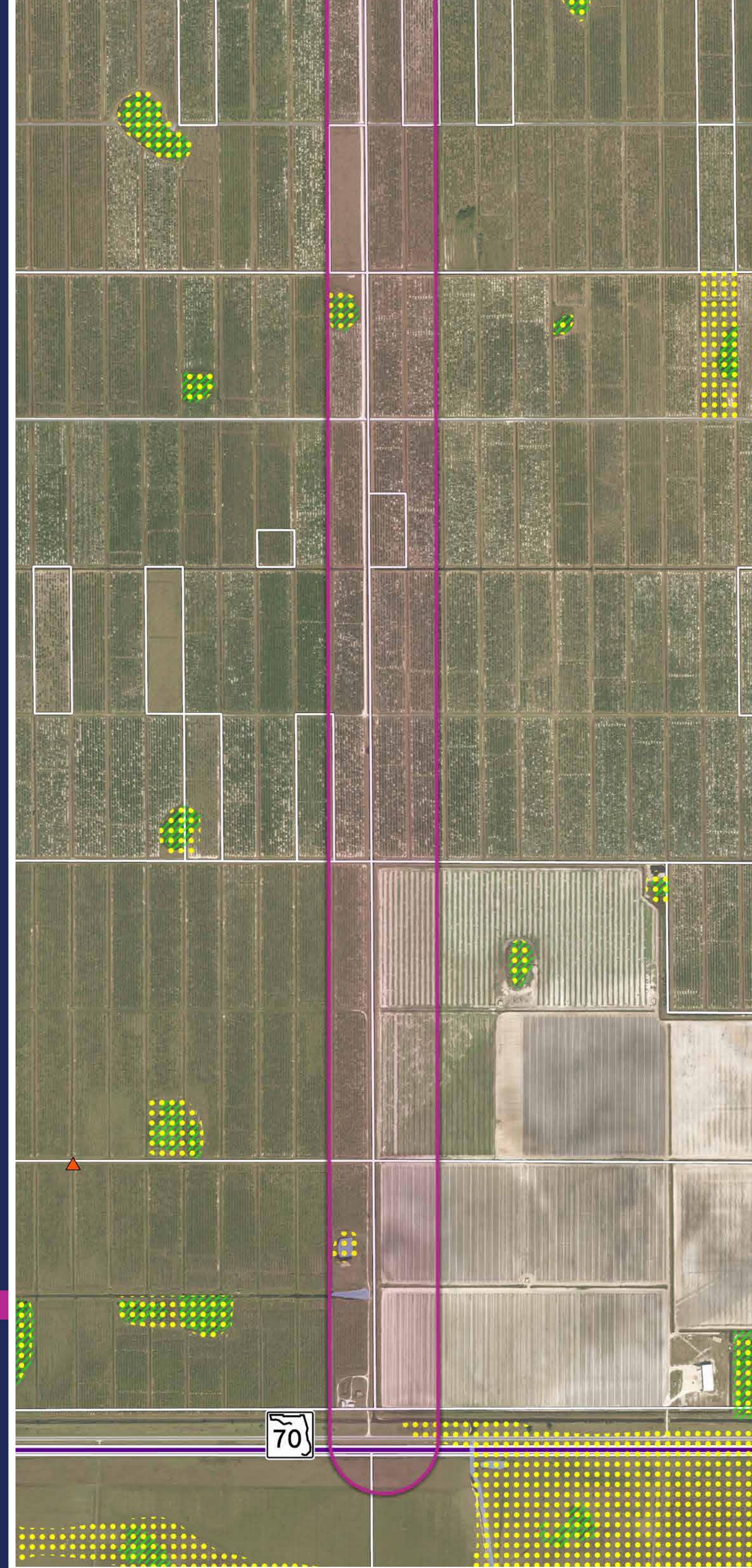
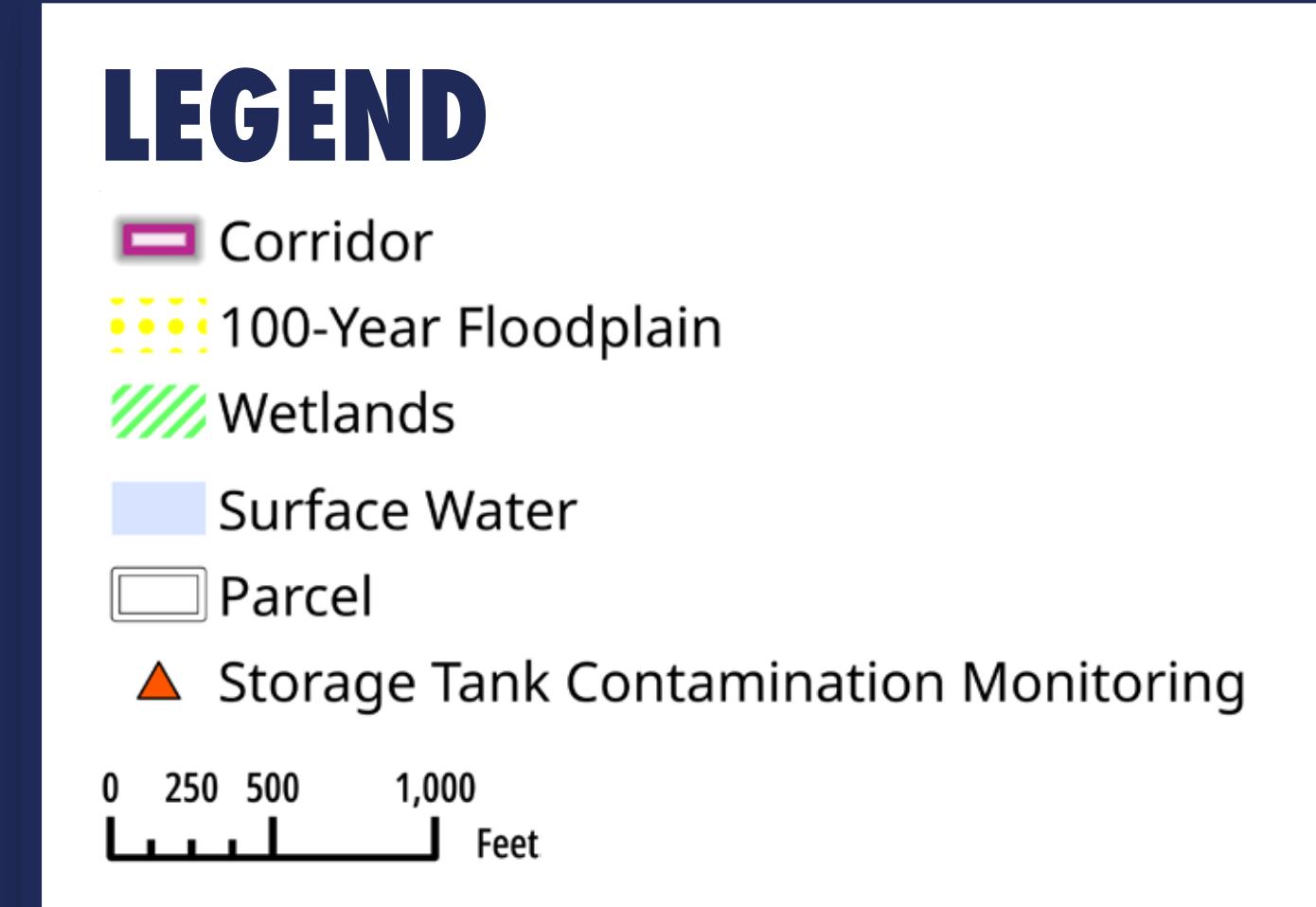
