

Aucilla, Wacissa and Econfina River Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) Stakeholder Meeting NRLI Practicum Presentation



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Gainesville, FL

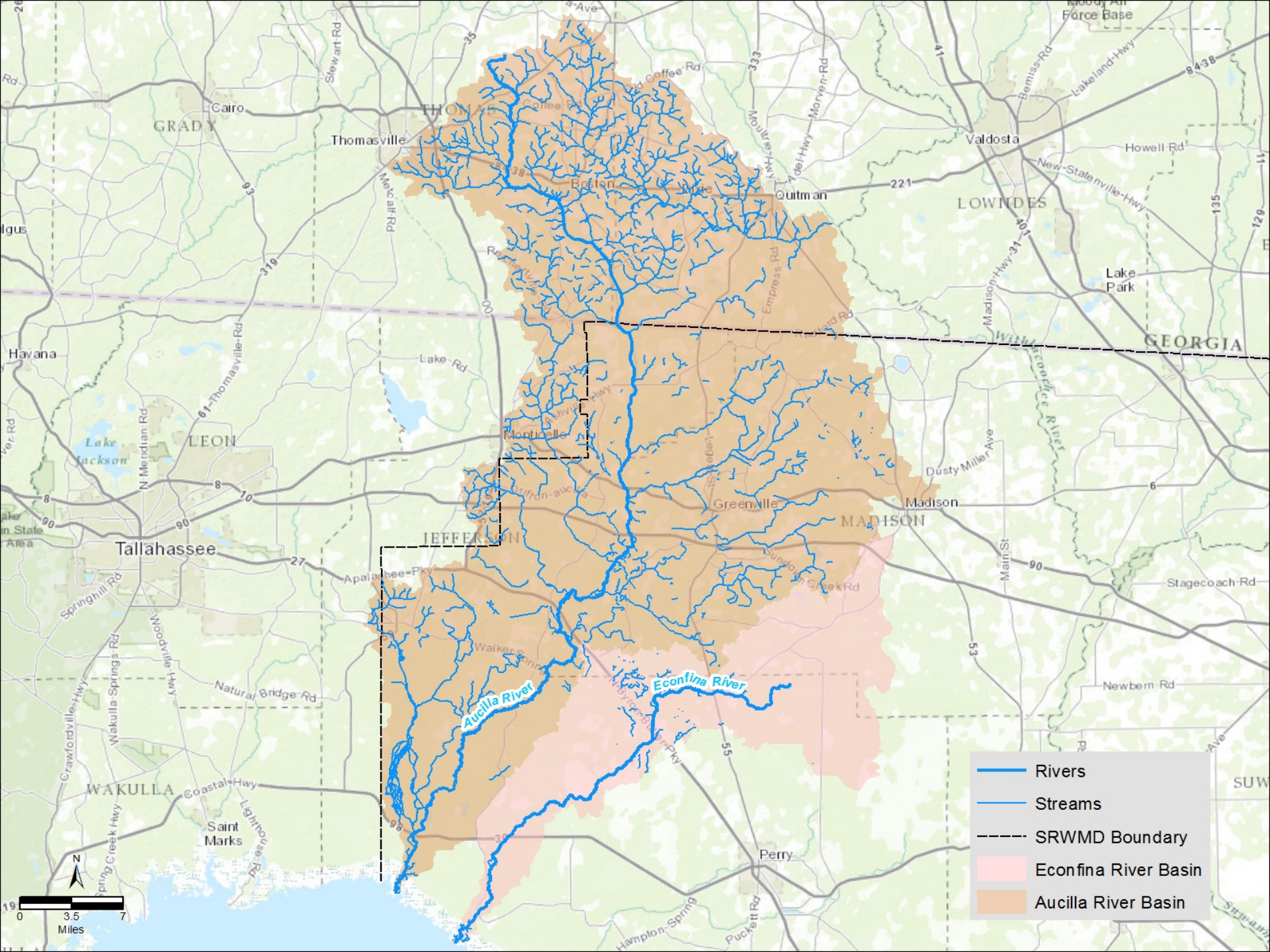




