

Land Acquisition Partnerships for Conservation and National Security



***Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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Encroachment Upon Military Installations





New Federal Authority

Section 2811 – Provides greater authority to Military Departments to cost-share land acquisition or interests to preserve habitat and limit incompatible development – 10 U.S.C. 2684a

- Limit development or use of property that would be incompatible with the mission of the installation; or
- Preserve habitat that would help to relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions affecting the installation.



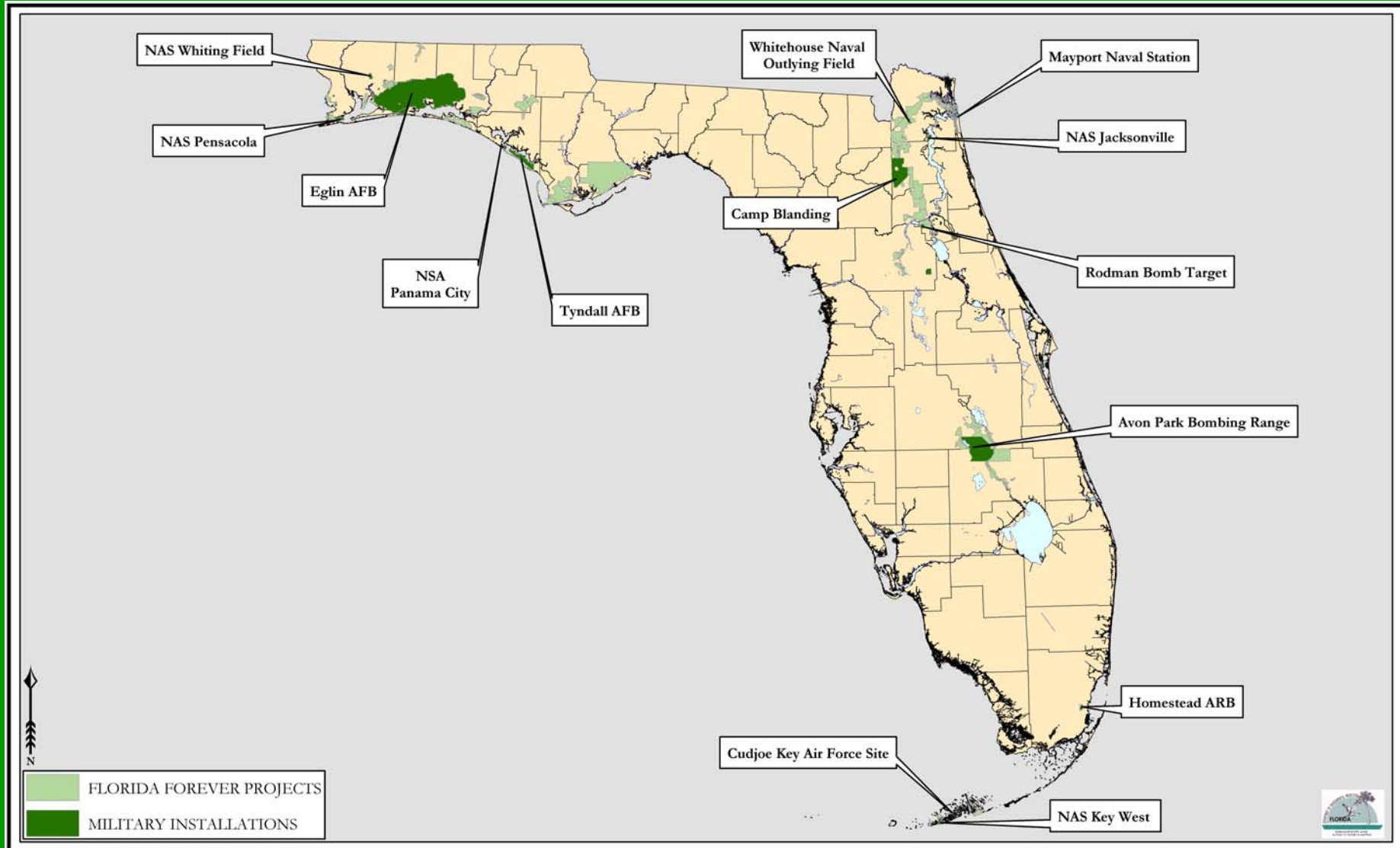
Targets of Opportunity

Examples of Targets of Opportunity:

