

# ASR in Florida

## History, Current Technologies and Benefits

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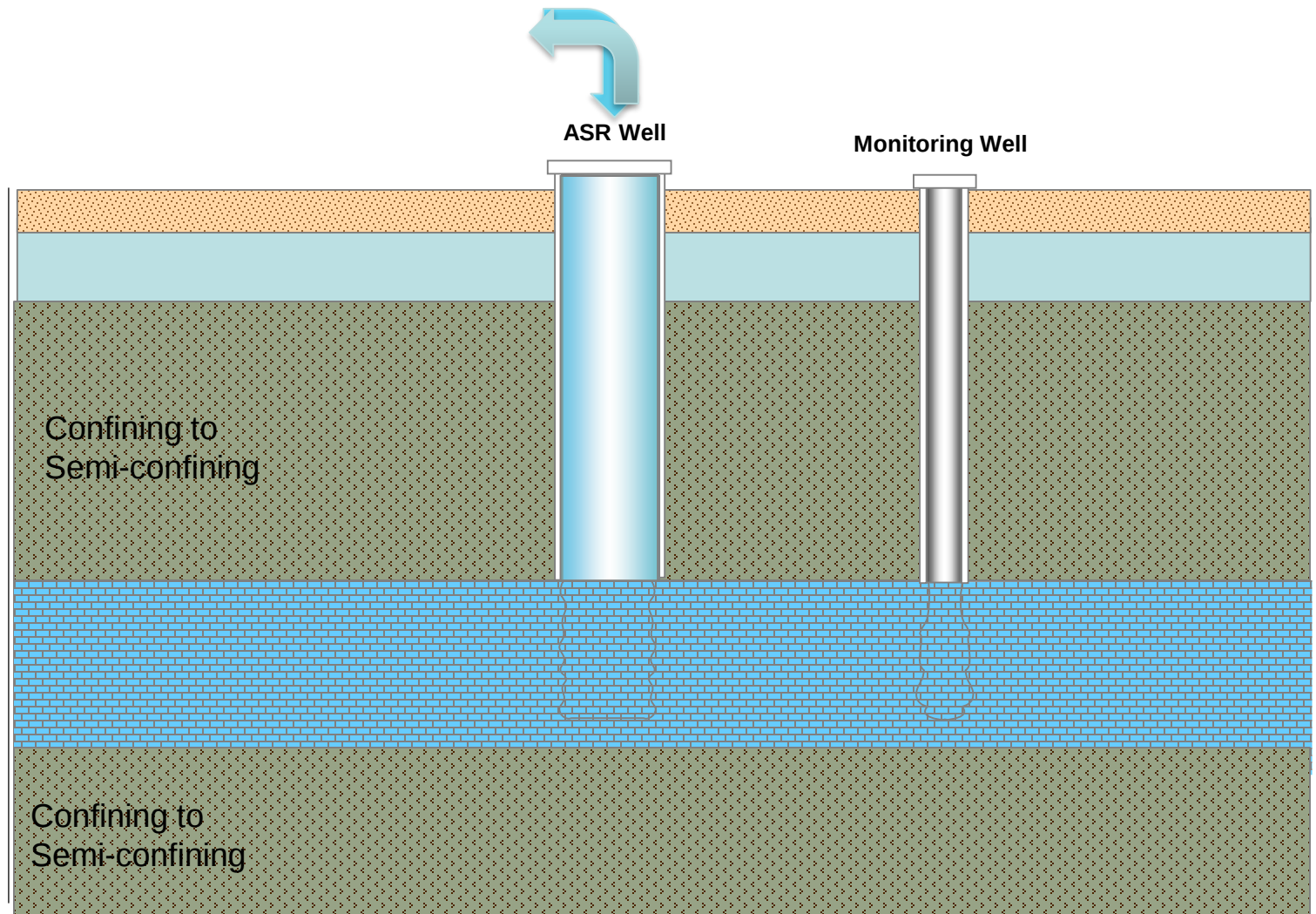


