Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve



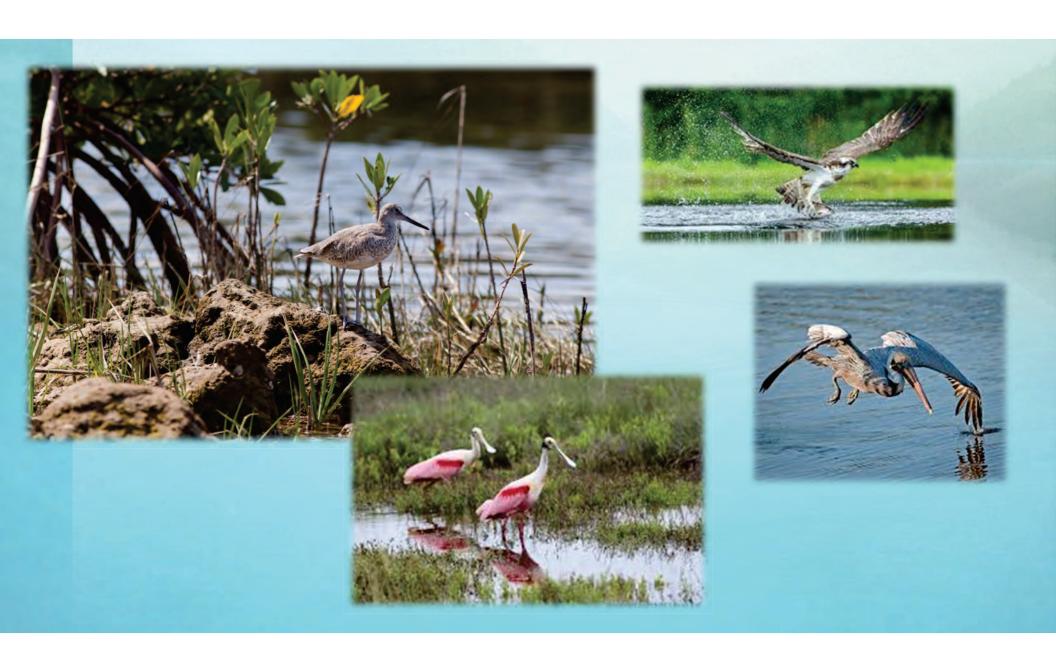
Overview

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











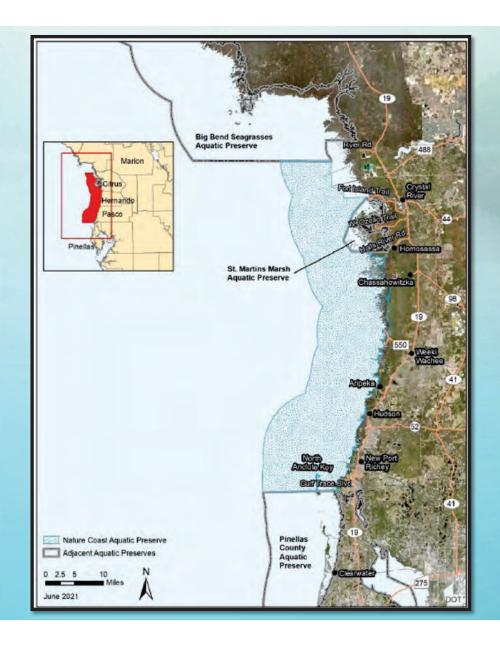


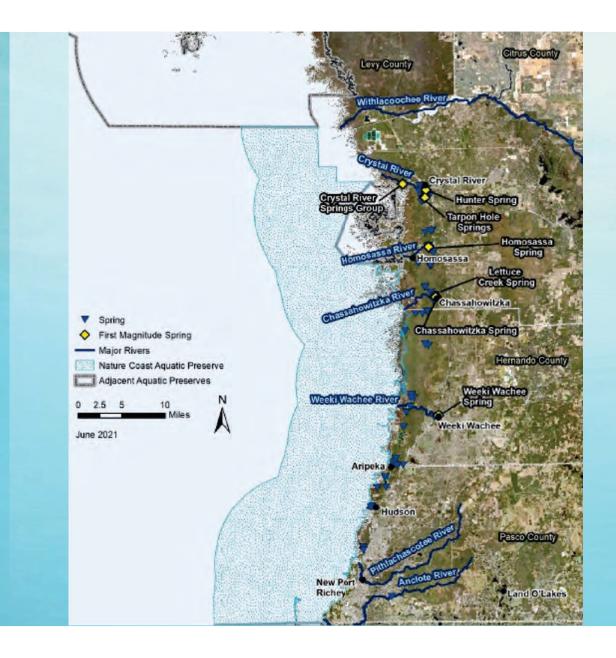
Aquatic Preserves

- 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.

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- > 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

