
Appendix F

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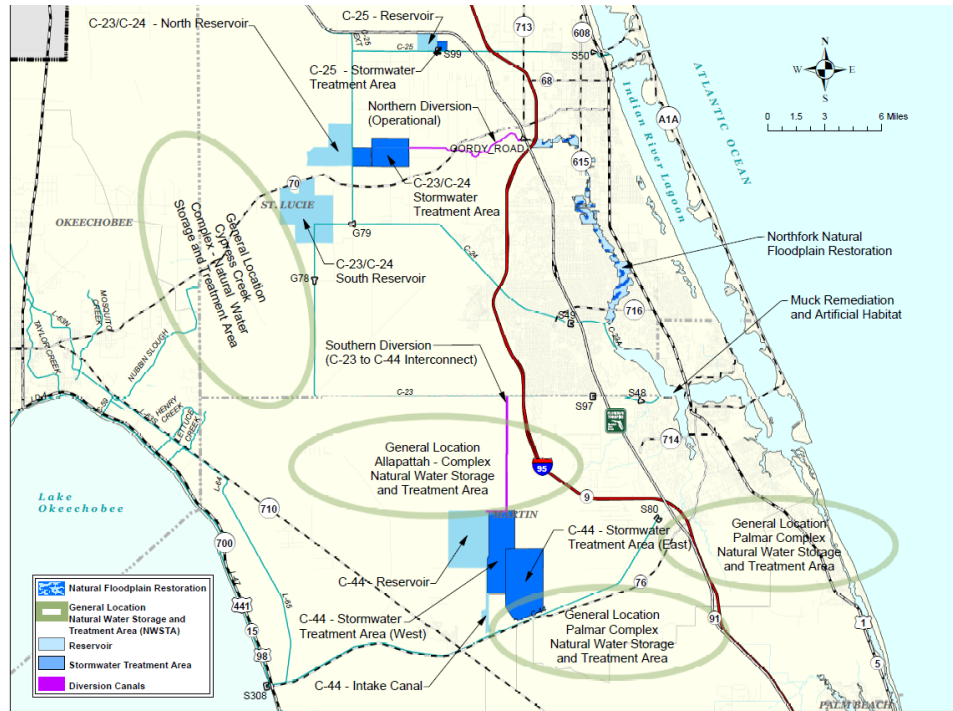


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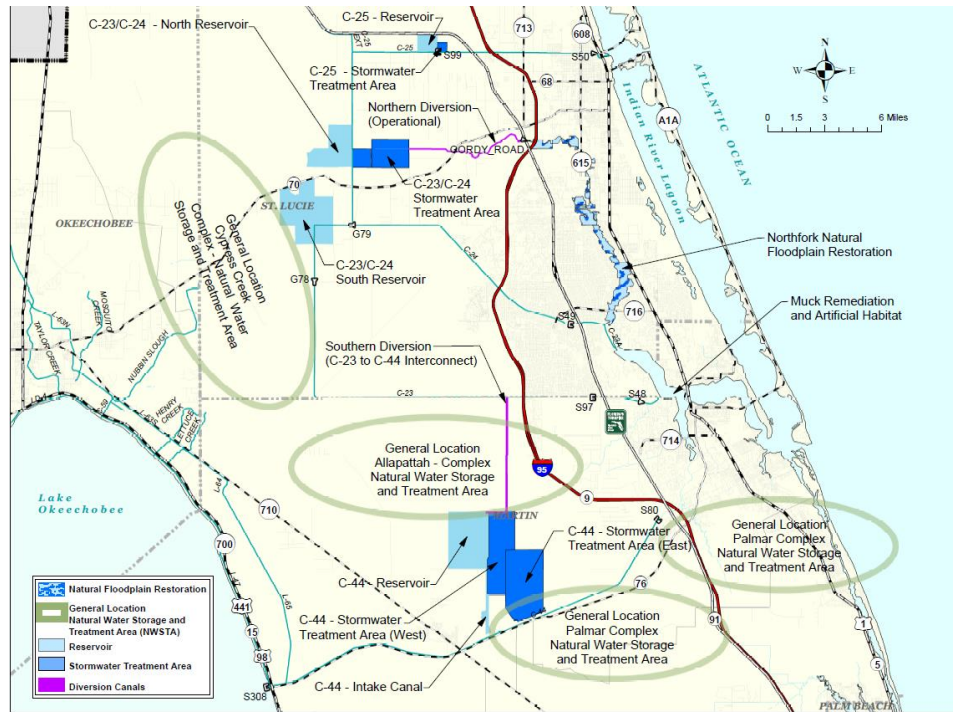


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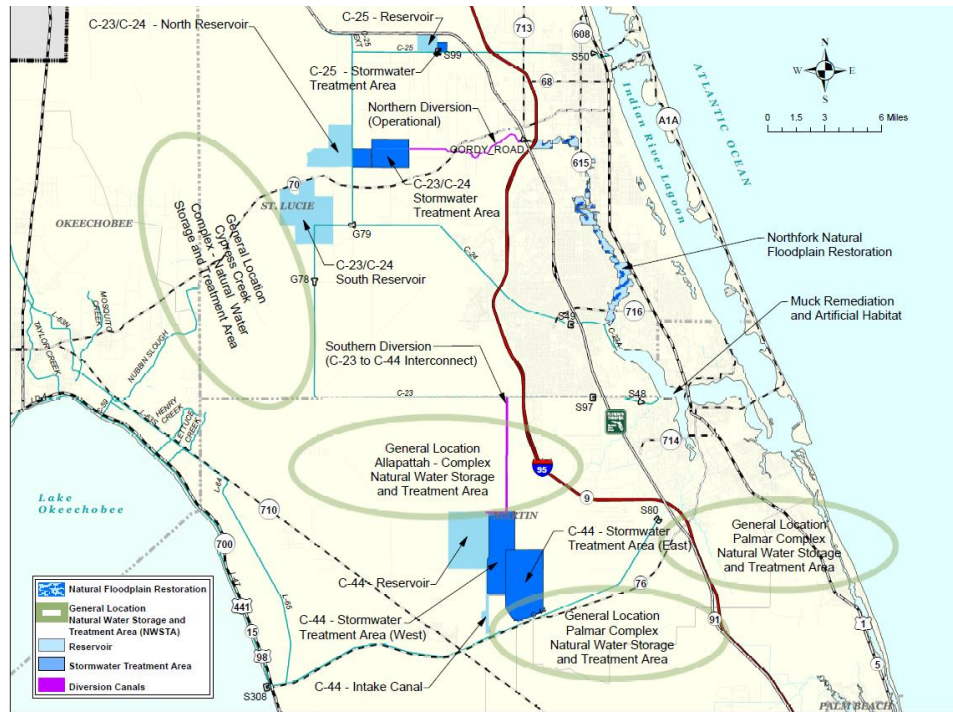


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Re: Determination of Effects for the Indian River Lagoon-South (IRL-S) Recreation Features, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, Florida

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps) is studying the environmental effects of constructing additional recreation features for the IRL-S authorized project components including the C-23/C-24 STA, C-23/C-24 North Reservoir, C-23/C-24 South Reservoir, C-25 Reservoir and C-25 STA, and Natural Areas (Enclosure A). The IRL-S project has been coordinated with the Florida State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and On May 26, 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Florida State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation executed the cultural resources programmatic agreement (PA) for the IRL-S Project.

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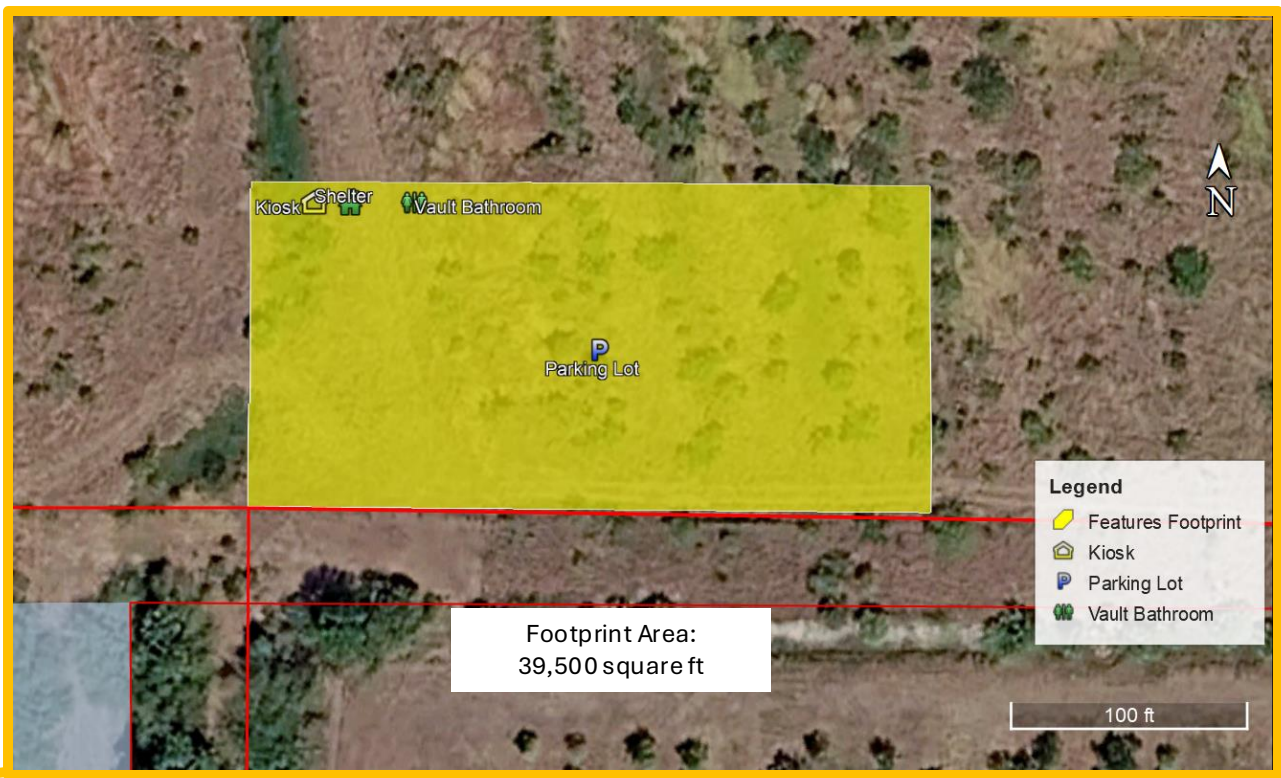
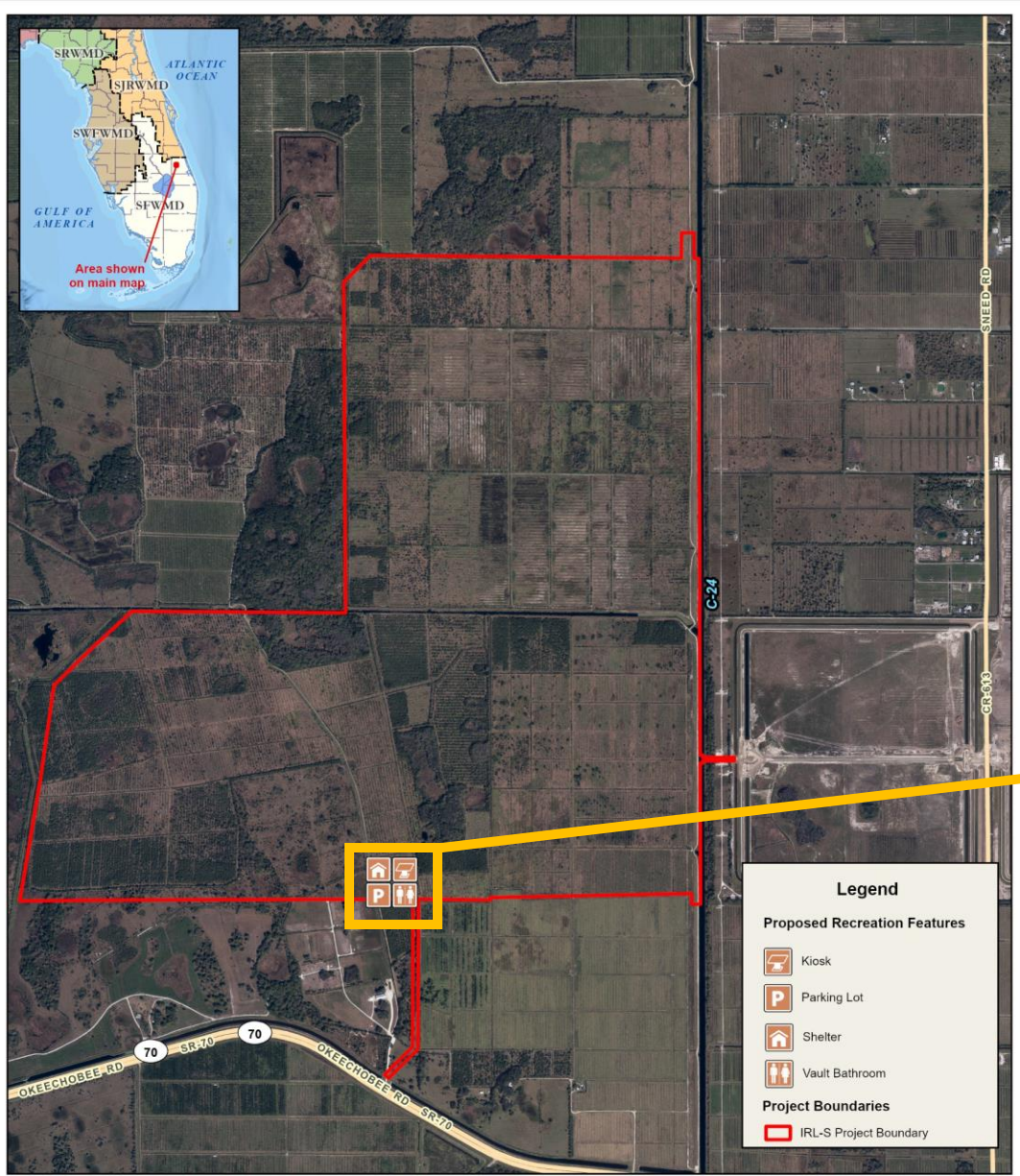
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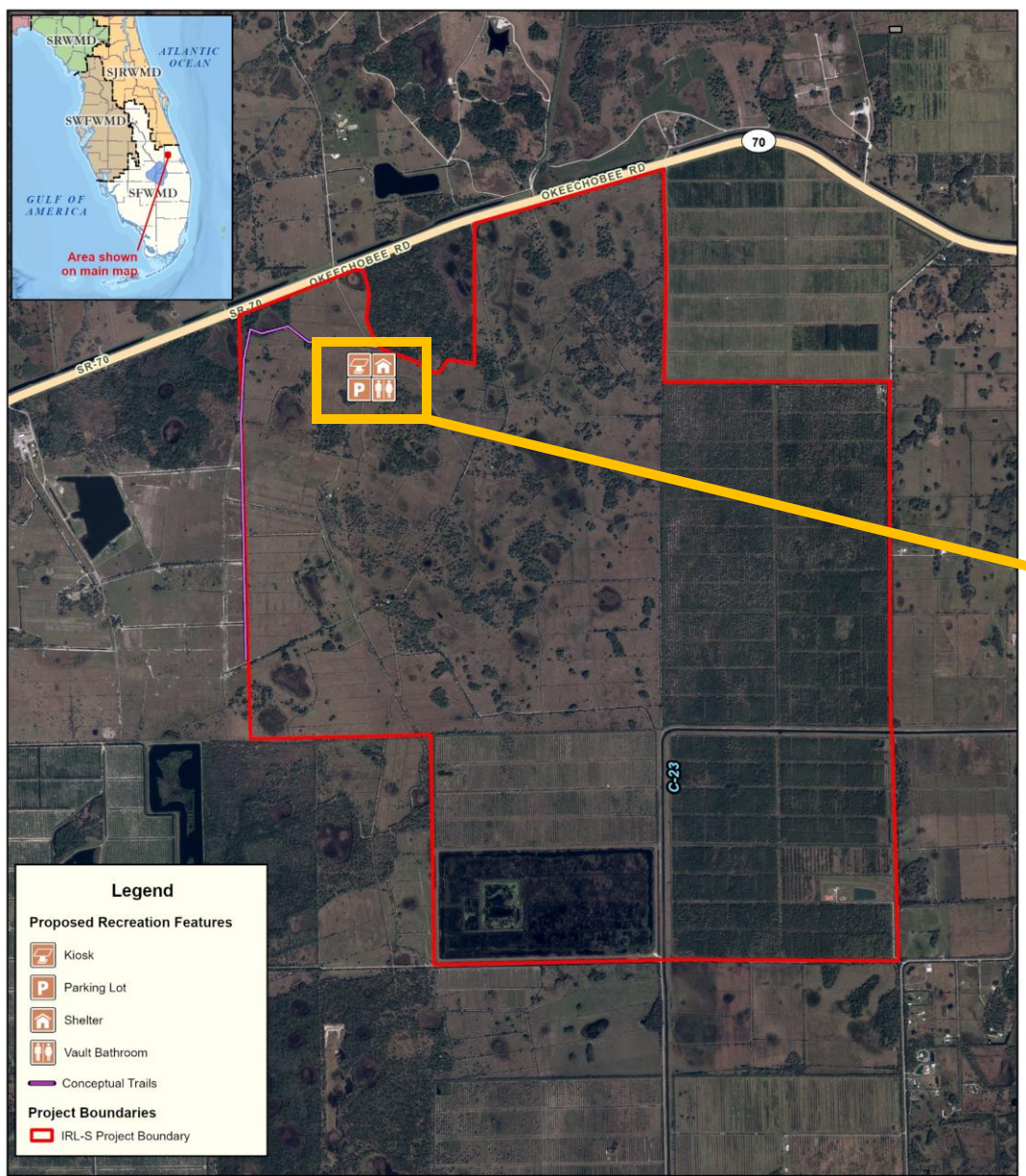
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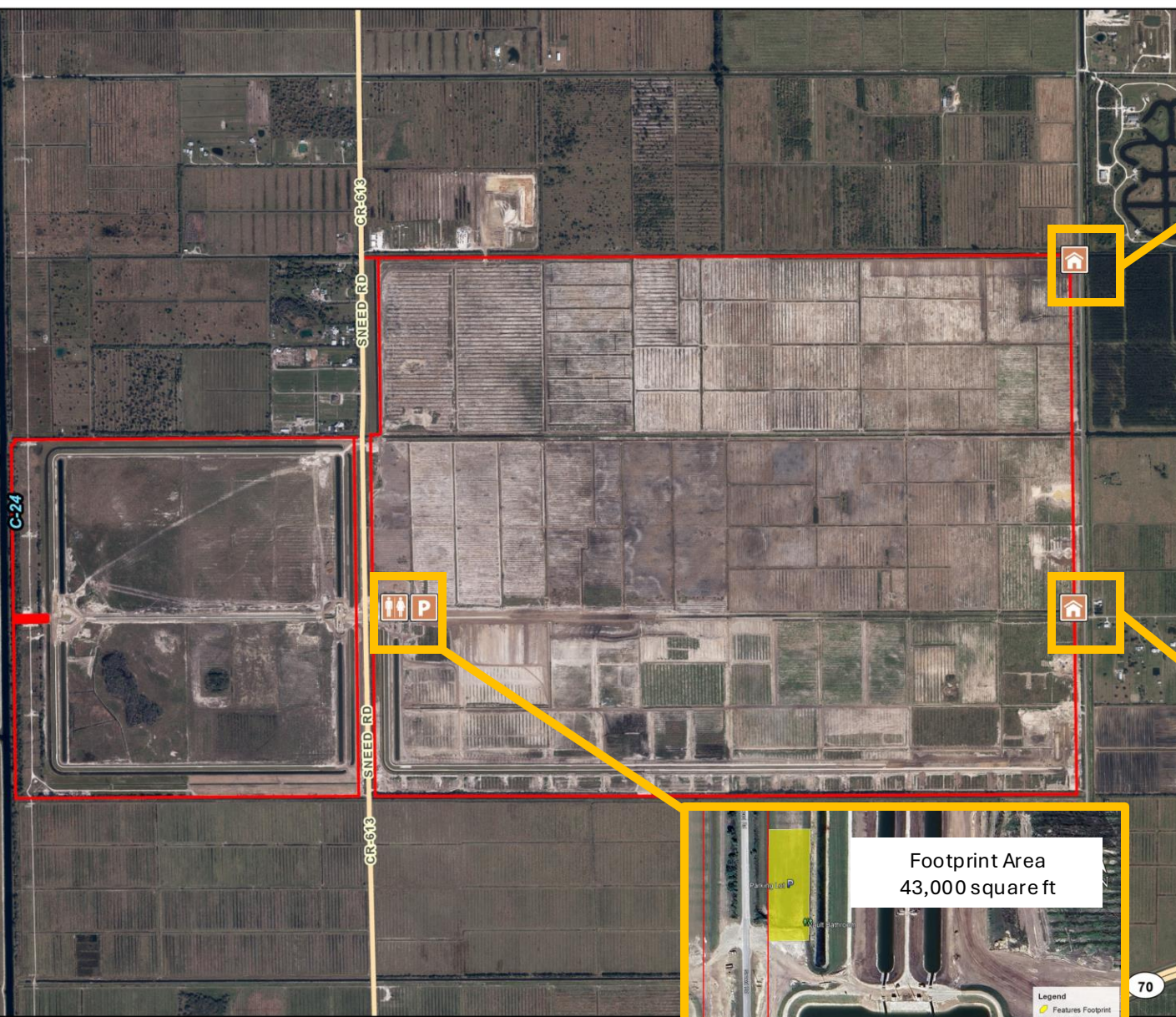


