



Flagler County Board of County Commissioners Workshop

Monday, March 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Emergency Operations Center, Building 3, 1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bunnell, FL 32110

Workshop Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence
3. Welcome: Flagler County Board Chair
4. Proposed Property Swap of Property Off A1A (Hammock Dunes Bridge Expansion area with Property Near the Government Services Building in Bunnell for a Future Library Site and Future Public Works, General Services Expansion
5. Legislative Items Update and Discussion
6. Fire Mitigation Discussion
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment

While this is a workshop only and no decisions are expected to be made by any of the governmental bodies, if a person decides to appeal any matter that may be discussed for a future proceeding, a record of the workshop may be needed and, for such purposes, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the workshop is made.



Planning for Flagler's Future

Ideas for Today and Tomorrow

Genesis

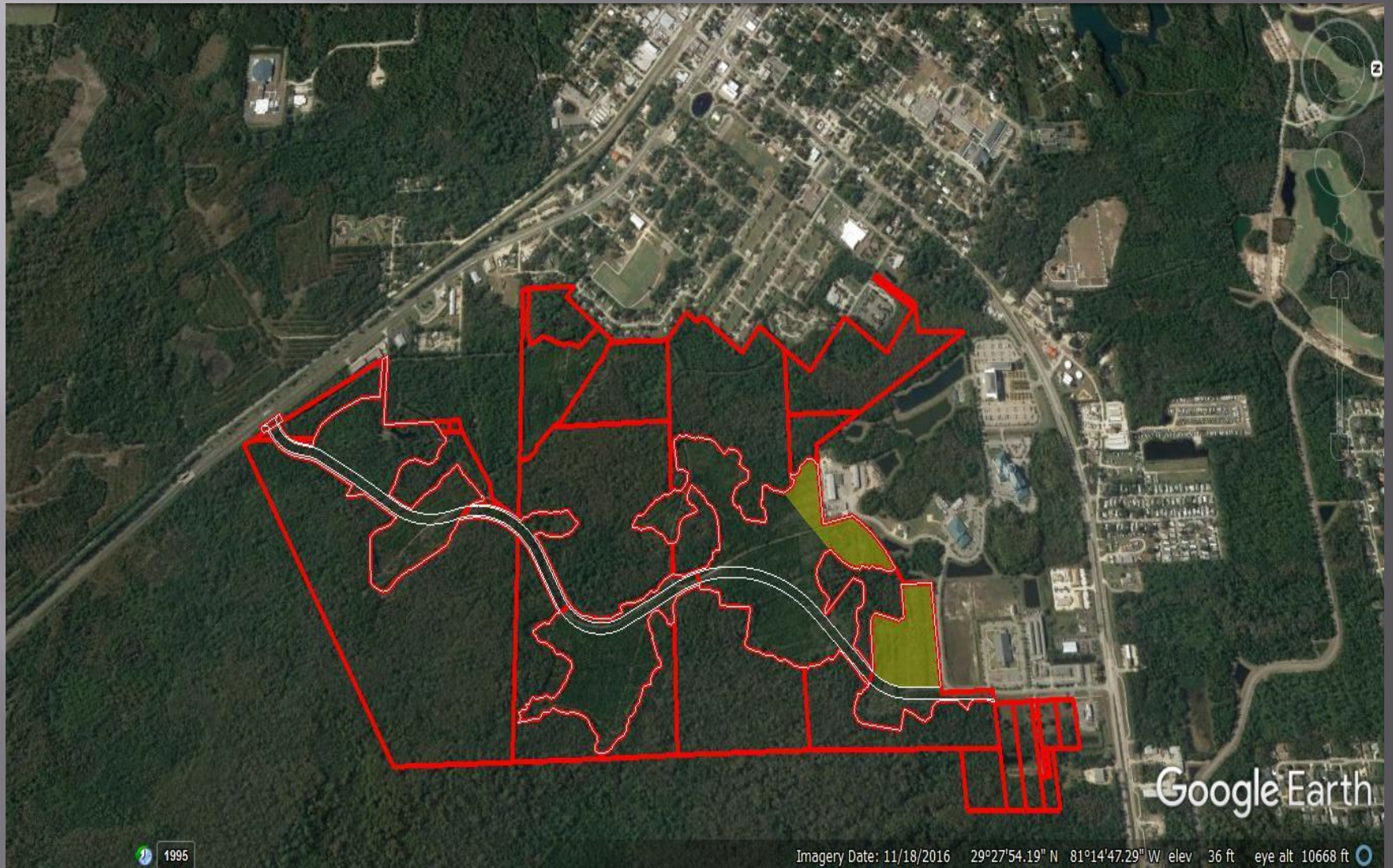
- Regional Library Site
- Expansion of Public Works Yard

Proposed Public Works Expansion

Proposed Library Site

Google Earth

Oare Property



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Future Road and Development Parcels



