



Statewide ERP

St. Johns River Water Management District Regulatory Updates – Common Challenges

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StateWide Environmental Resource Permitting (SWERP) Update

- http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wetlands/erp/rules/62-330_Phase2.htm
- Exemptions: 62-330.050
 - (4) Bridges, Driveways, and Roadways
 - (9) Pipes or Culverts
 - (11) Sampling and Testing
 - (15) Modification or reconstruction of an existing conveyance system

SWERP Update cont'd

- Operation and Maintenance: 62-330.310
 - (3) Joint use ponds
- Duration of permits: 62-330.320

SWERP Update cont'd

- General Permits:
 - .402 – Processing of GPs
 - .407 – Geotechnical Investigations, now an Exemption
 - .443 – Minor Bridge Alteration, Placement, etc.....
 - .447 – Minor Activities w/in ROW

SWERP Update cont'd

- Applicant's Handbook, Volume I
- Applicant's Handbook, Volume II
 - <http://www.sjrwmd.com/ruleddevelopment/>
- Fees: 40C-1.603
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SJRWMD Rule Revisions

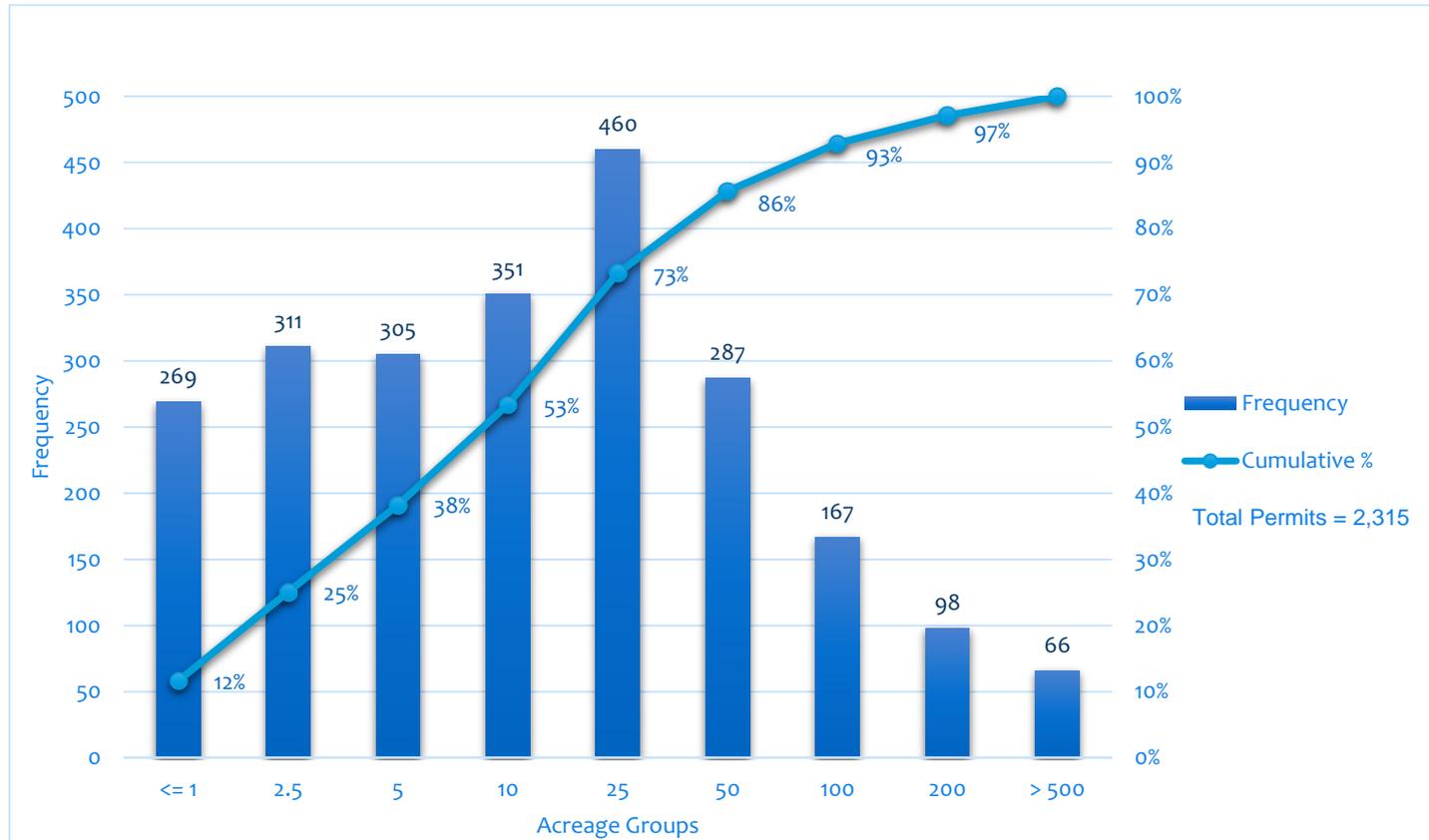
Repeal of 40C-1.1101 –

(Amendments to and Releases of Conservation Easements)

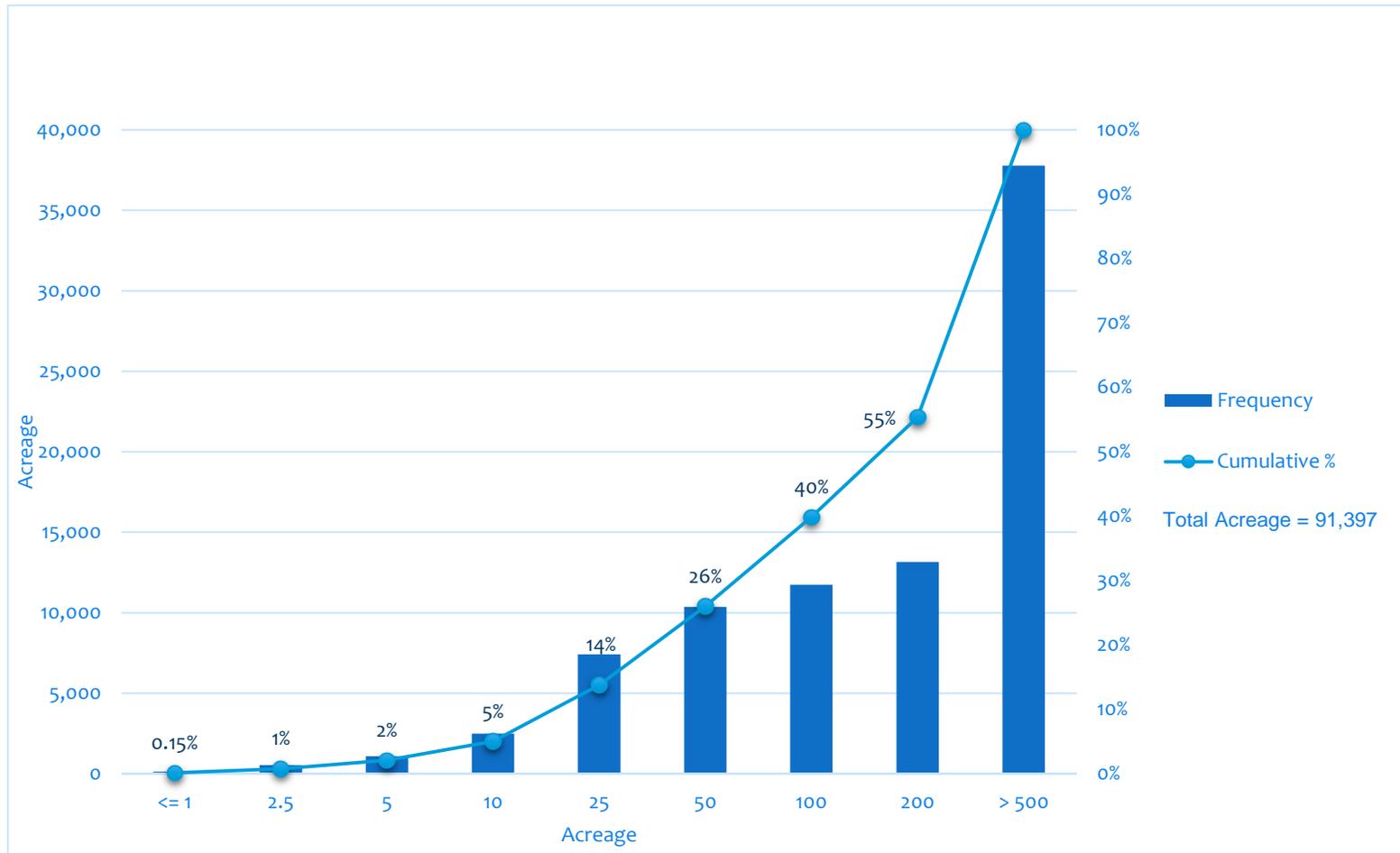
Current Statutory Basis for Amendments and Releases:

