



# Minimum Flows and Levels Results for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs

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### Minimum Flows and Levels

"The minimum flow for a given watercourse shall be the limit at which further withdrawals would be significantly harmful to the water resources or ecology of the area."

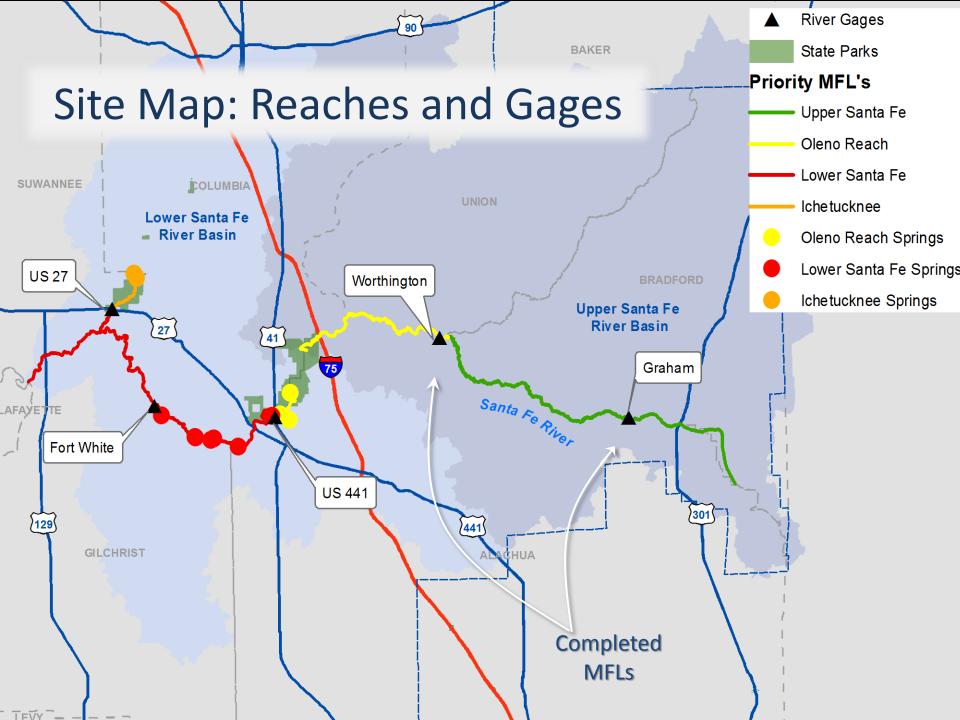


