

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Orange County Housing and Community Development Division under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the 2025 CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure, Public Facilities and Mitigation Projects Orange County Recovers Program for Hurricane Ian grant B-23-UN-12-0003 is located in the floodplain and wetland, and Orange County Housing and Community Development Division will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and/or wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and/or wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or Executive Order 11990 and in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed Lake King Stormwater Infrastructure Project is located around Lake King in Eatonville, Orange County, Florida, and includes Frances Jerry Park (201 Campus View Drive), 294 Campus View Drive, and a linear project corridor extending between Lake King, Lake Lovely, and Lake Shadow. The project consists of a series of stormwater infrastructure and resiliency improvements designed to reduce future flood risks, enhance stormwater storage and treatment capacity, and improve natural habitat conditions throughout the project area.

The project proposes to upgrade the existing stormwater infrastructure at Lake King by increasing the number of downstream outfall pipes that connect the lake to the outfall ditch located west of the basin. The existing single 36-inch drainage pipe will be replaced with four 36-inch discharge pipes approximately 10,950 linear feet from Lake King to outfalls terminating westerly between Lake Lovely and Lake Shadow. This upgrade aims to reduce the maximum water stage within the Lake King basin by expanding the conveyance system, thereby significantly increasing pipe capacity.

Key components of the improvement include replacing the pipe segment crossing Campus View Drive, upgrading the segments along Katherine Avenue and Mustard Seed Lane that connect to the Lake King outfall ditches, and enhancing the main outfall pipe system running parallel to Kennedy Boulevard. These infrastructure improvements are expected to substantially increase discharge capacity and reduce flood risk in nearby residential areas. To ensure long-term functionality of the Katherine outfall ditch from Lake King to Mustard Seed Lane, a geotextile stabilization product will be installed along the ditch banks. This treatment will inhibit excessive vegetation growth that currently obstructs stormwater flow, thereby improving conveyance and enhancing the overall efficiency of the stormwater management system.

The proposed project also includes the installation of new green infrastructure systems within Francis Jerry Park located west of Lake King, at 201 Campus View Drive. Planned improvements consist of constructing additional stormwater retention basins and rain gardens, along with planting native and wetland vegetation to promote infiltration and improve water quality. These features will enhance surface permeability, reduce runoff, and increase the site's ecological value. Additionally, storm damaged and deteriorated walkways, trails, boardwalks and other passive infrastructure within the existing park will be replaced in accordance with best practices for floodplain management.

Finally, the proposed project includes the purchase of an adjacent 8.62-acre parcel located at 294 Campus View Drive (Parcel ID: 34-21-29-0000-00-030), positioned at the southwest corner of Campus View Drive

and Katherine Avenue. The property contains an existing wetland area that will be expanded through modifying the existing grade, particularly in upland zones, to increase stormwater storage capacity. Approximately 26 acre-feet (42,000 cubic yards) of excavation will be undertaken to achieve the proposed wetland elevation of 90 feet. Expansion of the existing wetland would enhance storage volume and reduce peak flows during storm events.

