

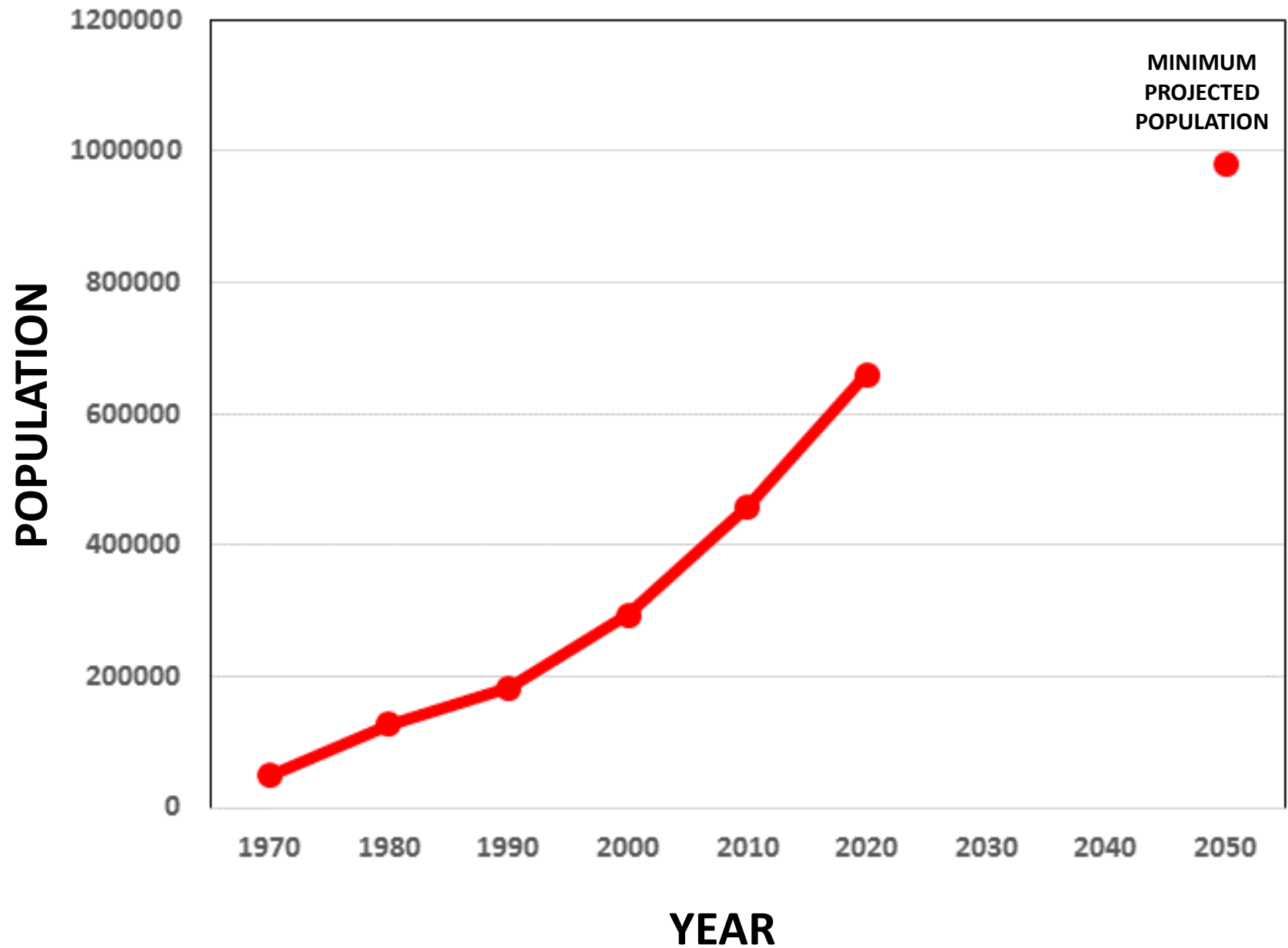
LAKE CREEK GREENWAY INITIATIVE

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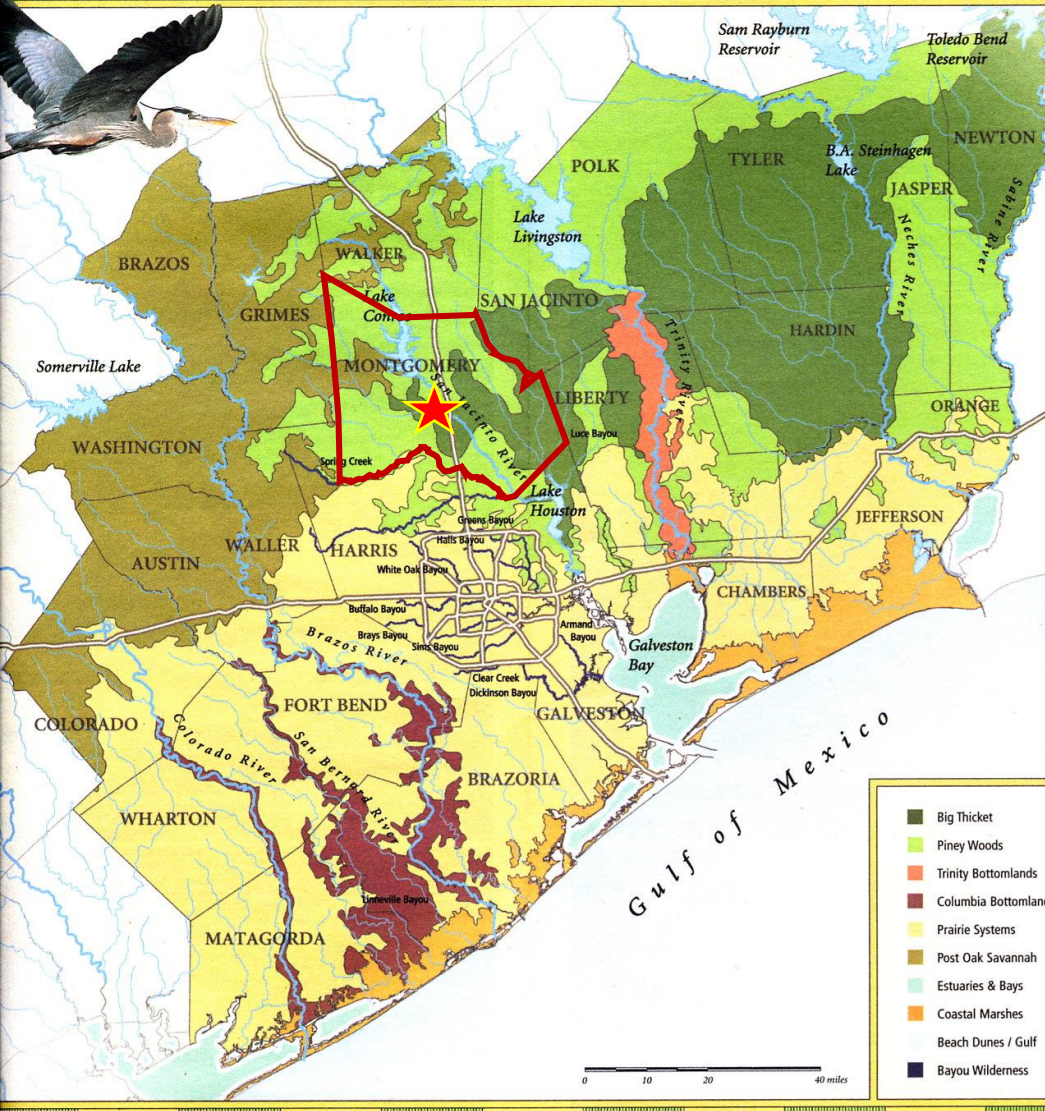
PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- **Promote awareness of the value of the Lake Creek floodplain as an asset for nature study, hiking, boating and ecosystem services.**
- **Introduce community to current projects and recreational opportunities**
- **Encourage involvement of community in project.**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POPULATION