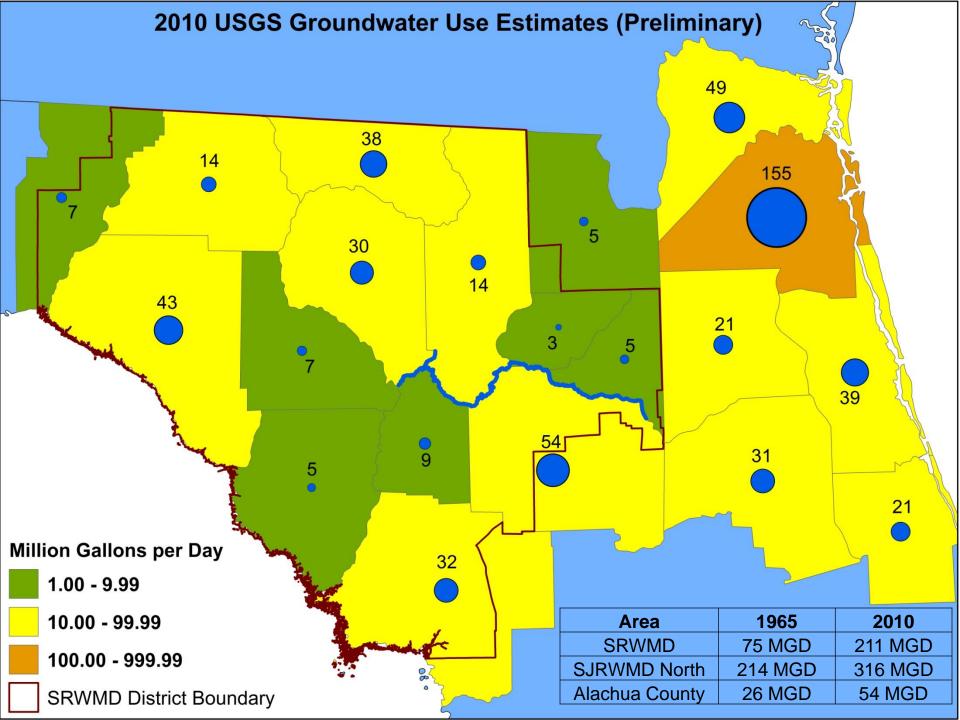


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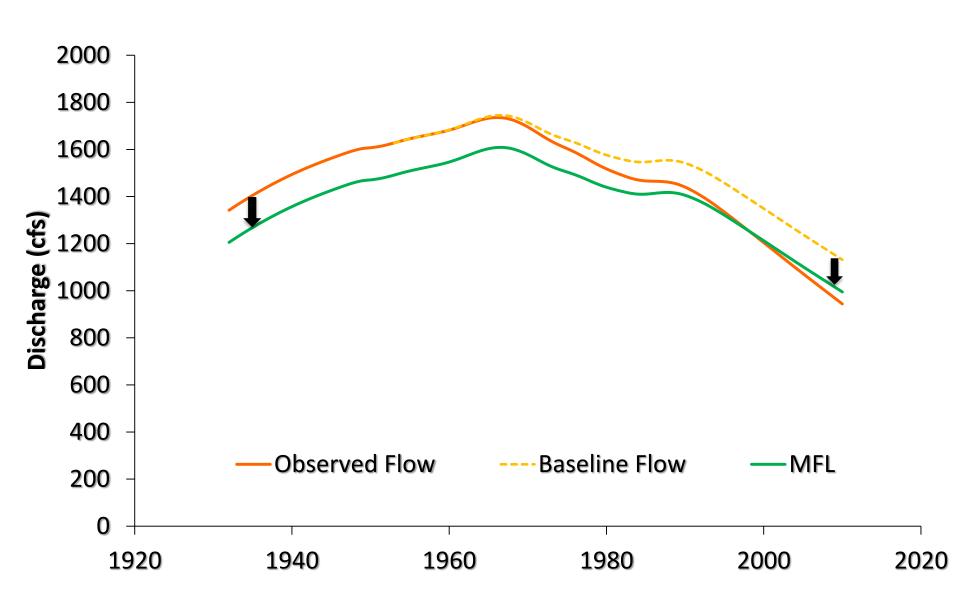
- Recreation
- Fish and wildlife habitats and passage of fish
- Estuarine resources
- Detrital transfer
- Freshwater storage and supply

- Aesthetic and scenic attributes
- Pollutant filtration and adsorption
- Sediment
- Water quality
- Navigation

