

FARMLANDS CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

Florida Department of Transportation

District One

Burnt Store Road PD&E Study

Limits of Project: From Van Buren Parkway to Charlotte County Line

Lee County, Florida

Financial Management Number: 436928-1-22-01

ETDM Number: 14380

Date: January 2023

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 11/21/22	4. Sheet 1 of 15
1. Name of Project Burnt Store Road PD&E Study		5. Federal Agency Involved FDOT District One	
2. Type of Project Project Development & Environmental Studies		6. County and State Lee and Charlotte Counties, Florida	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 12/16/22	2. Person Completing Form Isabelle Giuliani
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated 13585	Average Farm Size 103
5. Major Crop(s) citrus	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 36401 % 7.08	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 21212 % .041	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used soil potential rating	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System none	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 1/3/22	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Urban Alt 2	Urban Alt 3		
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	15.79	11.40		
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	0	0		
C. Total Acres In Corridor	197.07	188.26		

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	67.1	63		
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	.1843	.1731		
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	43	43		

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)				
	40.3	40.3		

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	7	7		
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	8	8		
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	0	0		
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0		
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0	0		
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0	0		
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	0	0		
8. On-Farm Investments	20	0	0		
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0		
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0	0		
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	15	15	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	40.3	40.3	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	15	15	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	55.3	55.3	0	0

1. Corridor Selected: Urban Alt 3	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 11.40	3. Date Of Selection: 11/4/22	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:
Urban Alt 3 is selected as the preferred alternative due to the least amount of right-of-way and environmental impacts.

(During the course of project development "Urban Alt 2" was re-named to "Alternative 1" and "Urban Alt 3" was re-named to "Alternative 2".)

Signature of Person Completing this Part: Dara Jarvis DATE **1/9/23**

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are to be used for projects that have a linear or corridor - type site configuration connecting two distant points, and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways, railroads, stream improvements, and flood control systems. Federal agencies are to assess the suitability of each corridor - type site or design alternative for protection as farmland along with the land evaluation information.

(1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

- More than 90 percent - 15 points
- 90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
- Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

- More than 90 percent - 10 points
- 90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
- Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

- More than 90 percent - 20 points
- 90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)
- Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

- Site is protected - 20 points
- Site is not protected - 0 points

(5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County ?

(Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)

- As large or larger - 10 points
- Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

(6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

- Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
- Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)
- Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

(7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

- All required services are available - 5 points
- Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)
- No required services are available - 0 points

(8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

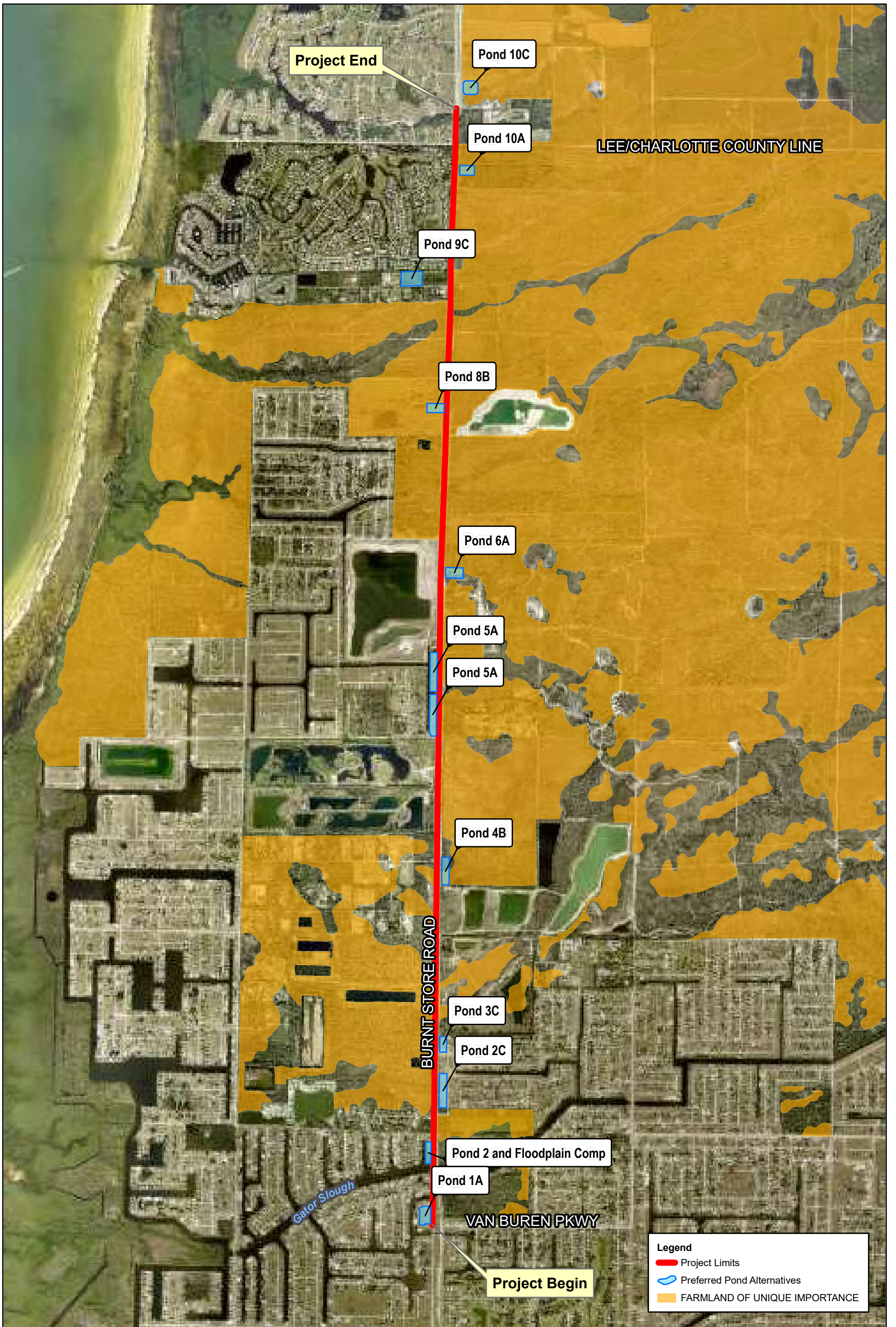
- High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points
- Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)
- No on-farm investment - 0 points