Subject Oare Parcels



Library Site



Public Works Site



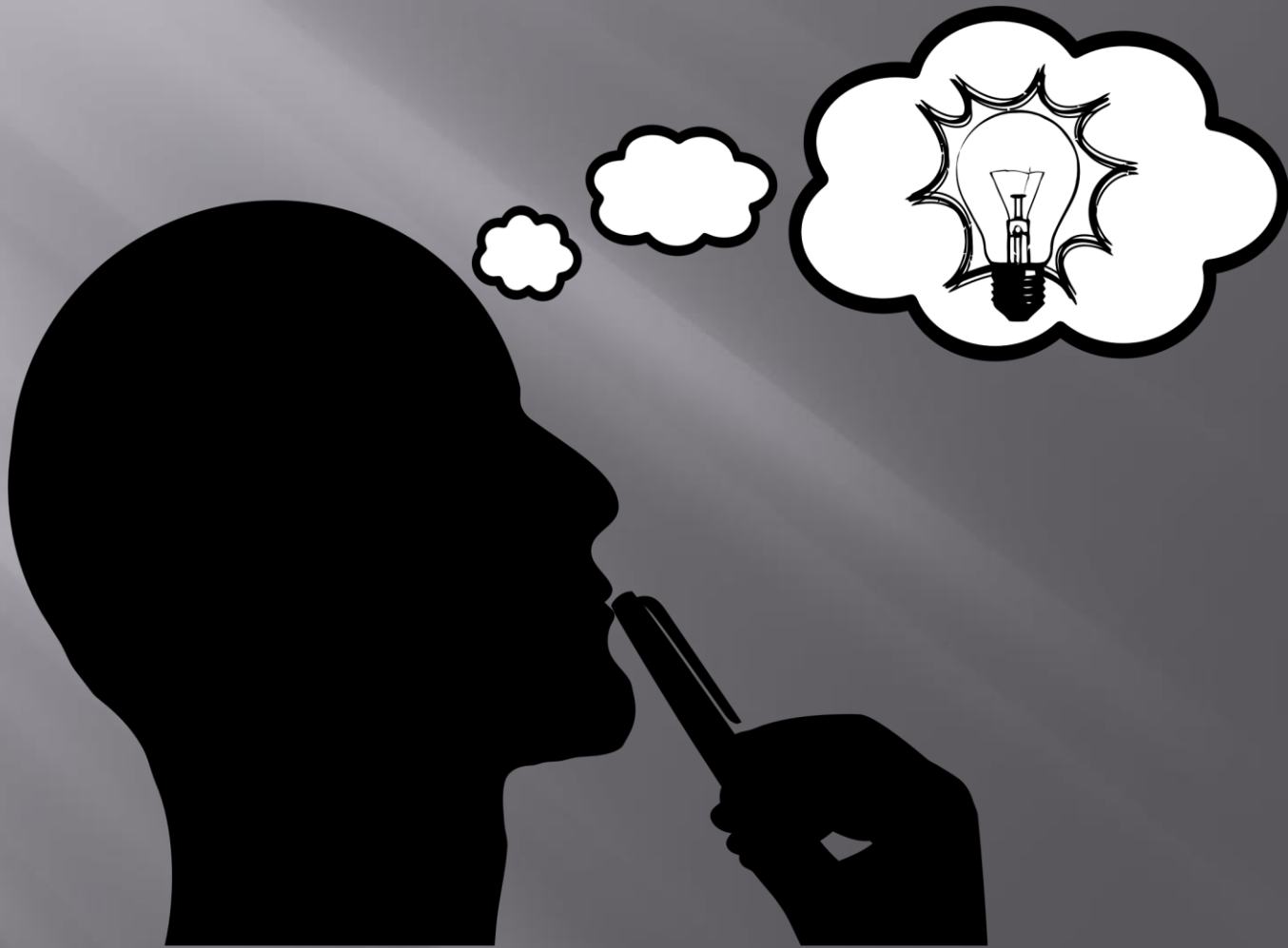
Proposed Public Works Expansion