- 1. Camp Blanding, FL - acquisition/easement signed**
- 2. Fort Stewart, GA - \$56K for easement w/ TPL**
- 3. Fort Carson, CO – proposal for 30,000 acres w/ TNC**
- 4. Fort Hood, TX – study/assessment started w/ TNC**
- 5. Fort Bragg, NC – obligated \$9.3M over several fiscal years, protecting 7,000 acres w/ TNC**
- 6. Northwest Florida Greenway Corridor**
- 7. Establishing regional Conservation Forums**



Florida Forever Projects Benefiting The Military Mission





NAS Pensacola and the Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie Florida Forever Project





Pitcher Plants





Pitcher Plants





Encroachment Upon NAS Pensacola



1995 Development



2000 Development



Encroachment Into NAS Pensacola's Accident Potential Zone





NAS Whiting Field Complex

- **2 Separate and fully operational airfields**
- **14 NOLF's (Navy Outlying Landing Fields)**
 - 12 Navy Owned, 2 Leased
 - 5 Helicopter / 9 Fixed-wing
 - Most NOLF's initially located in rural areas
- **NAS Whiting Field complex**
 - Current Plant Value - \$515M
- **4,500 NM² of airspace**





NAS Whiting Field Florida Forever Current Projects

- **Escribano Point**
 - Land west of NOLF Choctaw
 - 2,914 acres (“A” list)
 - Follow on to previous purchase of 1150 acres

- **Yellow River Ravines**
 - East and South of NOLF Harold
 - Over 16,000 acres (“A” list)

- **Perdido River**
 - Northwest of NOLF Saufley
 - Over 25,000 acres (“A” list)
 - State (AL/FL) Federal and Nature Conservancy

- **Clear Creek Project (under development)**
 - Around NAS Whiting Field



NAS Whiting Field Encroachment Partnering Program

- **Nature Conservancy**
 - Florida Forever
- **Florida Department of Environmental Protection**
- **Enterprise Florida**
 - Florida Defense Alliance
- **Local Governments**
 - Aviation/Commerce Park
- **Current partnering programs**
 - Yellow River Ravines, Escribano Point, Perdido River, Clear Creek





