

Santa Fe Springs Restoration Focus Area

# Drinking Water Nitrate Alert Gilchrist and Alachua Counties



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# SYNOPSIS

- FDEP is conducting a site-specific study of the Santa Fe Springs Restoration Focus Area
- Two years (8 quarters) of ground and surface water sampling are complete
- Nitrate nitrogen levels are elevated in all 20 monitoring wells and in all Santa Fe River springs
- Four wells have consistent nitrate concentrations above the state and federal drinking water standard



# Florida Department of Environmental Protection

## Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration

# Nitrate in Ground Water, Springs, and River Water in the Santa Fe Springs Restoration Focus Area

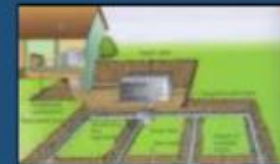
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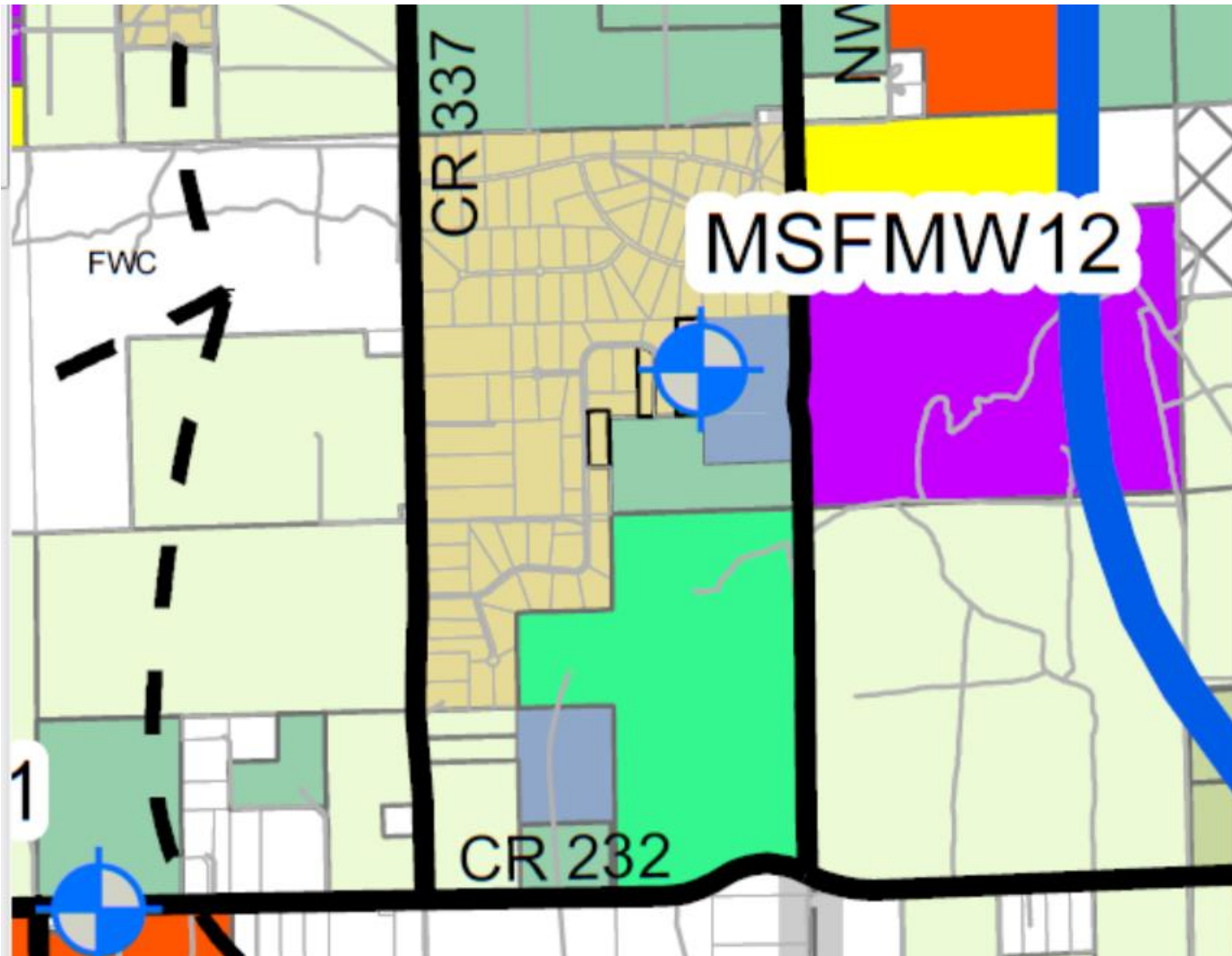


