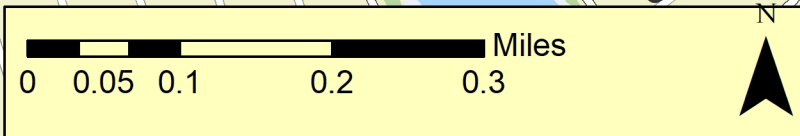
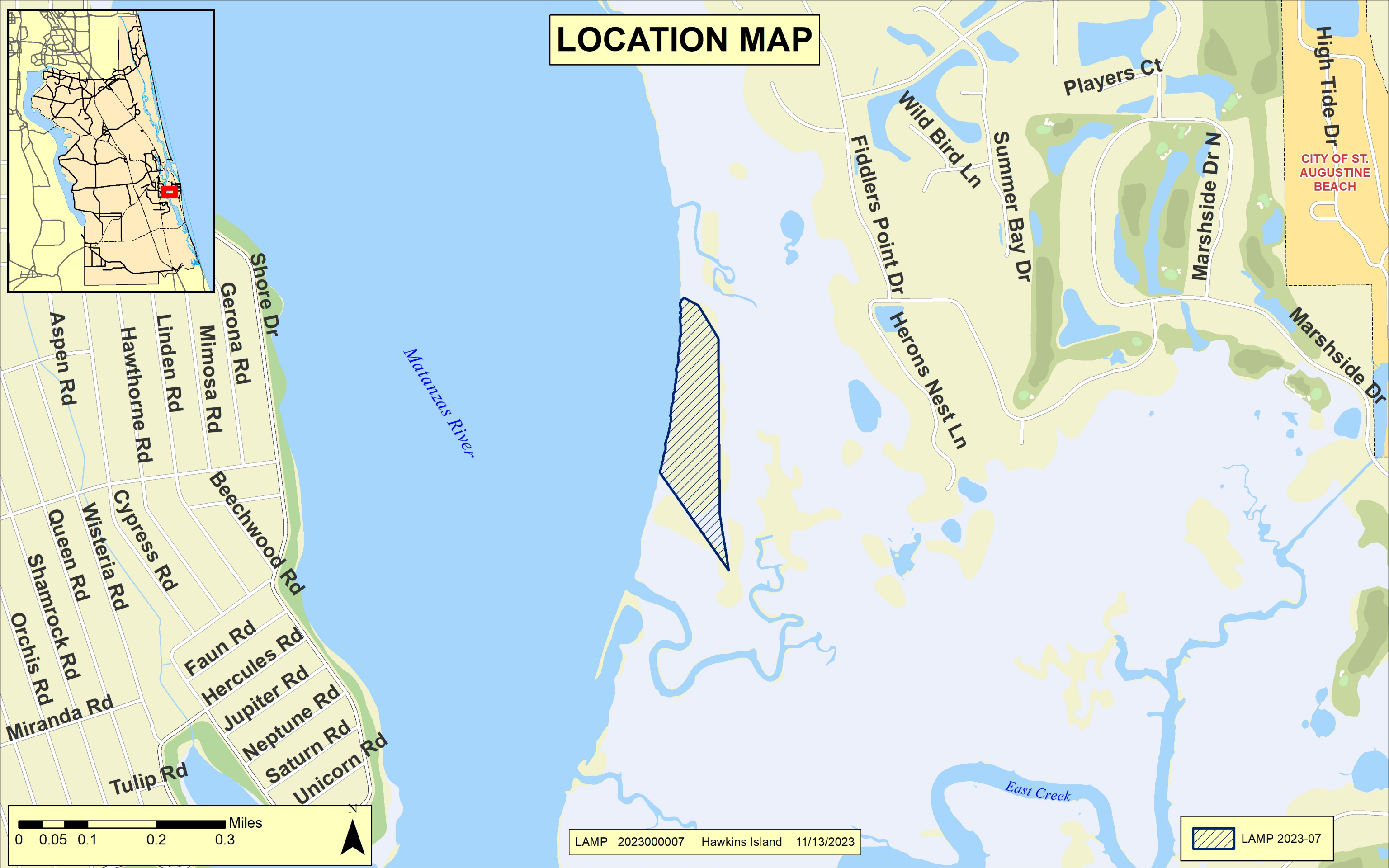
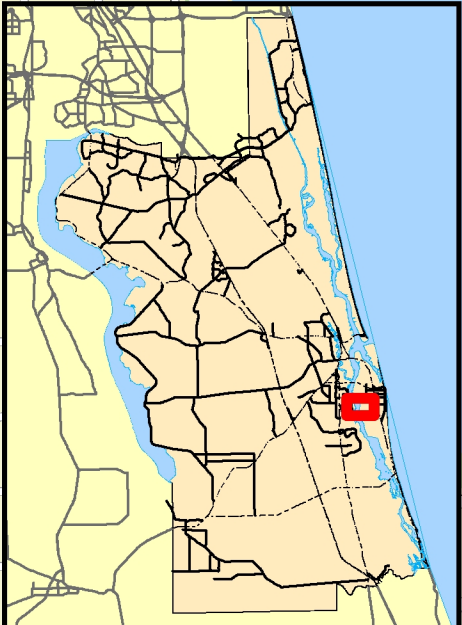