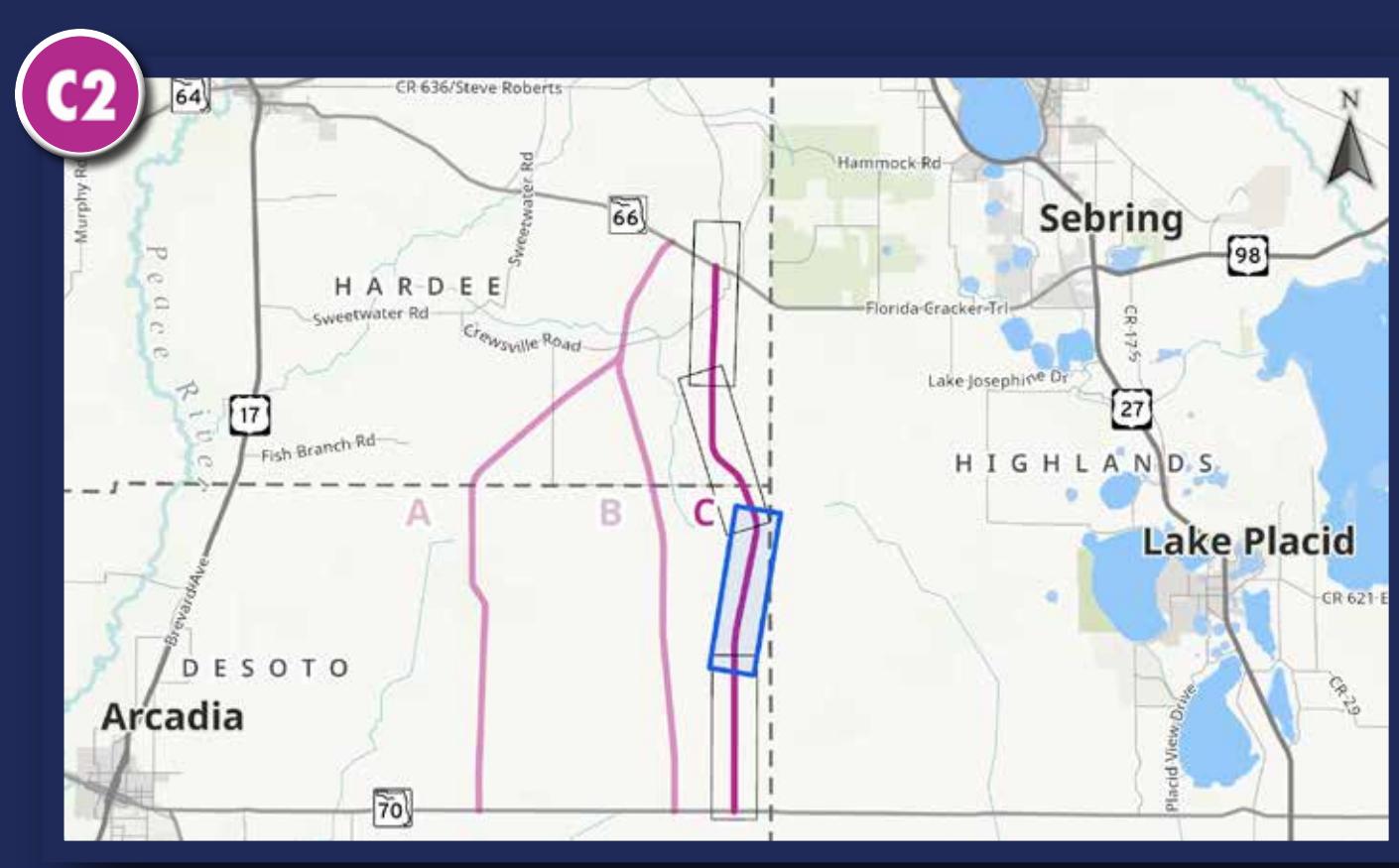
