



Lake Prevatt

Minimum Flows and Levels

Independent Peer Review

Initial Comments

January 16, 2024

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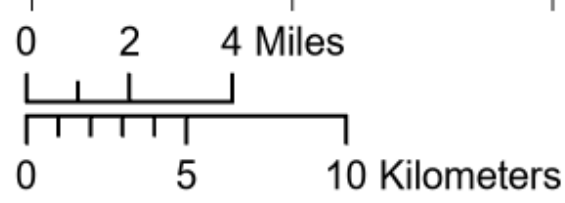
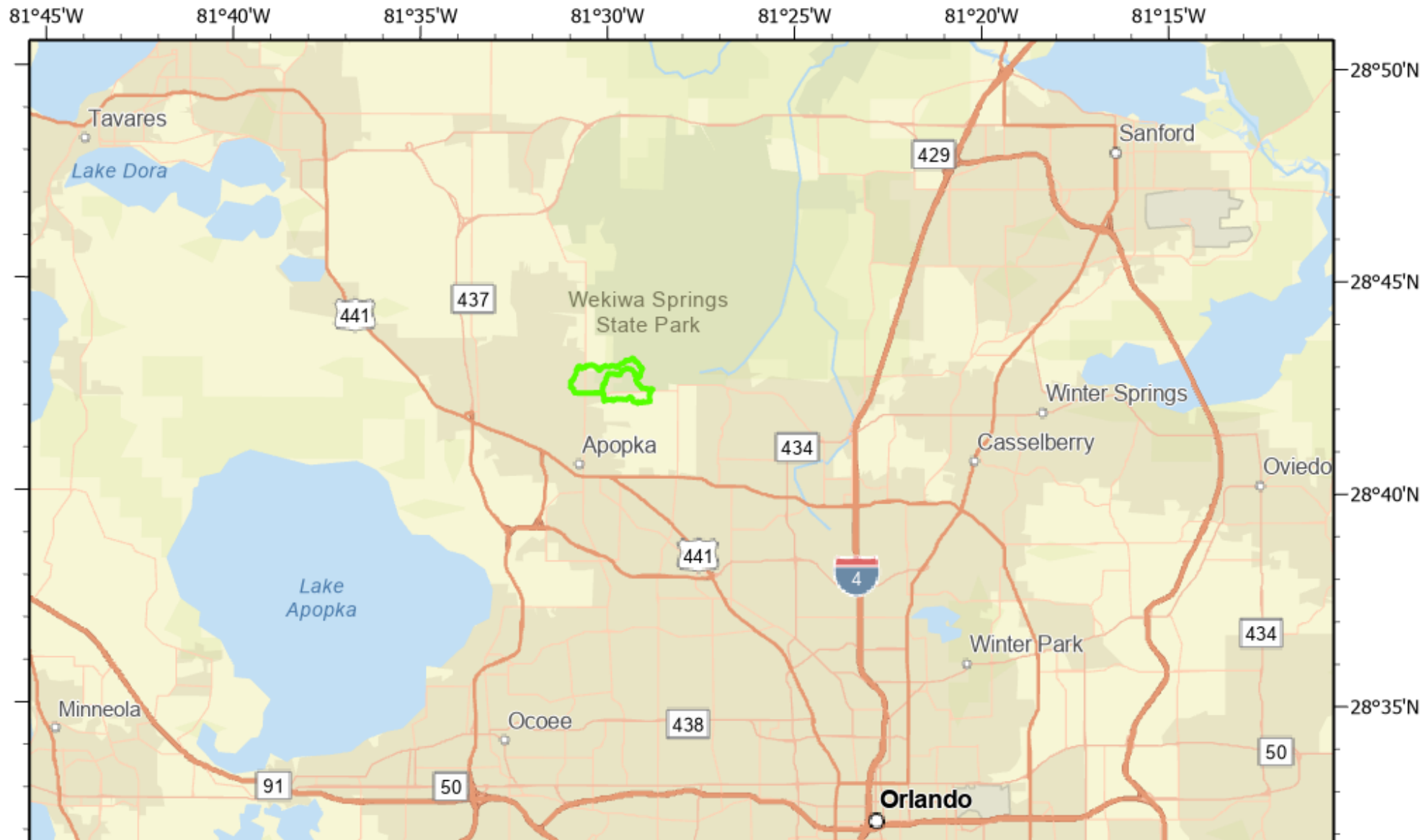
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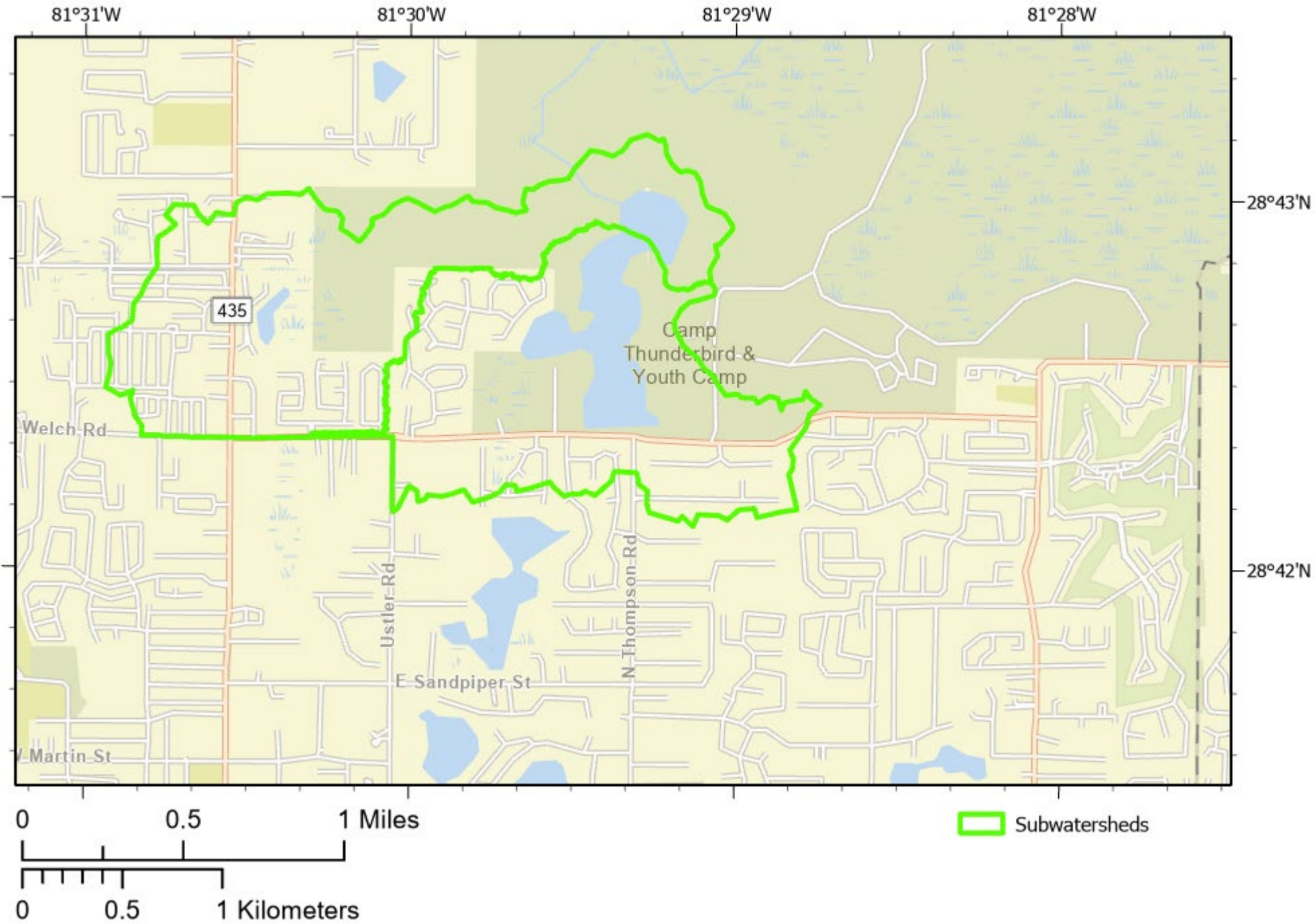
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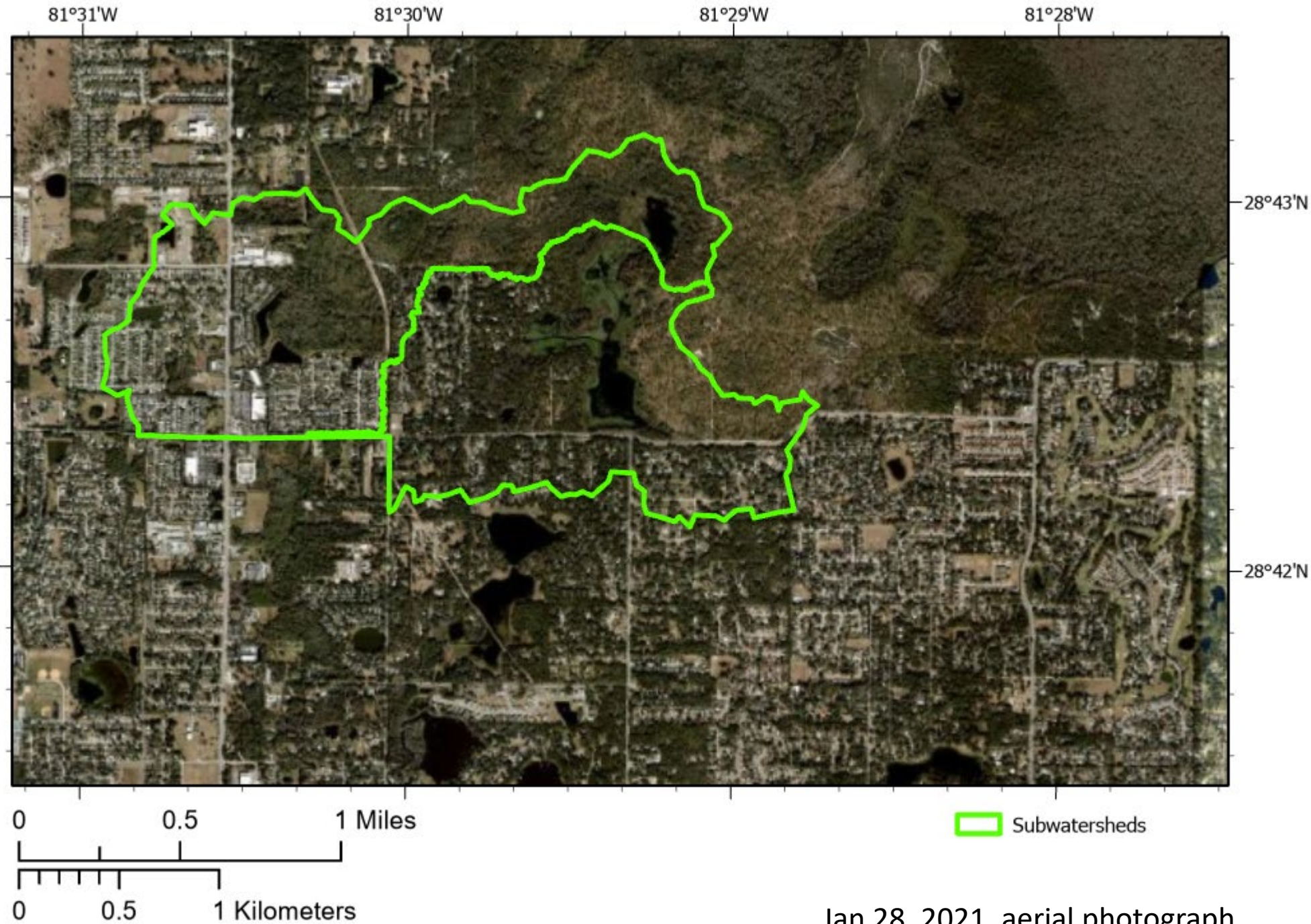
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The screenshot shows the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) website. The header includes the district's logo and name, a navigation menu with links to Menu, Permitting, Newsroom, About Us, Core missions, and Careers, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Minimum flows and levels" and contains a paragraph explaining the MFL program. Below this, there are four buttons: "Upcoming meetings", "MFL and strategy document library", "Finding a balance: The work to determine MFLs", and "2022 MFLs Priority List and Schedule". The "MFLs in progress" section lists seven water bodies: Apshawa Lake South, Crystal Lake, Johns Lake, Lake Weir, Lake Prevatt, Sylvan Lake, and Wekiva Basin. The "Recently adopted MFLs" section lists three: Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva, Lochloosa Lake, and Silver Springs. A "Frequently asked questions" section is also present, with a list of questions and expandable answers. On the right side, there is a map titled "2022 MFLs map" and a button for "Florida DEP Statewide Adopted MFLs".

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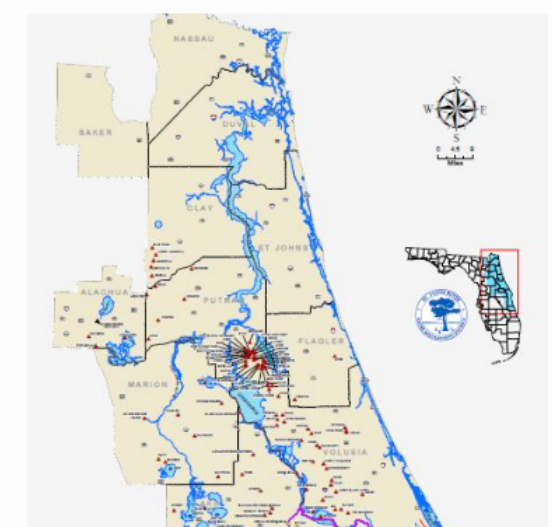
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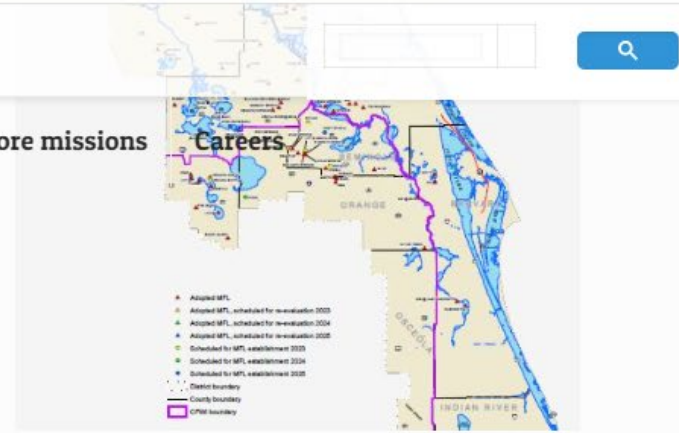
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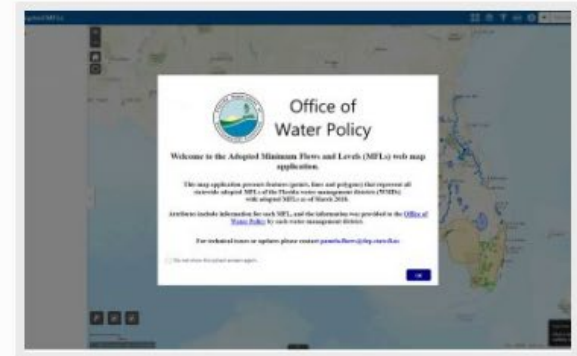
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Lake Prevatt Minimum Levels

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Lake Prevatt is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Apopka within Wekiwa Springs State Park in Orange County, Florida. The 99-acre lake receives water from direct precipitation, surface runoff, and base flow from the surrounding area and loses water primarily through evaporation, an outflow to Carpenter Creek, and seepage to the Upper Floridan Aquifer. Lake Prevatt provides a regionally important recreation resource with hiking trails and youth camping cabins within the park boundary, as well as access for canoeing and kayaking from an additional youth camp on the western edge of the lake. The area surrounding Lake Prevatt within park boundaries is also prime habitat for native plant communities and wetlands that provide habitat for numerous wading birds and other fish and wildlife.

The District's MFLs approach involves two separate but interrelated components: 1) MFLs Determination; and 2) MFLs Assessment. The first involves determining a minimum hydrologic regime necessary to protect relevant water resource values. The second involves comparing this MFLs condition to a current-pumping condition to determine the current status of the MFLs. The overall process involves an analysis of ecological, recreational, and hydrological information, all of which undergo independent scientific peer review. Field work and surface water modeling for Lake Prevatt are ongoing. The Lake Prevatt MFLs determination is scheduled for completion by the end of 2024.



MFLs Peer Review Approach in the CFWI

The District typically engages in voluntary peer review of all MFLs on its Priority List. Because Lake Prevatt (Orange County) is within the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) area, the District will follow the CFWI MFLs peer review process. This includes stakeholder input in the selection of MFLs report and model peer reviewers as well as stakeholder involvement in public workshops for the review of the models, hydrological analyses, and environmental analyses that are used to determine and evaluate proposed MFLs within the CFWI.

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Lake Prevatt MFLs

HSPF Model Peer Review Kick-off Meeting

12/11/2023



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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 13, 2023
From: Jeffrey N. King, PhD PE CFM
Principal Engineer, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Subject: Lake Prevatt Minimum Levels Peer Review
Task A: Kick-Off Meeting and Site-Visit Summary

This memorandum summarizes the December 11, 2023, kick-off meeting and lake and watershed visit for engineering and environmental services contract 39104, work order 1: an independent scientific peer review of St. Johns River Water Management District's (SJRWMD) Hydrologic Simulation Program FORTRAN (HSPF) numerical simulation of water levels in Lake Prevatt, in Orange County, Florida (fig. 1). This meeting was public and part of a Central Florida Water Initiative peer review. The kick-off meeting and site visit are task A of work order 1.

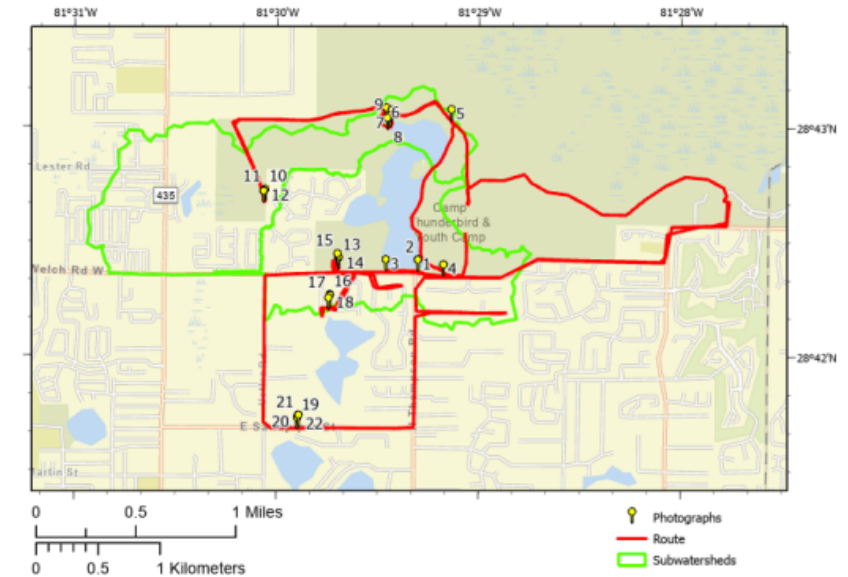


Figure 1. Lake Prevatt sub-watersheds (green polygons); route for the December 11, 2023 lake and watershed field visit; and photograph locations (yellow pins) over the ESRI World Street Map basemap.

SJRWMD, as mandated by state water policy, is engaged in a district-wide effort to establish Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for priority lakes, streams and rivers, wetlands, springs, and groundwater aquifers. MFLs designate the minimum hydrologic conditions that must be maintained in these water resources to prevent significant harm resulting from permitted water withdrawals.

Comments

From: Dan Schmutz <dschmutz@gpinet.com>
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Cc: Chris Russell (crussell@ouc.com) <crussell@ouc.com>
Subject: Lake Prevatt HSPF model kick-off comments/questions

Hello Andrew,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Lake Prevatt HSPF model kick-off meeting on December 11, 2023 and review the site in the field with District staff. I also appreciated the opportunity to provide a few verbal comments during the meeting. I wanted to follow up to provide my comments in writing, in case these questions/comments will be of benefit to the process of the MFL establishment. Most of these questions I raised in the meeting:

1. One of the slides presented showed a possible downtrend in Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) over the studied period (from the Lisbon station). I was curious if this represents some statistical nonstationarity over time (i.e., trend in a statistical property such as the mean) in this component of the hydrologic budget, and if so how that potential change is being considered in the MFL process.
2. There was mention of some missing data from the north end of the Lake Prevatt system, and I mentioned that Orange County Public Works may have monthly data to fill in the gap. (As a follow up I was able to coordinate with Orange County Public Works and transmit that data to Nate this week.)
3. Regarding the plot showing how well the calibrated model output for the north lobe matched the validation period (1995-2008), I noted that the discrepancy between the calibrated model predictions and the actual (sparse) data for the earlier part of the validation period (e.g., 1997) appeared quite large, in some cases more than 5 feet. Similarly, when the model output was extended back to 1953, we see extended periods of discrepancies occurring before 1978. Also, during those earlier periods, prior to 1978, the actual Floridan aquifer levels were quite high, while the sparse observed lake levels tended to be much lower than the model prediction. During the presentation, we learned that leakance was the most sensitive of the model parameters investigated. I was wondering if some aspect of the physics had changed resulting in the earliest period having relatively poor validation, despite the more recent part of the validation period being acceptable. Perhaps there was a change in outfall or a change in leakance? On a related note, the validation period model evaluation statistics were presented as generally within or near the District's acceptable ranges for the north lobe, but was there any control for sampling density? In other words, if the early poorly-fitting data in the validation period had relatively little weight in the validation period statistics due to their sparsity in relation to a recent validation period of temporally dense data, then the entire validation period could "pass the tests" without necessarily being expected to perform well in certain future scenarios (including perhaps periods where the Upper Floridan potentiometric surface is as high as it was prior to 1978).