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# Presentation Overview

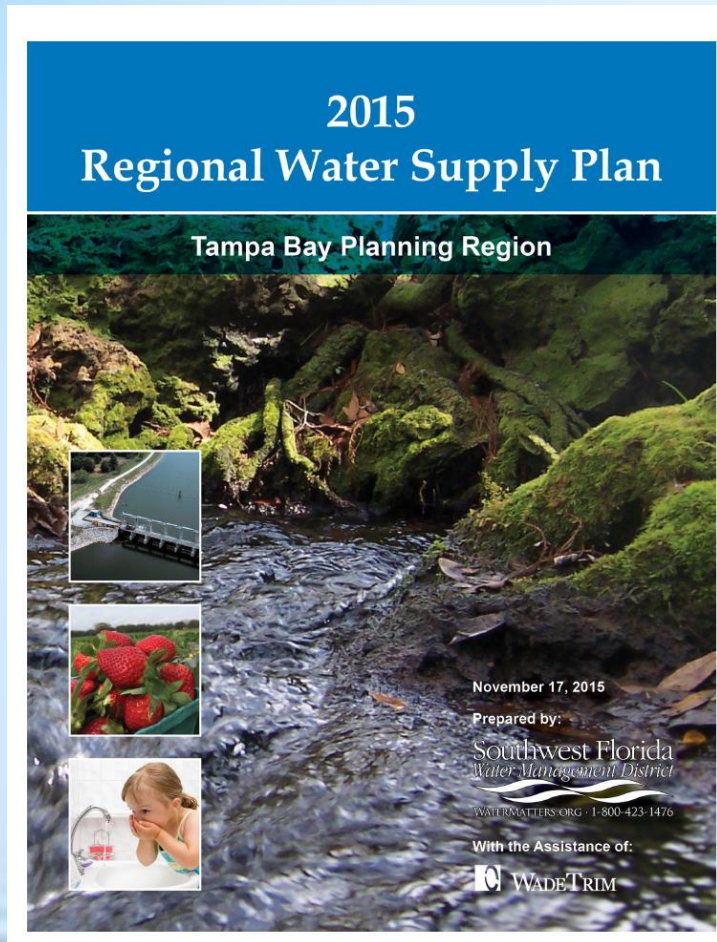
1. What is ASR and its benefits?
2. History of ASR in Florida
3. What are the current ASR technologies.
4. State of ASR in Florida

# Typical ASR Well System



# Benefits

- Primary Benefit is to enhance or increase water supply for drought mitigation
- Cost effective
- Small Land surface foot print
- Greater ability to strategically locate storage
- Eliminate evaporative losses
- Mitigate impacts of drought
- Potential improvement in water quality



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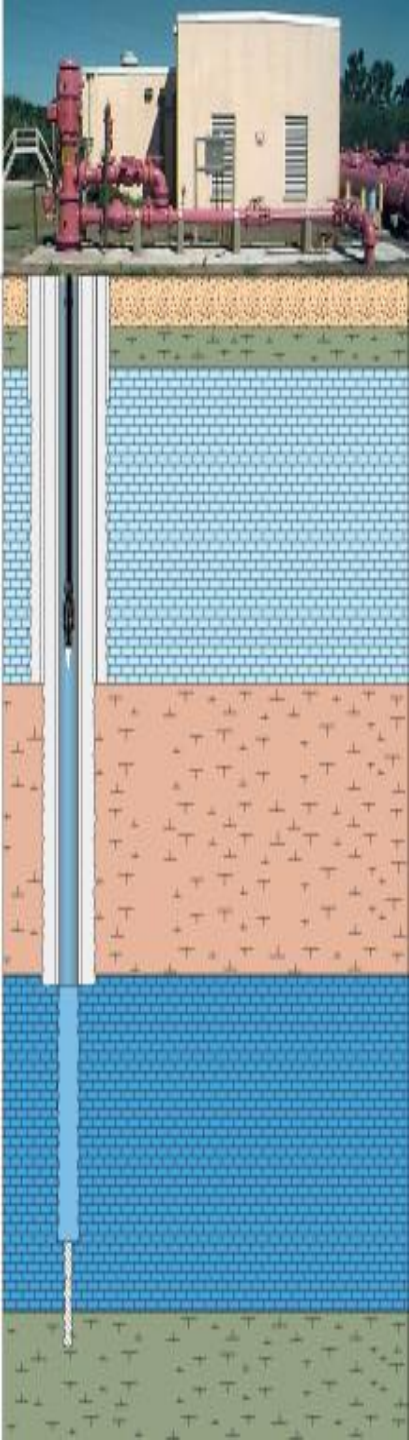
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“However, the region’s continued growth will require the development of additional alternative sources such as reclaimed water, brackish groundwater, seawater and surface water with off-stream reservoirs and **ASR systems for storage or AR to provide recovery** and offset impacts from withdrawals. To facilitate the development of these projects, the District encourages partnerships between neighboring municipalities and counties for purposes of developing regionally-coordinated water supplies.”