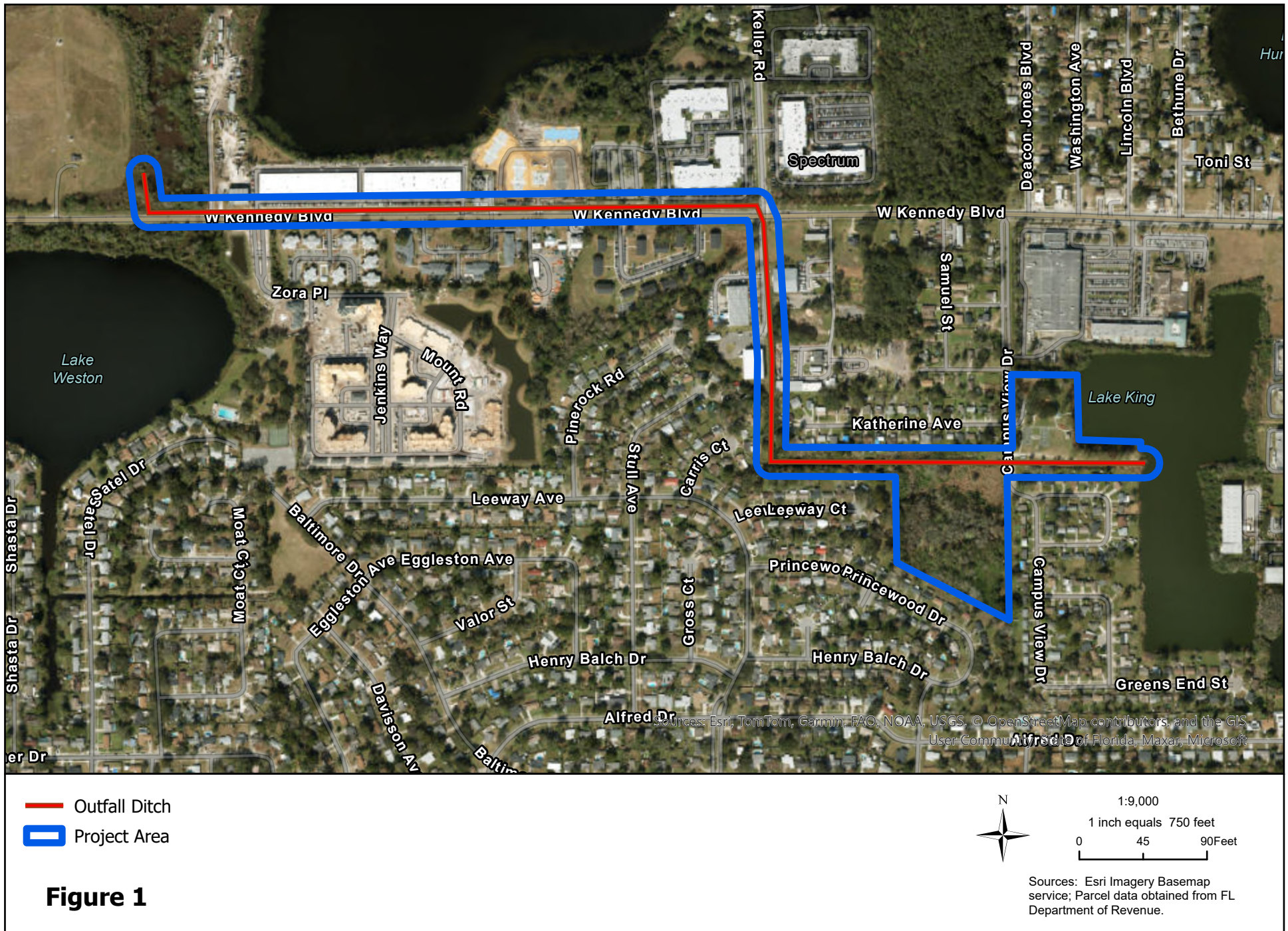
According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 12095C0235F, effective date of September 25, 2009, Lake King has a base flood elevation of 95.7 feet NAVD88. Lake King and the adjacent property is located in Zone AE, a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) requiring compliance with floodplain management. The proposed wetland expansion is in Zone X, shaded, a moderate flood risk with a 0.2% annual chance of a flooding occurrence (i.e., 500-year floodplain). The Cowardin System classified Lake King as Lacustrine, unconsolidated waterbottom, permanently flooded, excavated (L1UBHx) and the wetland as Palustrine, forested, broad-leaved deciduous, continuously saturated, partially drained/ditched (PFO1Cd). A total of 9.5 acres of floodplains (2.3 acres in SFHA and 7.2 acres in Zone X, shaded) and 8.67 acres of wetlands may potentially be impacted.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain/wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the [floodplain/wetland]. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain/wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain/wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