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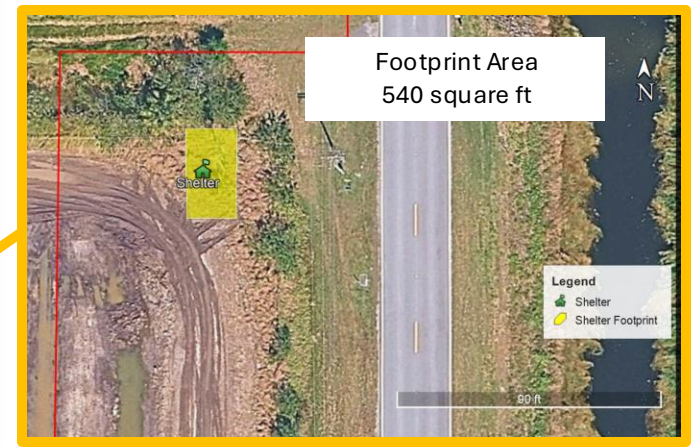
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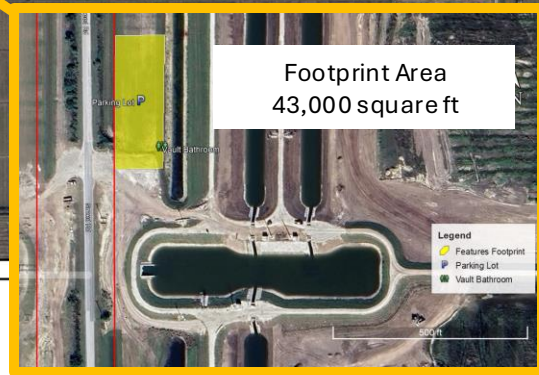
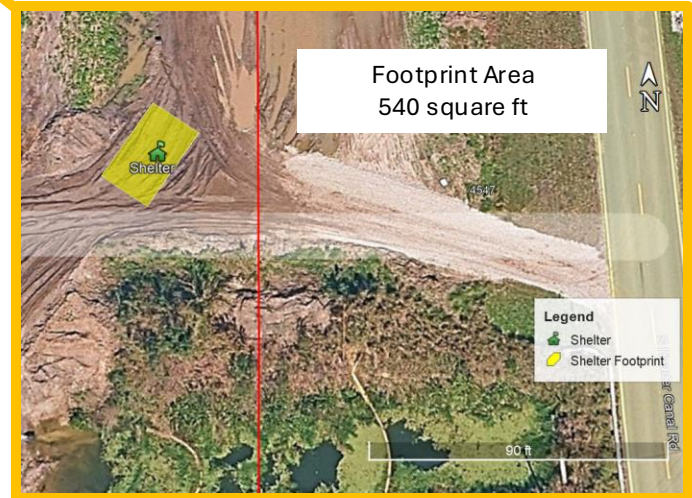
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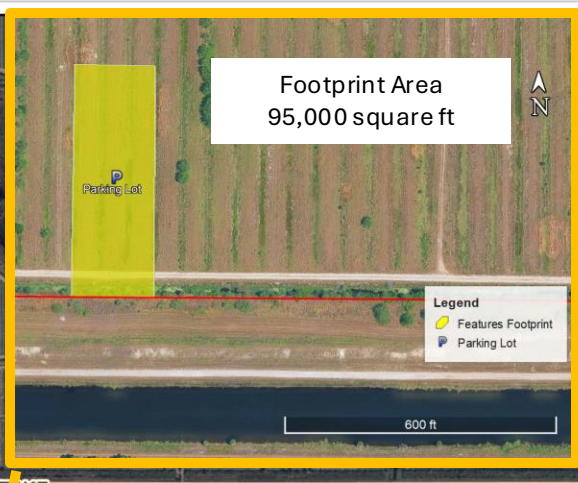
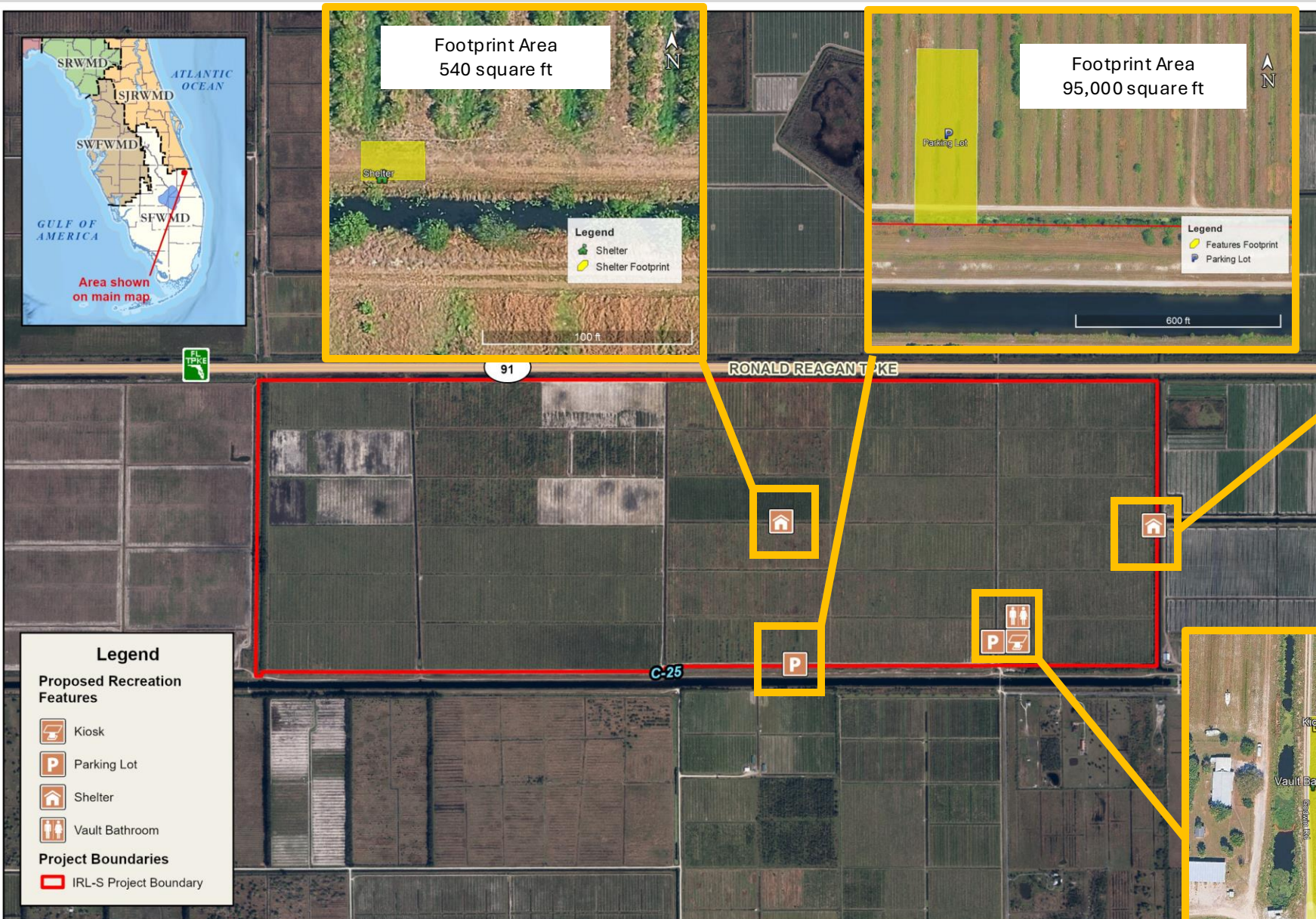
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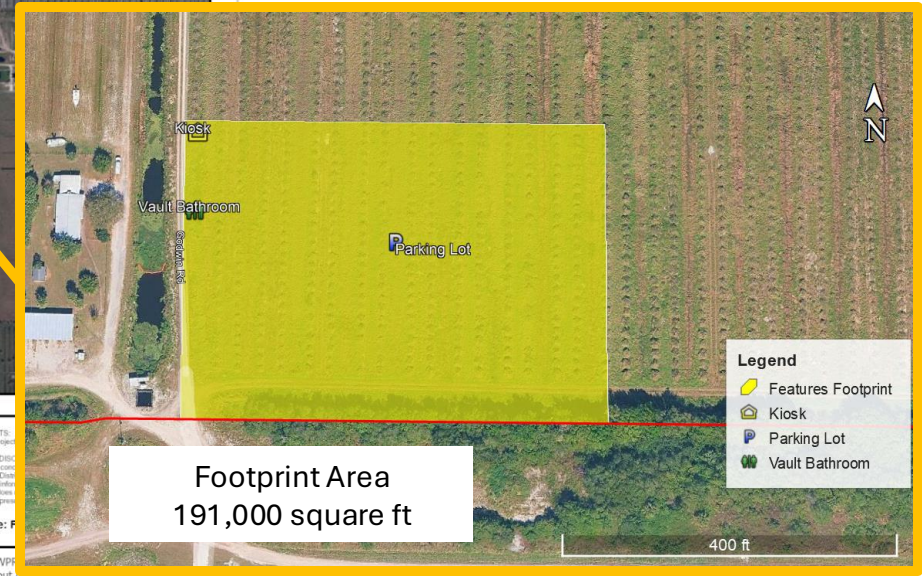
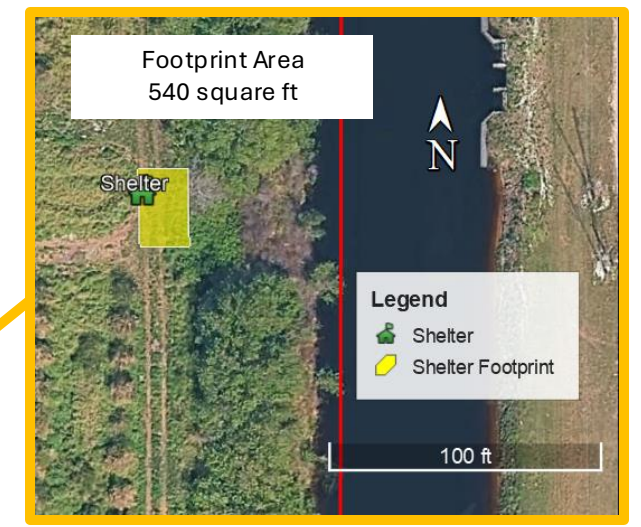
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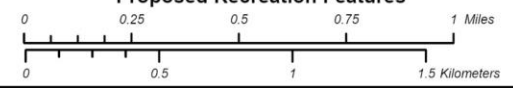
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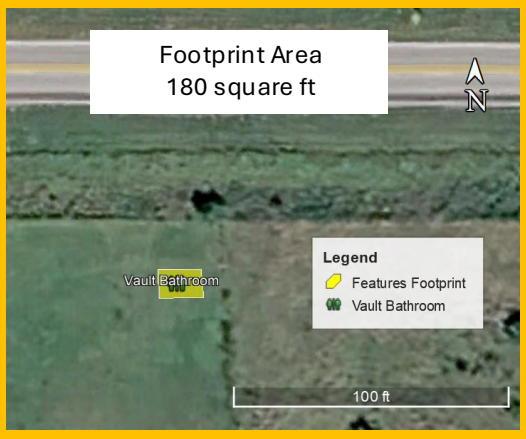
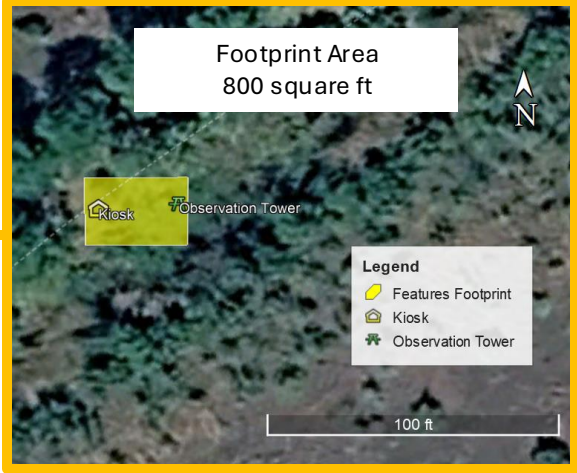
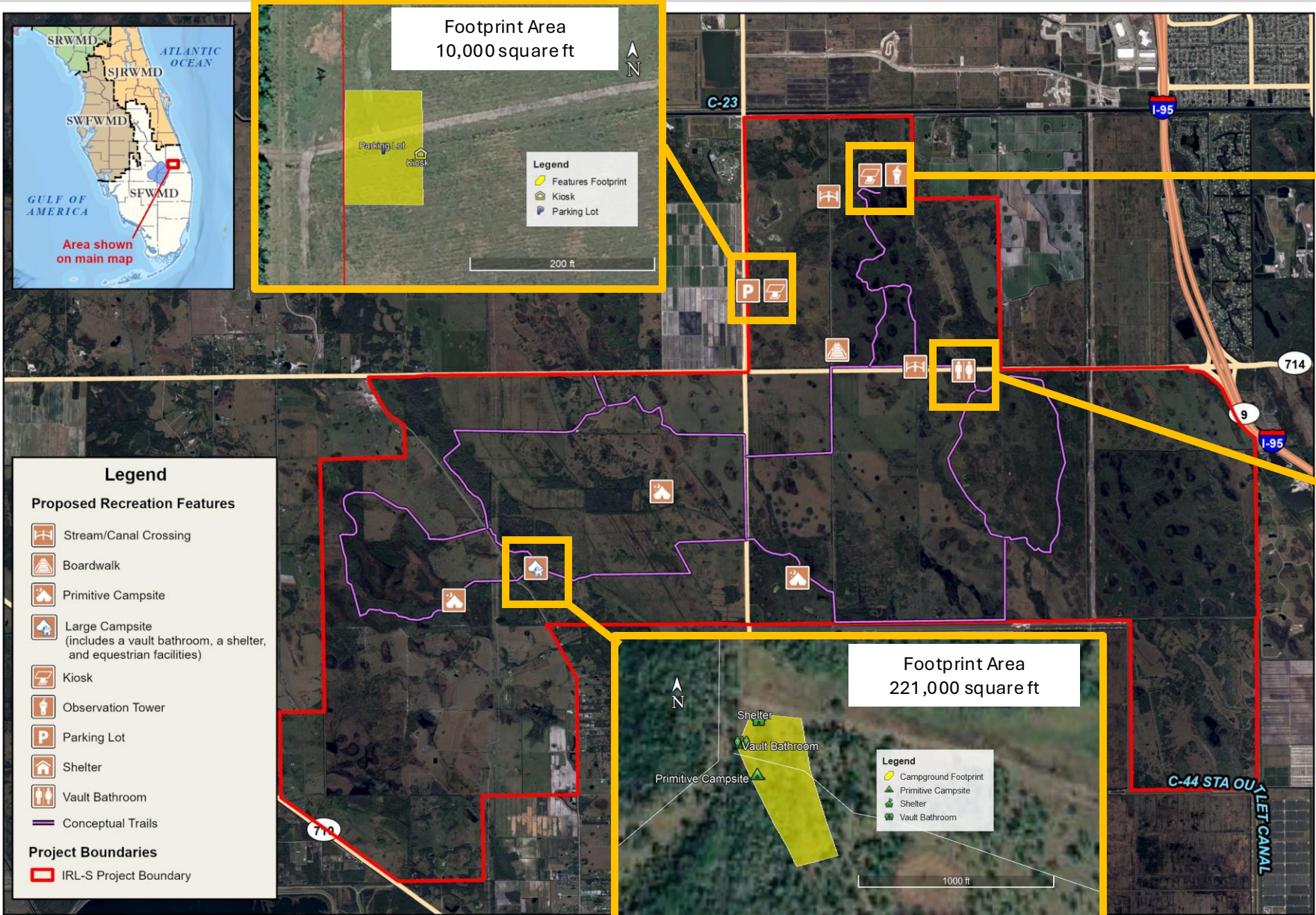
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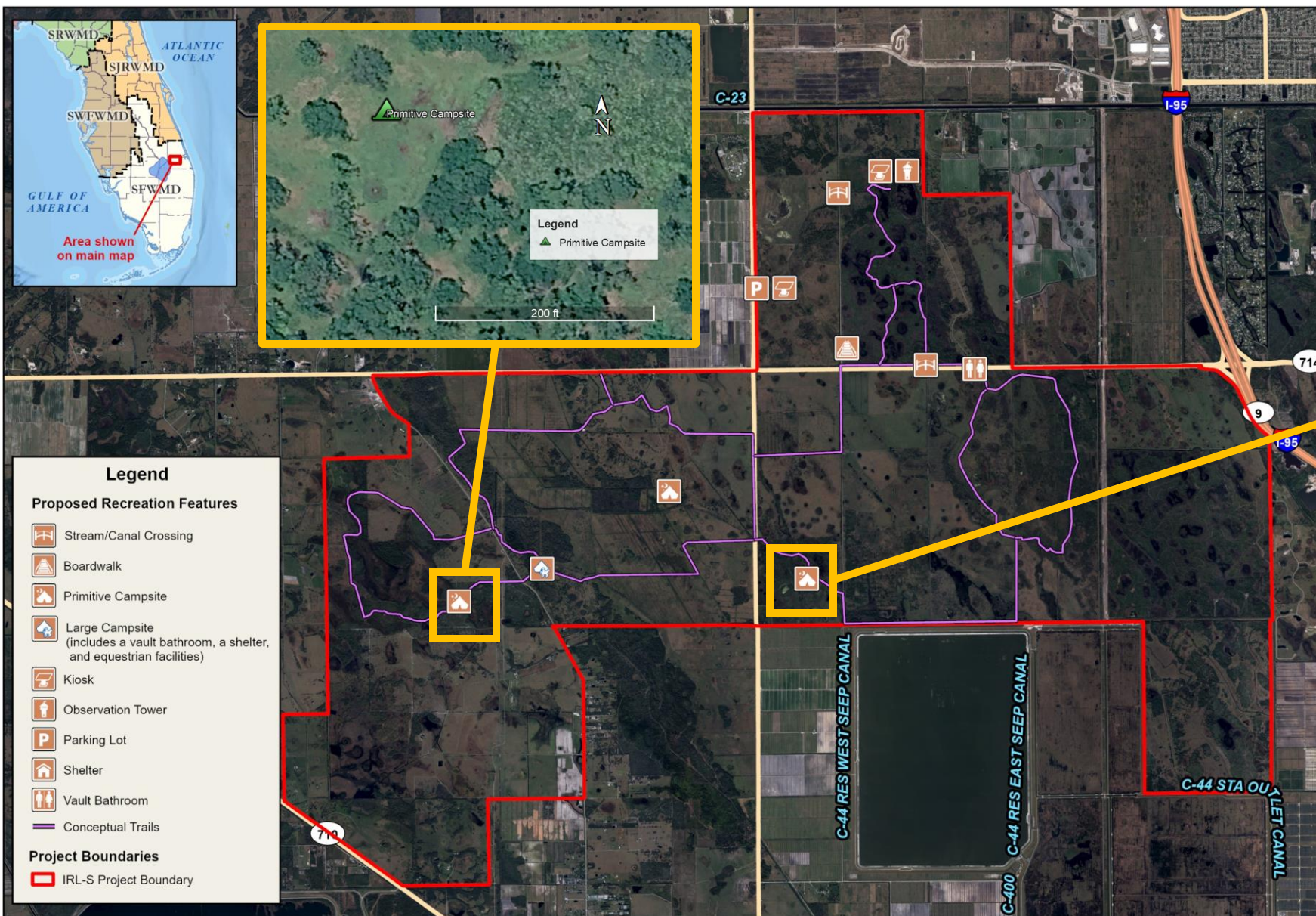
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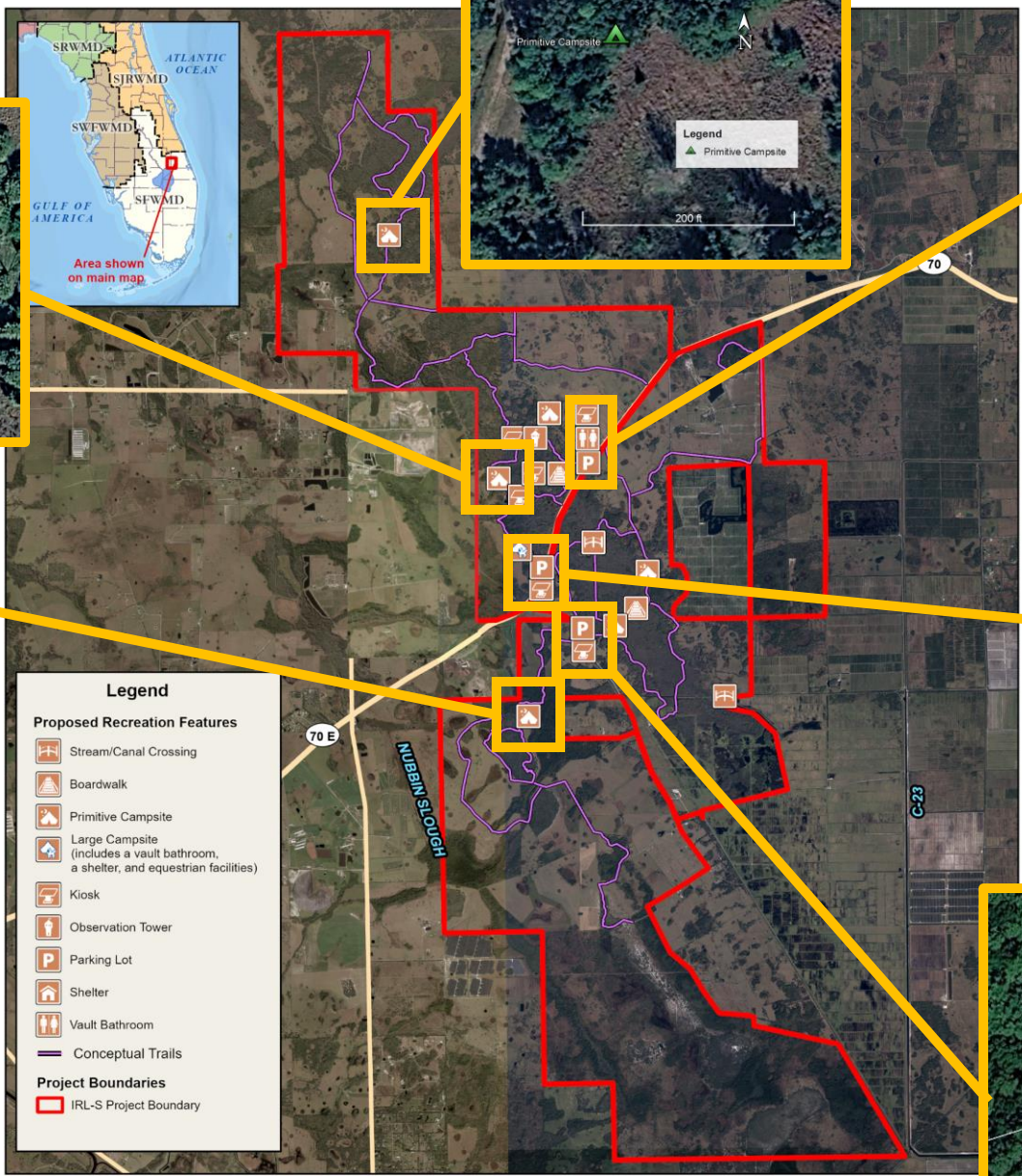
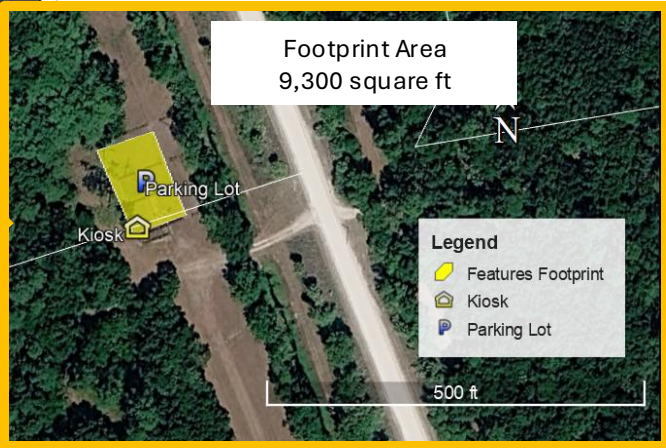
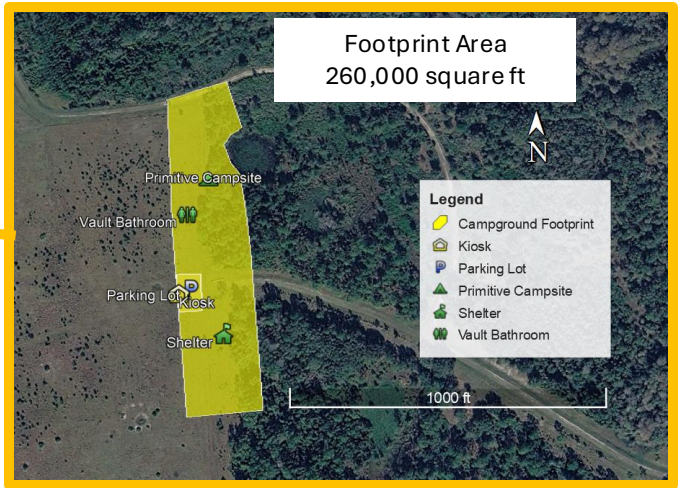
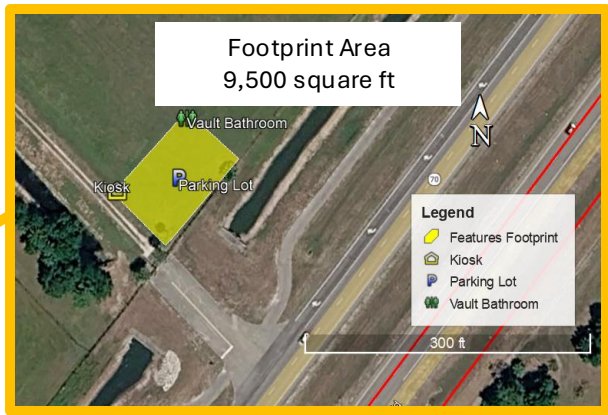
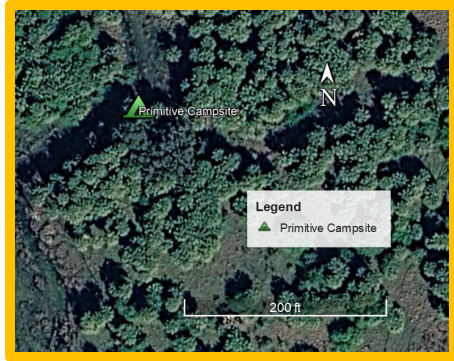
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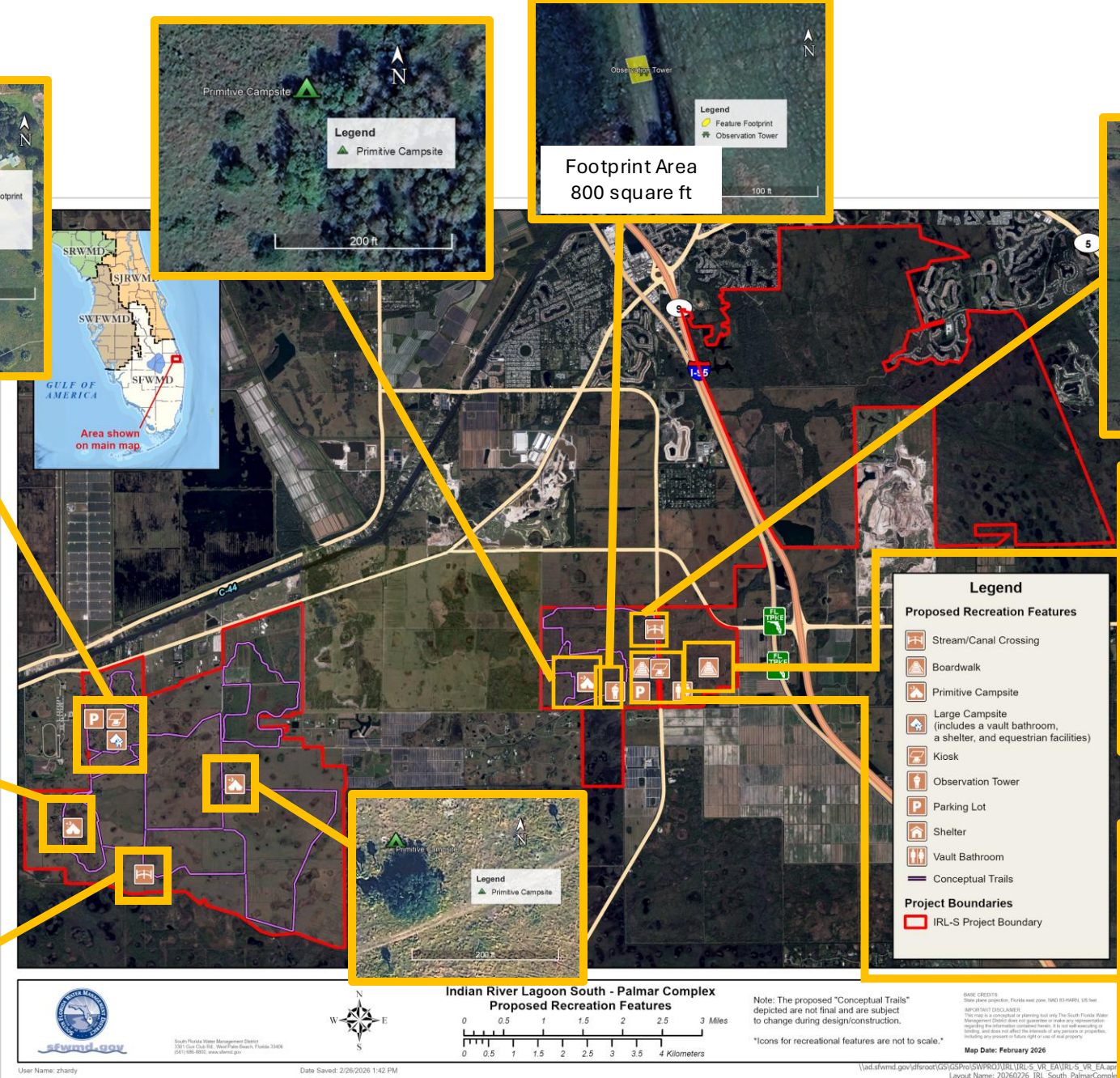
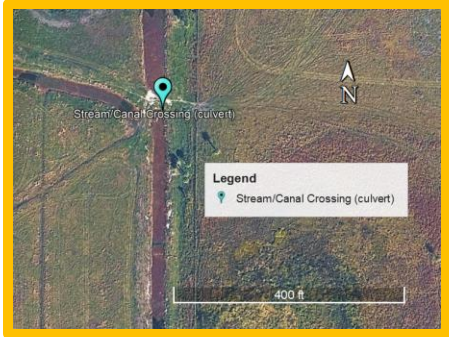
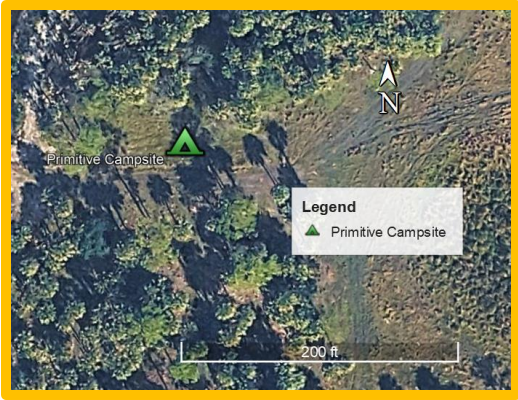
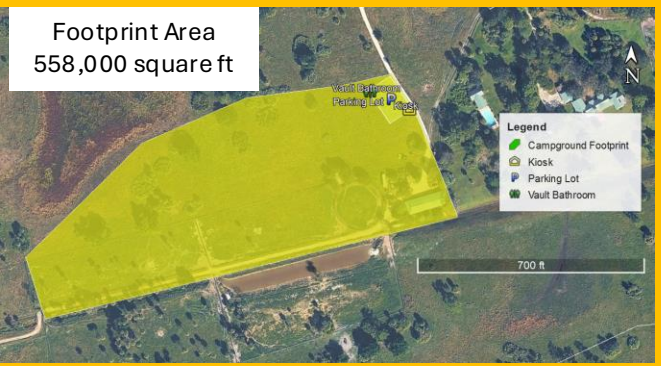
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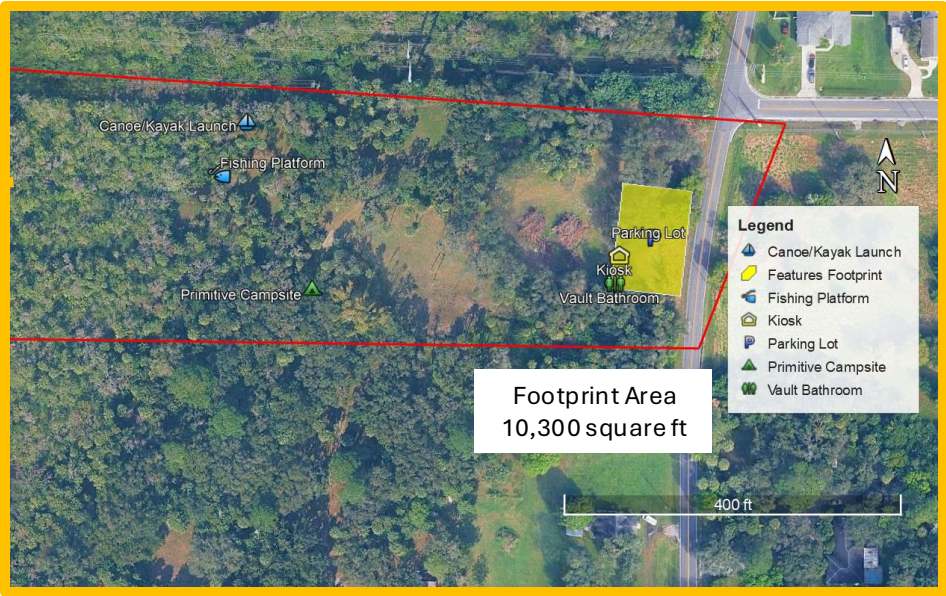
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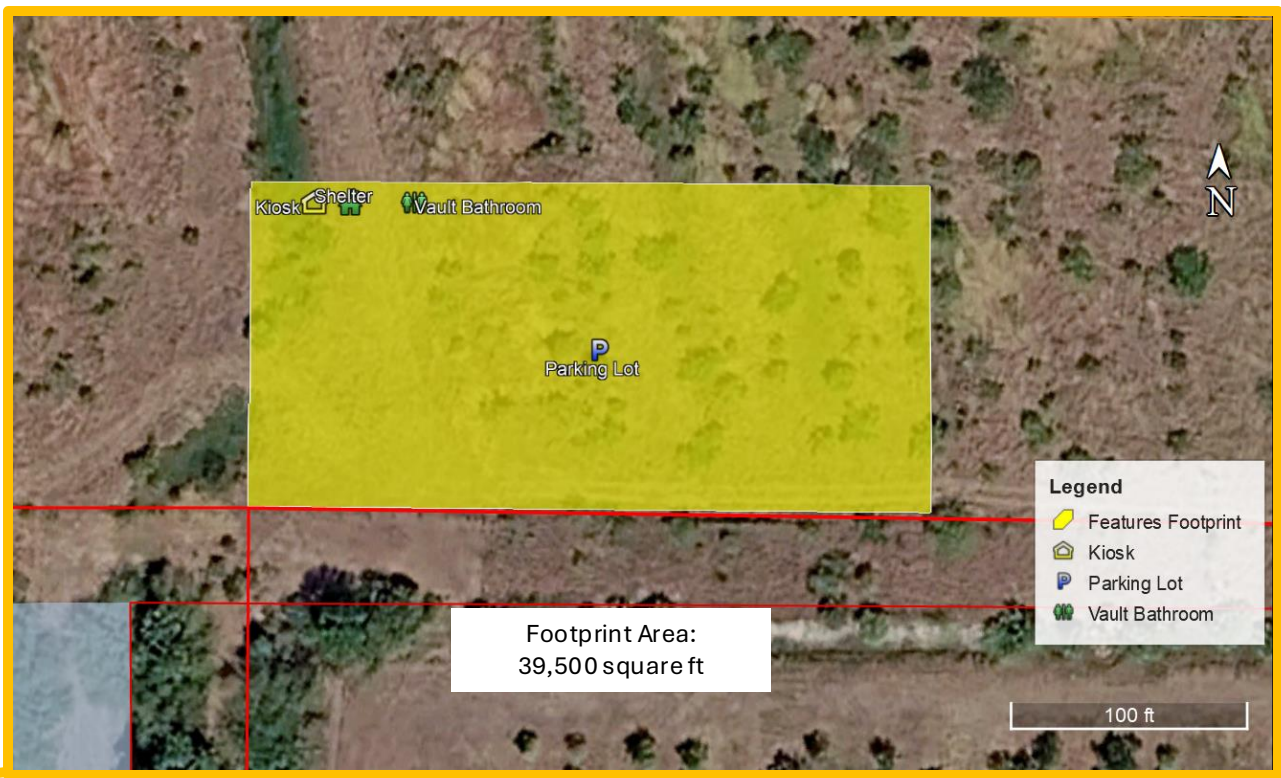
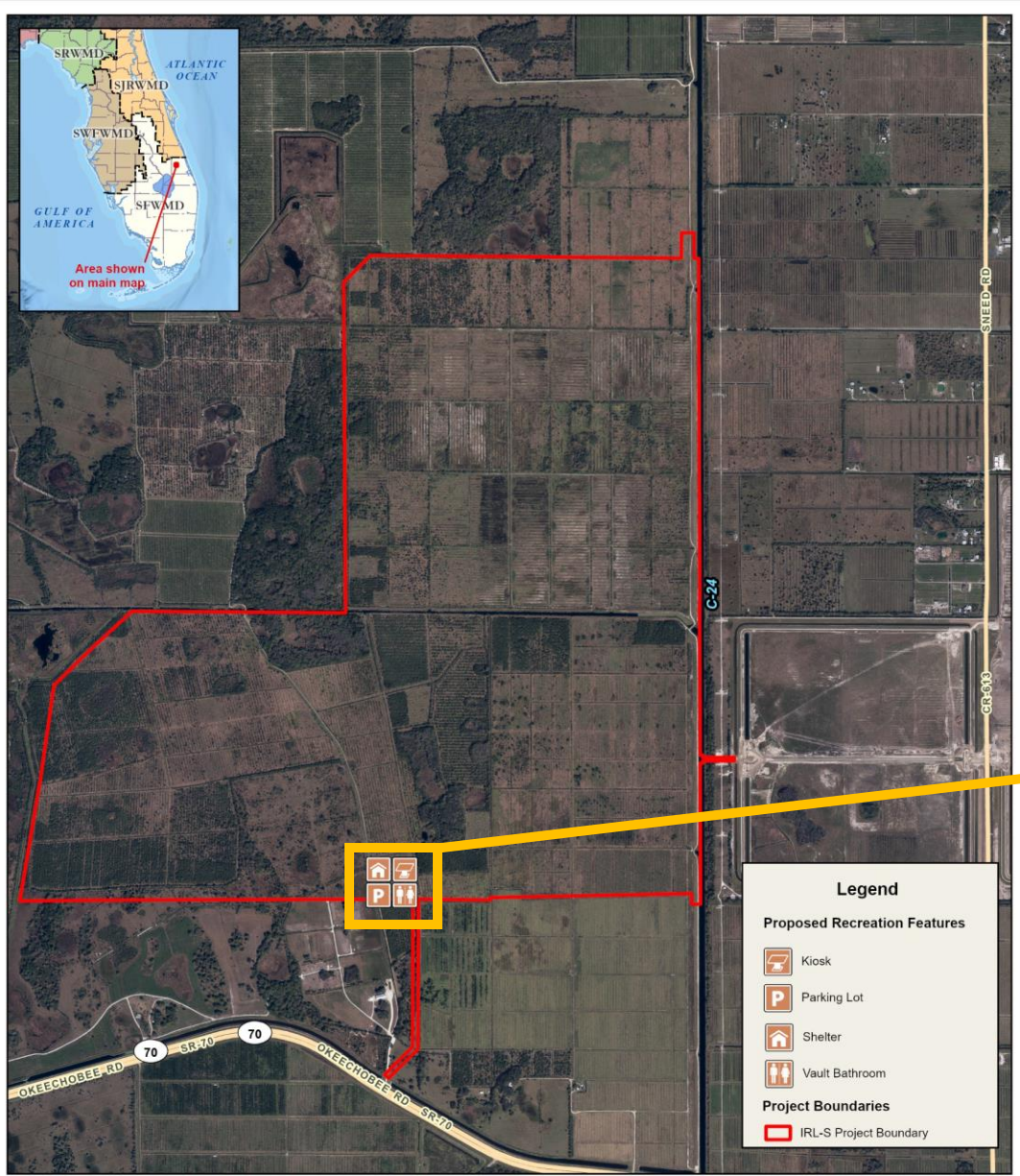
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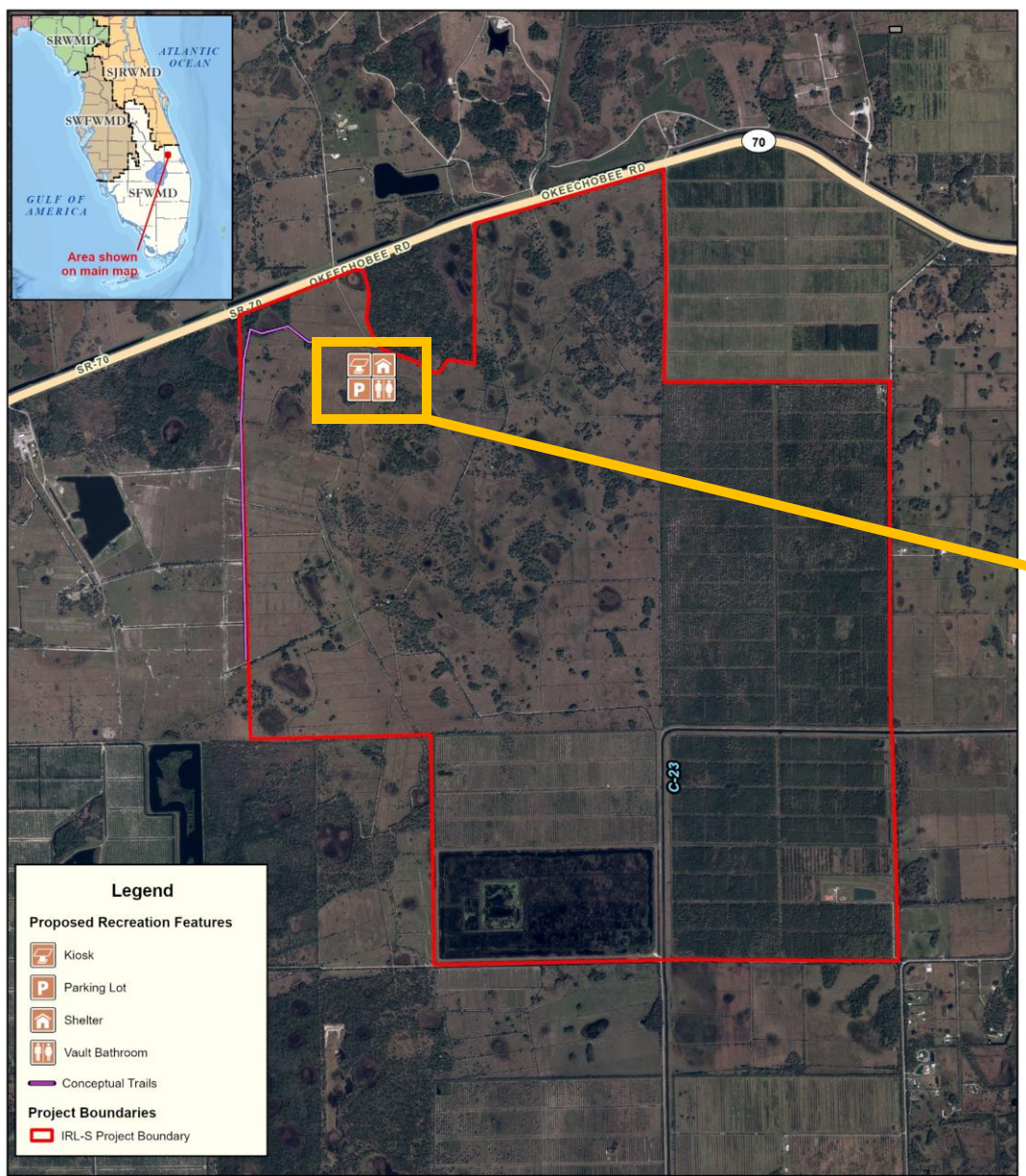
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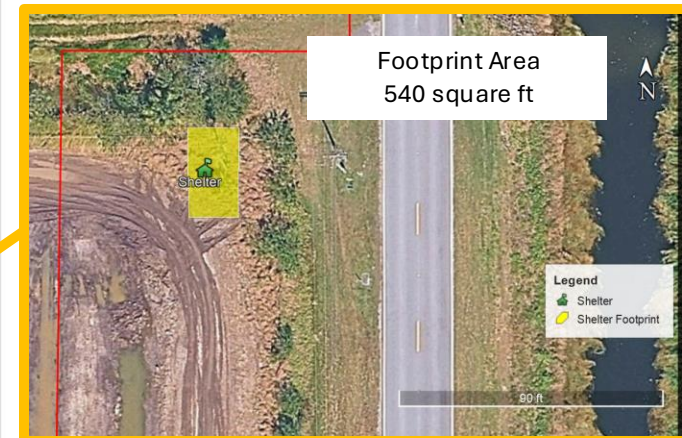
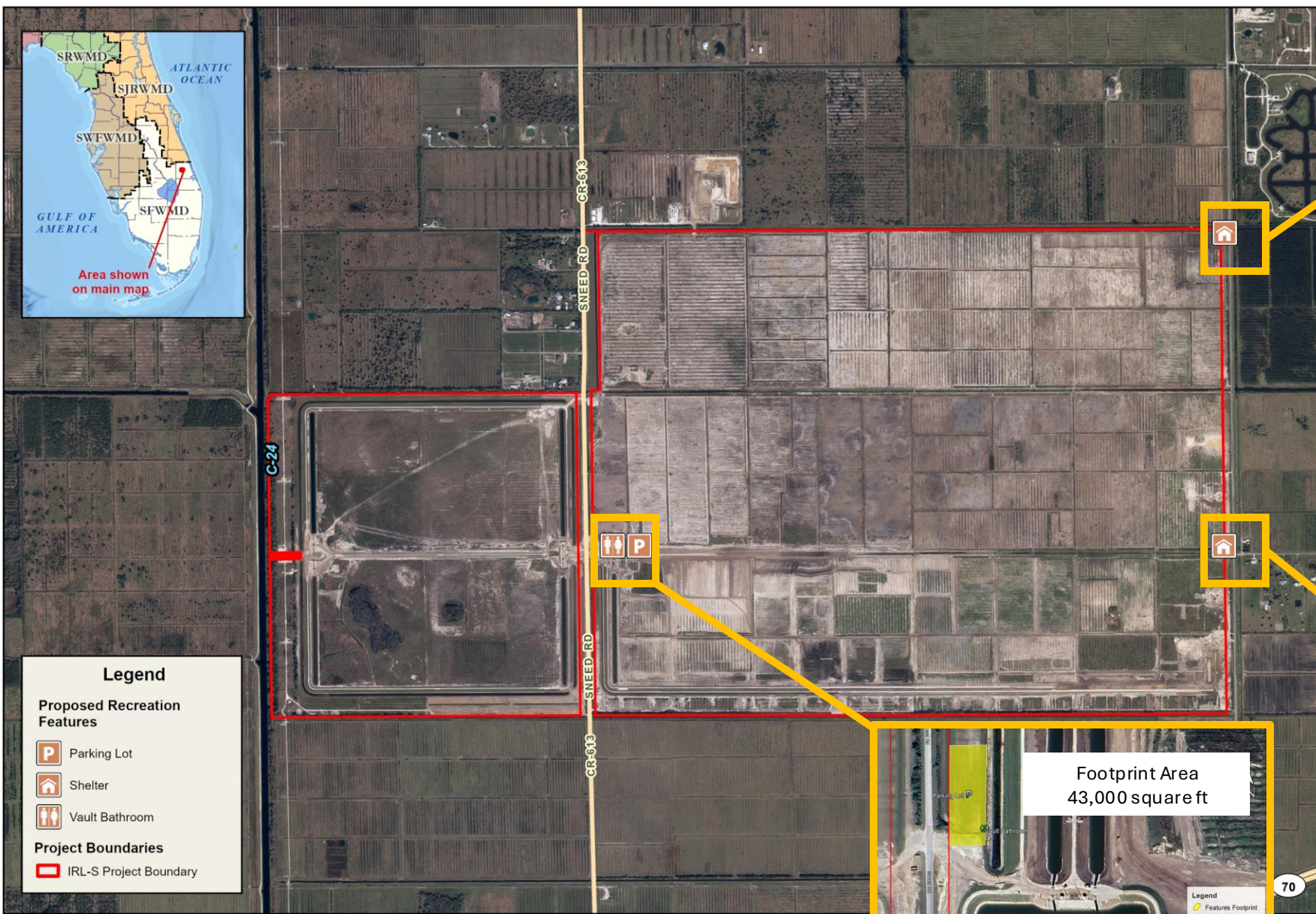


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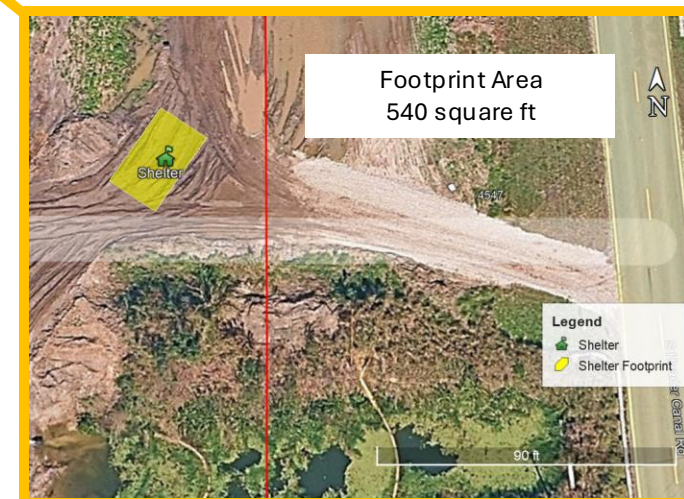


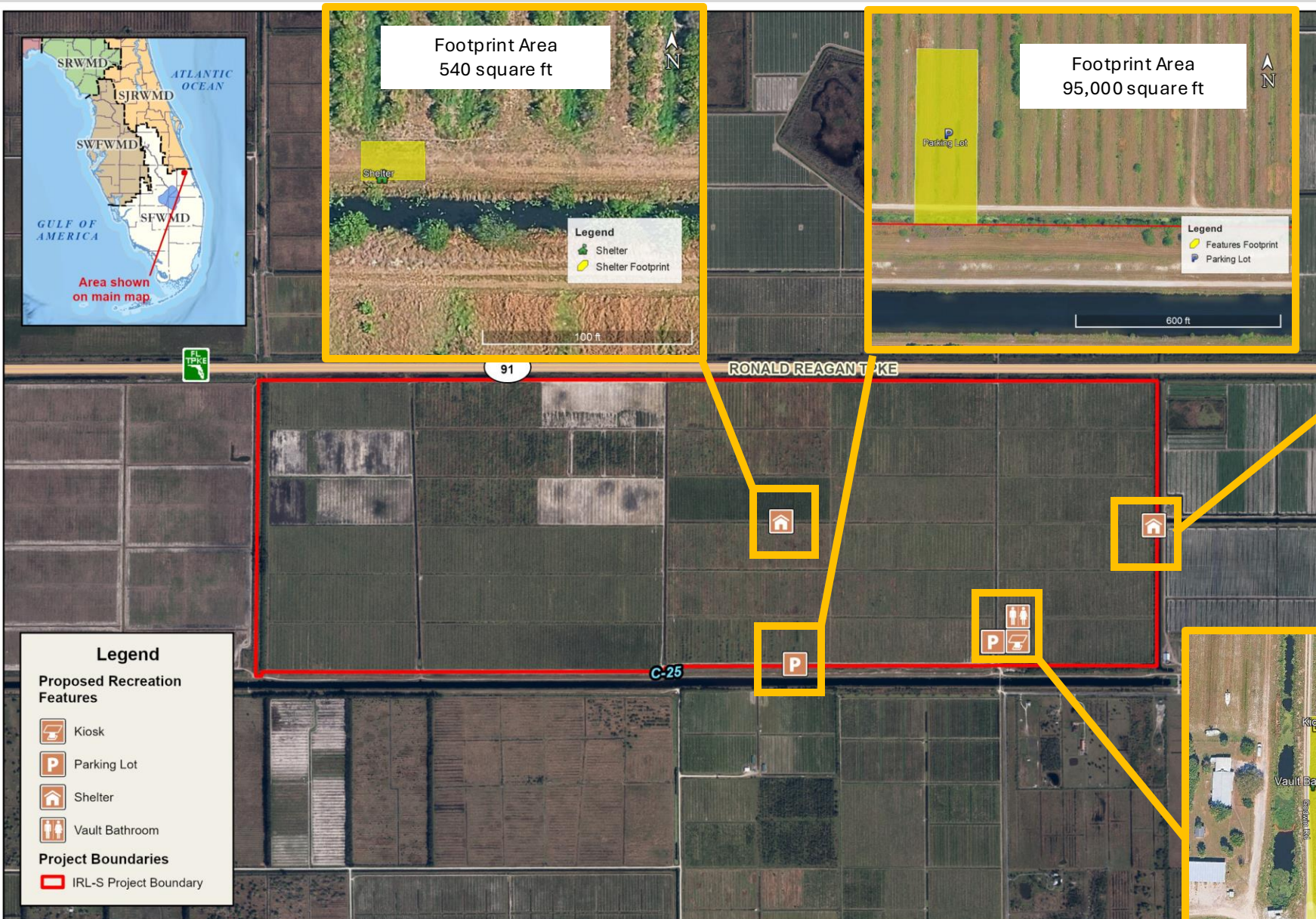
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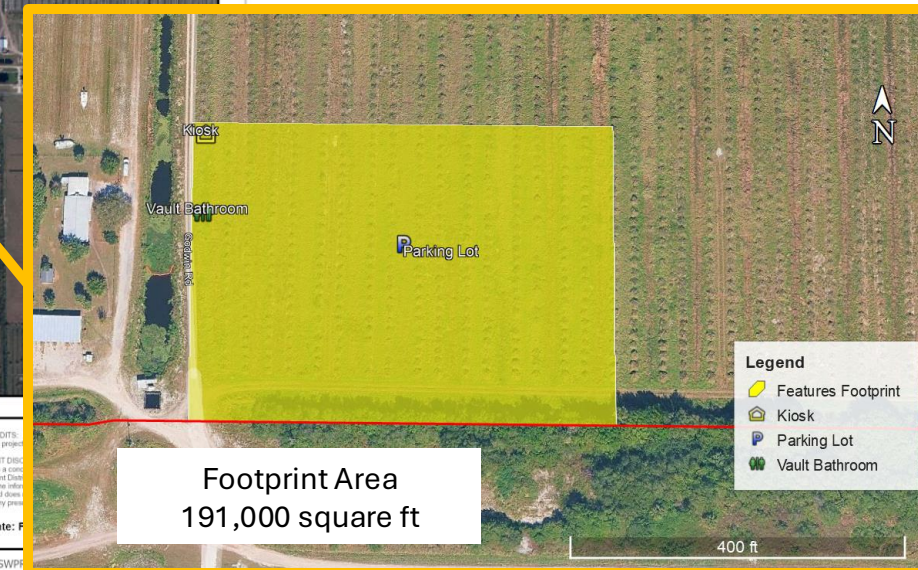
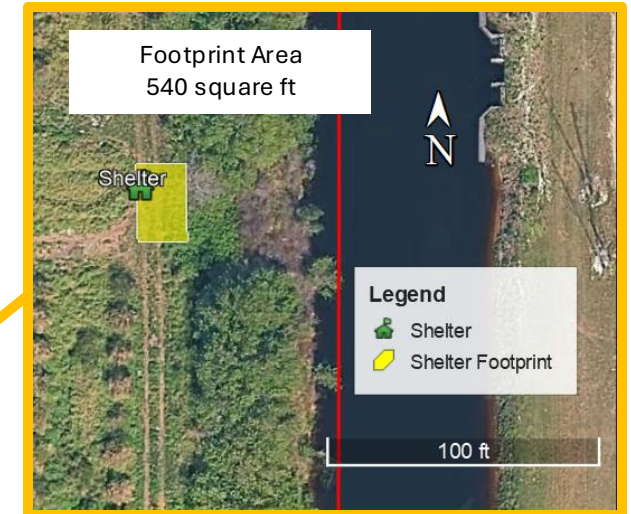
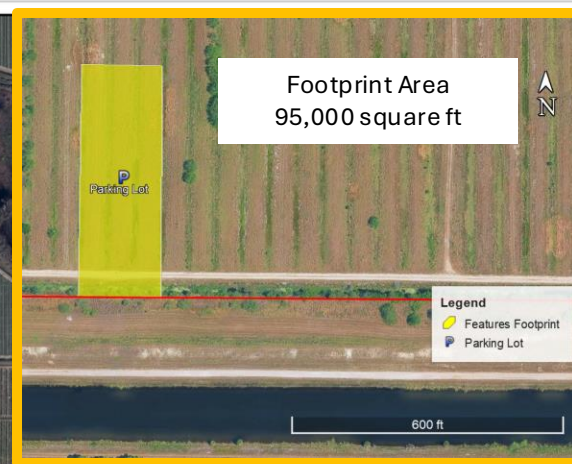


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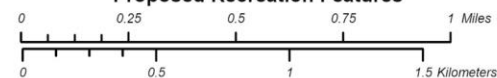
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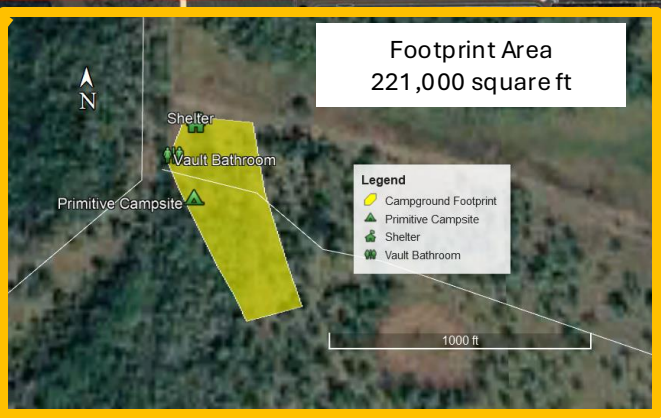
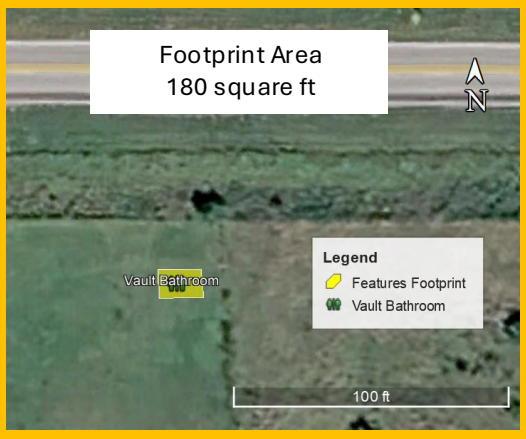
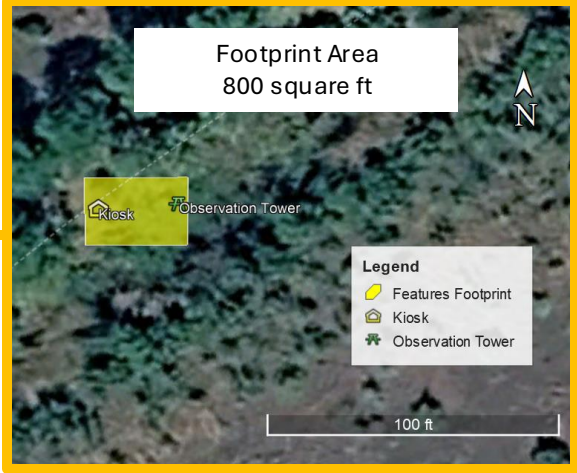
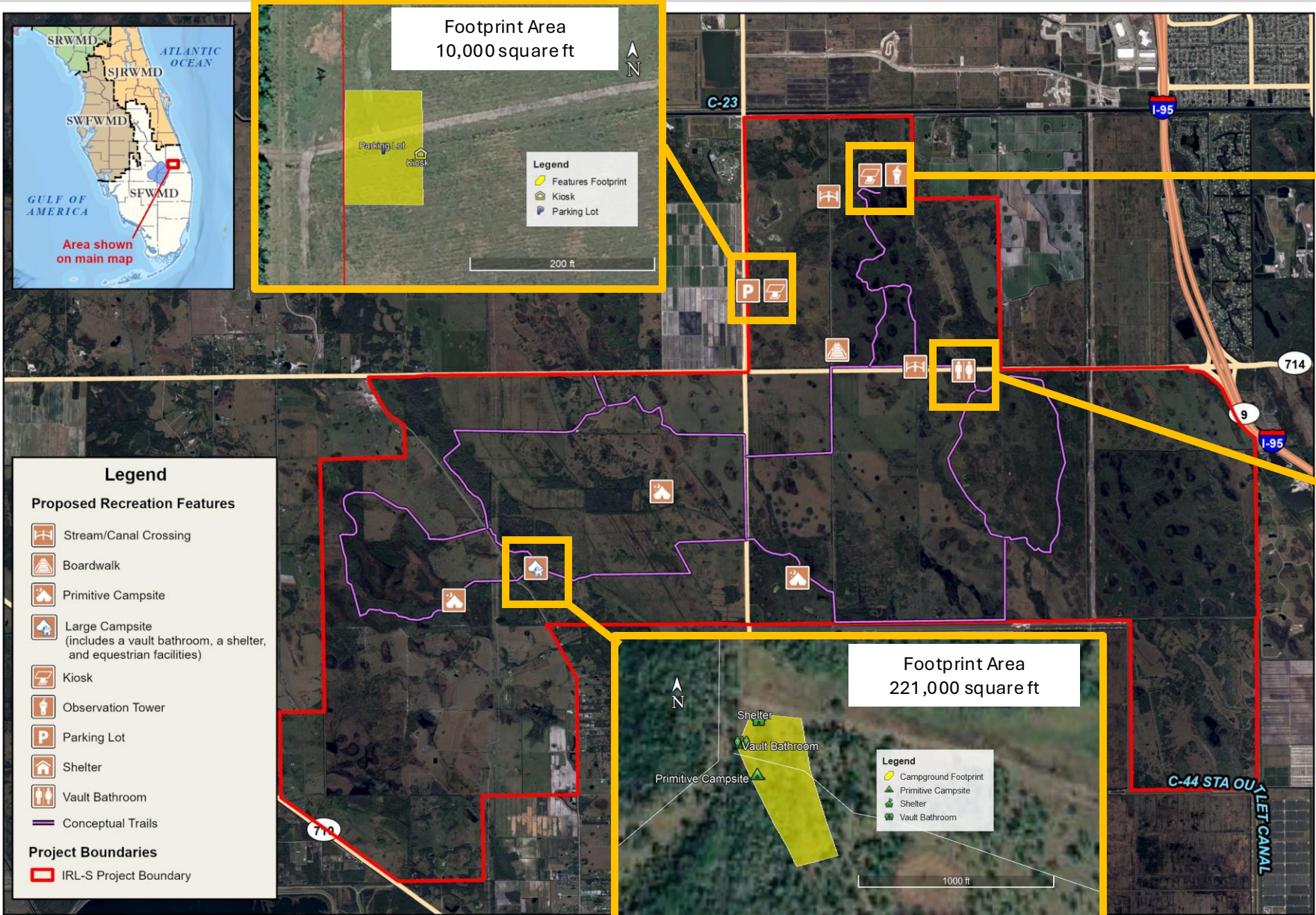