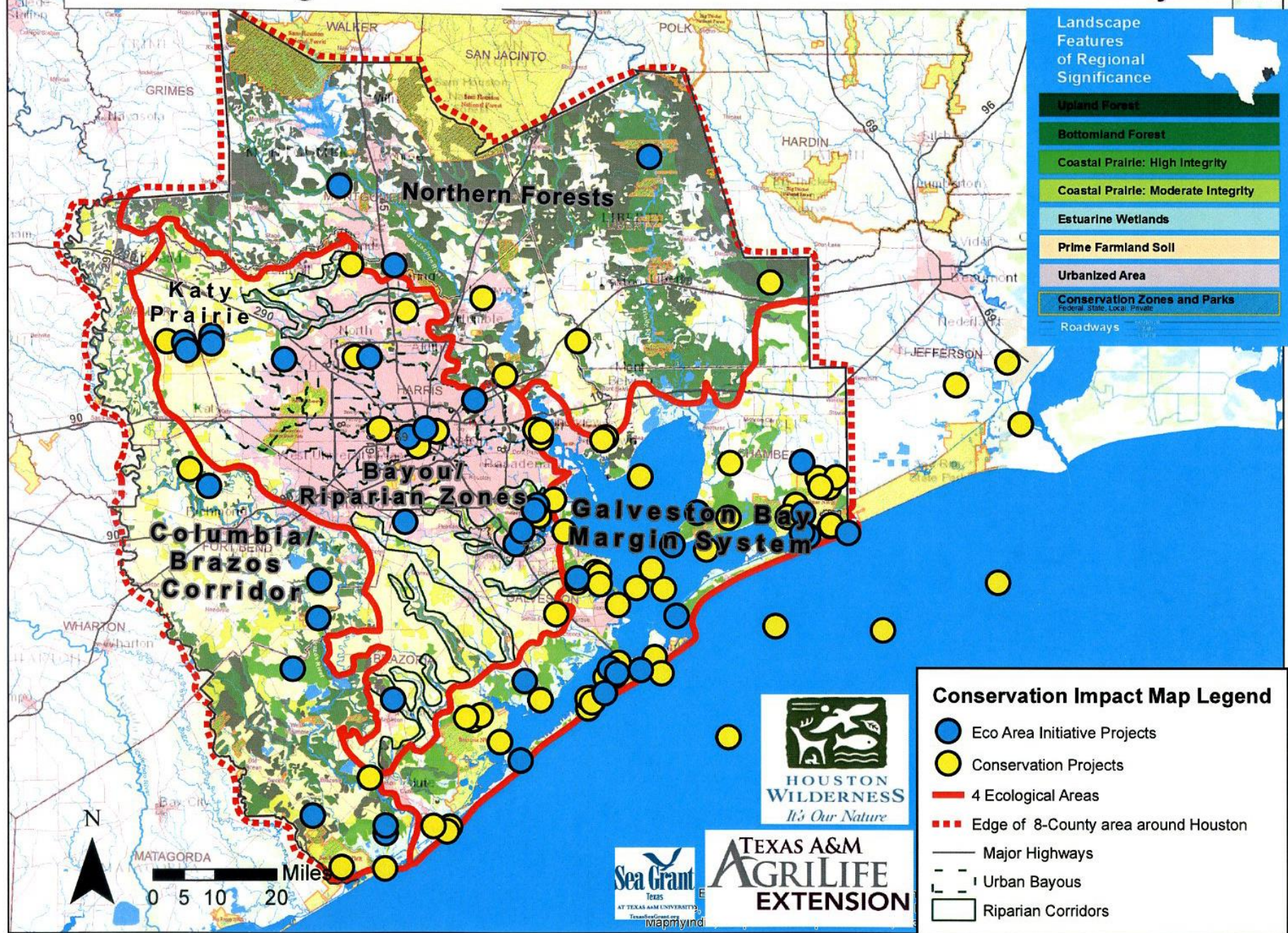
Ecoregion Overview



MONTGOMERY COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES

- Sam Houston National Forest
- Jones State Forest
- Western Extent Big Thicket
- High Quality Major Stream
- Quality habitats on private lands.
- High Quality Habitats in Floodplains

Gulf-Houston Regional Conservation Plan Eco Area Initiative & Conservation Projects