4. I noticed that there was no tabular presentation of the model performance for the south lobe of Lake Prevatt for the validation time period. I understand that the water level data had to be estimated from other data sources due to a lack of lake level data from some time periods. My concern here is that if there are relatively higher uncertainties about the water level data quality for the south lobe, should we have concerns about the quality of the inferences obtained with respect to the south lobe?

I hope these questions will provide food for thought during the peer review process.

Thank you,

Dan

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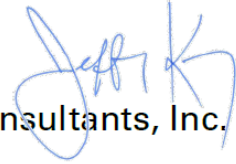
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During the lake and watershed field visit, I participated in conversations with various lake and watershed field visit attendees. Various sub-sets of the field group and I made the following observations:

- Wekiva Springs State Park Manager Robert Brooks asserted discharge from Lake Coroni inundates from the south, the pond near the park manager's residence (fig. 6, photo. 15), one-to-three days after relatively large episodic rainfall events, such as rainfall events associated with 2010s and 2020s era hurricanes and tropical depressions. Manager Brooks stated that the maximum pond stage in response to this episodic discharge inundates the pond adjacent to the park manger's residence (photo. 15) to a point that is equidistant between the normal pond shoreline and the park manager's residence. Manager Brooks asserted that a governmental entity controlled and managed this discharge, with water management actions such as the opening of a water control gate.
- Manager Brooks stated that during extreme events, the water surface exceeds the northeastern banks of the small pond in front of his residence, and that this lake pops off across an overland flow path toward Lake Prevatt.
- Manager Brooks stated that Lake Prevatt has dried during relatively dry periods.

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I asked:

- Is Lake Prevatt meteorological forcing statistically stationary?

Summary of Relevant December Comments

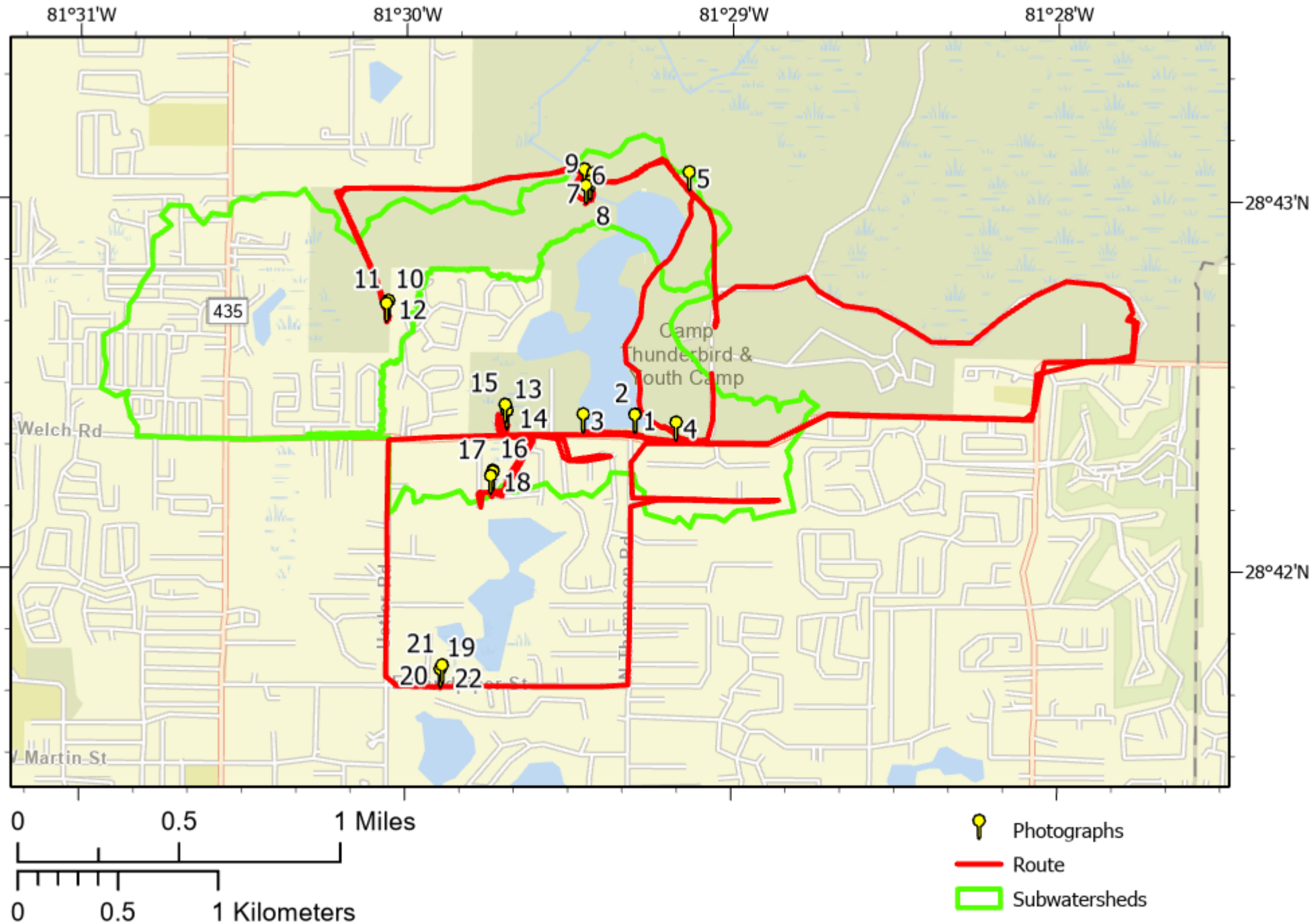
SJRWMD may wish to revise the report that describes the HSPF simulation to answer the following questions:

- Regardless of SJRWMD's use of adaptive management and regardless of downscaling challenges associated with use of global-climate models at a regional scale, is Lake Prevat meteorological forcing statistically stationary? (Schmutz and King)
- Did Orange County measure Lake Prevat water-surface elevation from May 7, 2017, to December 8, 2023? Are these measurements during a period in which other organizations did not measure water-surface elevation? Should these measurements also be used for calibration or validation? (Schmutz)
- Are calibration measurements weighed uniformly as a function of time? Are measured lake water-surface elevations during periods of relative less frequency---such as monthly---weighed equivalently to measured elevations during periods of relative more frequency---such as daily? Should less frequent elevations be weighed greater than more frequent elevations? Will non-uniform weighting of calibration or validation measurements change calibration quality metrics or validation quality metrics, such as the normalized root-mean square difference? (Schmutz)

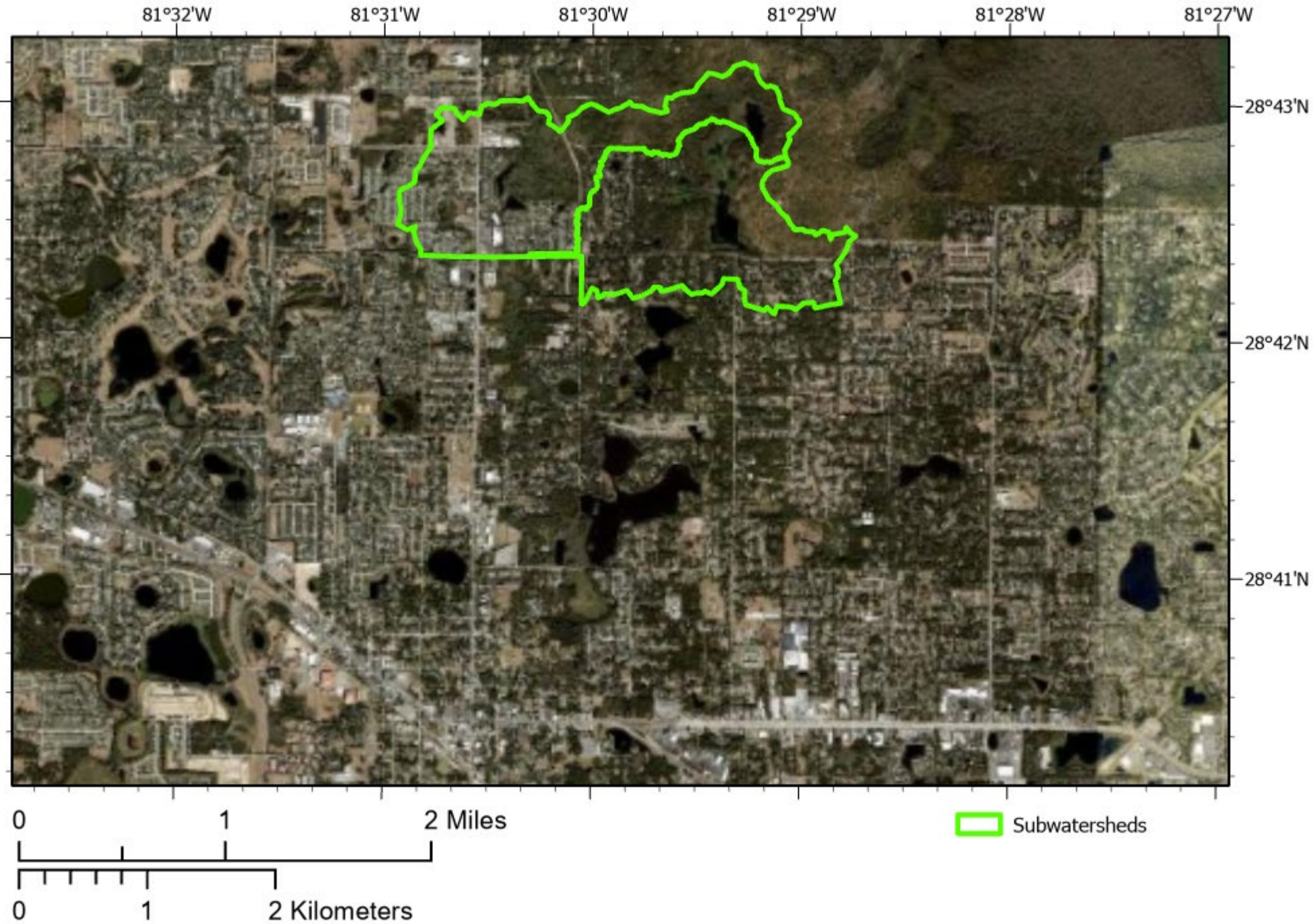
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- If statistically inferred water-surface elevations of the south lobe of Lake Prevatt are not useful, are simulated water-surface elevations of the south lobe of Lake Prevatt useful for determining an MFL for Lake Prevatt? (Schmutz)
- Does surface water from Lake Coroni periodically flow into Lake Prevatt? (Brooks)
- Does SJRWMD simulation of Lake Prevatt show periods of zero water depth in Lake Prevatt? Does Lake Prevatt dry completely in the simulation, during relatively rare periods of episodic drought? Should Lake Prevatt dry completely in the simulation, during relatively rare periods of episodic drought? (Brooks)

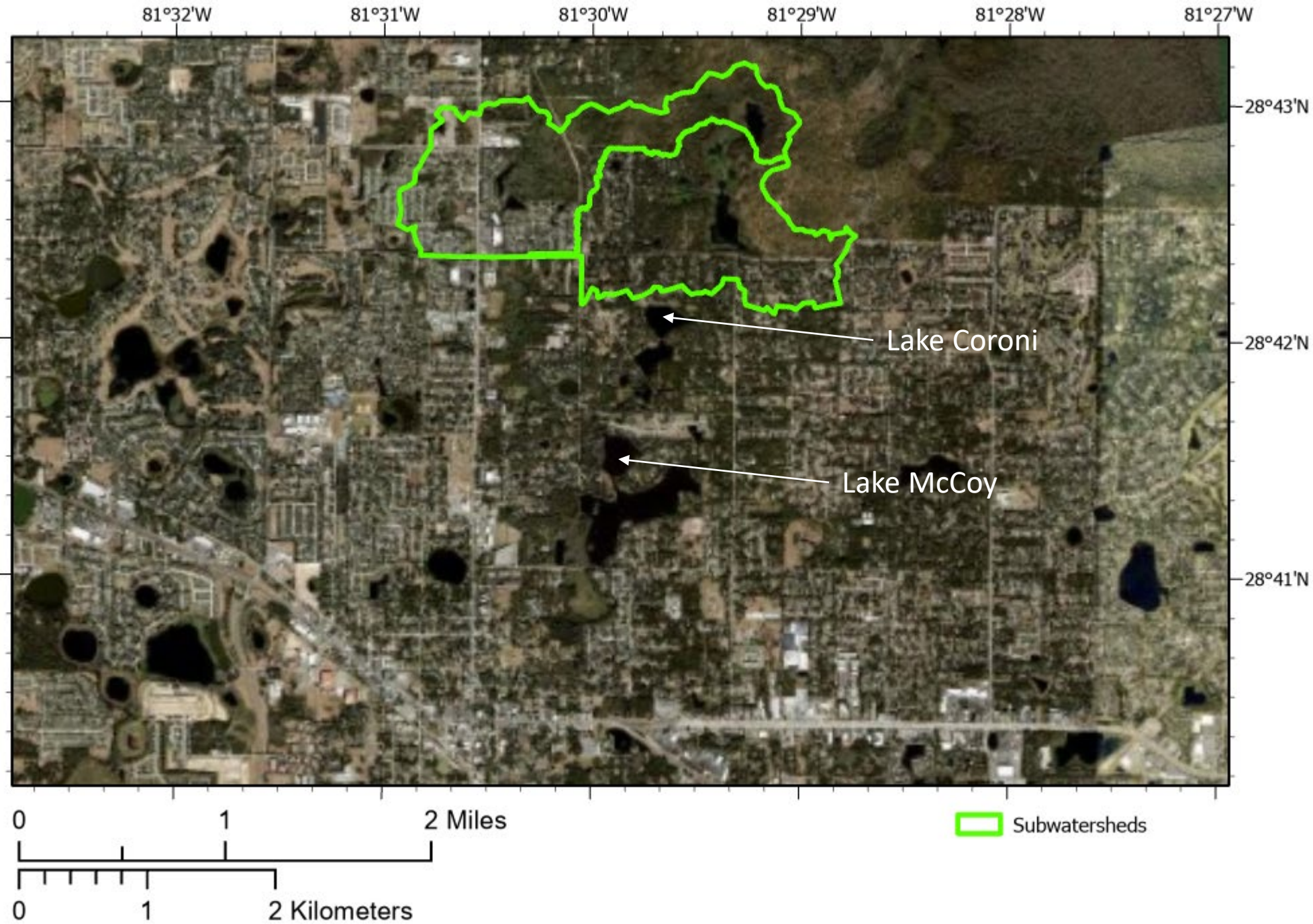
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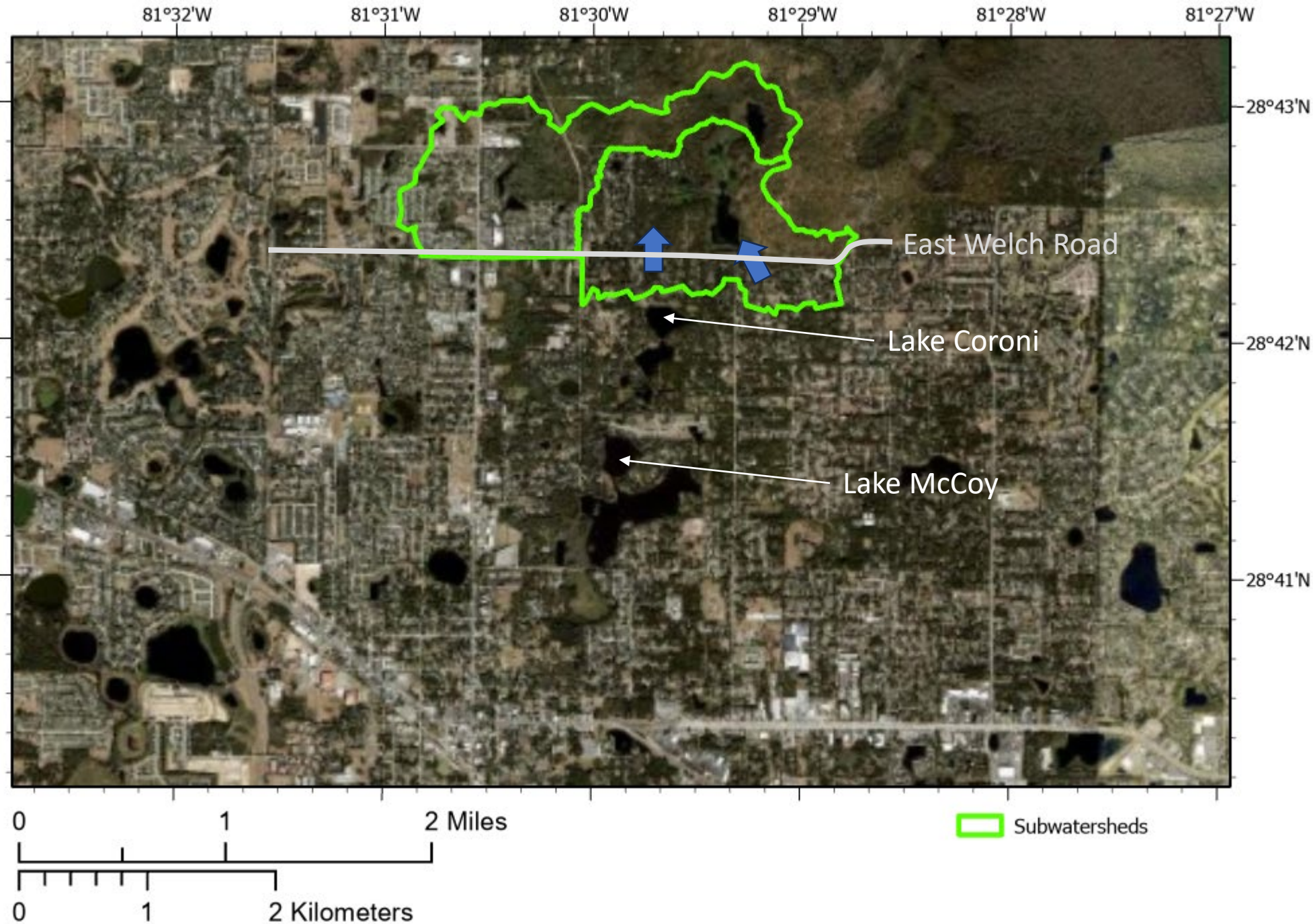
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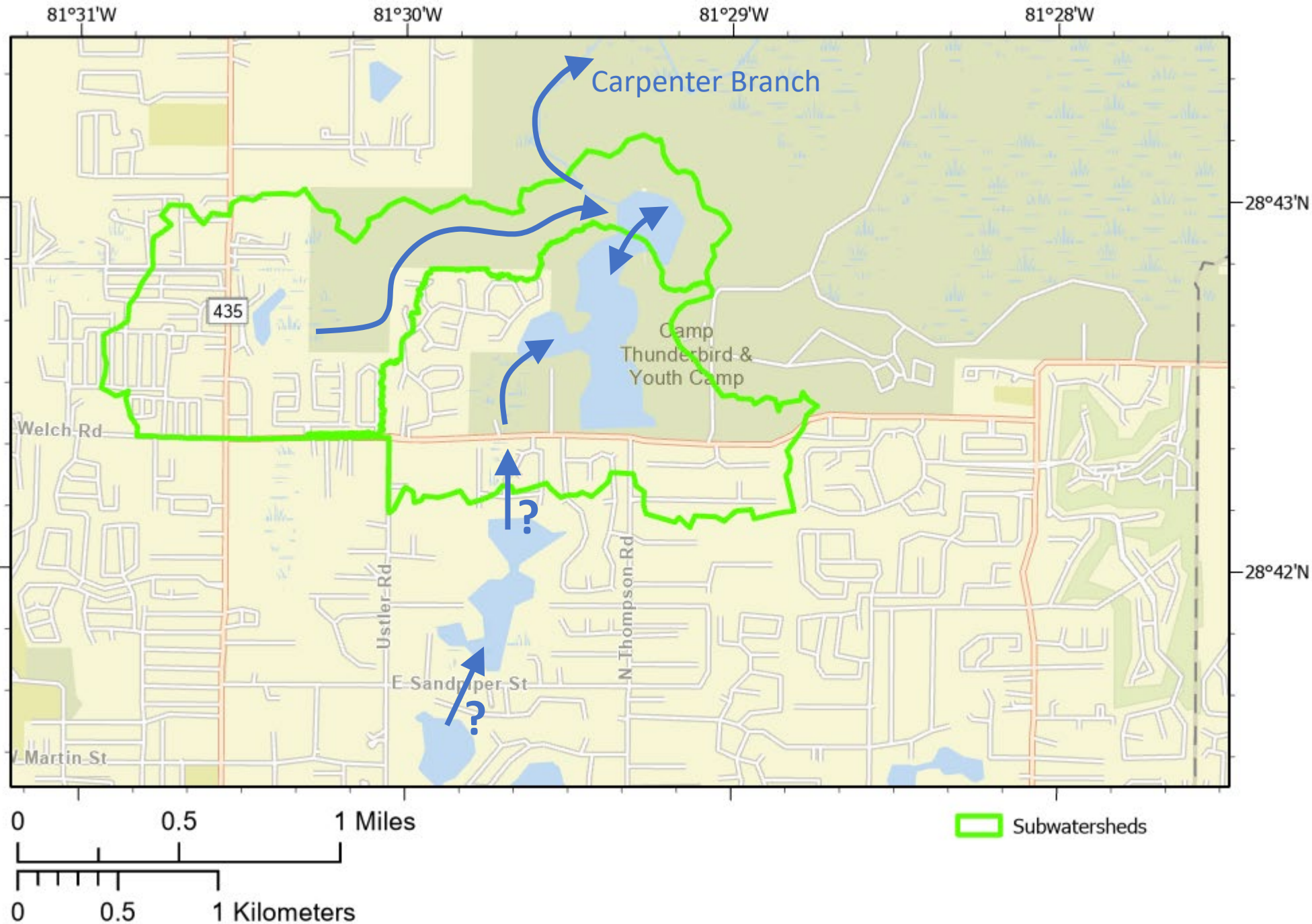
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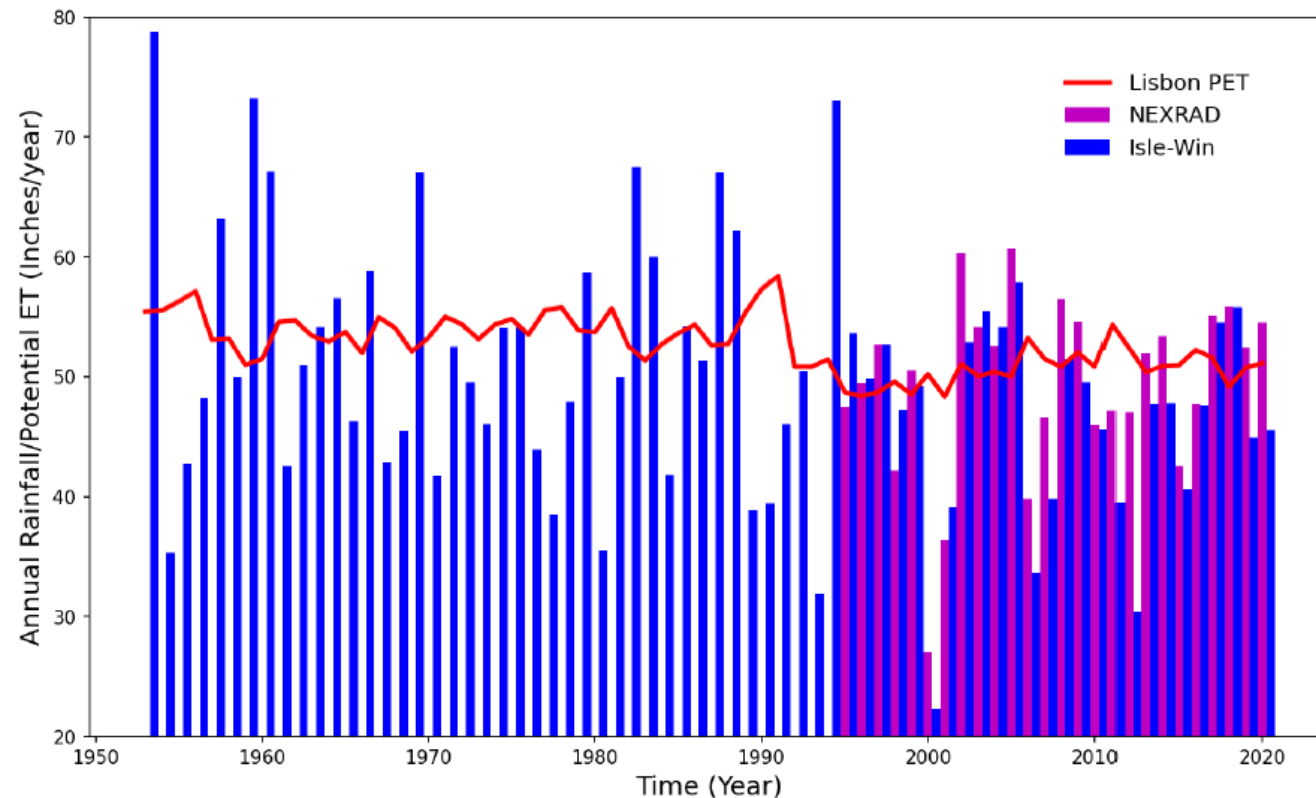