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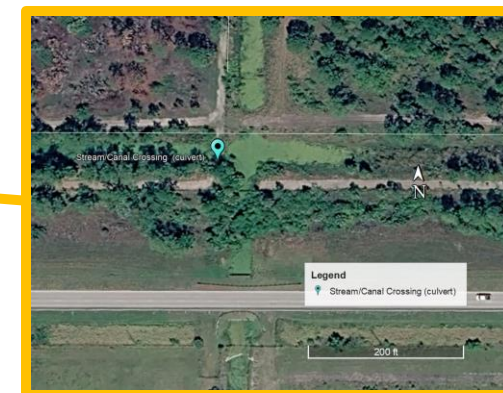
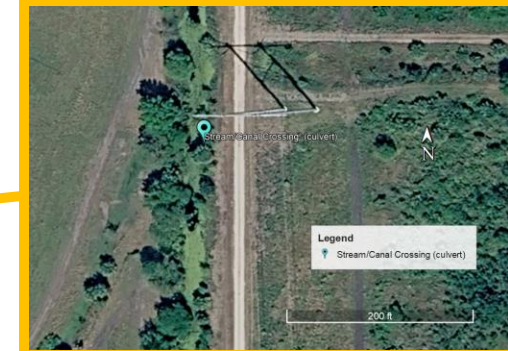
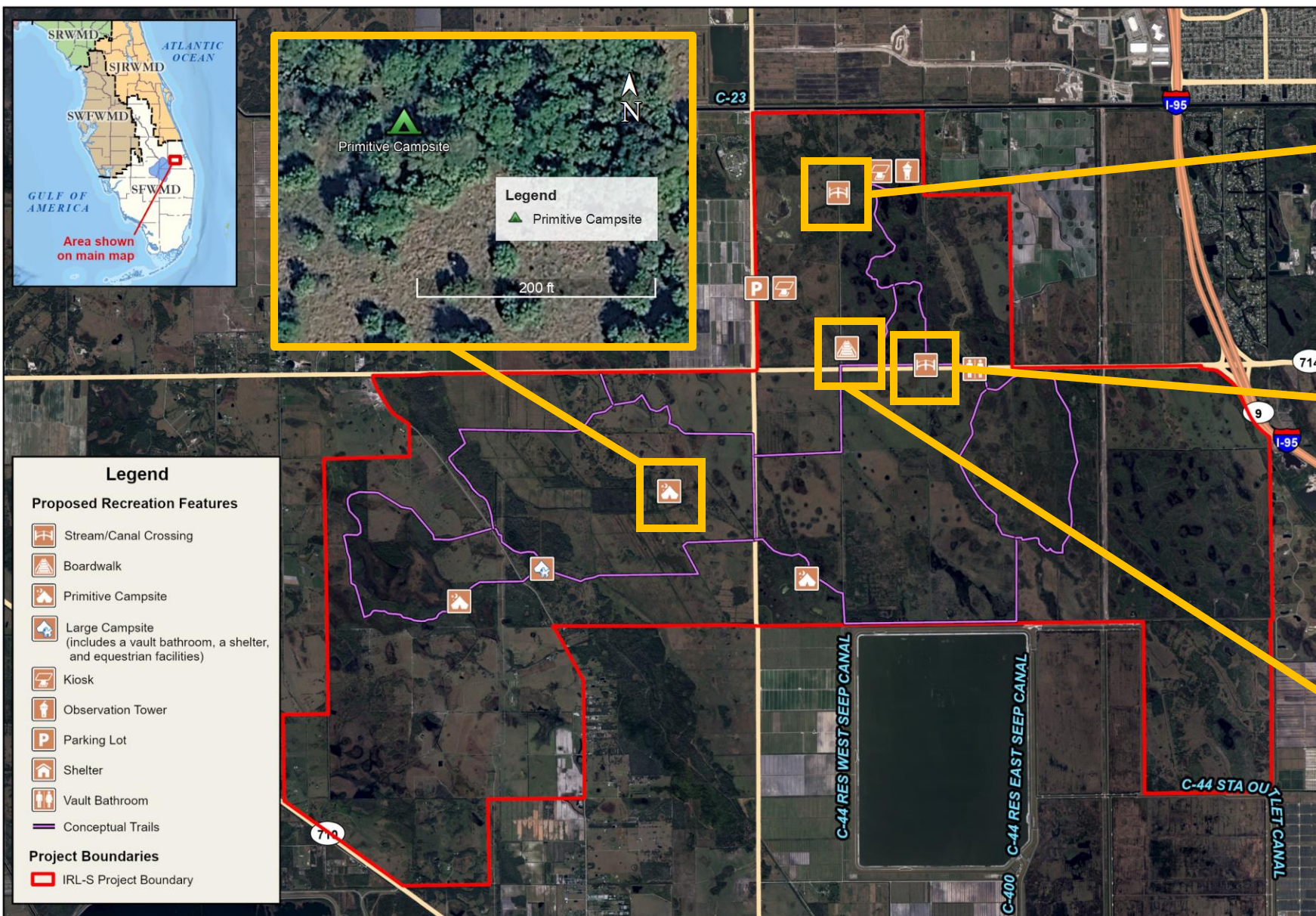
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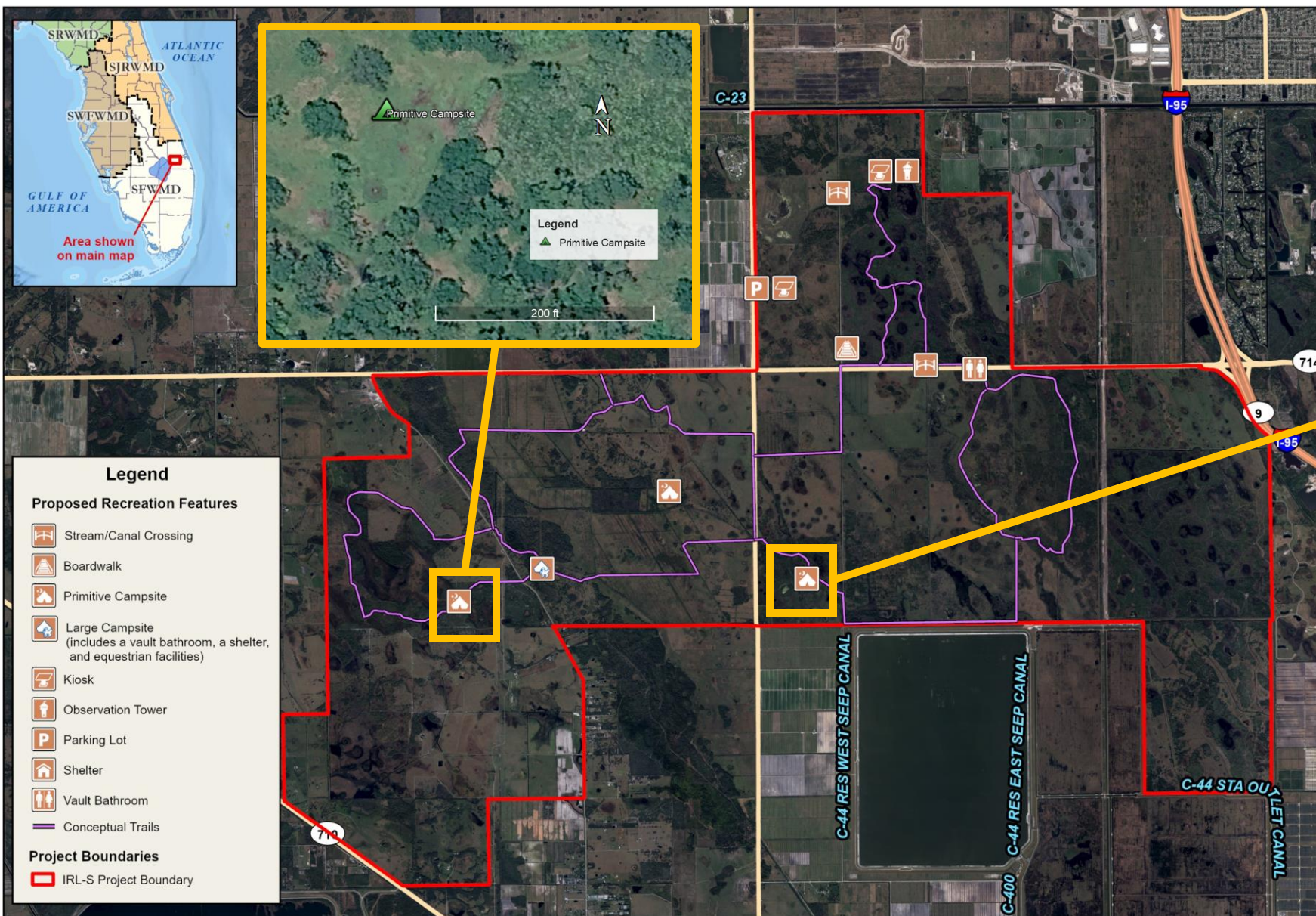


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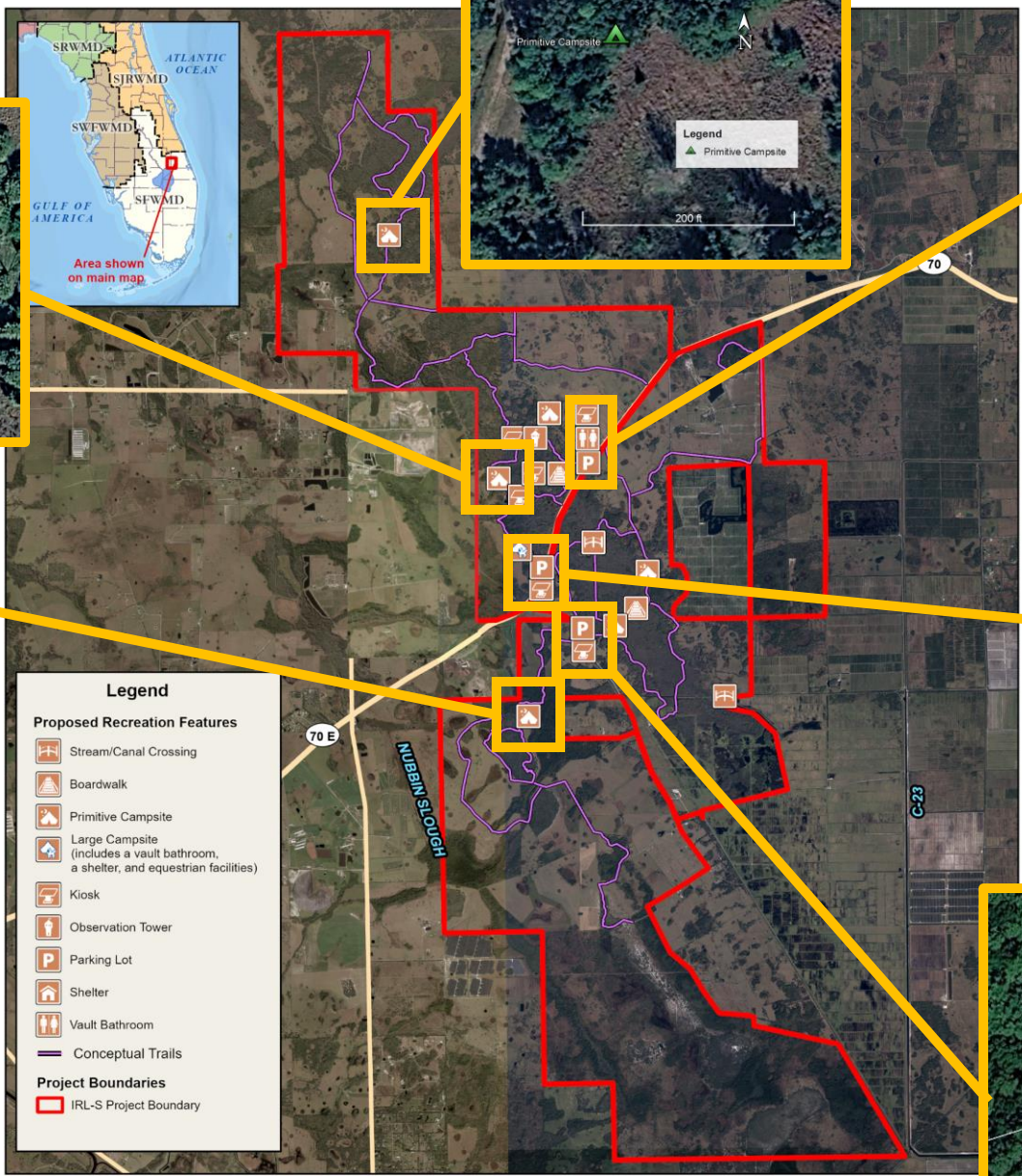
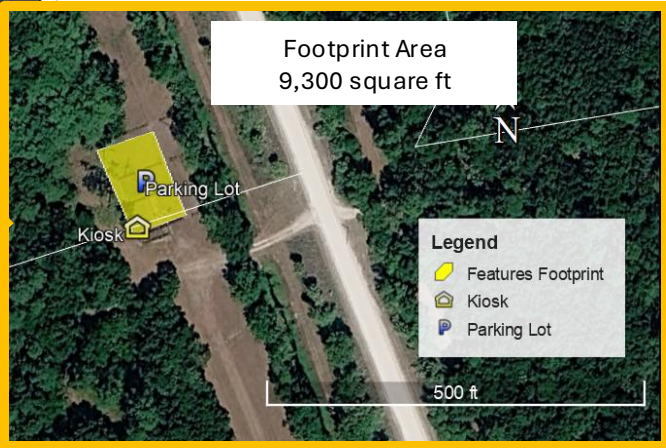
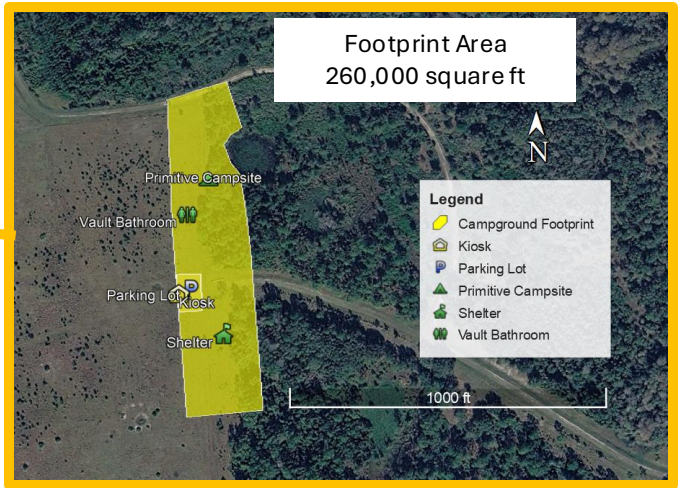
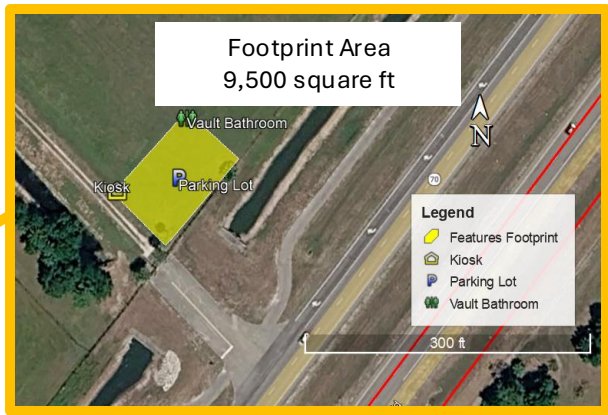
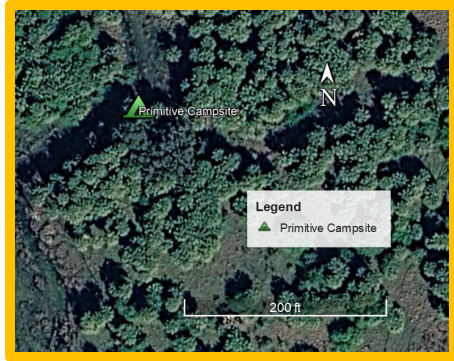


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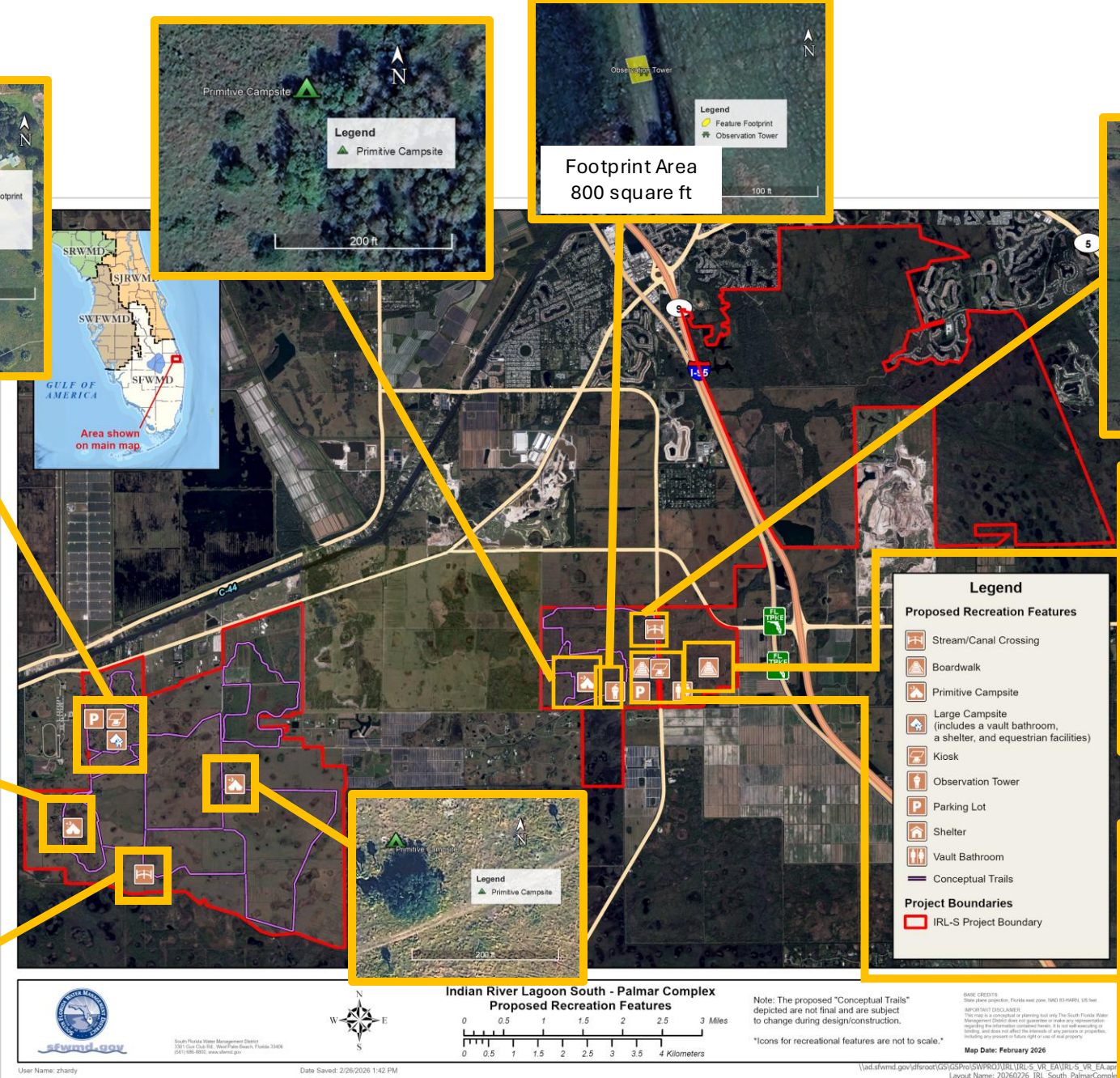
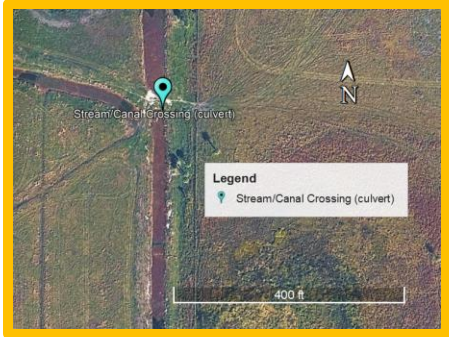
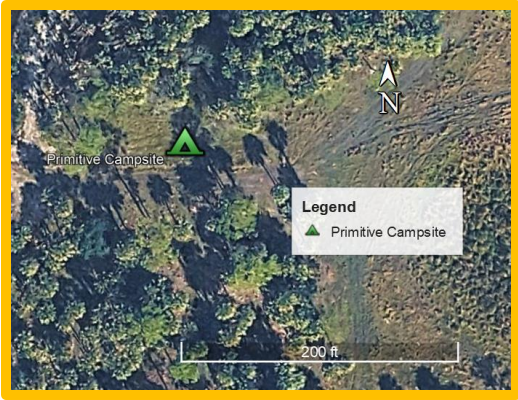
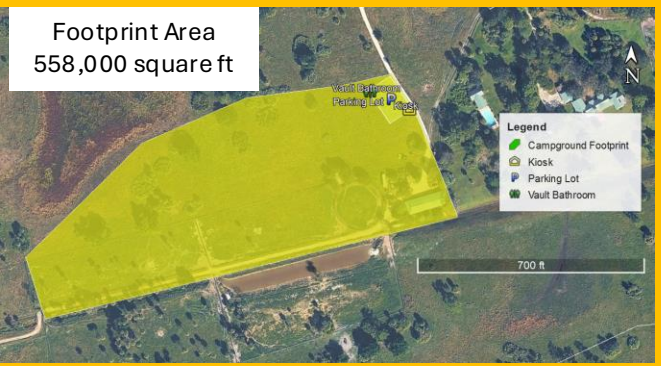
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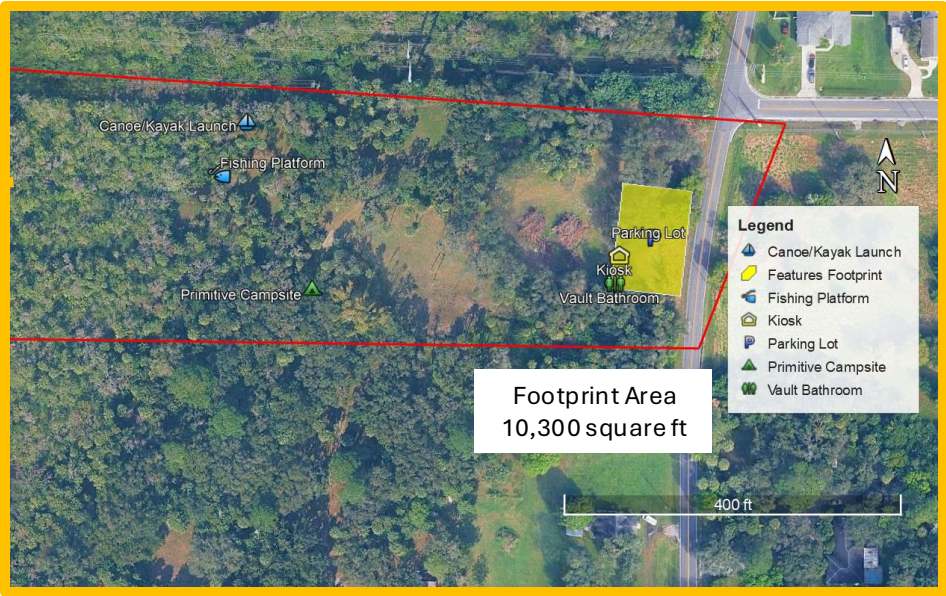
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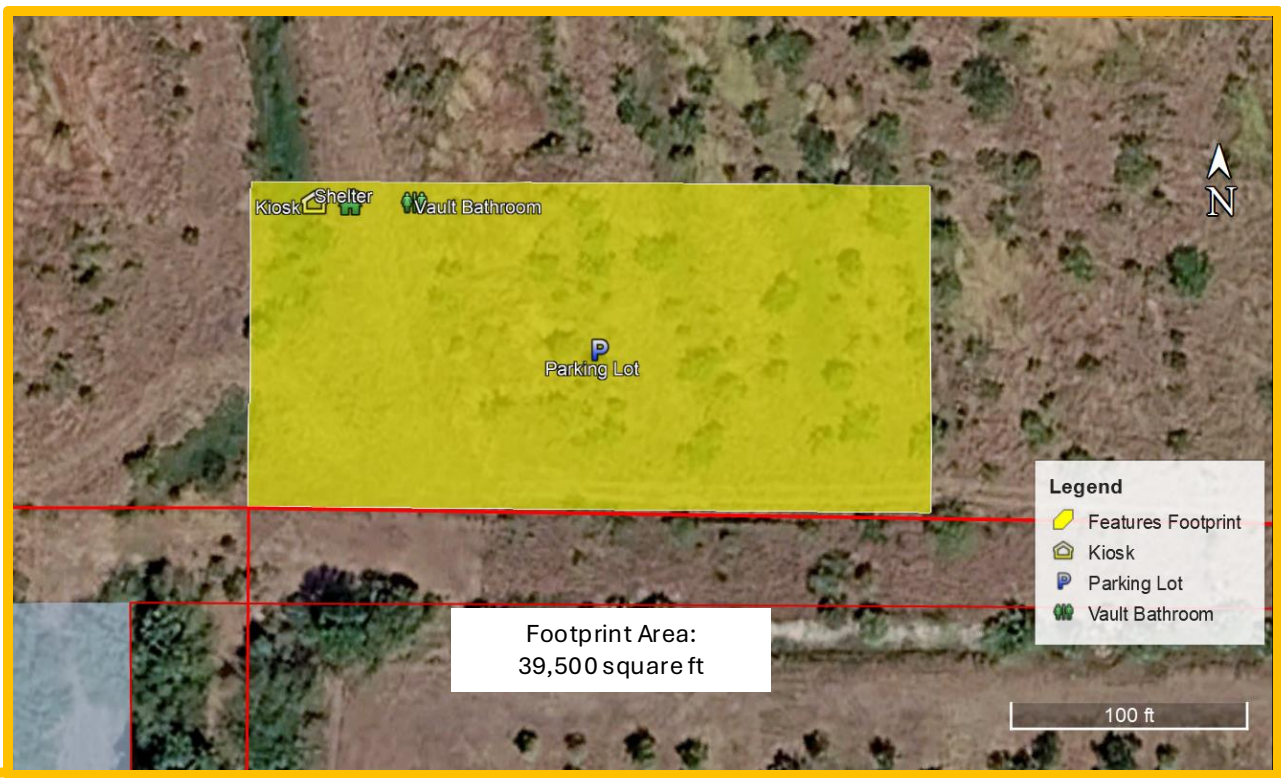
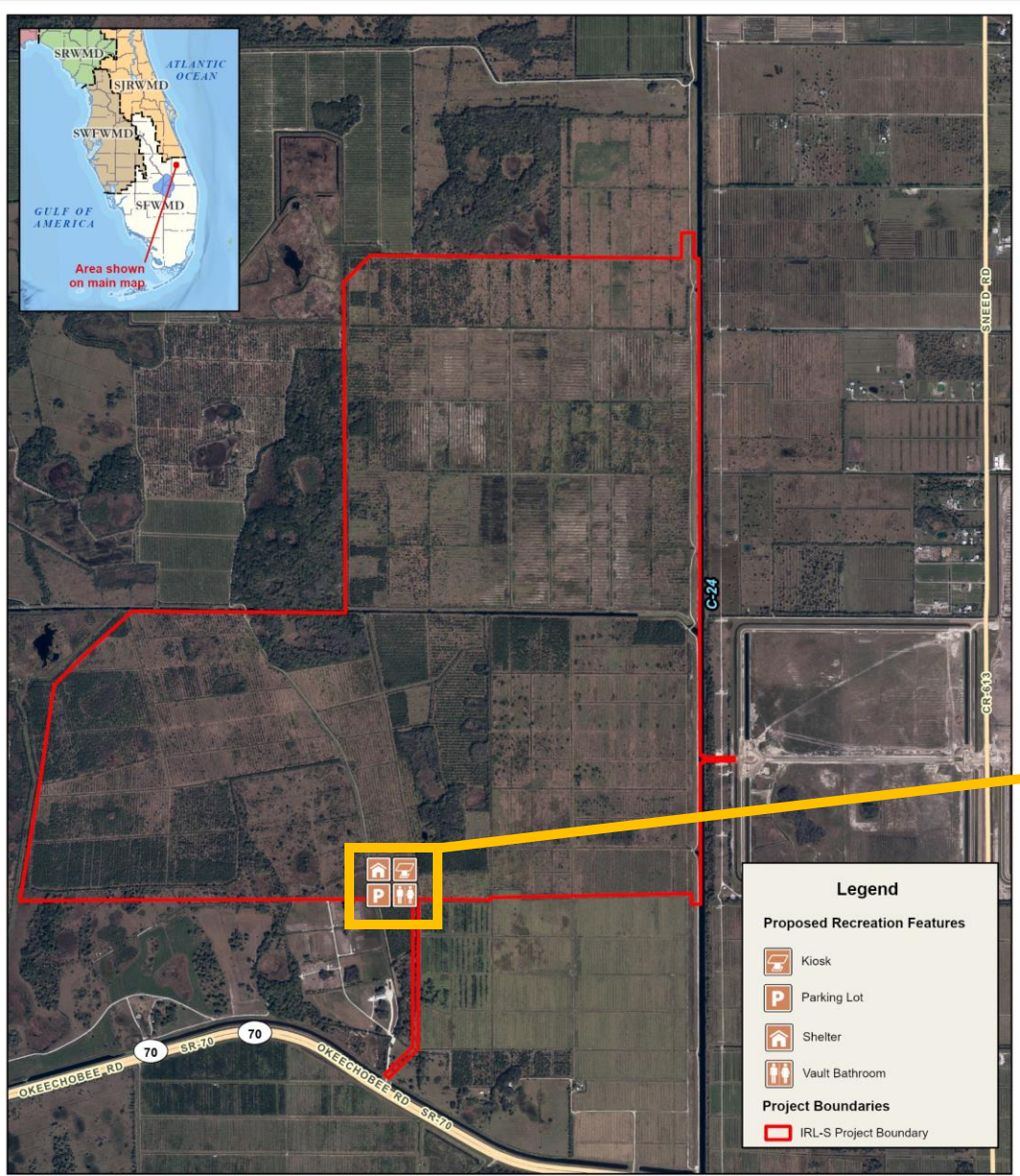
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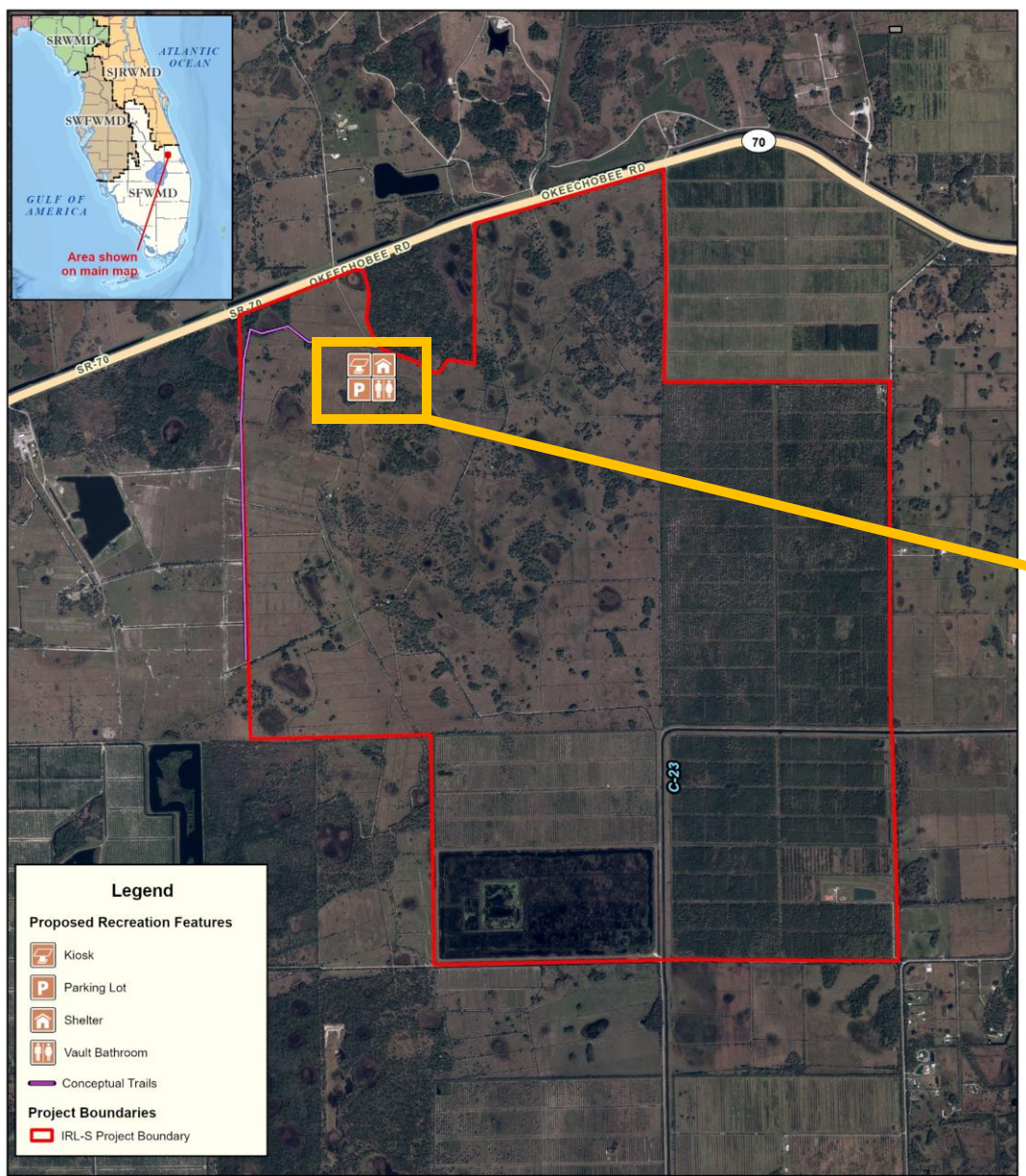
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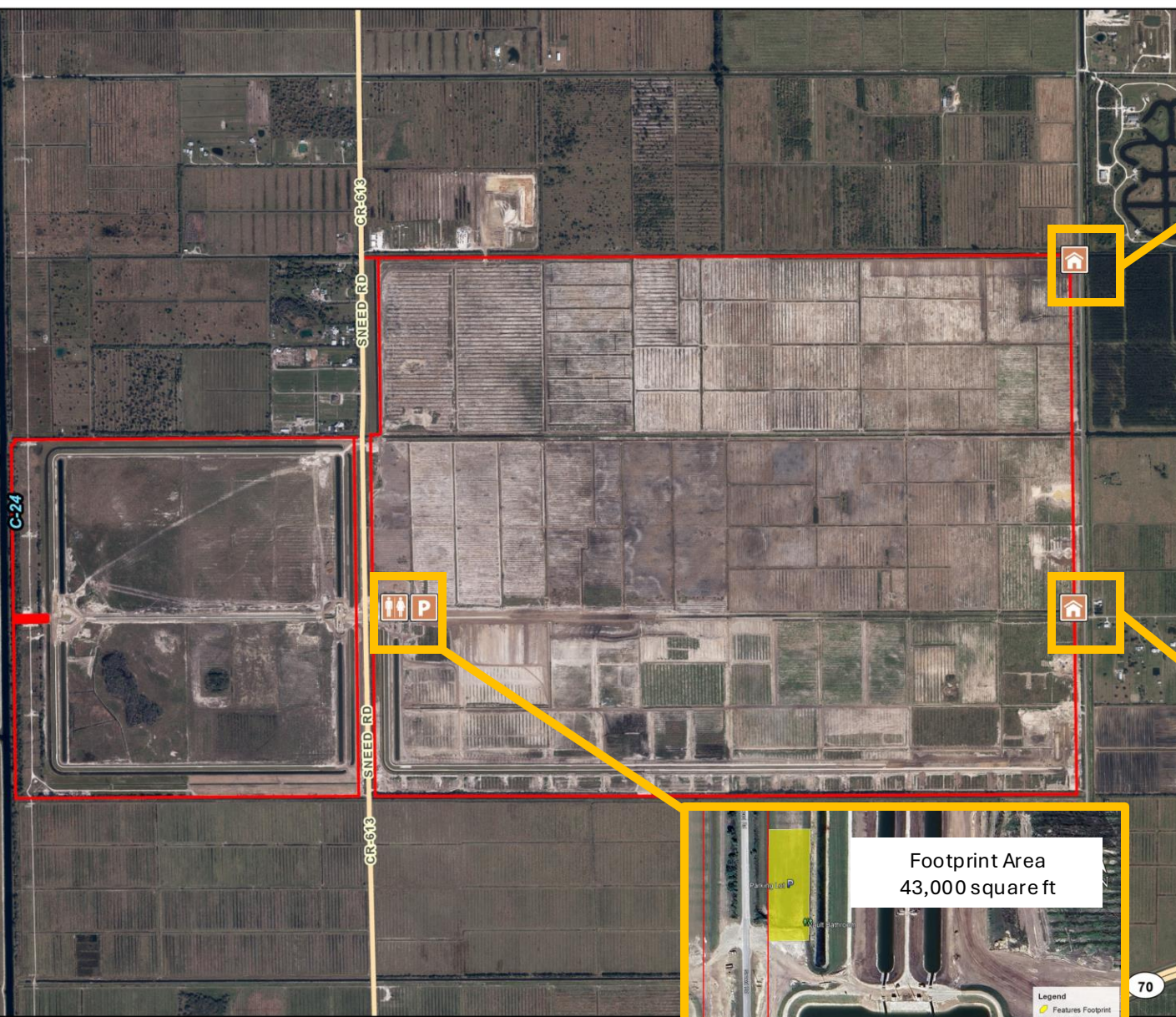