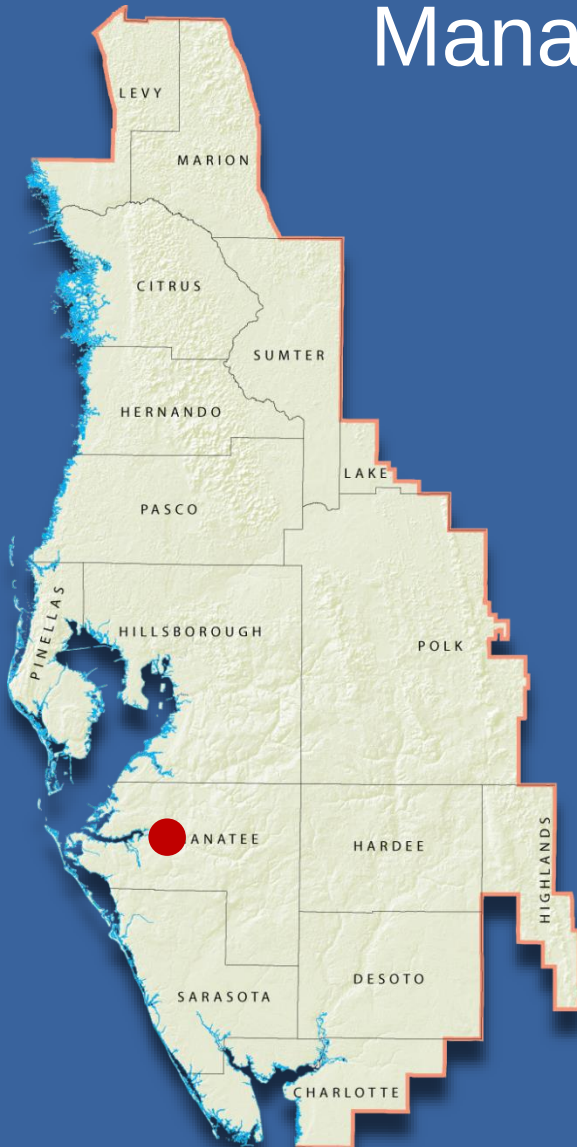
“A utility cannot expand its reuse system beyond peak flow demand, which occurs during dry periods when demand is highest, without experiencing shortages.”

# Early Years ASR

- Wildwood N.J (1975)
- Manatee County (1983)
- Peace River (1985)
- Tampa (1993)
- St. Pete RW ASR (1993)