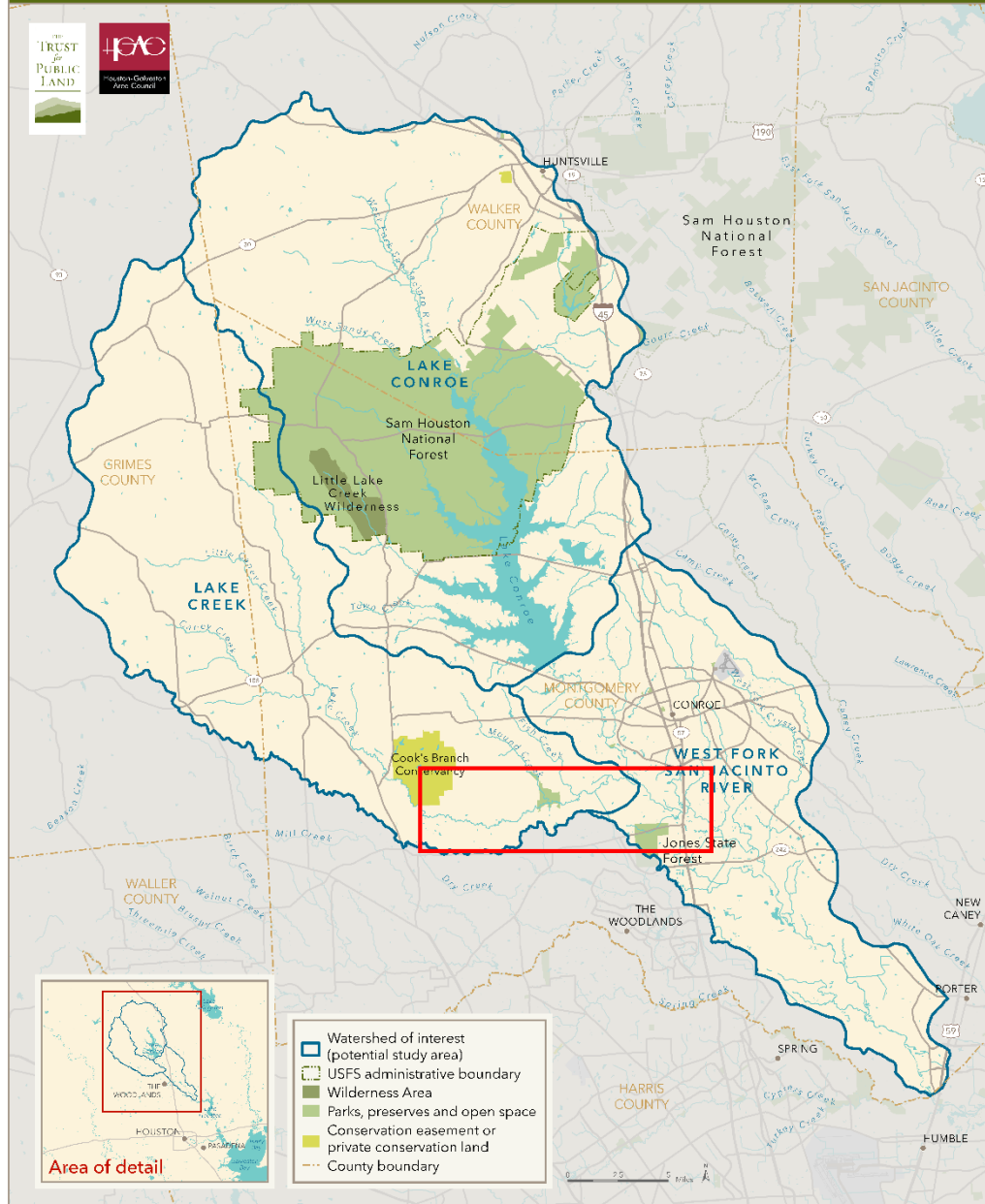


BENEFITS OF REGIONAL CONSERVATION PLAN

- **Strategic Approach to Conservation**
- **Improve Recreational Opportunities**
- **Enhance Flood Protection**
- **Protect/Improve Water/Air Quality**
- **Protect Wildlife**