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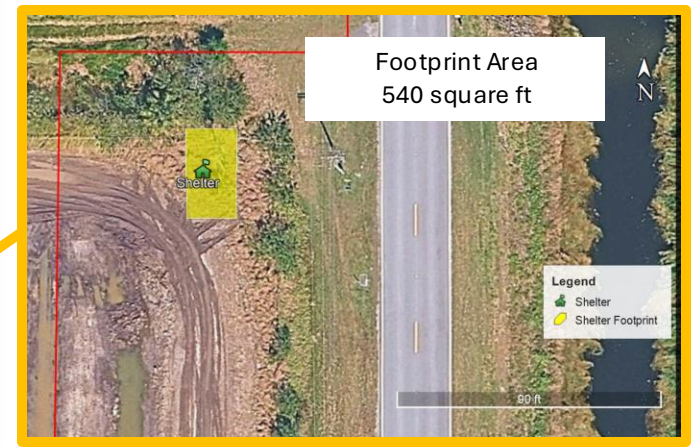
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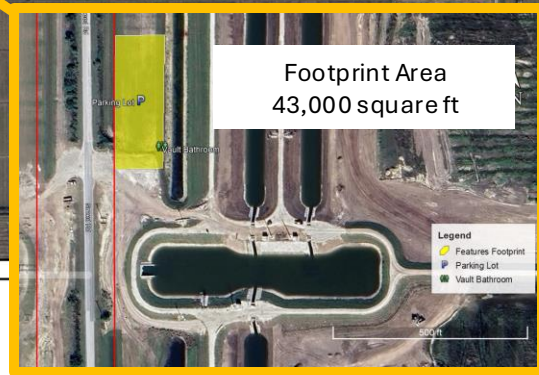
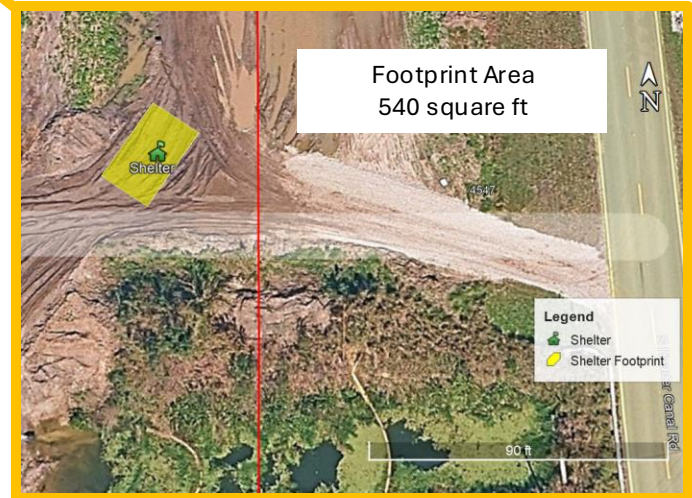
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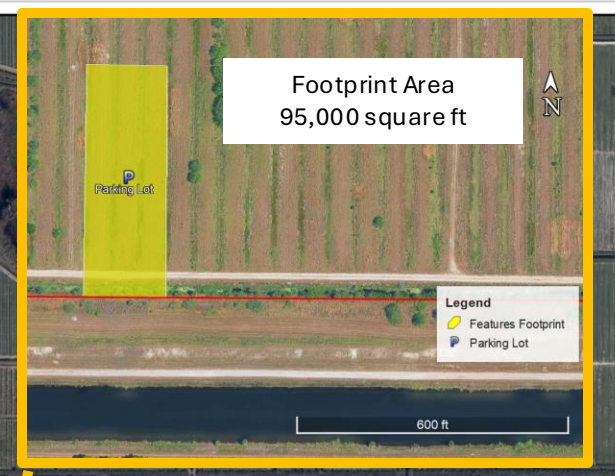
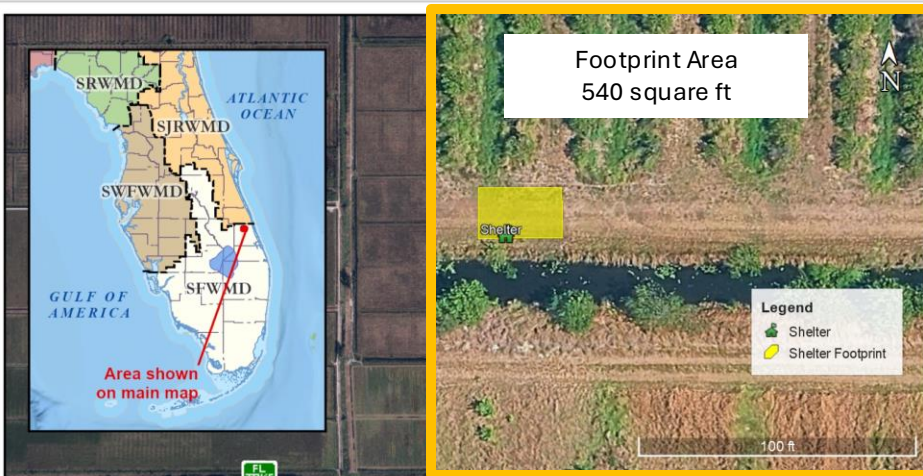
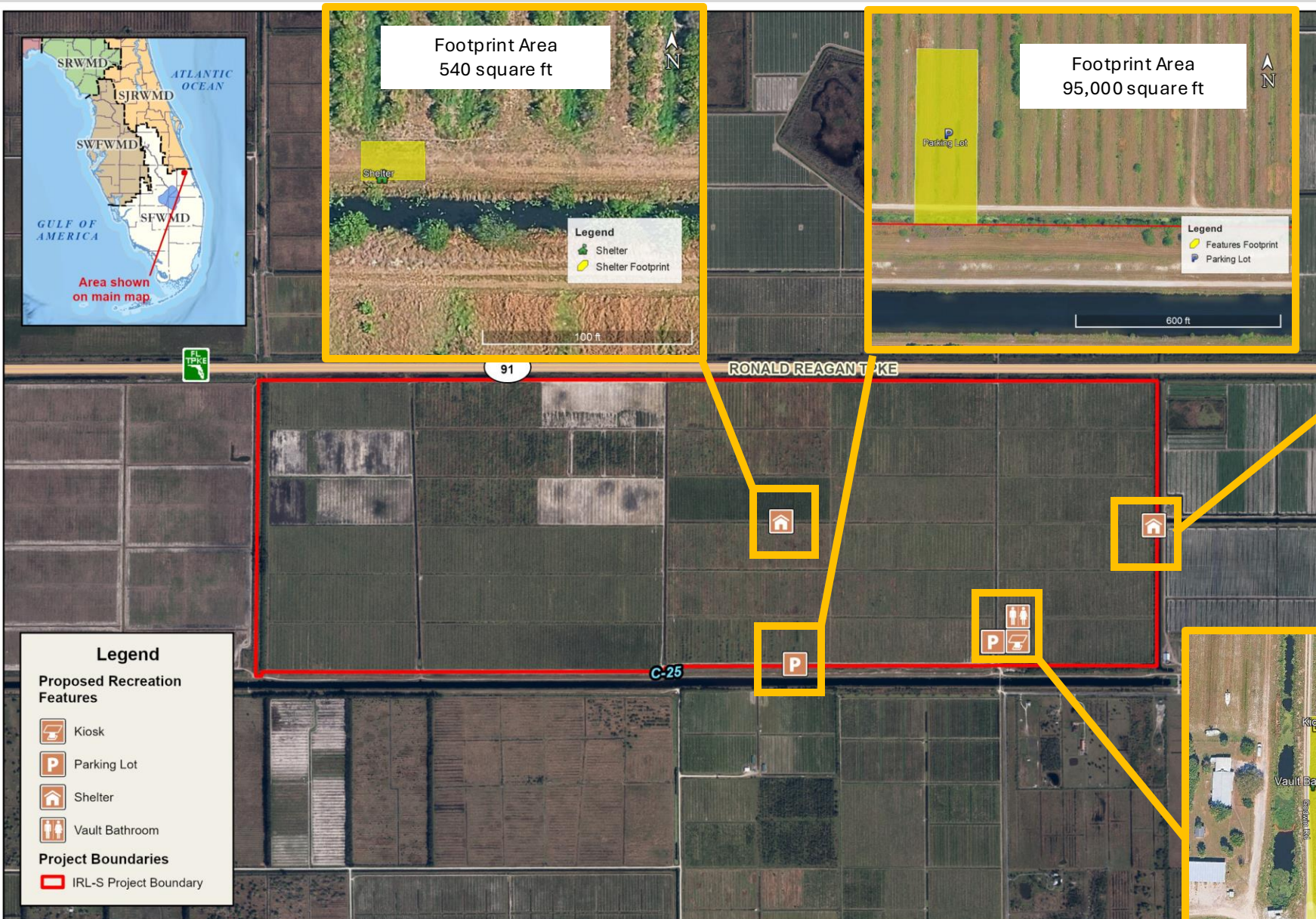
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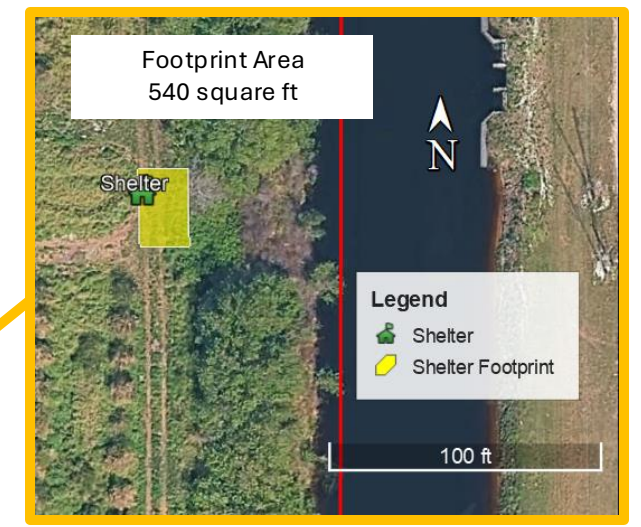


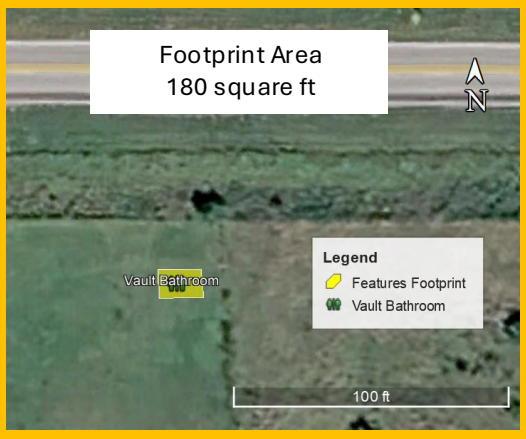
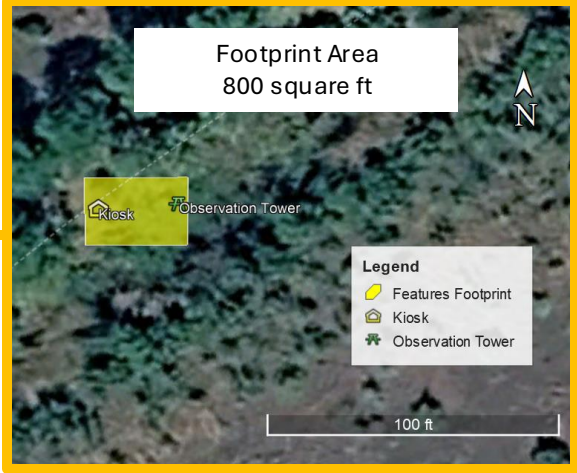
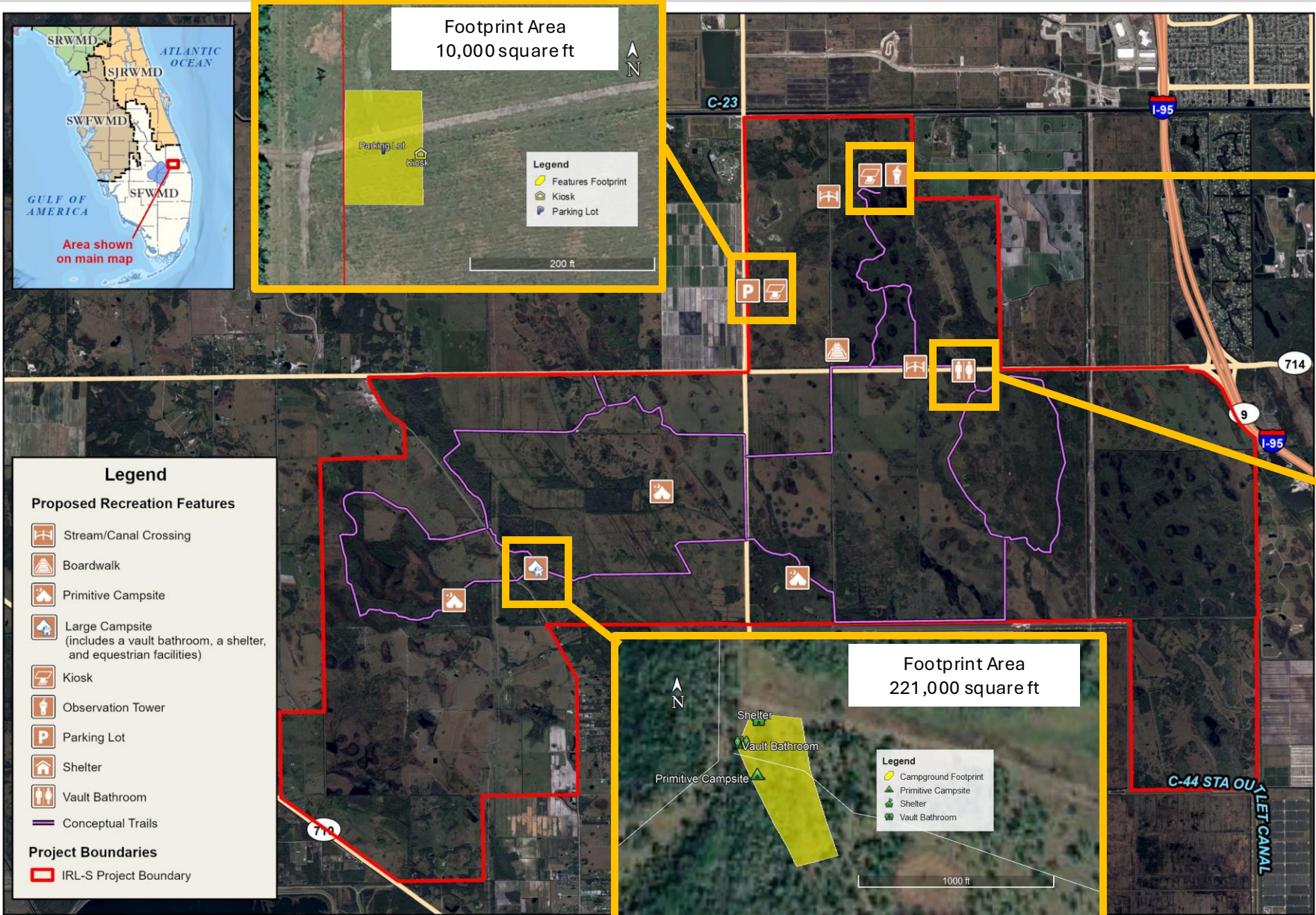
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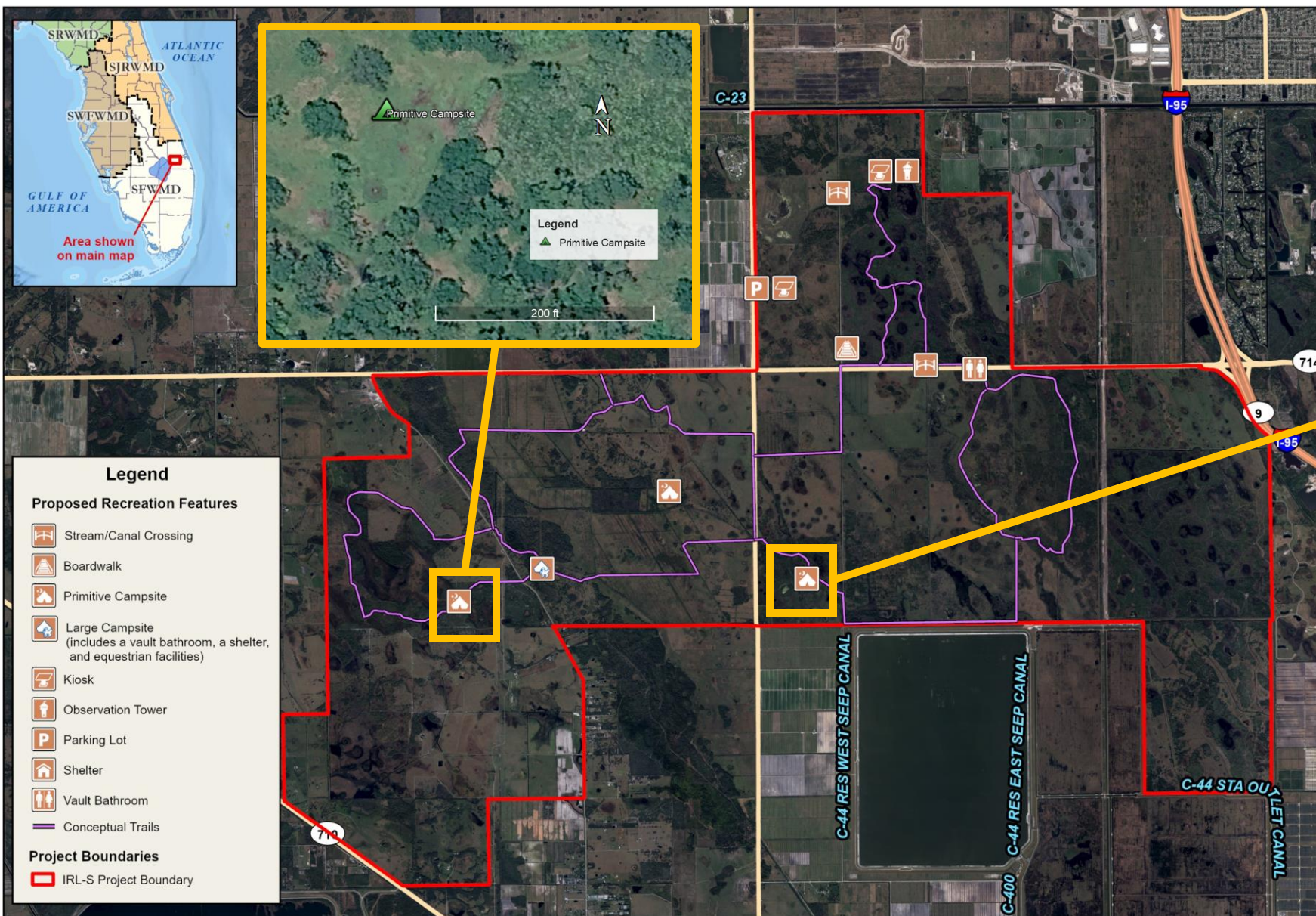


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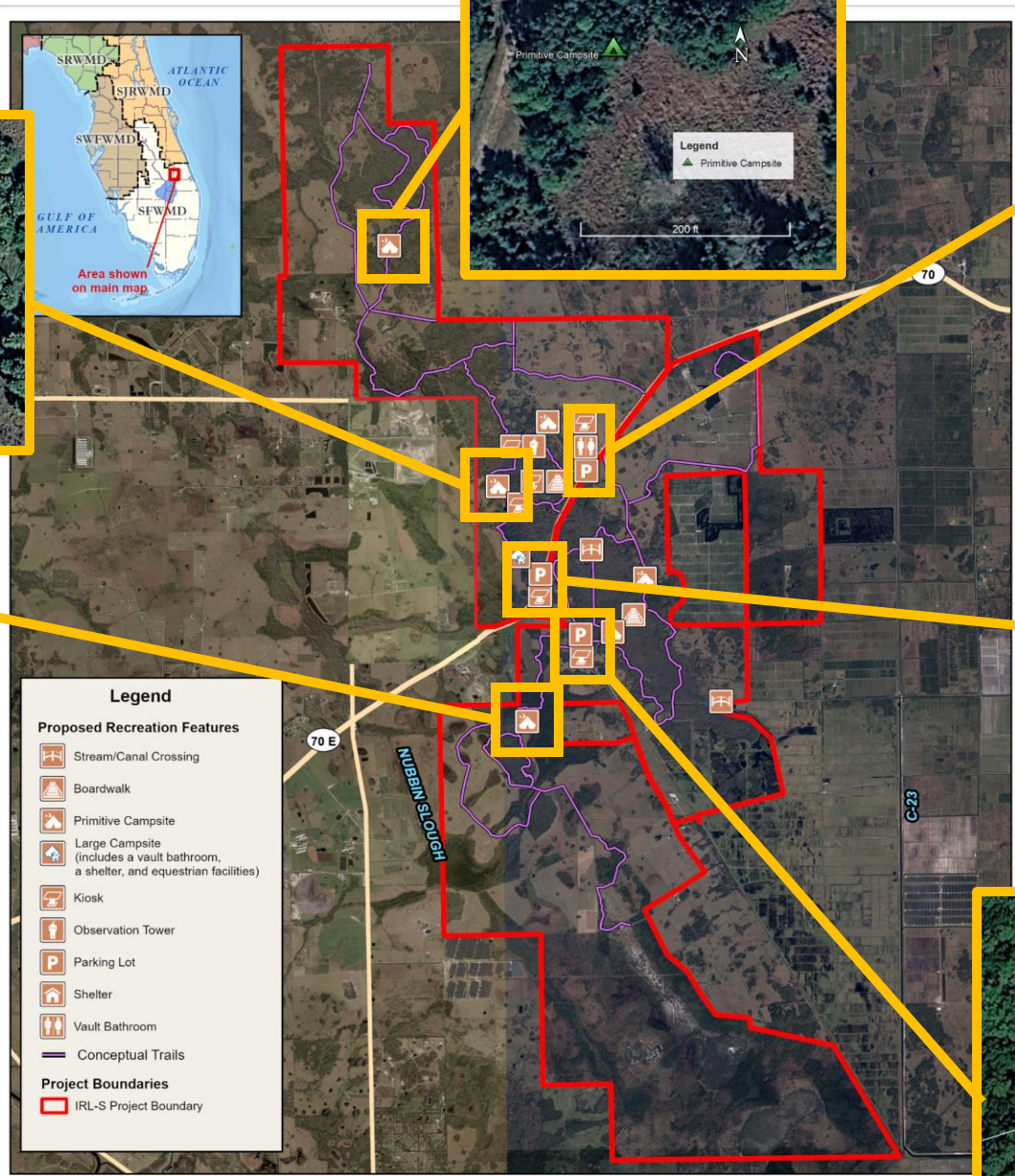
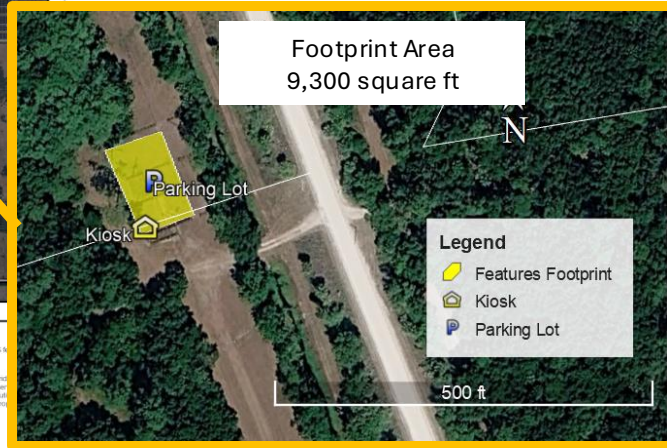
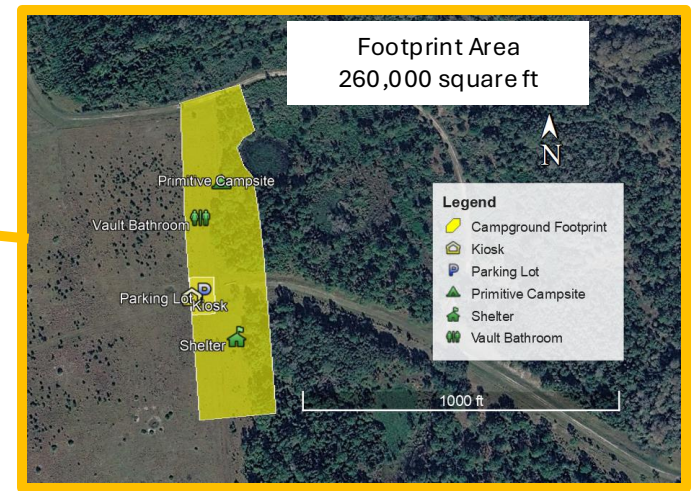
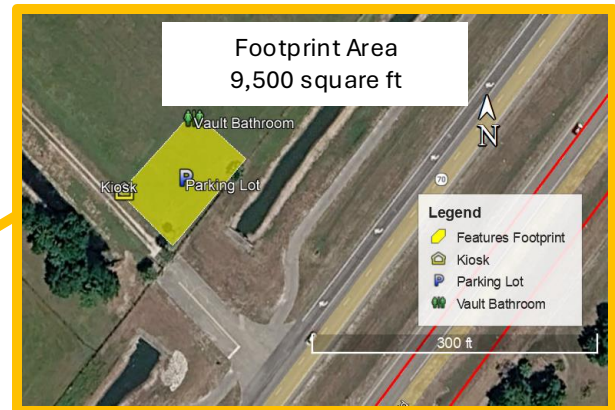
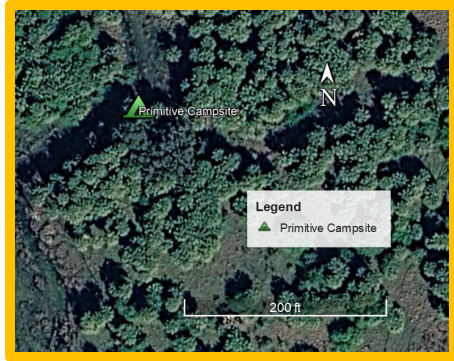




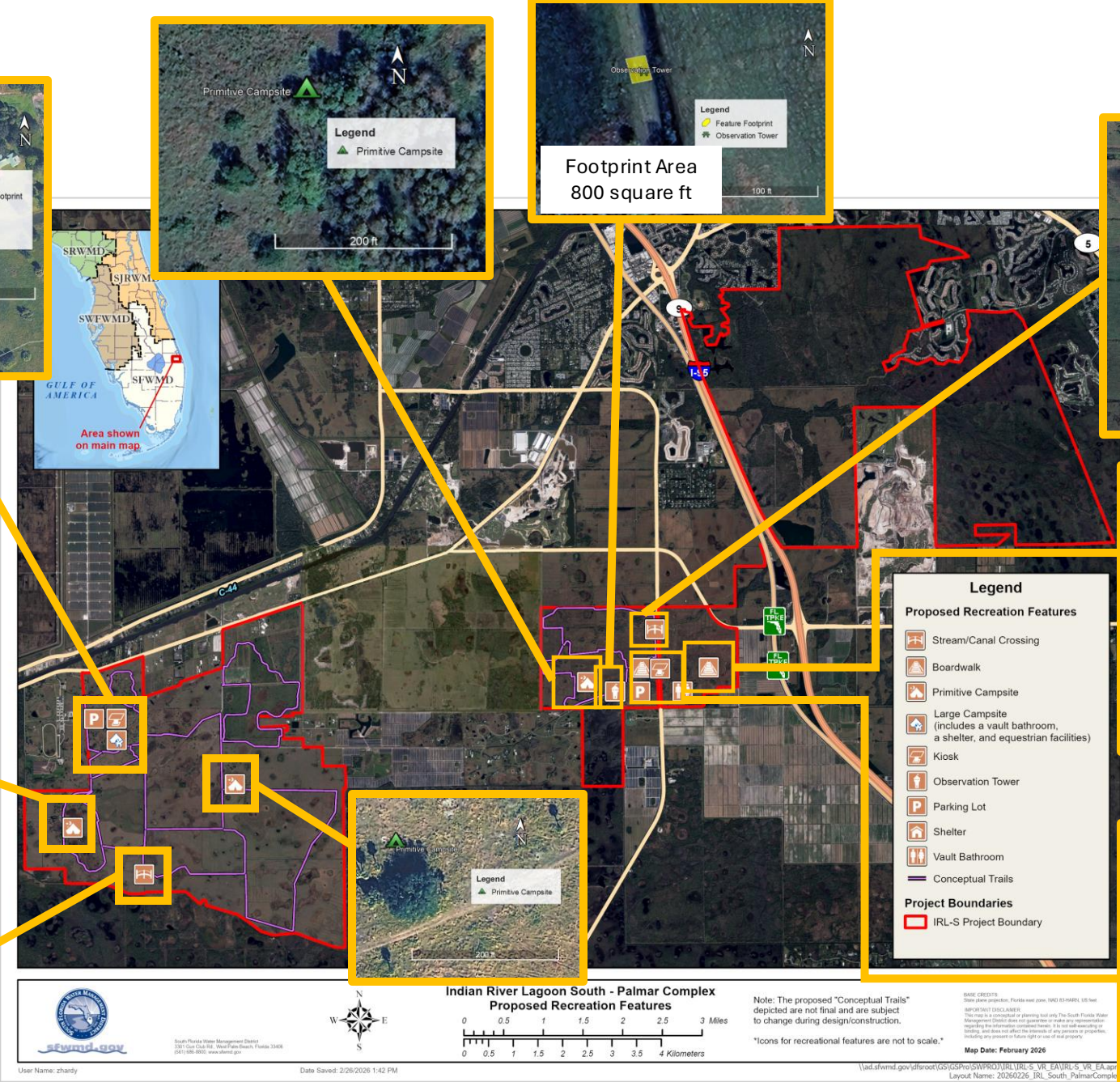
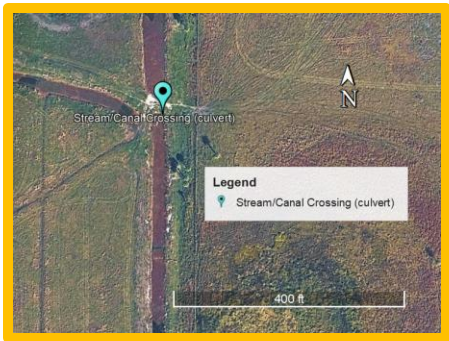
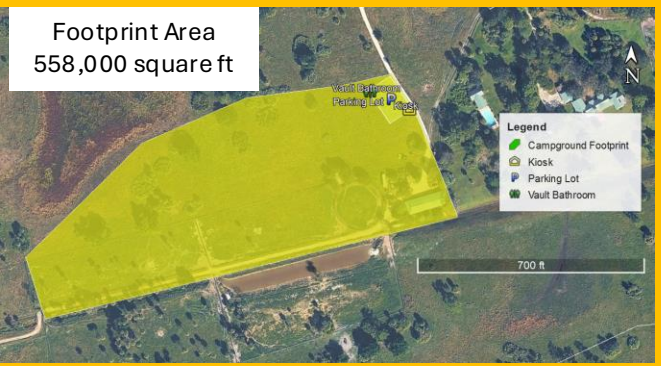
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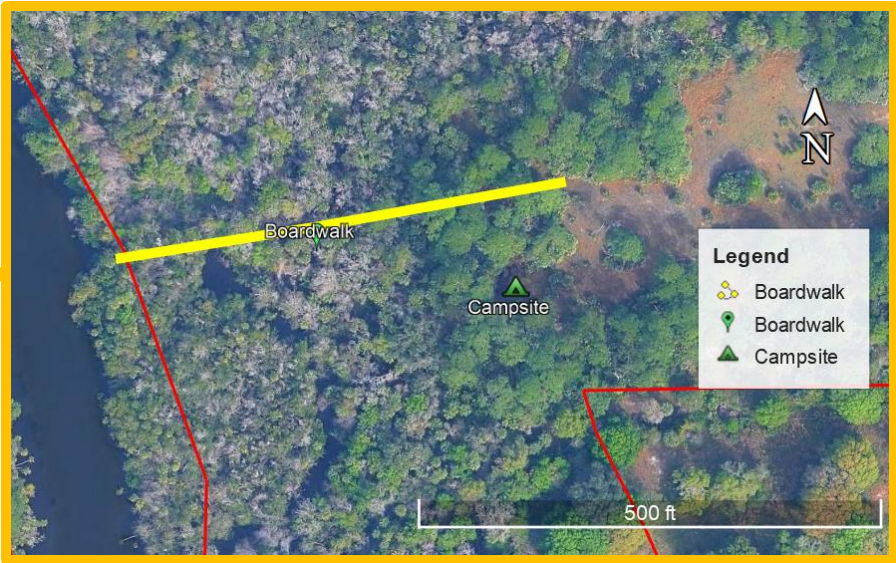
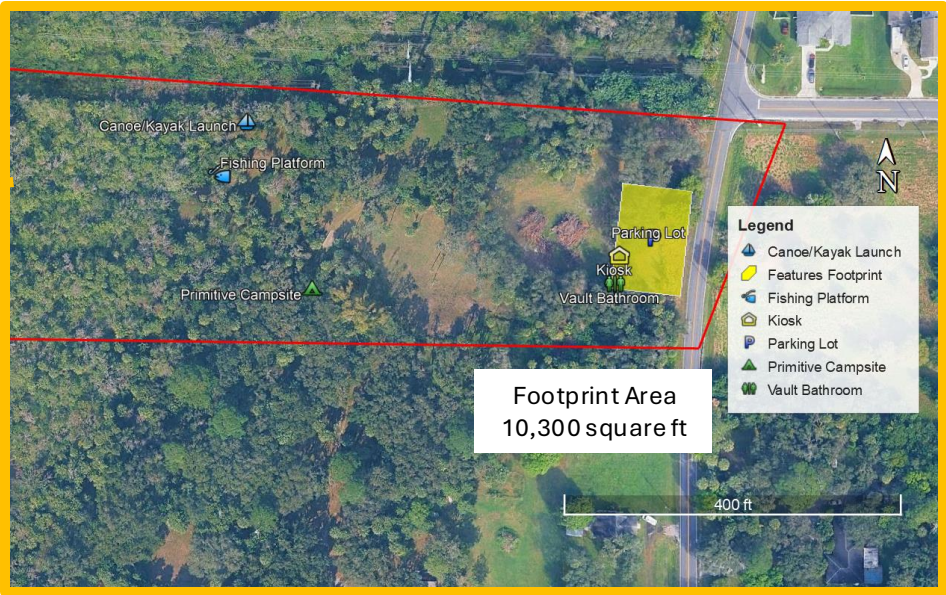
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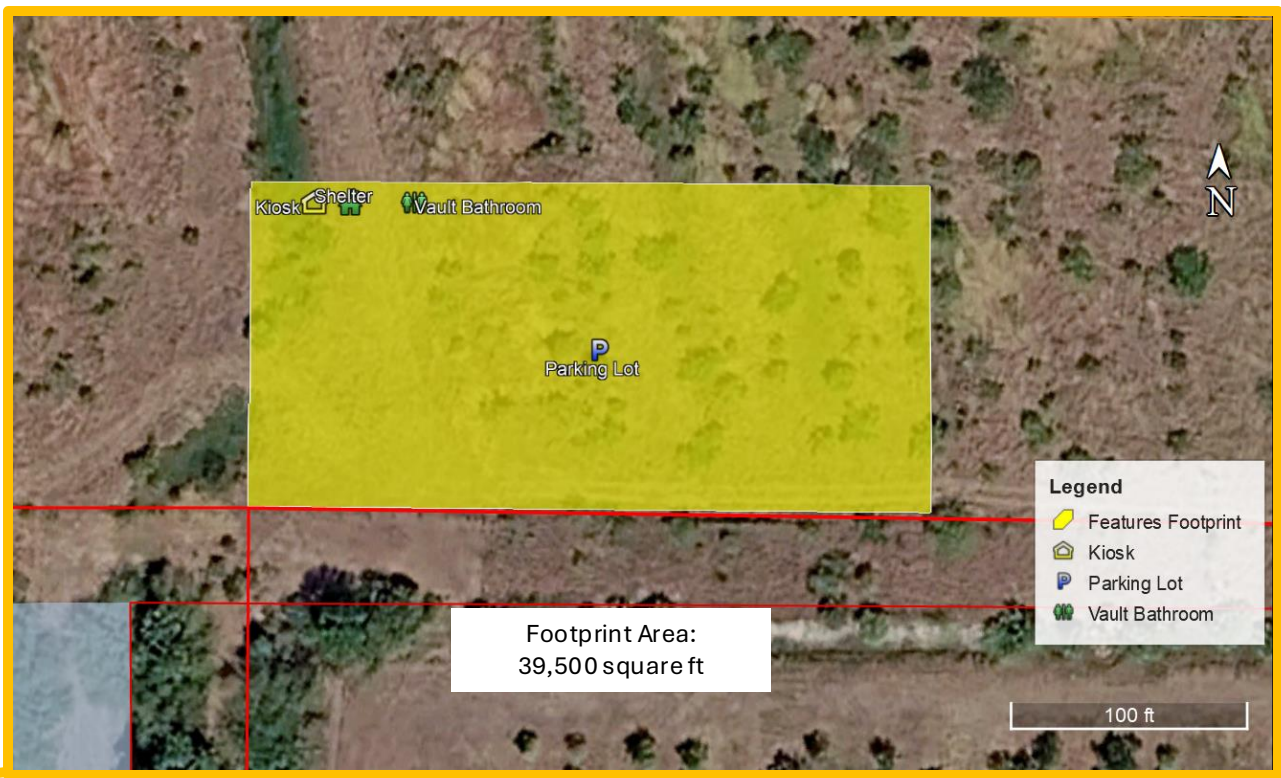
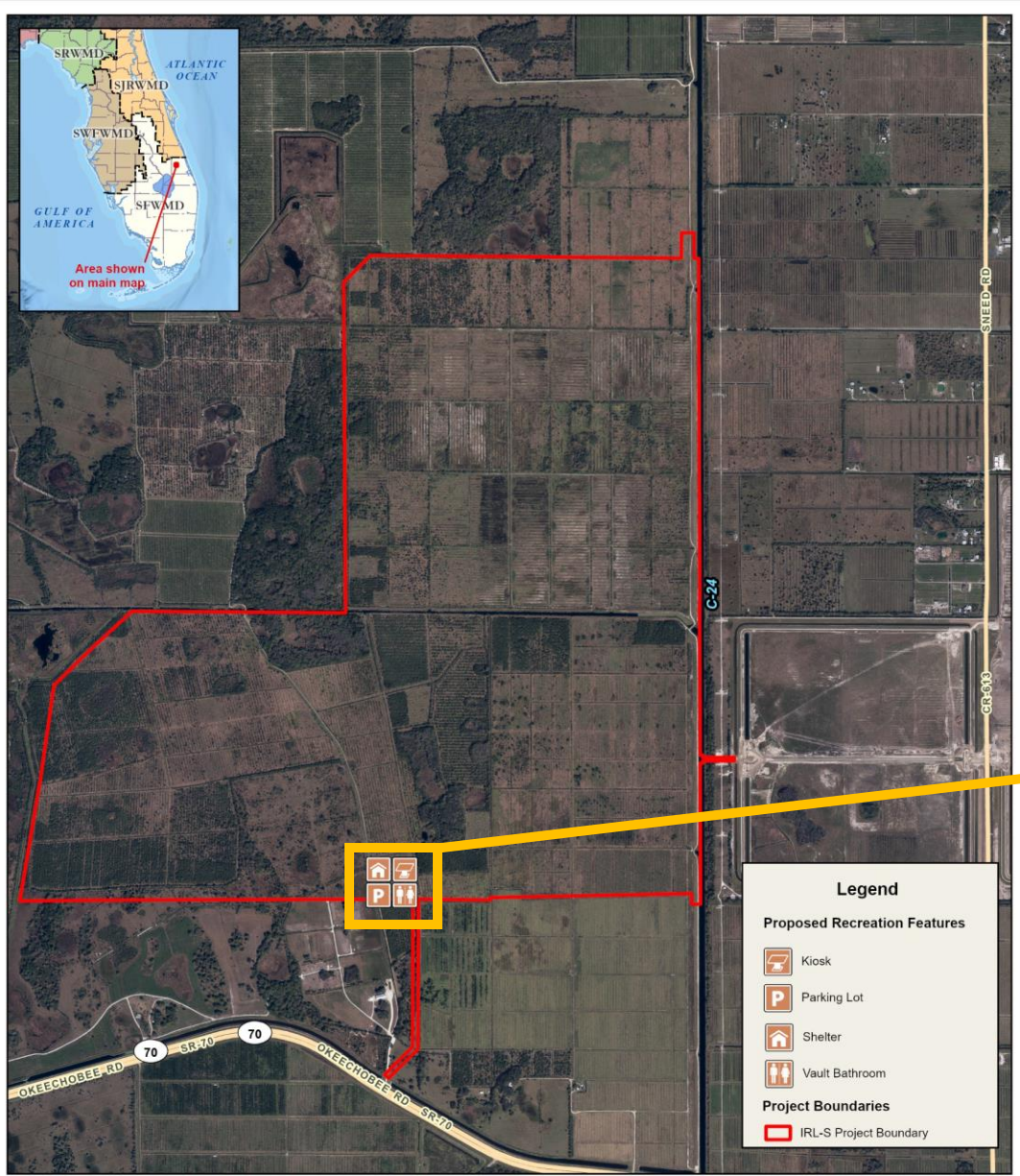
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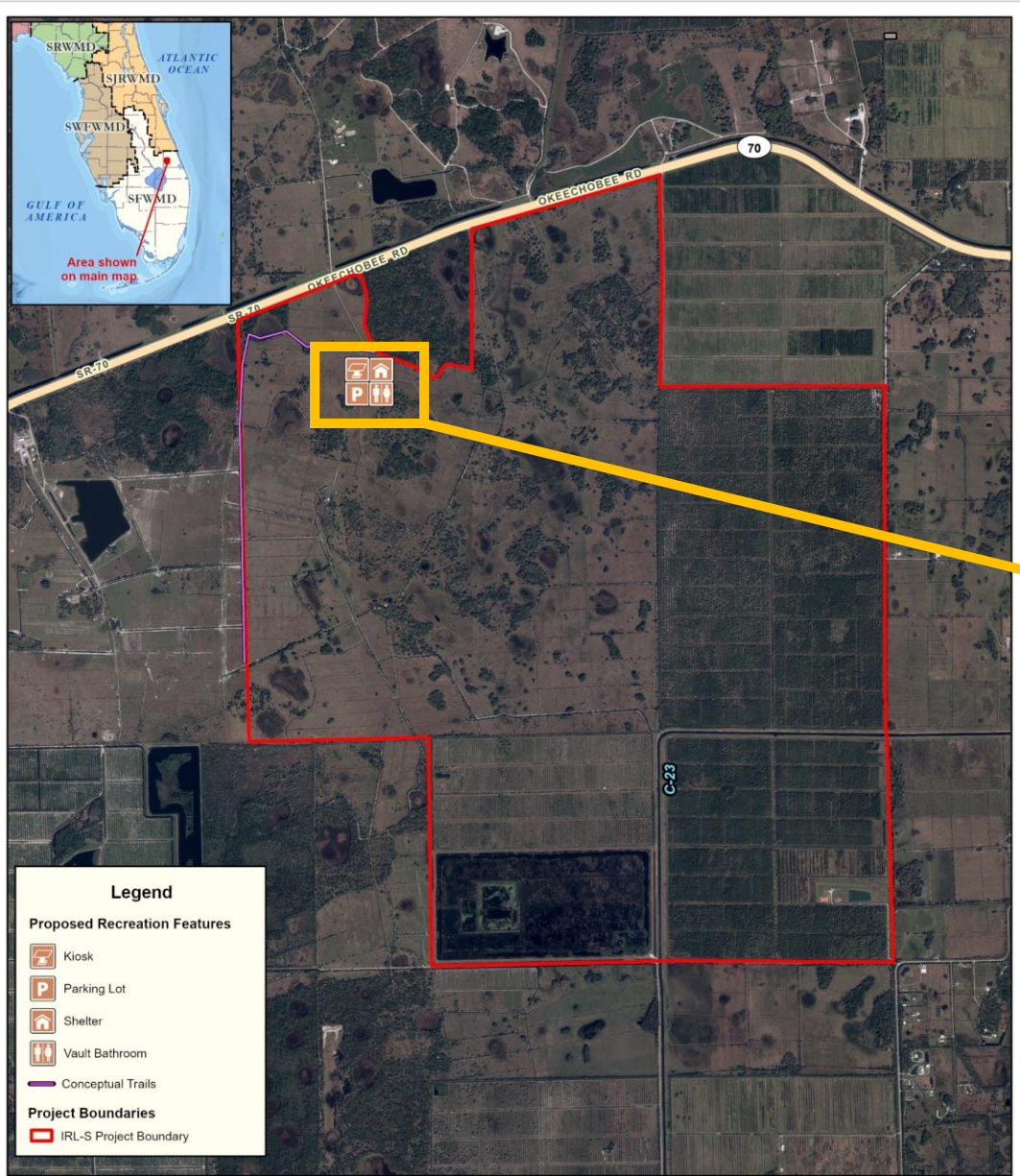
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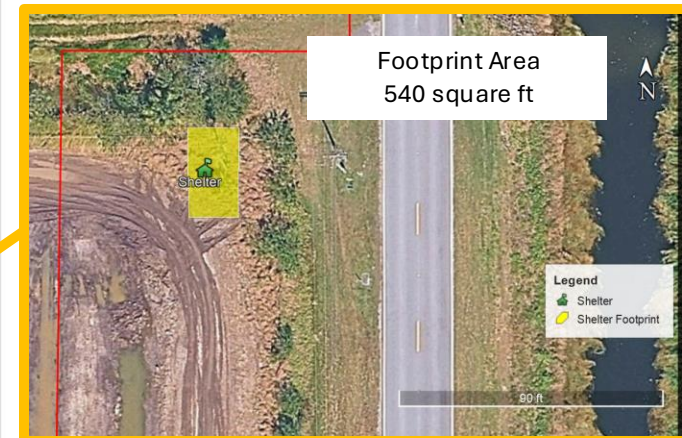
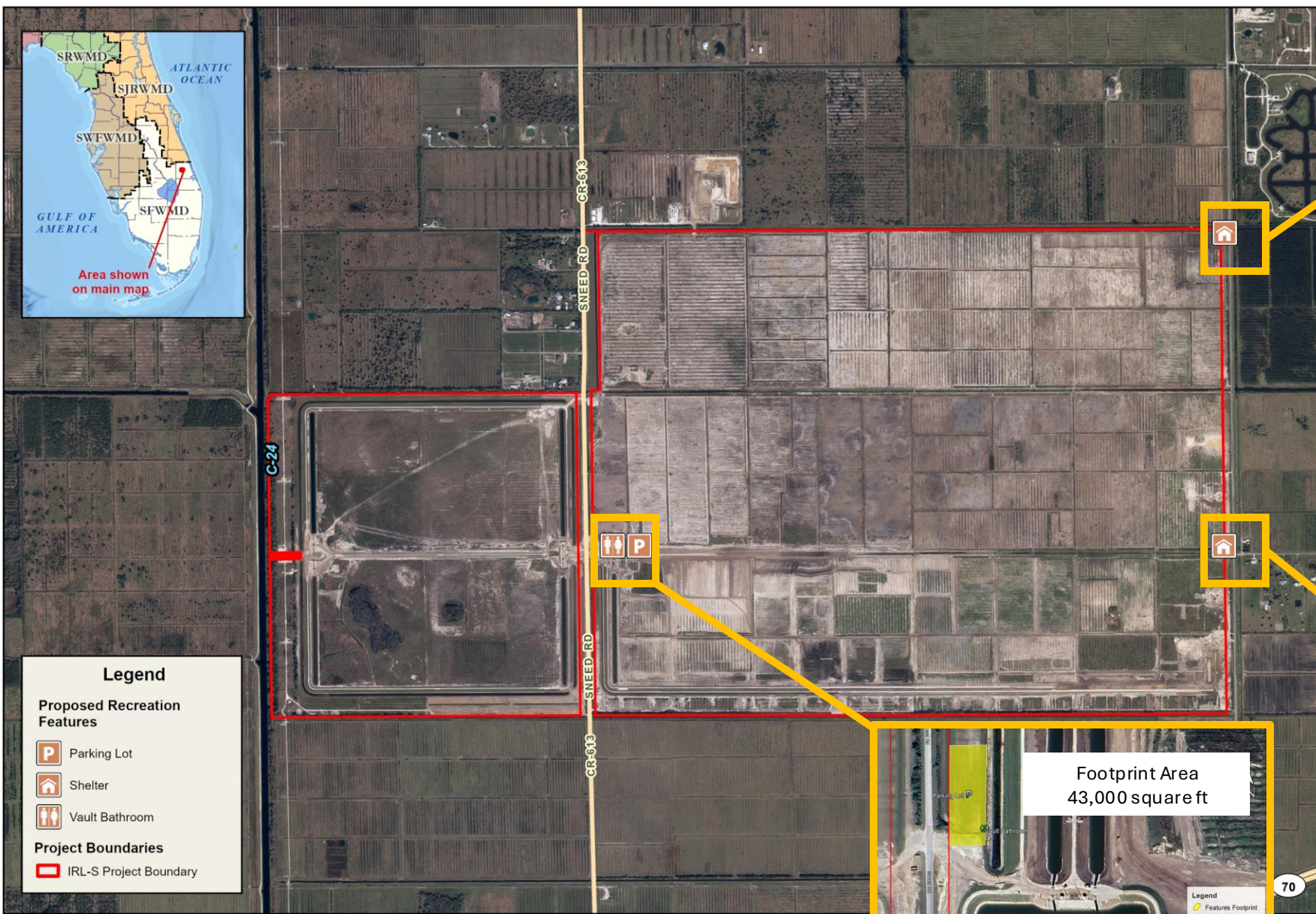