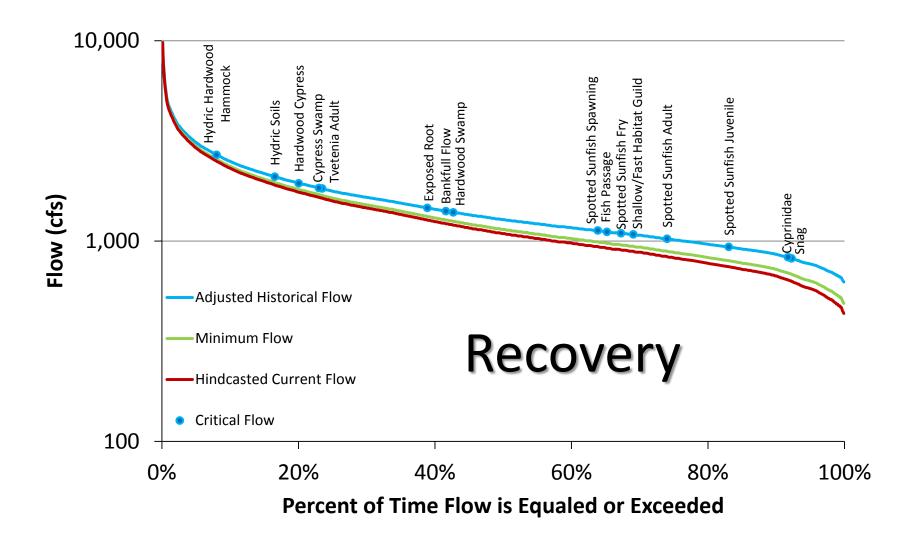




### Baseline Condition With MFL Shift

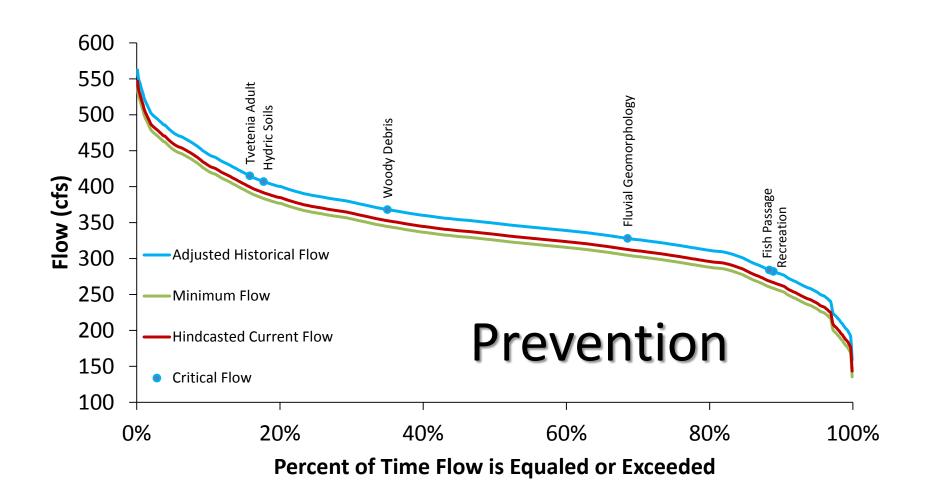


### Santa Fe River near Fort White



### Ichetucknee River at US 27





# Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River Priority Springs Results





**Ichetucknee Headspring** 

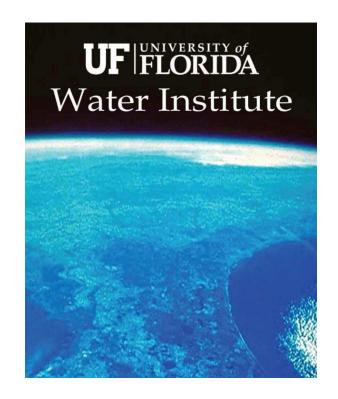
**Poe Spring Run** 







- University of Florida Water
   Institute
  - Peer-review underway
  - Complete October 8
  - Opportunity for public input
- Technical Workshop on MFL Methodologies







## MFL Public Input

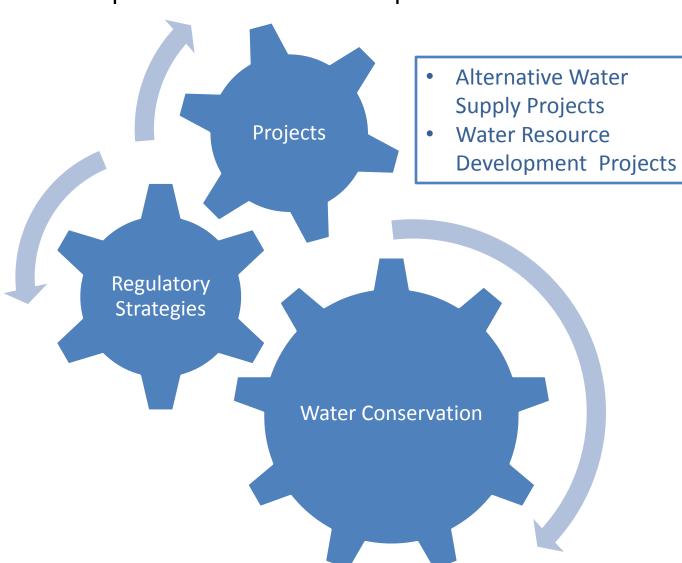
- Public input accepted
- Website for public review/comment:
  - www.mysuwanneeriver.com
  - "Notify me" feature will be used to receive updates
  - mfls@srwmd.org
- North Florida Regional Water Supply
   Partnership Stakeholders Advisory Committee



# Recovery/Prevention Strategies



Developed with Stakeholder Input







## Next Steps

Peer Review

- Independent, scientific
- To be completed early Fall 2013

Public Input

- To be completed early Fall 2013
- Multiple options for comment/input

Recovery & Prevention

- Develop strategies with stakeholder involvement
- June 2013 through Fall 2013

DEP Adoption

- MFLs with cross boundary considerations
- District Governing Board Resolution request per new legislation
- DEP approved



# Thank you!



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