# Manatee County ASR



# The Peace River Facility



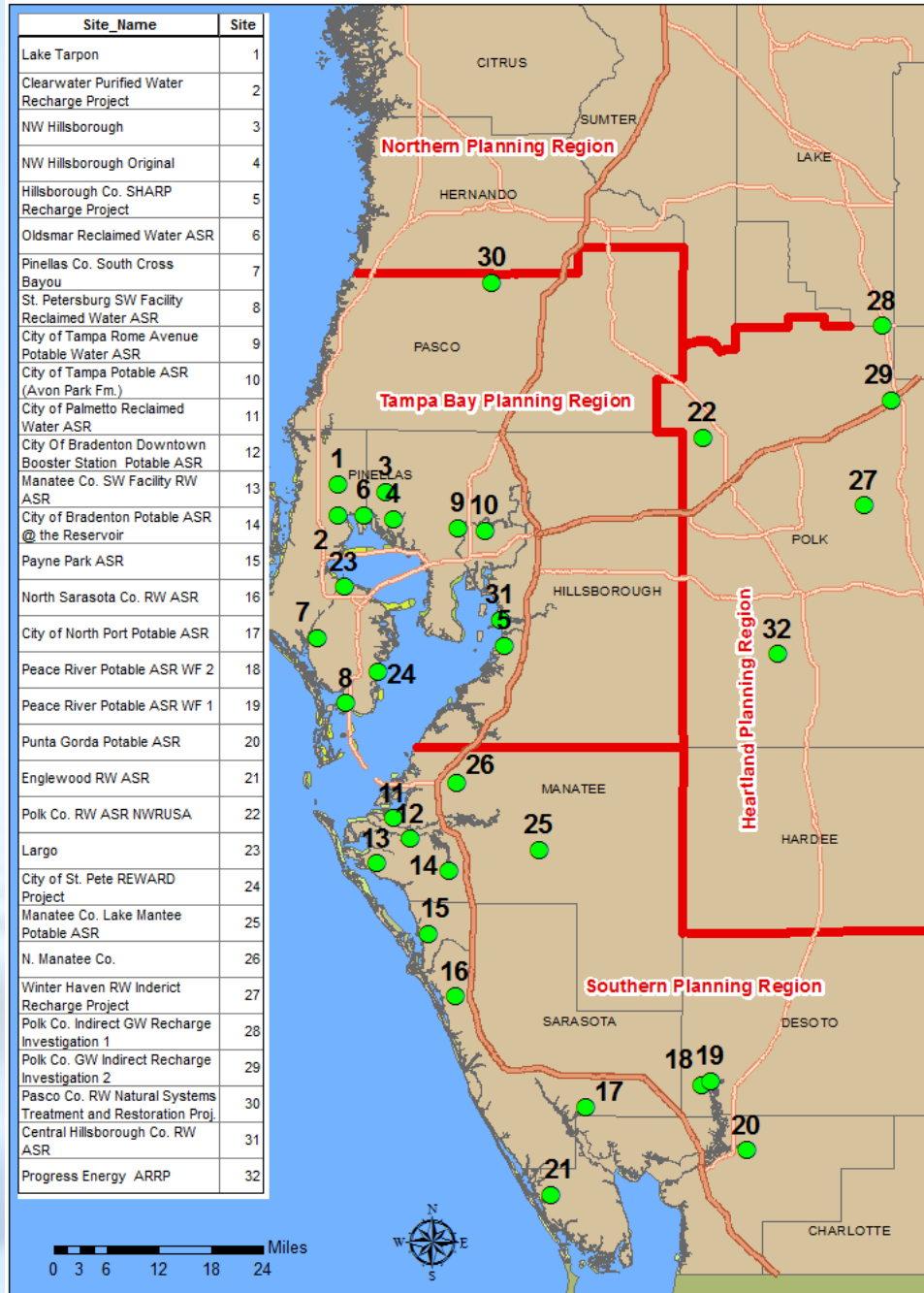
- 12 ASR wells installed near reservoir in last expansion (21 total wells)