Naval Air Station Jacksonville Outlying Field Whitehouse





Florida Forever Project

Buffering OLF Whitehouse





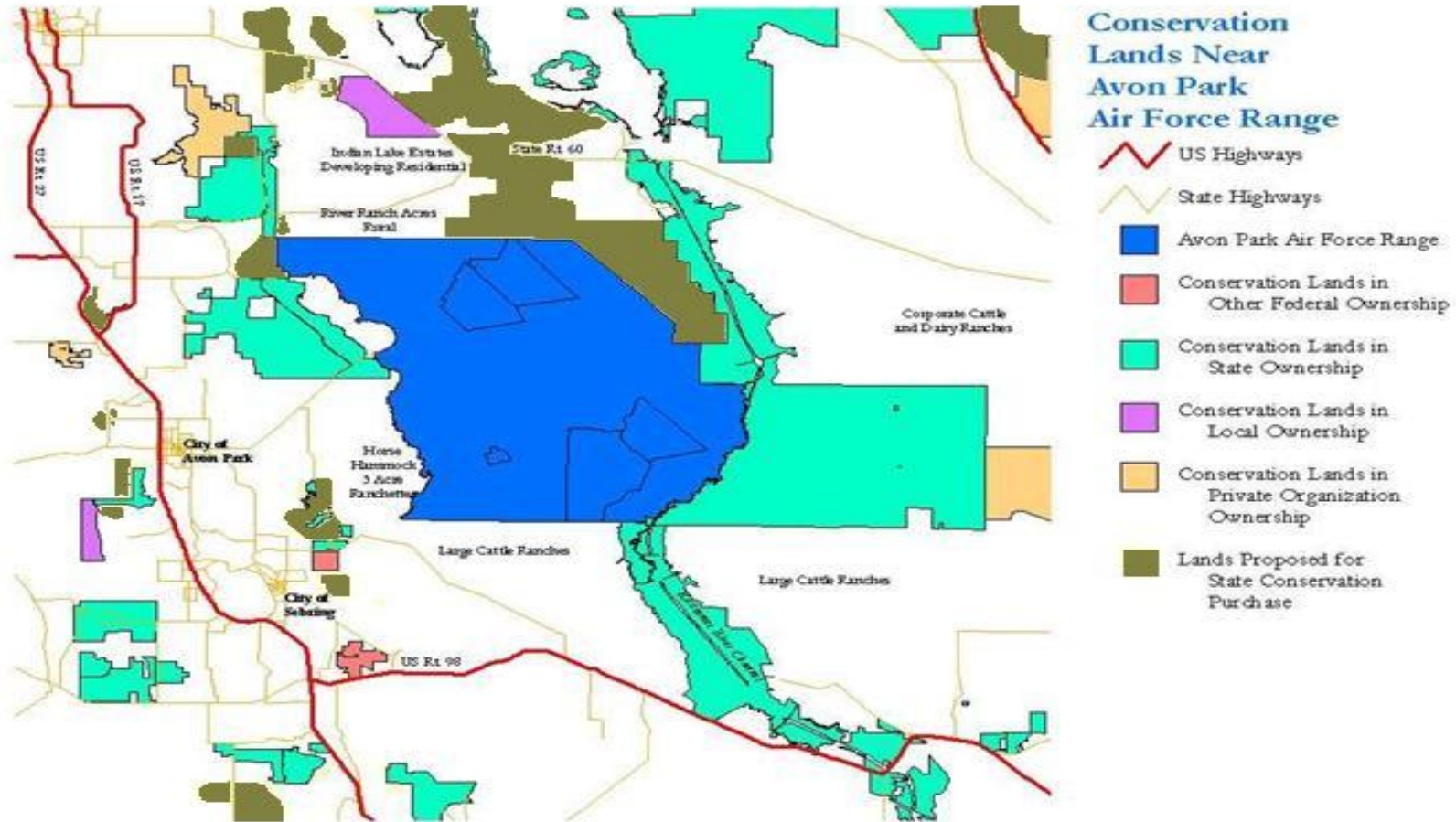
Florida Forever Project Buffering OLF Whitehouse





Avon Park Air Force Range Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever Project