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MFL Overview & Process

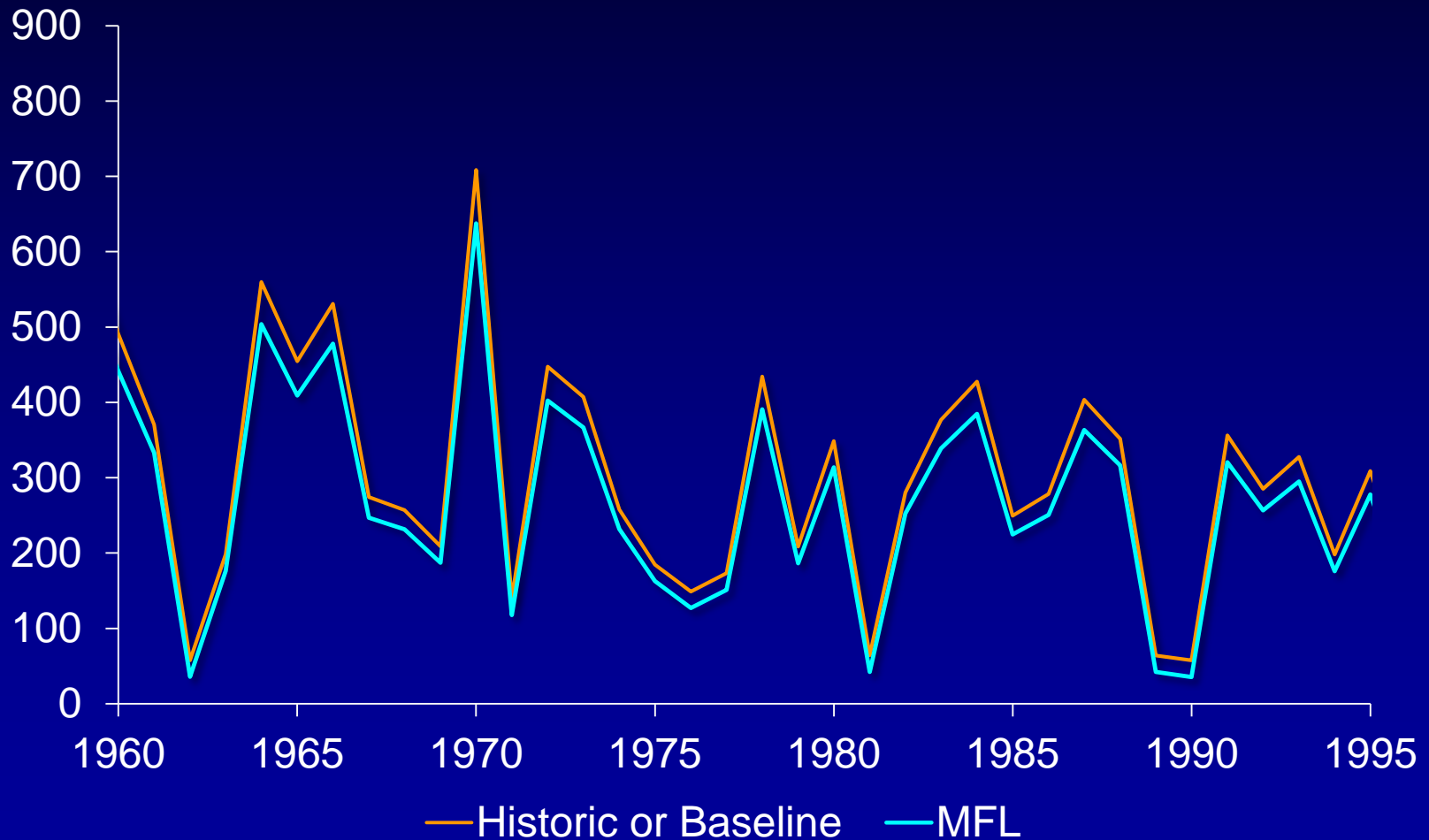
What is a Minimum Flow or Level?

- Statutory Requirement of Sect. 373.042 F.S.
 - Prevent “significant harm” to the water resources or ecology of an area due to water withdrawals

(MFLs) a Misnomer?