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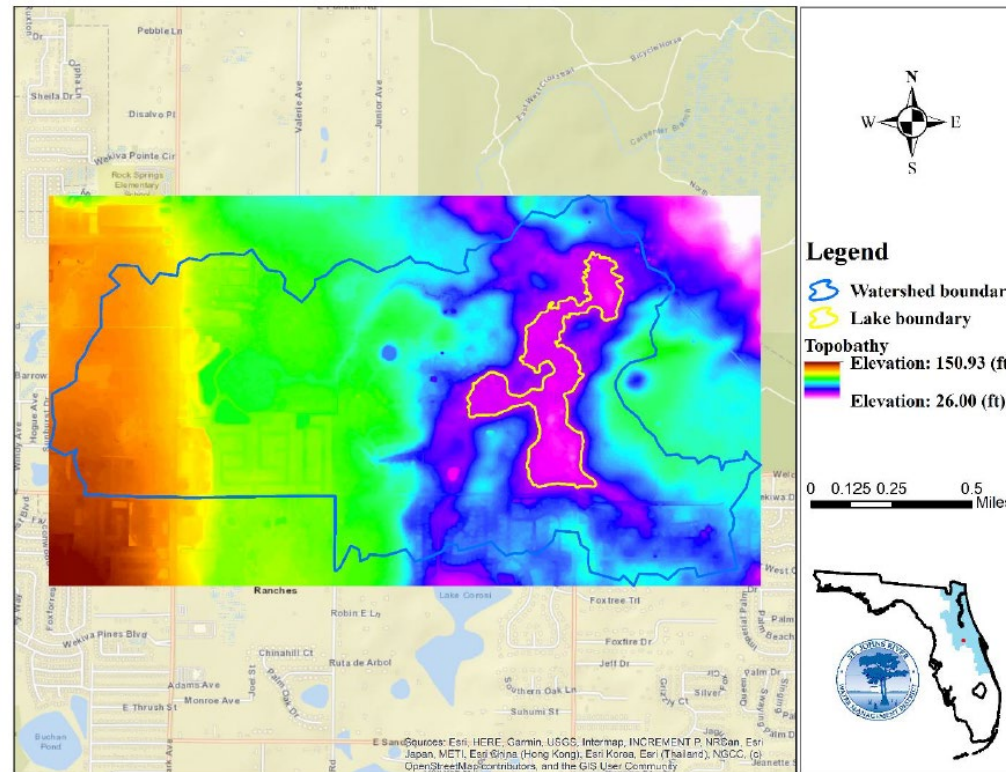
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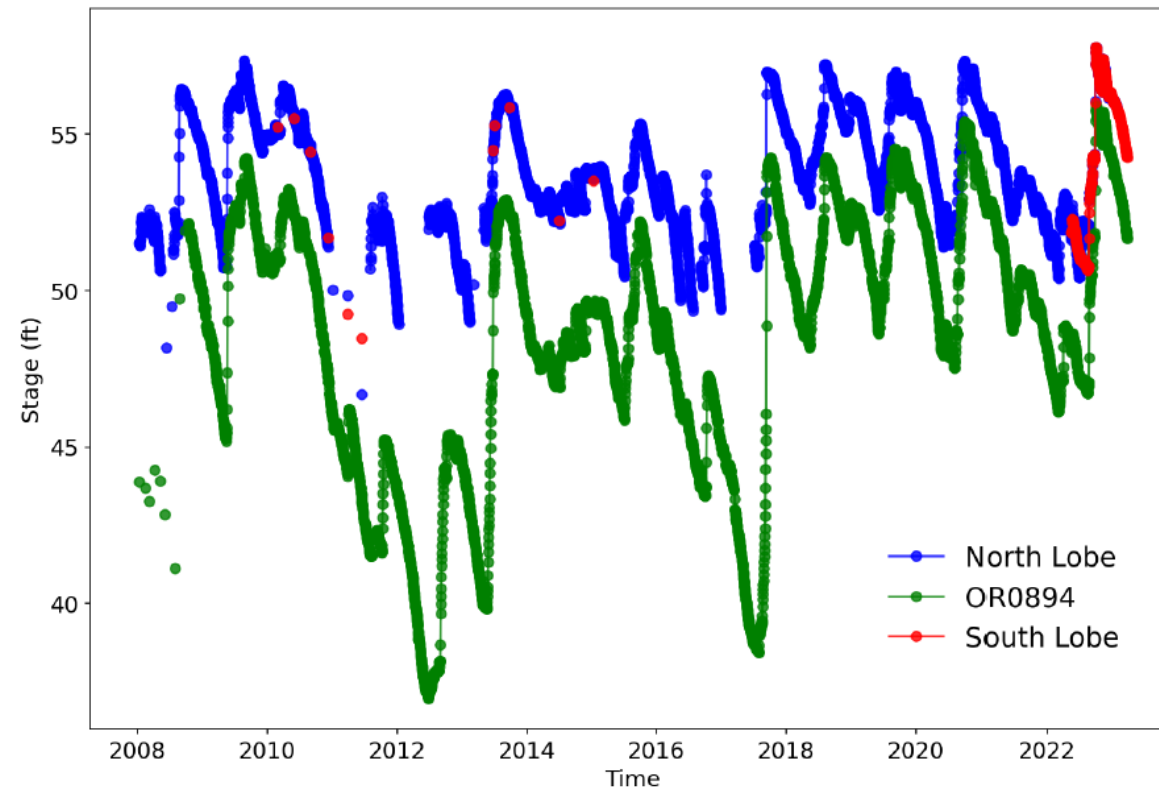
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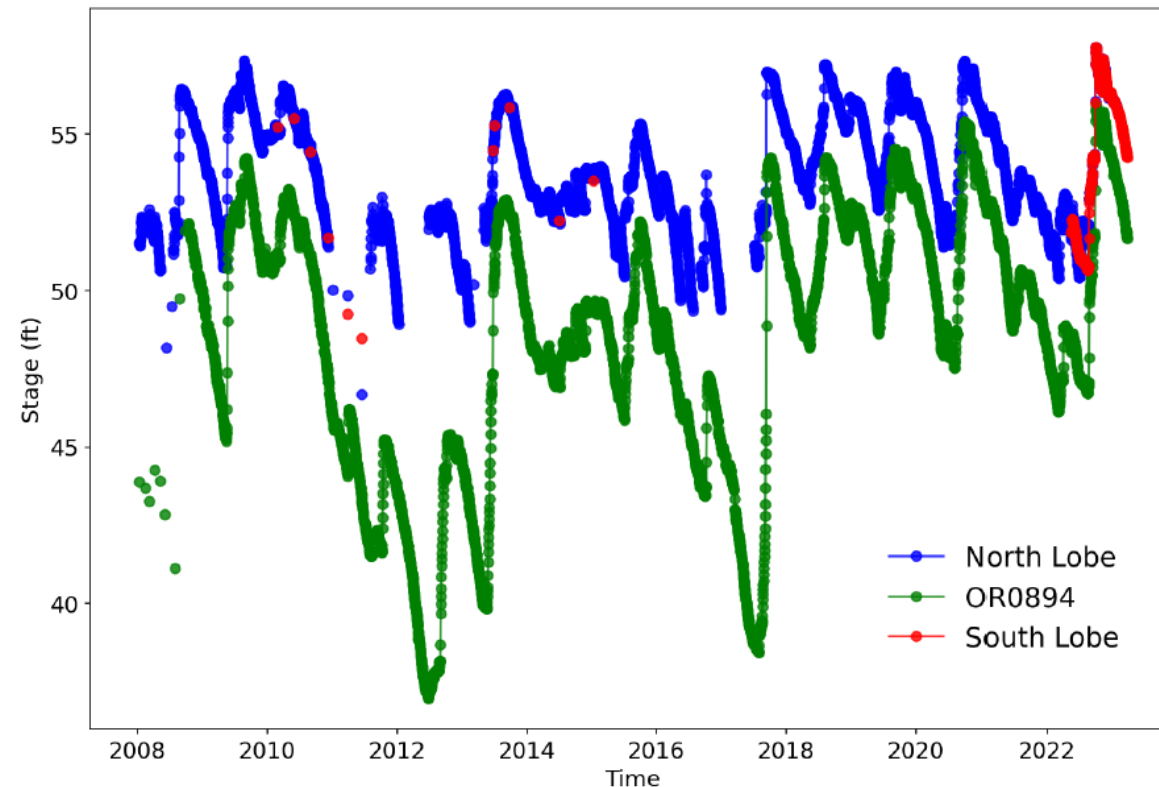
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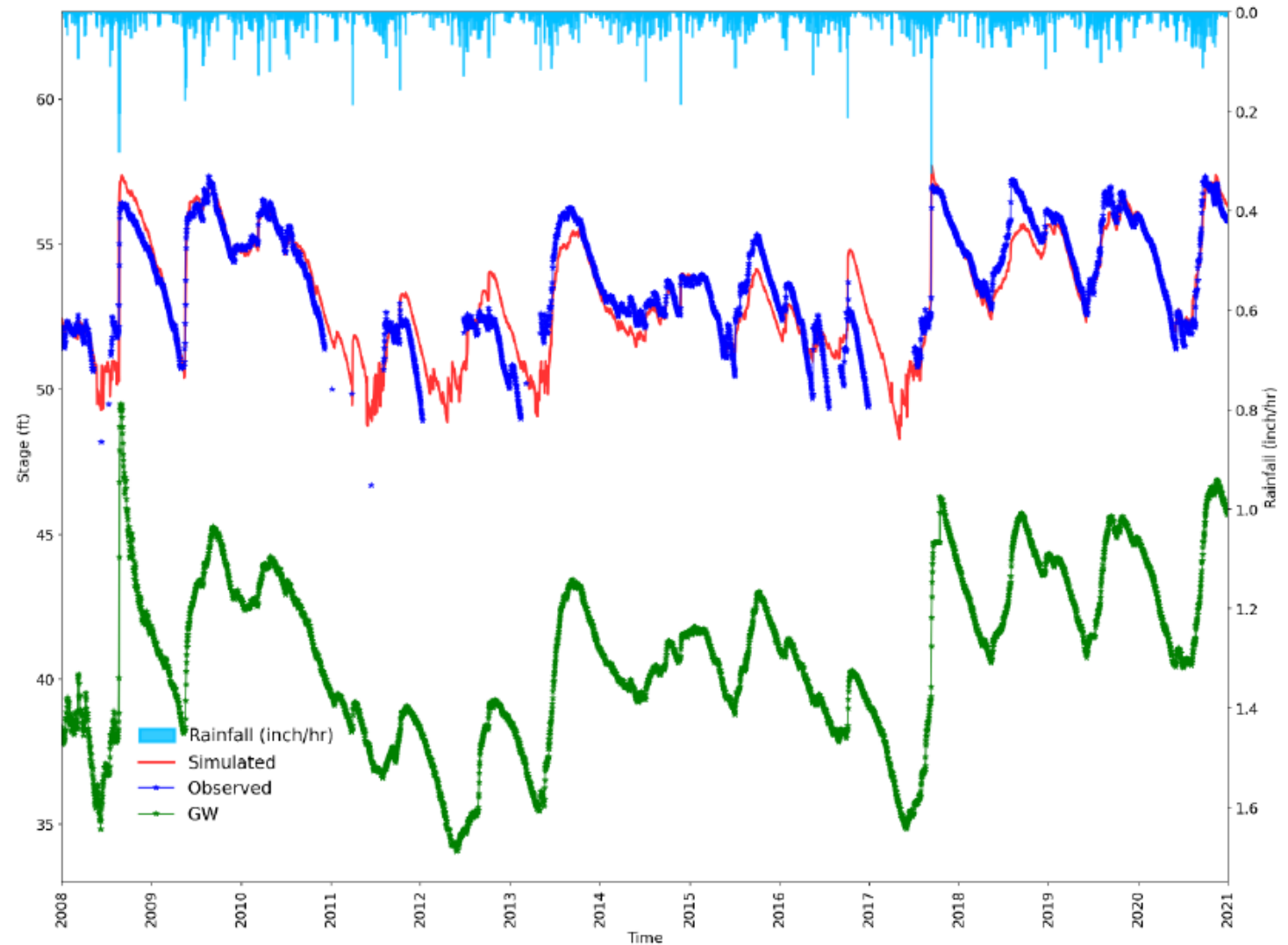
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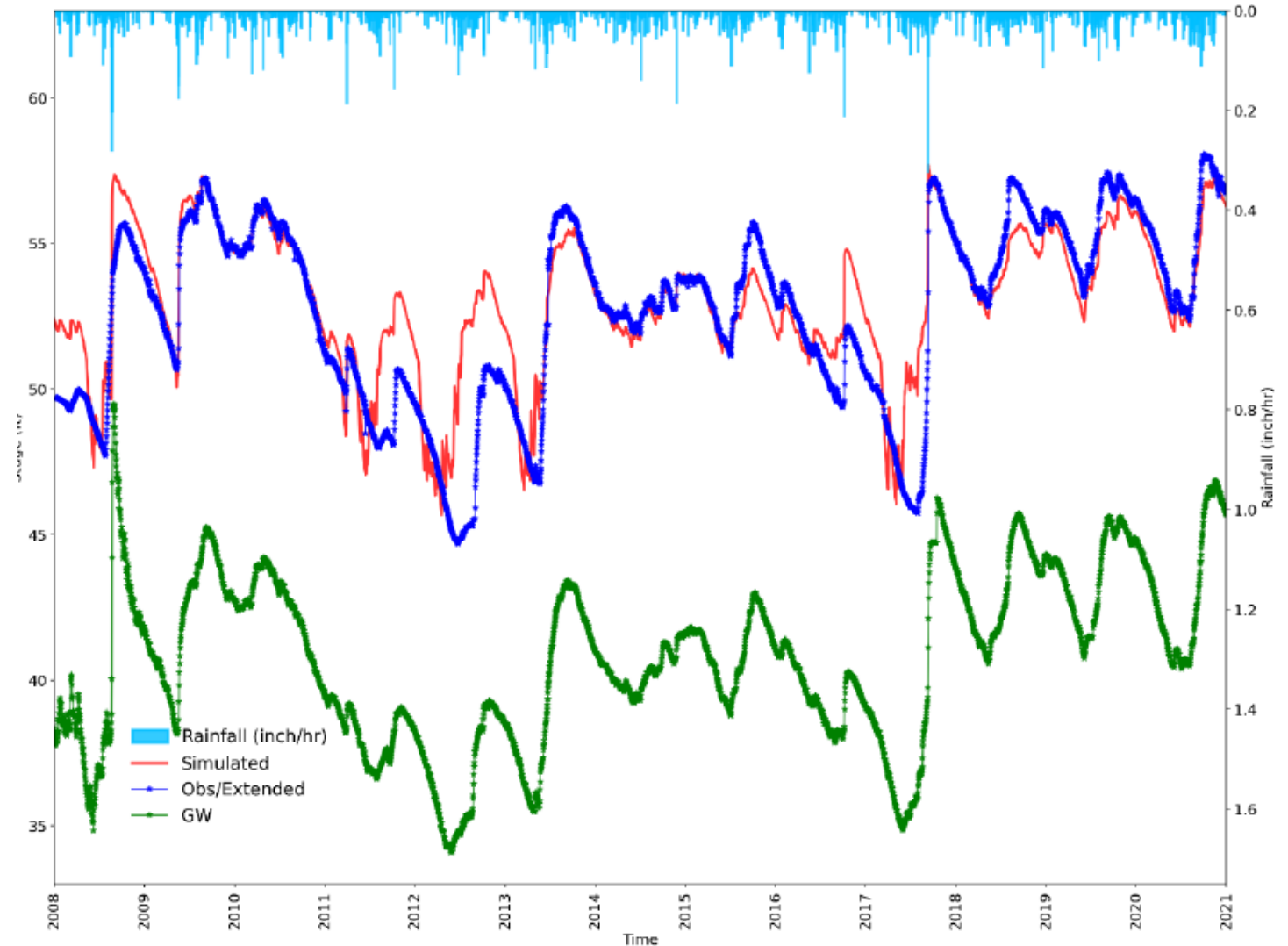
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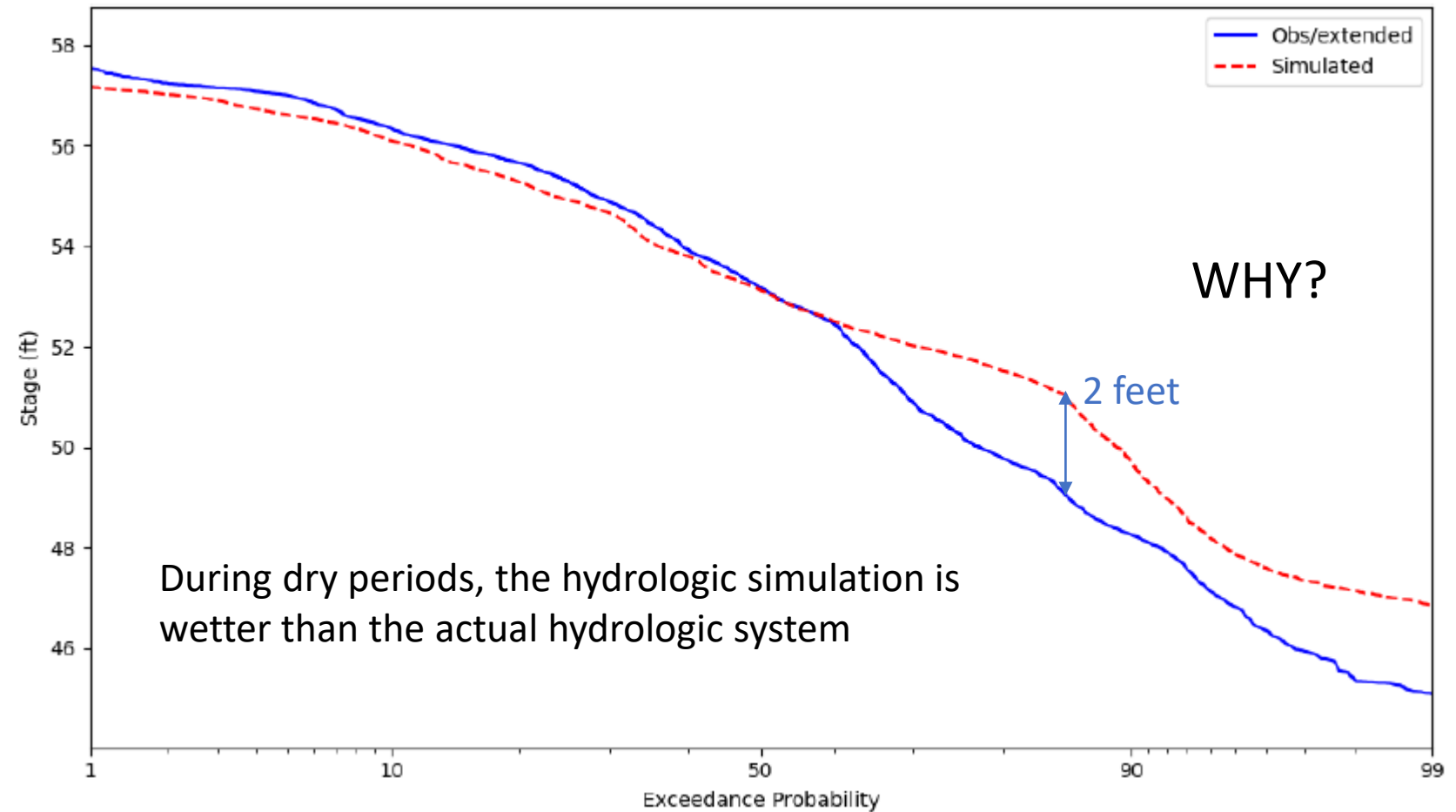
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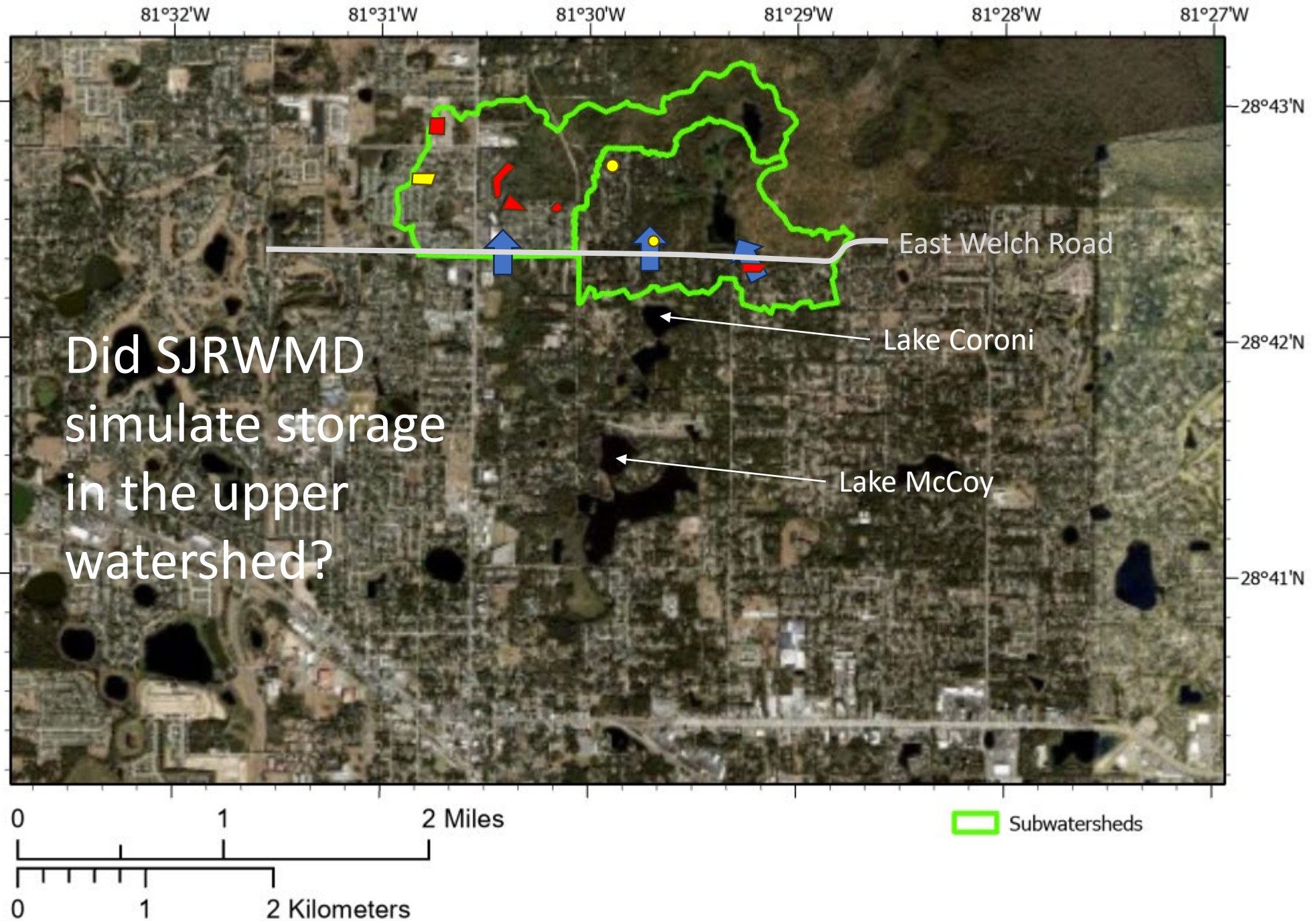
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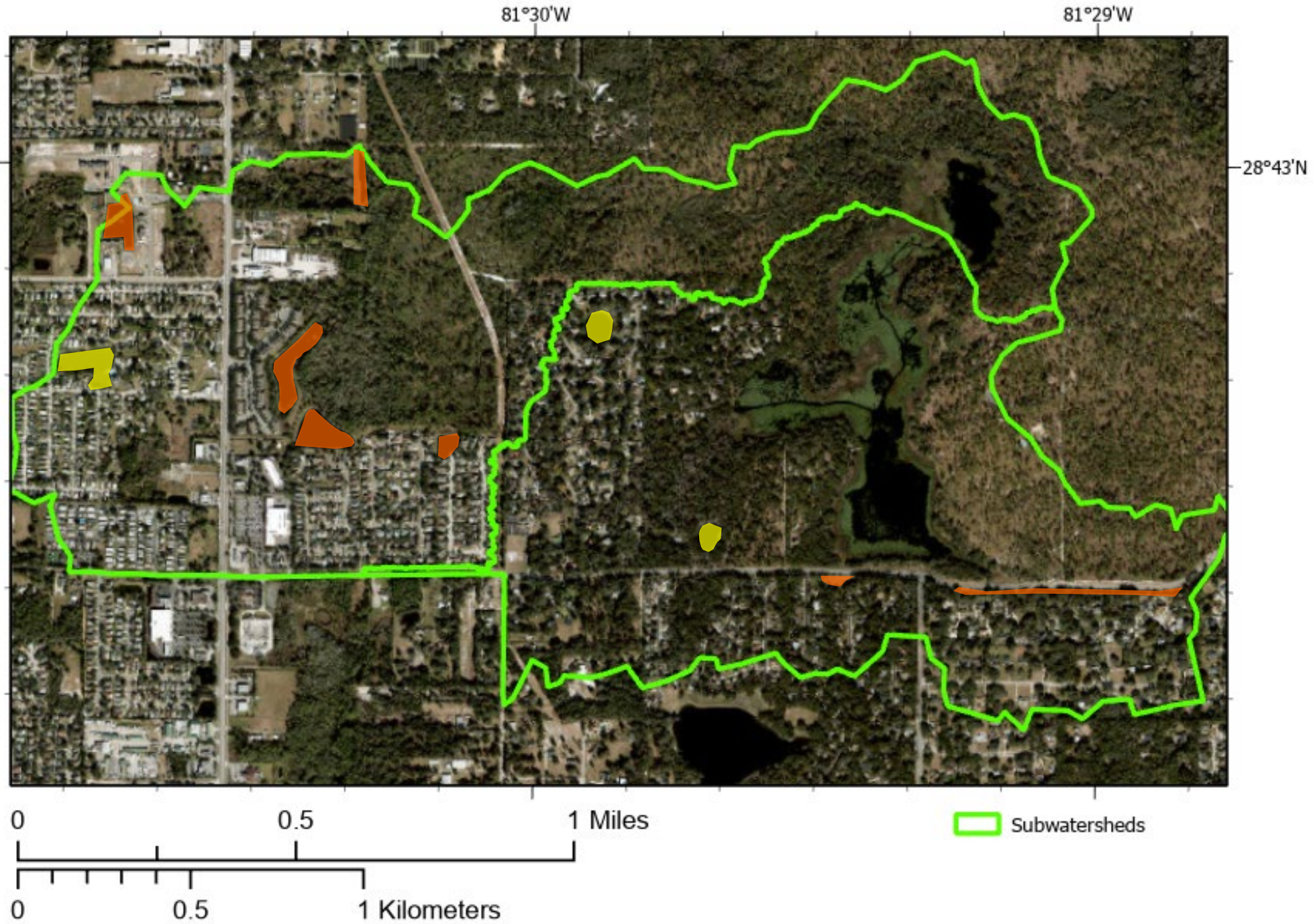


