TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

UF Health Springhill

21-0340



Brad Pollitt, VP Facilities To:

From: **CHW**

Date: March 27, 2023 RE: UF Health Springhill

This Technical Memorandum is created for an approximately 10.21 acre review area consisting of portions of Alachua County tax parcels 06041-002-004, 06041-002-005 and 06041-002-002 within the Santa Fe Health Park, Section 20, Township 09 South, Range 19 East (Review Area) (Exhibit 1). An aerial with review boundary is attached as Exhibit 2.

CHW ecologists conducted a site inspection on March 23, 2023. No wetlands or other surface waters were identified in the Review Area. However, an isolated wetland was observed just west of the Review Area, north of the existing parking lot. Wetland limits observed outside the Review Area were not delineated but have been depicted and are shown in St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Permit No. 23414-1 and 23414-2. The wetland area to the west is included as an area of preserve on the plans in these permits (Exhibit 3). The Review Area also includes a natural depression in the southern/central area of the site that is being utilized as a stormwater management feature.

The soils on the Review Area consists of Arredondo fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes, Millhopper sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes, and Arredondo fine sand, 5 to 8 percent slopes (Exhibit 4). None of these soils have a hydric rating according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey (Table 1).

Table 1: Soils Summary

| Map Unit | Soil Description | Hydric Rating |
|----------|--|---------------|
| 3 | Arredondo fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes | No |
| 8 | Millhopper sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes | No |
| 69 | Arredondo fine sand, 5 to 8 percent slopes | No |

The Review Area does not lie within any Alachua County strategic ecosystems. The site is mostly developed and/or managed as open and is unlikely to be classified as significant habitat. No listed species or their signs were observed in the Review Area. No significant geological features were identified on-site. The site is not within any wellfield protection areas or mineral resource areas. The Review Area is located in an area of the county where the Floridan aquifer is considered vulnerable (Exhibit 5).

Groundtruthing to map the vegetative communities was conducted utilizing the Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCFCS) Levels III (Florida Department of Transportation 1999). Level IV FLUCFCS was utilized to denote disturbance by exotic vegetation species, or habitats managed to reduce understory and groundcover vegetation. To quantify the degree of exotic vegetation infestation, "E" codes were used. AutoCAD 2022 was used to determine the acreage of each mapping area, produce summaries, and generate the FLUCFCS map for the Project. The FLUCFCS map with acreages is provided as Exhibit 6. Three land uses were identified within the Review Area. Table 2 summarizes the identified FLUCFCS codes, descriptions, and acreages.

Table 2: Summary of Habitat Types and Acreages

| Code | Description | Acres | |
|---------|---|-------|--------|
| | | | Total |
| 174 | Medical Facilities | | 5.19 |
| 190 | Open Land | 1.65 | 16.16 |
| 4208 | Hardwood Forest, Managed | 3.22 | 31.54 |
| 4348 | Hardwood/Conifer Mixed, Managed | 1.76 | 17.24 |
| 4349 E1 | Hardwood/Conifer Mixed, Disturbed (0-24% Exotics) | 0.31 | 3.04 |
| 534 | Storm Water Management Facility | 0.61 | 5.97 |
| 814 | Roads and Parking Lots | 2.13 | 20.86 |
| | Total | 10.21 | 100.00 |

Medical Facilities (FLUCFCS Code 174)

This land use includes a building associated with the AvMed Center. Surrounding landscape plants include azalea (*Rhododendron sp.*), coontie (*Zamia integrifolia*), and cape honey suckle (*Tecomaria capensis*).

Open Land (FLUCFCS Code 190)

This upland habitat type includes a canopy and sub canopy that are open. The groundcover includes bahia grass (*Paspalum notatum*), witchgrass (*Dichanthelium sp.*), common carpetgrass (*Axonopus fissifolius*), and trampweed (*Facelis retusa*). This Habitat type is regularly mowed and maintained as recreational and outdoor event space.