- **Promote Ecotourism**
- **Promote Lower Impact Development/Land Stewardship**

WEST FORK SAN JACINTO WATERSHED GREENPRINT

POTENTIAL STUDY AREA



MONTGOMERY COUNTY

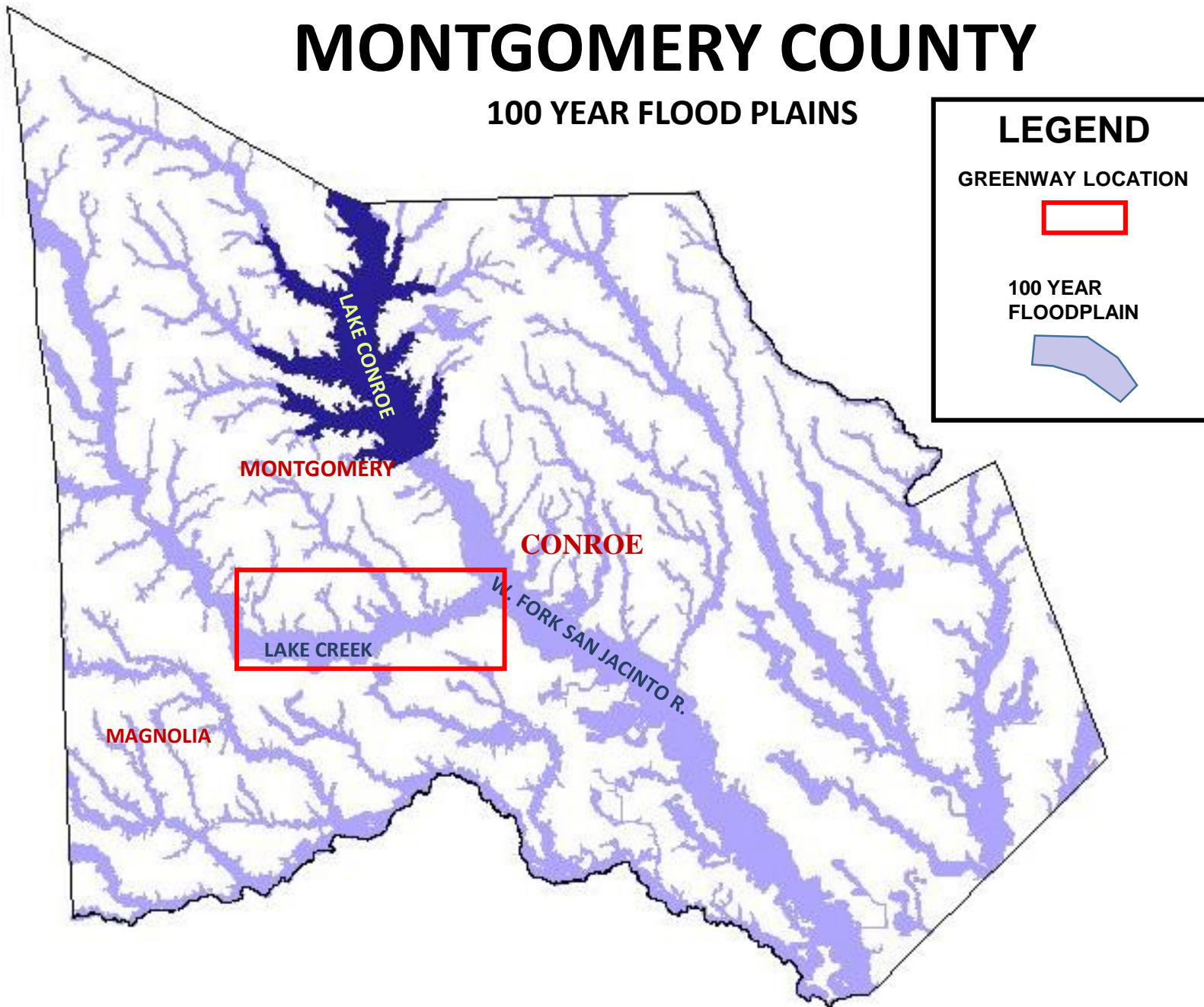
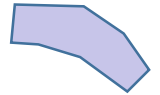
100 YEAR FLOOD PLAINS