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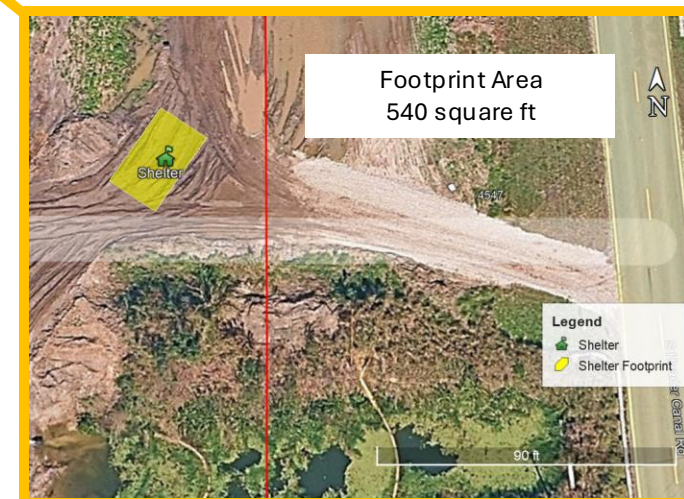


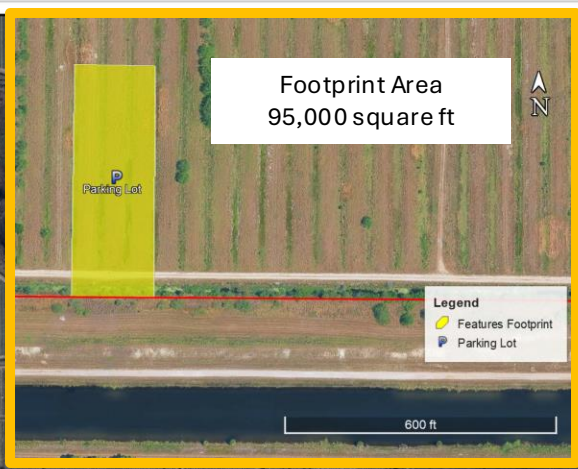
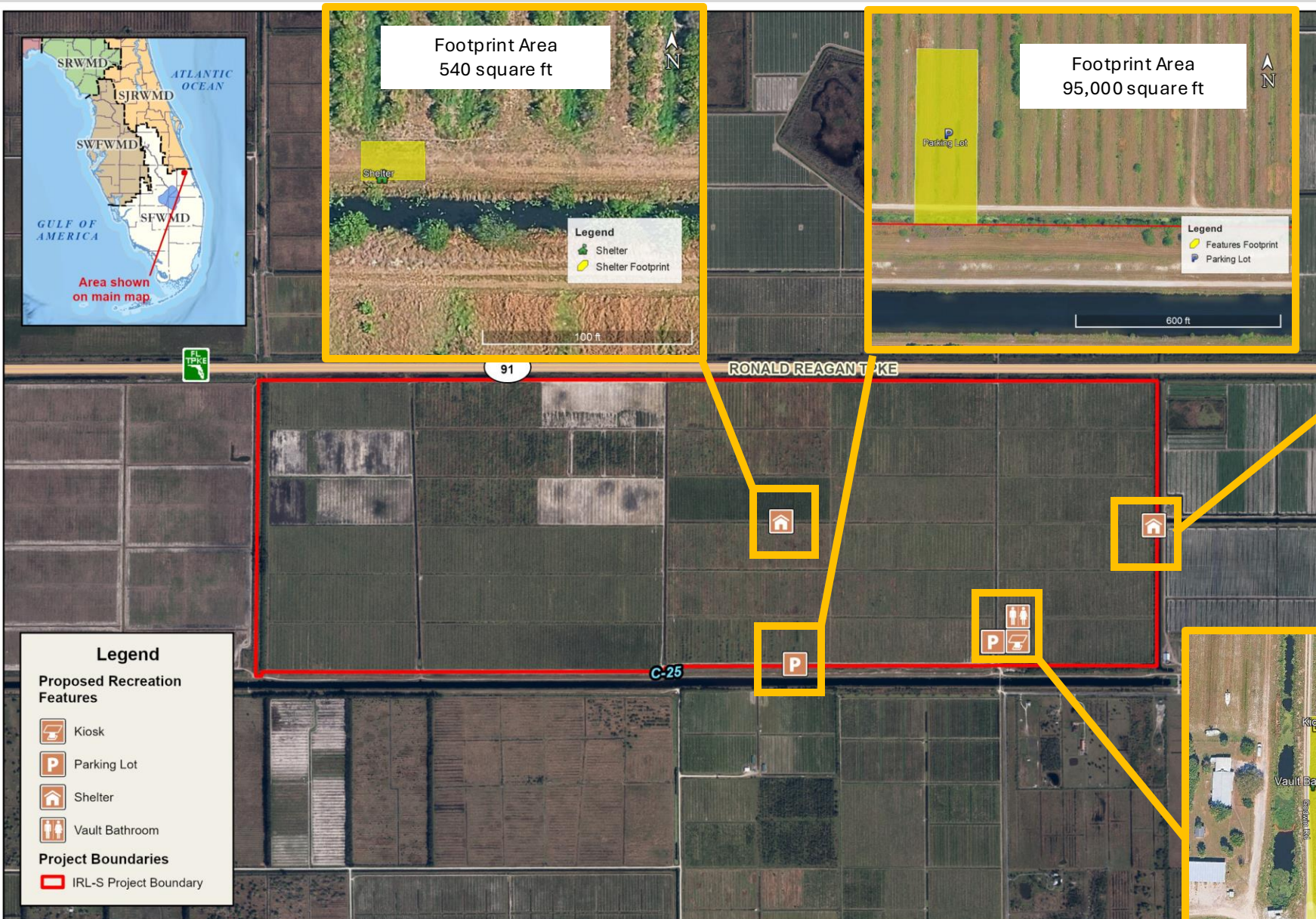
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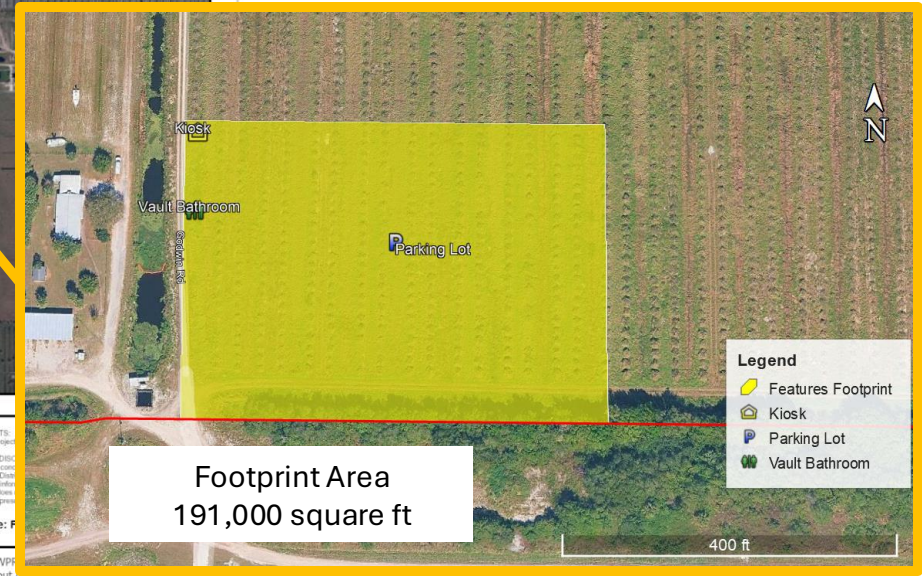
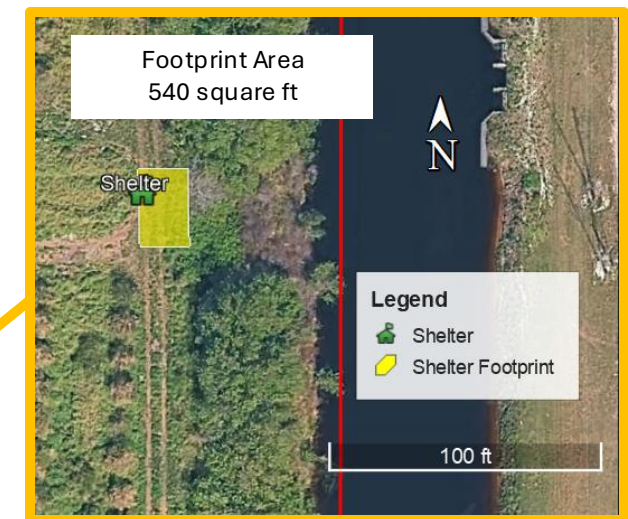


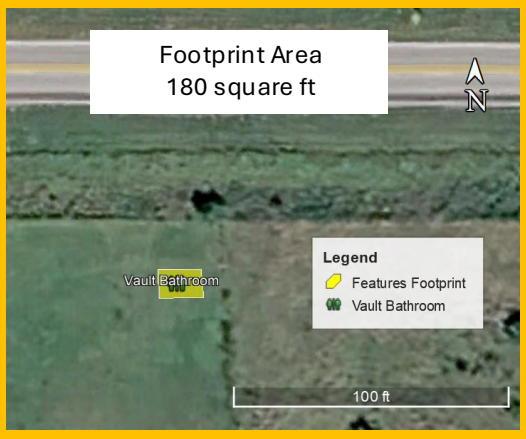
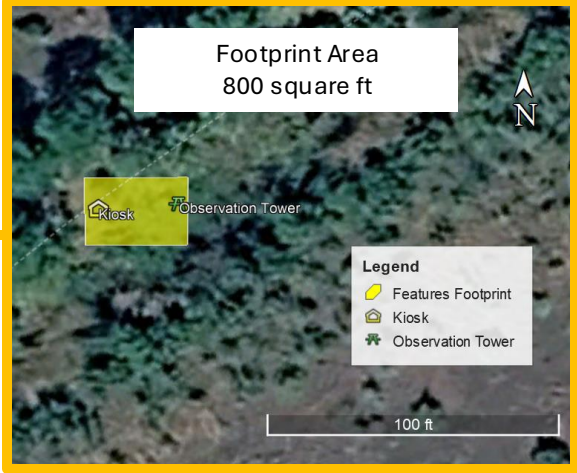
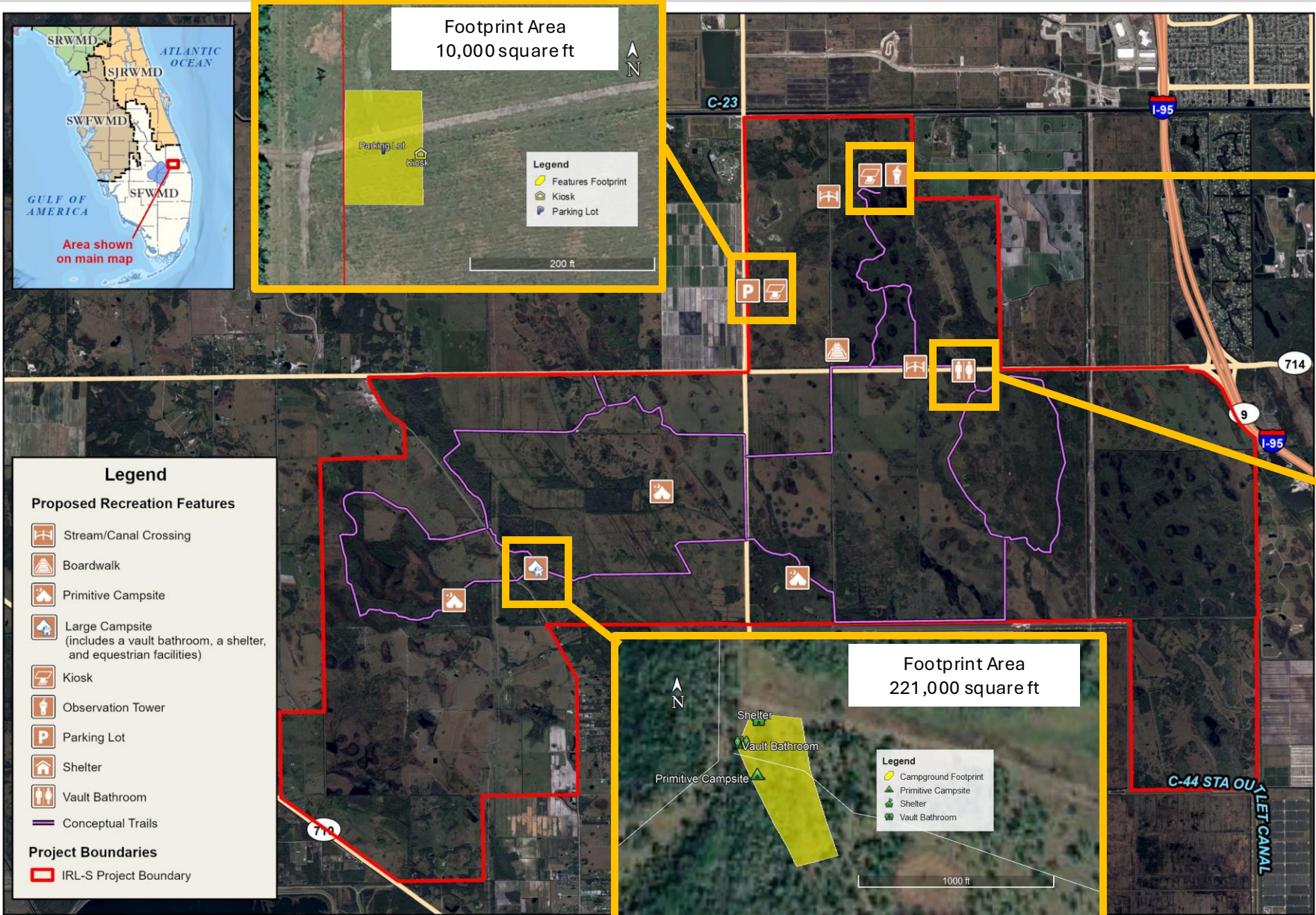
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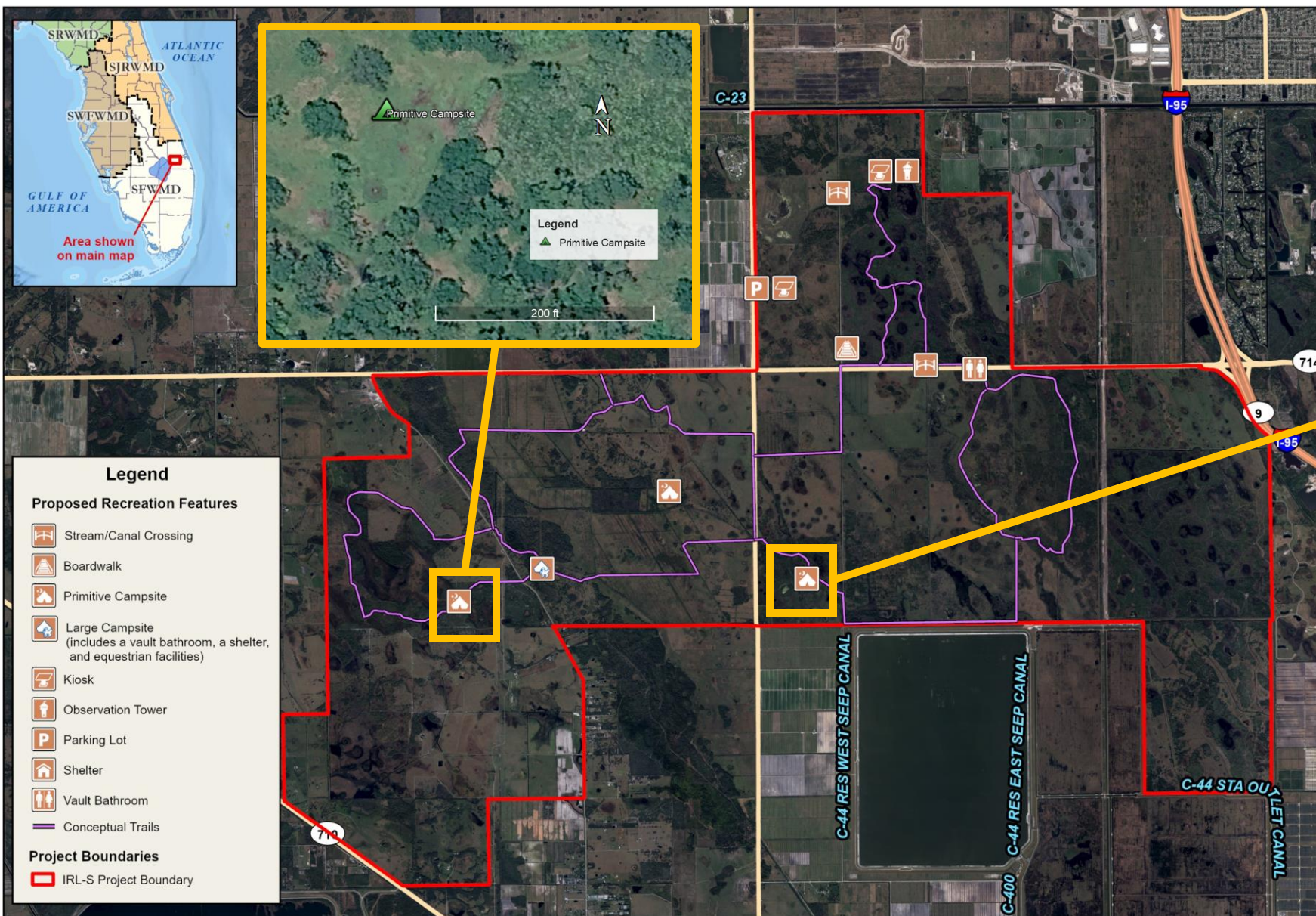


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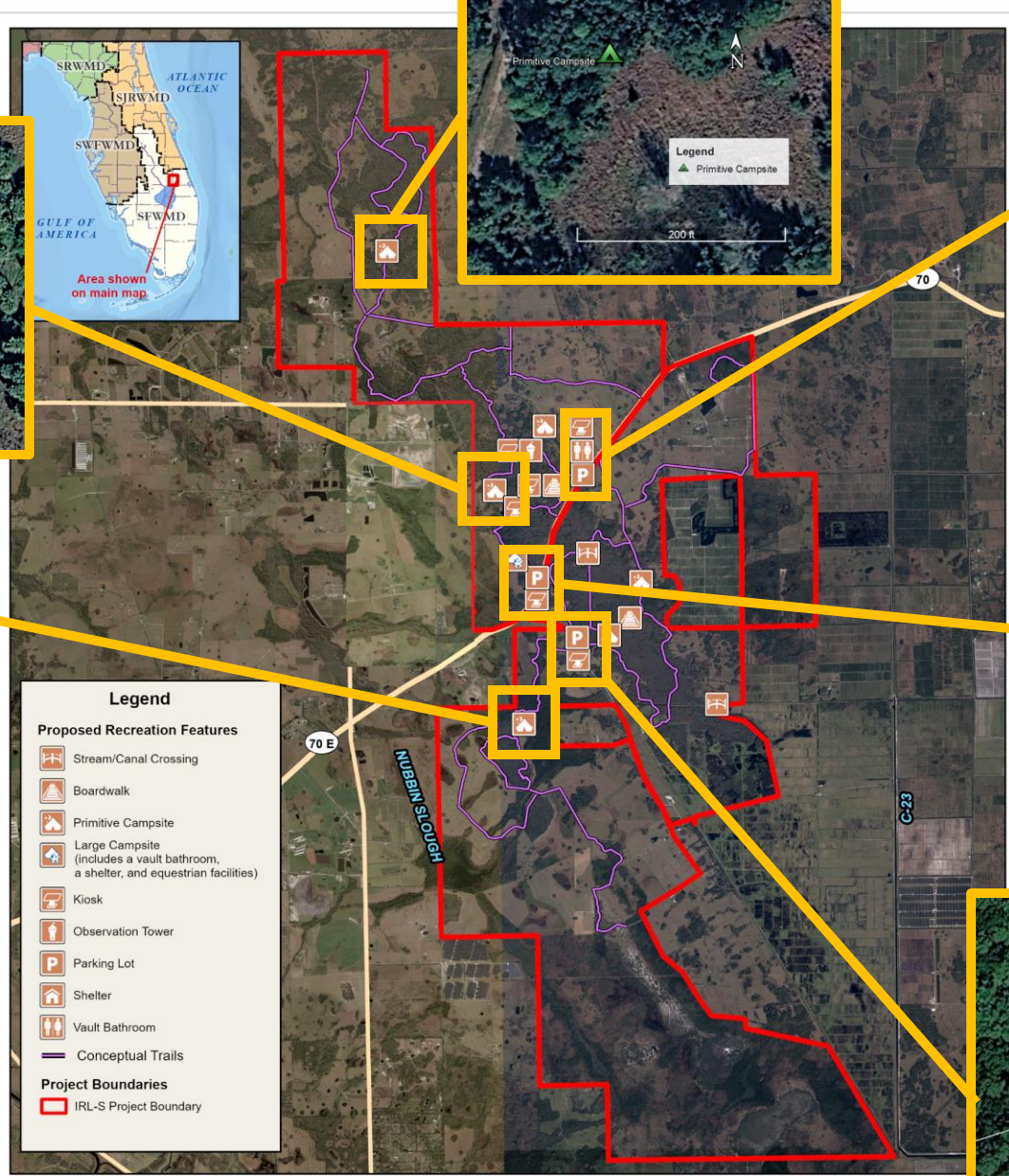
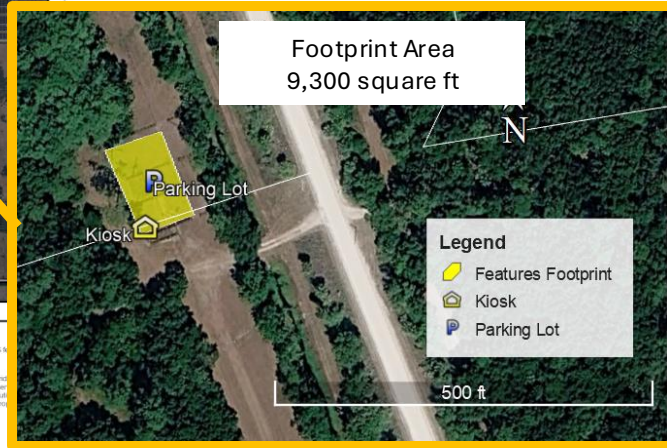
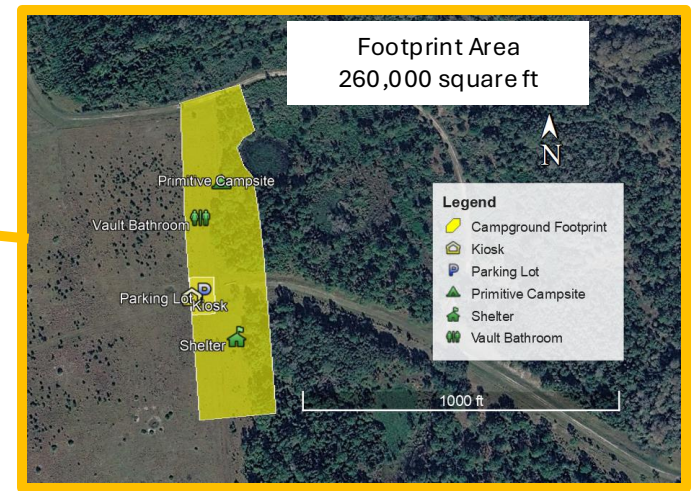
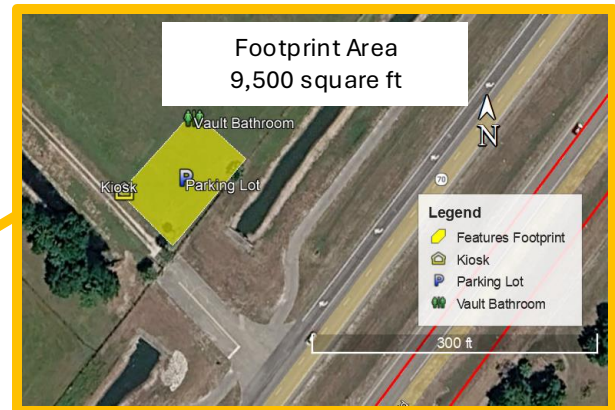
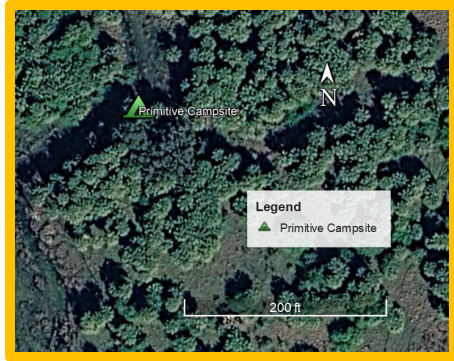