(9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

- Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points
- Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)
- No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

(10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

- Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points
 - Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)
 - Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points
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- Project Limits
- Preferred Pond Alternatives
- FARMLAND OF UNIQUE IMPORTANCE



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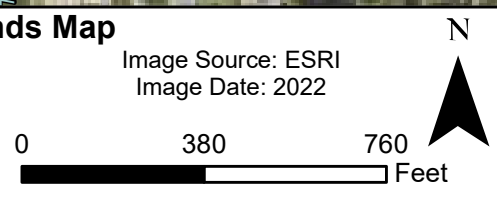
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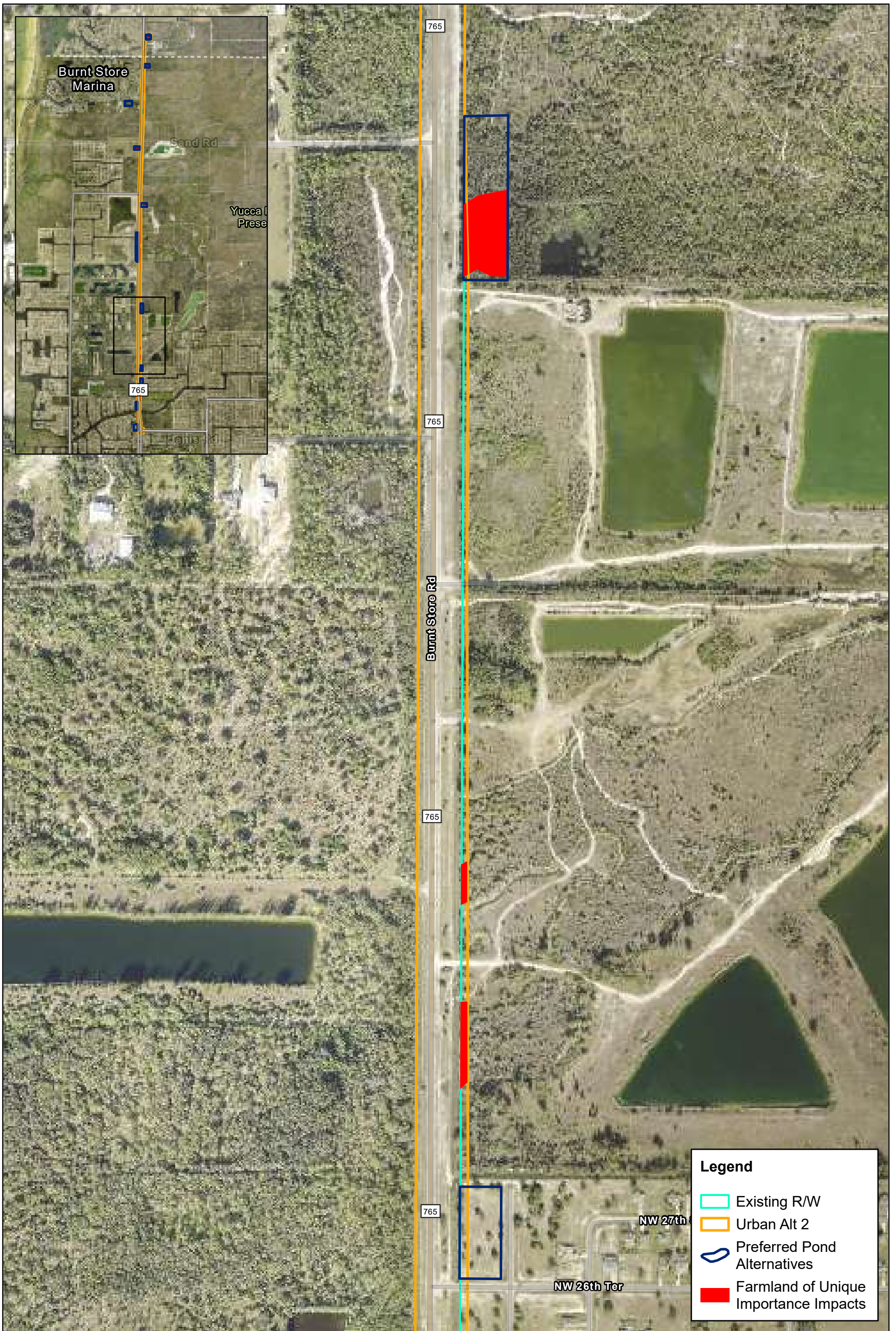
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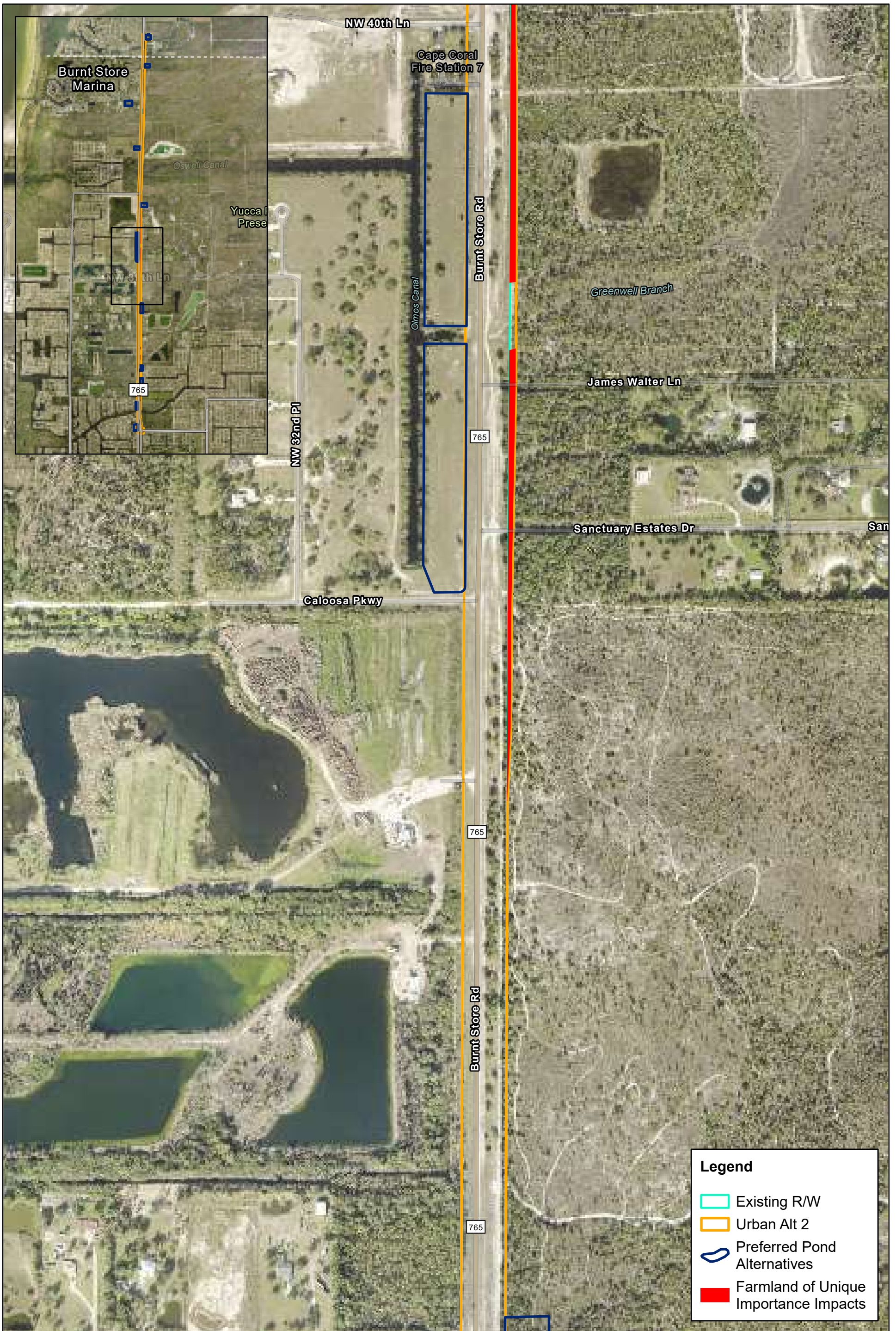
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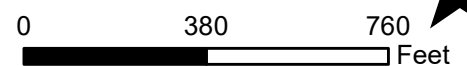
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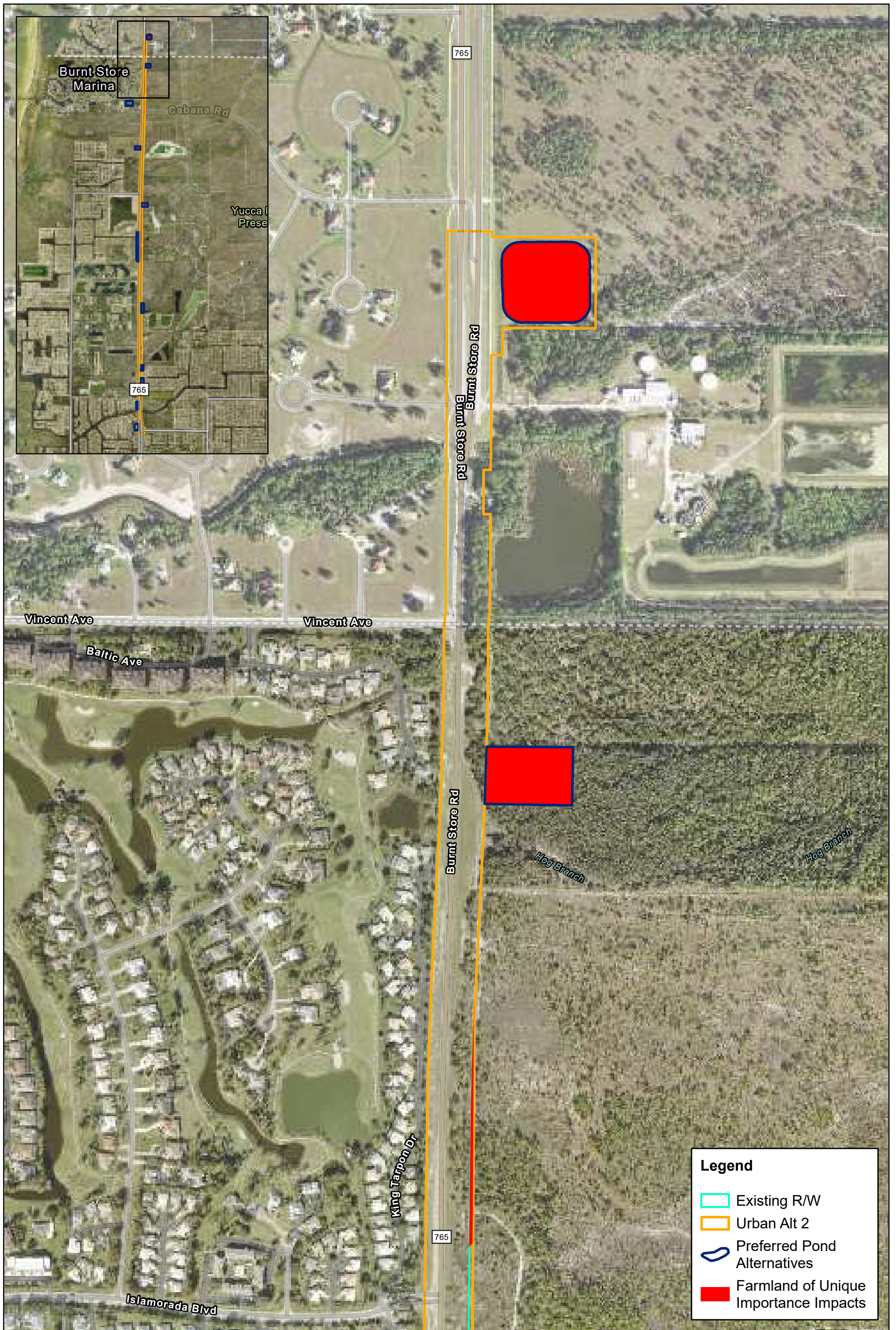