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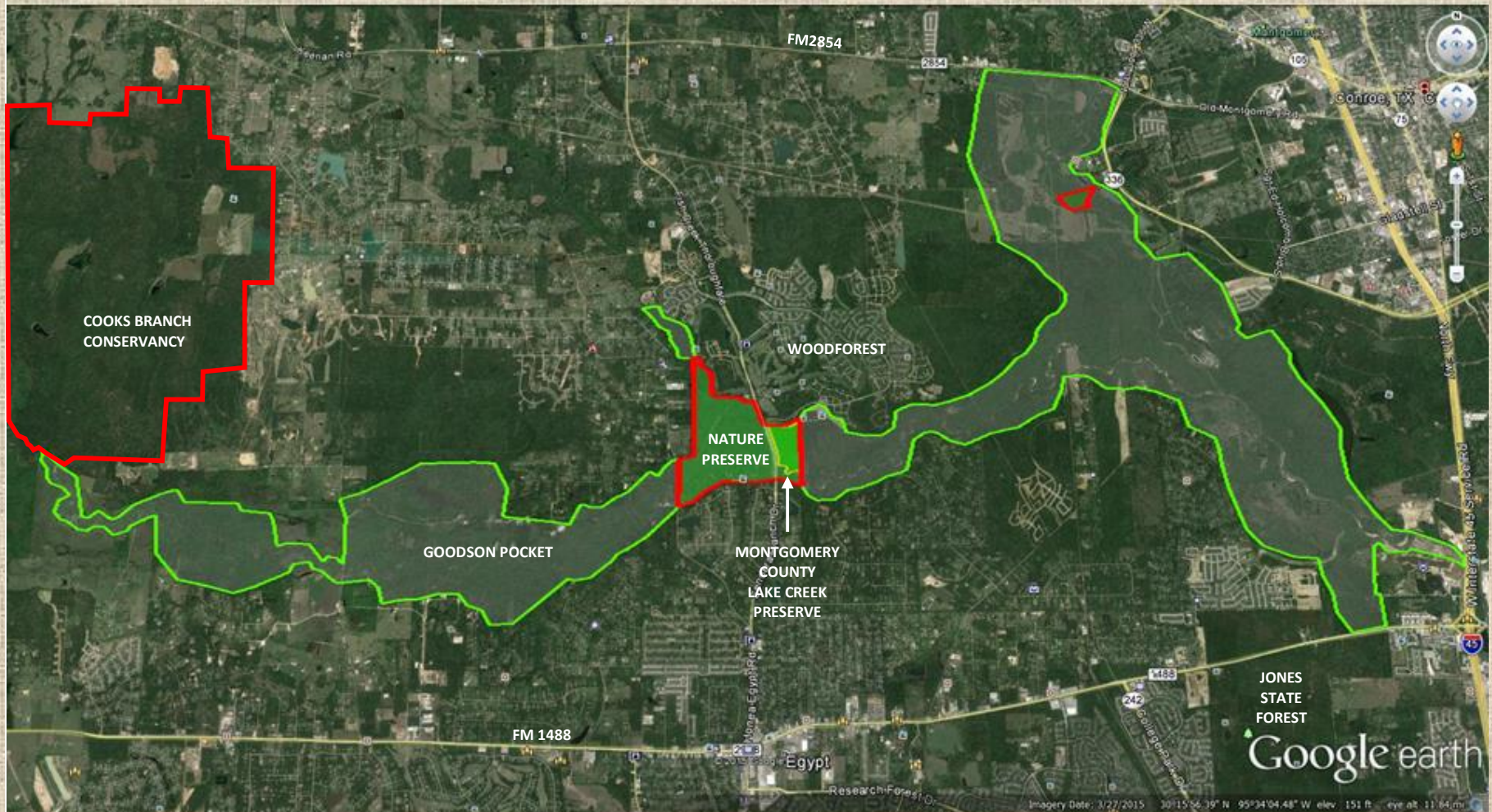
GREENWAY LOCATION



100 YEAR
FLOODPLAIN



POTENTIAL GREENWAY AREA*



* Inclusion in greenway dependent on willing land owners



POTENTIAL GREENWAY AREA



EXISTING PRESERVES/EASEMENTS



COUNTY PRESERVE

LAKE CREEK GREENWAY PARTNERSHIP

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Mission: The mission of the Partnership is to improve recreational opportunities and preserve greenspace and water quality within the Lake Creek Watershed.