- **373.096 — Releases**
- **373.089 — Sale or exchange of lands, or interests or rights in lands**

Regulatory Conservation Easements Numbers/Acreage — SJRWMD



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Regulatory Conservation Easements

General Considerations for Releases/Amendments

Determining Ecological Value:

Use UMAM to determine Ecological Value
(Unless using a ratio bank for replacement)

Evaluate Ecological Value of RCE

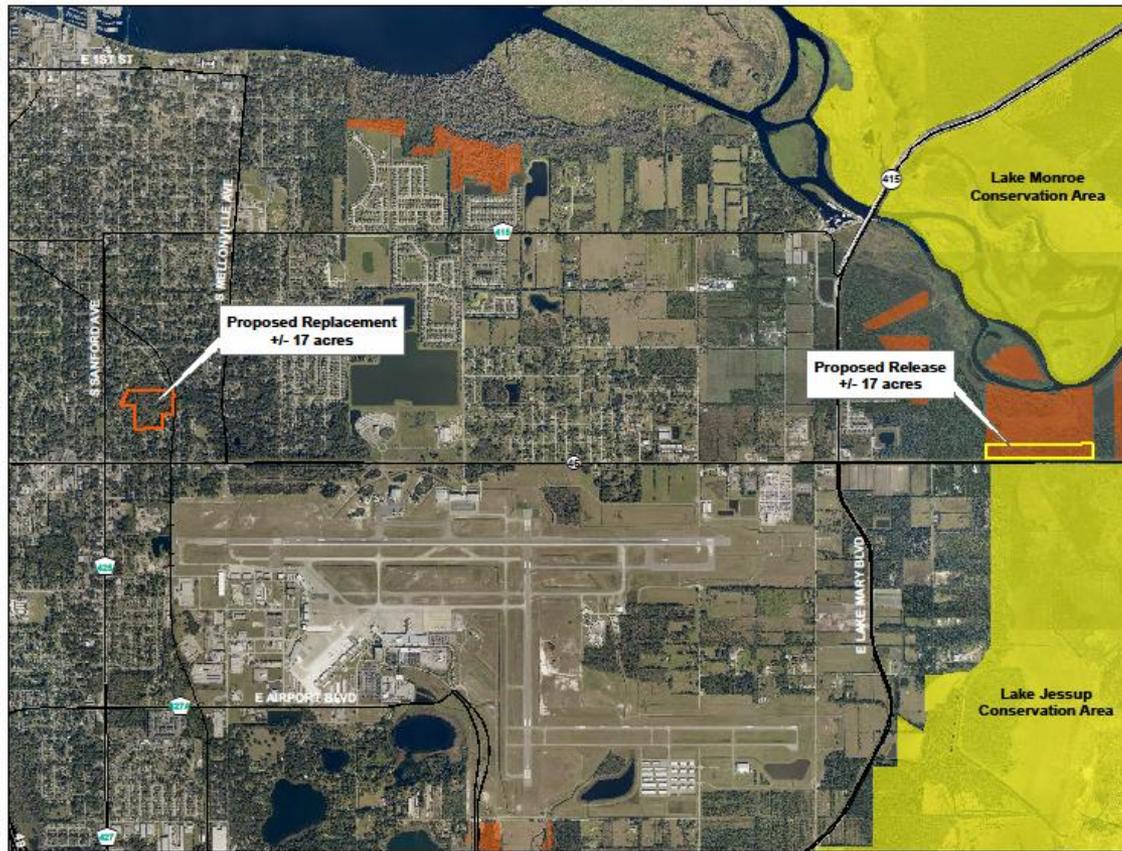
- Current value or value at the time of permit issuance (whichever is greater)
- Replacement parcel \geq ecological value of release parcel

Generally, the replacement parcel must be in same drainage basin as release parcel – there are some rare exceptions

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Determining Appropriate Replacement Parcels
(Example of Non-Favorable Replacement)