Hardwood Forest, Managed (FLUCFCS Code 4208)

This upland land use type includes naturally generated stands of laurel oak (*Quercus laurifolia*), southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*), Carolina laurel cherry (*Prunus caroliniana*), and loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) in the canopy and is regularly mowed and maintained in the understory to be free of shrubs and tall groundcover. The sub canopy is primarily open but does include scattered laurel oak. The ground cover includes bahia grass, witchgrass, spurge nettle (*Cnidoscolus stimulosus*), greenbriar (*Smilax sp.*), common yellow woodsorrel (*Oxalis corniculata*), Pennsylvania cudweed (*Gamochaeta pensylvanica*), Chinese tallow (*Triadica sebifera*), and Saint Augustine grass (*Stenotaphrum secundatum*).

Hardwood/Conifer Managed (FLUCFCS Code 4348)

This upland land use is composed of naturally generated stands of loblolly pine, laurel oak, southern red oak, and southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) in the canopy and is regularly mowed and maintained in the understory to be free of shrubs and tall groundcover. The sub canopy is primarily open but does include scattered laurel oak. The ground cover includes bahia grass, witchgrass, spurge nettle, greenbriar, common yellow woodsorrel, Pennsylvania cudweed, and Saint Augustine grass.

Hardwood/Conifer Mixed, Disturbed (0-24% Exotics) (FLUCFCS Code 4349 E1)

The canopy of this upland habitat includes Laurel oak, sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), and loblolly pine. The sub canopy includes laurel oak, wax myrtle (*Morella cerifera*), beauty berry (*Callicarpa americana*), cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*), Chinese tallow, camphor tree (*Cinnamomum camphora*), and Carolina laurel cherry. The groundcover includes basketgrass (*Oplismenus sp.*), witchgrass, sweetgum, bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), and beautyberry.

Storm Water Management Facility (FLUCFCS Code 534)

This upland land use type includes a natural depression within the surrounding hardwood forest that is being utilized as a dry storm water management feature. The vegetation composition is similar to FLUCFCS Code 4209 with additional sweetgum and magnolia in the canopy, beautyberry and cabbage palm in the sub canopy, and meadow garlic (*Allium canadense*), windowbox woodsorrel (*Oxalis articulata*), Florida hedgenettle (*Stachys floridana*), common dayflower (*Commelina diffusa*), and small fruit primrose willow (*Ludwigia microcarpa*) in the groundcover.

Roads and Parking Lots (814)

This land use type includes roadways, parking areas, sidewalks and rights of way that are associated with the AvMed Center. The Canopy includes laurel oak, southern red oak, and Chinese elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*). The sub canopy includes Chinese holly (*Ilex cornuta*). The ground cover included bahia grass, and monkey grass (*Liriope spicata*).

Please see the attached maps for the off-site wetland location, and habitat and land uses within the Review Area. Also attached is the Alachua County Environmental Resources Assessment Checklist. Please contact CHW at (352) 331-1976 with any questions about the contents of this memo.

Sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Pursuant to Alachua County Comprehensive Plan 2002, as amended, Conservation Open Space Element Policy 3.4.1, applications for land use change, zoning change, and development approval shall be required to submit an inventory of natural resource information. The inventory shall include site specific identification, analysis and mapping of each resource present on or adjacent to the site. The identification and analysis shall indicate information sources consulted.

Natural Resources Checklist:

Check "Yes" for each resource or resource characteristic identified and discuss and provide supporting material. Check "N/A" for each resource or resource characteristic not present or otherwise relevant to the application.

| Signed: _ | | Project #: Date: |
|-----------|-----|---|
| Yes | N/A | Contamination (soil, surface water, ground water) |
| Yes | N/A | Hazardous Materials Storage Facilities |
| Yes | N/A | Historical and Paleontological Resources |
| Yes | N/A | Topography/Steep Slopes |
| Yes | N/A | Mineral Resources Areas |
| Yes | N/A | Soils See Technical Memo for Description of Soils |
| Yes | N/A | Wells |
| Yes | N/A | Wellfield Protection Areas |
| Yes | N/A | High Aquifer Recharge Areas See Technical Memo for Location in Area mapped as Vulnerable |
| Yes | N/A | Significant Geological Features (caves, springs, sinkholes, etc.) |
| Yes | N/A | Recreation/Conservation/Preservation Lands |
| Yes | N/A | Non-native Invasive Species See Technical Memo FLUCFCS Descriptions |
| Yes | N/A | Listed Species/Listed Species Habitats (FNAI S1, S2, & S3; State or Federally E, T, SSC) |
| Yes | N/A | Significant Habitat (biologically diverse natural areas) |
| Yes | N/A | Strategic Ecosystems (within or adjacent to mapped areas) |
| Yes | N/A | Special Area Study Resource Protection Areas (Cross Creek, Idylwild/Serenola, etc.) |
| Yes | N/A | Floodplains (100-year) |
| Yes | N/A | Surface Water or Wetland Buffers See Technical Memo for Offsite Preserved Wetland Location |
| Yes | N/A | Wetlands |
| Yes | N/A | Surface Waters (ponds, lakes, streams, springs, etc.) |