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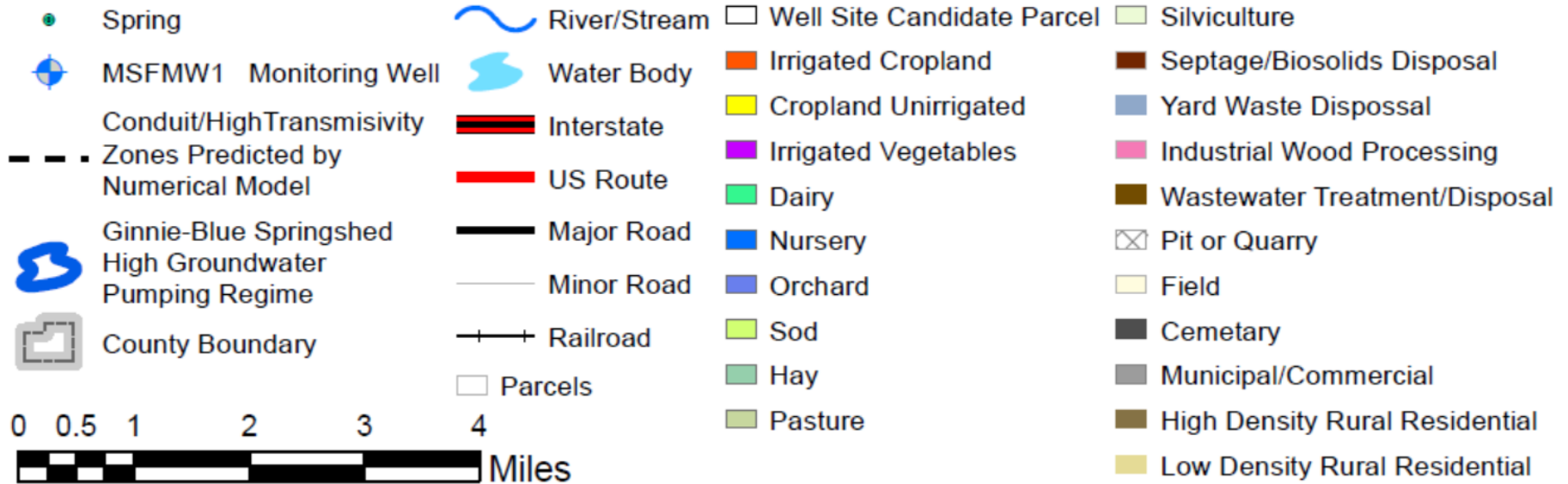
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## Land Use legend