Community Partnering to Ensure Training





Avon Park





Longleaf Flatwoods at Avon Park



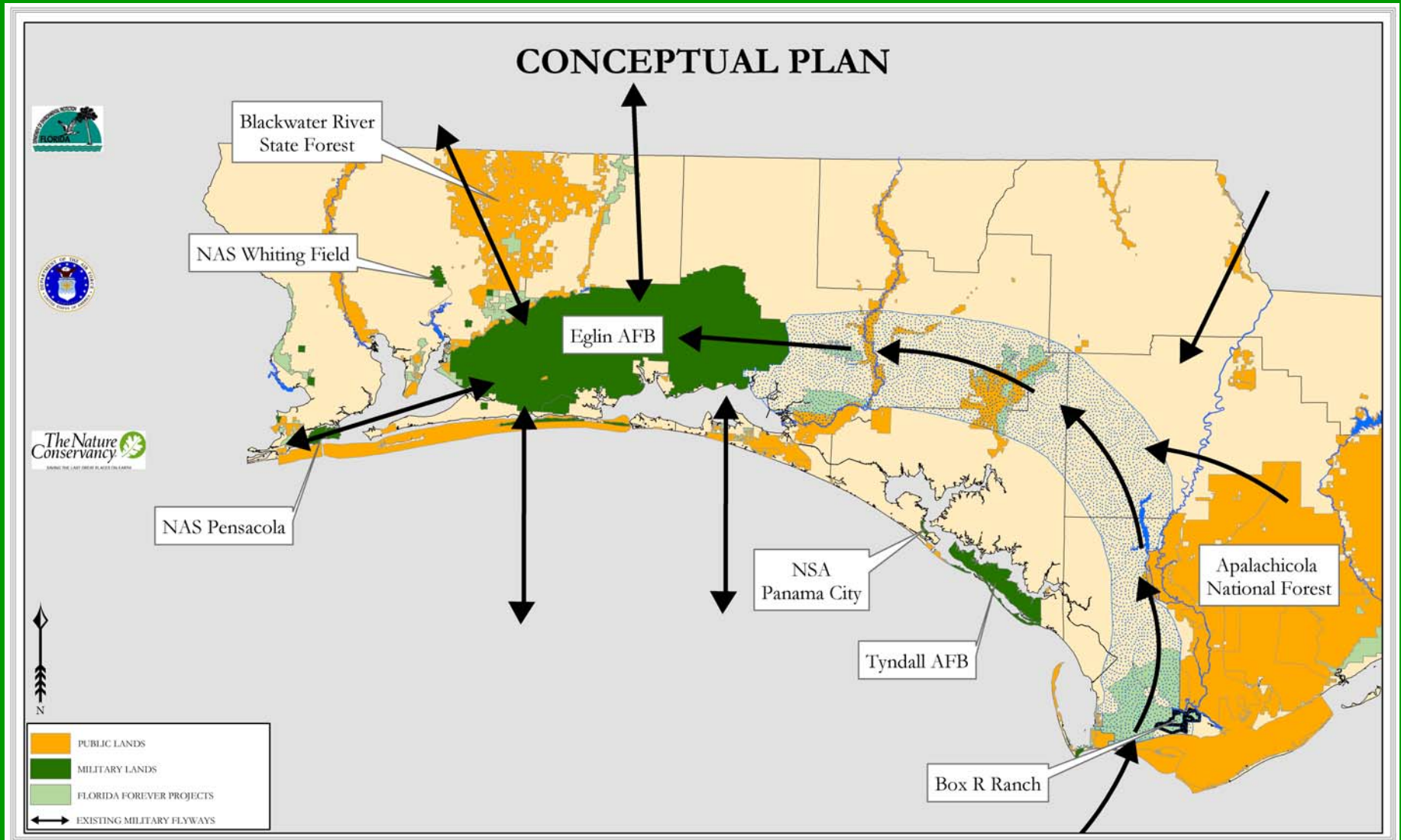


Pitcher Plants at Avon Park



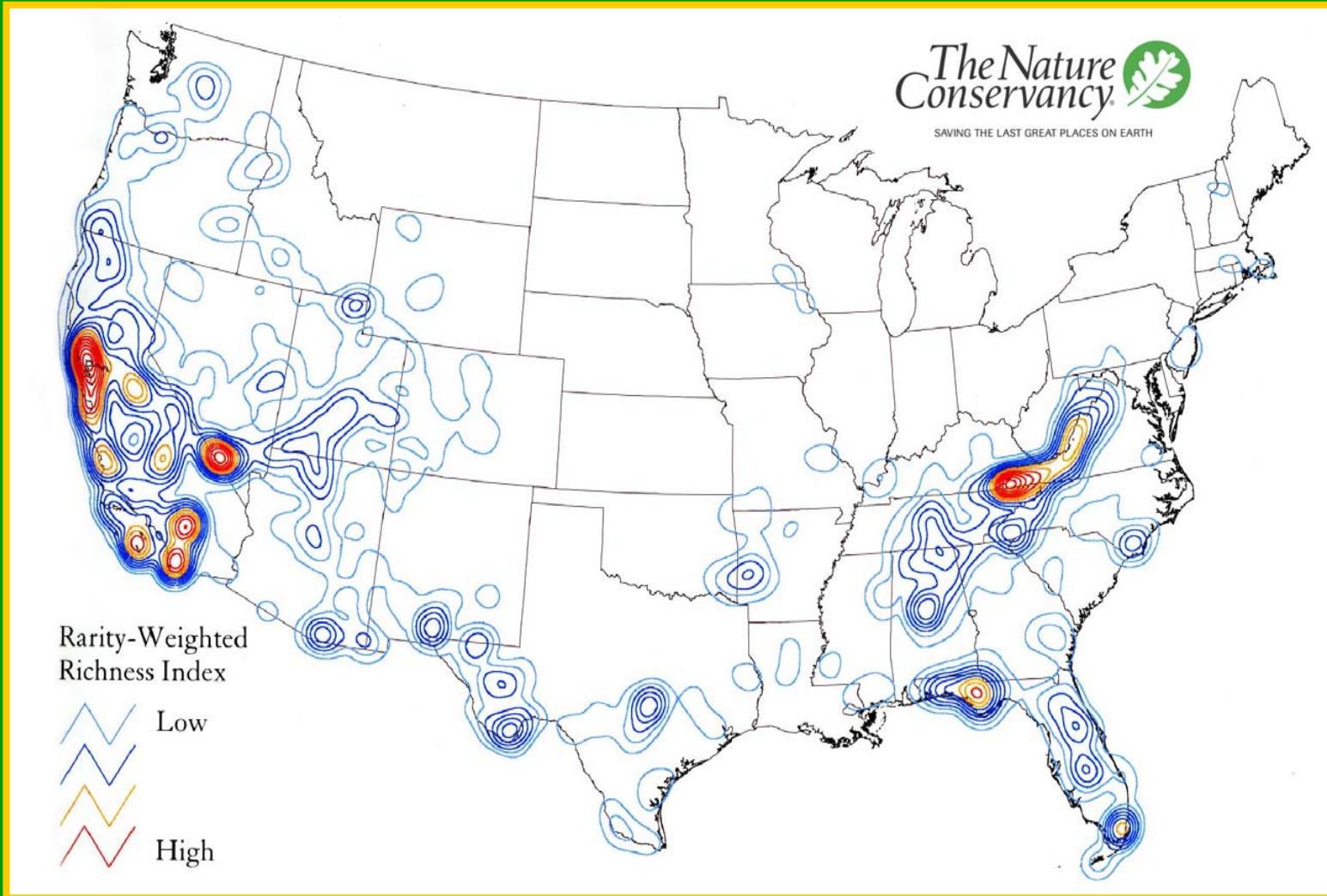


Northwest Florida Greenway



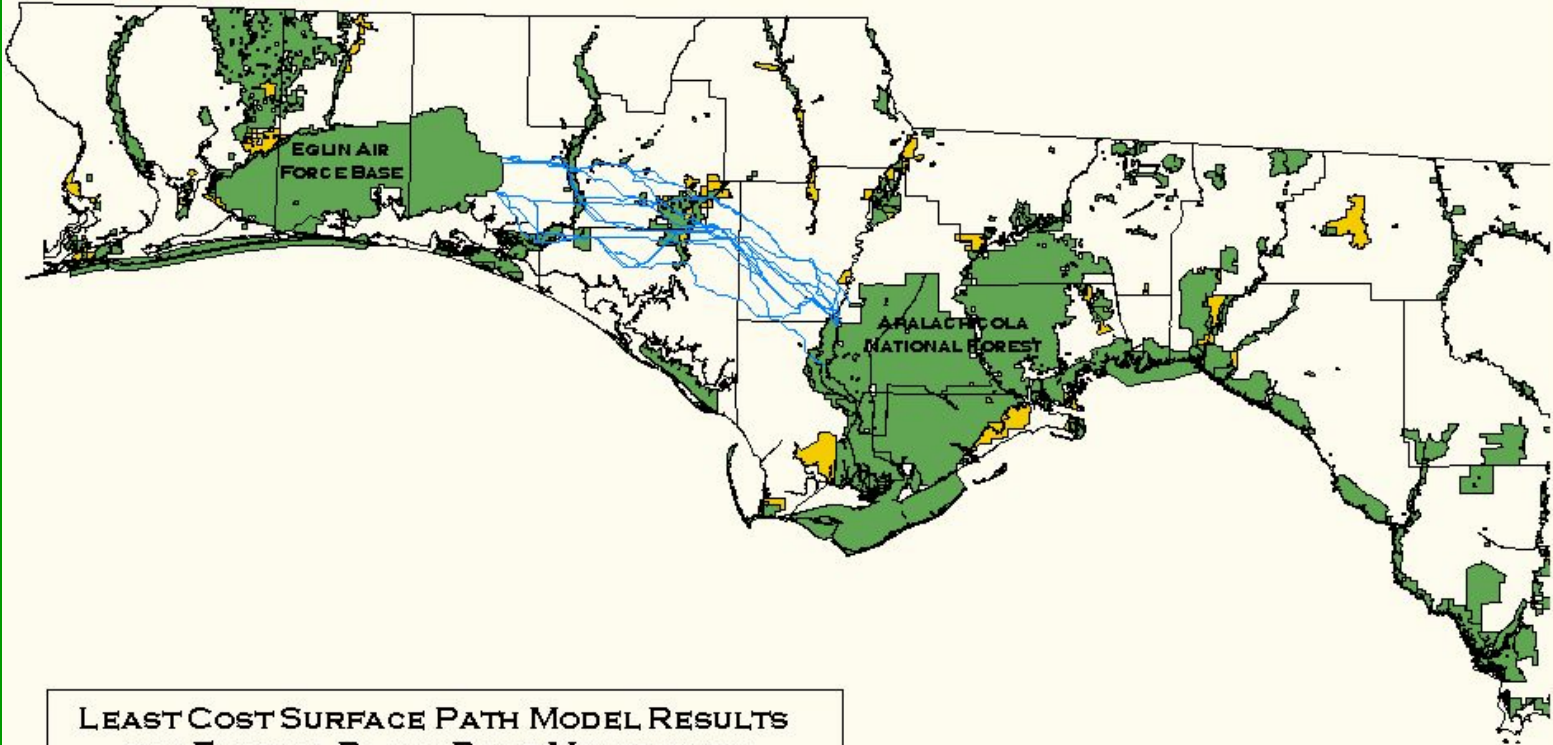


Biodiversity Hotspots in the United States





