



St. Johns River Water Management District

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo
President of the Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Paul Renner
Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Roger Young
Executive Director
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

Re: St. Johns River Water Management District No-Net-Loss of Hunting Lands Annual Report
for Fiscal Year 2022–2023

Dear President Passidomo, Speaker Renner, and Director Young:

Pursuant to *Florida Statute 379.3001*, the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) submits the attached report listing District properties that were open or closed for hunting during fiscal year (FY) 2022–2023. In FY 2022–2023, a total of 385,626 acres of District-owned lands were open to hunting through 33 Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), five Public Small Game Hunt Areas, (PSGHA) and six properties that are used for Youth and/or Operation Outdoor Freedom hunts. Two of the properties are used for multiple hunt purposes. This reflects no change from last year.

Hunting management reflects a balance of recreational opportunities offered to the public, which has been achieved through the involvement of the many user groups who recreate on lands owned or managed by the District. The District is proud of the balance achieved.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or Brian Emanuel, Chief of the Bureau of Land Resources, at (386) 329-4377. The District looks forward to continued cooperation in the statewide effort to provide resource-based recreational opportunities on public conservation lands.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Register, P.E.,
Executive Director

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Management Area	District Full Fee (acres)	District Joint Fee (acres)	Lead Manager	Wildlife Management Area	Acres Open to Hunting	Acres Not Open to Hunting	County
Pine Island Conservation Area	58	870	Brevard County			928	Brevard
Sebastian Storm Water Park	176		City of Sebastian			176	Indian River
Faver-Dykes State Park		4866	FDEP — State Parks			4866	St. Johns
Indian River Lagoon Preserve State Park	99	268	FDEP — State Parks			366	Brevard
Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway	61		FDEP — State Parks	Caravelle Ranch WMA	61		Putnam
Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park	203		FDEP — State Parks			203	Alachua
Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park	182	3814	FDEP — State Parks			3996	Duval
Rock Springs Run		533	FDEP — State Parks			533	Lake, Orange
St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park	150	14837	FDEP — State Parks			14987	Brevard, Indian River
Mosquito Lagoon Aquatic Preserve	105		FDEP—CAMA			105	Indian River
Belmore State Forest — Satsuma Tract	3526		FFS	Operation Outdoor Freedom	3526		Clay
Cary State Forest	324	2090	FFS	Cary State Forest and WMA	2415		Nassau
Charles H. Bronson State Forest	5469	4321	FFS	Charles H. Bronson State Forest WMA	9790		Orange, Seminole
Four Creeks Forest	395	10209	FFS	Four Creeks WMA	10169	434	Nassau
Indian Lake State Forest	101		FFS			101	
Jennings State Forest	9188	3294	FFS	Jennings Forest WMA	10341	2141	Clay, Duval
John M. Bethea State Forest		24310	FFS	Osceola WMA	24310		Baker
Little-Big Econ State Forest	8640		FFS	Little Big Econ WMA	6249	2391	Seminole, Volusia
Matanzas State Forest		4658	FFS	Matanzas State Forest and WMA	4658		St. Johns
Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest	3638		FFS	Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest WMA	3638		Nassau
Seminole State Forest	3533		FFS	Seminole Forest WMA	2939	594	Lake
Tiger Bay State Forest	665	11148	FFS	Rima Ridge — Tiger Bay WMA	11148	665	Volusia
Haw Creek Preserve		1041	Flagler County			1041	Flagler
Princess Place Preserve		1019	Flagler County			1019	Flagler
Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area	21812	1492	FWC	Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA	23196	108	Osceola
Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Mangement Area	6608		FWC	Caravelle Ranch WMA	6608		Putnam
Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area	306	5043	FWC	Salt Lake WMA	5043	306	Brevard
T.M. Goodwin Waterfowl Management Area	6520		FWC	T.M. Goodwin PSGHA	6254	266	Brevard
Tosohatchee State Preserve	261		FWC	Tosohatchee WMA	261		Orange
Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area	318	7276	FWC	Triple N Ranch WMA	7595		Osceola
North Sebastian Conservation Area		134	Indian River County			134	Indian River
Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area		340	Indian River County			340	Indian River
Austin Cary Forest		567	UF			567	Alachua
Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge	2007	377	USFWS			2384	Volusia
Deep Creek Preserve	3656		Volusia County			3656	Volusia
Gemini Springs County Park		207	Volusia County			207	Volusia
Lake George Forest — Volusia County	518	7449	Volusia County	Lake George WMA	7862	105	Volusia
Longleaf Pine Preserve — Volusia County	1329	2943	Volusia County			4272	Volusia
Spruce Creek Preserve	40	99	Volusia County			139	Volusia
Wiregrass Prairie Preserve		1401	Volusia County			1401	Volusia
9A Mitigation Parcels	326		SJRWMD			326	Duval
Bayard Conservation Area	10395		SJRWMD	Bayard WMA	6466	3929	Clay
Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area	969		SJRWMD			969	Clay
Black Sink Prairie	397		SJRWMD			397	Marion
Blue Cypress Conservation Area	42843		SJRWMD	Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA	42173	670	Indian River
Buck Lake Conservation Area	9627		SJRWMD	Buck Lake WMA	9597	30	Brevard, Volusia
Canaveral Marshes Conservation Area	8267	2699	SJRWMD			10966	Brevard
Clark Bay Conservation Area	341	4794	SJRWMD	Tiger Bay WMA	3745	1390	Volusia
Crescent Lake Conservation Area	3583		SJRWMD	Operation Outdoor Freedom	3374	209	Putnam, Volusia
Deep Creek Conservation Area	5222		SJRWMD			5222	Putnam, St. Johns
Dunns Creek Conservation Area	3152		SJRWMD	Dunns Creek WMA	3152		Putnam
Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area		706	SJRWMD			706	Orange
Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area	6577		SJRWMD	Emeralda Marsh PSGHA	5112	1465	Lake
Fellsmere Water Management Area	10035		SJRWMD	Fellsmere Area 1 PSGHA	4165	5870	Indian River
Fort Drum Marsh Conservation Area	20950		SJRWMD	Fort Drum WMA	20750	200	Indian River
Freedom Commerce Center	93		SJRWMD			93	Duval
Gourd Island Conservation Area	515		SJRWMD			515	St. Johns
Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park	2075	5063	SJRWMD			7138	Orange
Heart Island Conservation Area	12442	1203	SJRWMD	Lake George WMA	11471	2173	Volusia
Hull Swamp Conservation Area	2386		SJRWMD			2386	Volusia
Julington-Durbin Preserve	24	2018	SJRWMD			2042	Duval, St. Johns
Lake Apopka North Shore	19727		SJRWMD			19727	Lake, Orange
Lake George Conservation Area	11756		SJRWMD	Lake George WMA	11372	383	Putnam, Volusia
Lake Harris Conservation Area	474		SJRWMD			474	Lake
Lake Jesup Conservation Area	5563	128	SJRWMD			5691	Seminole
Lake Monroe Conservation Area	7514		SJRWMD	Lake Monroe WMA	3096	4418	Volusia
Lake Norris Conservation Area	3681		SJRWMD			3681	Lake
Lochloosa Wildlife Conservation Area	10654		SJRWMD	Lochloosa WMA	9115	1540	Alachua
Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve		2814	SJRWMD	FWC Youth Hunt	1443	1371	Alachua
Micco Water Management Area	458		SJRWMD			458	Brevard
Moses Creek Conservation Area	2173		SJRWMD			2173	St. Johns
Murphy Creek Conservation Area	4742		SJRWMD			4742	Putnam
Newnans Lake Conservation Area	5706	1262	SJRWMD	Hatchet Creek WMA/FWC Youth Hunts	6273	695	Alachua
North Central Region Mitigation Archipelago	218		SJRWMD			218	Volusia
North Region Mitigation Archipelago	1300		SJRWMD			1300	Clay, Duval, Putnam
Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area	6296		SJRWMD	Ocklawaha Prairie PSGHA/OOF	2349	3947	Marion
Orange Creek Restoration Area	3509		SJRWMD	Orange Creek PSGHA	3403	105	Alachua, Marion
Palm Bluff Conservation Area	3317		SJRWMD			3317	Volusia
Pellicer Creek Conservation Area	2534		SJRWMD			2534	Flagler
Rice Creek Conservation Area	5052		SJRWMD	Caravelle Ranch WMA	696	4356	Putnam
River Lakes Conservation Area	37910		SJRWMD	Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA	26765	11145	Brevard
Sand Lakes Restoration Area		1255	SJRWMD	FWC Youth Hunt	1255		Indian River
Seminole Ranch Conservation Area	29545		SJRWMD	Salt Lake WMA, Seminole Ranch WMA	9503	20042	Brevard, Orange, Seminole, Volusia
Silver Springs Forest Conservation Area	5598		SJRWMD	Silver Springs Forest WMA	5598		Marion
South Central Region Mitigation Archipelago	599		SJRWMD			599	Lake, Orange, Seminole
West Region Mitigation Archipelago	198		SJRWMD			198	Lake
Stokes Landing Conservation Area	277		SJRWMD			277	St. Johns
Sunnyhill Restoration Area	10491		SJRWMD	Operation Outdoor Freedom	4142	6349	Marion
Thomas Creek Conservation Area	1574	3241	SJRWMD	Thomas Creek WMA	2456	2359	Duval, Nassau
Three Forks Conservation Area	47428		SJRWMD	Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA	42091	5337	Brevard
Turnbull Hammock Conservation Area	2436		SJRWMD			2436	Volusia
Twelve Mile Swamp Conservation Area	790	20336	SJRWMD			21126	St. Johns
Wekiva River Buffer Conservation Area	2512		SJRWMD			2512	Seminole
			TOTALS	% Open to Hunting			
SJRWMD Managed	374251	45520	419772	57.07%	239563	180208	
SJRWMD Owned	454139	160126	614265	62.78%	385626	228640	