



**Project Spotlight:
DuPuis Management Area
Public Use Improvement Plan Update**

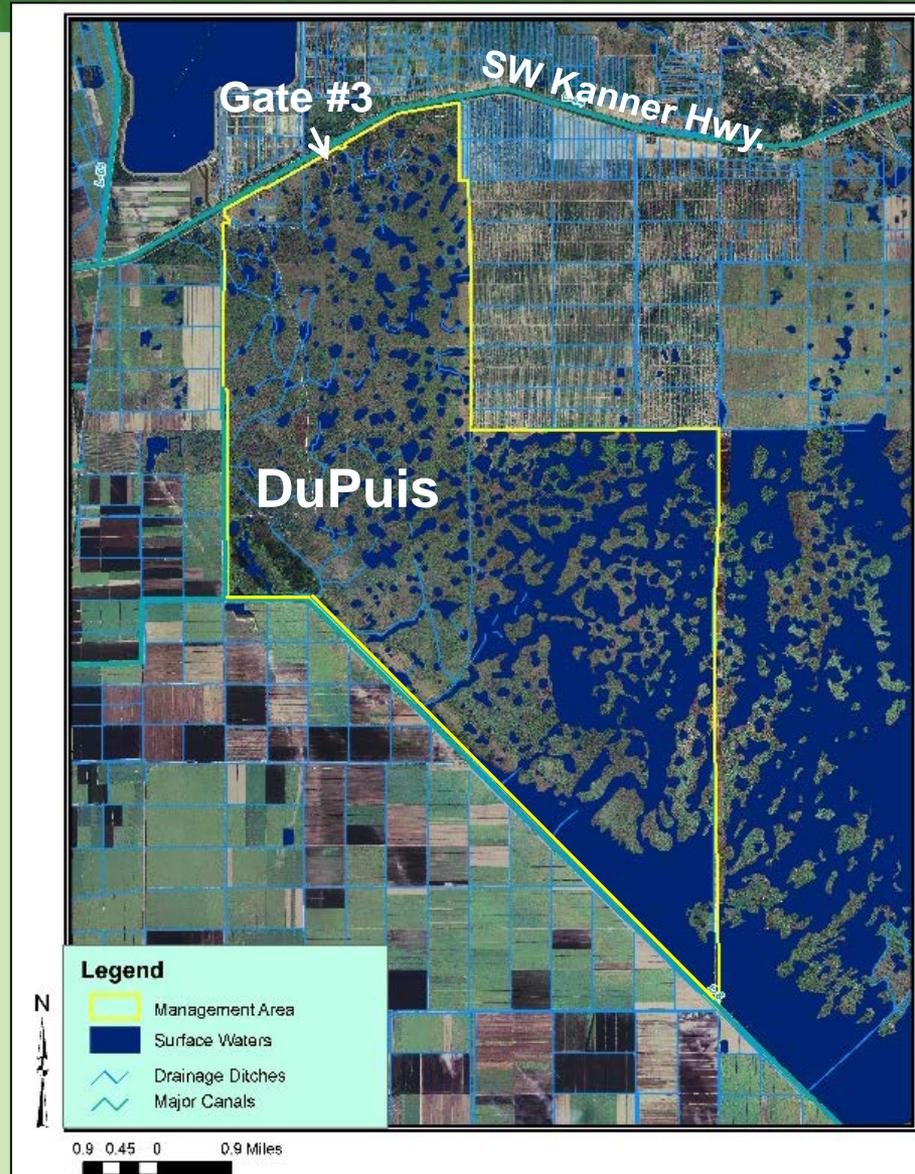
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DuPuis Management Area

- 21,858 acres located in Martin & Palm Beach Counties.
- Acquired in 1986 under Save Our Rivers program for its significant water resources and conservation value. Contains northernmost edge of Everglades marsh.
- Unique property - Prior to acquisition the property was an active cattle ranch and existing infrastructure such as barns and outbuildings have been used to support public use including camping and equestrian use.
- Infrastructure is over 40 yrs. old and in need of refurbishment and upgrading.