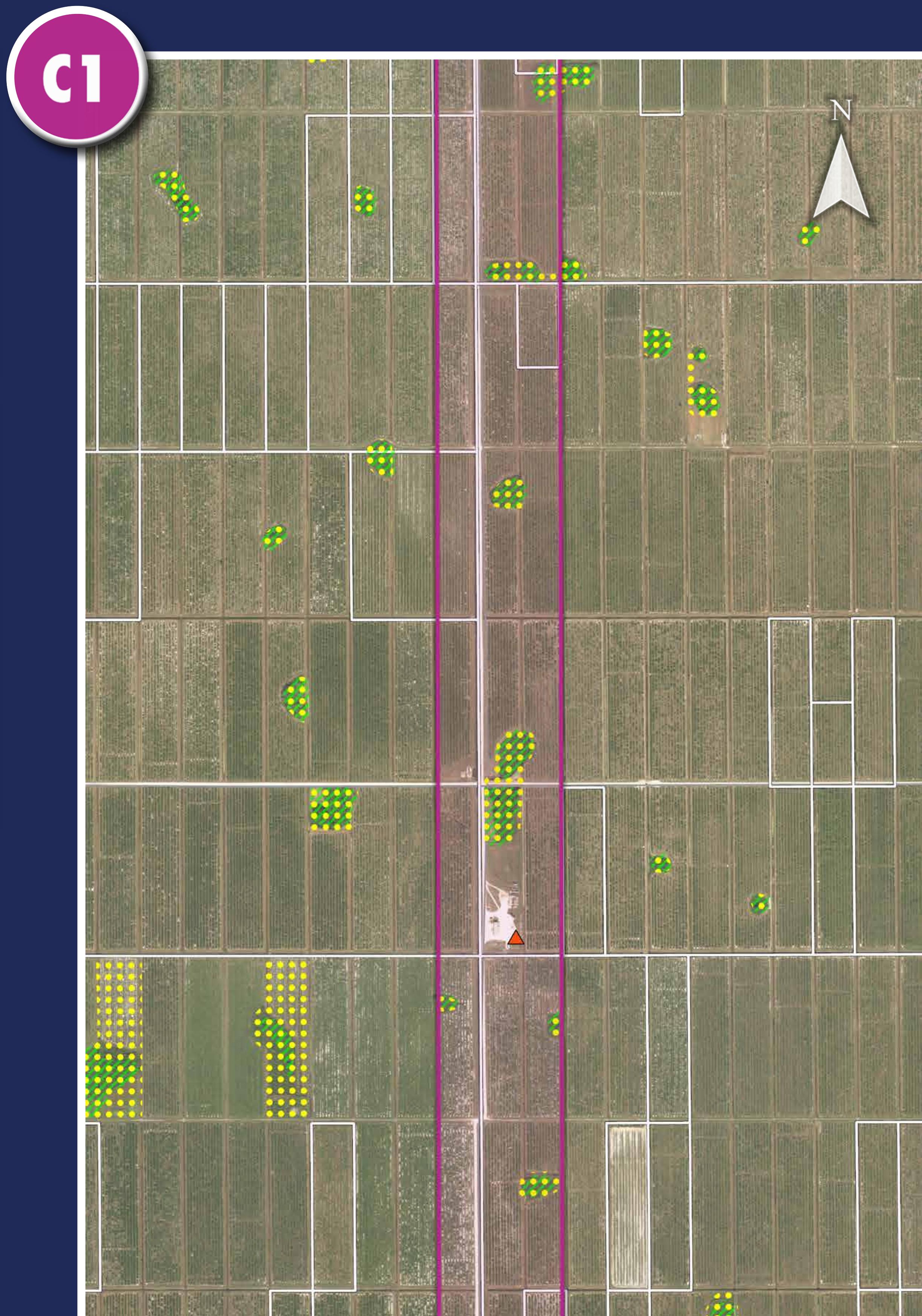
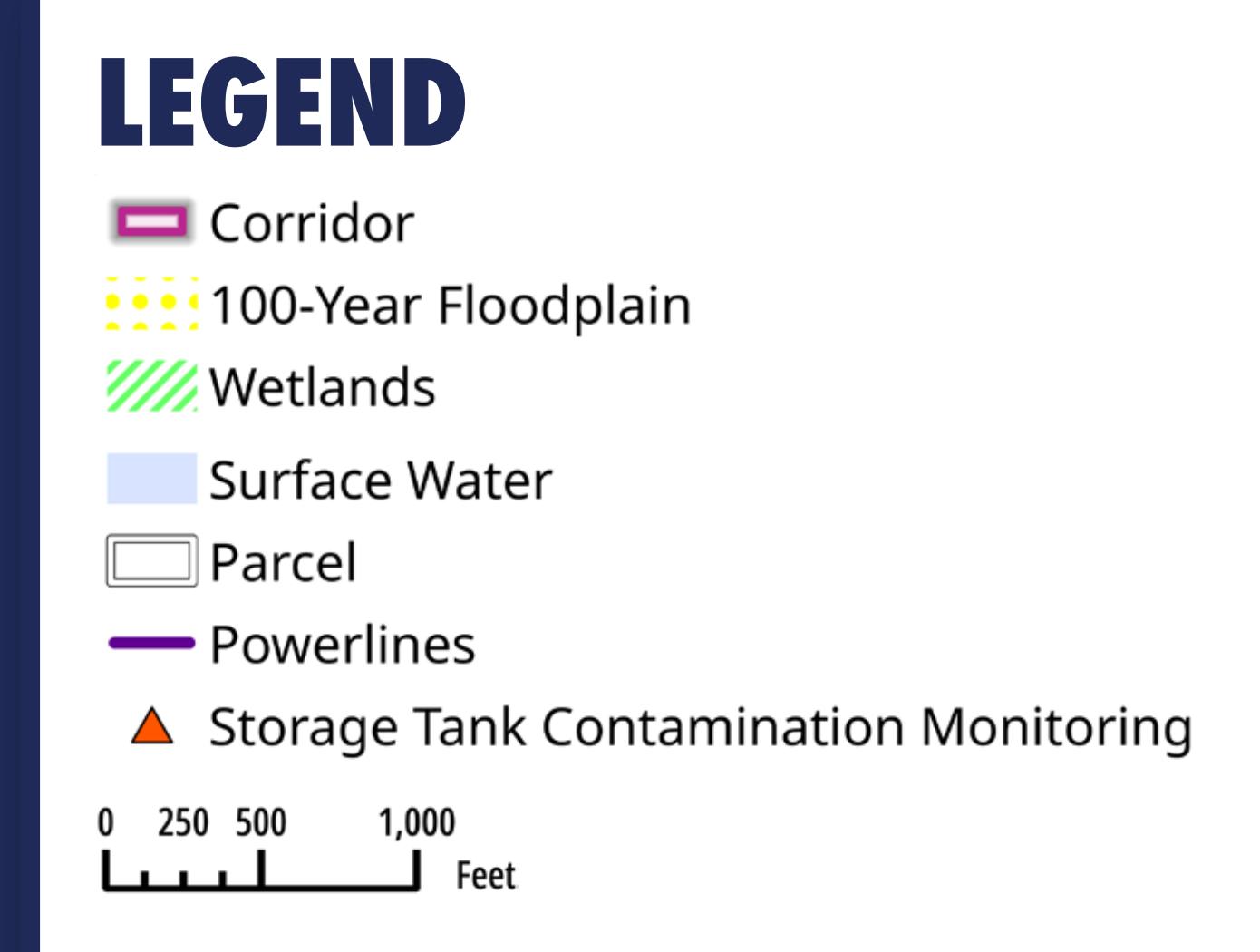