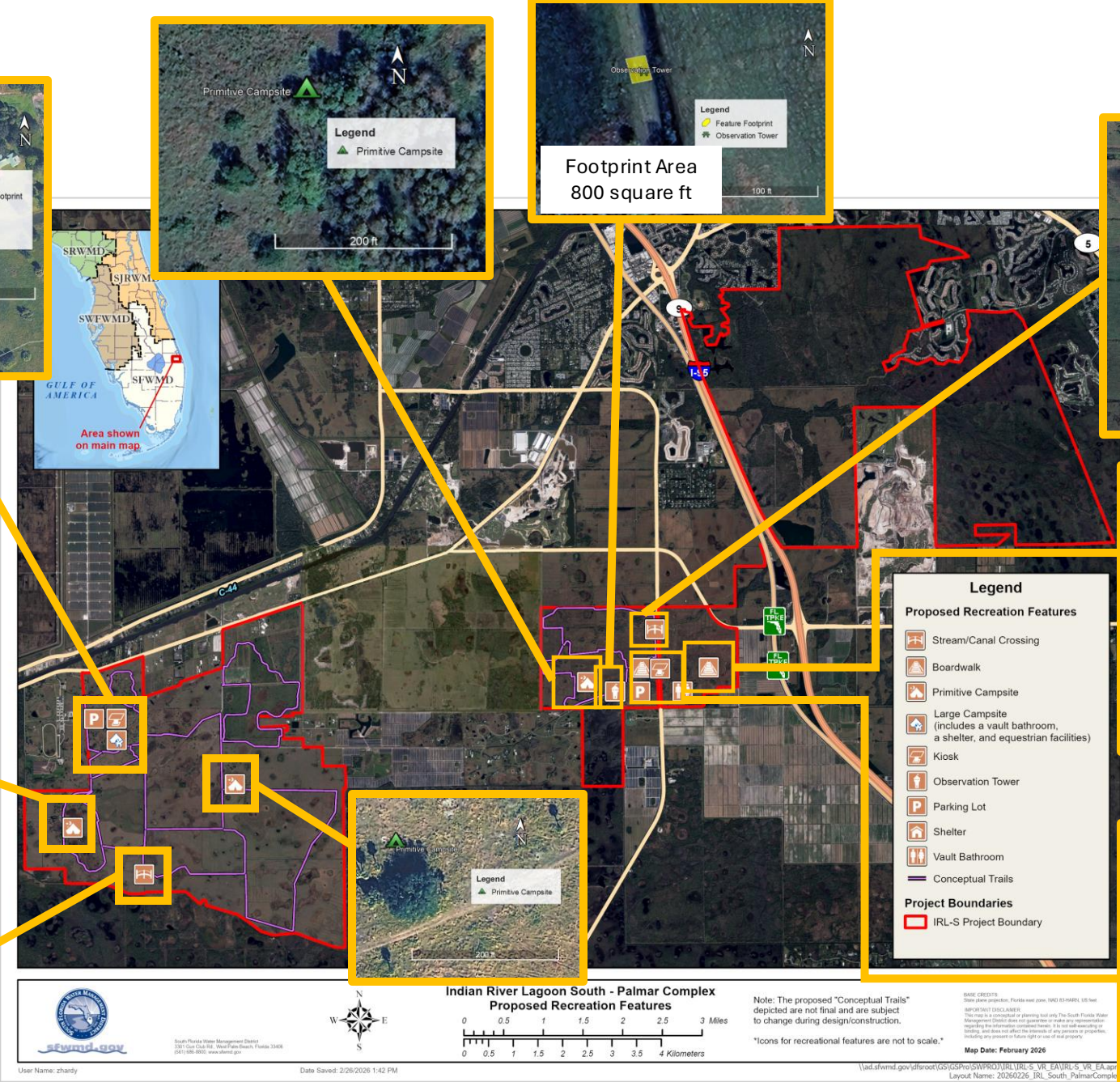
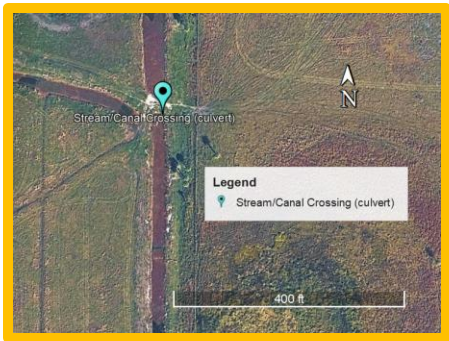
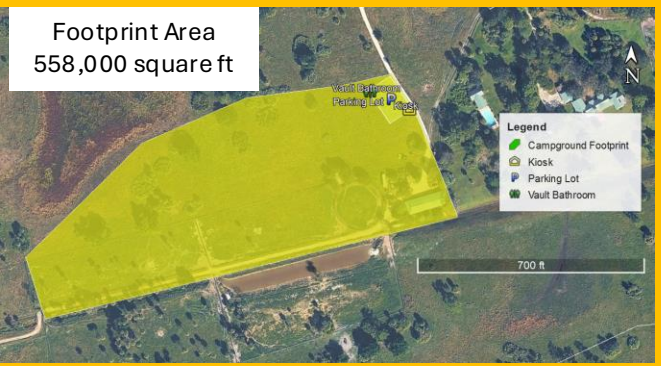
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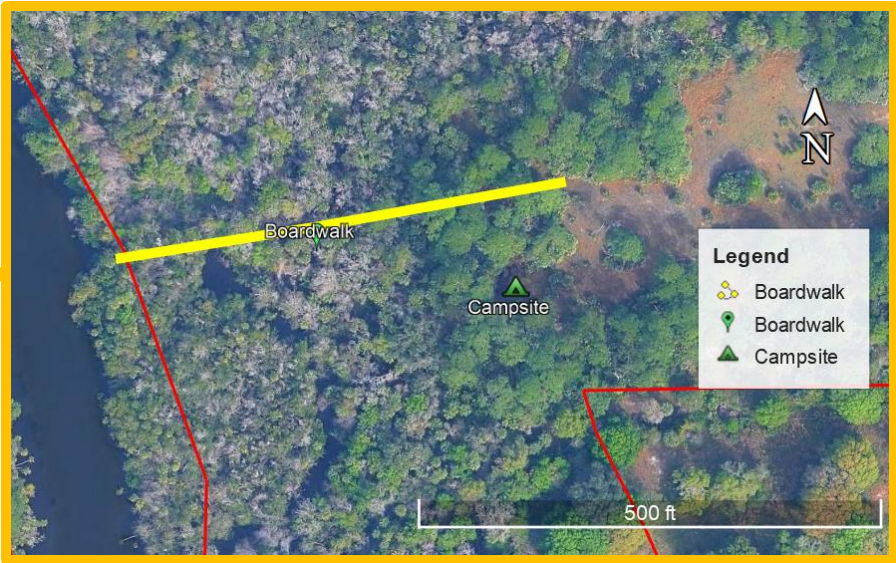
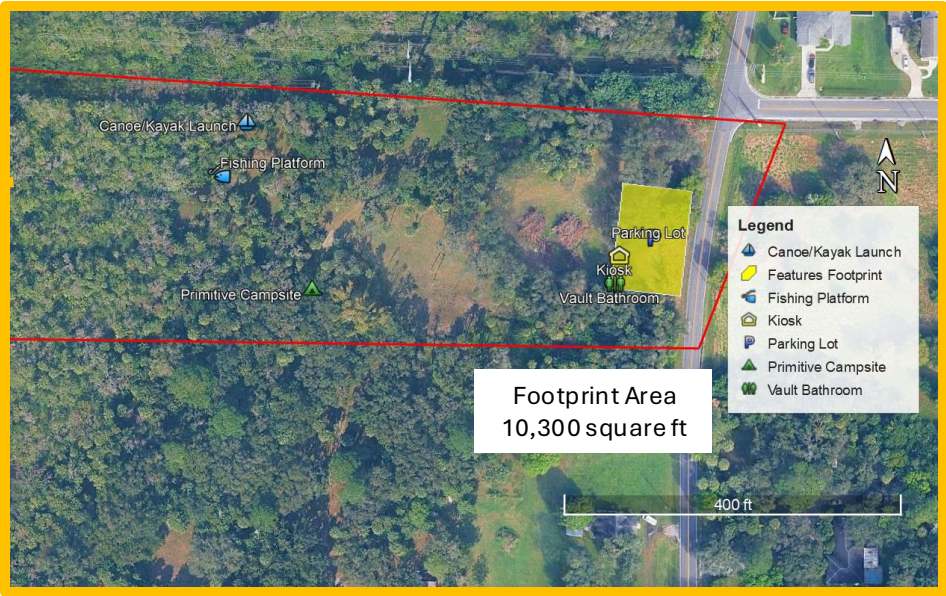
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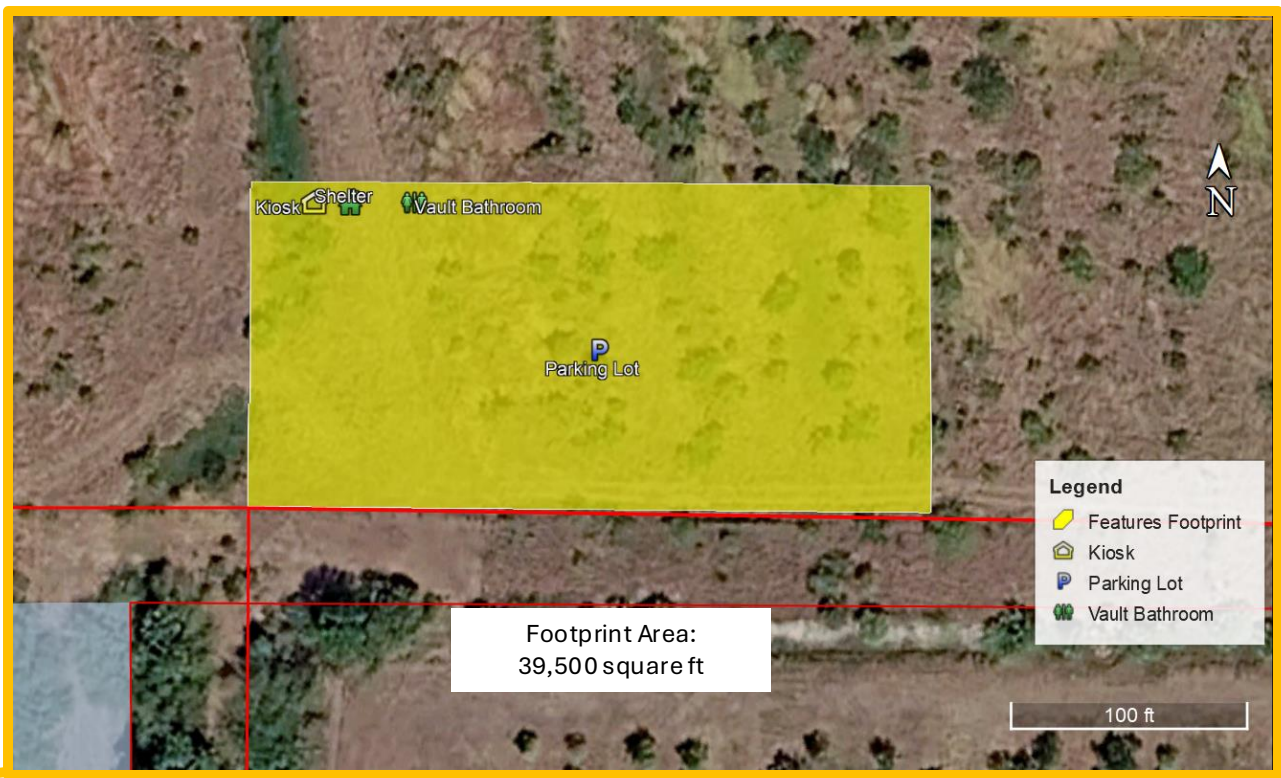
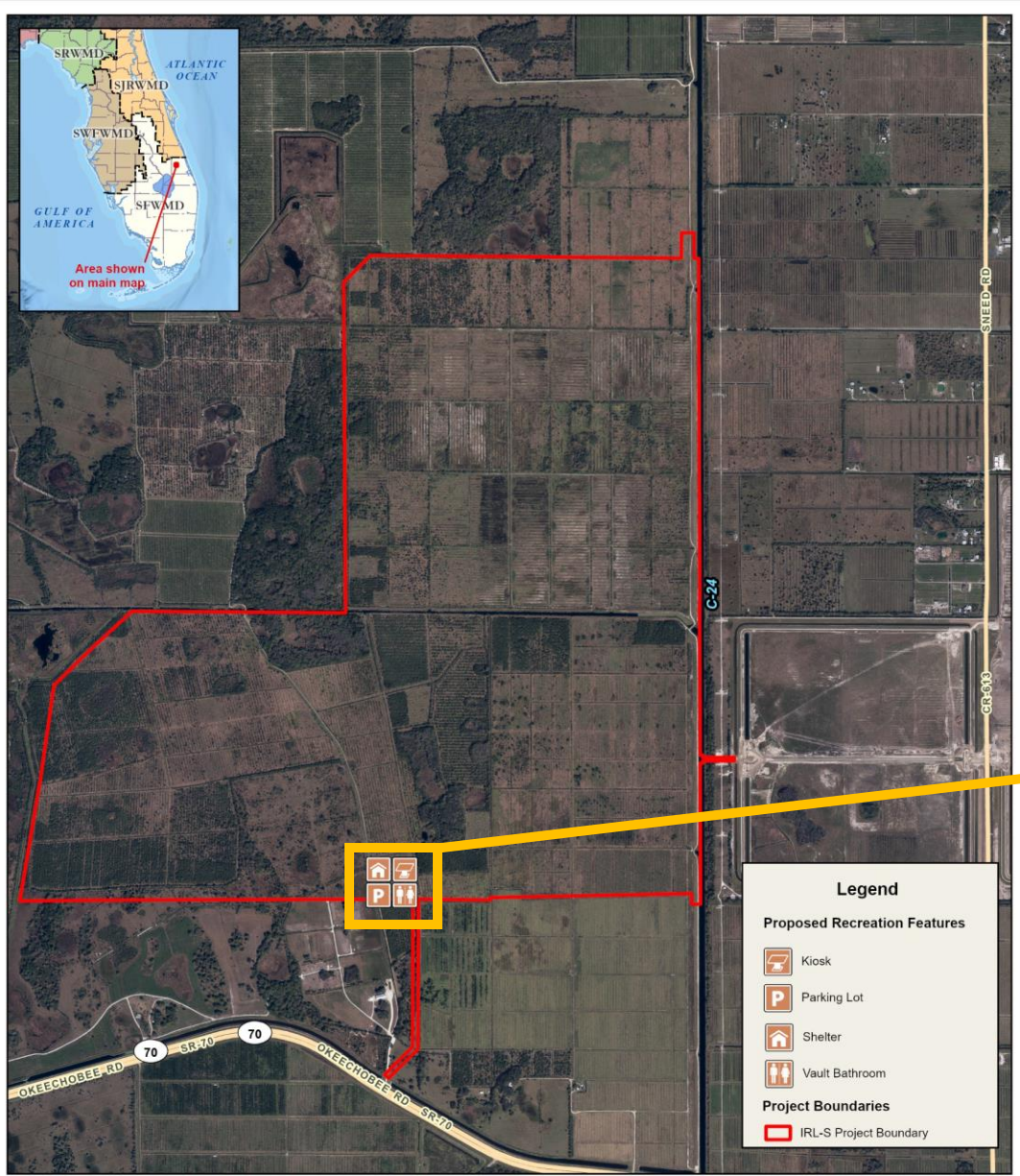
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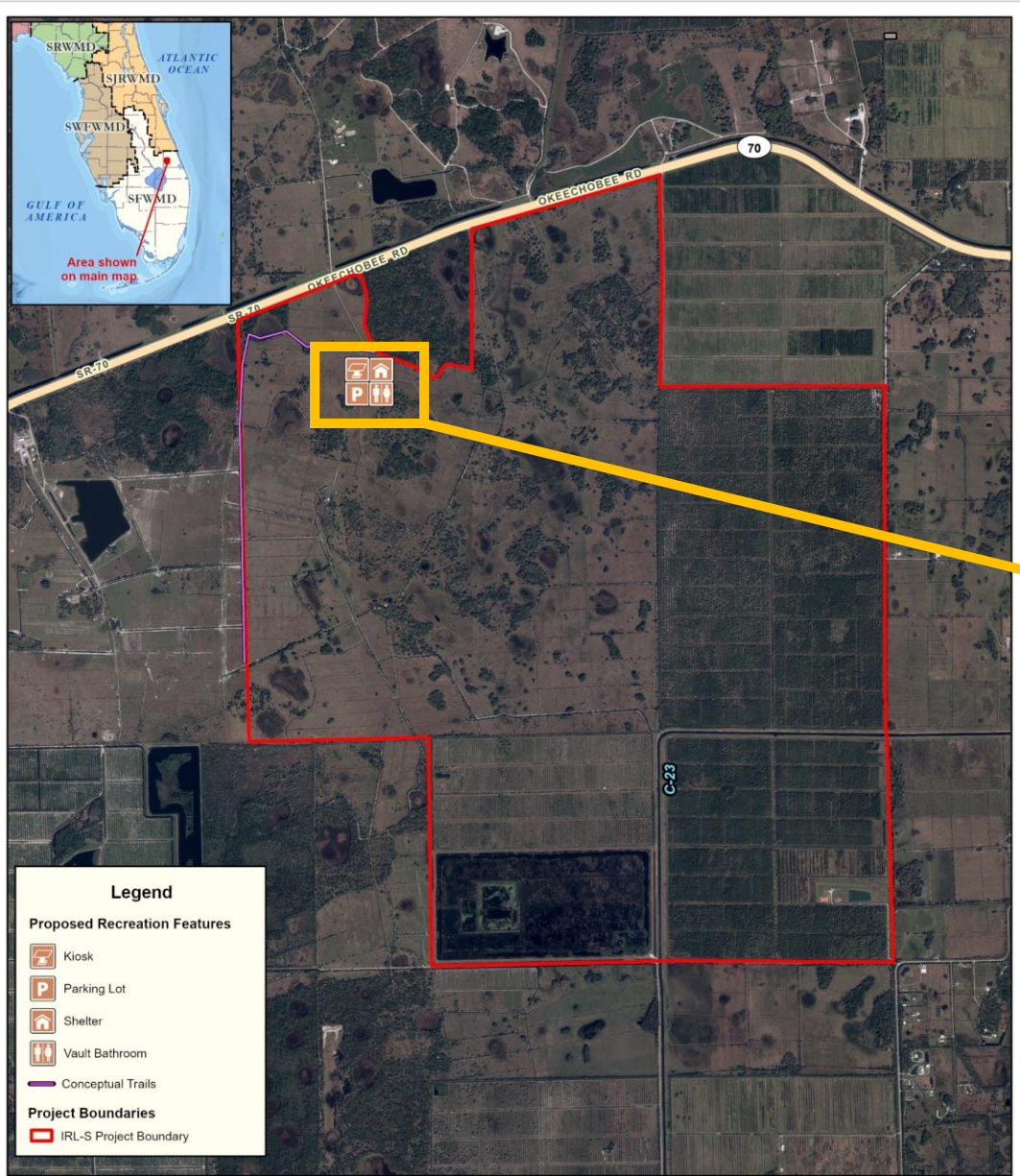
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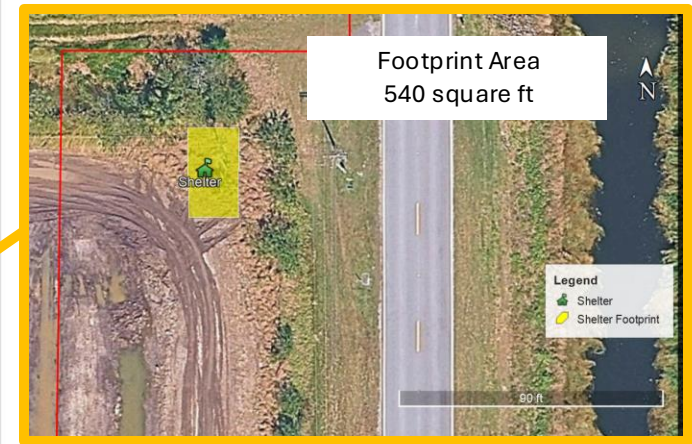
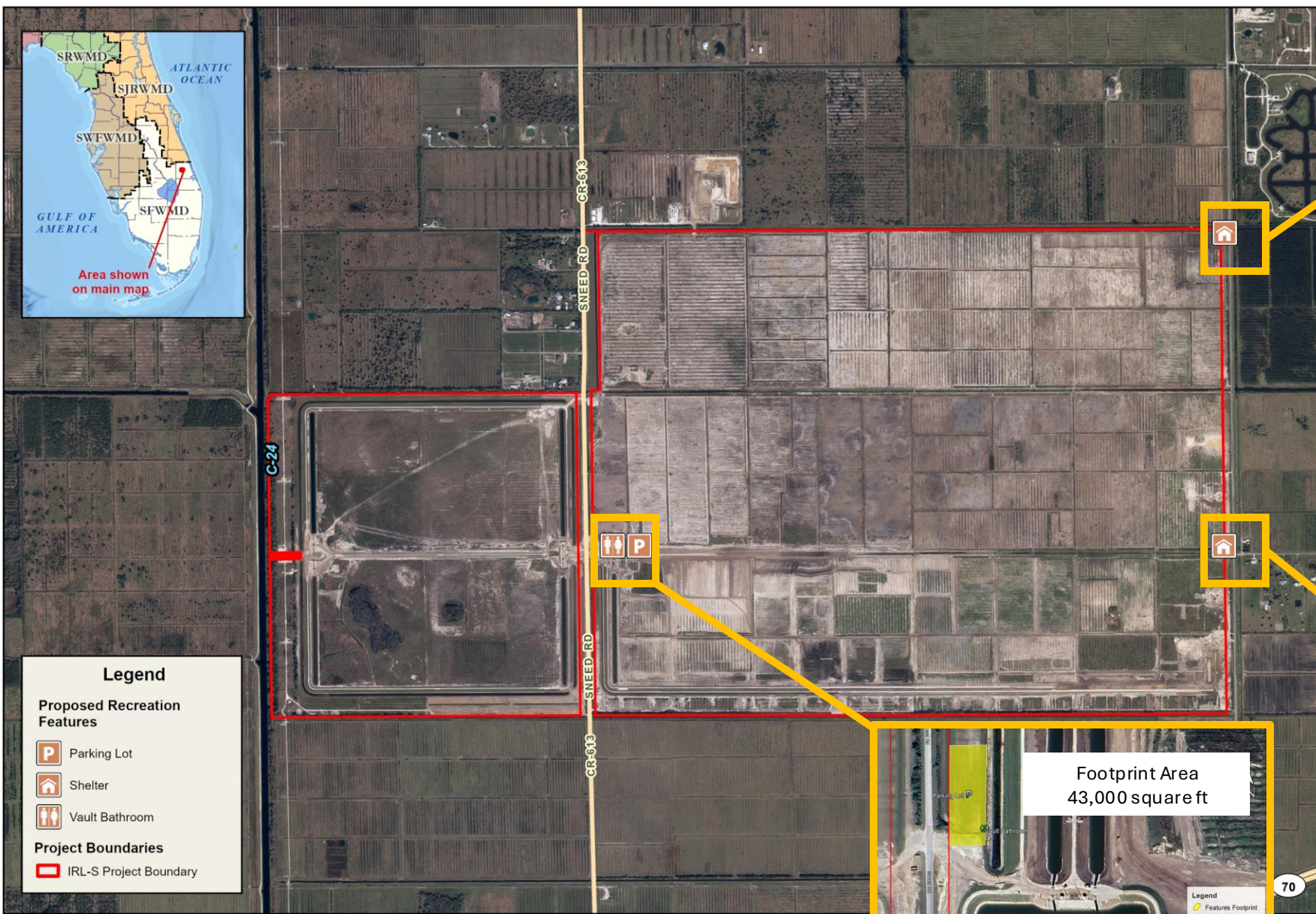


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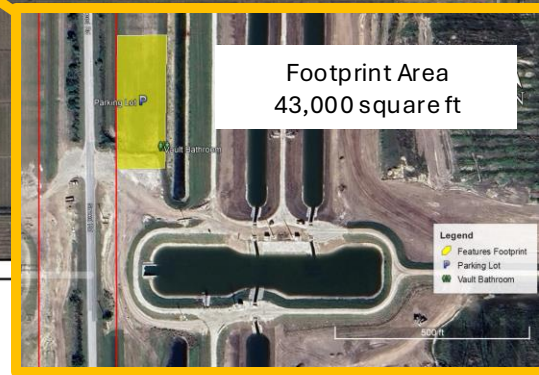
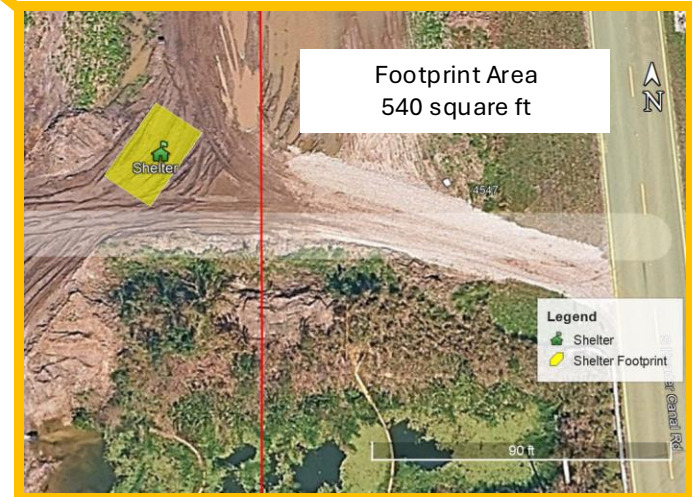


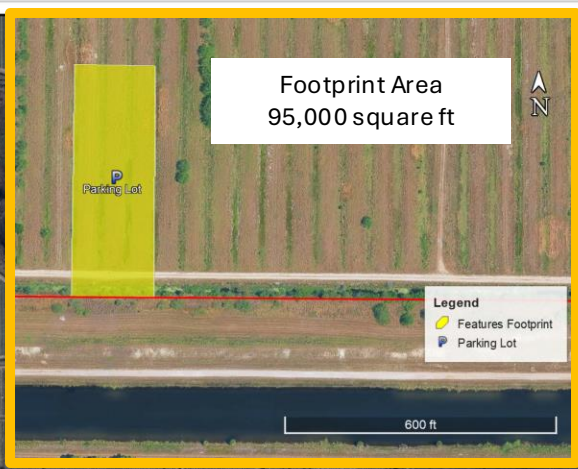
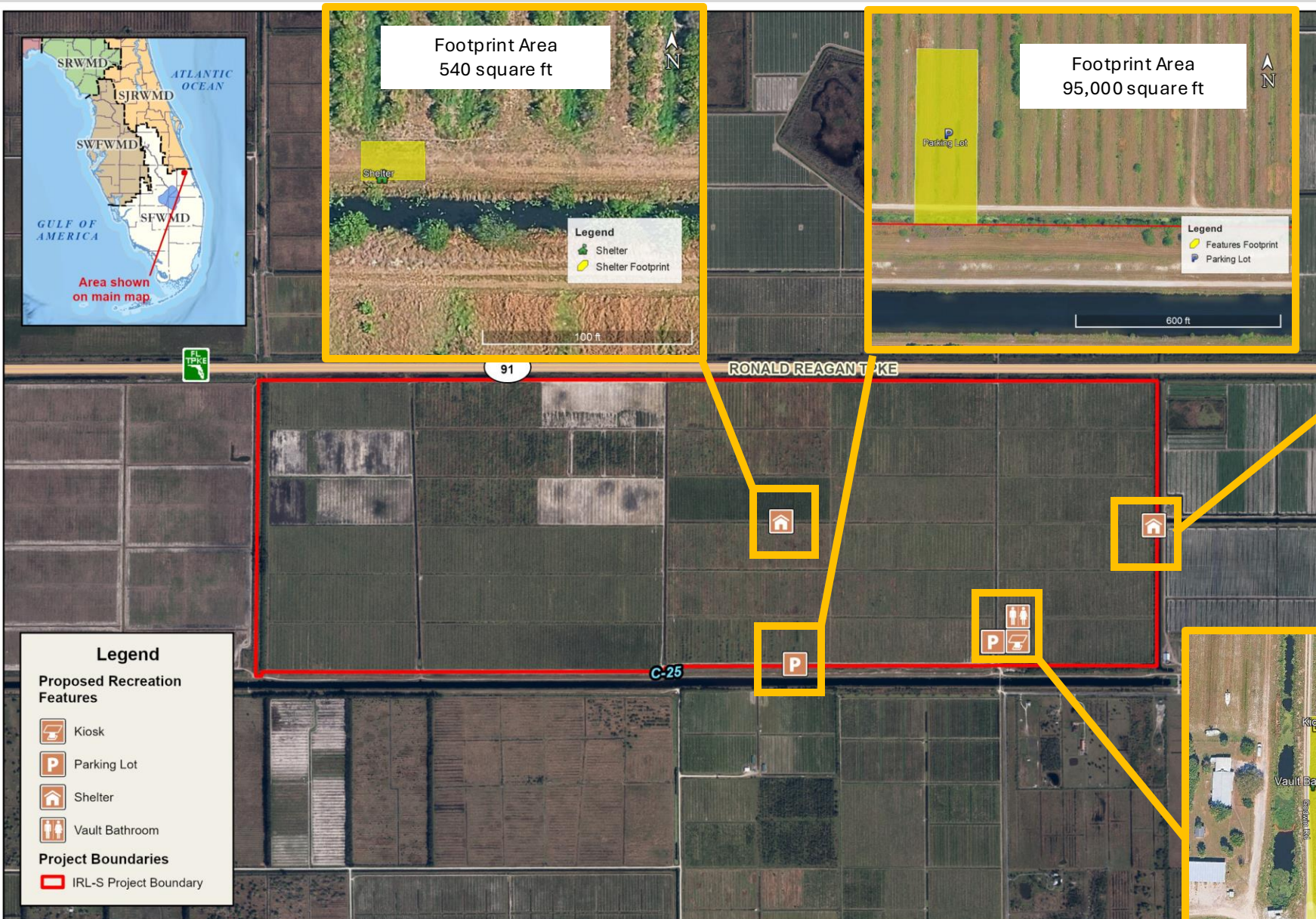
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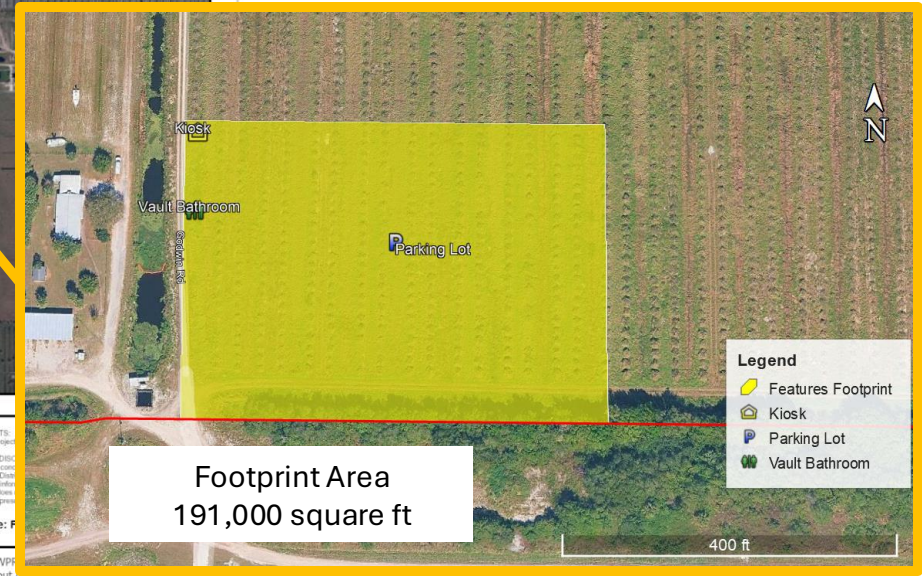
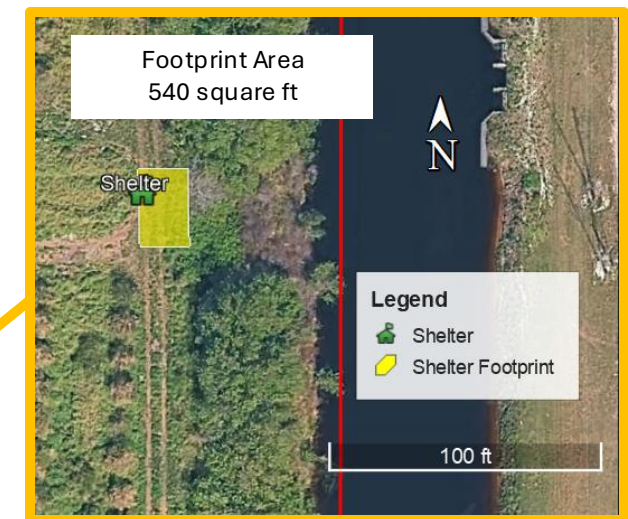


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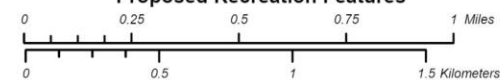




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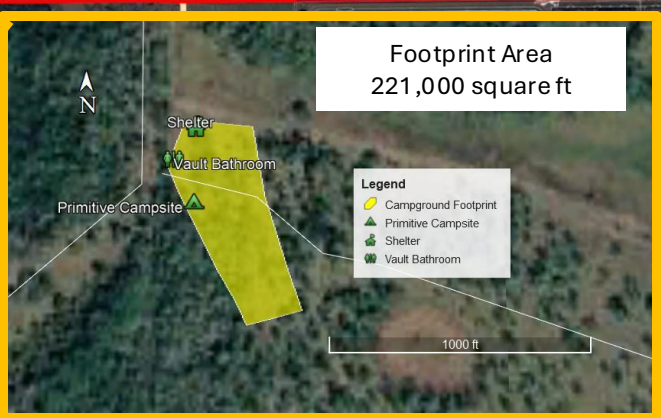
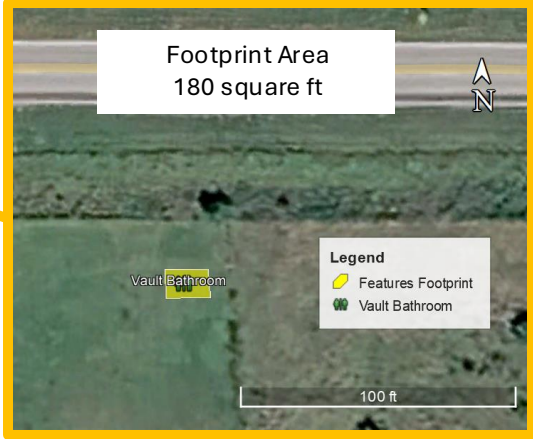
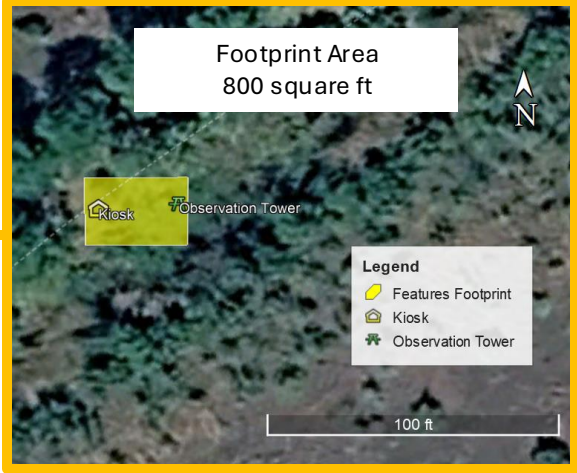
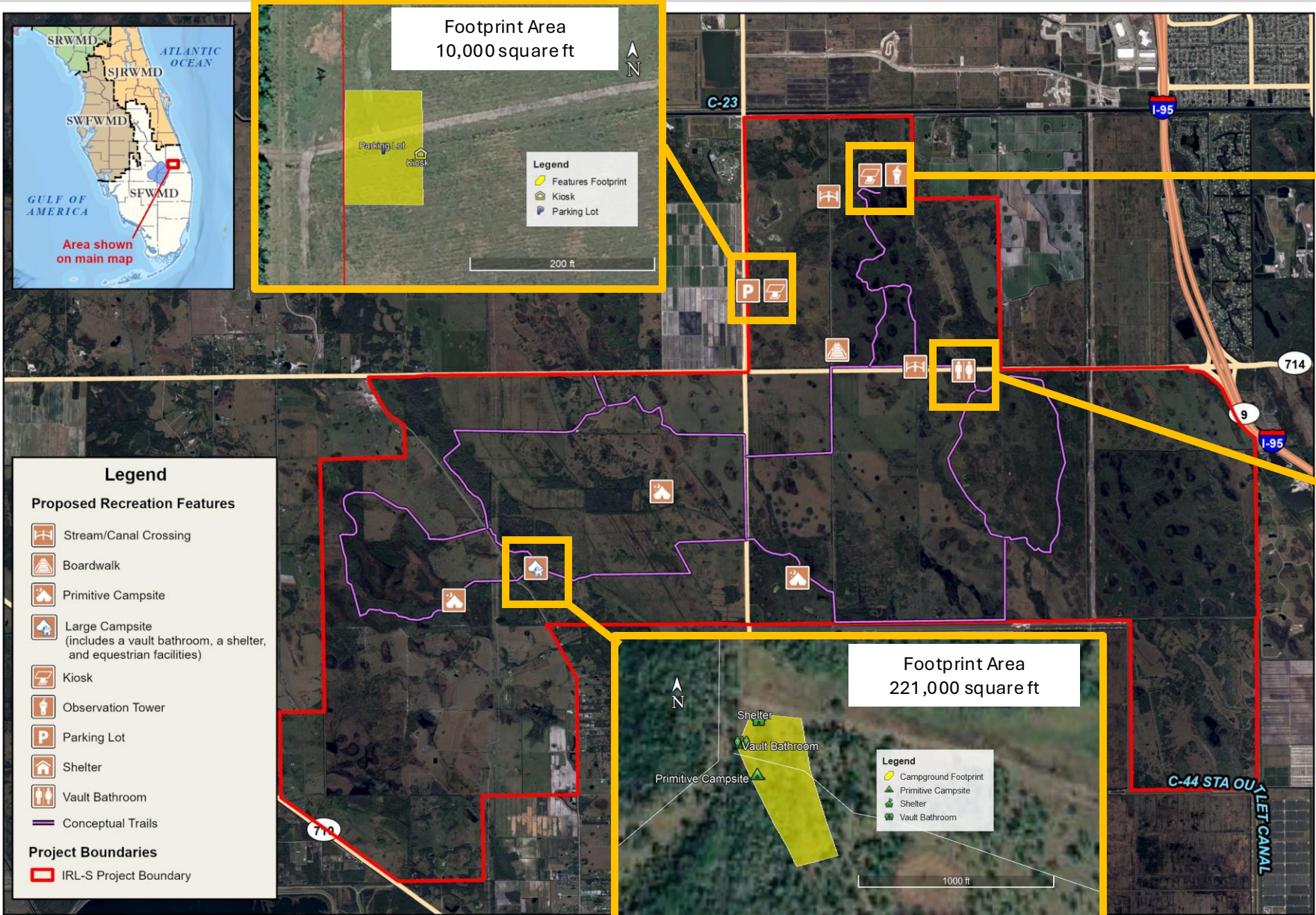