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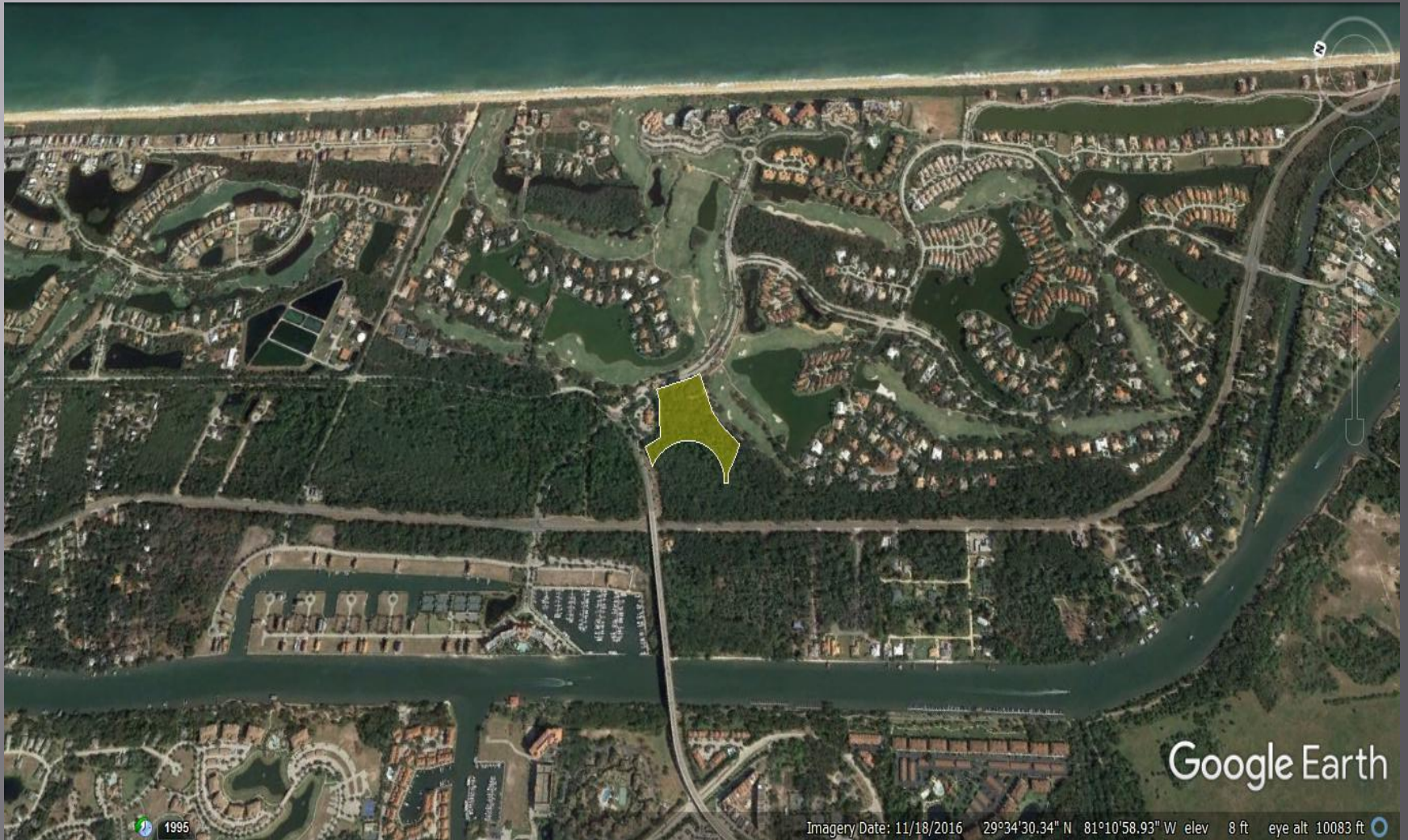
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A Thought