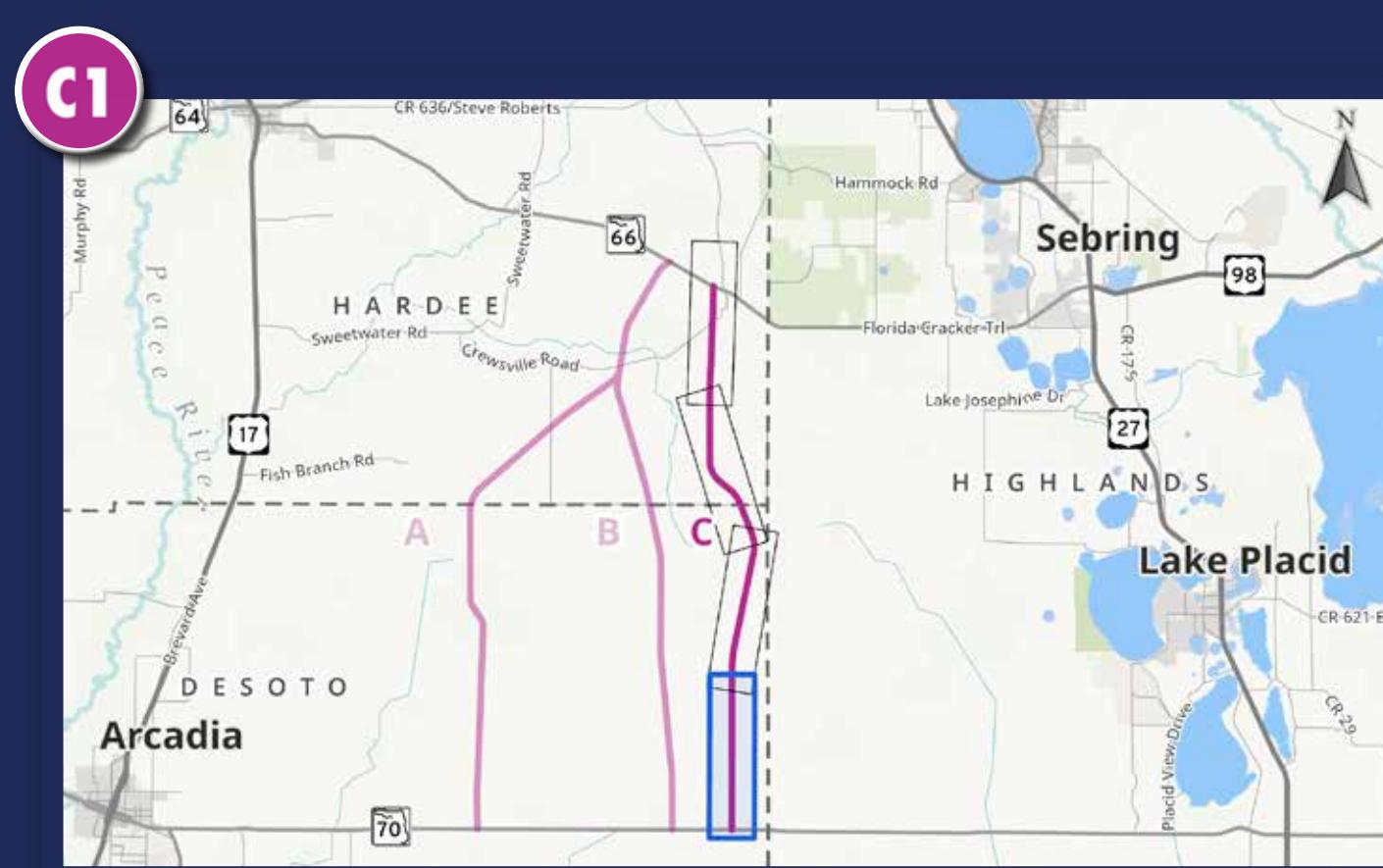
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