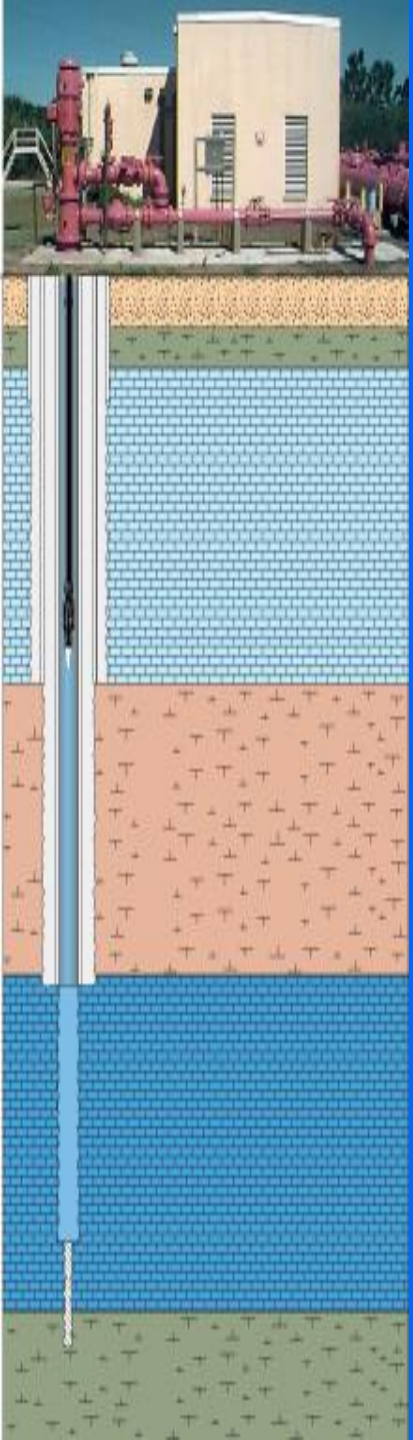
- Treated surface water (alum)



# City of Tampa ASR 1993





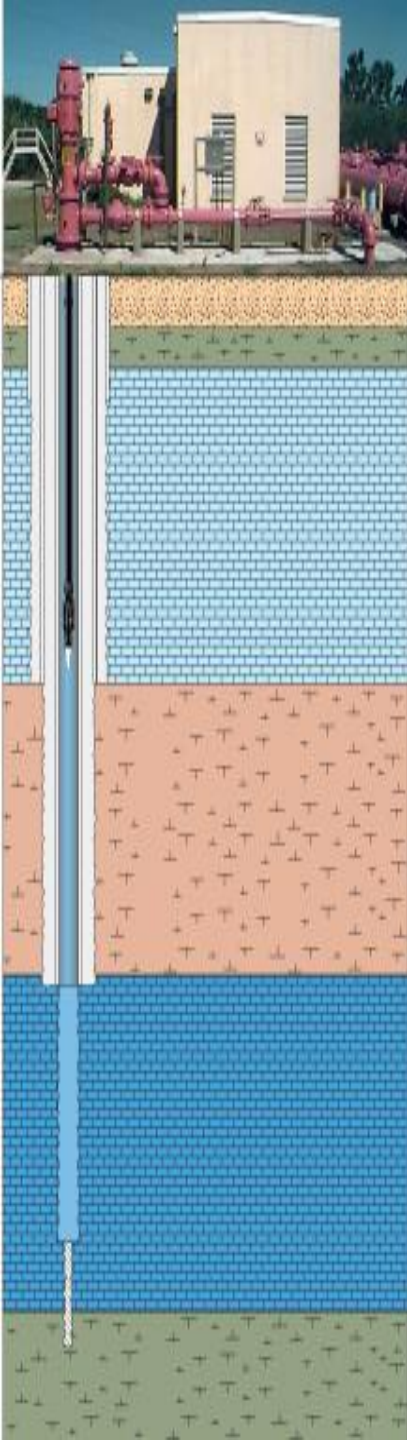


# ASR Project Development Status

- Projects capable of operation yield
- Projects in construction phase yield

52 mgd

7 mgd



# ASR Challenges

- Compatibility of injected water with the aquifer
- By-products resulting from disinfection



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Dear Mr. Thomasson:

Thank you for your interest in clarifying EPA's regulations as they apply to the injection and storage of water in underground formations for later withdrawal and use. This practice, known as aquifer storage and recovery, or ASR, can be used to provide water for a number of purposes. This letter addresses the need for public water systems experiencing water shortages to store treated drinking water underground for later use as a source of drinking water.