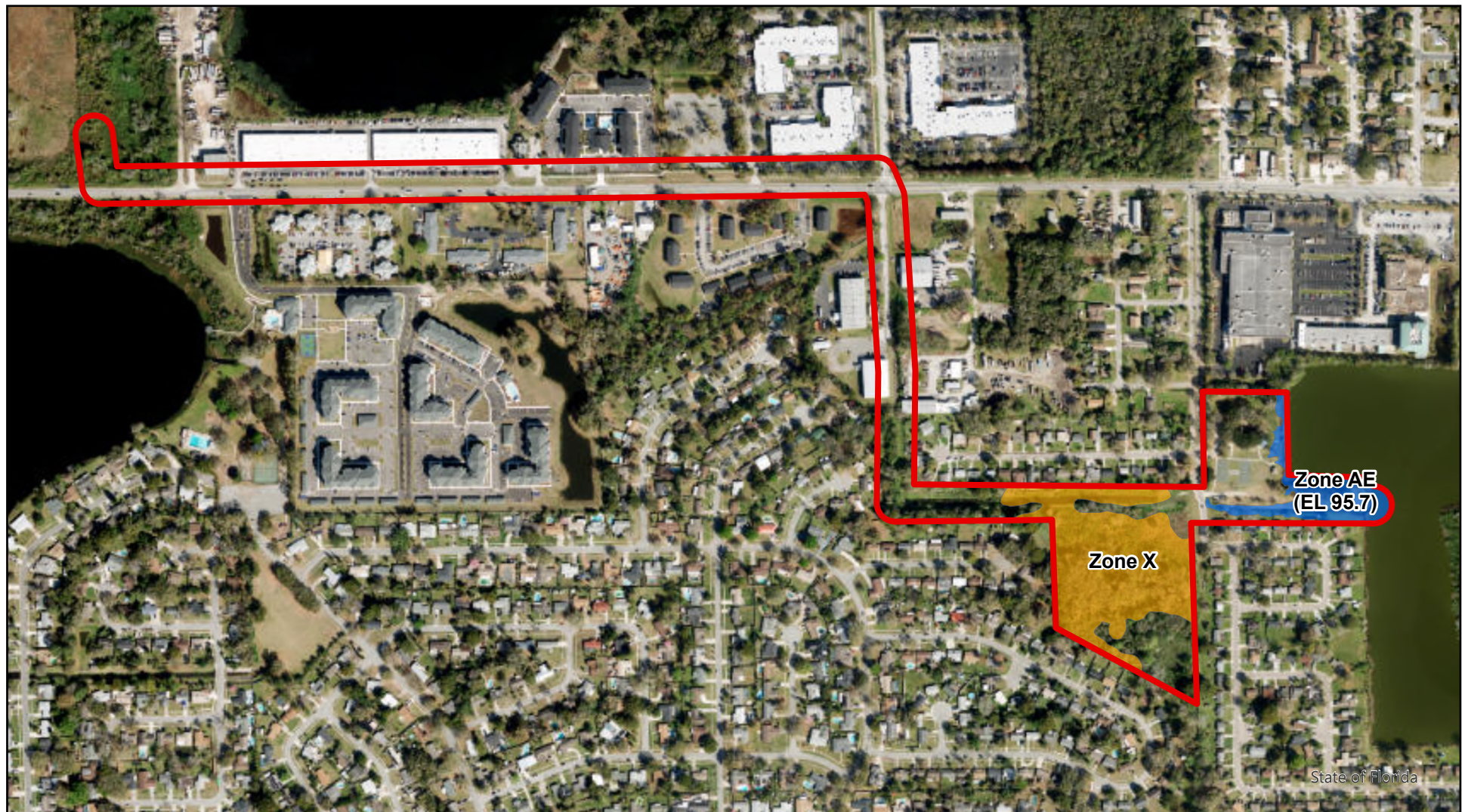
Written comments must be received by the Orange County Housing and Community Development Division at the following address on or before September 2, 2026: Orange County Housing and Community Development Division, 525 E. South St, Orlando, FL 32801 and (407) 836-5150, Attention: Mitchell Glasser, Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at lnalbert.ramos@ocfl.net.

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Lake King Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Project



Lake King Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements, Eatonville, Florida - FEMA



-  Lake King Project Area
-  Zones AE, AH, AO: 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
-  Shaded Zone X: 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard; 1% Drainage Area Less Than 1 Square Mile; 1% Depth Less Than 1 Foot