For assistance in completing this form, please visit the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) website at http://alachuacounty.us/Depts/EPD/Pages/EPD.aspx or contact ACEPD at (352) 264-6800.

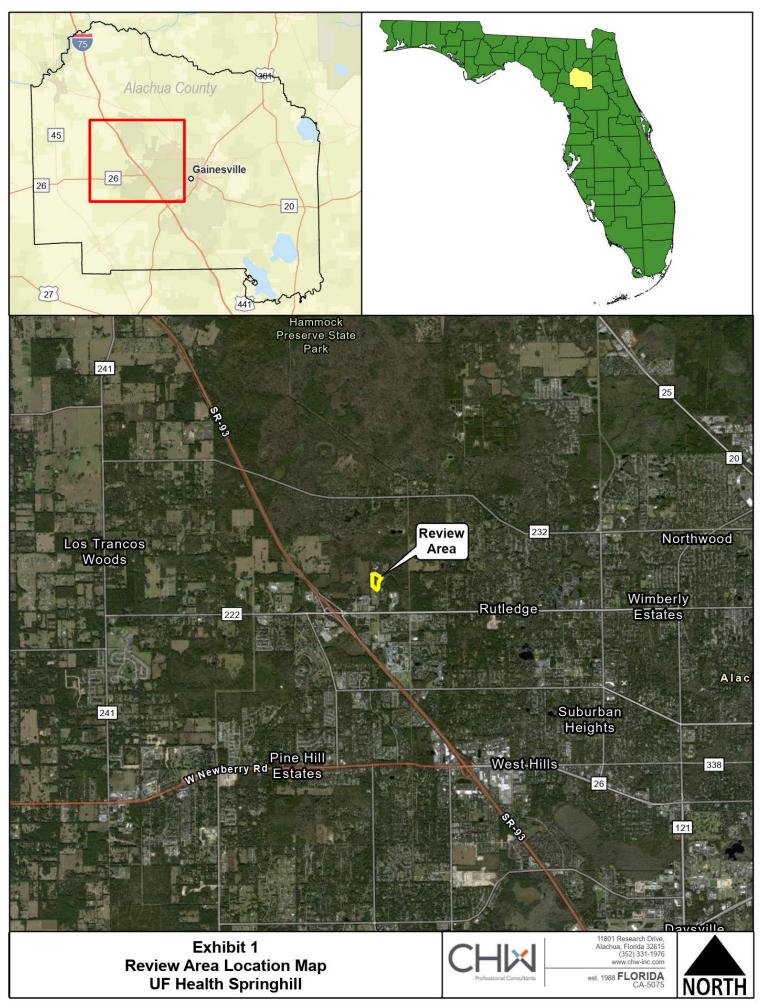
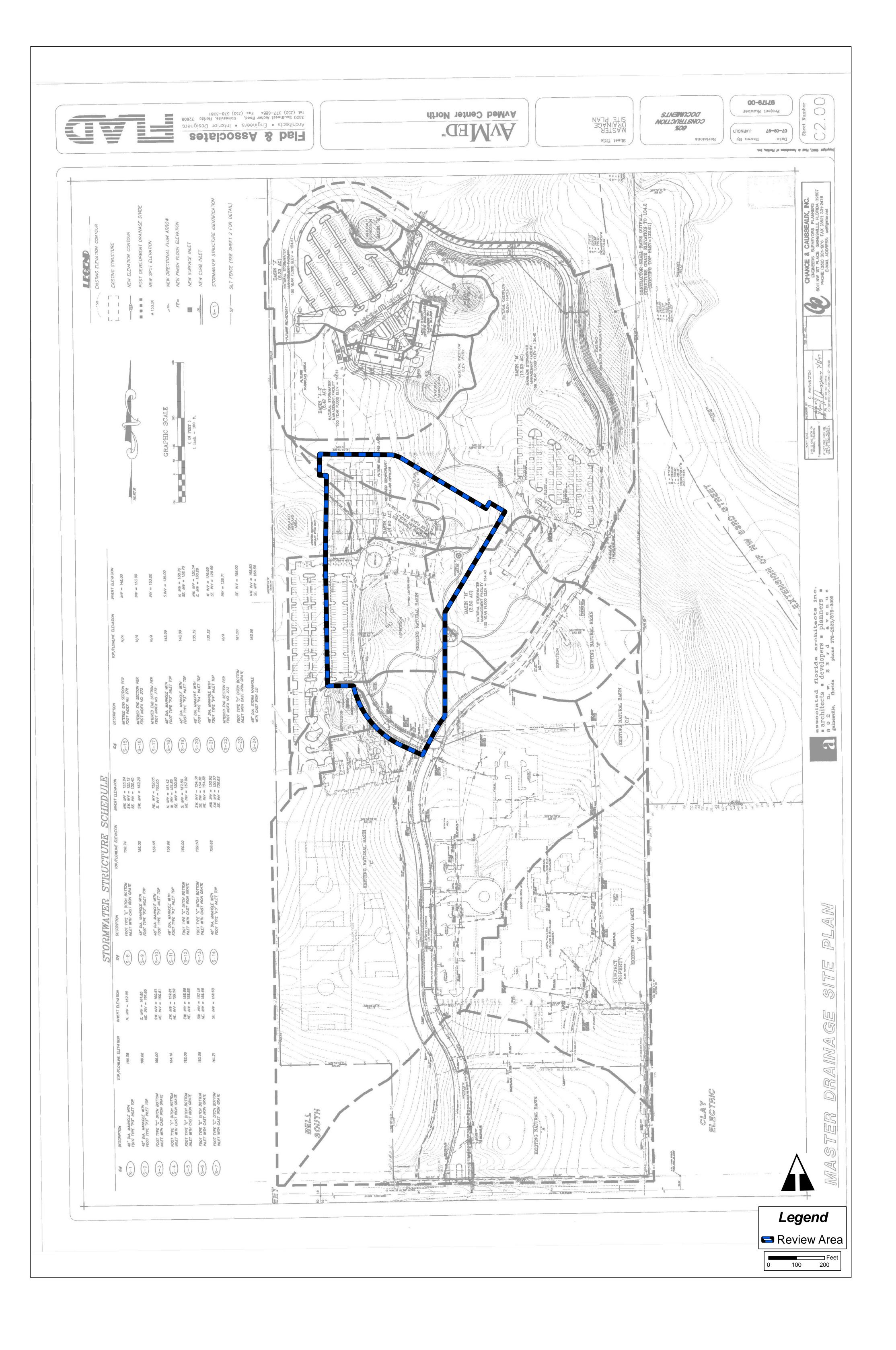