The EPA applauds Florida's efforts to account for existing and alternative water supplies in its regional water supply planning. As population growth, land use changes and changes in local climatic weather patterns impact water supplies in many areas of the country, innovative water management tools will be increasingly important to sustain water availability. We recognize that using ASR to conserve water that would otherwise be lost can be an important component of a long-term water management strategy.

A particular challenge to the safe use of ASR in some parts of the country, including Florida, is that the underground formations available for drinking water storage contain minerals that can be mobilized when in contact with injected water. For example, in Florida, arsenic is present in the sulfide-bearing minerals in the carbonate formations used for storing water underground. The oxygen in injected water can cause the arsenic to move from the formation into the ground water. This letter describes how Florida can apply the Underground Injection Control program (UIC) requirements to ASR wells used by public water systems when mobilization of arsenic is a concern.

#### Safe Drinking Water Act and Underground Injection Control Regulations

When Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), a stated goal was "to protect not only currently-used sources of drinking water, but also potential drinking water sources for the future" (H.R. Report No. 1185, 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 1974). SDWA requires that the EPA establish a UIC program to prevent "endangerment" as described in SDWA Section 1421(d)(2):

*Underground injection endangers drinking water sources if such injection may result in the presence in underground water...of any contaminant, and if the presence of such contaminant may result in such systems not complying with any national primary drinking water regulation or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons.*

