

Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve



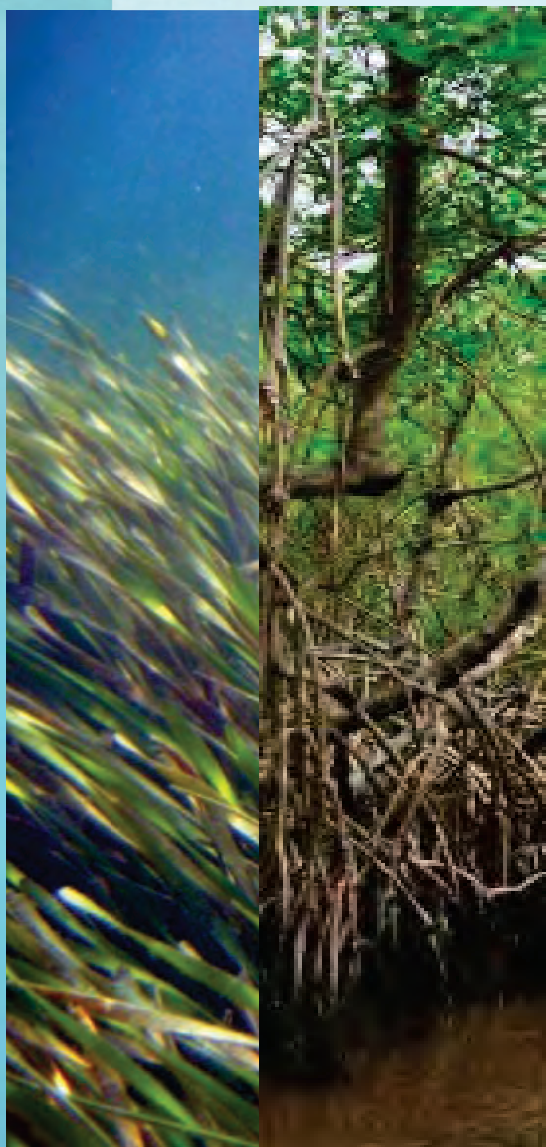
Overview

- What is an aquatic preserve?
- How many are there?
- Who manages aquatic preserves?
- Why are they important?



