



Environmental Consulting & Design, Inc. Comments and Suggestions

City of Gainesville
Land Development Code Amendments
for Natural and Archaeological
Resource Protection



EC&D Expertise

- ❖ **Over 40 years of combined firm experience**

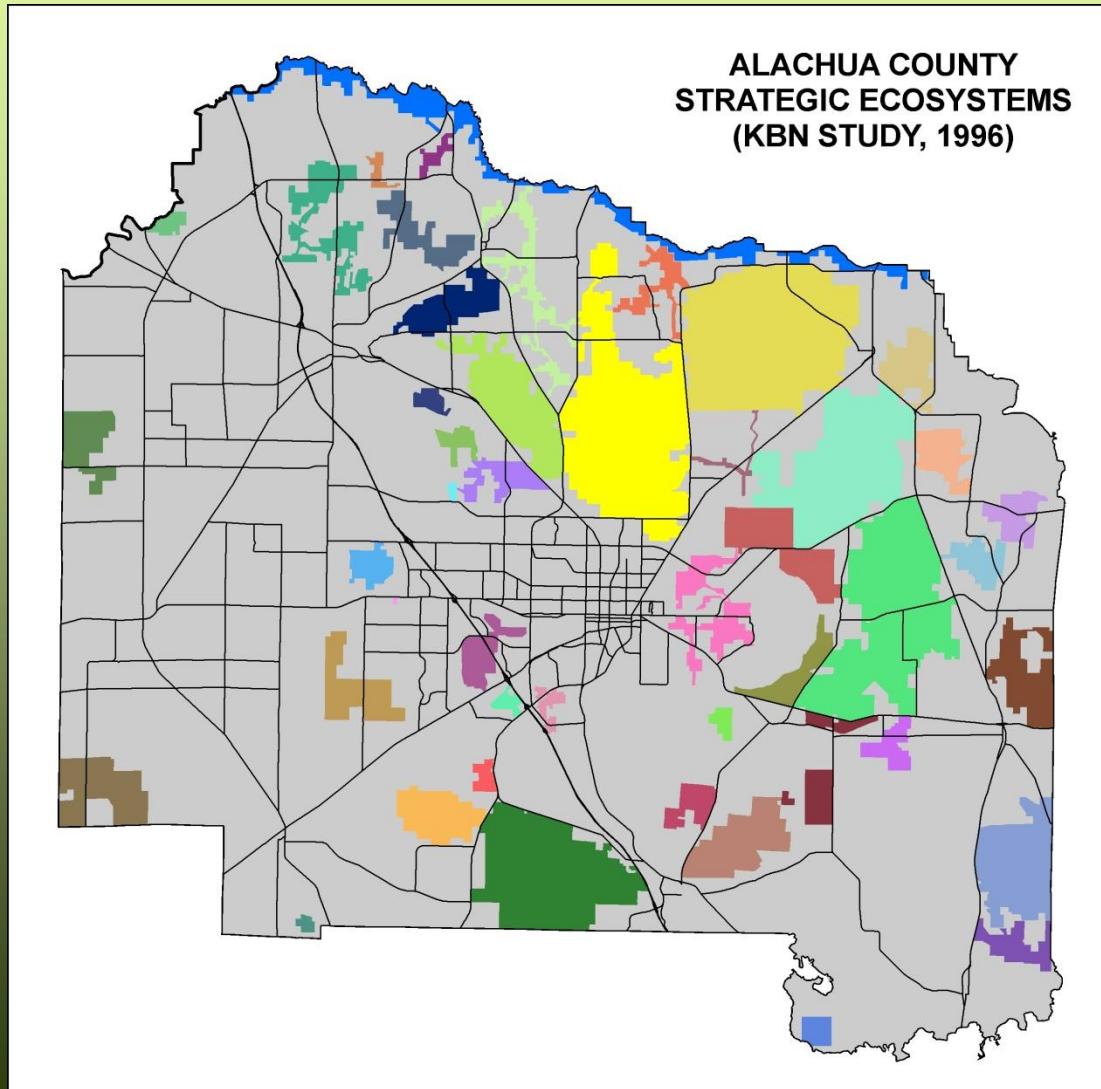
- ❖ **Environmental consulting and planning services:**
 - **Environmental inventories,**
 - **Listed species surveys,**
 - **Environmental permitting,**
 - **Wetland mitigation,**
 - **Environmental planning, and**
 - **Geographic Information Systems services (GIS).**

- ❖ **Extensive experience with Alachua County Code related to Strategic Ecosystems, Listed Species Surveys and Significant Natural Communities.**