Objectives:

- 1. Develop hiking, boating and nature viewing experiences within Lake Creek Watershed.**
- 2. Protect surface water quality within Lake Creek**
- 3. Mitigate downstream flooding by preserving bottomland hardwoods**
- 4. Restore floodplain wetlands where practical**
- 5. Improve resident knowledge of the ecological benefits and recreational opportunities in the Lake Creek watershed.**
- 6. Assist in acquiring permanently protected land of ecological and or recreational value.**



NATURE PRESERVE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
LAKE CREEK PRESERVE



Temporary trail head

Dirt entrance
road on right
after bridge

BOARDWALK A

BOARDWALK B

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BRIDGE 1

BOARDWALK C & E

BRIDGE 2

BOARDWALK D

LEGEND



COMPLETED TRAIL



TRAIL TO BE DEVELOPED



COMPLETED BOARDWALK

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TRAIL AS OF 10/4/2015

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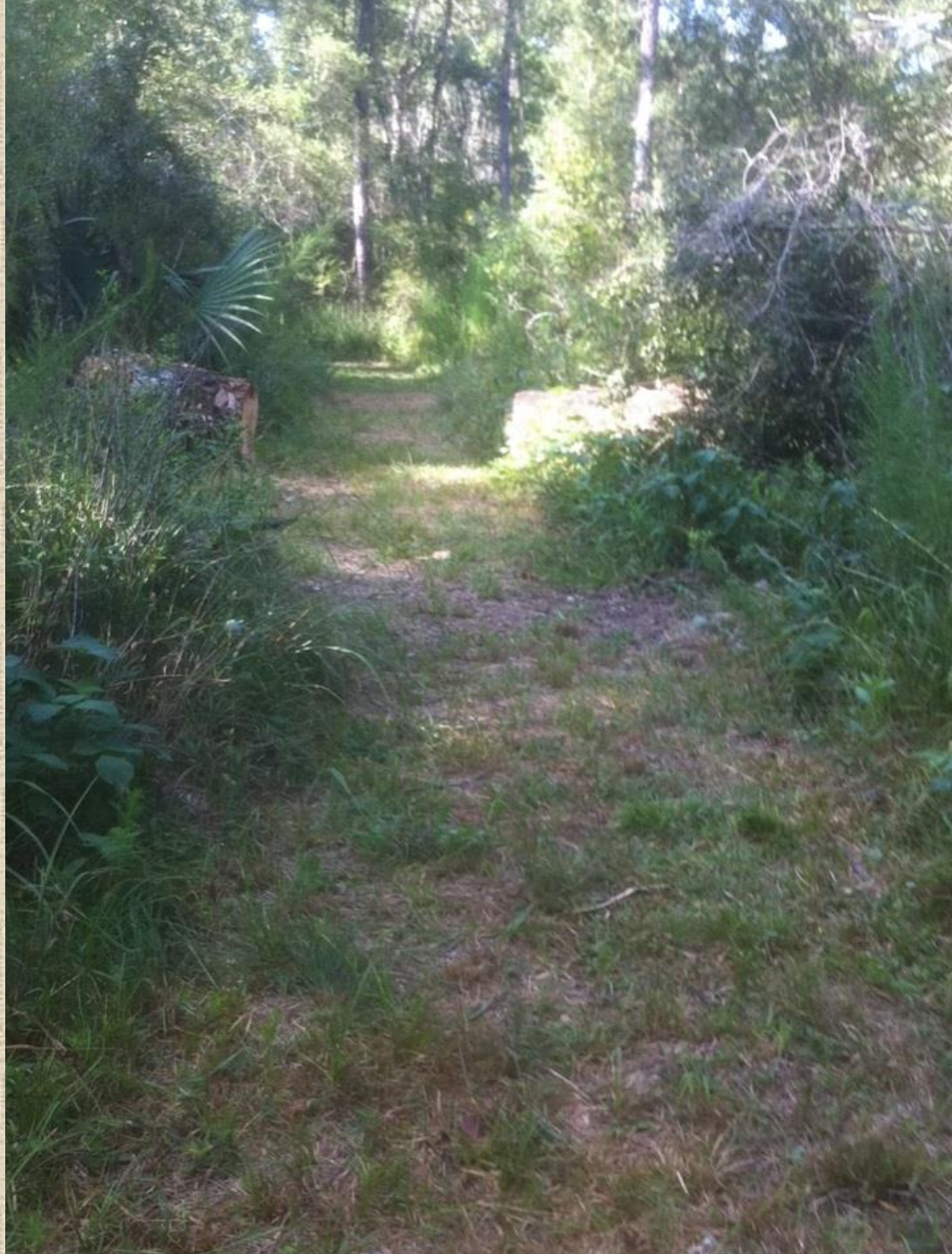