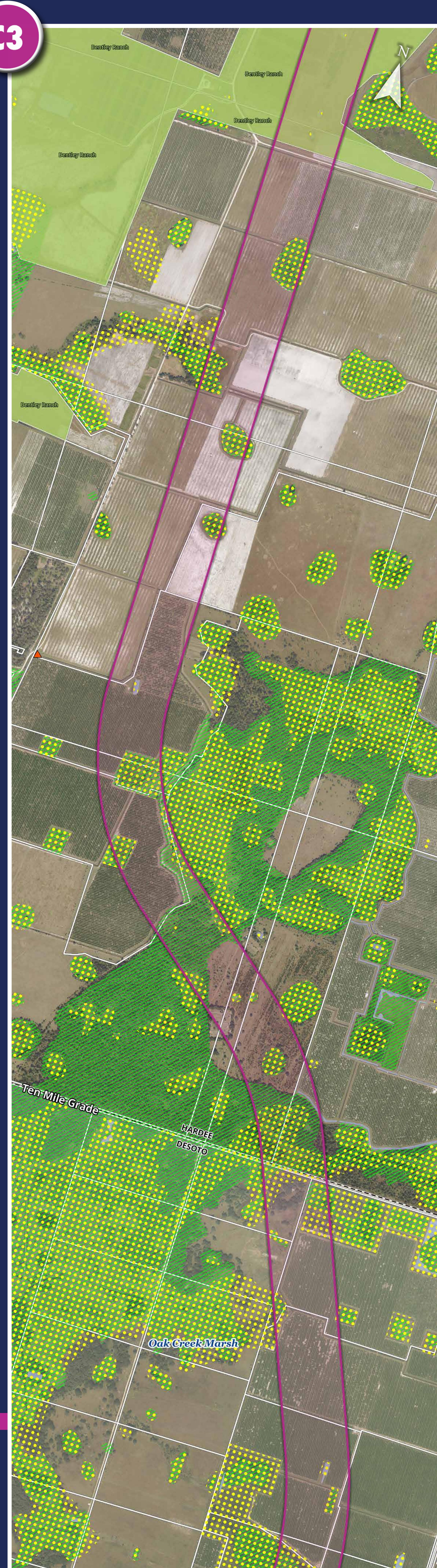