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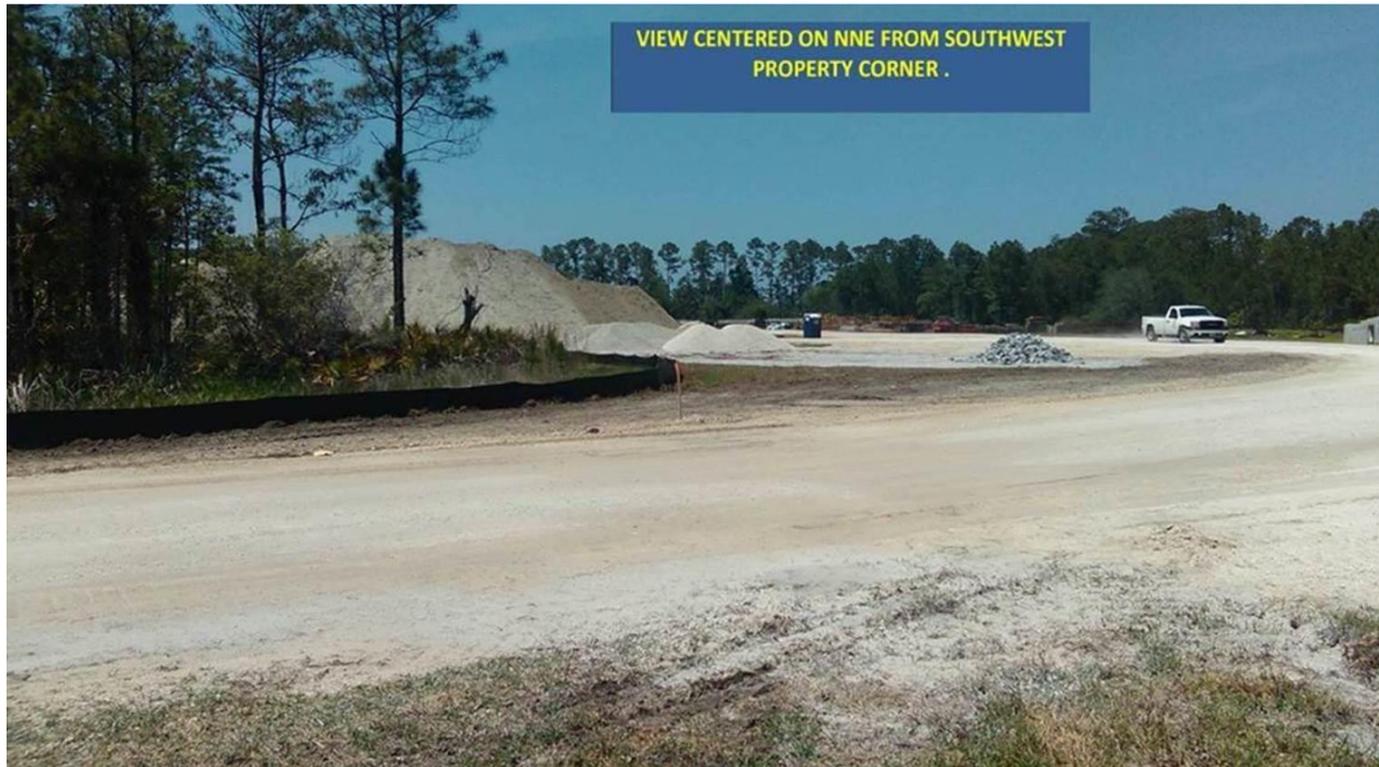
General Considerations for Releases/Amendments

- *Please — Contact SJRWMD early — CE releases generally need to occur before a Permit can be issued; some rare exceptions for FDOT “phased projects”*
- *Further guidance may be forthcoming from our Governing Board*
- *Contact the RS supervisor in your local office for most up-to-date guidance. RS supervisors may coordinate with Program Manager as needed.*

Recent Compliance Challenges

Unpermitted Staging Areas

During Design-Bid-Build and Design-Build Construction Phase — ensuring Newly Proposed Staging areas are located within previously permitted wetland impact limits or other environmentally sensitive lands.



Helpful Hints

Preparing the Permit Application

- SSL Authorization for widening a bridge or adding a new bridge adjacent to an existing bridge
- Joint Use Ponds – Easement Agreement

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- Impaired Waters Direct Discharge
- Early coordination for adjacent wetland seasonal high water levels and tailwater elevations

Helpful Hints After Permit Issuance

- Erosion control and turbid water discharges
- As-Built coordination
 - Include District staff during final inspections with Contractor and/or Design Build Team

Questions



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