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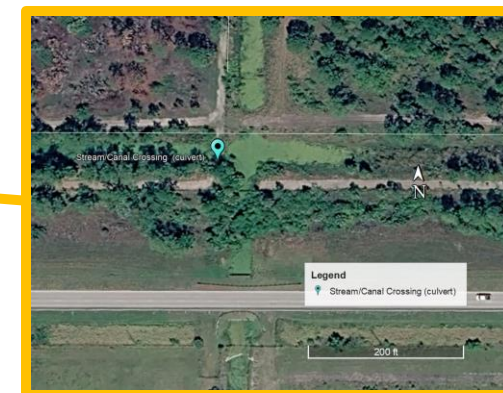
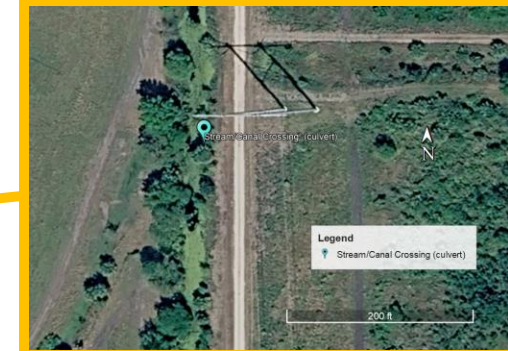
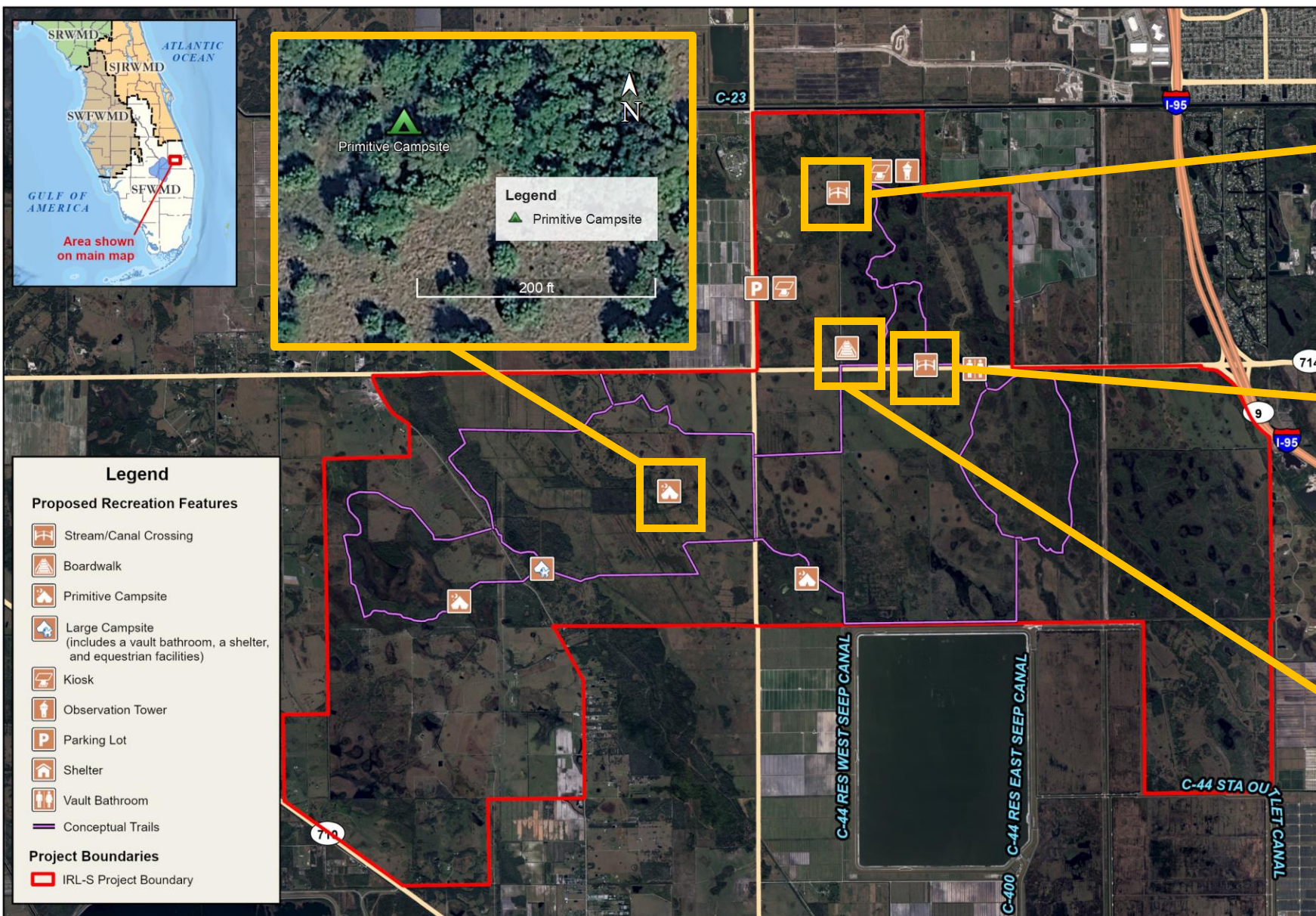
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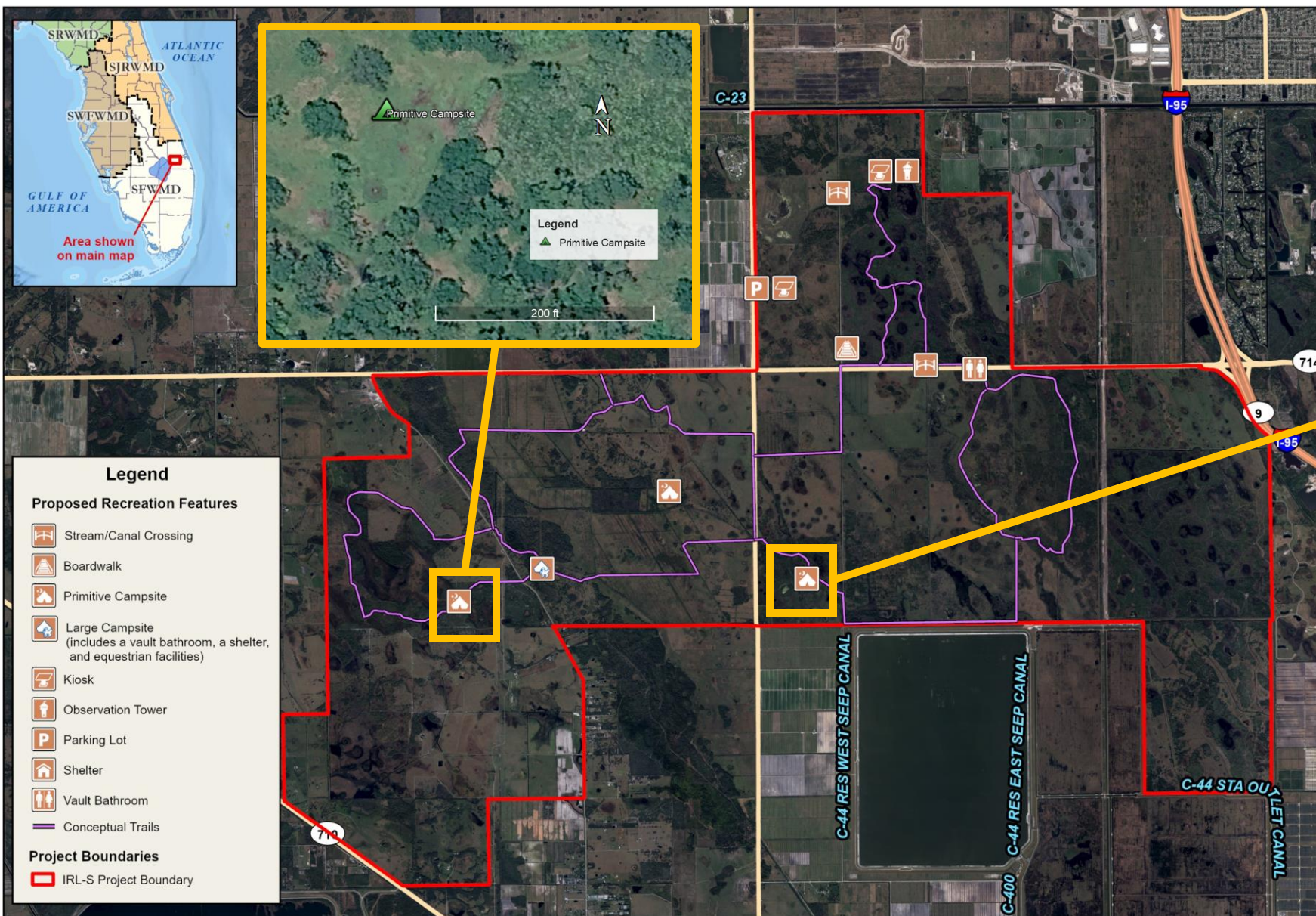
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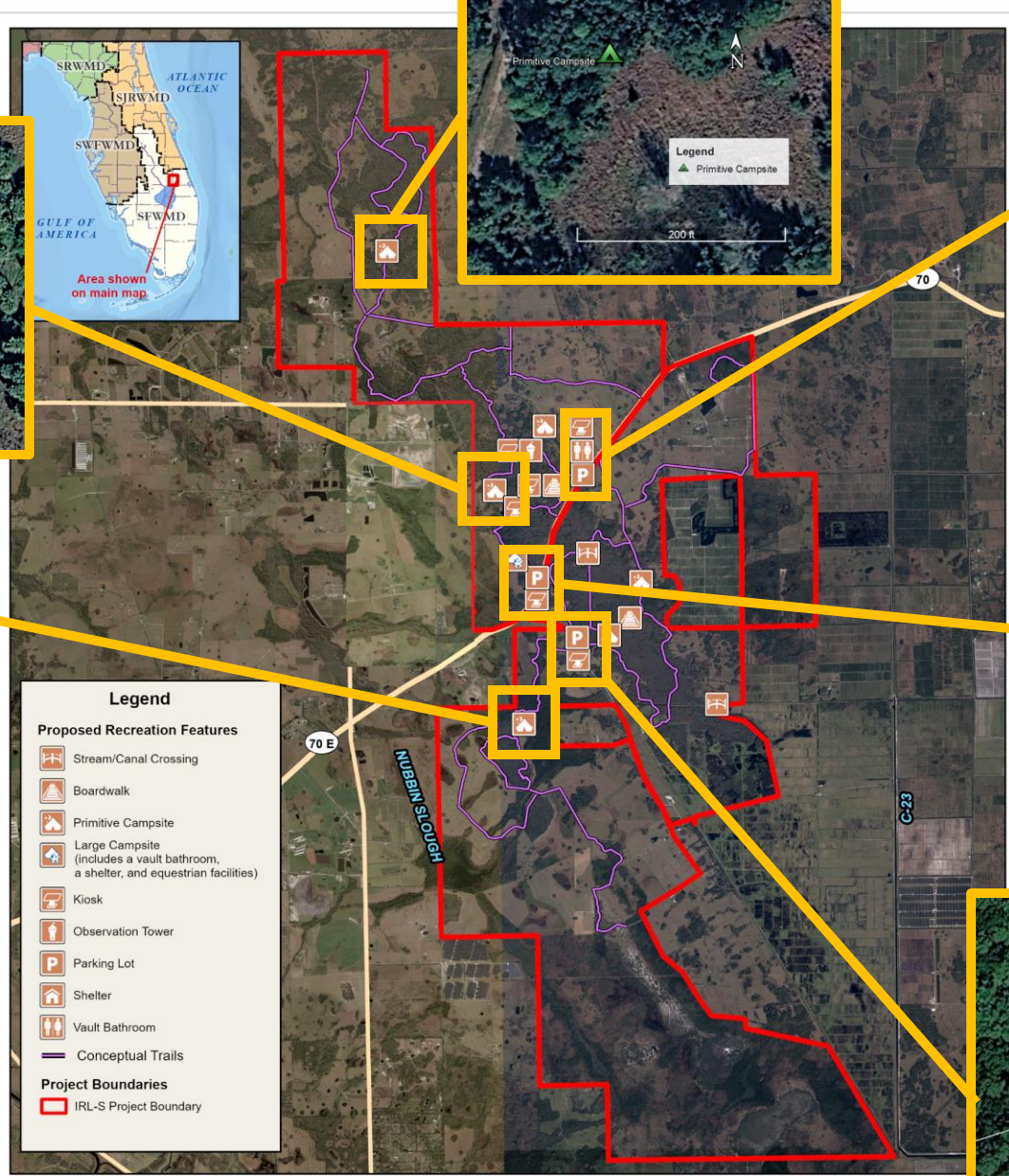
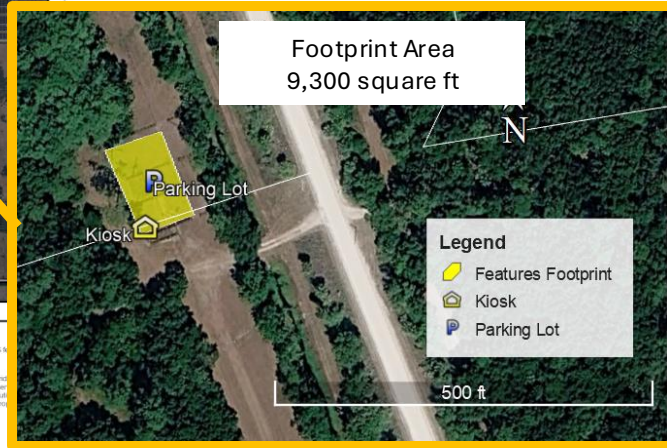
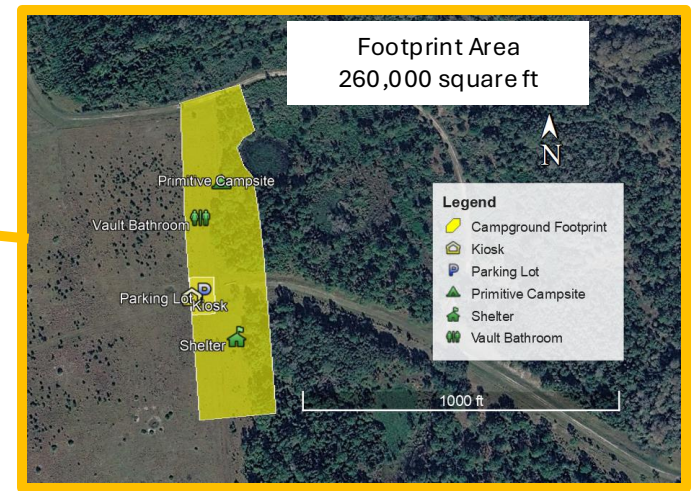
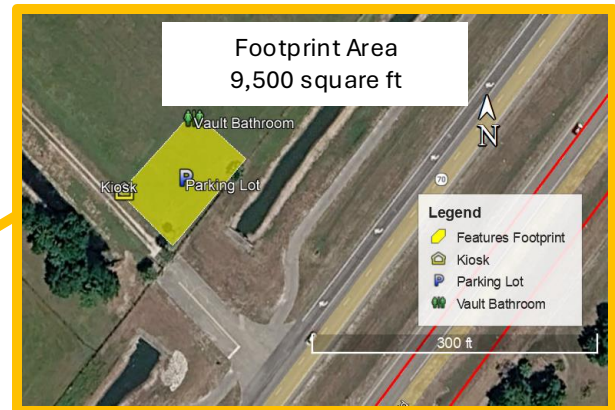
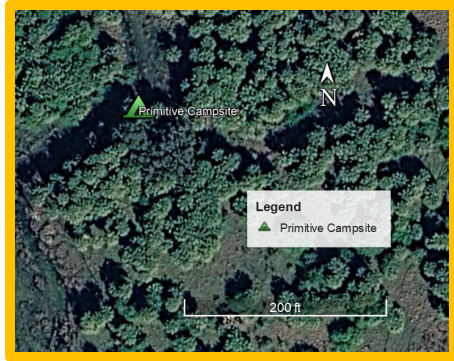
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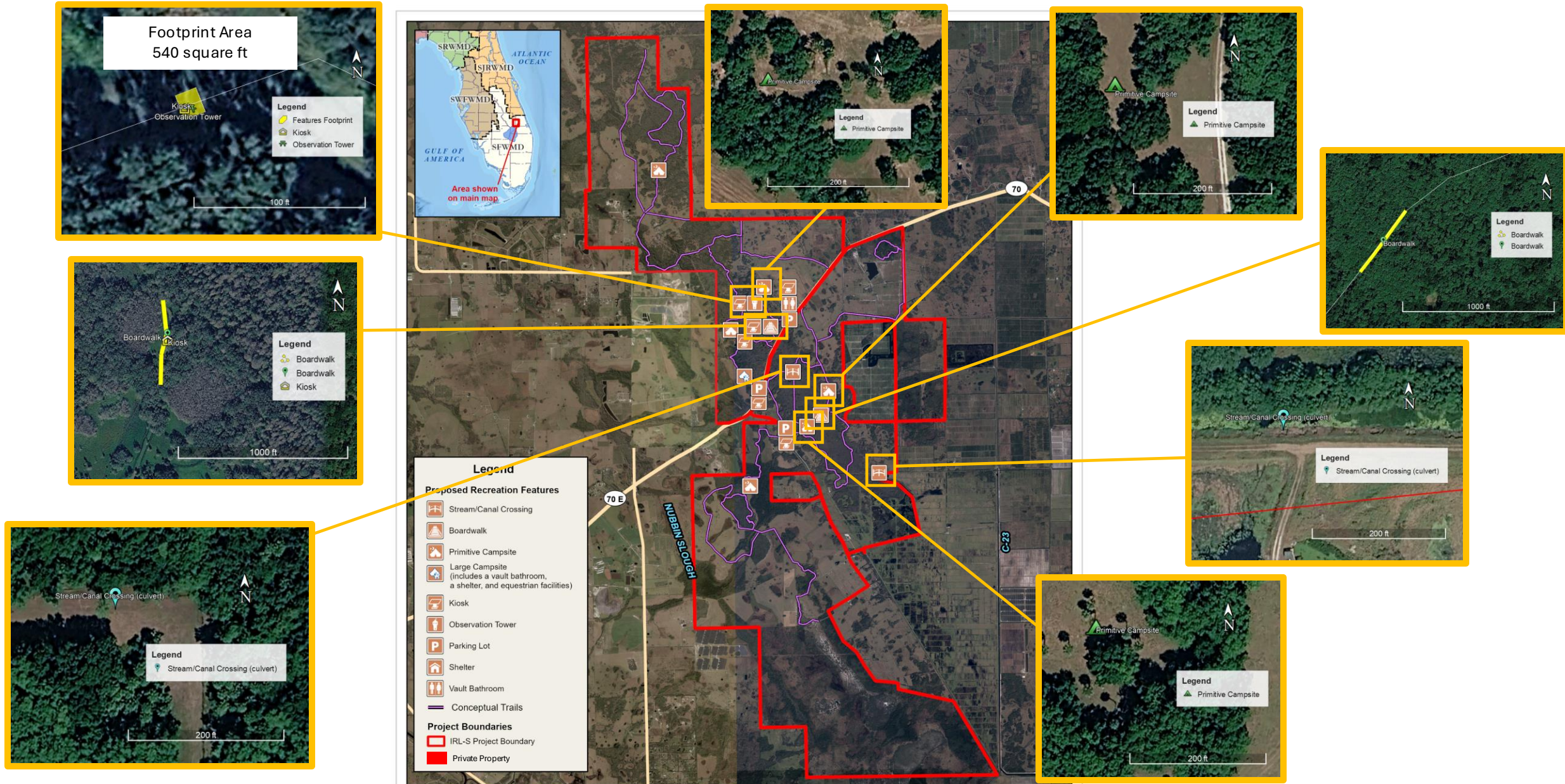
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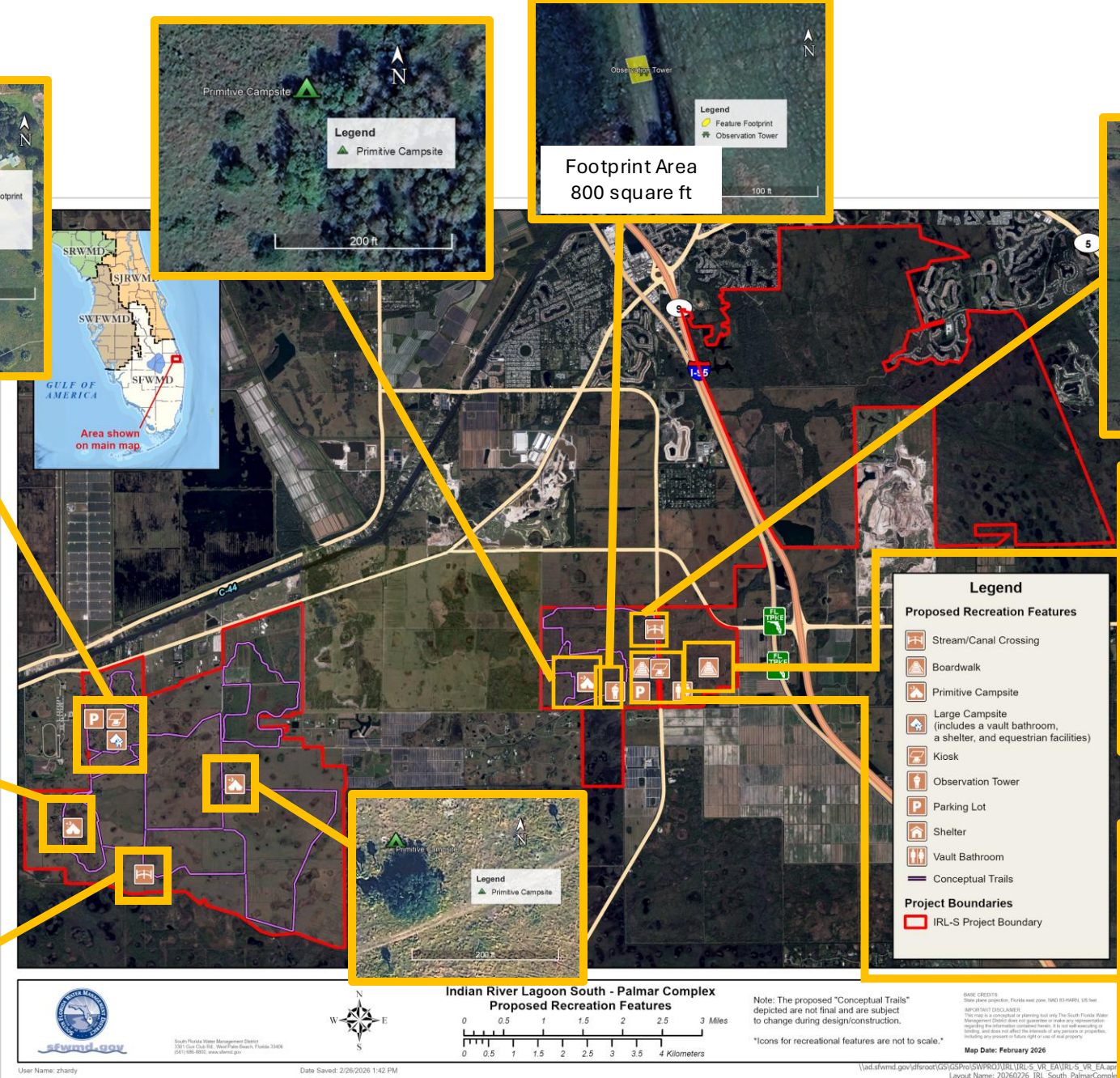
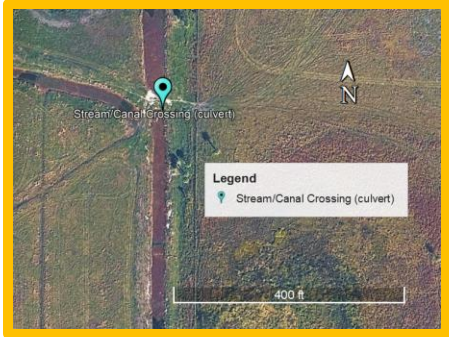
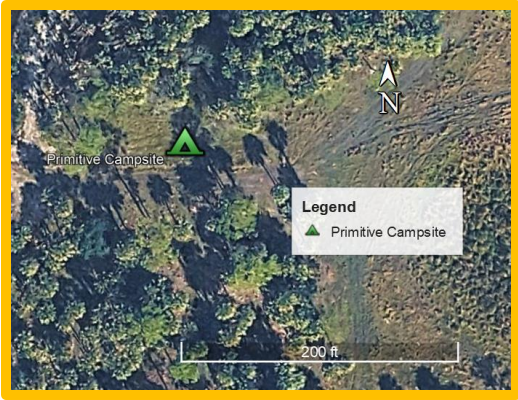
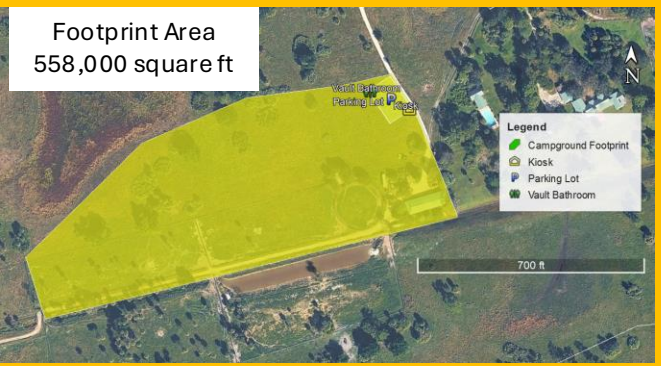
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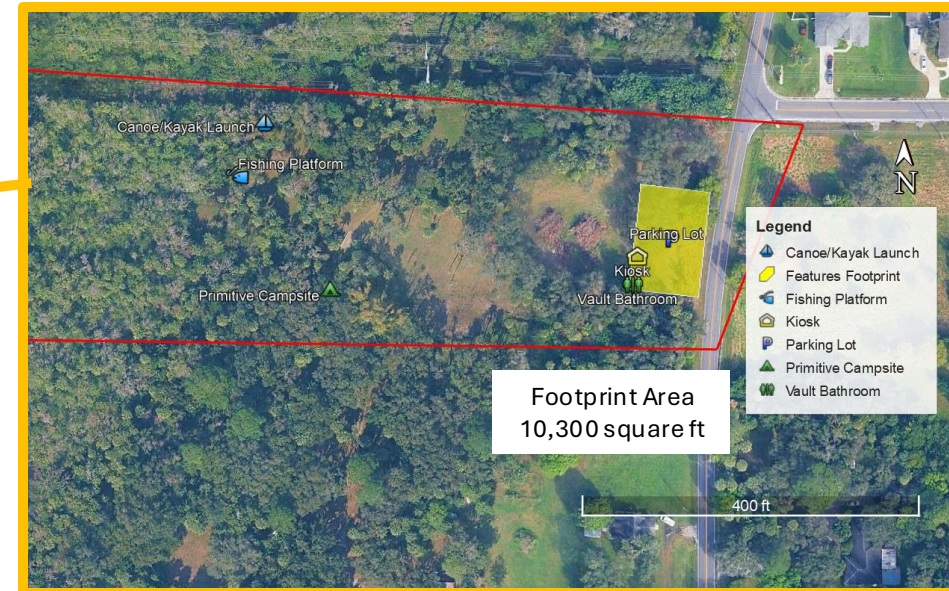
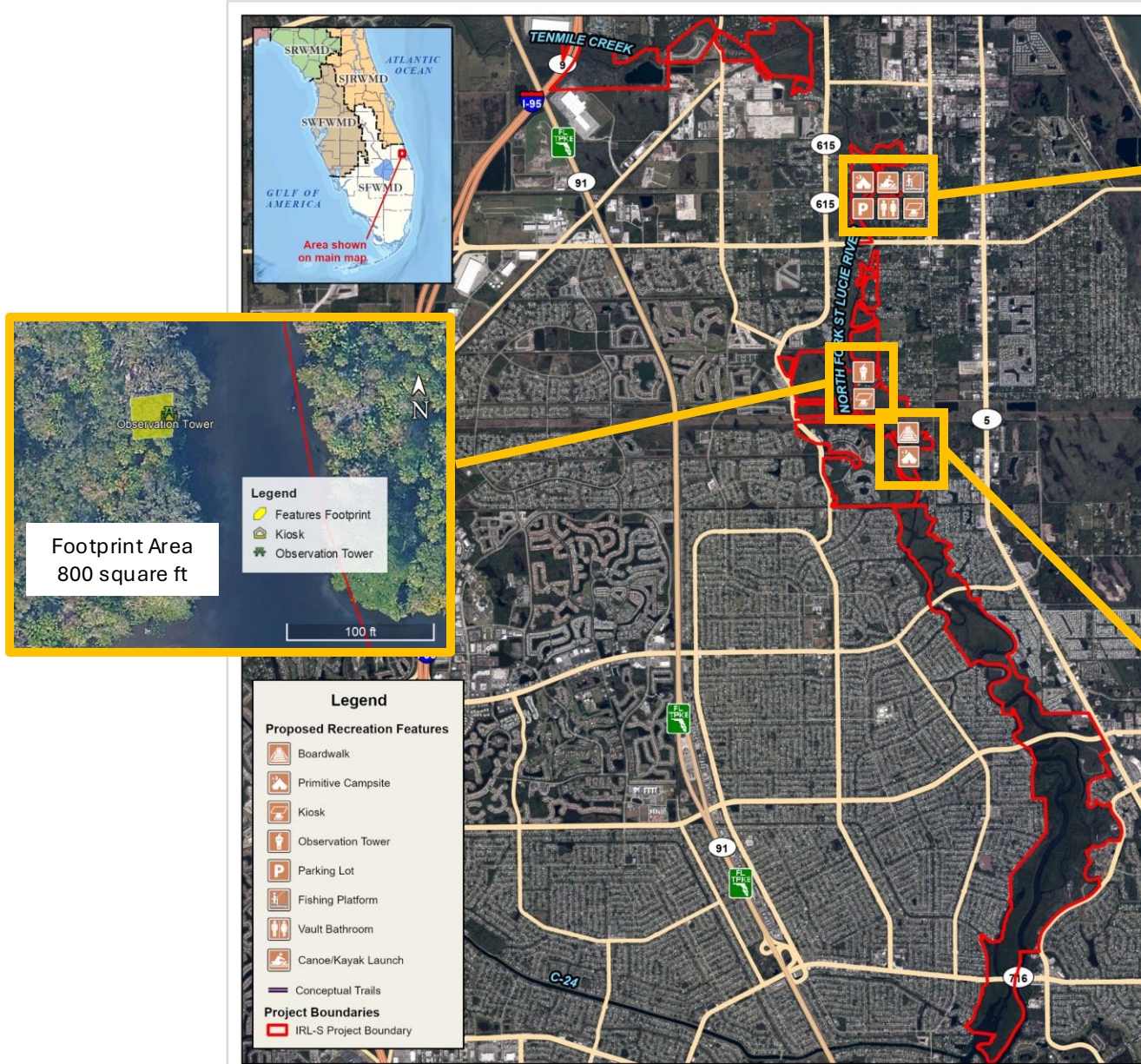
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April 17, 2026

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Mr. David Frank
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Acting)
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
PO Box 188
Okemah, Oklahoma 74859

Re: Determination of Effects for the Indian River Lagoon-South (IRL-S) Recreation Features, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, Florida

Dear Mr. Frank:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps) is studying the environmental effects of constructing additional recreation features for the IRL-S authorized project components including the C-23/C-24 STA, C-23/C-24 North Reservoir, C-23/C-24 South Reservoir, C-25 Reservoir and C-25 STA, and Natural Areas (Enclosure A). The IRL-S project has been coordinated with the Florida State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and On May 26, 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Florida State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation executed the cultural resources programmatic agreement (PA) for the IRL-S Project.

The new proposed recreational features to be incorporated in the IRL-S project include kiosks, parking lots, shelters, bathrooms, bridges, boardwalks, observation towers, and trails contained within the C-23/24 North Reservoir, the C-23/24 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA), the C-23/24 South Reservoir, the C-25 Reservoir and STA, and the Cypress Creek, Allapattah, North Fork, and Palmar natural storage and water quality areas associated with the IRL-S Project. The areas of potential effects (APE) for these discontinuous locations are shown in Enclosure A.

Pursuant to Stipulation I.C.2. of the PA, the Corps has determined that the recreation features proposed within the IRL-S C-23/24 North and South Reservoirs, the C-23/24 STA, and the C-25 Reservoir and STA pose no effect to historic properties as the APEs are located in previously surveyed areas containing no historic properties. The Florida SHPO reviewed and concurred with these survey reports through consultation letters (DHR Project File No: 2022-1046, DHR Project File No: 2018-0910, DHR Project File No: 20207262-D, and DHR Project File No.: 2022-3893-B).

None of the recreational features in Cypress Creek, Allapattah, North Fork, and the Palmar natural storage and water quality areas have been subject to cultural resources assessment surveys; therefore, the Corps will follow identification and evaluation procedures detailed in Stipulation I.A-D of the IRL-S PA regarding the treatment of historic properties. The survey methodologies and schedules will be coordinated with your office and timeframes and review procedures will follow Stipulation III of the PA.

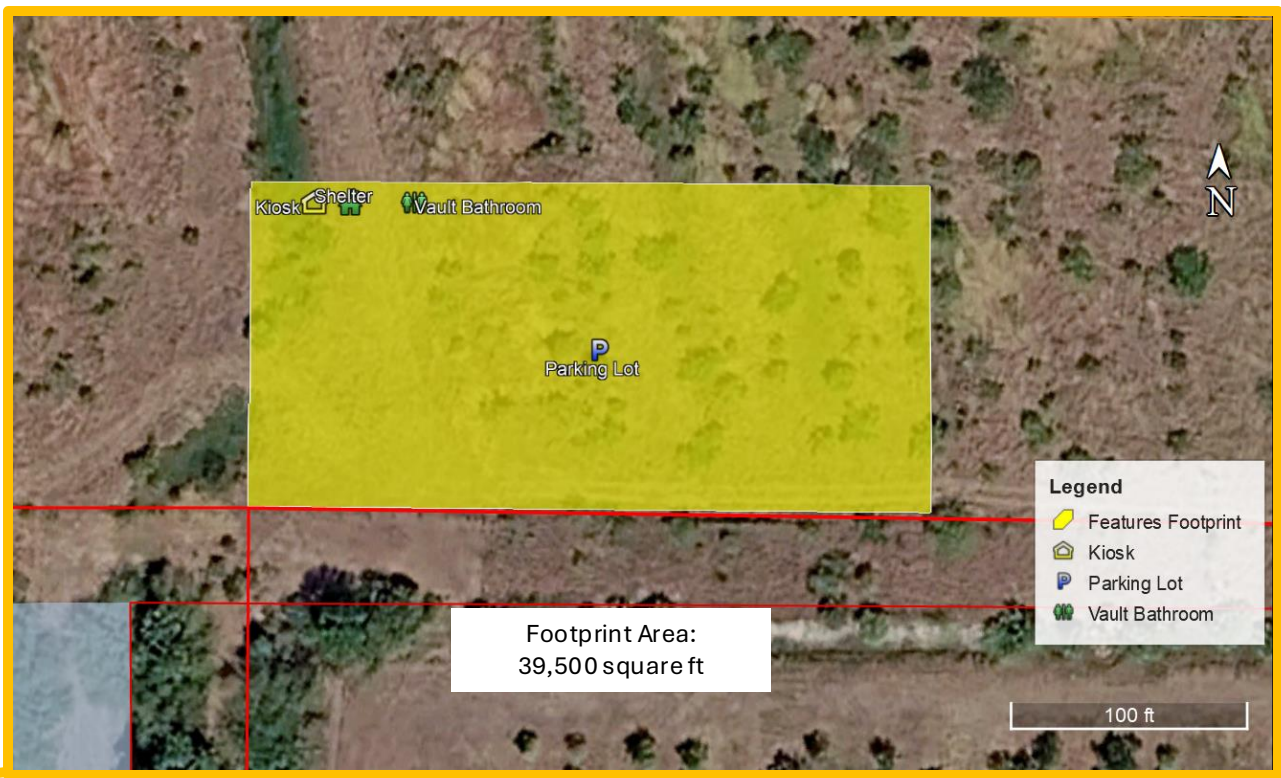
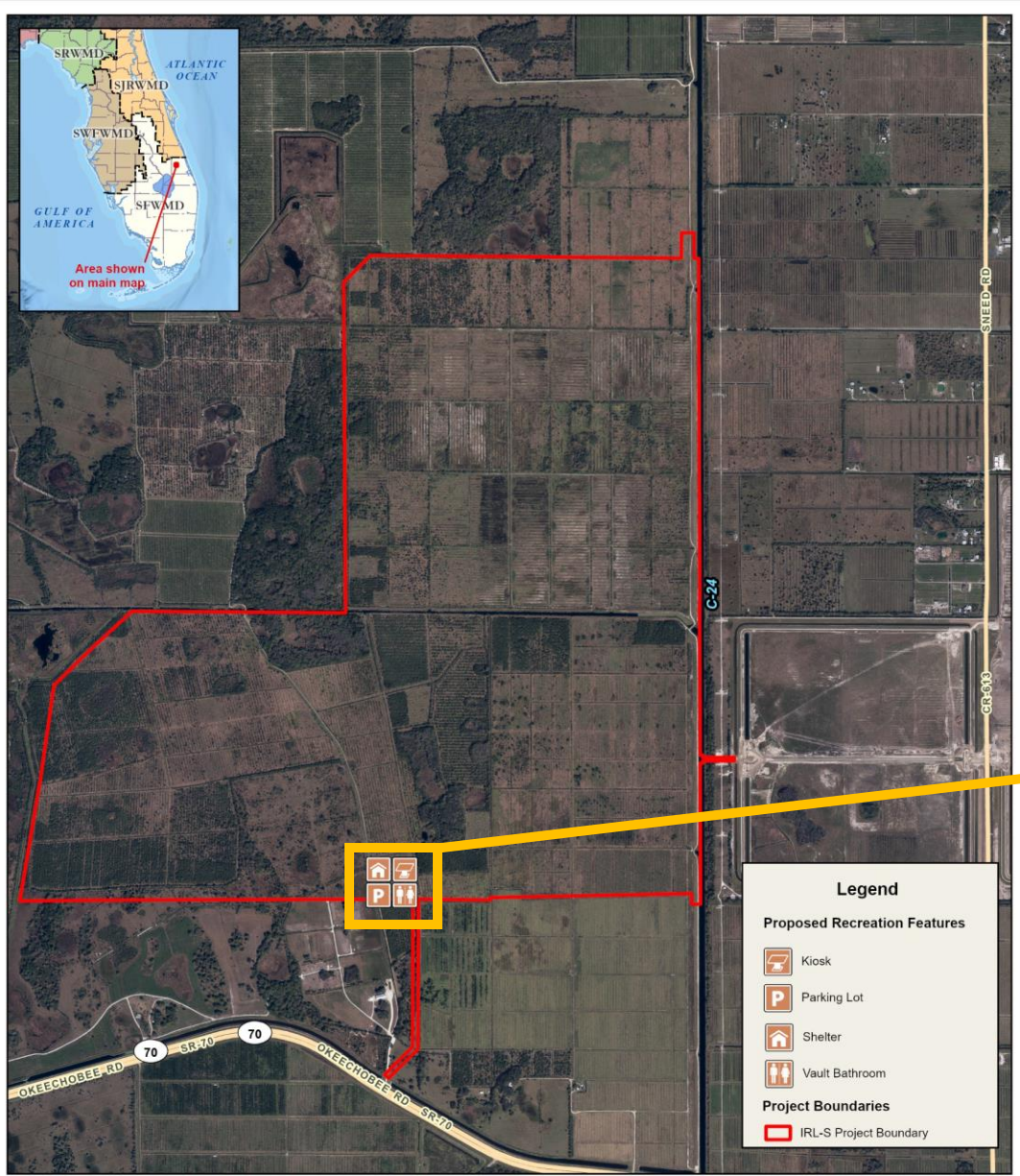
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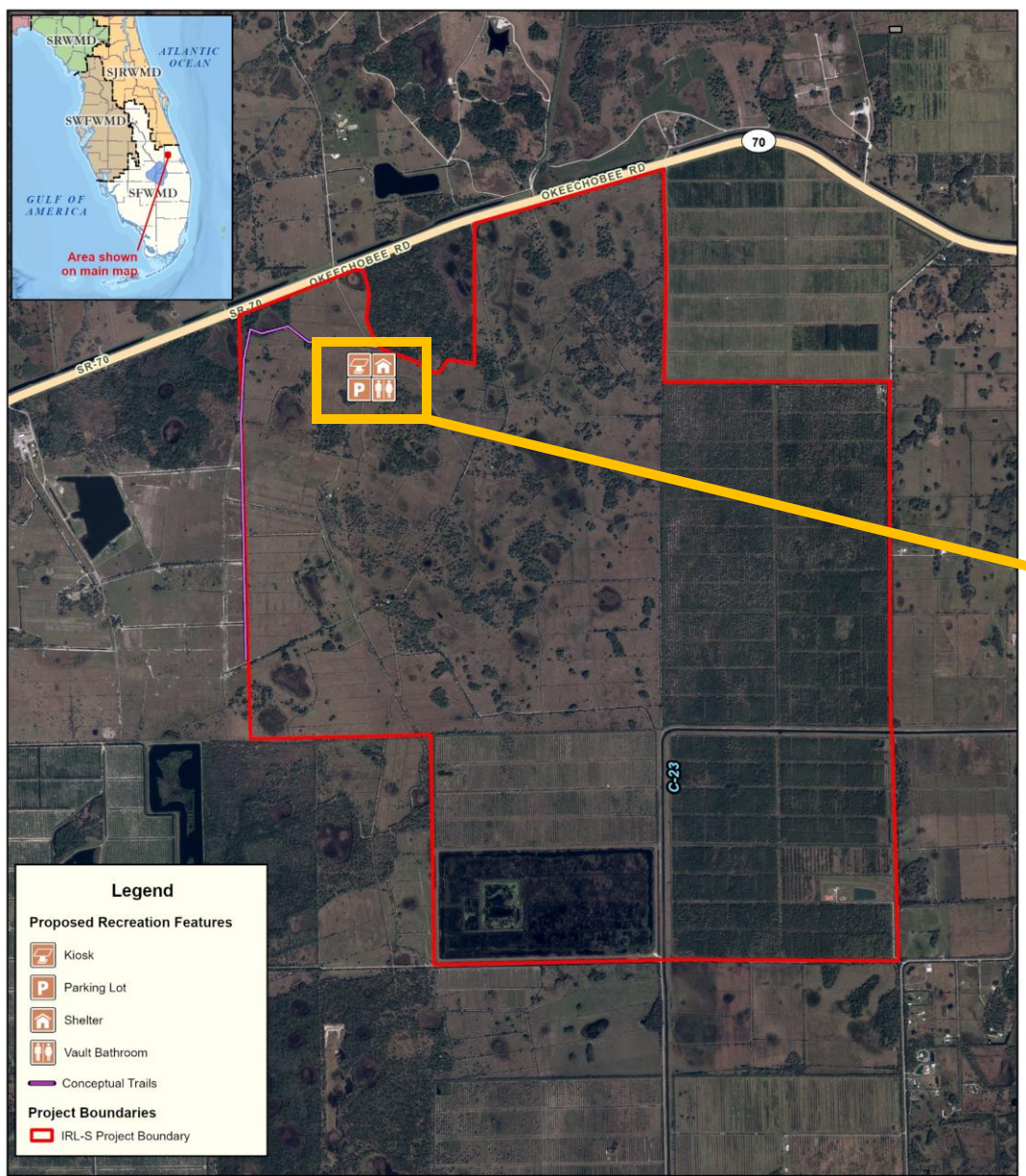
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Enclosures

Enclosure A
IRL-S Recreational Features

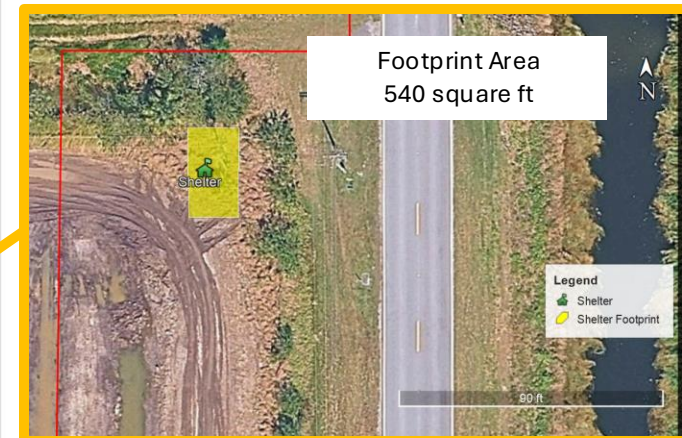
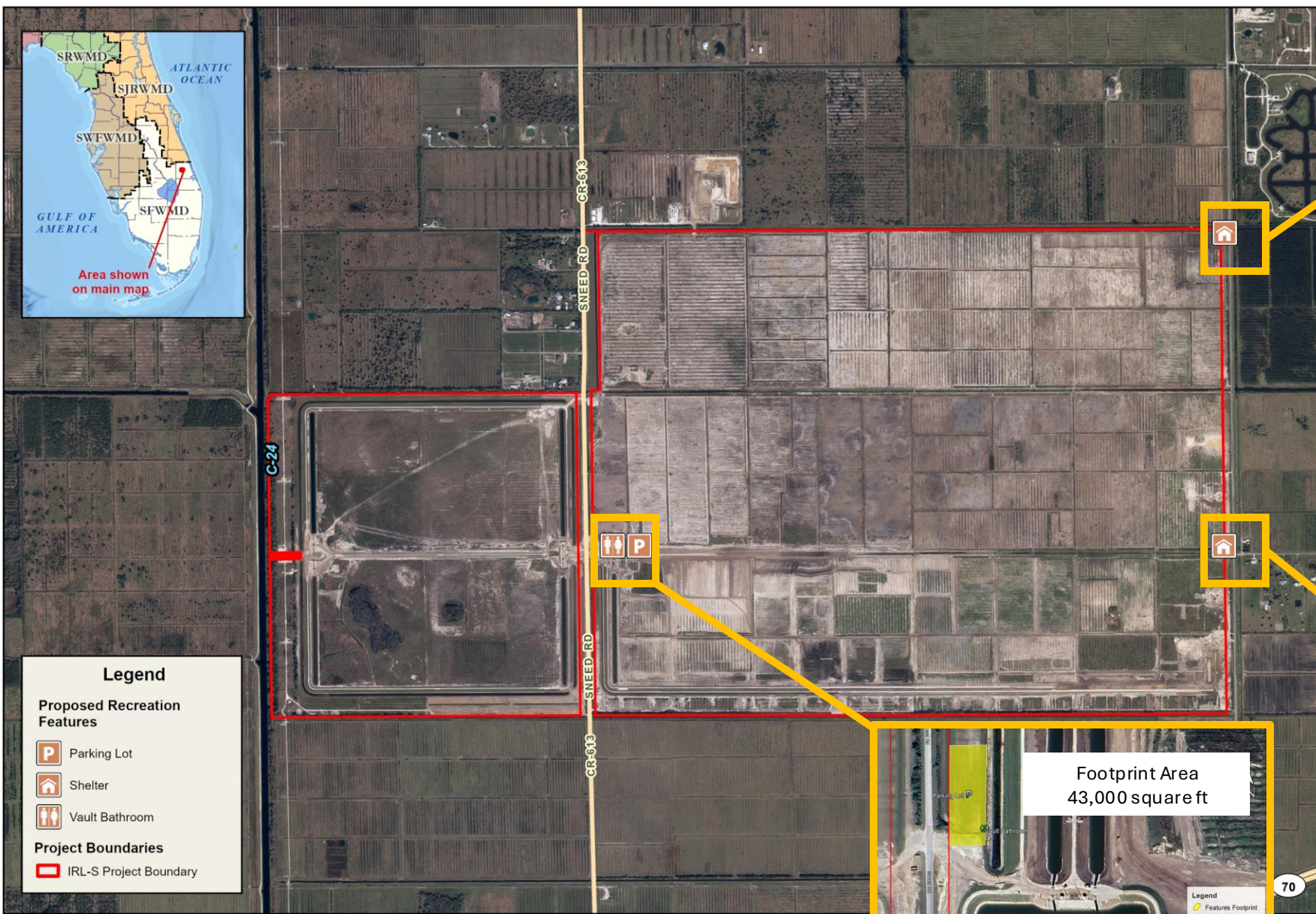


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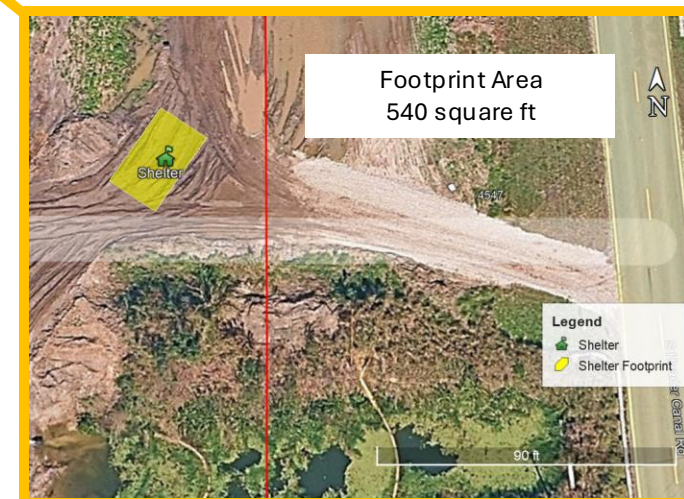


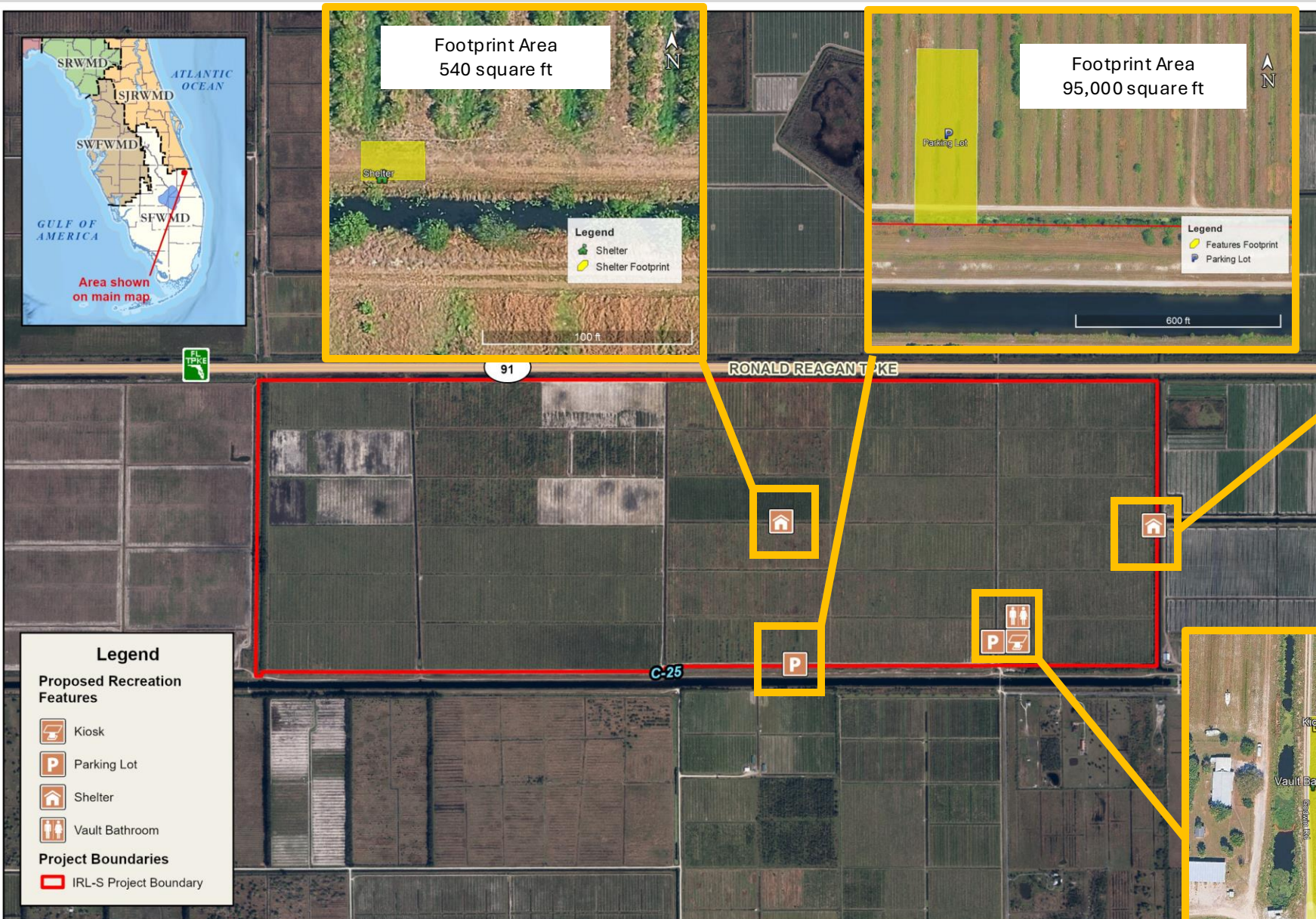
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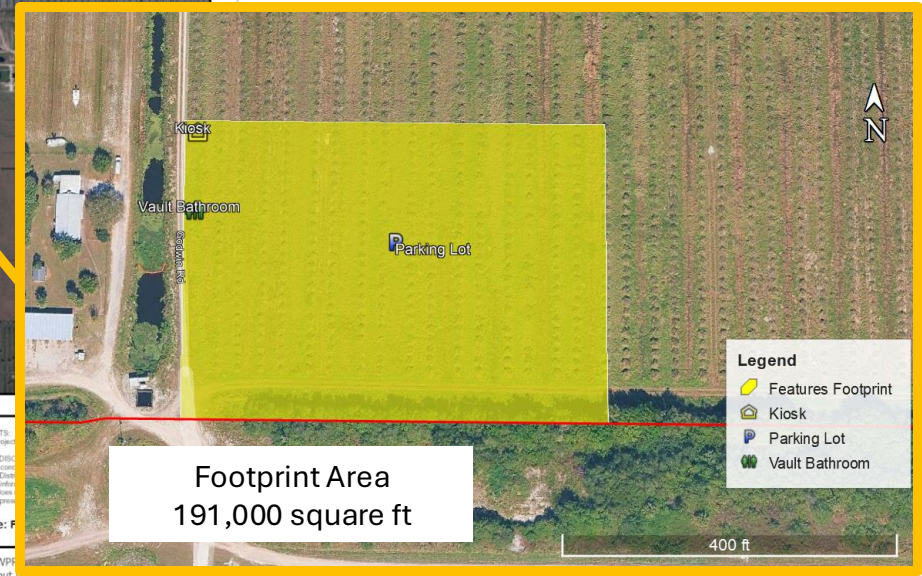
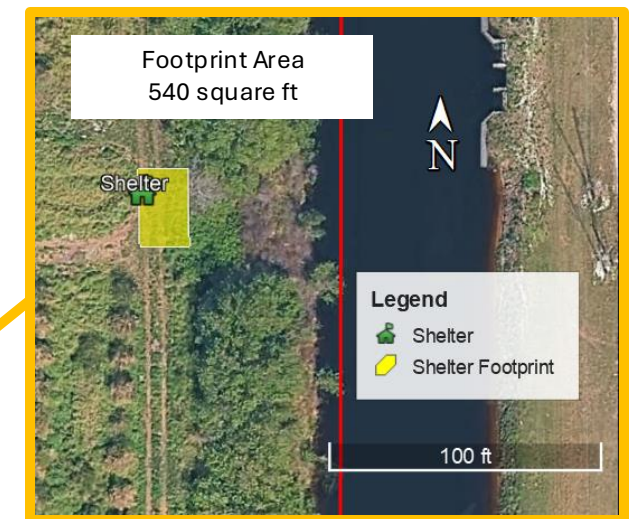