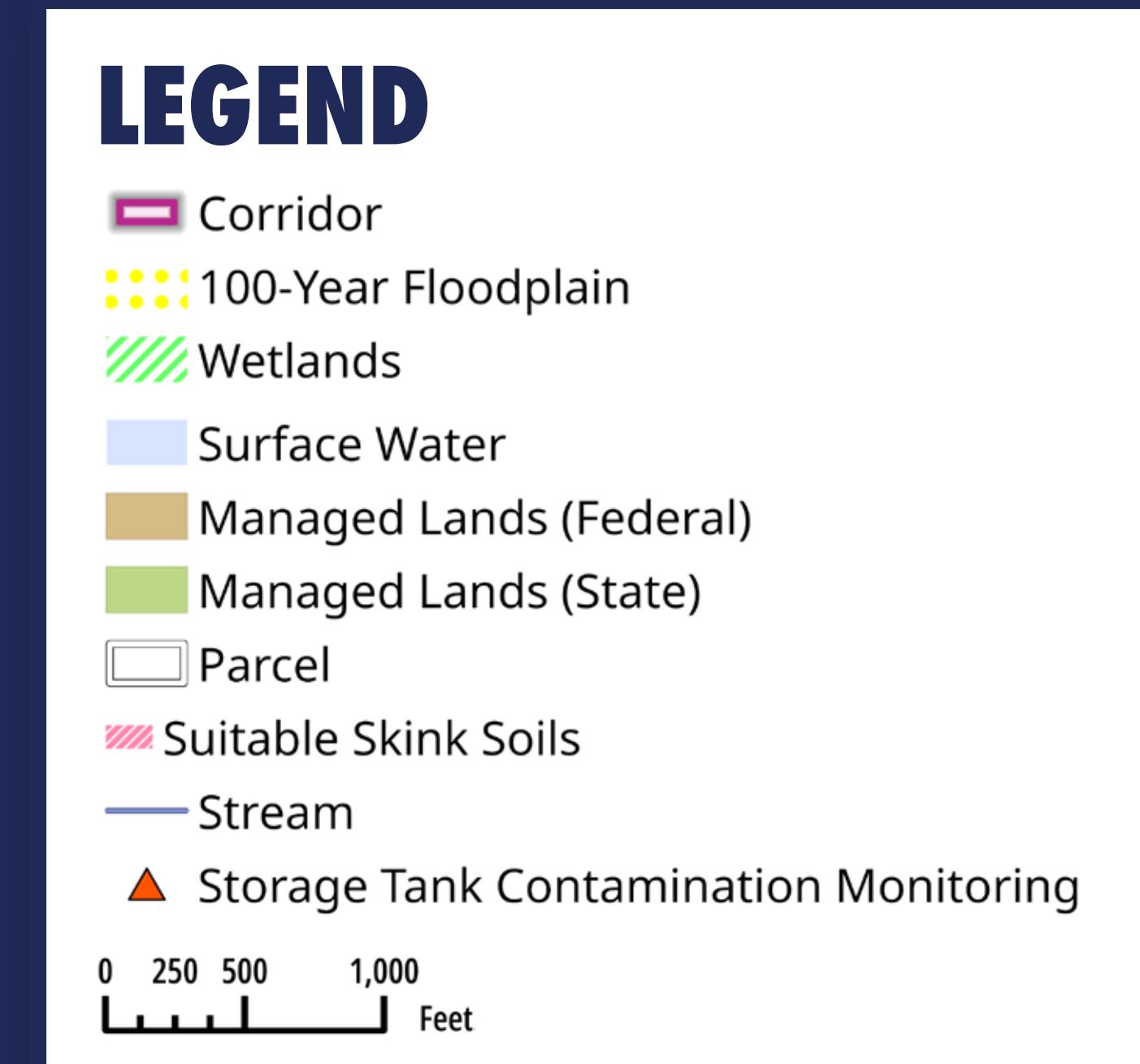
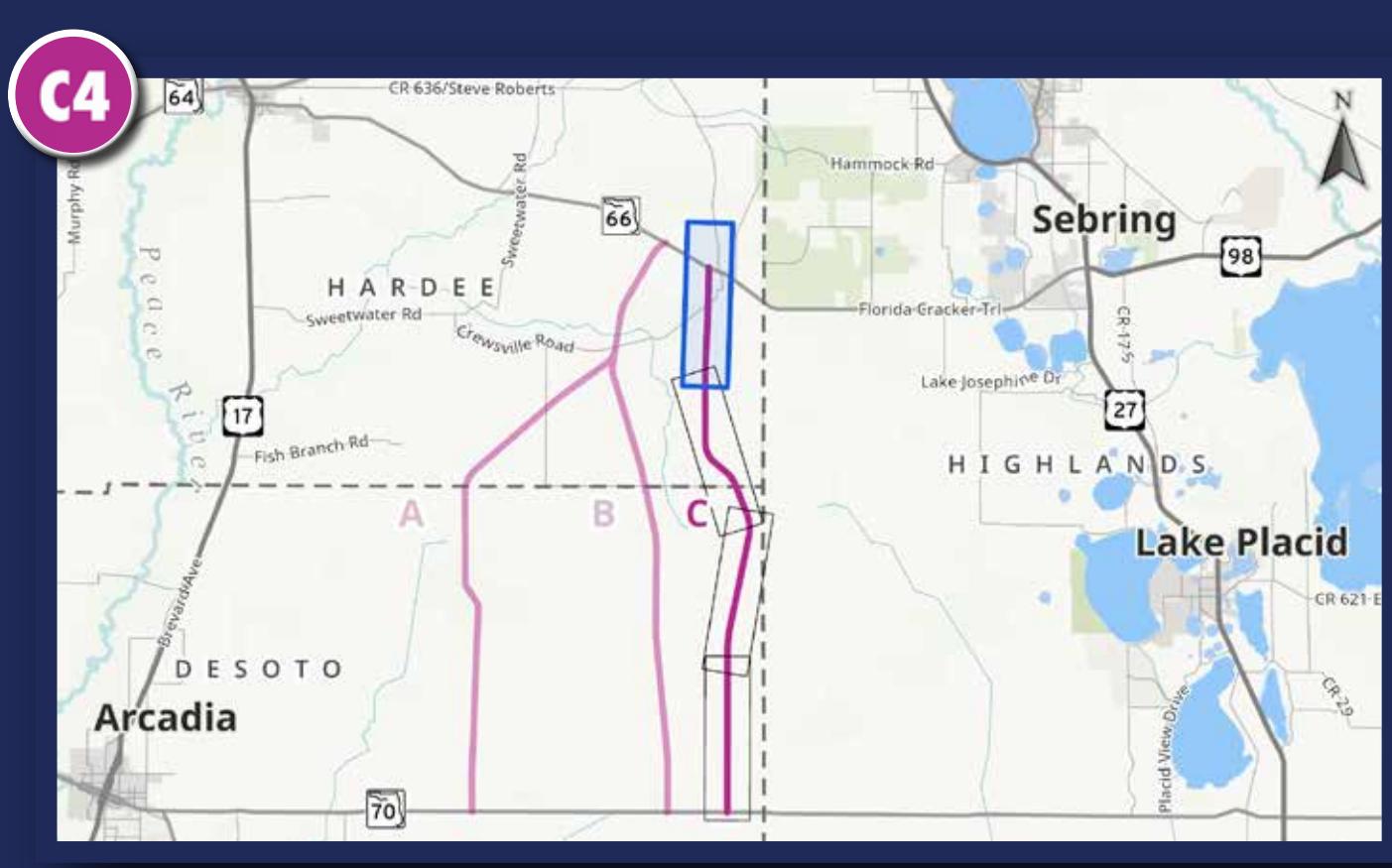