Renaissance



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Google Earth

County Owned Land

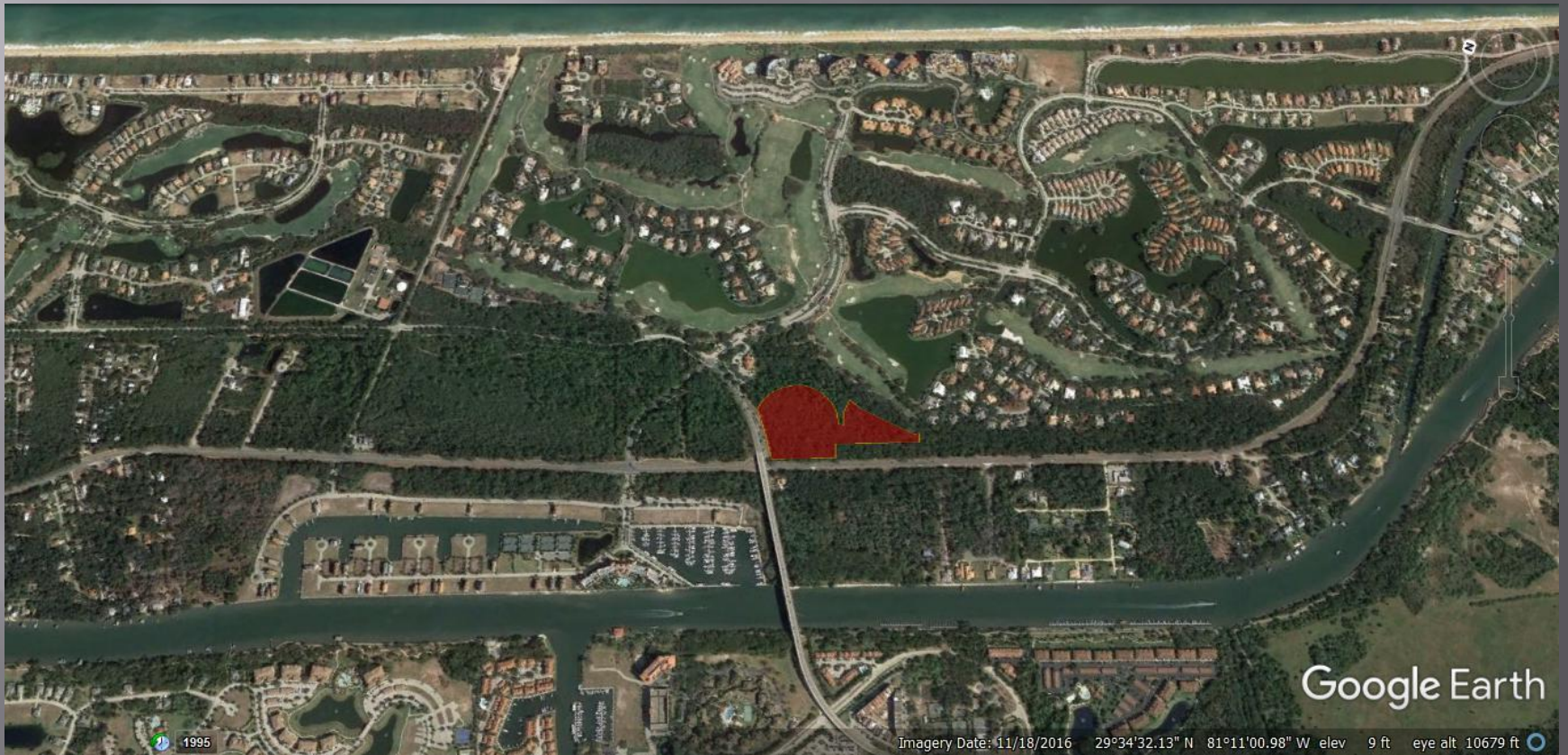


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Proposed Land Trade