Potential Wildlife Corridors



LEAST COST SURFACE PATH MODEL RESULTS
FOR FLORIDA BLACK BEAR MOVEMENTS
BETWEEN APALACHICOLA NF AND EGLIN AFB

DATA FROM TOM HOCTOR, UF GEOPLAN CENTER



SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH

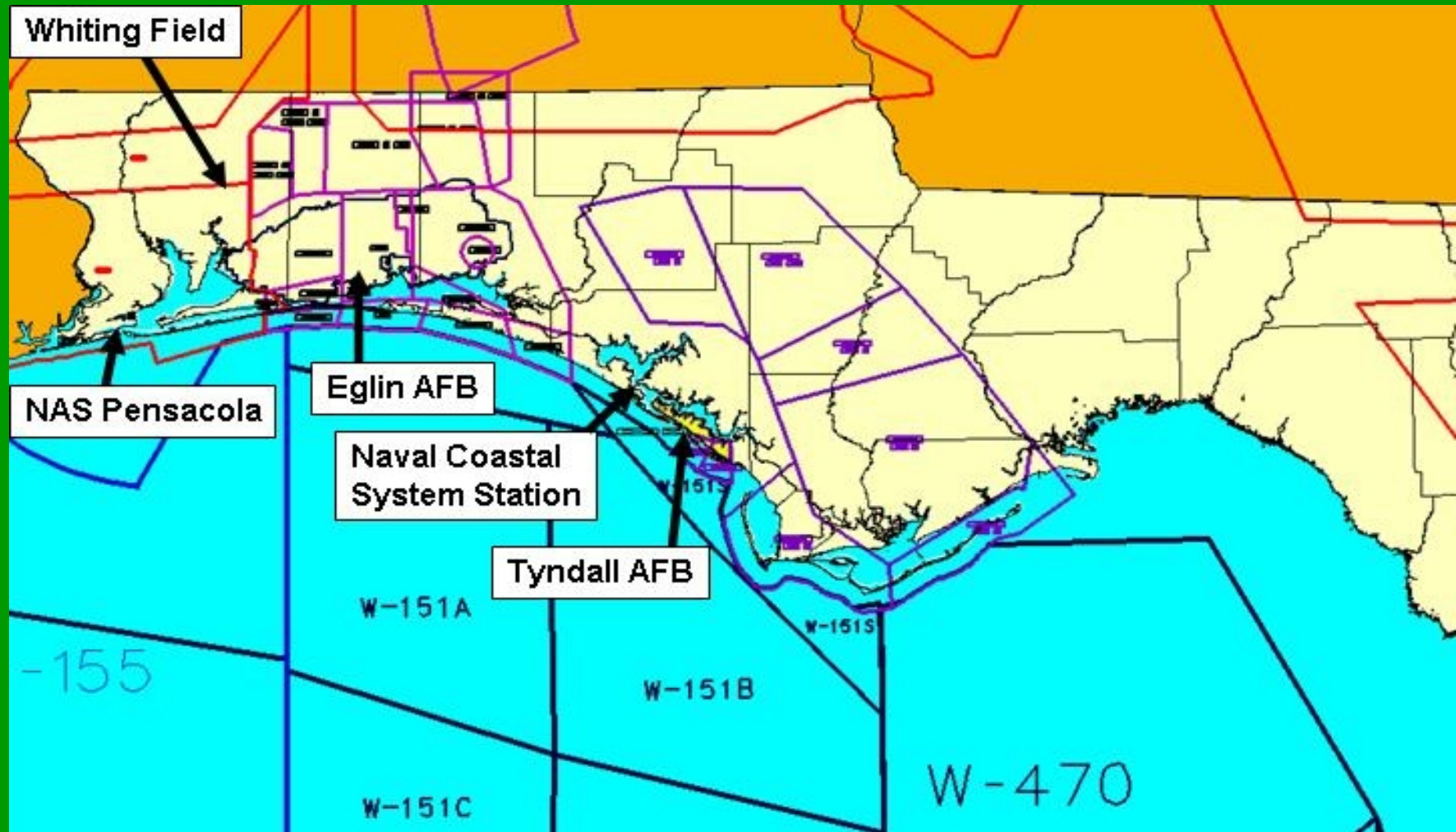