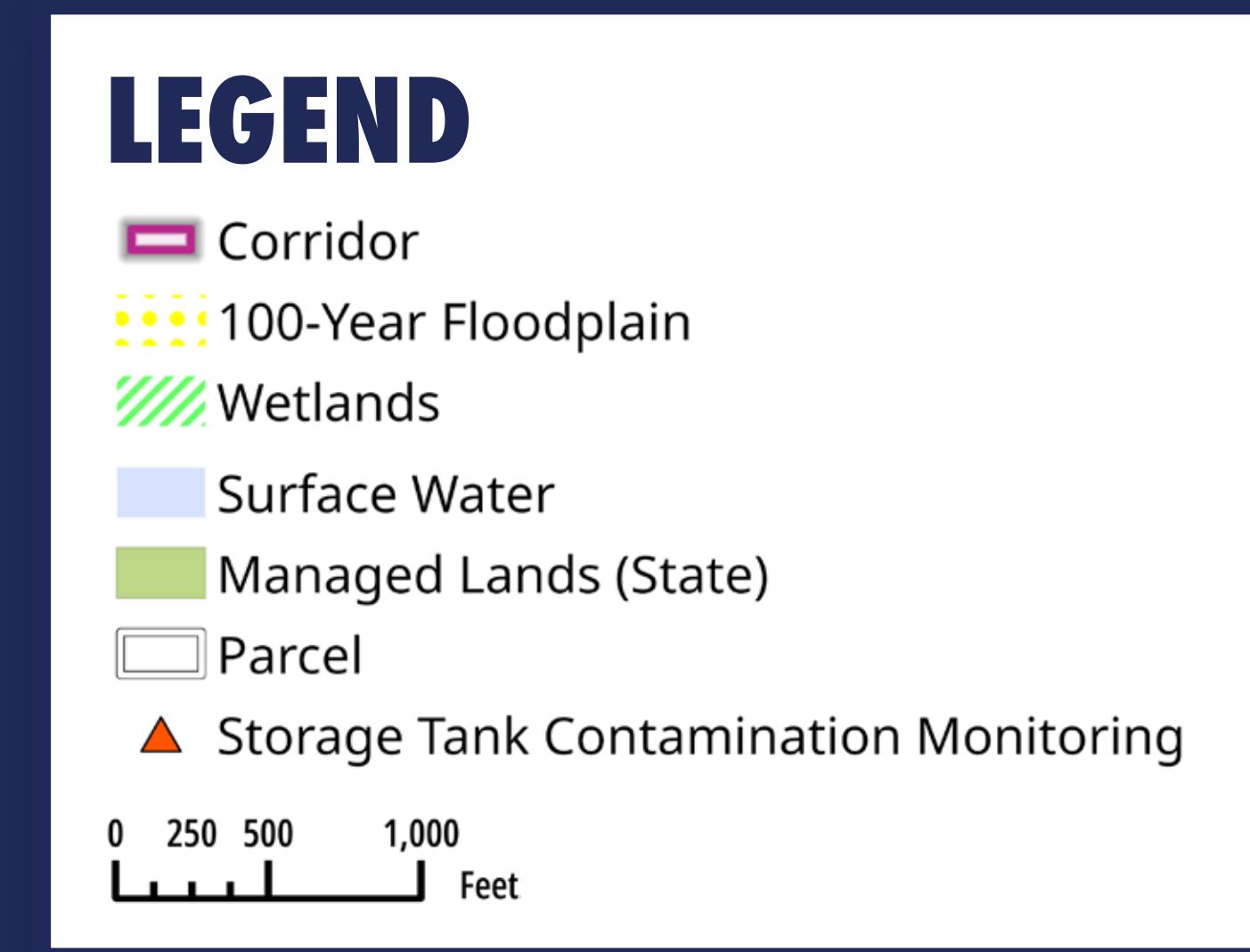
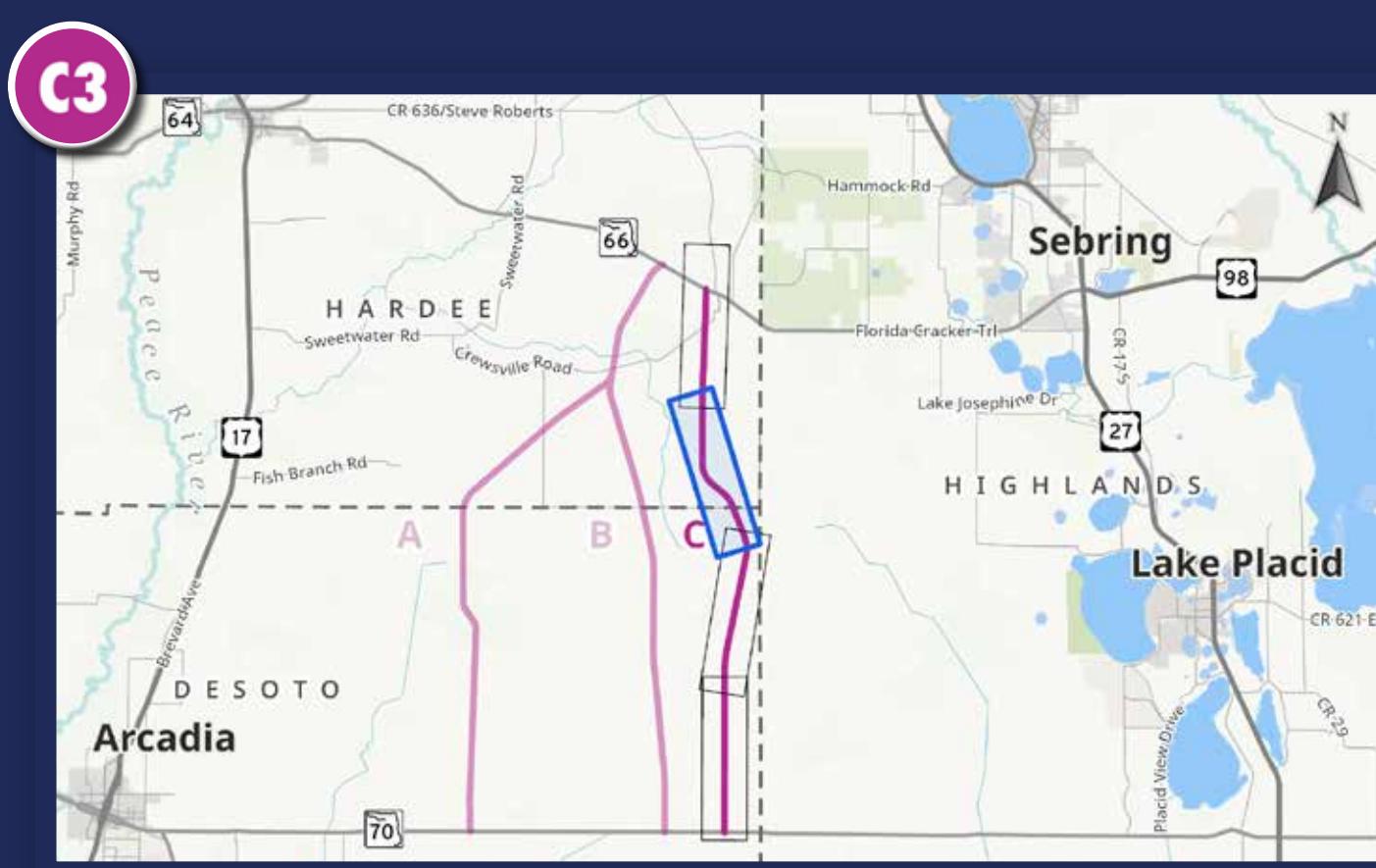
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