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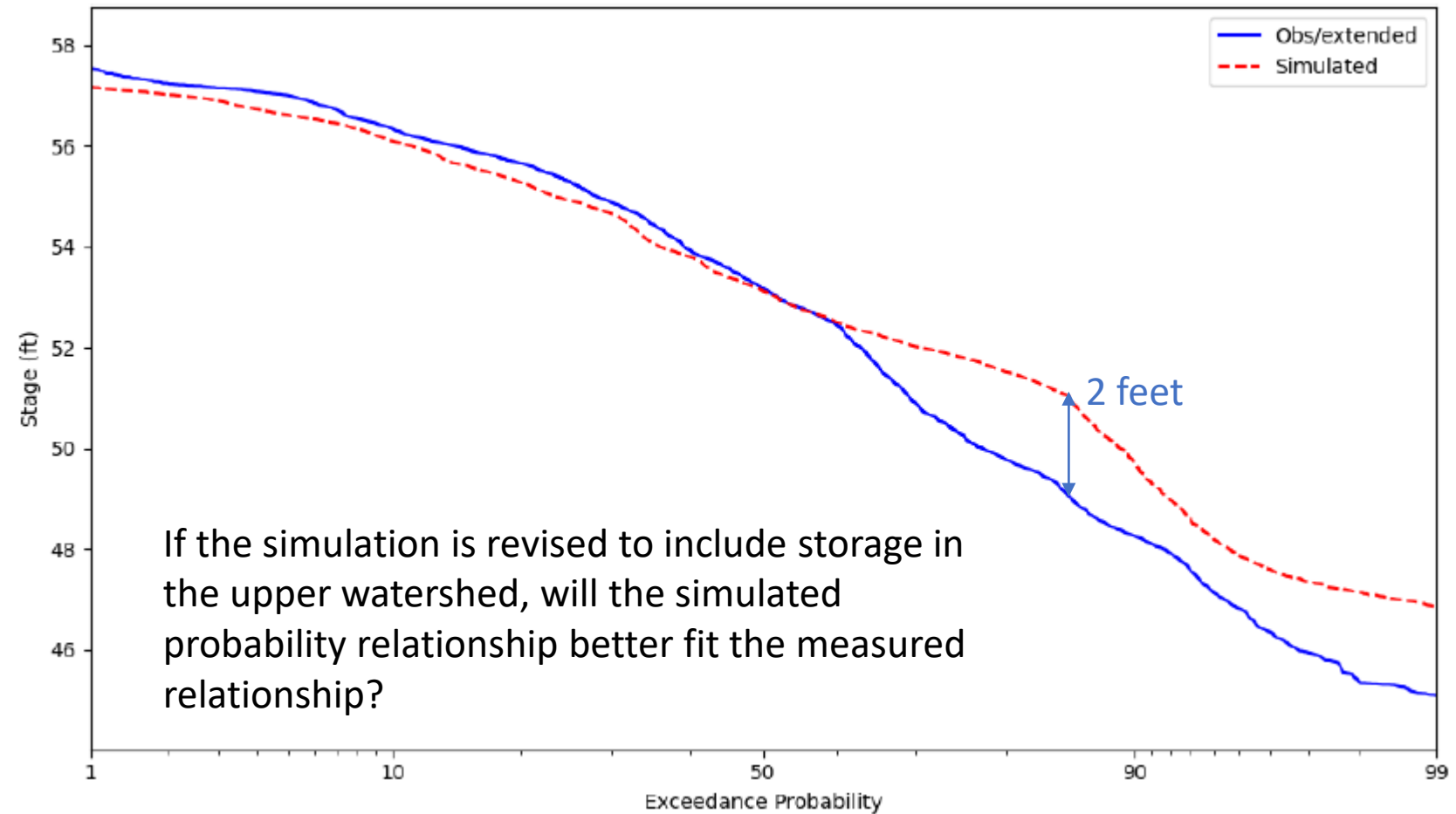






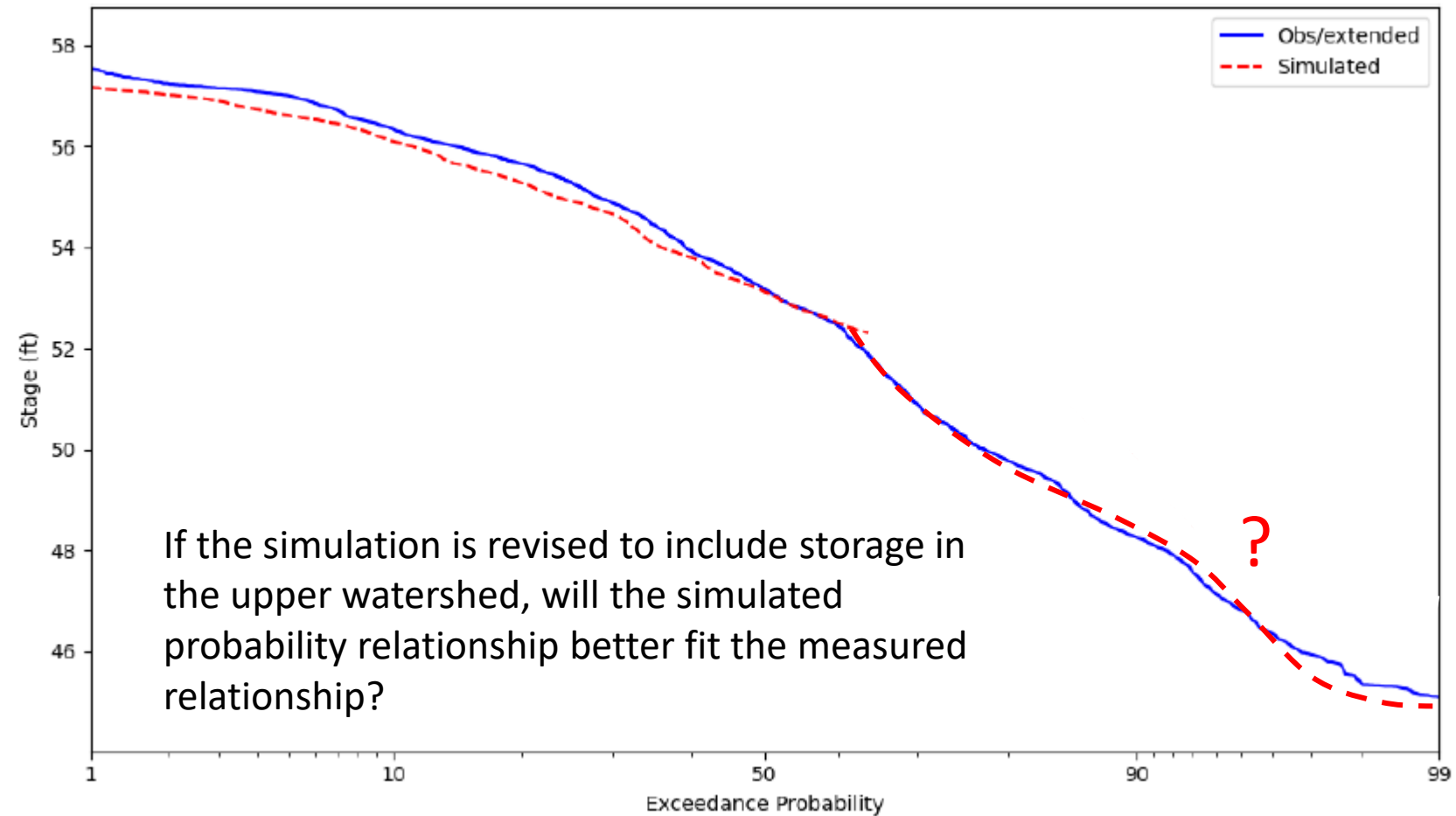
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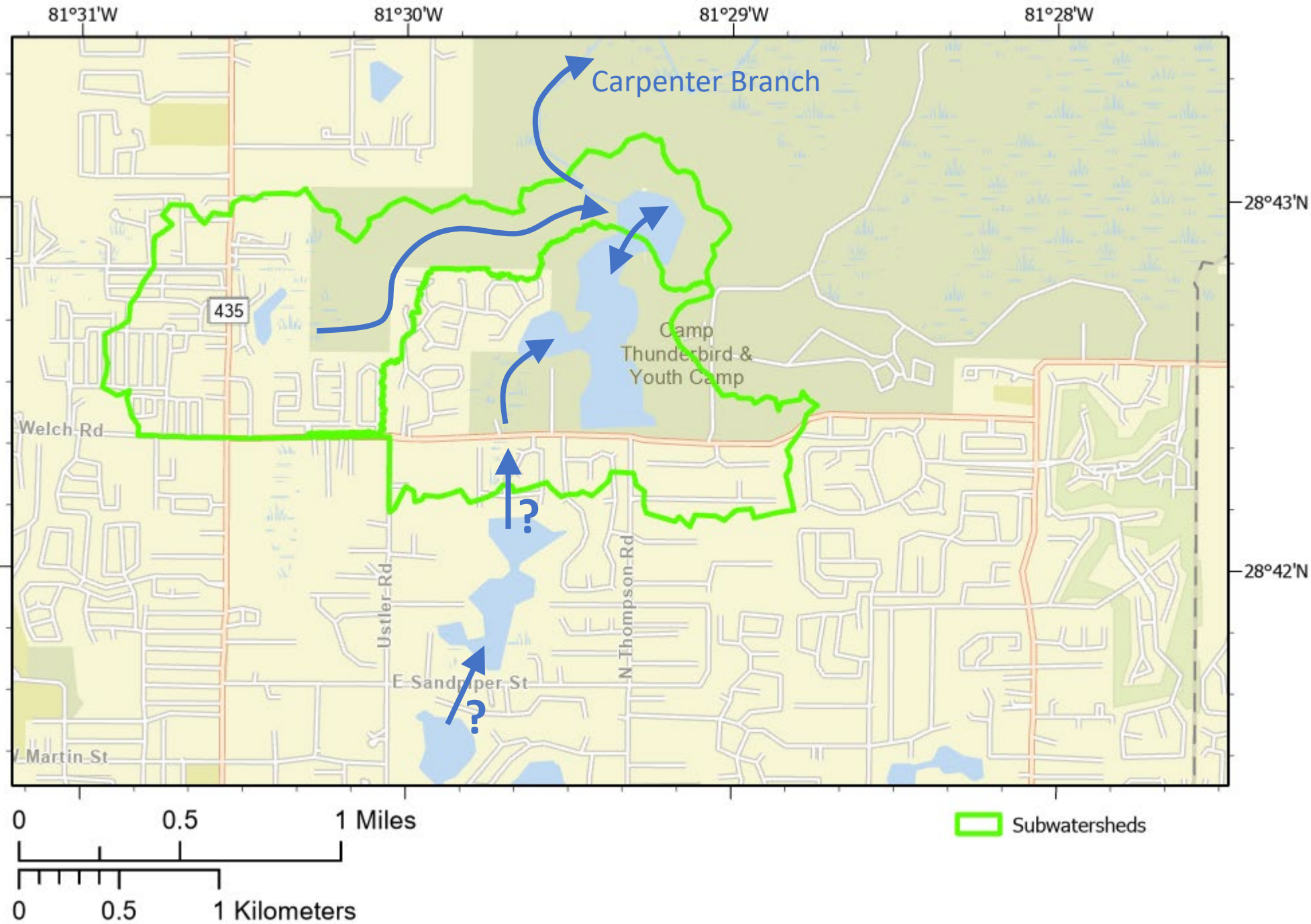
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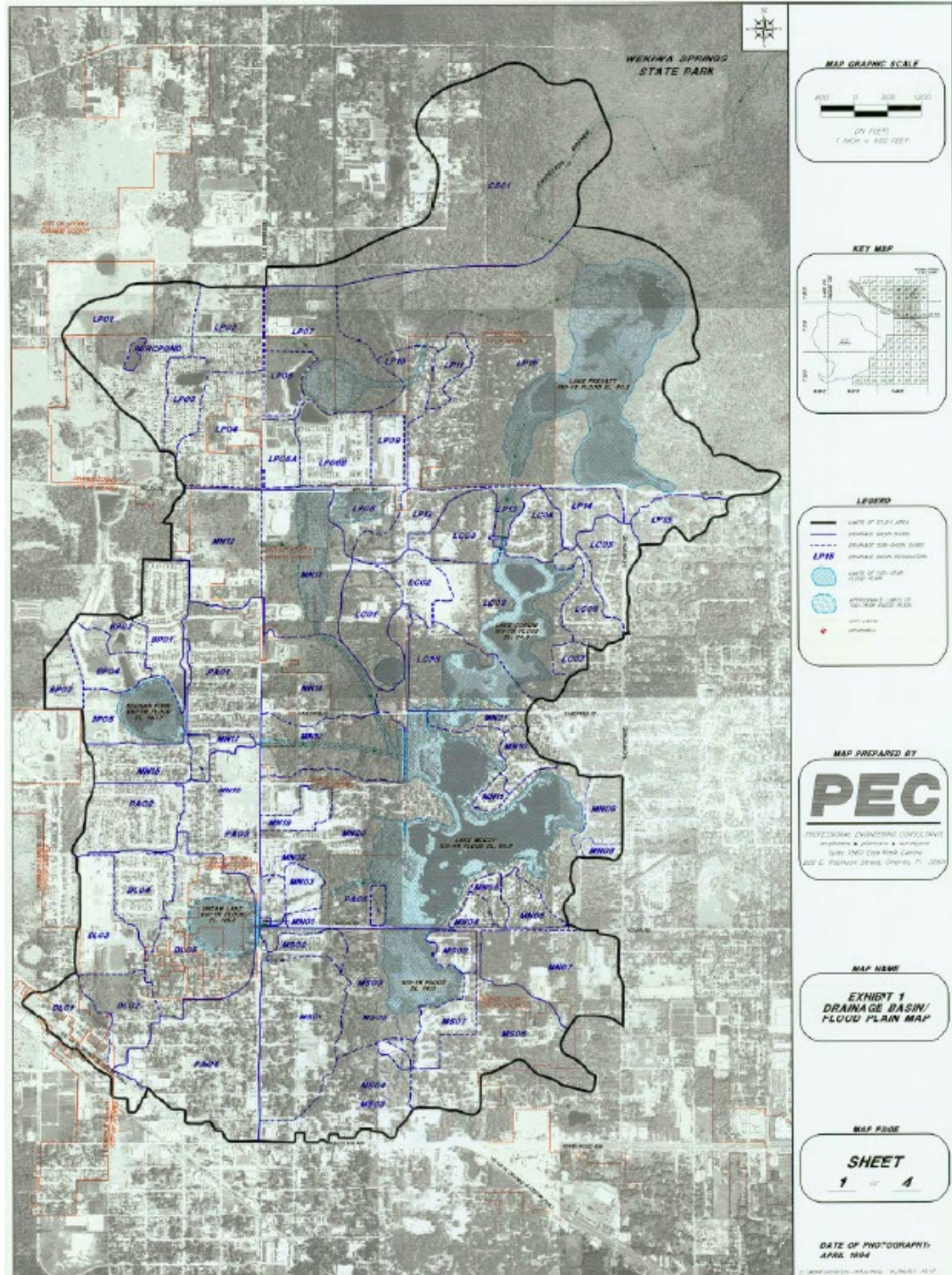