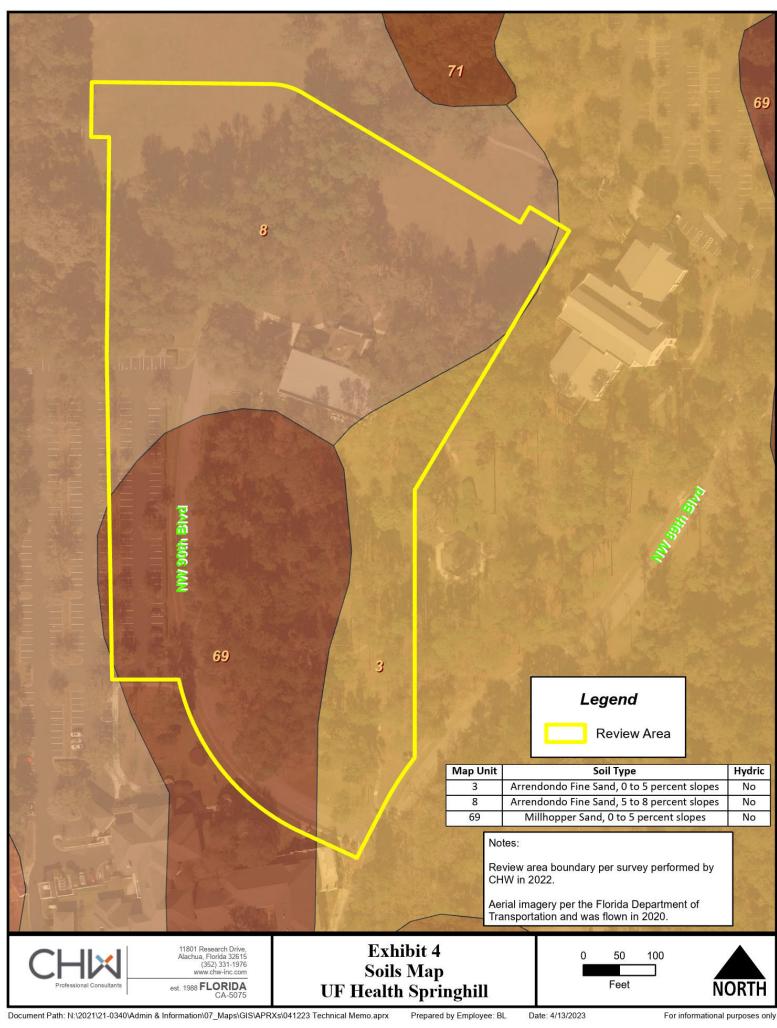


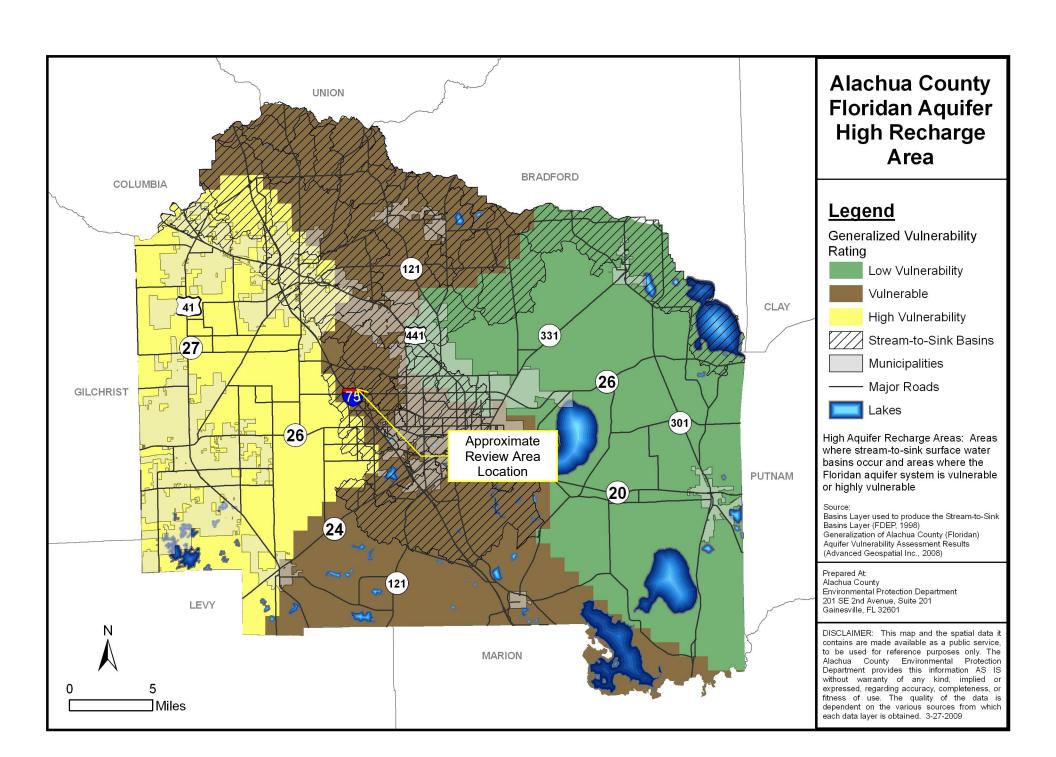


Exhibit 2: Aerial with Review Area UF Health Springhill











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