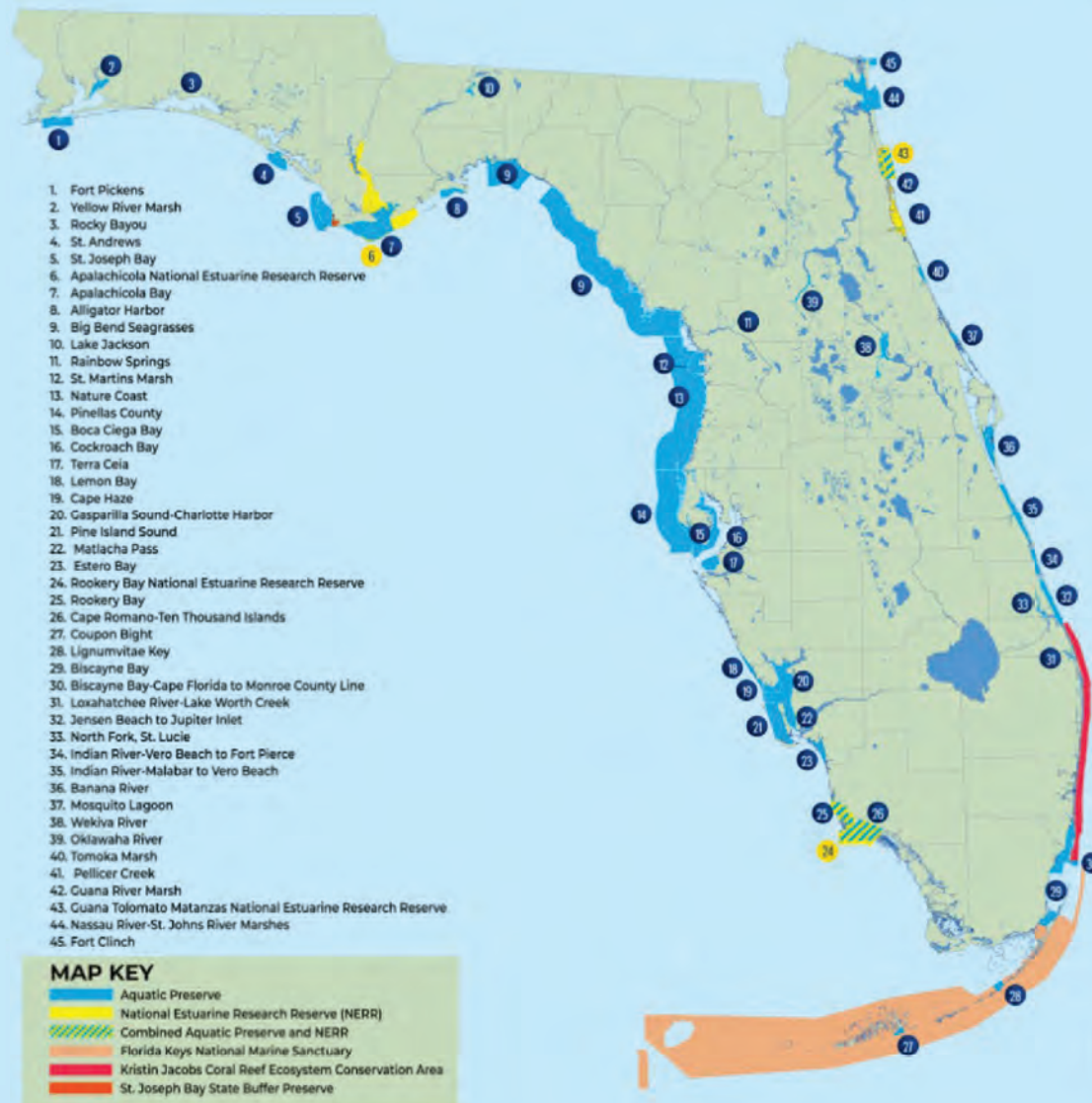






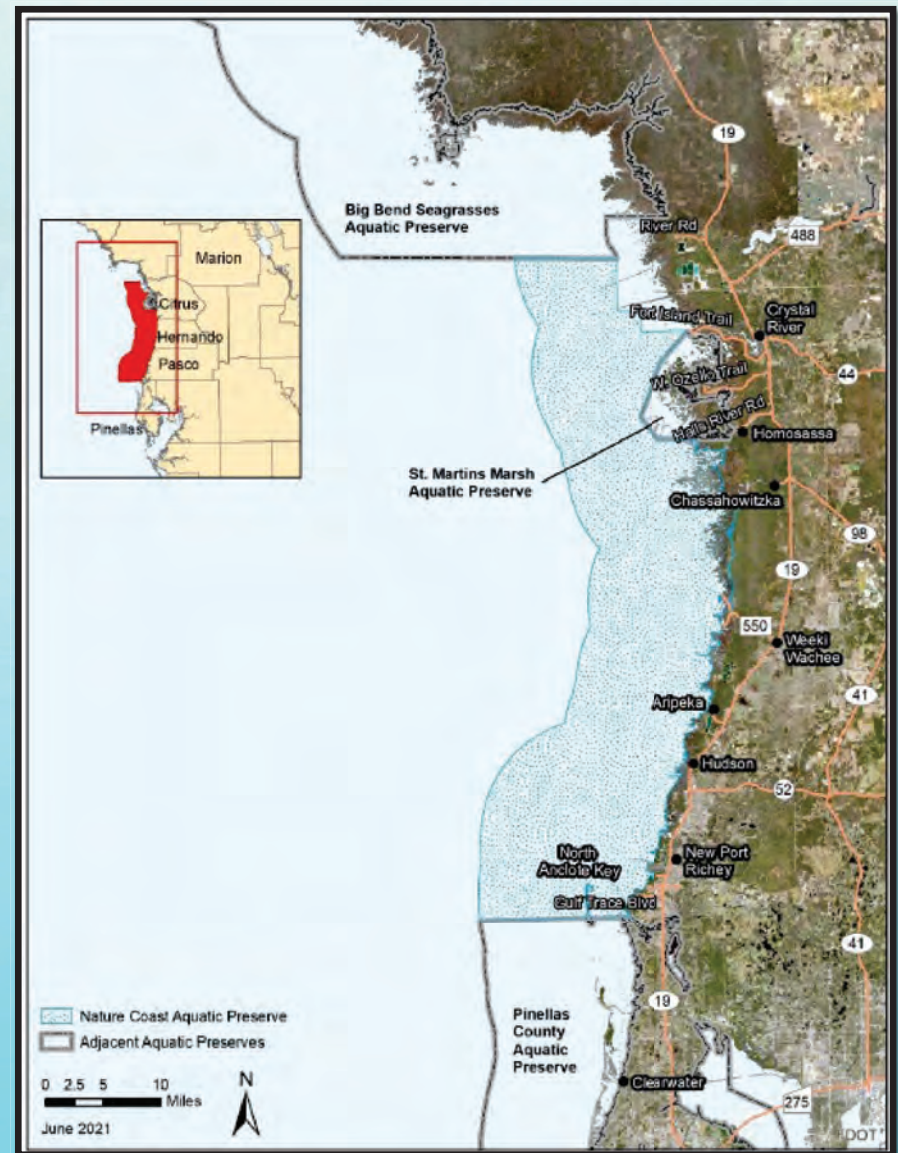
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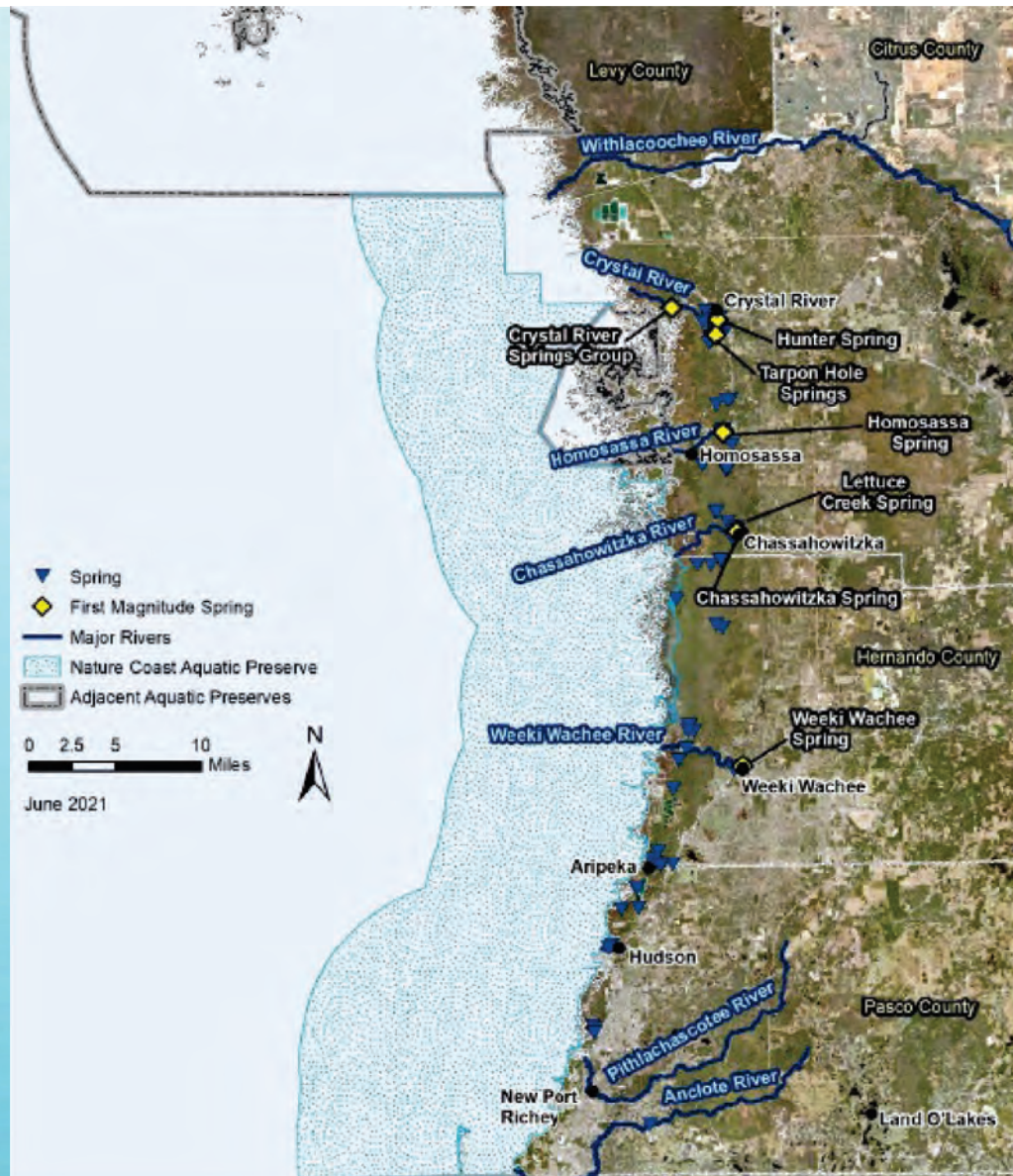
- Aquatic Preserves are managed under DEP's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (ORCP).
- Florida has 42 aquatic preserves throughout the state, totaling 2.6 million acres.



- Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve

- 42nd aquatic preserve
- 450,000 acres
- 625 miles of shoreline
- Citrus, Hernando, Pasco counties





Contributing Rivers

1. Withlacoochee River
2. Crystal River
3. Homosassa River
4. Weeki Wachee River
5. Chassahowitzka River
6. Pithlachascotee River
7. Anclote River

Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve Management Plan



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Identified Issues:

1. Water Resources
2. Protection and Management of Submerged Resources
3. Climate Change
4. Human Dimensions

To learn more about the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve Management Plan, visit:
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