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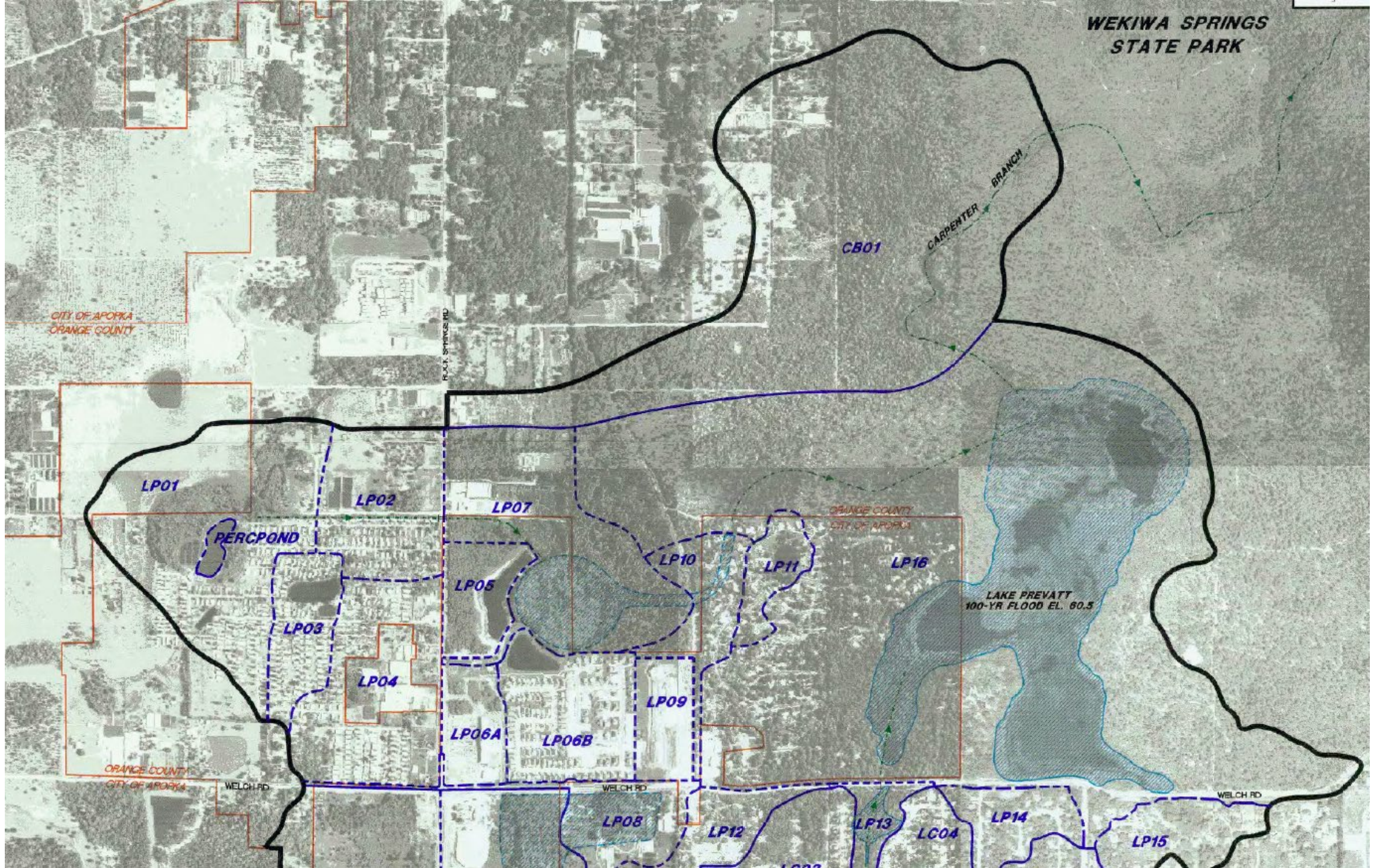
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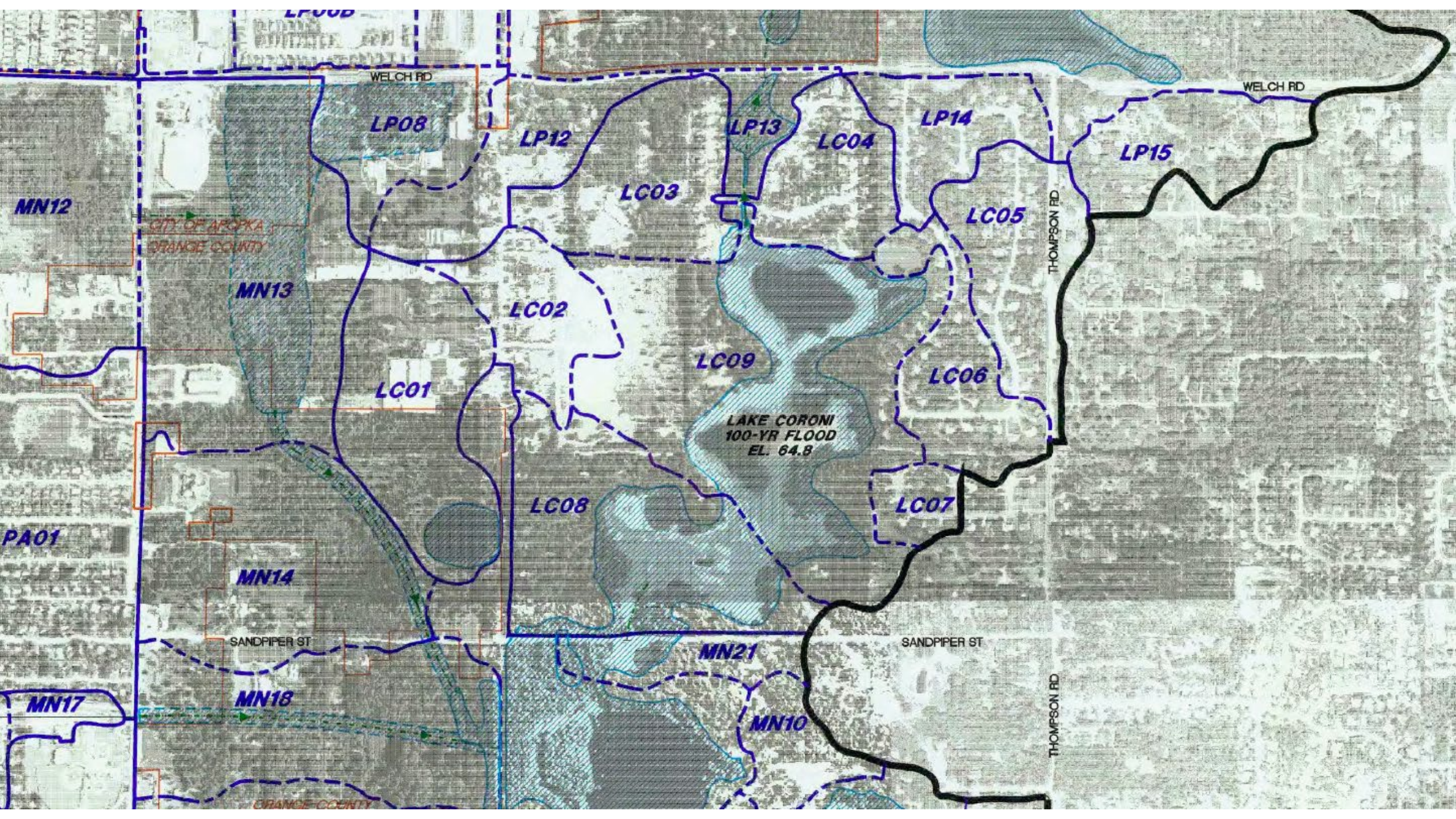