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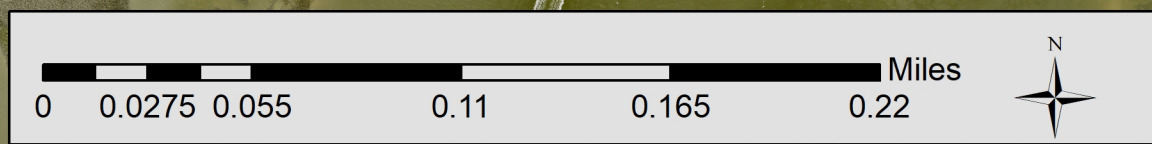
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AERIAL MAP

Herons Nest Ln

Matanzas River



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Land Acquisition and Management Program (LAMP) Conservation Board
Conceptual Management Plan

Property Name:	Hawkins Island
Parcel Number:	172860-0000
Address:	A1A South/Vacant island parcel located on eastern bank of Matanzas River
Property Description:	Vacant forested island parcel surrounded by salt marsh, located on eastern bank of the Intracoastal Waterway within the Matanzas River. Parcel is located west of Marsh Creek residential subdivision and east of St. Augustine South residential subdivision. Access of shoreline by watercraft only.
Purpose/Goals of Acquisition:	Located within the Northeast Florida Blueway-Florida Forever corridor, the proposed use would entail continued preservation of sensitive ecological habitats on a unique 14-acre upland island within the Matanzas River Basin. This preservation adds to adjacent sovereign submerged state lands, and a City of St. Augustine parcel and conservation easement owned by the Marsh Creek HOA to the north, which are part of a salt marsh conservation corridor. The property will add to the County's land preservation portfolio and will also preserve sensitive salt marsh habitat and maritime hammock, which is a significant natural communities habitat as defined by the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.
Management Objectives and Methods:	Periodic inspections for trespassing, impacts to soils and native vegetation and invasive plant species will be conducted. Installation of one or two small signs highlighting the island as a conservation property will be considered. Signage may include language limiting or prohibiting access and activities (such as removal or damage to existing vegetation, camping, camp fires or trespassing on the property. Restoration plans may be developed for areas of the site requiring restoration to the natural communities receiving any human caused impacts over time.
Proposed Infrastructure/Improvements:	Property will remain in a natural state. Boat access from the Intracoastal Waterway is possible for ecological tours from the water. Limited to no beach along the shoreline is noted and therefore access to the upland areas of the site may be challenging.
Additional Information and Justifications:	Preservation of the subject island property in its natural state will continue to provide wave action buffering and resiliency to surrounding salt marsh areas and adjacent Anastasia Island as well as preserve the maritime hammock/ and emergent black mangrove forest.