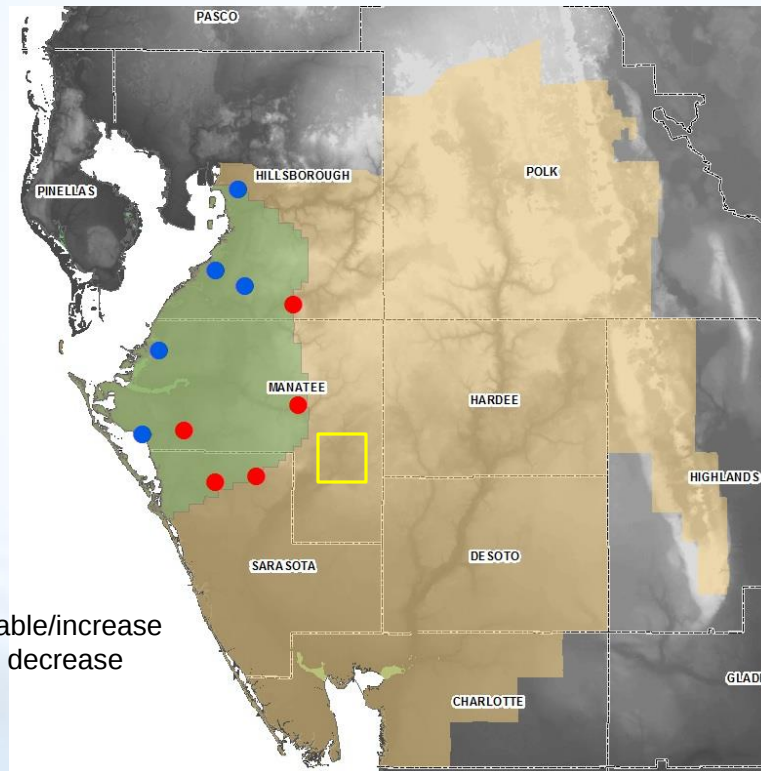
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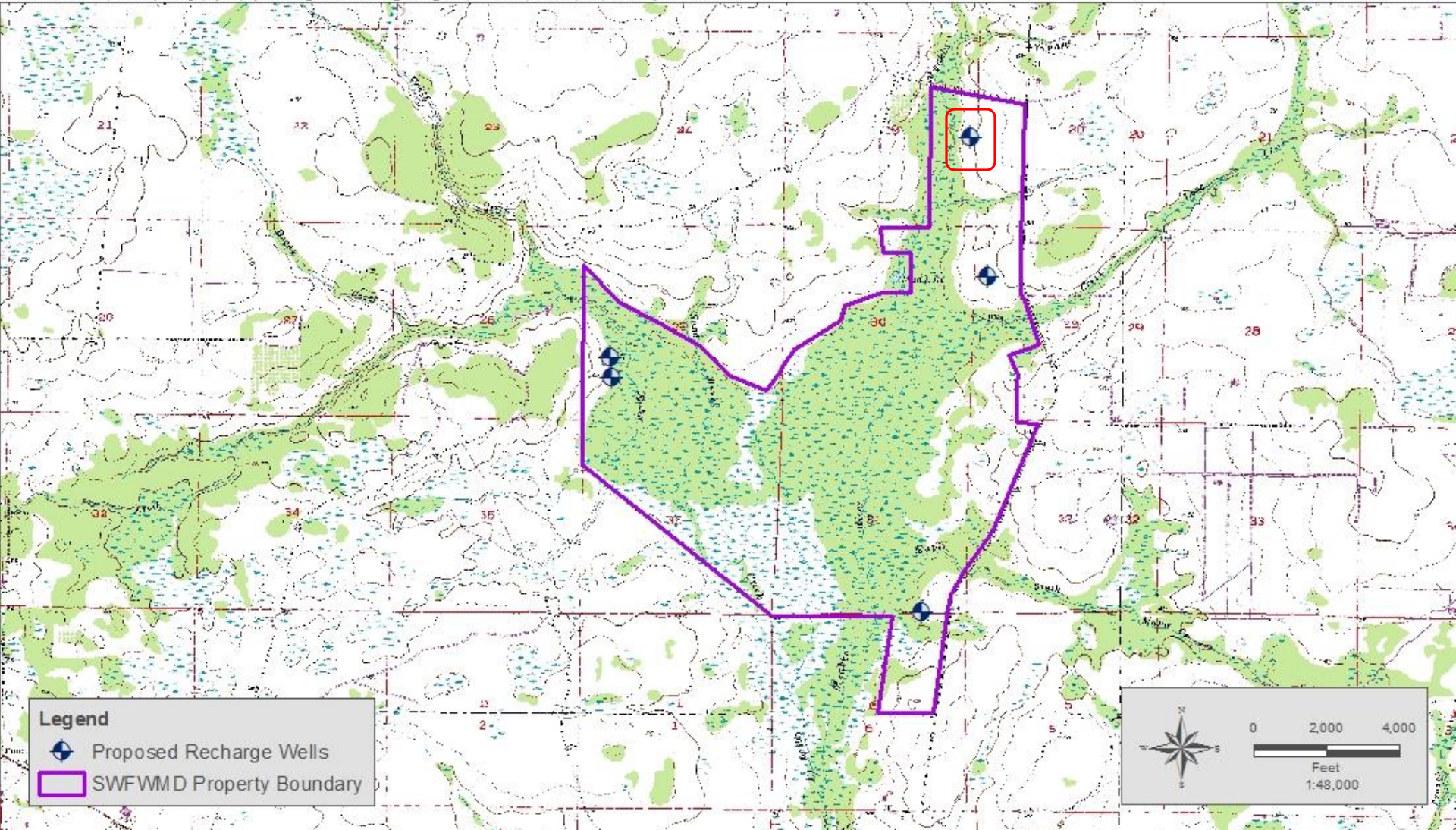
# Salt Water Intrusion Minimum Aquifer Level (SWIMAL)



Blue – stable/increase  
Red – decrease

# Potential Well Sites

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## ASR and Recharge Status

### Operation Permits

1. Bradenton
2. Tampa
3. Peace River
4. Englewood
5. St. Pete
6. Punta Gorda
7. Palmetto
8. Polk County
9. Sarasota Central County
10. Manatee County