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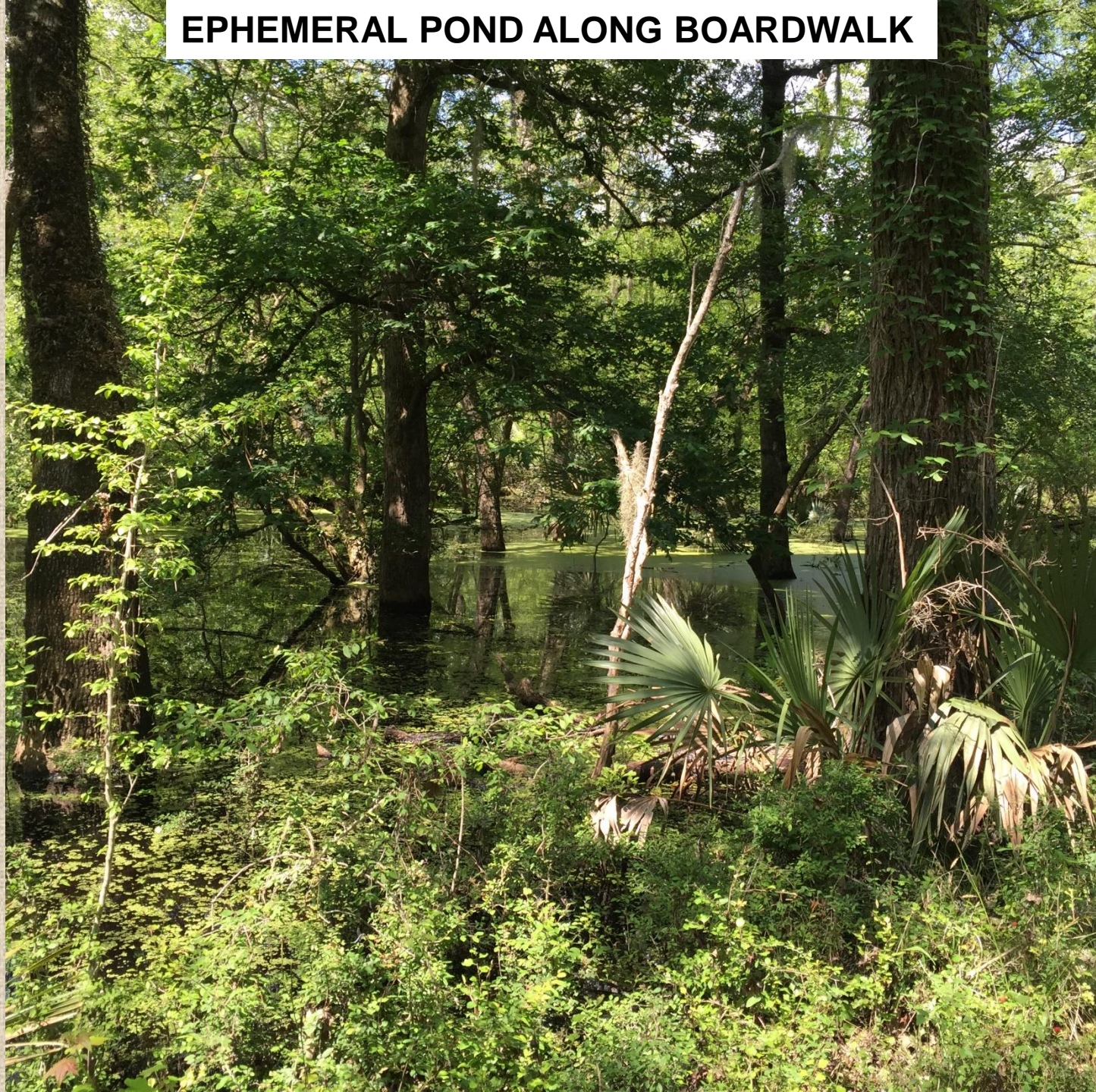
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EPHEMERAL POND ALONG BOARDWALK