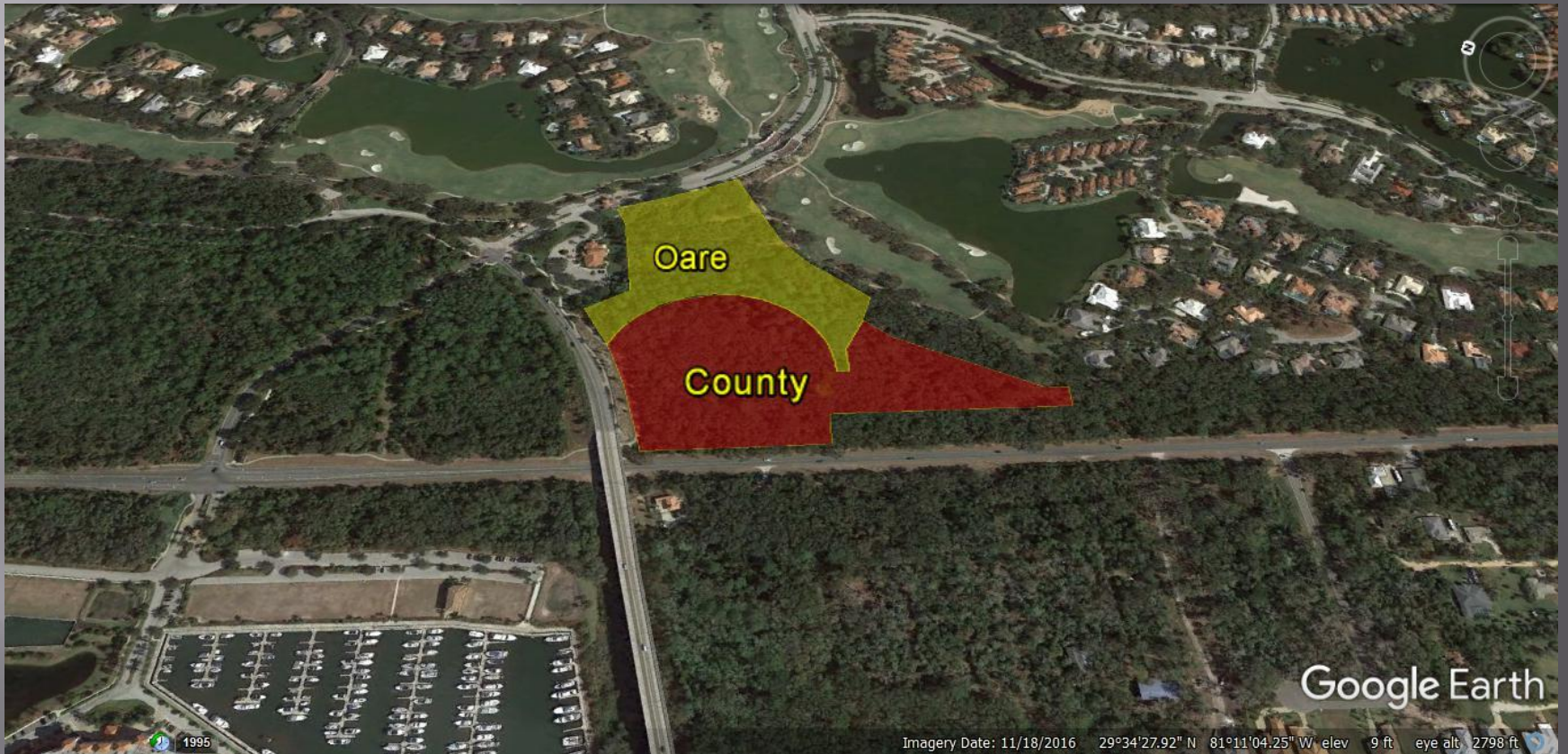


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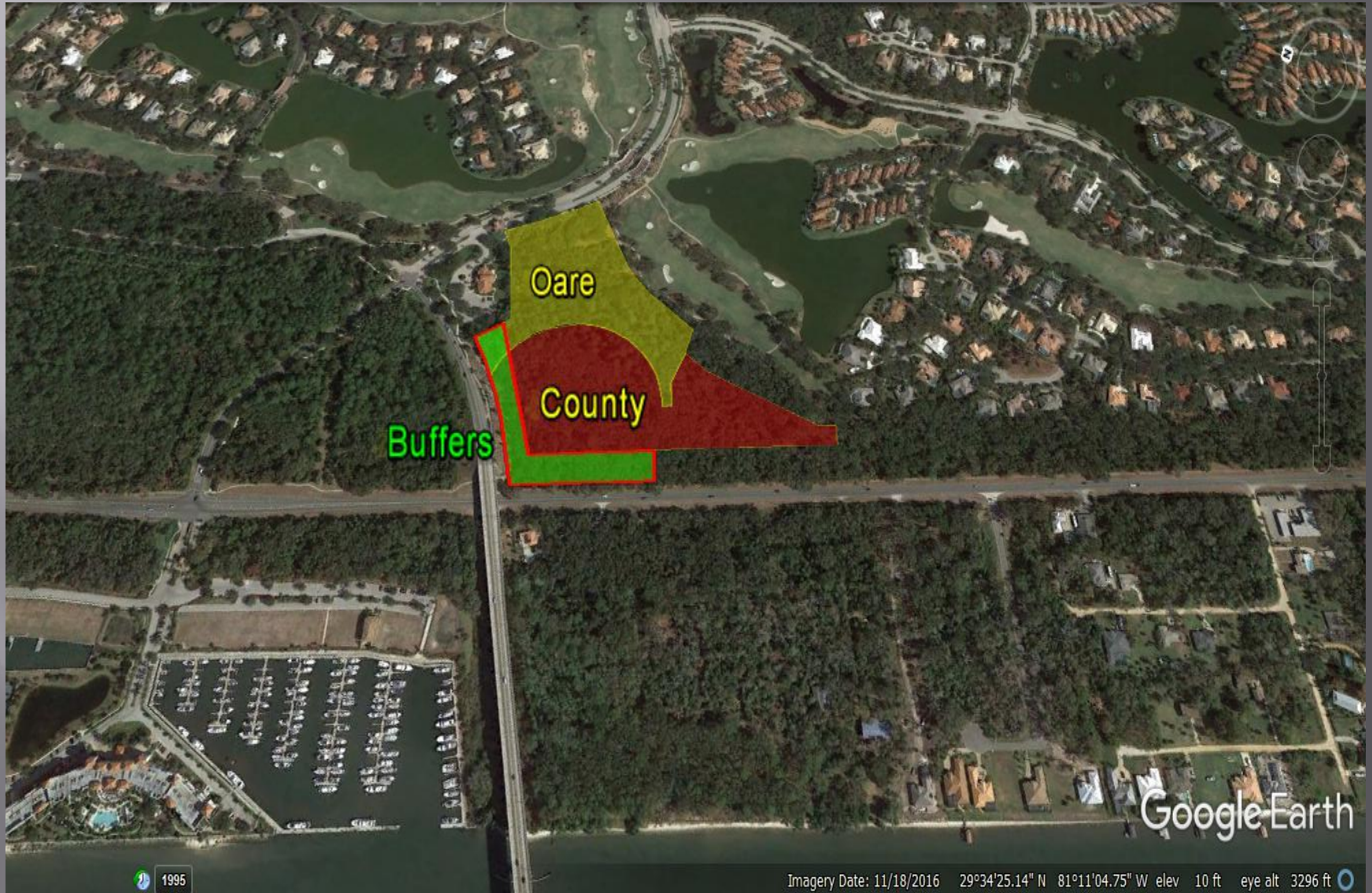
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Combined Parcels