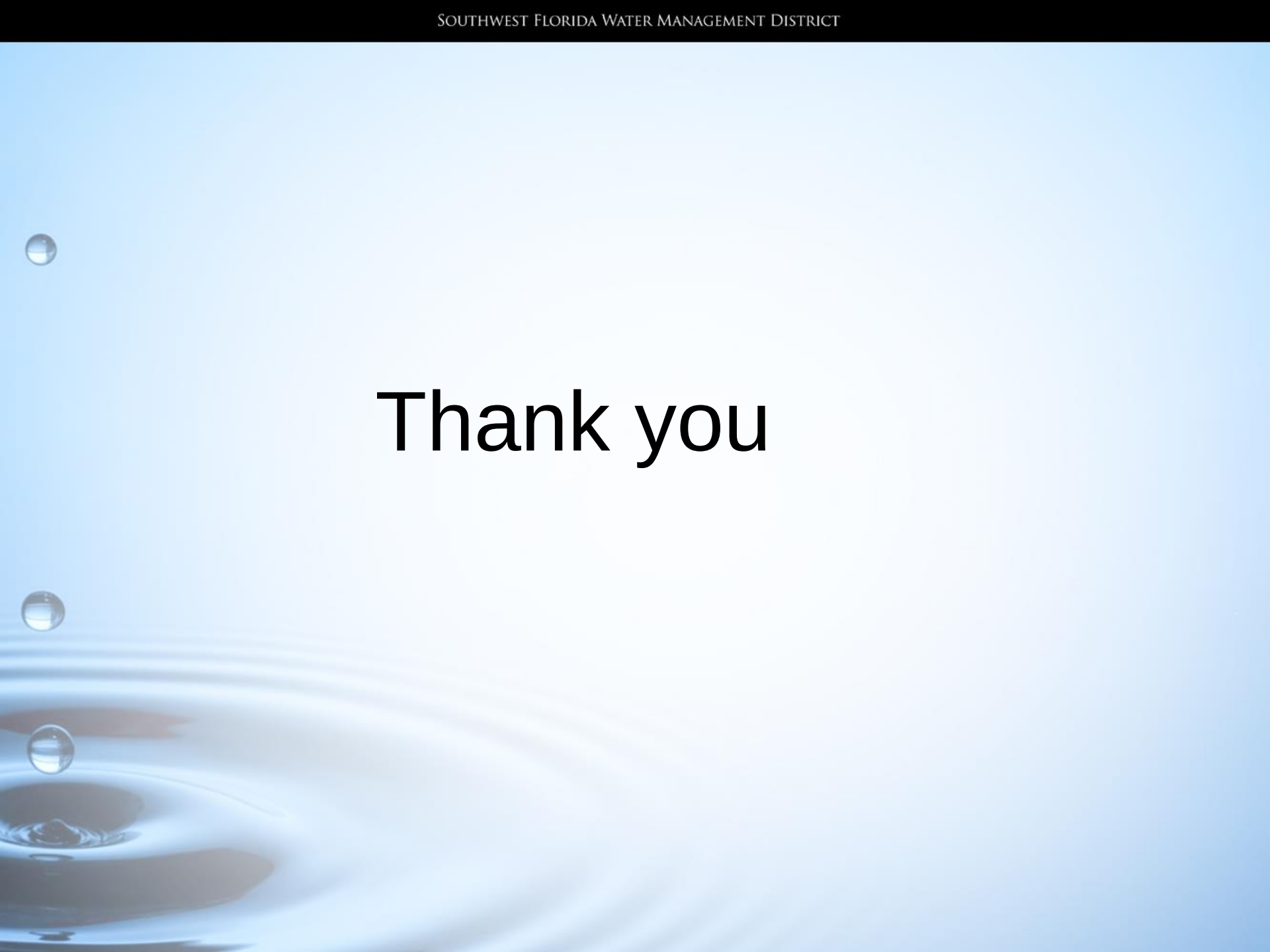
### Construction/Testing

1. Oldsmar
2. City of Clearwater Aquifer Replenishment
3. South Hillsborough County Recharge Project (SHARP)
4. North Port
5. Bradenton Reservoir Site
6. PRMRWSA
7. Tampa Augmentation Project (TAP)
8. Flatford Swamp

## Approximate ASR Investment/Return

|                                                                 |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Approximate District Investment                                 | \$23 million                |
| Approximate Annual Storage Volume                               | 6 billion gallons*          |
| Approximate District investment<br>per thousand gallons storage | \$4.00 per thousand gallons |

\* Volume is an estimate of all ASR project in the District, some didn't receive funding

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# Thank you