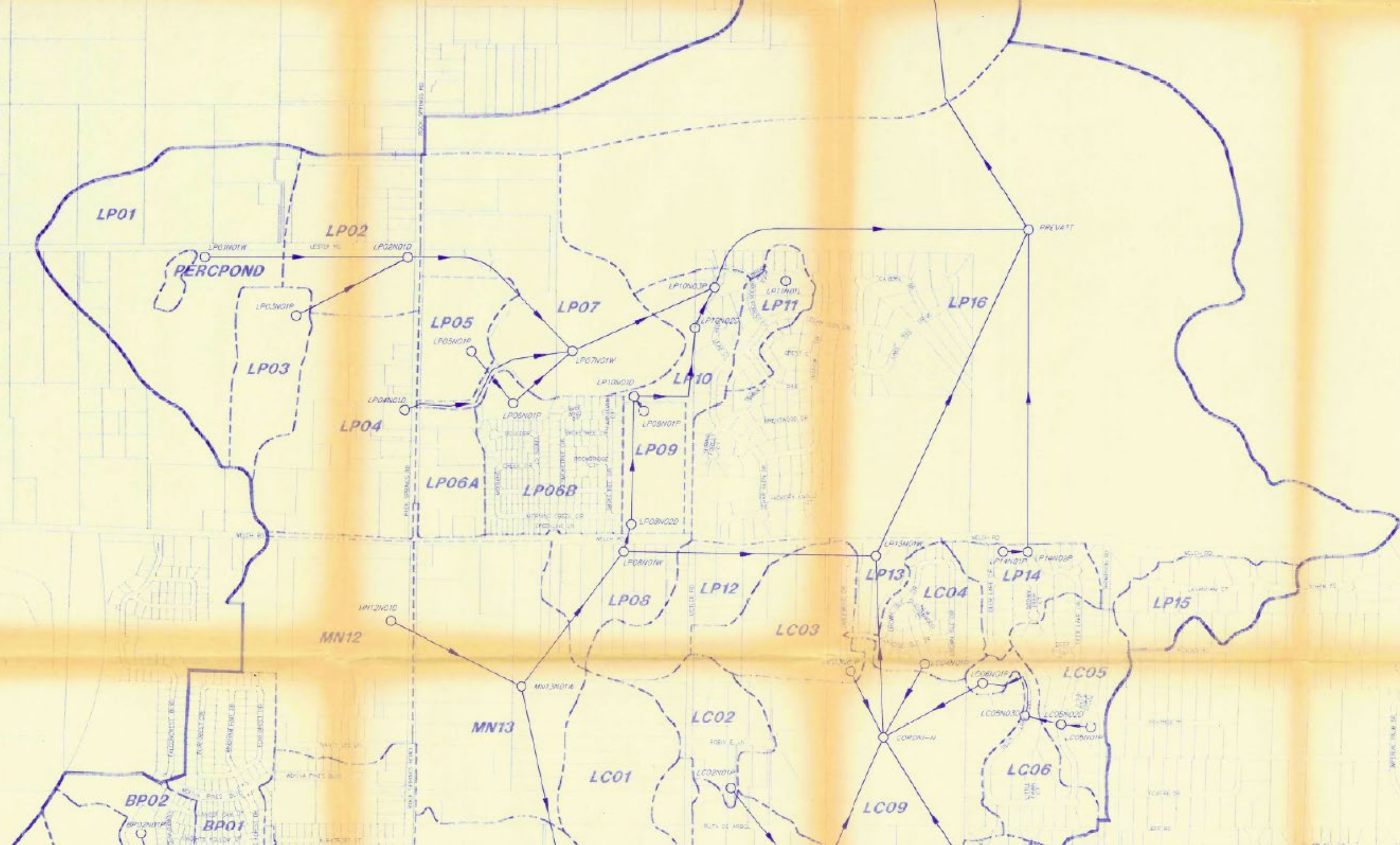


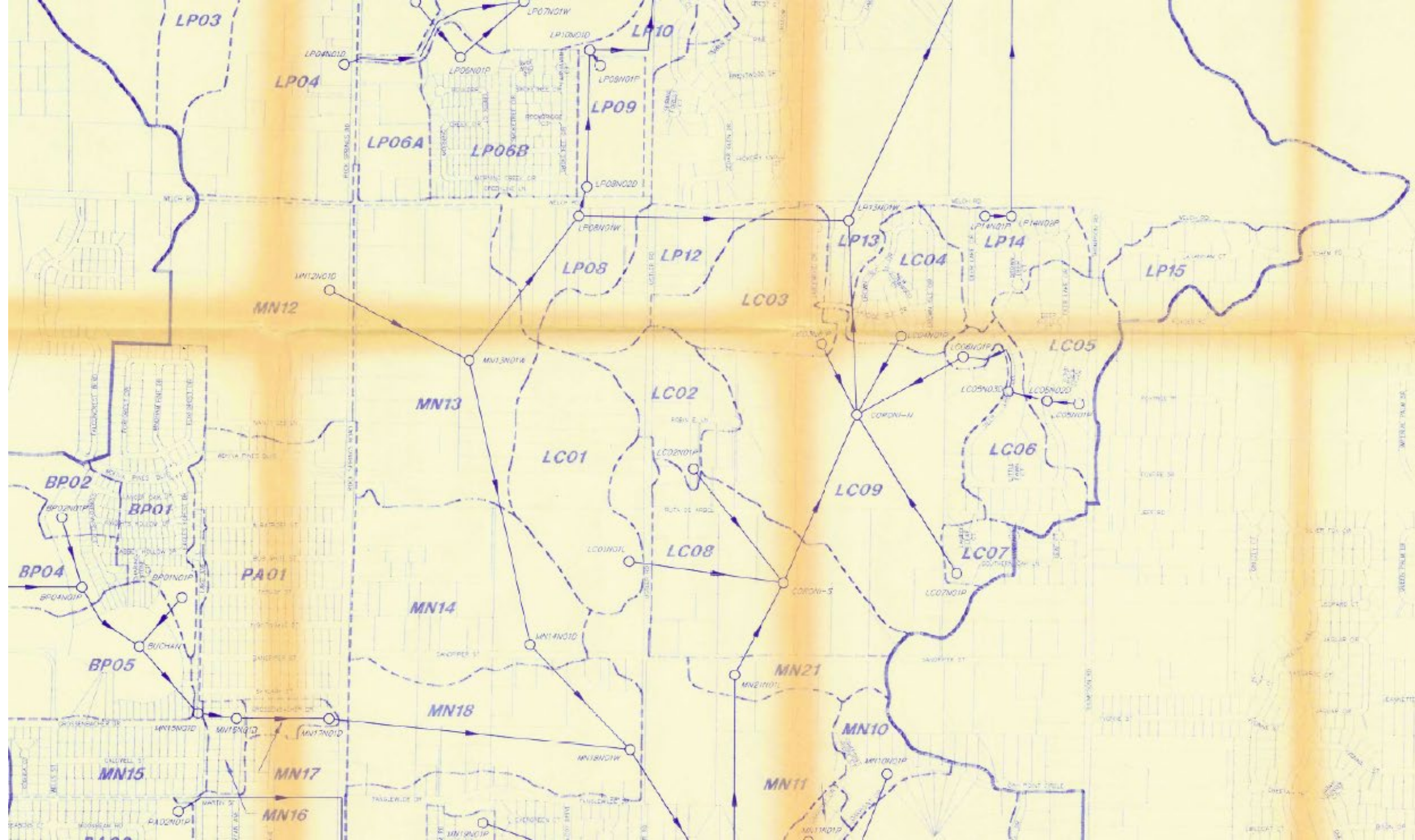


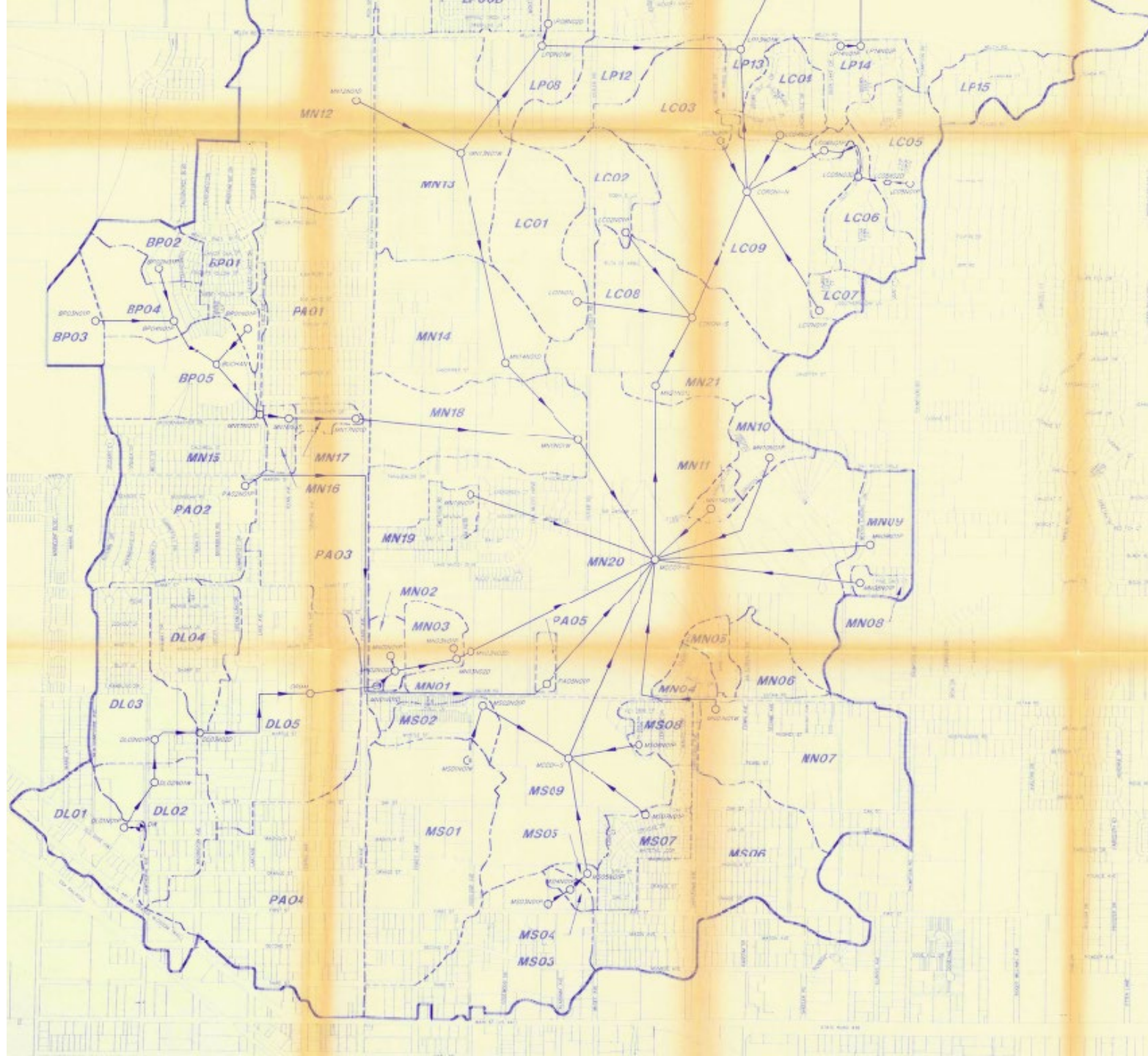
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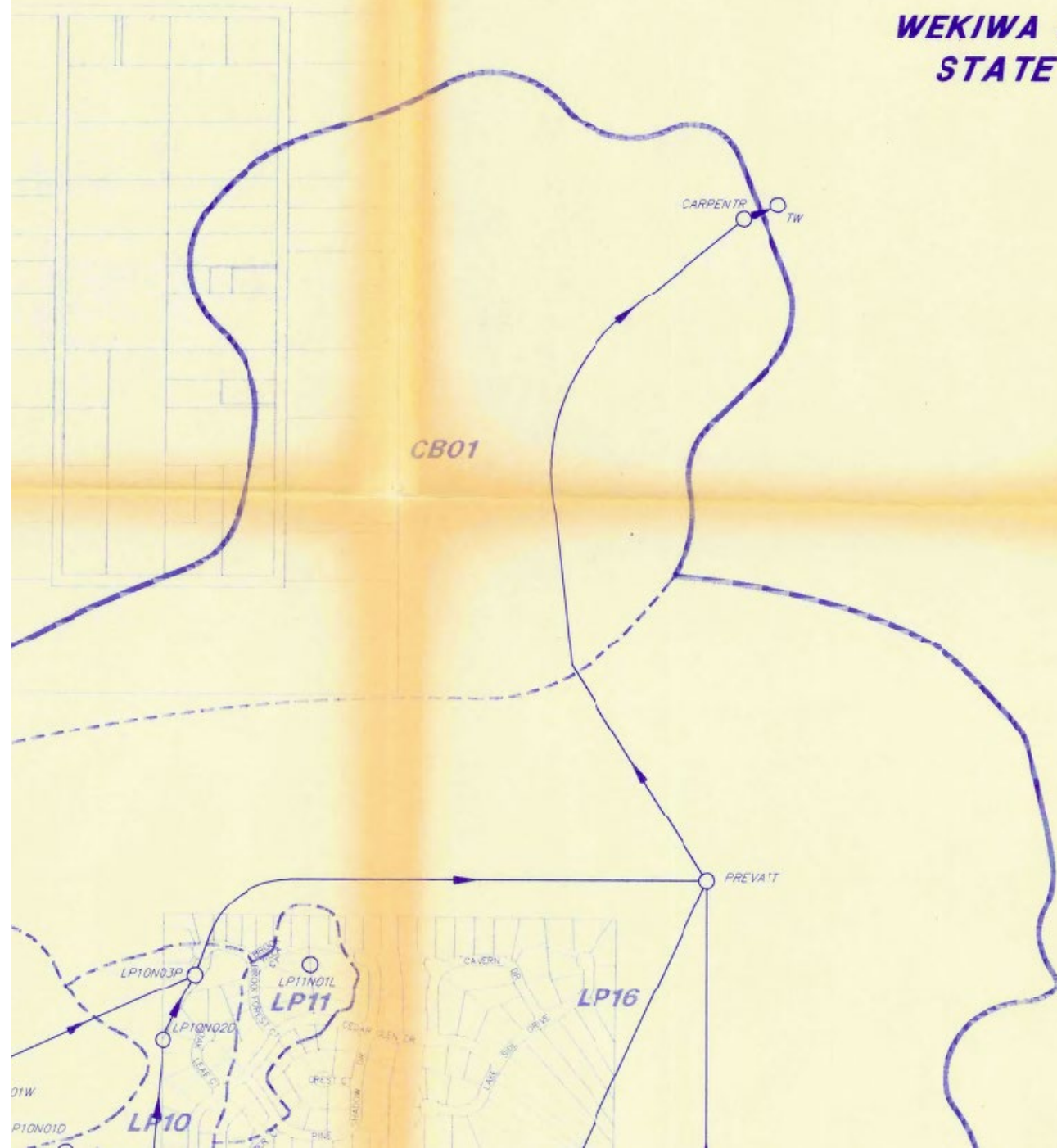


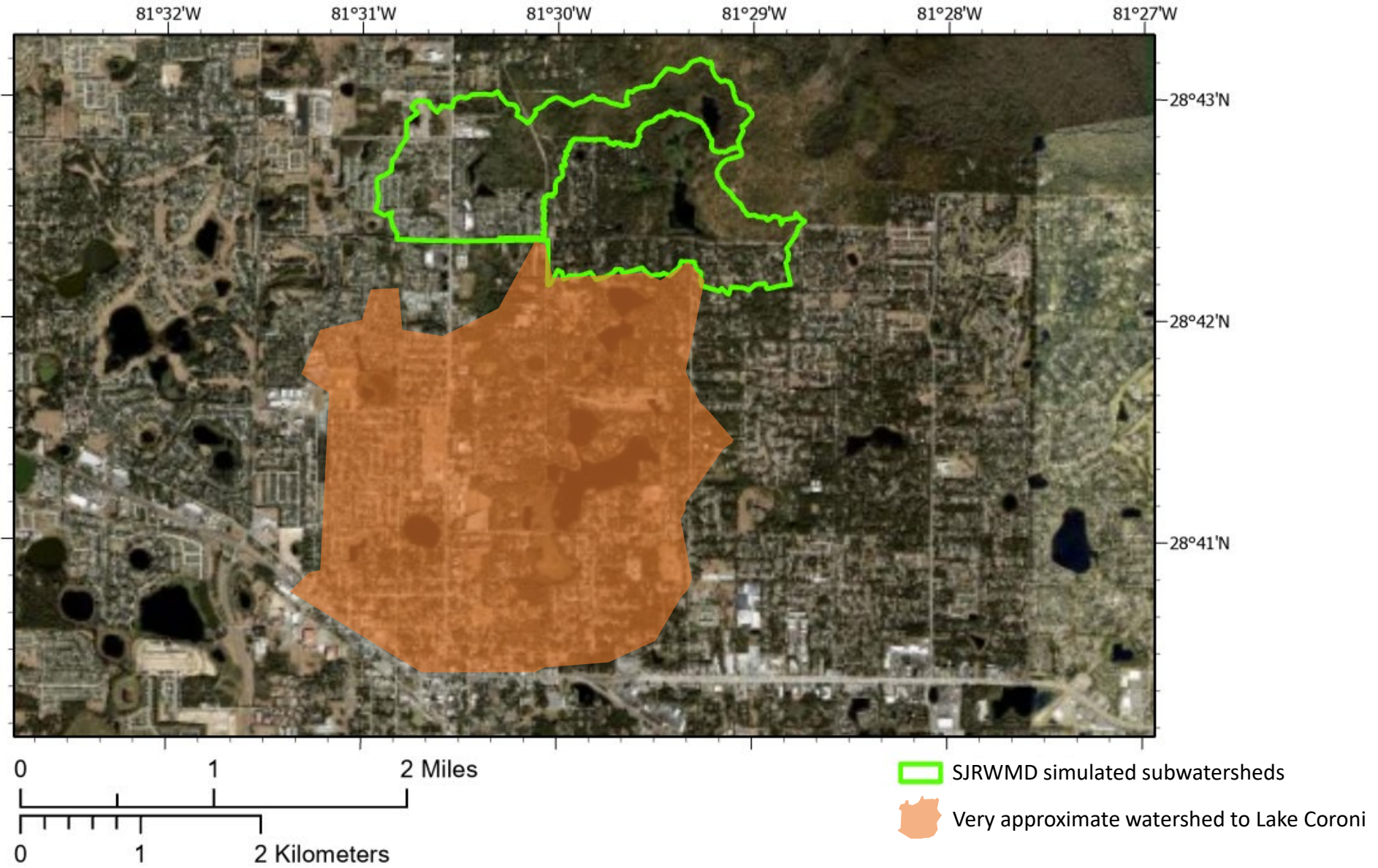


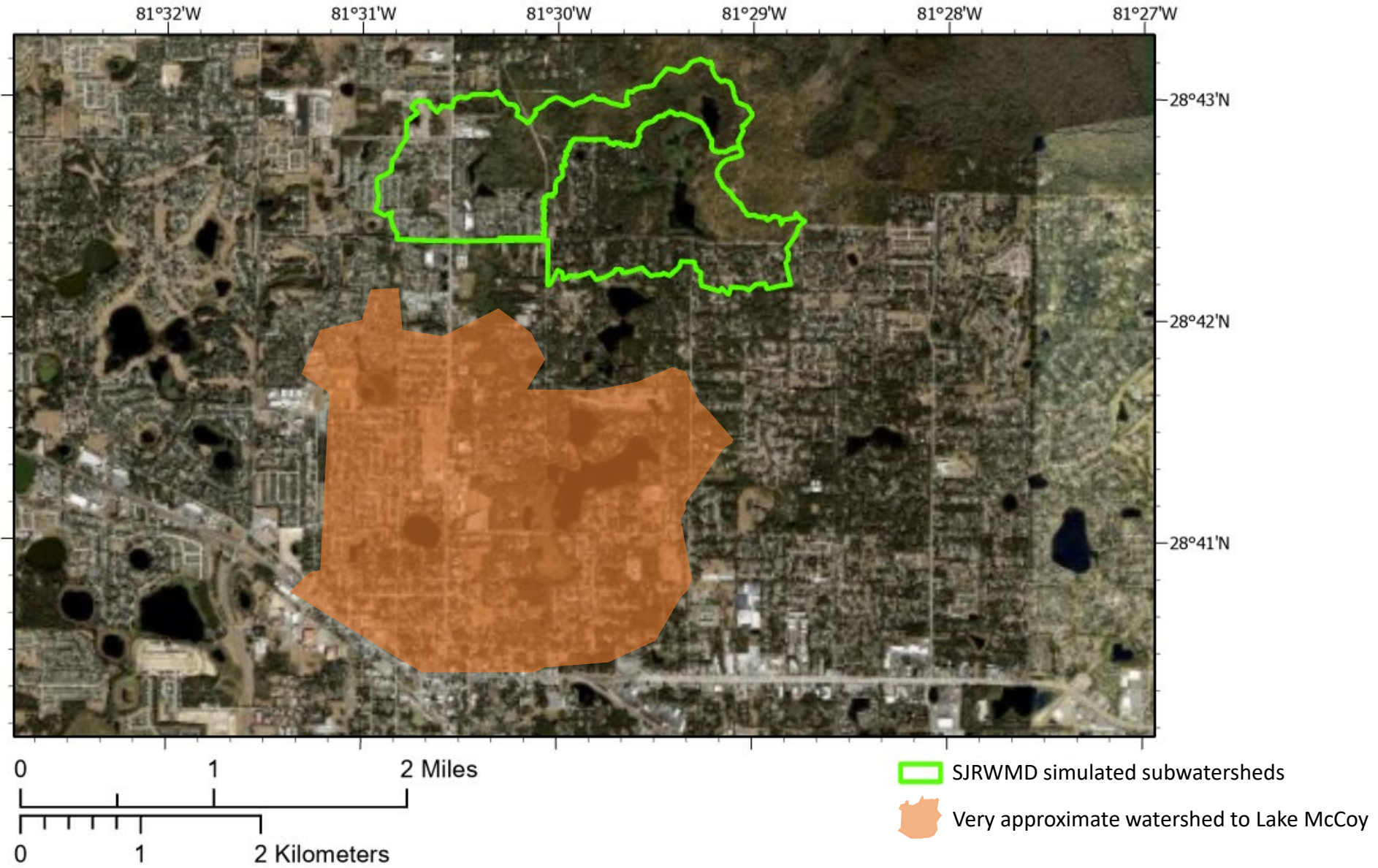




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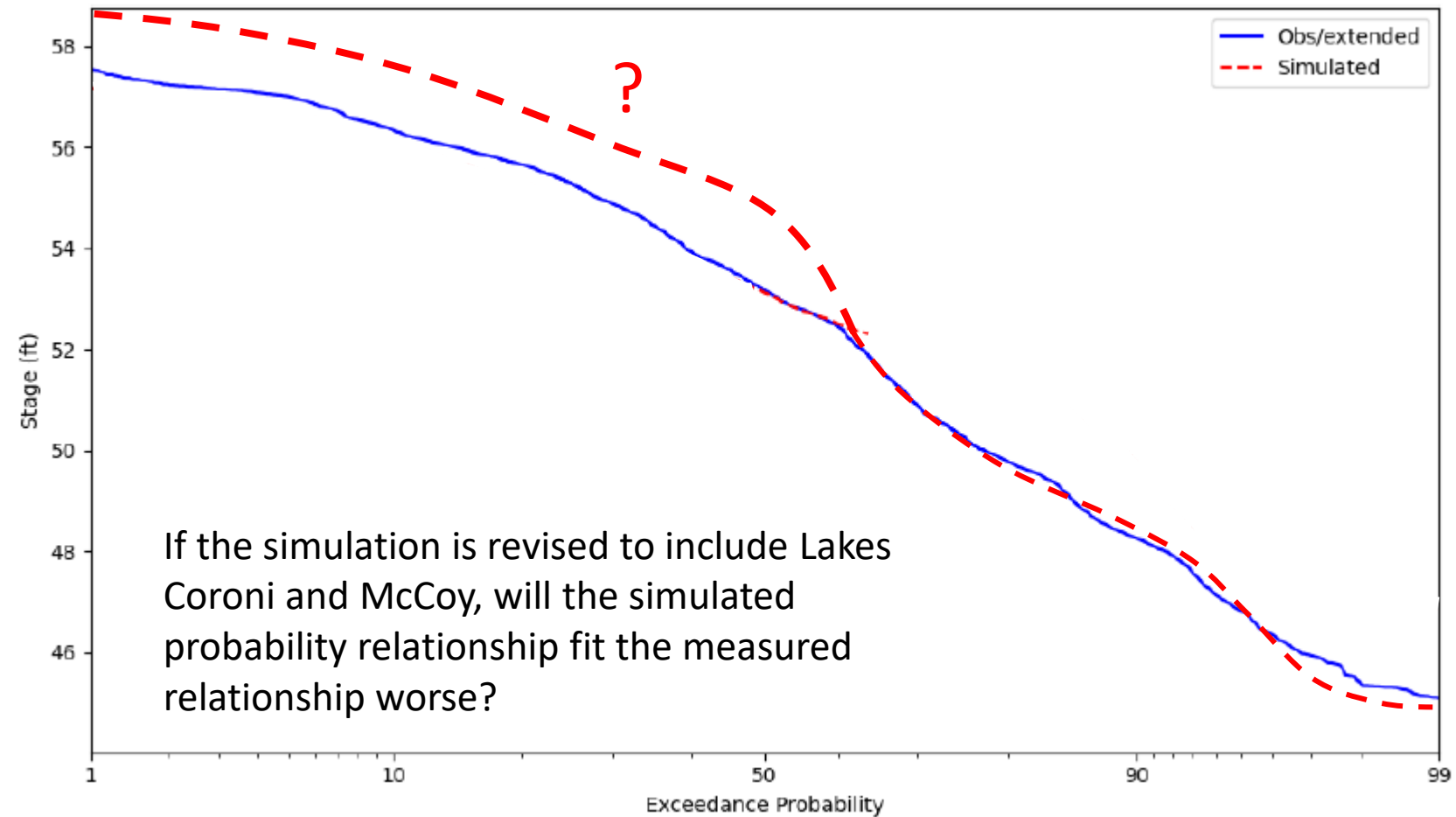