Combined with Buffers



Benefits to the Community

- ▣ Expedite Construction of a Regional Flagler Public Library
- ▣ Save Tax Payer Dollars through a Land Trade Utilizing processes Governed by Florida Statutes
- ▣ Provide New Residential Product Line to Hammock Dunes Community
- ▣ Protect Aesthetic and Environmental Integrity along SR A1A

Benefits to the County

- ▣ Centralize elements of County Government with new Library
- ▣ Expansion of Flagler County Public Works Facility
- ▣ \$300-400,000 Addition to Flagler Tax Rolls
- ▣ No Impact to SR A1A (Buffers, Access Thru Hammock Dunes Main Gate)

Just a Thought...



Hurricane Matthew Flood Vegetation Issues



What Happened?

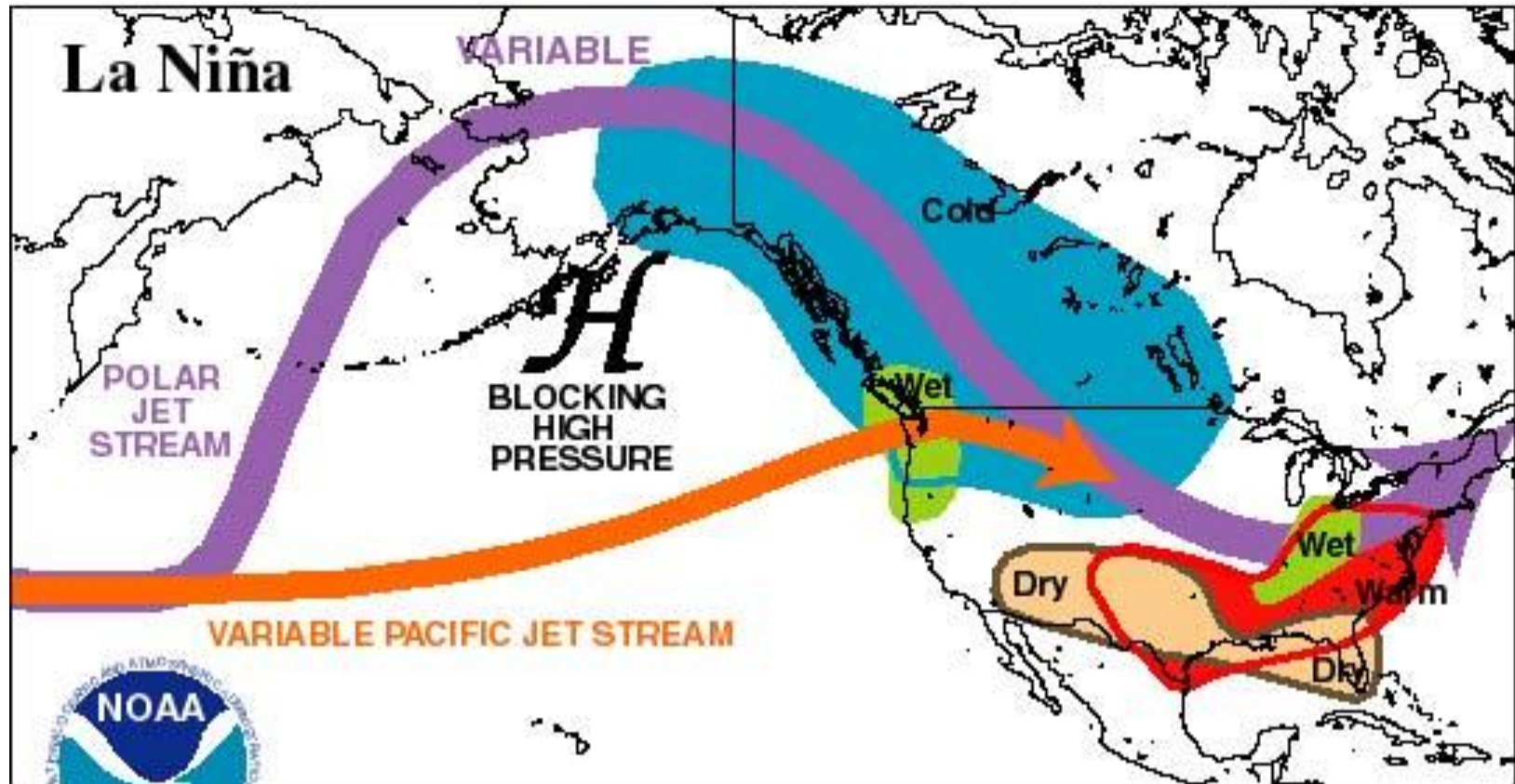
- Approximately 1200 acres of the barrier island flooded during Hurricane Matthew.
- Seawater desiccated plants, killing a large portion.