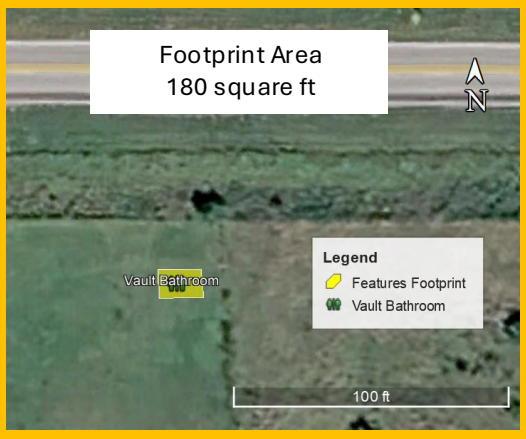
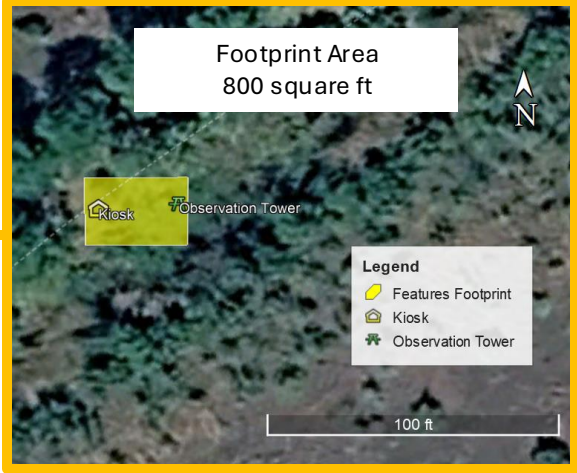
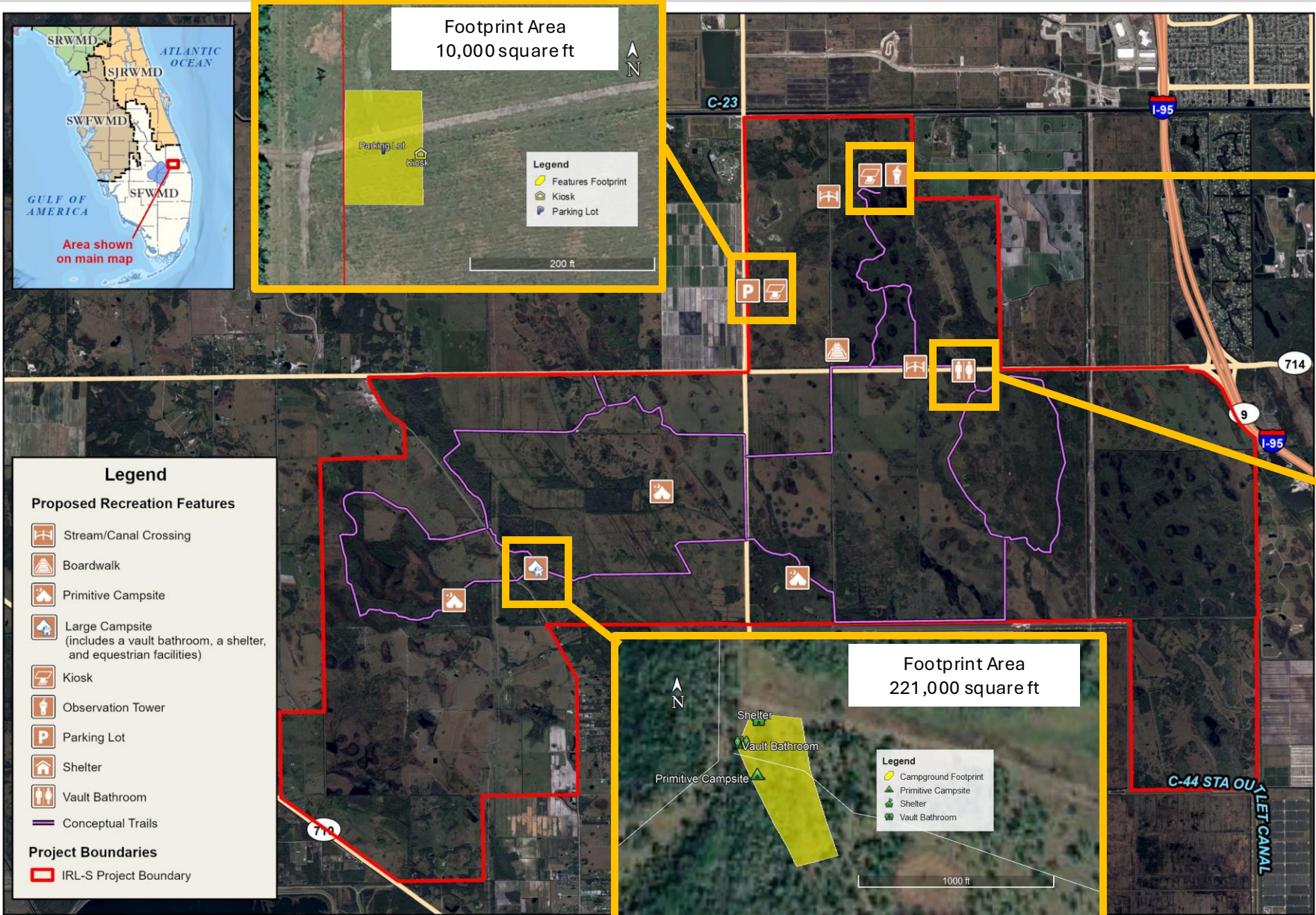
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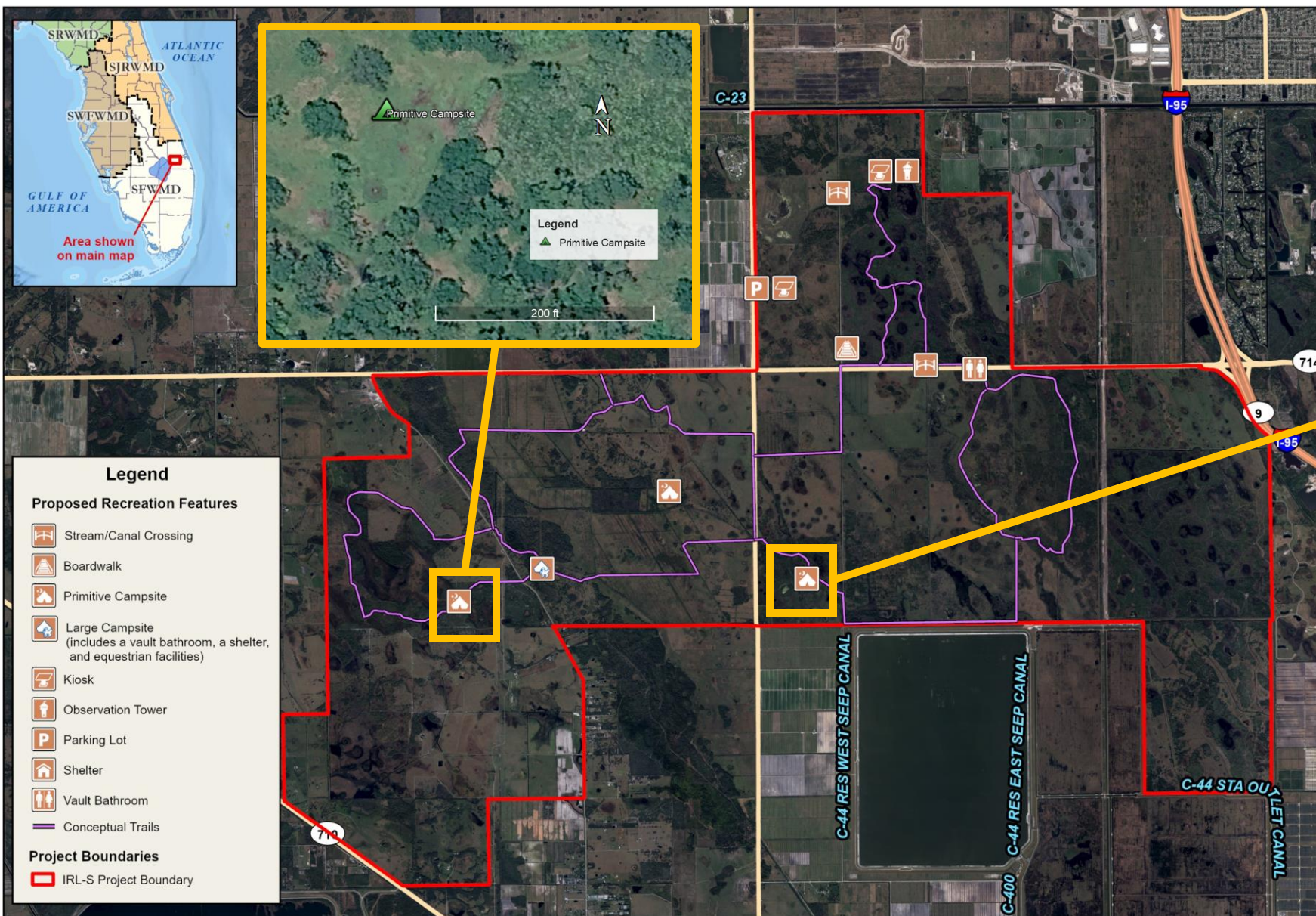


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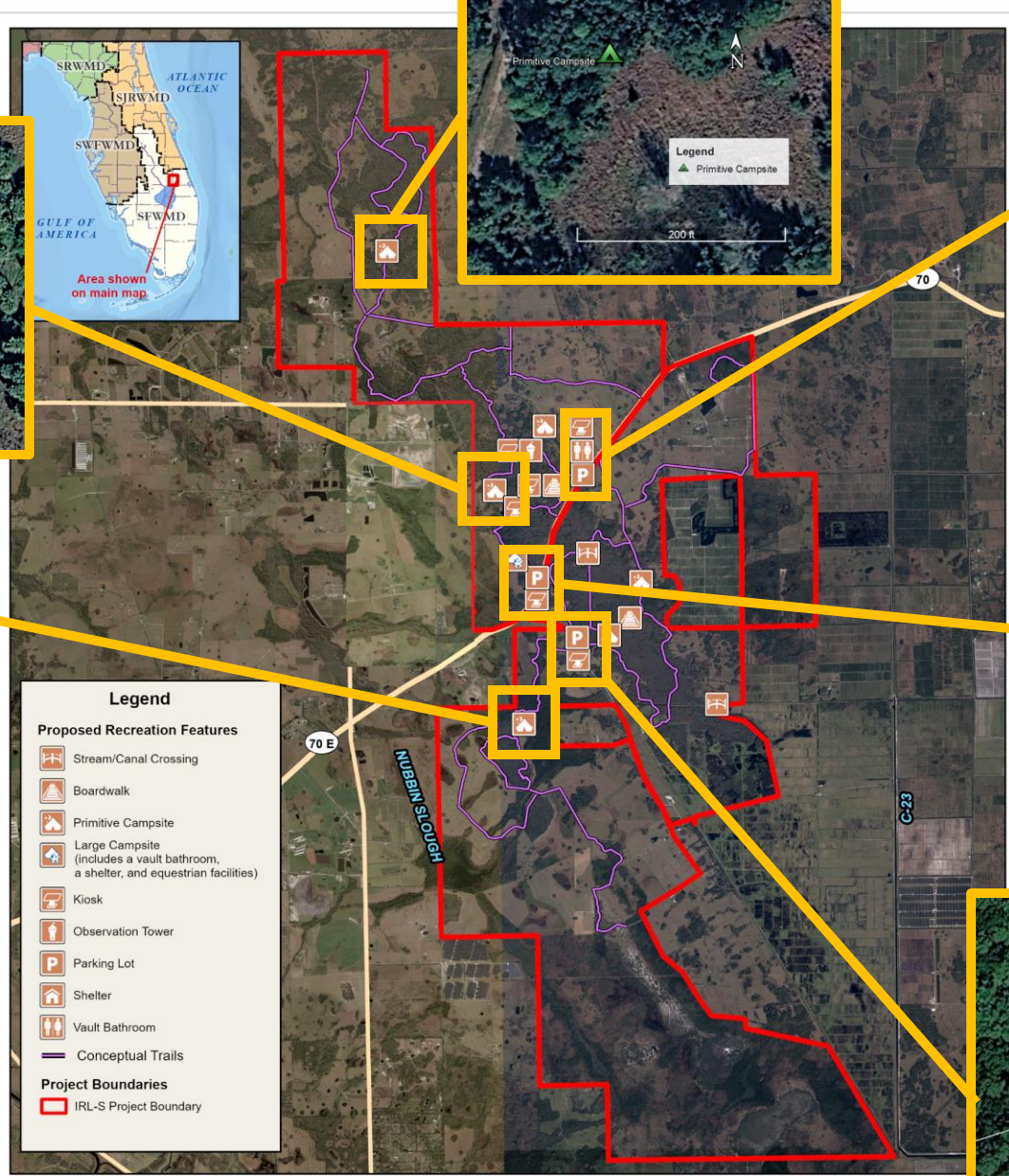
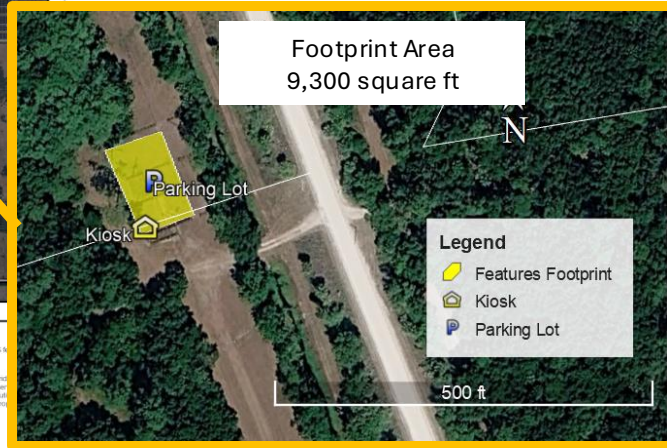
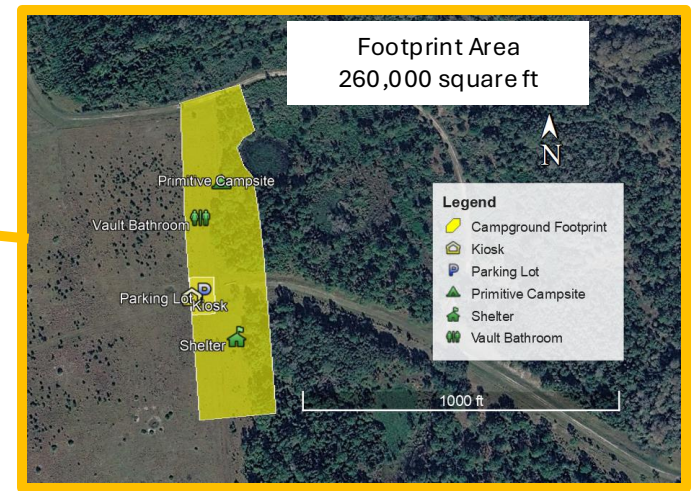
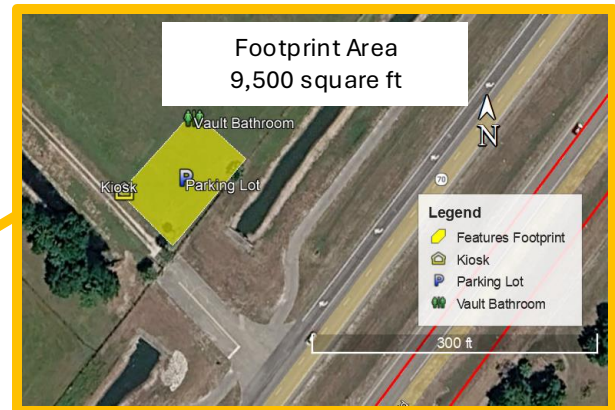
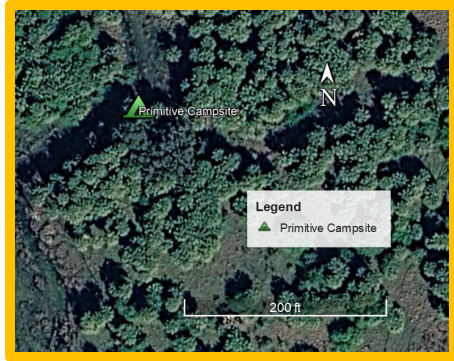




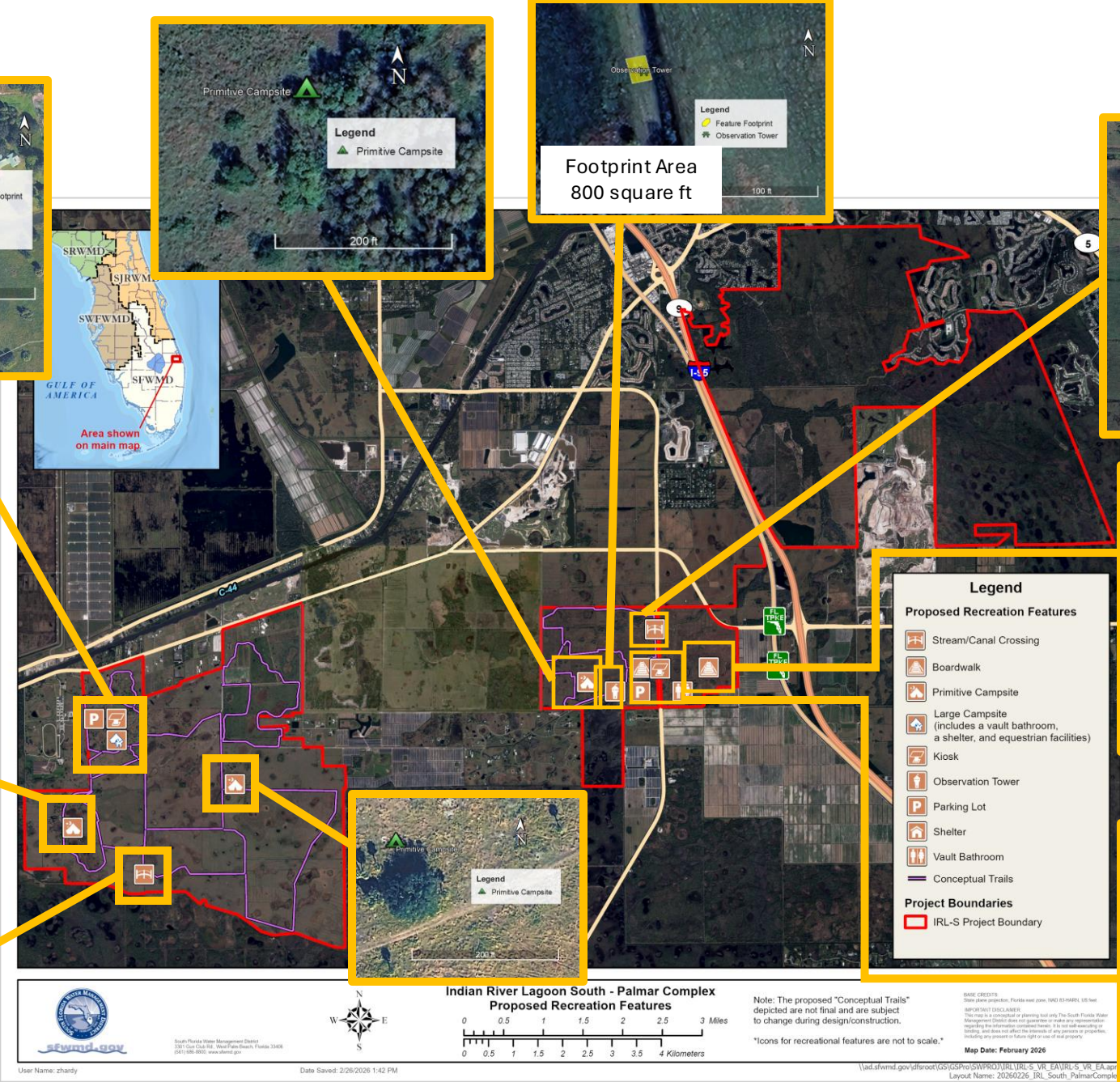
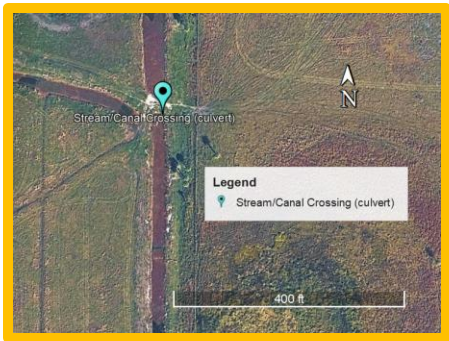
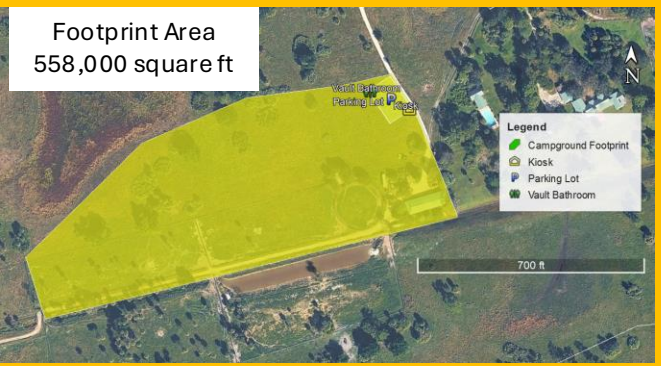
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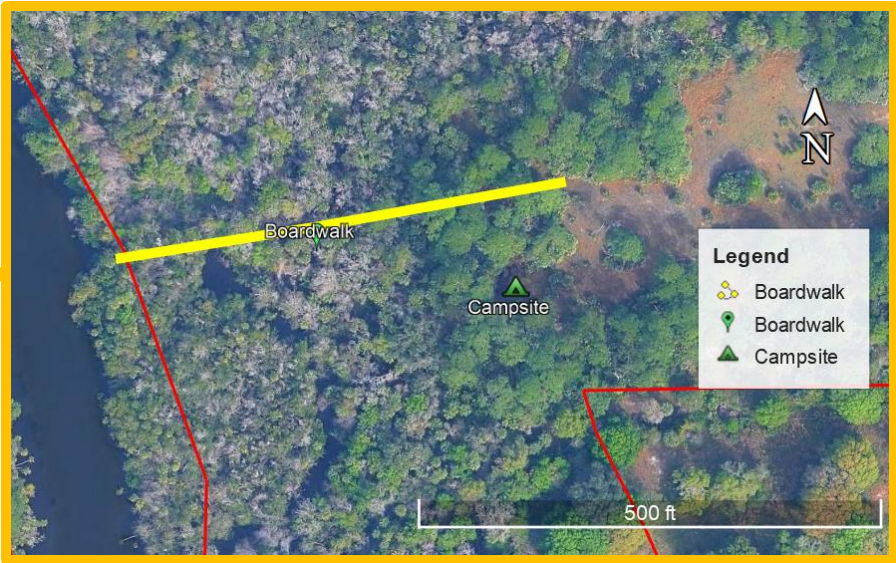
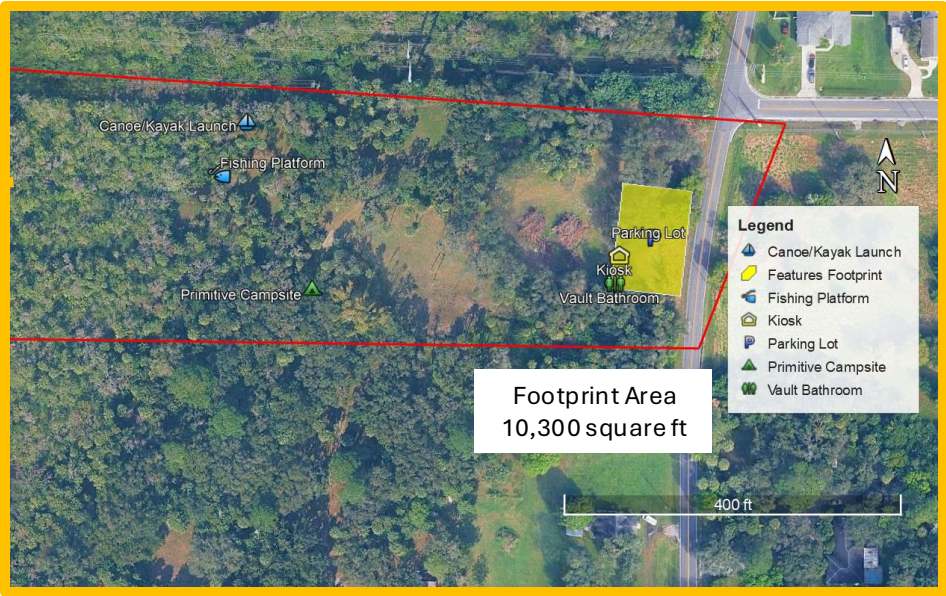
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November 26, 2024

Ms. Ntale Kajumba,
Director Strategic Programs Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

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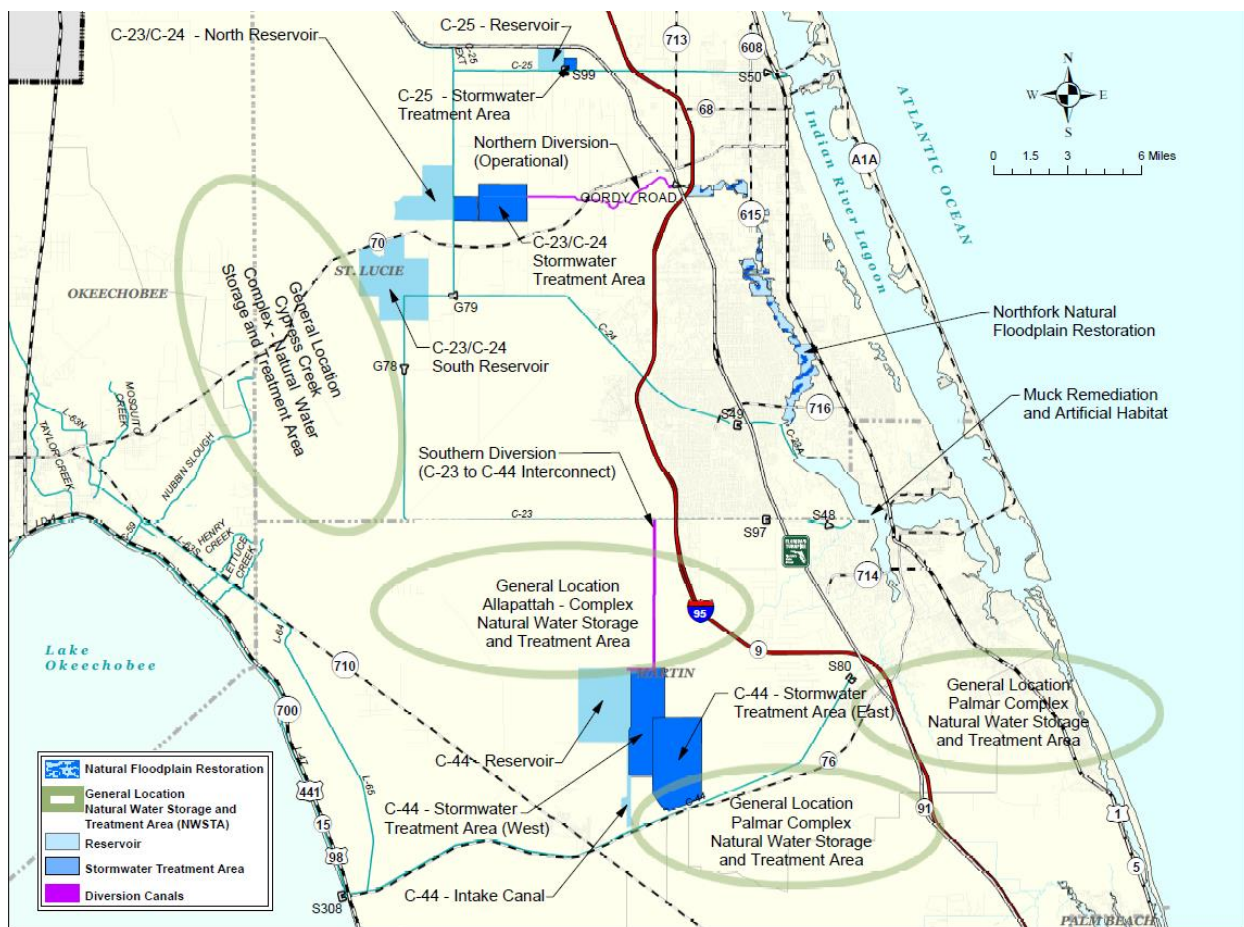


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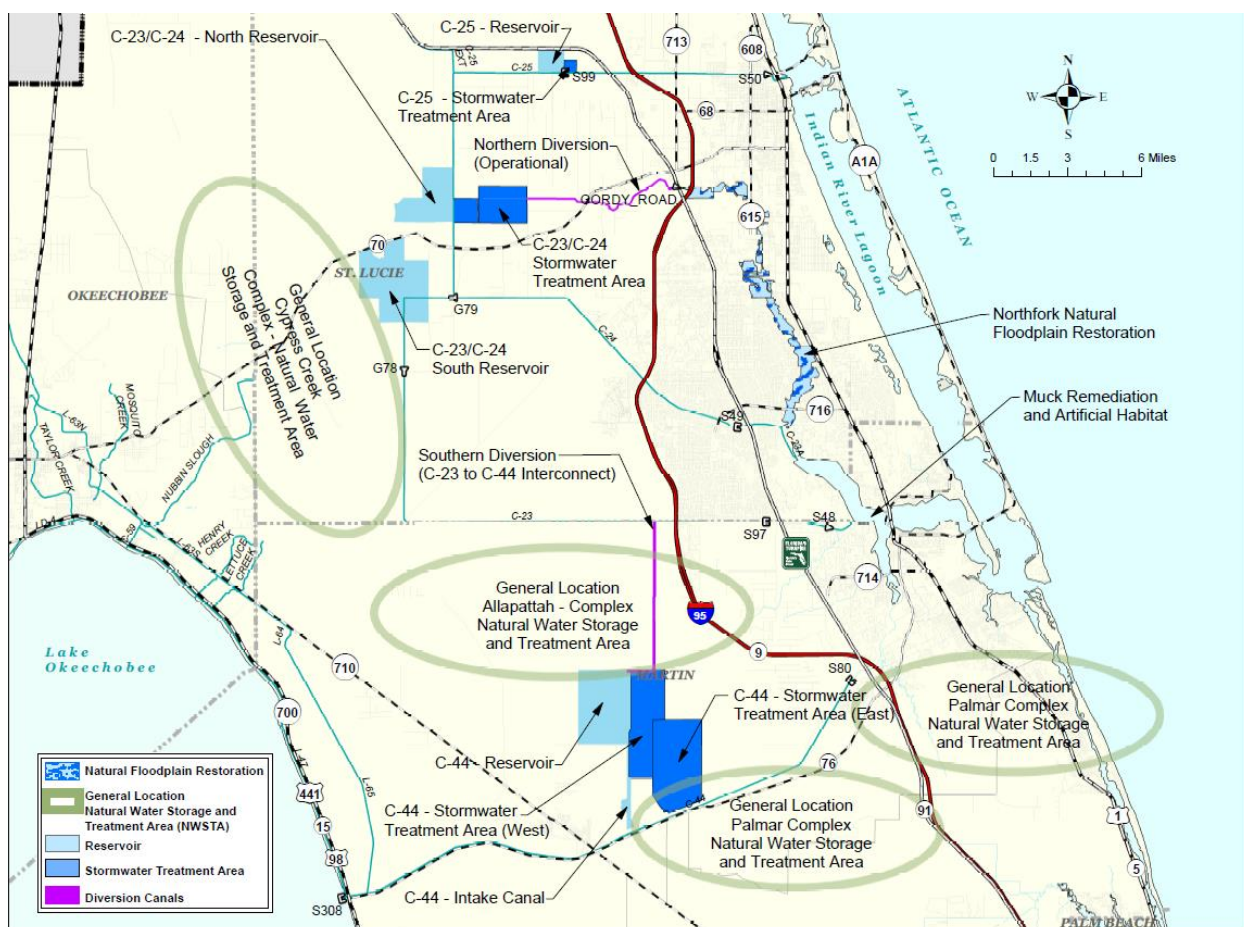


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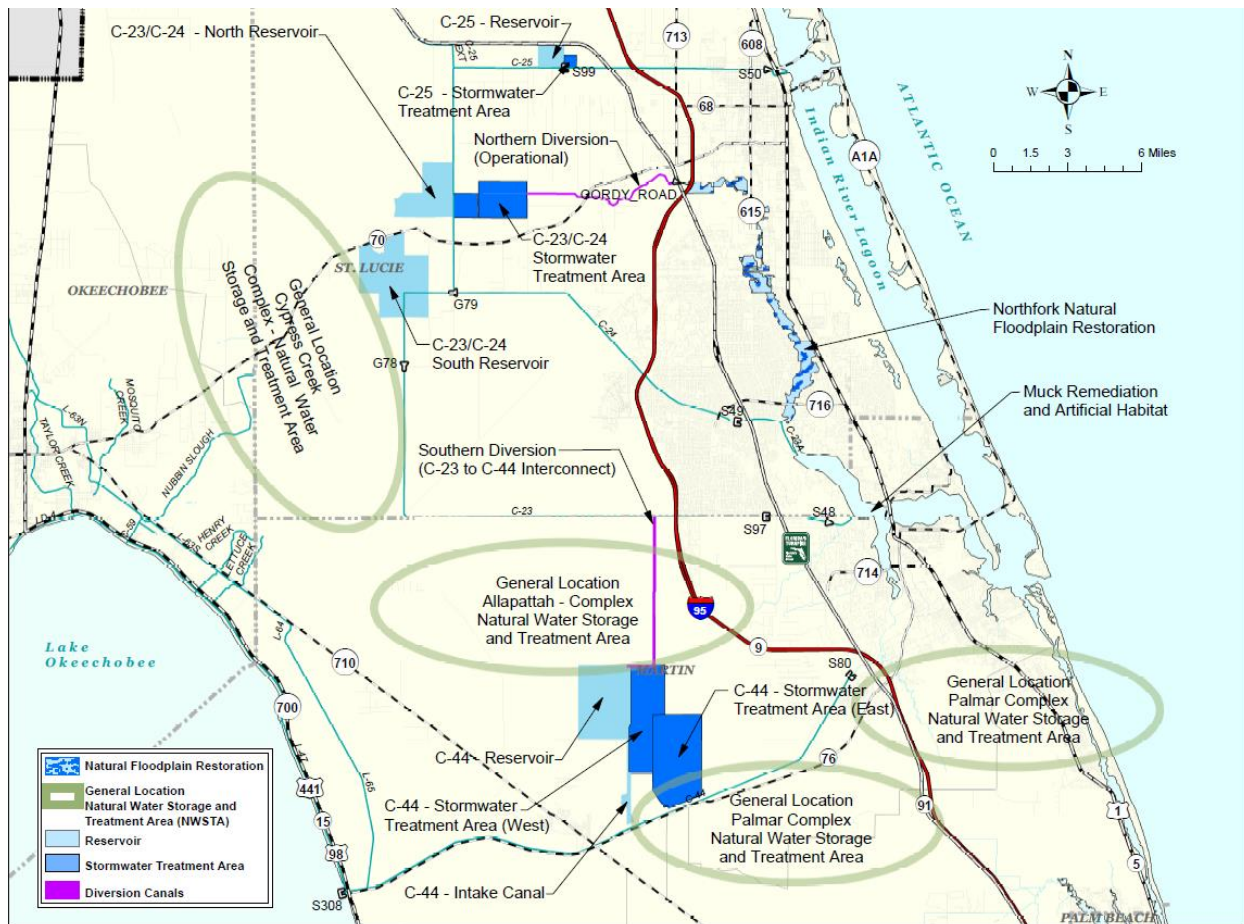


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We invite the participation of Federal and State agencies, Native American Tribes, local agencies, interested parties and individuals to provide comments and to identify any issues, concerns or ideas for potential recreation features. Please share this notice with any interested party. Your comments may be transmitted electronically to IRL-S_recreation@usace.army.mil no later than 30 days from the date of this letter. All comments will be summarized, addressed, and used to inform development of alternatives for the IRL-S recreation features. Public scoping meeting will be held on December 12, 2024, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm virtually at

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<https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?MTID=mb77fbe4f5322a76f3d8ac3086934503e>
.For more information on the project, please go to the following website:
<https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Ecosystem-Restoration/Indian-River-Lagoon-South/>.

Sincerely,

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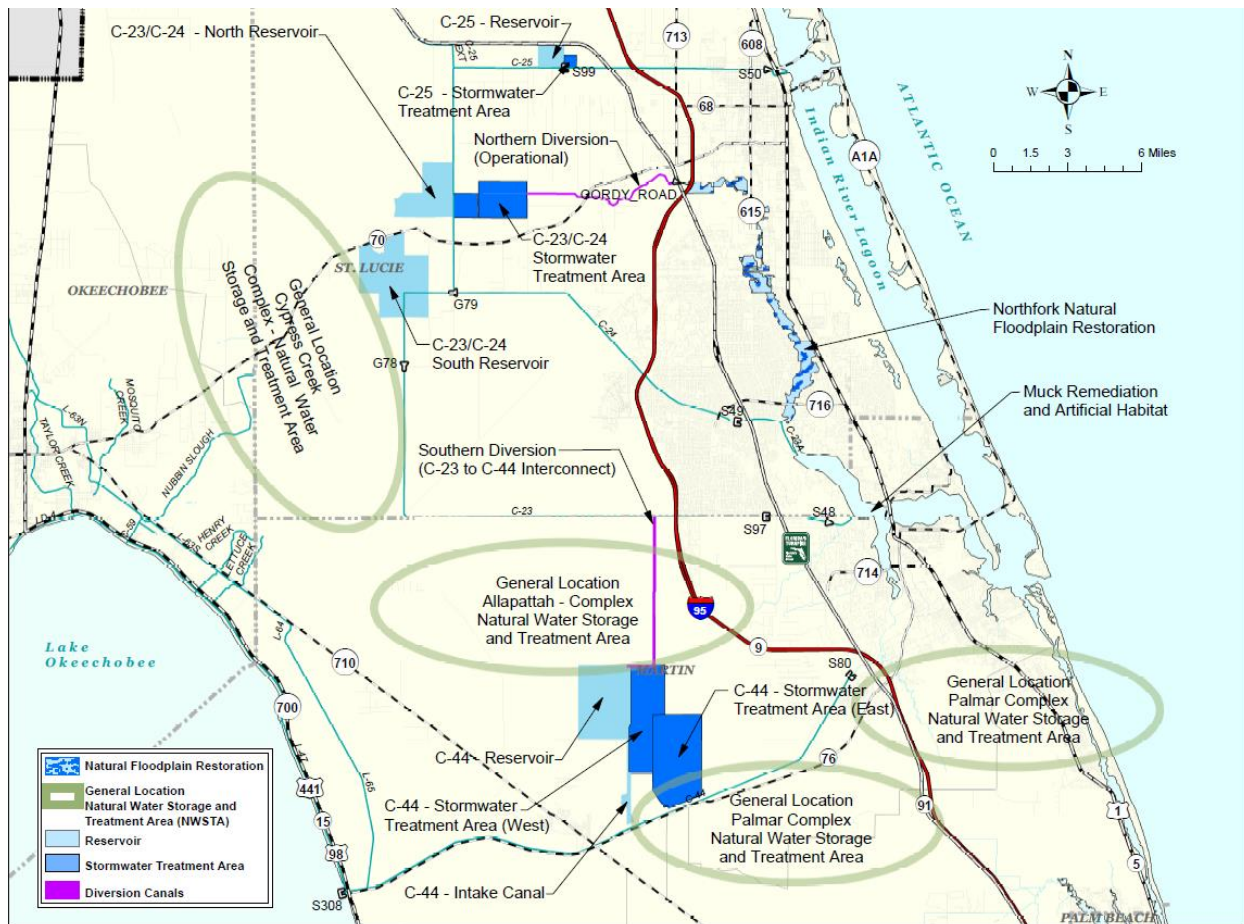


Figure 1. IRL-S Project Features and Components.

Table 1. IRL-S Features with Recreational Opportunities

Feature	Description	Potential Recreation Opportunities
Reservoirs & STAs	Areas that store and treat water to be released at a later date when flows will have more beneficial impacts and will be cleaning for the downstream estuary.	fishing, boating, biking, walking
Natural Water Storage and	Unregulated water storage	Birding, wildlife viewing

Treatment Areas	that simply keeps water on the landscape longer before it moves through the tributary system to the estuary.	
Floodplain Restoration Area	Restores the habitat adjacent to the river to a more historical hydrology. Having a natural floodplain decrease flooding probabilities, restores habitat and keeps water on the landscape longer before moving into the estuary.	Birding, wildlife viewing, biking kayaking, hiking
Muck Remediation	Removal of St. Lucie Estuary muck sediments to bring about an immediate, and potentially dramatic, improvement in water quality, as well as improvements in habitat quality. Disposal site will be near planned removal sites	Fishing, boating
Artificial Oyster Habitat	Creating additional oyster habitat area of six sites within the middle estuary. Each site will be 15 acres in area	Fishing, boating.