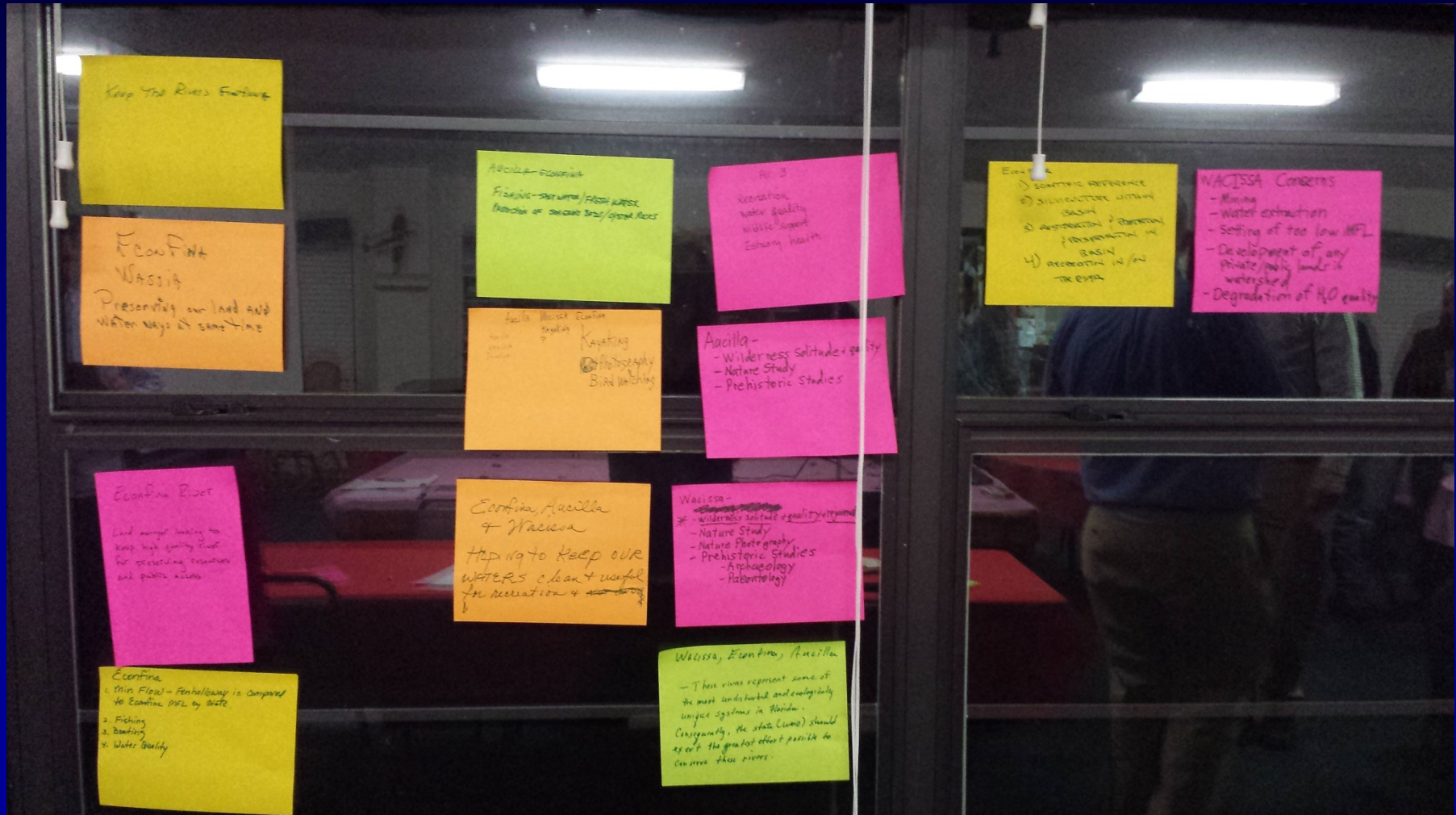
To be an effective water resource management tool, the establishment of MFLs must consider protection of the entire flow regime and not strictly low flow conditions. Thus, in some ways the term “minimum” flow and level may be misleading. Also known as “environmental flows”.

An MFL is an acceptable maximum flow shift in the natural regime



Type of Meeting

- Information gathering



Stakeholder Engagement

- Press release
- SRWMD website
- Kayak/canoe club
- List of stakeholders from other agencies
- Stakeholders

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- 15 minute MFL background presentation
- Group Activity
- Ongoing Project Information
- Meeting Evaluation
- Adjourn

Group Activity



Outcomes



Lessons Learned

- Group Activity Dynamics
- Confusing Slides
- Engaging Stakeholders before the MFL is determined is important

Next Steps

- Additional meetings of this sort should be held to ensure that salient stakeholder values are fully identified.
- A summary of these conversations in the final report/MFL recommendations should be included so that the reader is made aware that the plan was transparently developed and is not the product of engineers working in isolation from the impacted public.

Questions?



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District to host "Understanding No-Rise" workshop

Live Oak, FL, January 16, 2015 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is hosting the Florid Floodplain Managers Association's (FFMA) training "Understanding No-Rise Certificate." The training will take place on Friday, January 30th ... **Additional Info...**

Feb 3, SRWMD MFL meeting for Aucilla, Econfina and Wacissa Rivers

LIVE OAK, FL, January 15, 2015 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) invites businesses, residents and recreational users of the Econfina, Wacissa, and Aucilla Rivers to participate in a public meeting. The purpose of the meeting is **Additional Info...**

SRWMD land acquisition benefits regional water resources and buffers Camp Blanding

LIVE OAK, FL, December 9, 2014 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) recently acquired a 334 acre tract in Bradford County for flood control and water resource development projects. The property was purchased from Rayonier. **Additional Info...**

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Request for Offers

The District is soliciting Requests for Offers in which property owners in the District offer to sell parcels of real property. Parcels may be purchased by the District (either in fee simple or permanent easement) for the purpose of placing and maintaining monitoring wells for measurement of ground water levels and quality. Please subscribe to [Notify Me](#) under the [Land Parcels](#) section to receive automated notification of when Requests for Offers are posted by County.

2015 Water Conservation Calendar

The District would like to extend a special thank you to the students and teachers that participated in the [Water Conservation Calendar](#) Contest.

The calendar contest was a pilot program designed to bring water conservation education to the classroom. The calendar features student artwork [along with tips on water conservation.](#)

Understanding the No-Rise Certificate

Engineers and Certified Floodplain Mangers are invited to attend the [Understanding the No-Rise](#) training on Jan. 30, 2015 from 9AM to 4:30 PM at District headquarters. Register online at www.flfloods.org

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