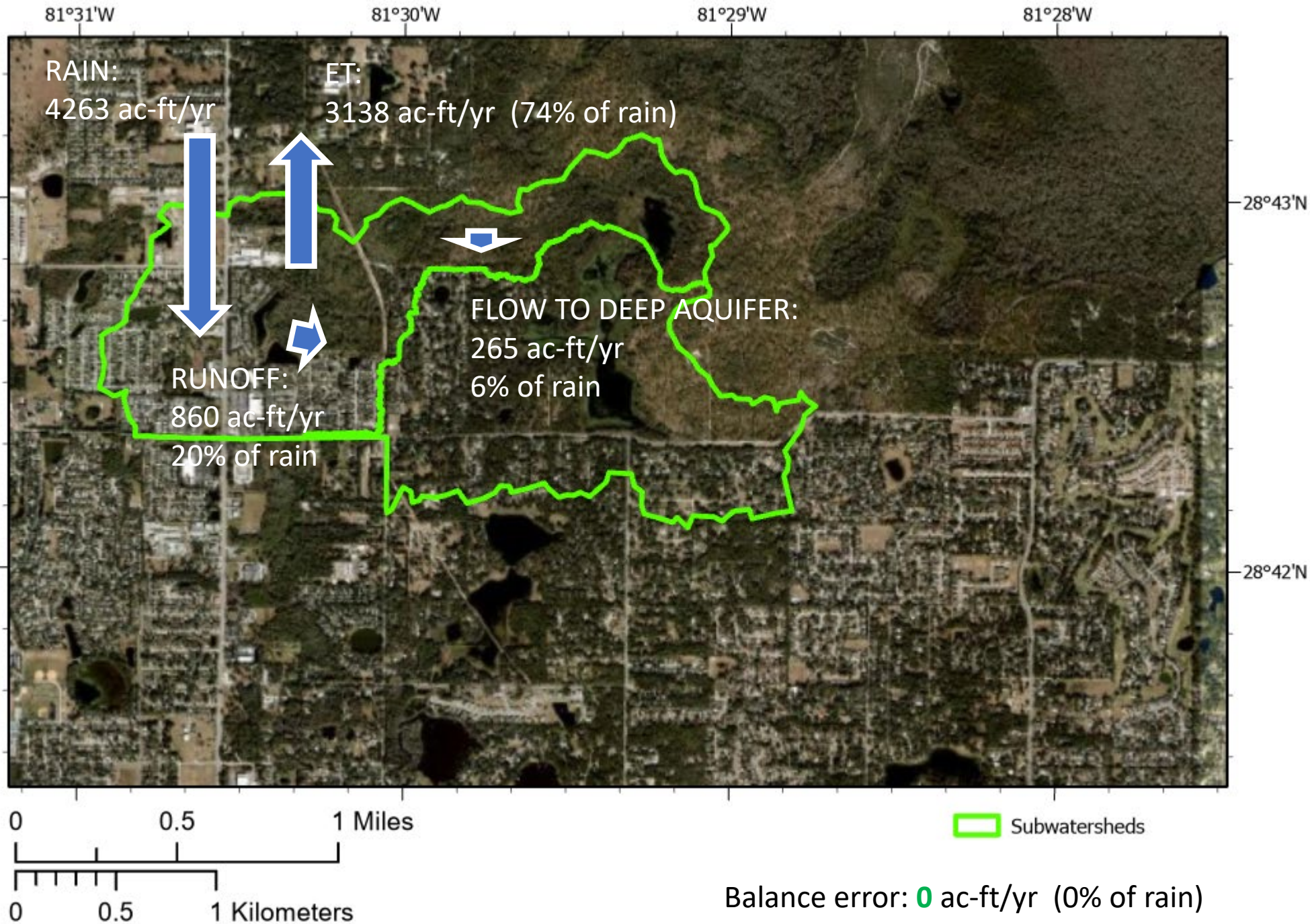


SJRWMD Simulation of Lake Prevatt Watershed

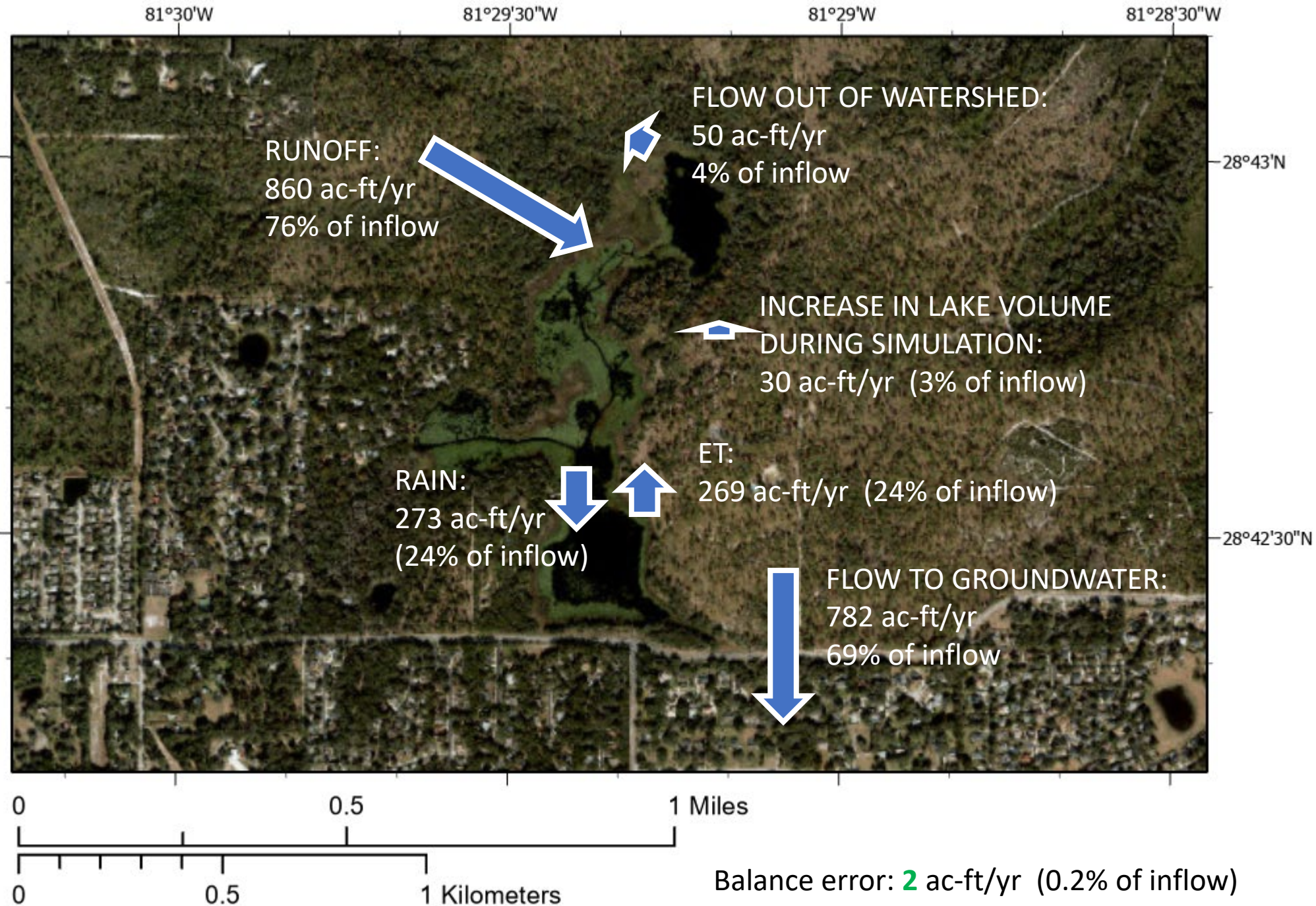
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Independent Peer Review

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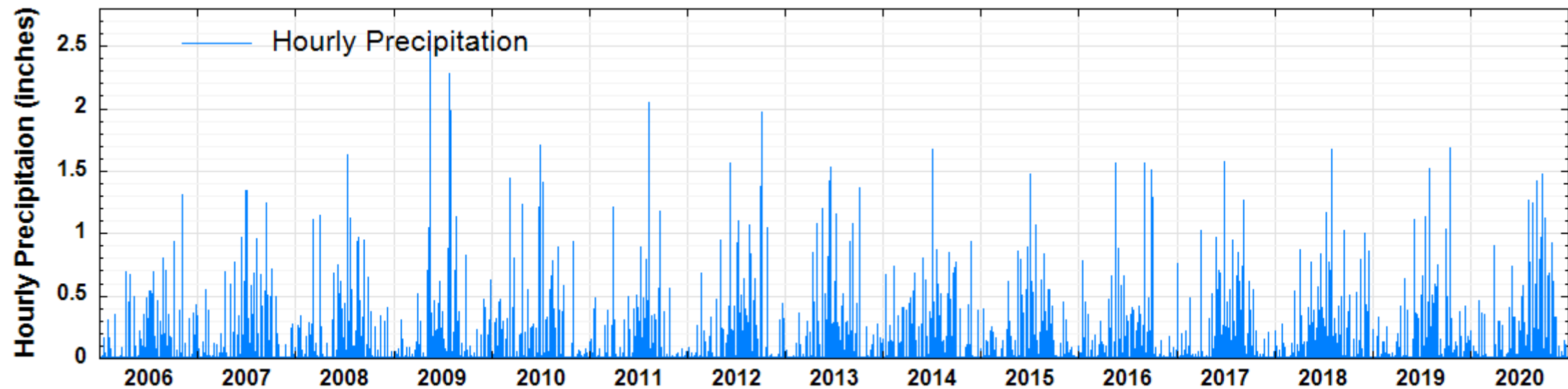
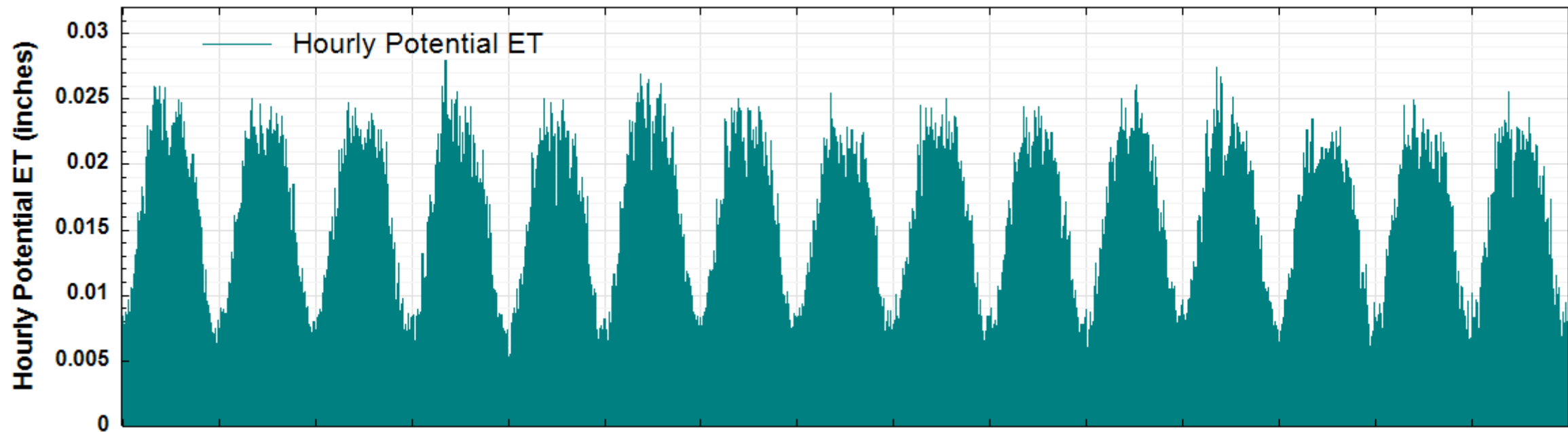
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B. Simulation

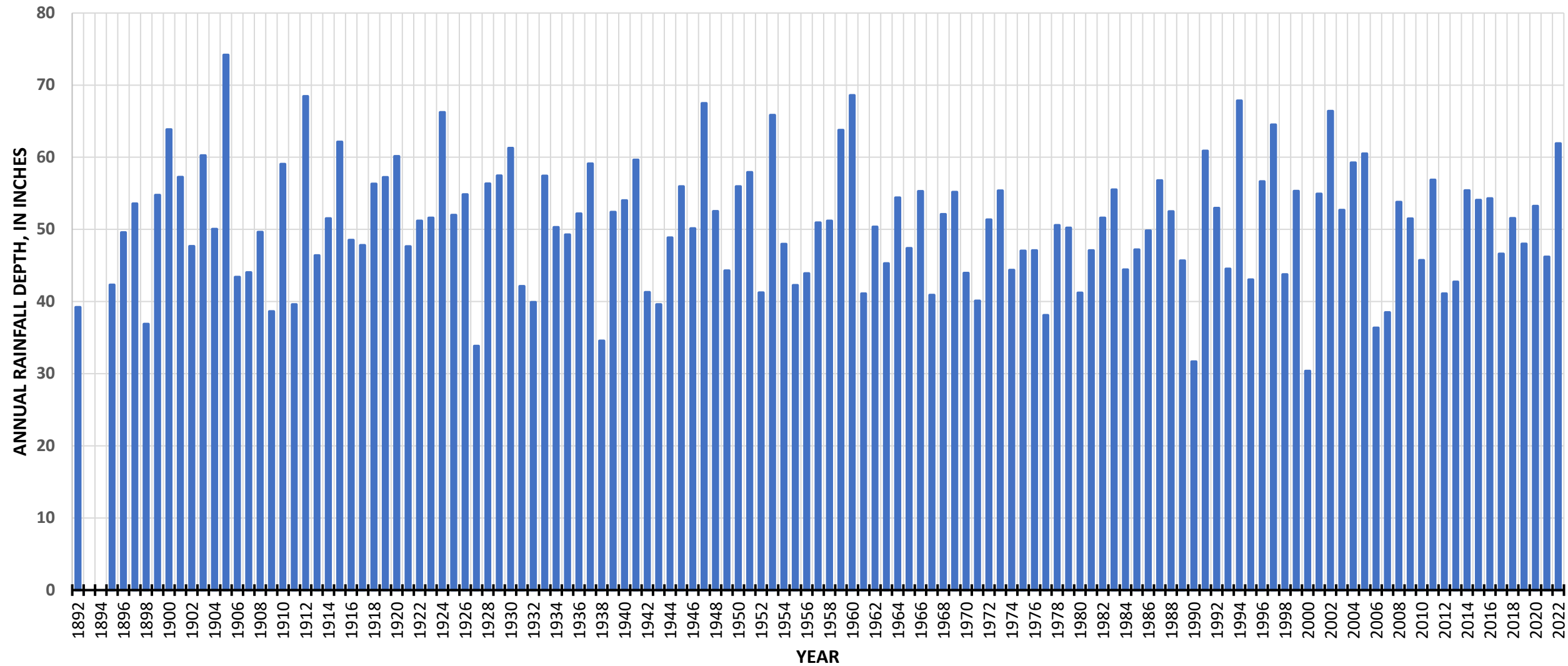
- 1) Model
- 2) Simulation Development
- 3) Simulation Calibration
- 4) Simulation Verification

A. Data

- Are all necessary data available? Did SJRWMD use the best available data?
 - Rainfall: yes, available
 - ET: yes, available
 - Groundwater levels: yes, available
 - Lake levels: yes, best available

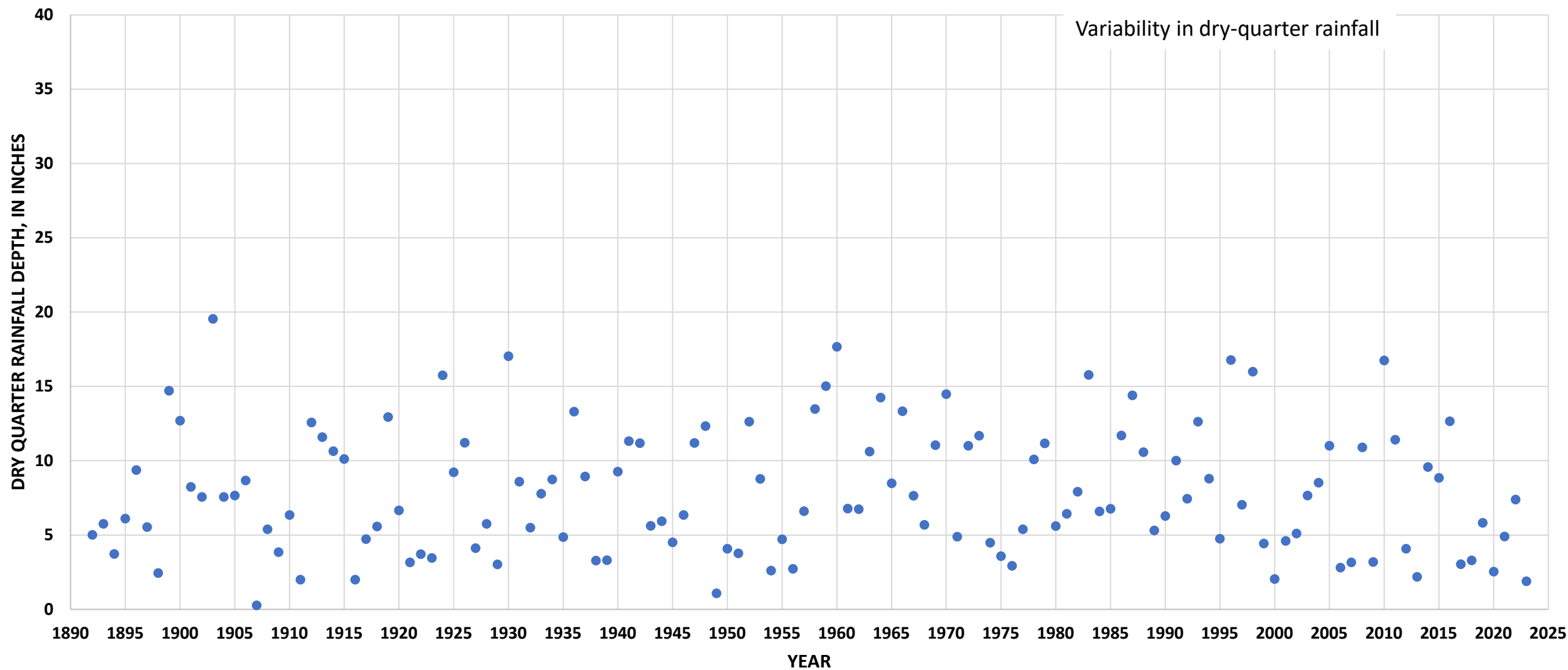


Annual Rainfall Depth in Orlando from 1892 to 2022



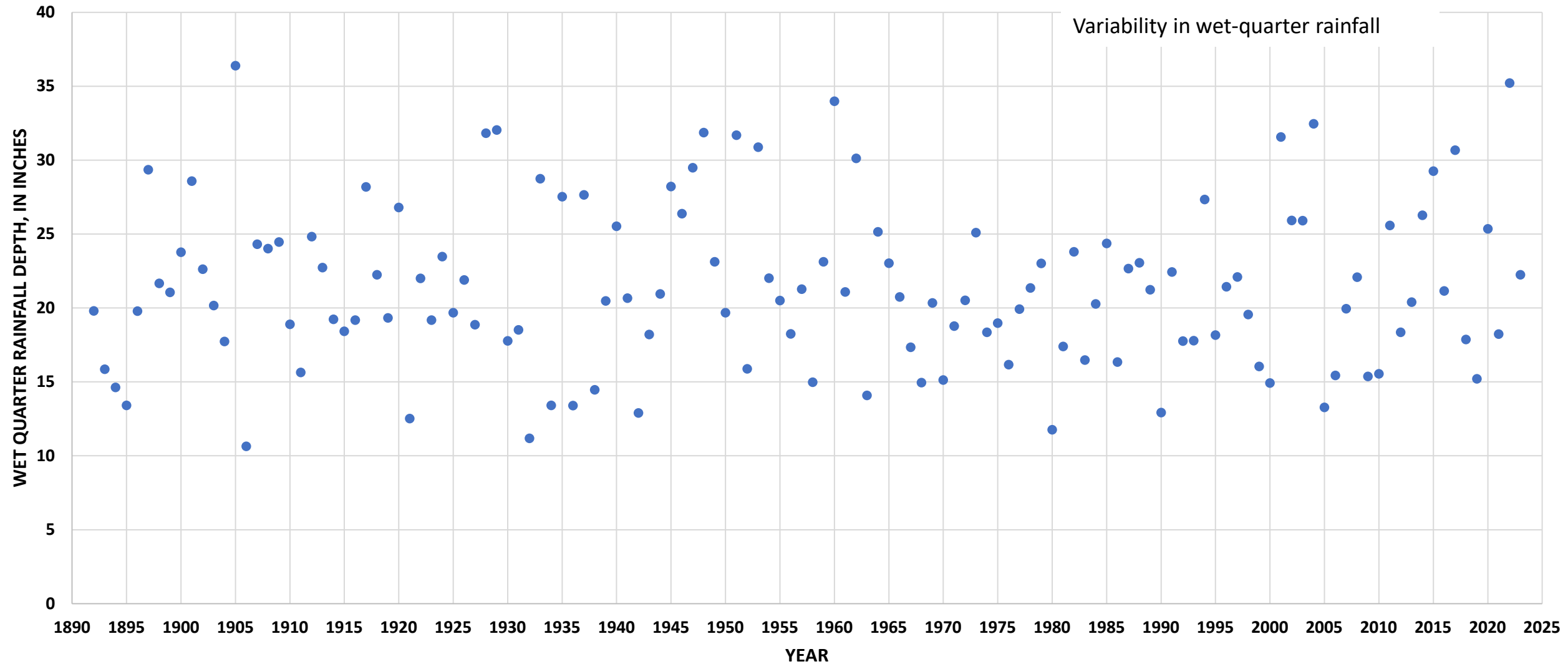
Dry-Quarter (Jan, Feb, Mar) Rainfall Depth in Orlando from 1892 to 2023

8-inch mean
4-inch standard deviation
(about 2/3 of measurements
between 4 and 12 inches)



Wet-Quarter (Jul, Aug, Sep) Rainfall Depth in Orlando: 1892 to 2023

21-inch mean
5.5-inch standard deviation
(about 2/3 of measurements
between 16 and 27 inches)



A. Data

- Are all necessary data available? Did SJRWMD use the best available data?
 - Periodic Inflows not simulated:
 - Lake Coroni inflow to unnamed pond east of Ranger's residence, not simulated
 - Lake McCoy inflow to Lake Coroni not simulated
 - Surface water detention and retention infrastructure not explicitly simulated

A. Data

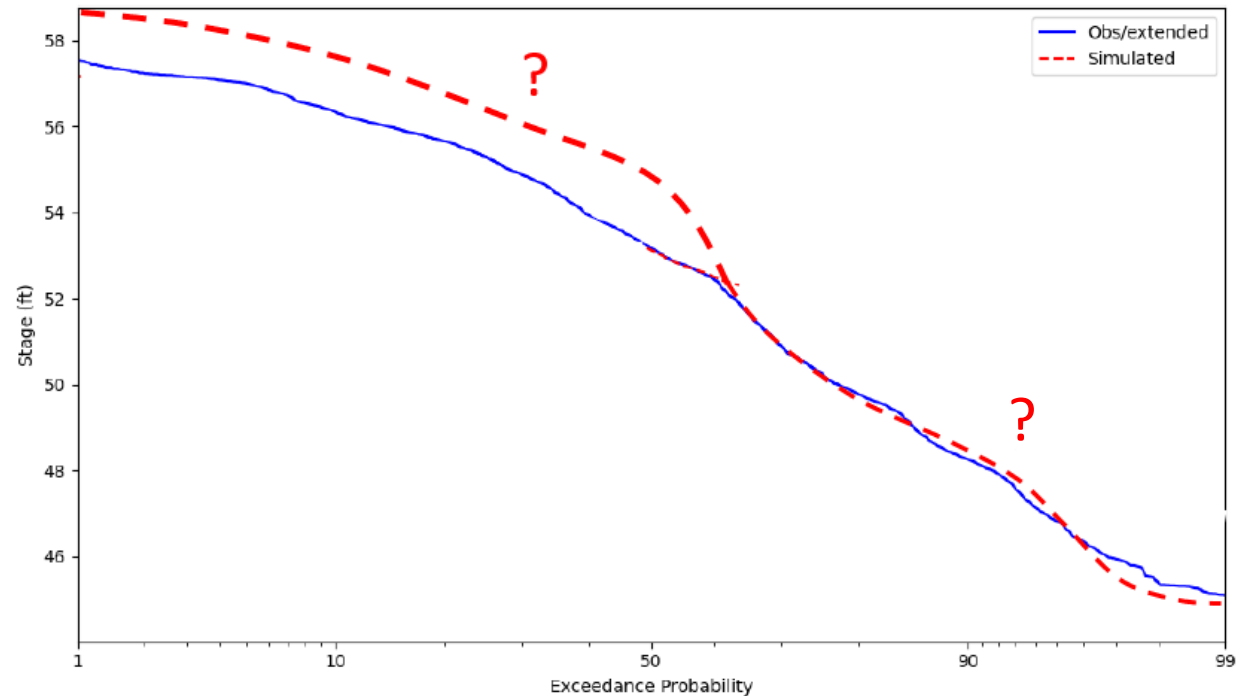
- Are all necessary data available? Did SJRWMD use the best available data?
 - Periodic Inflows:
 - Apopka Ranches wetland flow under Welch Road to unnamed channel between Smoketree Circle and Parkglen Circle not simulated
 - Unnamed canal flows to channel west of Wekiwa Glen

A. Data

- Are all necessary data available? Did SJRWMD use the best available data?
 - Published studies exist that detail hydrologic infrastructure and the regional surface-water conveyance system
 - Orange County stormwater management program
 - Municipal stormwater management programs
 - SJRWMD ERPs (several dozen)

A. Data

- Did SJRWMD discard relevant data?
 - Would use of discarded data significantly affect results?