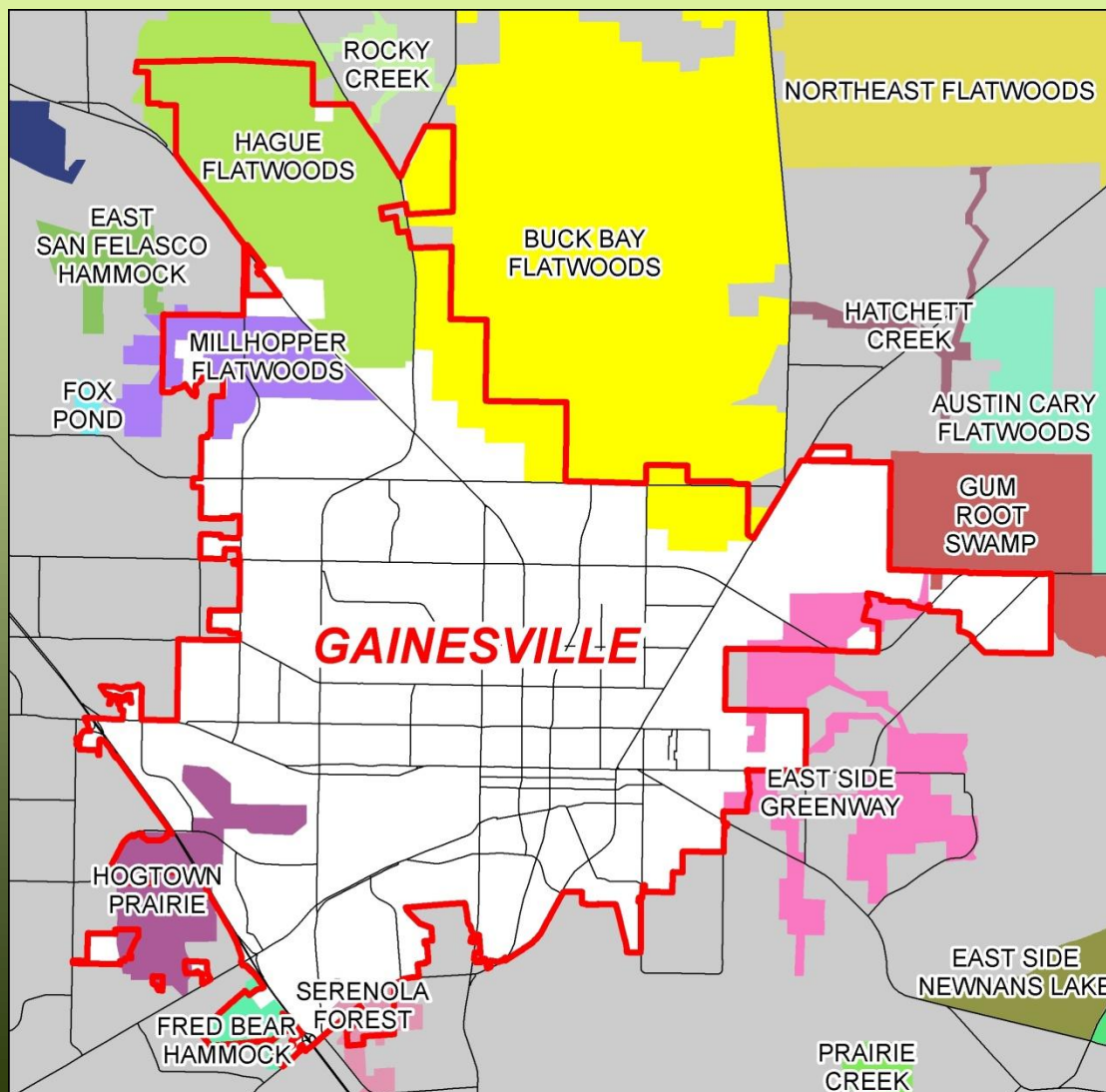
Major Identified Issues

- ❖ **Out of date mapping and scientific data utilized to establish the regulated uplands associated with Strategic Ecosystems.**
- ❖ **Lack of certainty provided to landowners who intend to develop their land with regards to the location and extent of regulated resources.**
- ❖ **Assessment of rare or strategic property as compared to the City vs. the County vs. the State.**
- ❖ **Exemptions are not sufficient.**