Shaded Zone X:
7.193 acres

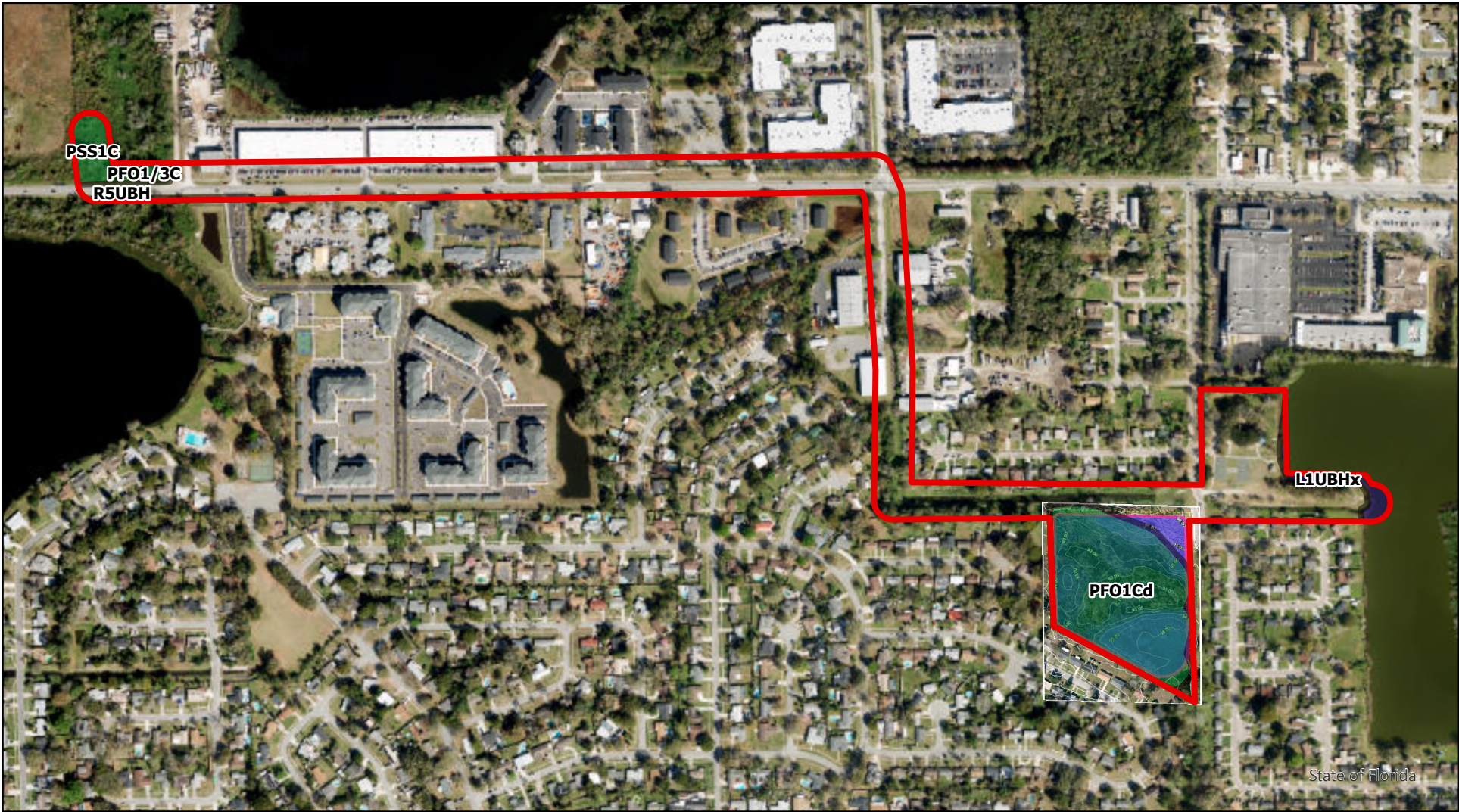
Zone AE:
2.297 acres



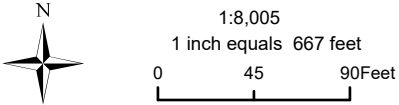
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1 inch equals 667 feet
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Sources: Effective Flood Zone data streamed from FEMA live service; Esri Imagery Basemap service; Parcel data obtained from FL Department of Revenue.

Lake King Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements, Eatonville, Florida - Wetlands



	Lake King Project Area	Total Acreage: 33.588
	Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	8.667
	Lake	0.71
	Riverine	0.023



Sources: Wetlands data obtained from US Fish and Wildlife Service; Esri Imagery Basemap service; Parcel data obtained from FL Department of Revenue.