Florida National Scenic Trail Preferred Route



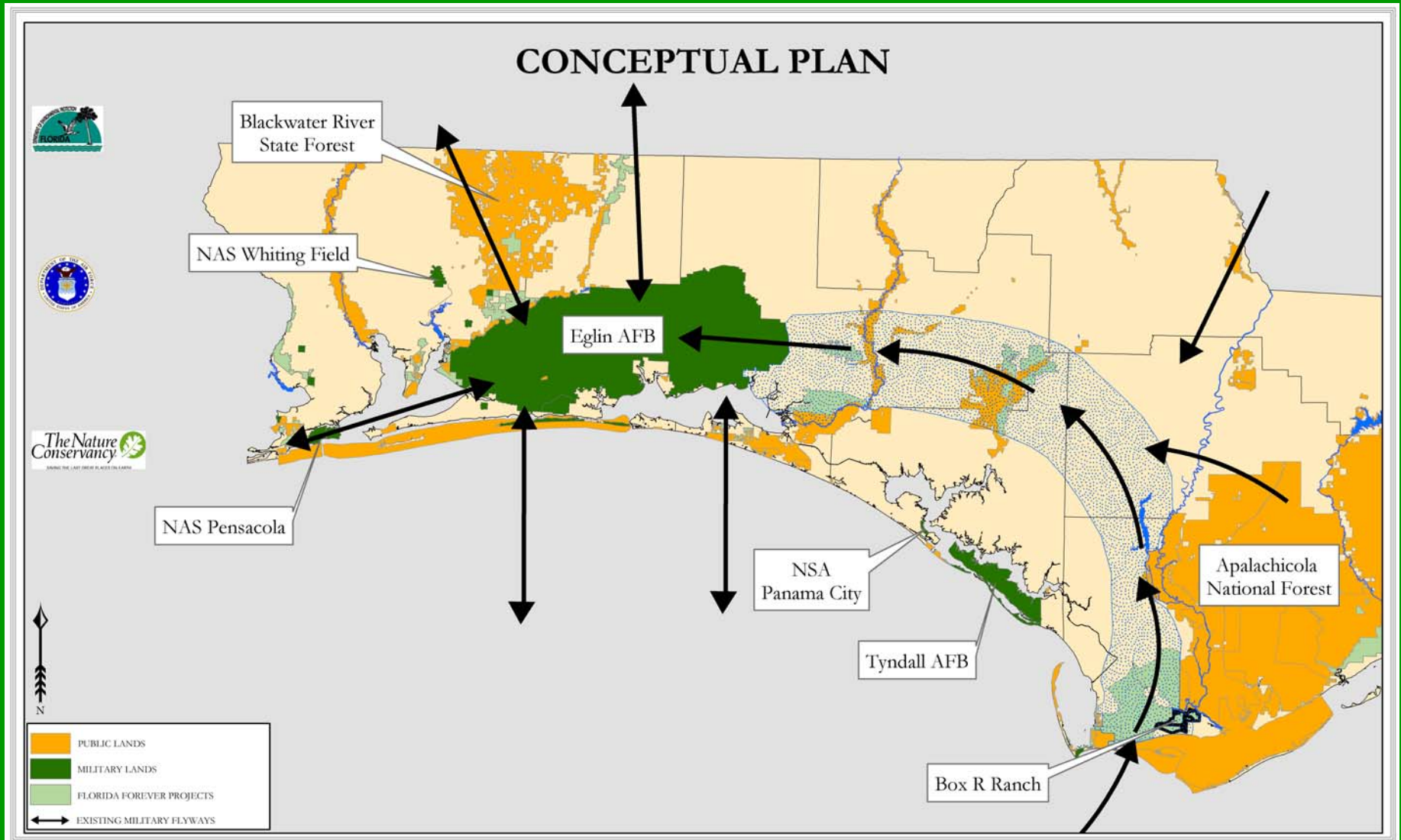


Military Installations and Airspace





Northwest Florida Greenway





Eglin Air Force Base Natural Resource Management

**Eglin
Air Force Base**

**Integrated
Natural
Resources
Management
Plan**

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Benefits to All Services





Joint Gulf Range Complex





Joint Gulf Range Complex Strategic Plan

“Supporting the 21st Century warfighter”

15 April 2003

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Northwest Florida Greenway Memorandum of Partnership



Signed 12 November 2003



Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening National Security through Partnerships

- ***Dept. of Defense***
- ***Dept. of Environmental Protection***
- ***The Nature Conservancy***
- ***FL Defense Alliance***



- ***Non-profit Organizations***
- ***Landowners***
- ***Local, State & Federal Agencies***
- ***Private Foundations***