DuPuis Management Area



- Very popular area for wide range of nature-based recreation.
- 40 miles of equestrian trails.
- 22 miles of hiking trails.
- Several camping areas.

DuPuis Equestrian Campground



- Tent, RV, equestrian camping
- Day use horseback riding
- Hunting check station
- Special events



DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- **Dupuis Equestrian Campground:**
 - **Funded from FY16 budget.**
 - **Addressing aging infrastructure and bathroom facility needs.**
 - **Construction timeline not to impact current public use.**



Existing restroom



One of 3 existing barns

DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- Installation of prefab restroom/shower facility.
 - To meet increased public use.
 - Provide accessibility compliance.



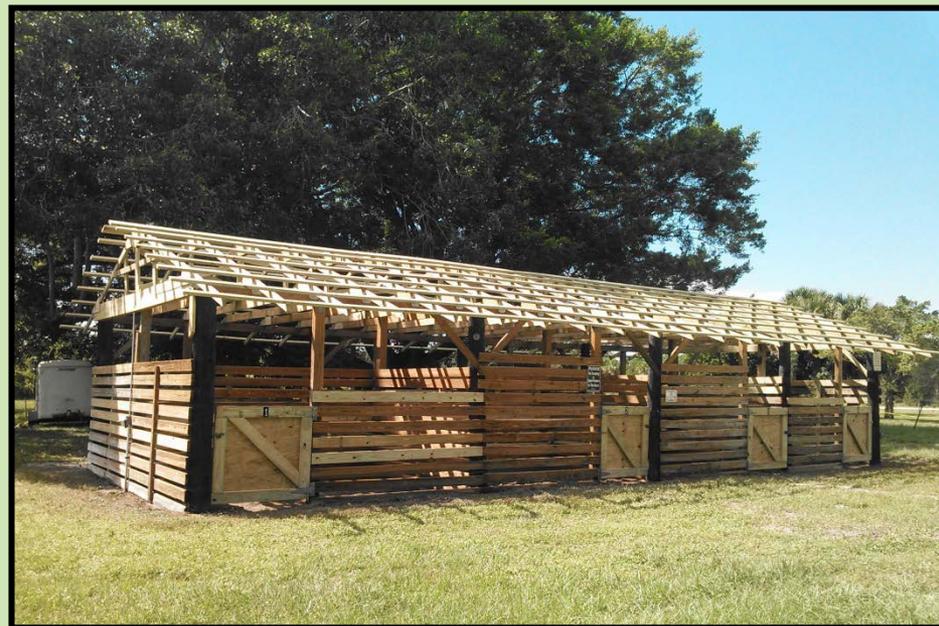
DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- 3 Barns- in need of roof and interior repairs.



DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- **3 Barns:**
 - Improvements currently underway.



DuPuis Management Area Improvements

➤ Renovate and replace paddocks.



- Approx. 2.5 miles of paddock fencing.
- Renovations by staff and Department of Corrections.

DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- Add 2 picnic shelters.
- Currently under construction.



DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- **General site improvements.**
 - Road and parking improvements.
 - New picnic tables (27), fire rings (15).
 - Tree pruning.
 - Equestrian staging areas.
 - New public use signage.



Picnic tables and fire rings



Existing campground road

DuPuis Management Area Improvements

- **Summary of Dupuis Equestrian Campground improvements:**
- **Funding:**
 - **Projects funded to \$550,000.**
- **Timeline:**
 - **Improvements anticipated to be completed in next 60 days.**
 - **3 Barns- roof repairs/replacements and interior repairs.**
 - **Renovate and replace paddocks.**
 - **Add 2 picnic shelters.**
 - **General site improvements.**
 - **Restroom facility installed by early spring 2017.**

Thank You Questions?