Hurricane Matthew Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Map (All Sections)



Post Hurricane

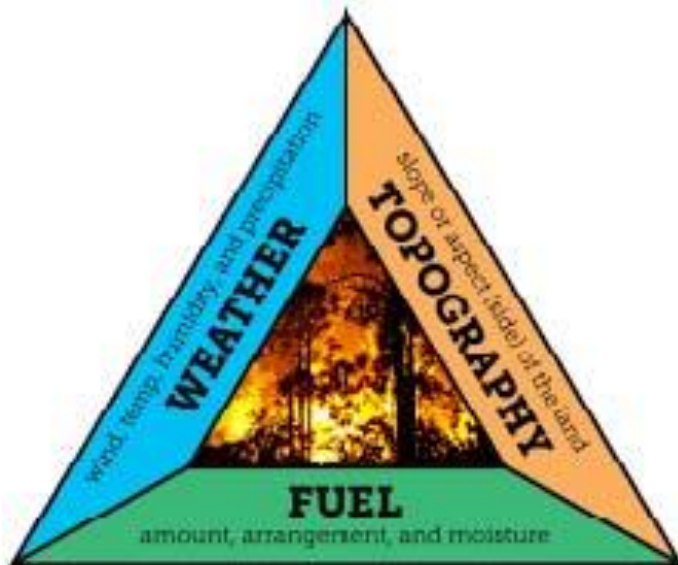
Warm and dry winter. La Nina conditions have faded, but a rain deficit remains.



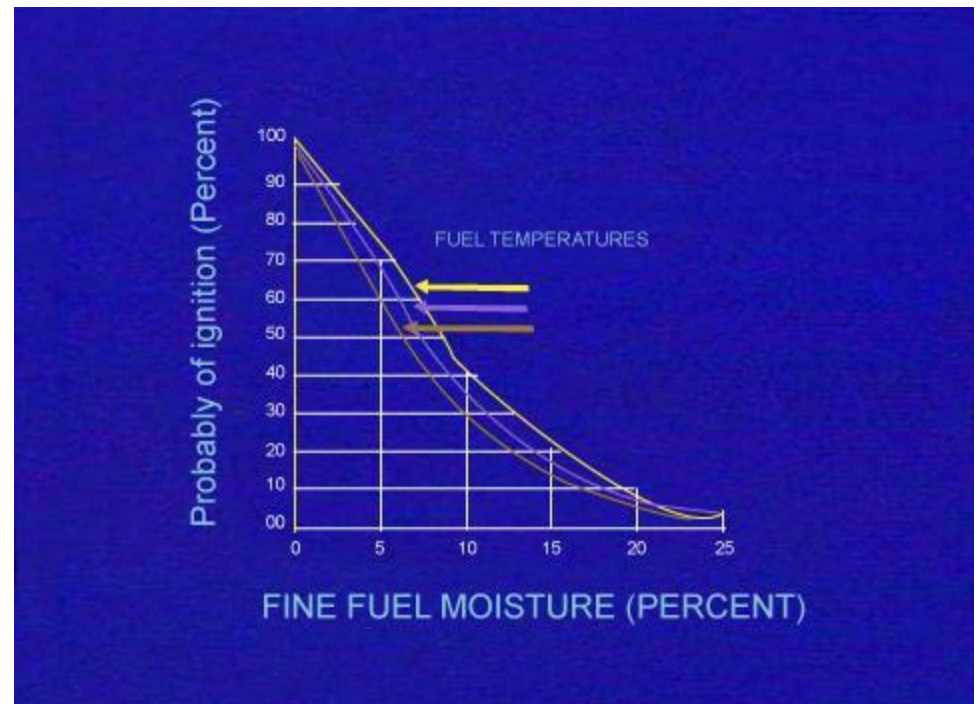
Climate Prediction Center/NCEP/NWS

Post Hurricane

- Natural Communities (maritime hammock, coastal strand) can always burn. Hardwood hammock less likely to burn.
- Oaks have desiccated and dropped leaves raising ignition potential and increasing rate of fire spread.



Fire Behavior Triangle



What are we doing?

- Working with Florida Forest Service to create 1.25 miles firebreaks between County property and homes.
- Promoting Firewise and encouraging residents to take appropriate protective measures.