OPEN BOTOMLAND HARDWOODS W/SEA OAT UNDERSTORY



HUGE PALMETTO THICKETS





Between G7 and G8

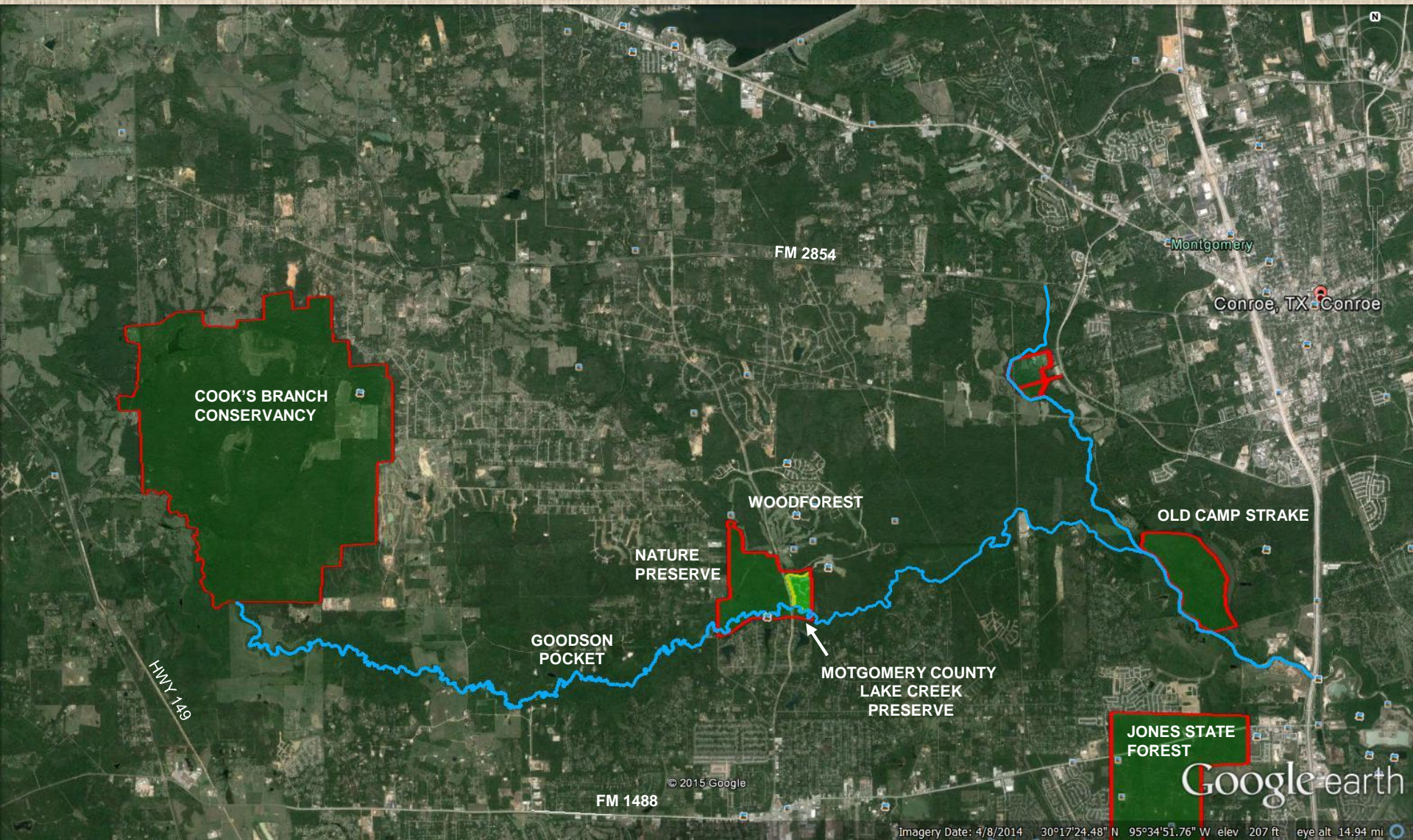
CREEK LOOP VIEW OF LAKE CREEK



CREEK LOOP



POTENTIAL 20+- MILE CANOE TRAIL ALONG LAKE CREEK & BIG THICKET BOTTOMLANDS



LAKE CREEK CANOE/KAYAK TRAIL: PHASE 1





FCT BRIDGE TO SAN JACINTO RIVER



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WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- **Near Term**

- **Complete guided nature trail on county Pct2 Lake Creek Preserve.**
- **Clear first section of canoe trail (Fish Creek Thoroughfare to West Fork SJR)**
- **Integrate into HGAC watershed protection plan.**
- **Develop partnerships with landowners, government, businesses, non profits.**
- **Hold informational forums (first on at 1488HEB on October 12).**
- **Organize educational programs for adults & youth.**

- **Long Term:**

- **Develop Nature Center/Community Center along Lake Creek**
- **Increase preserved lands along creek (easements/acquisitions)**
- **Identify potential sources of funding/grants**
- **Expand outdoor educational/recreational programs for community**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Become a member**
- **Serve on a committee**
- **Help identify potential easement/acquisition opportunities**
 - **Utilize the preserve/waterway**
 - **Promote sound land stewardship**