Strategic Ecosystems



Strategic Ecosystems in the City





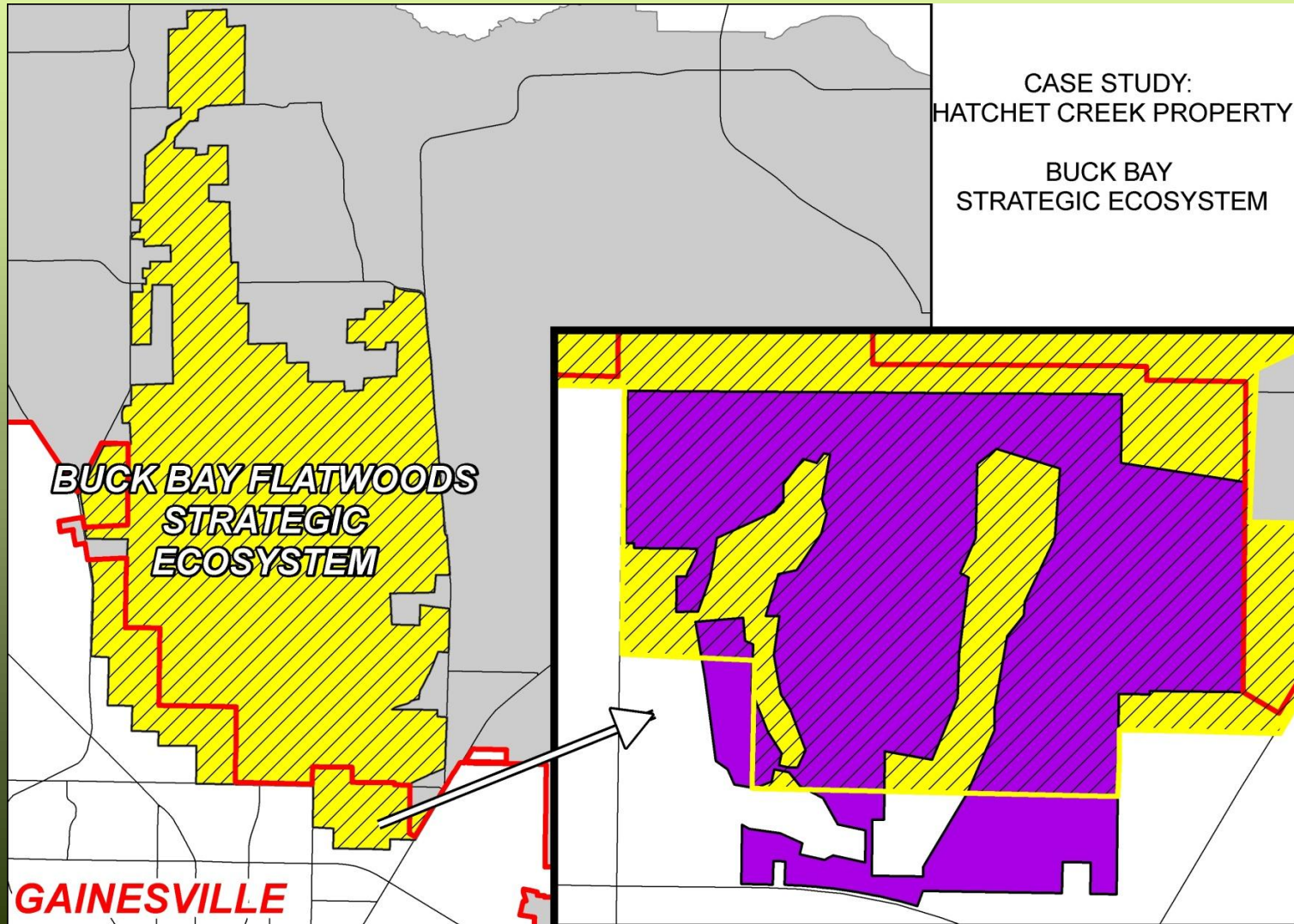
Property Owners within Strategic Ecosystems

Parcels within Strategic Ecosystems	
0 to 2 acres	844
2 to 5 acres	31
5 to 10 acres	10
10 to 100 acres	35
100+ acres	49
Total Parcels	969

Major Property Owners within Strategic Ecosystems	
City of Gainesville	4,379 acres
East Gainesville Development Partners	487 acres
Oak Hammock at University	136 acres
Plum Creek	2,583 acres
Prairie View Trust	365 acres
State of Florida	724 acres
AD Weiss	707 acres
Total Acres	9,381

Note: does not include parcels with the potential for Significant Natural Communities or Listed Species Habitat.

Case Study: Hatchet Creek



Suggested Amendments

- ❖ **Allow for removal of Strategic Ecosystem designation from properties with no identified regulated resources.**
- ❖ **Increase exemptions to 5 acres.**
- ❖ **Develop certainty through a Staff issued environmental review process.**



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