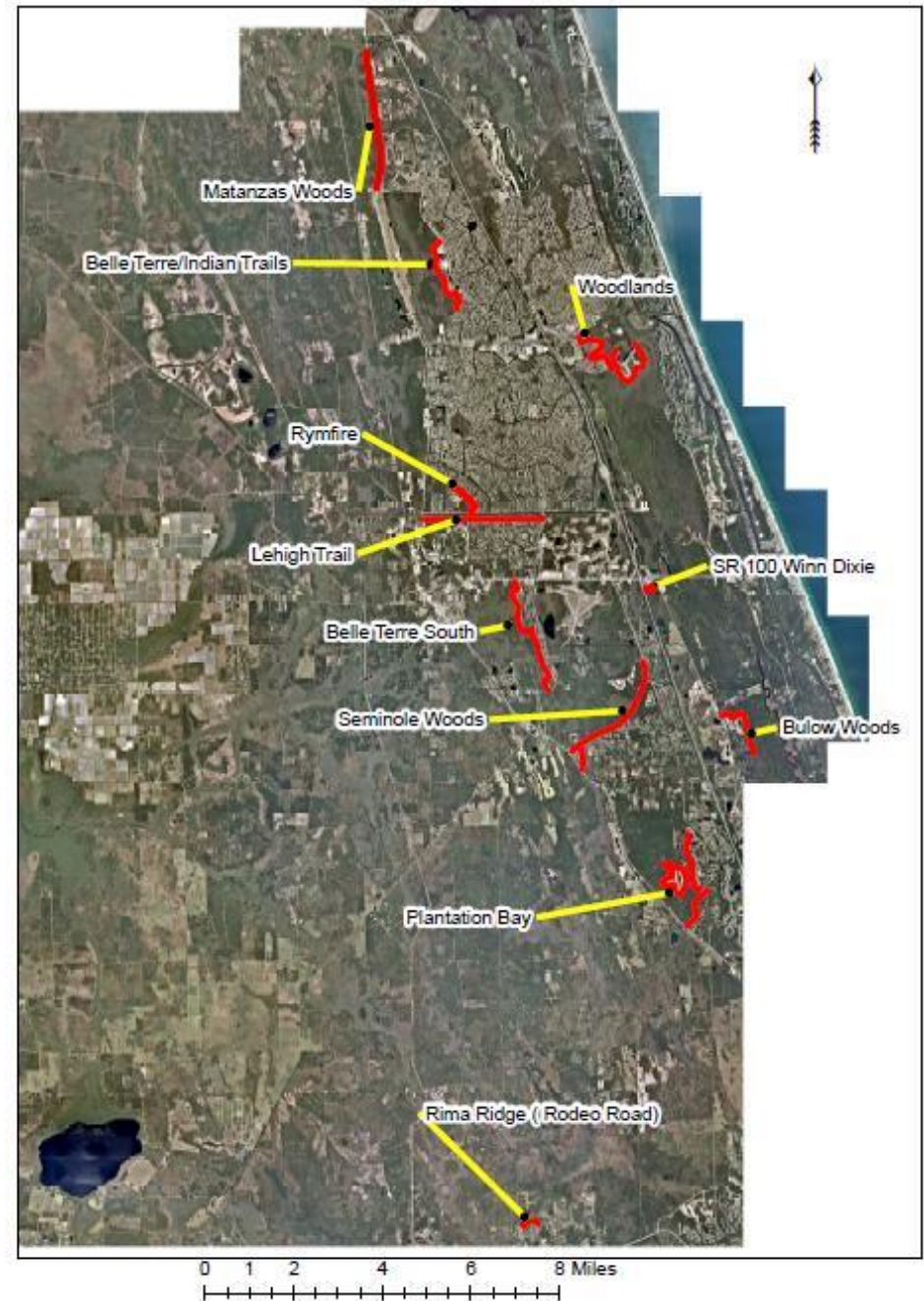
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HMGP Treatment Areas

HMGP Grant

- Requesting \$50,000 to install 27 miles of defensive lines throughout Flagler County.
- Grant would require cooperation of private landowners.



Additional Options

1. Regulatory enforcement proactive program.
 - Staff identifies properties and starts code enforcement process. Unpopular (draconian).
2. Palm Coast style reactive program.
 - Reactive, not proactive. Manpower intensive, Palm Coast has 2 Urban Foresters, is hiring a 3rd.
3. County noticing program
 - Fire Rescue identified properties of concern and County notifies owner. County maintains a list of vendors who can conduct work.
4. Do nothing.

Suggested solutions

- Identification of “properties of concern”.
- Further Firewise promotion, especially with HOA’s.
- For property owners within the affected area – County staff will defer to homeowners requests to consider trees as “Damaged trees” (LDC 6.01.06(6)) and exempt from the requirements of Index Tree Removal and Protection code.

Properties of Concern

- Neighborhood survey undertaken by Fire Rescue.
- County website created with list of contractors, Firewise information, etc.
- Flagler County Land Management will send a letter to property owner advising them of the dangers existing on the lot, recommending vegetation work, referencing County website.