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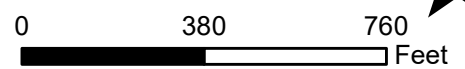
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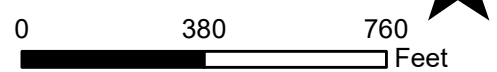
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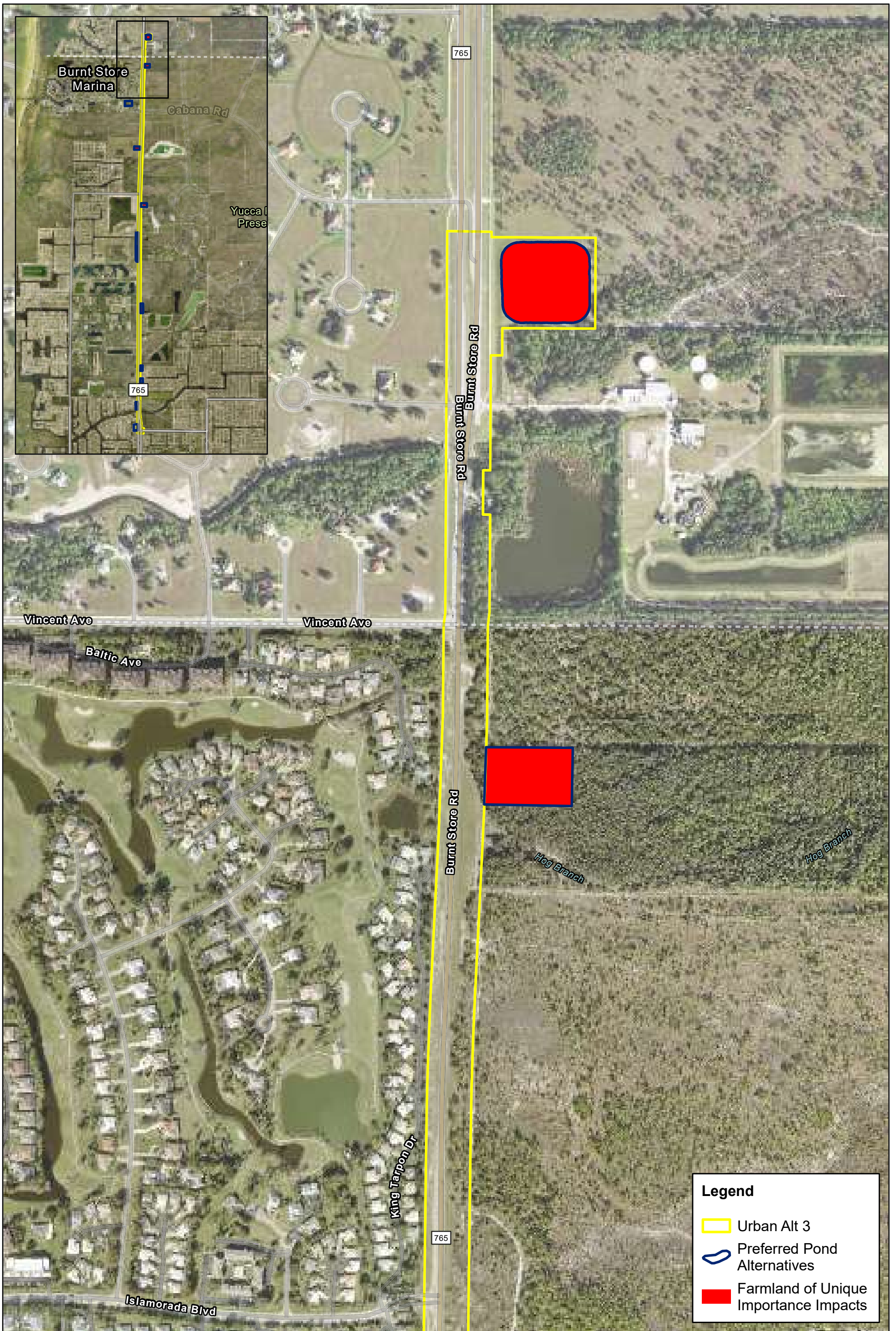
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