### Legend

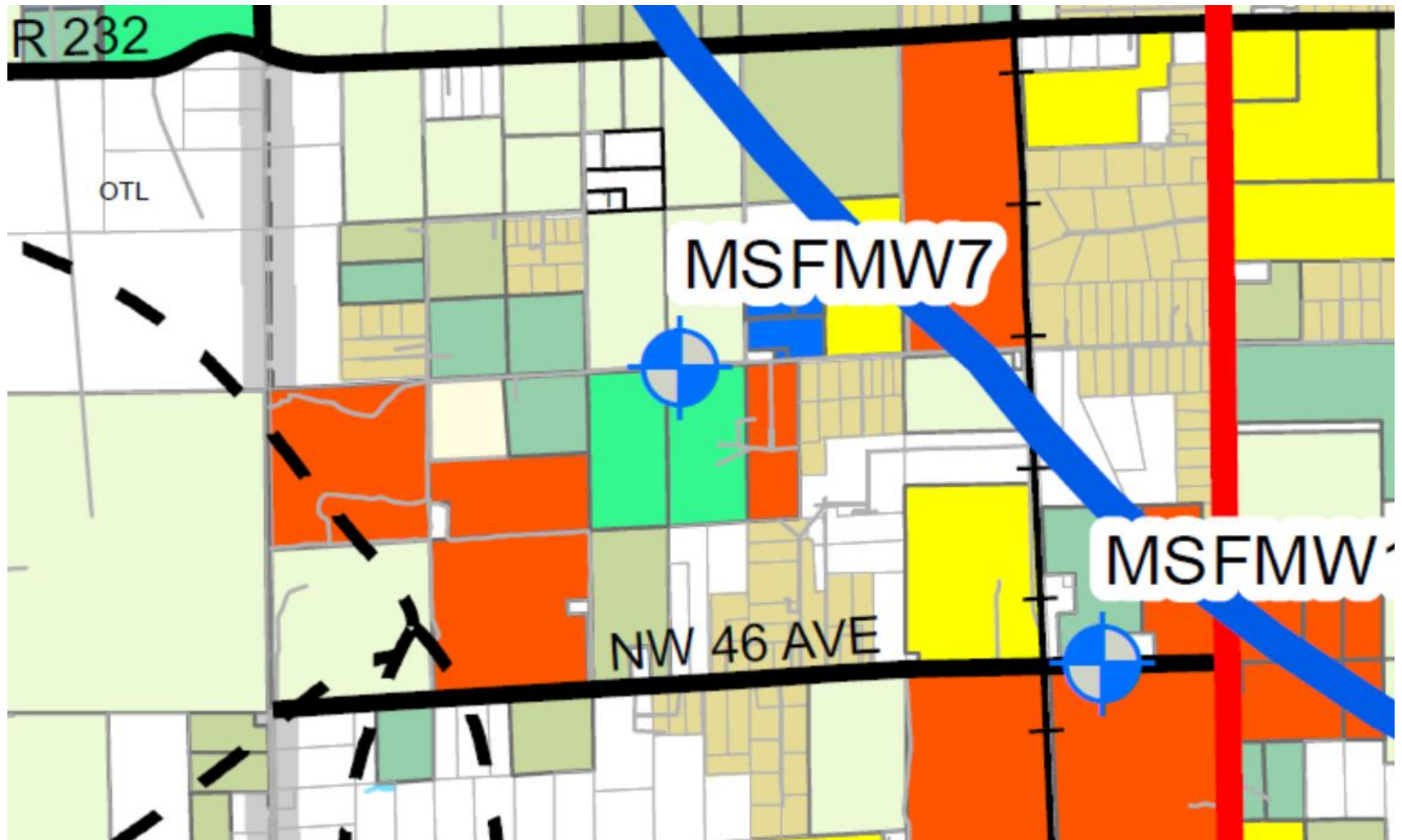


### CURRENT LAND USE WITH MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS



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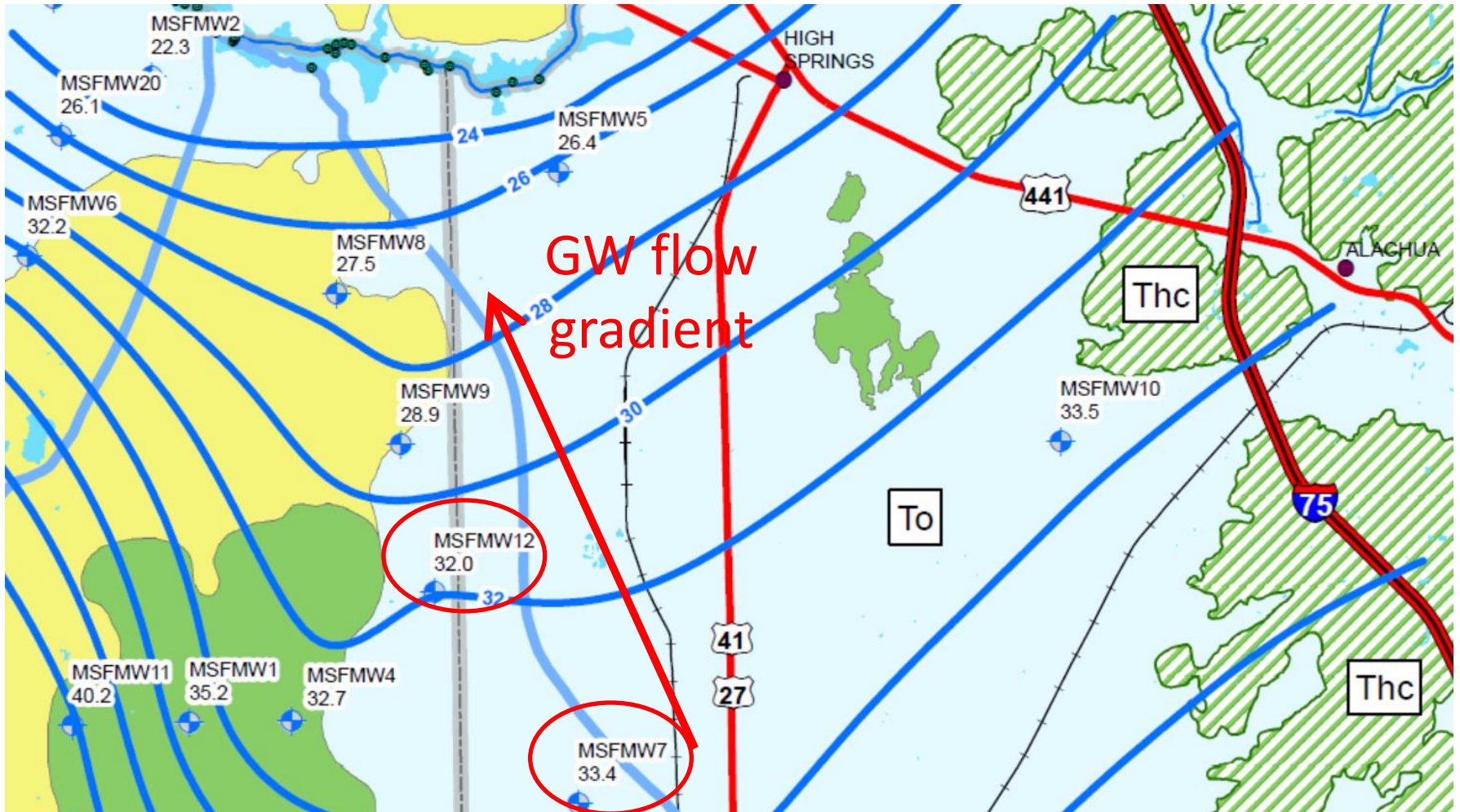
## Monitoring Well #7 and Surrounding Landuse





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## Potentiometric Surface and Groundwater Flow Directions



# SUMMARY

- Nitrate levels in two wells downgradient from dairies are consistently higher than the drinking water standard
- There are dozens of private wells in these areas
- The Department of Health, FDEP, and county public health agencies are urged to issue a drinking water advisory for all residents and to take immediate steps to correct this situation