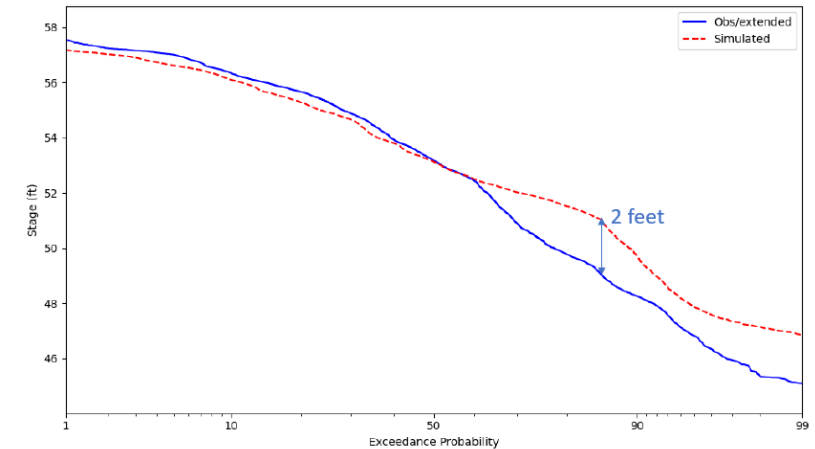


B. Simulation Development

- Is HSPF an appropriate model? **Yes. Open source. Well Documented. Widely used.**
- Does HSPF satisfy MFL approach? **Yes**
- Is the simulation
 - Appropriate?
 - Defensible?
 - Valid?

Seeking a minimum lake level:

- Simulated 10th and 20th percentile lake levels do not compare well to measured 10th and 20th percentile lake levels



B. Simulation Development

- Are assumptions

- Reasonable?
- Consistent?
- Necessary?

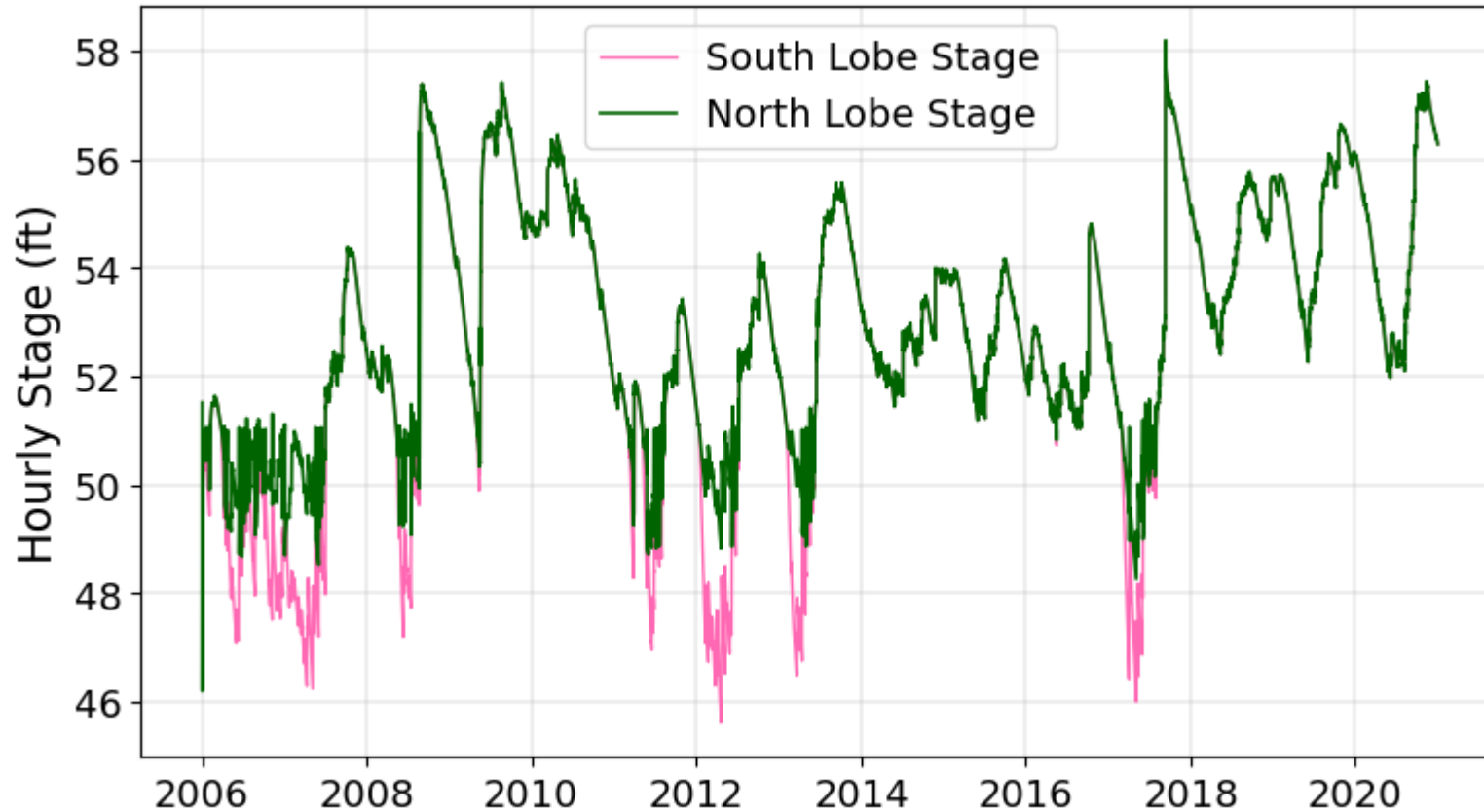
Assumptions not systematically presented in report

- Can use of available data eliminate or minimize any assumption?
- If yes, do simulated water-surface elevations or simulate flow rates change?

- Are simulation inputs referenced to the same datum?

- NAVD88 is referenced 2 times in report.
- All elevations not explicitly referenced to a datum

Instabilities in Stage plots?



The hourly stage for both lobes typically match above 51 feet: inter-lobe flow functions as intuitively expected

Output file for model warnings


The HSPF echo file (Prevatt_LT.ech) did not report model errors or warnings.

Continuity error and convergence data

The HSPF echo (Prevatt_LT.ech) did not report continuity or convergence errors, or continuity or convergence warnings.

Reasonable parameters

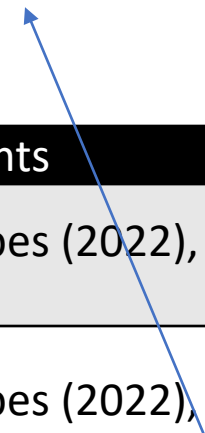
USEPA (2006) recommends a typical limit of 3 – 8, and possible limits of 1-10.



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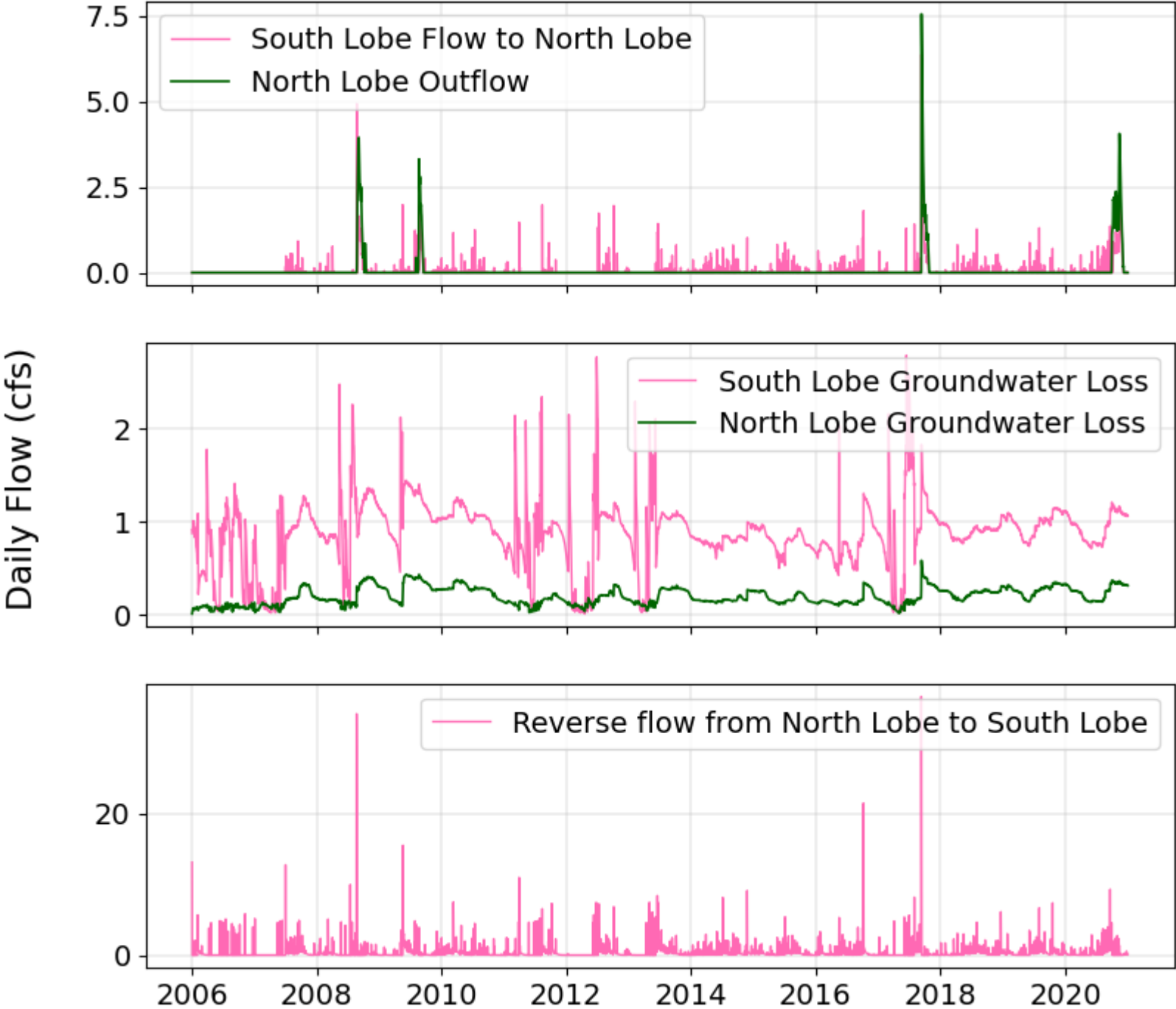


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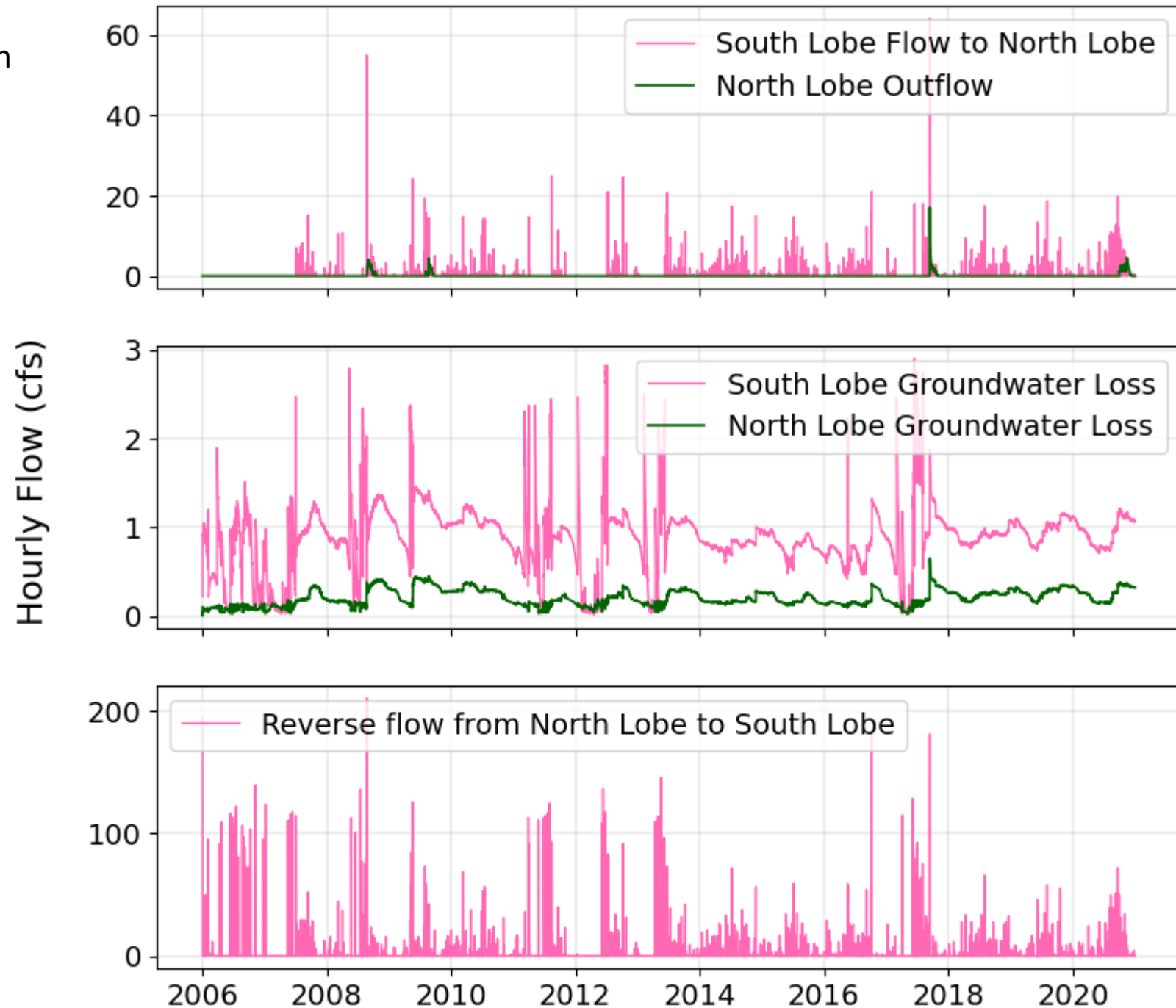
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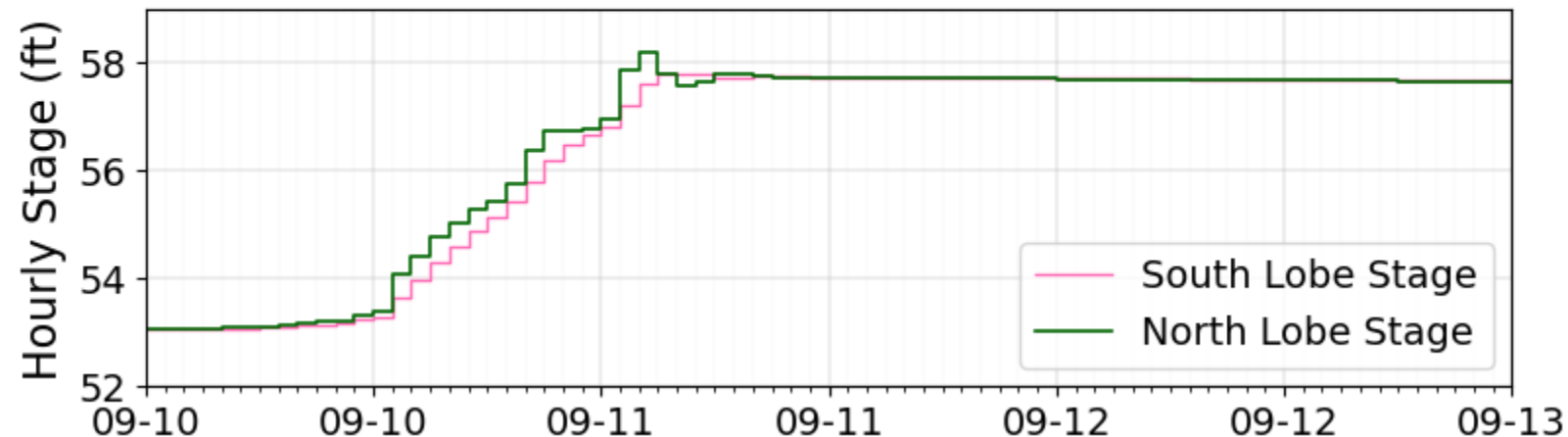
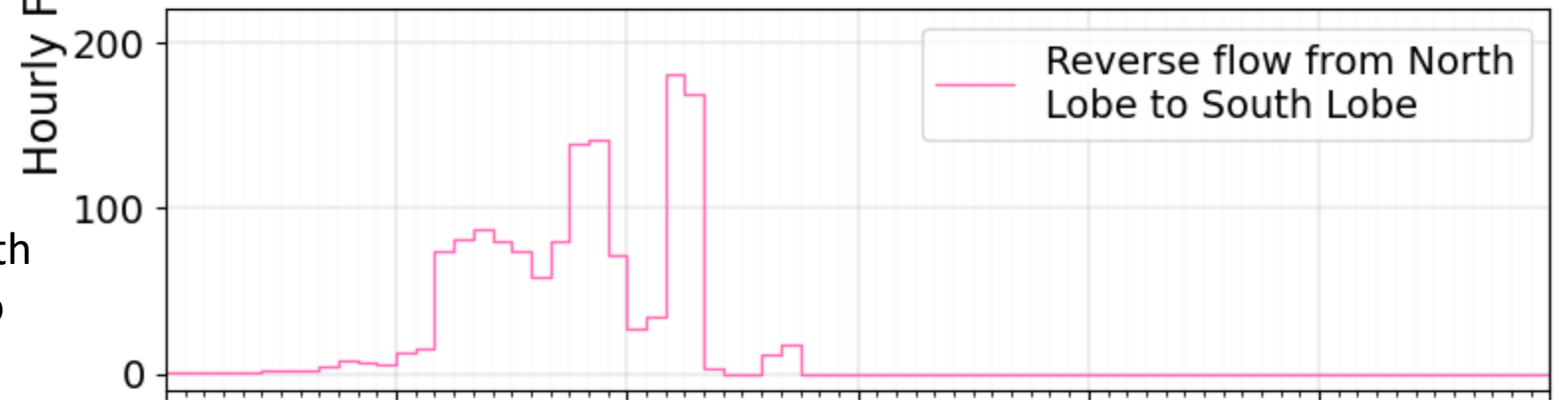
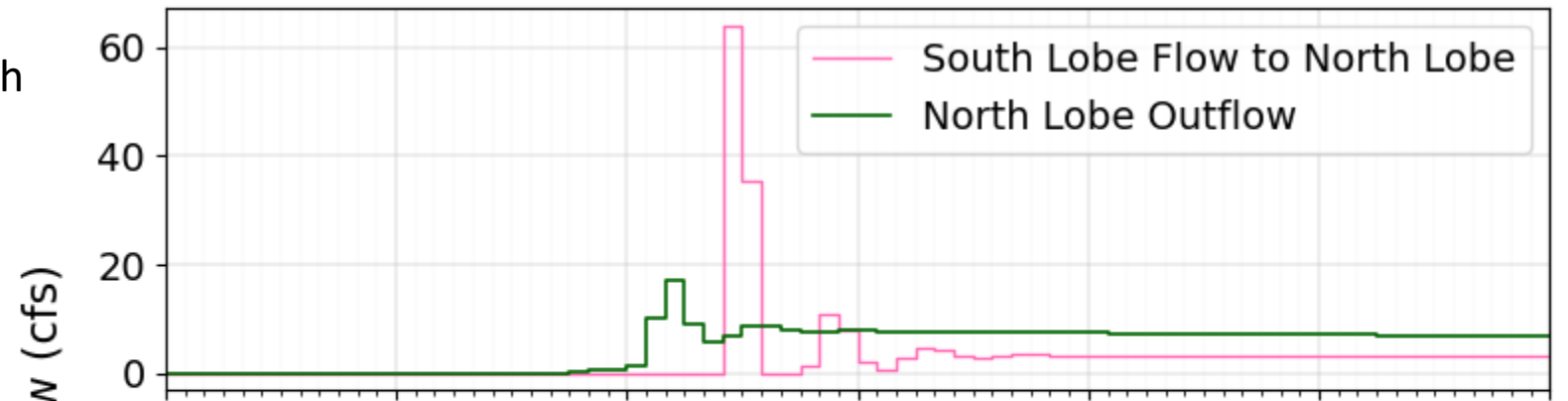


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Perhaps use a 15-minute time step??



Major, Initial (Preliminary) Peer Review Comments

SJRWMD may wish to:

- Revisit watershed delineation
- Refine surface-water conveyance system delineation
- Publish link-node diagram
- Explicitly document mass conservation
- Formally discuss adaptive management
- Simulate climate uncertainty
- Use 15-minute time step
- Justify leakance with literature reference