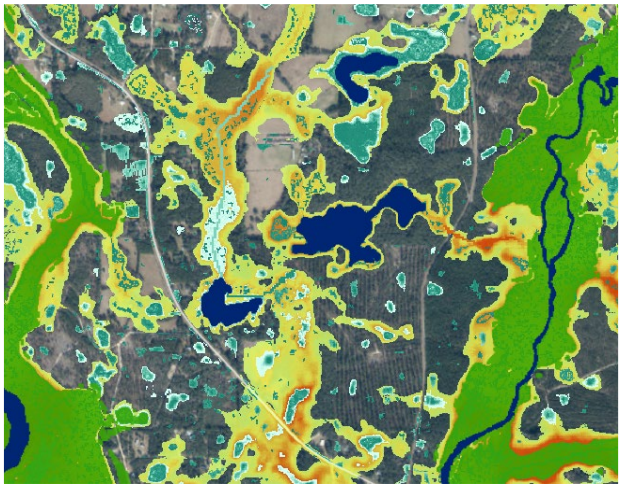
CITY OF CHIPLEY

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



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Acronyms

CORDEX	Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment
CR	County Road
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
ECRC	Emerald Coast Regional Council
FDEM	Florida Division of Emergency Management
FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFE	Finished Floor Elevation
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
LiDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
LULC	Land Use Land Cover
NAVD88	North American Vertical Datum of 1988
NHD	National Hydrography Dataset
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
SLR	Sea Level Rise
SSURGO	Soil Survey Geographic Database
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
VA	Vulnerability Assessment

Executive Summary

The City of Chipley is proactively addressing the challenges posed by extreme weather events, specifically focusing on the increased risk of flooding due to extreme rainfall events. Chipley and the Emerald Coast Regional Council have obtained a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for a comprehensive vulnerability assessment. This report summarizes the data, methodology, and analyses conducted by Chipley and the Project Team.

Resilient Florida was established as part of a statewide initiative to enhance Florida's resilience against the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms, and flooding. A key aspect of the Resilient Florida Program is the creation of Vulnerability Assessments. These assessments are critical for communities seeking access to state resilience funding. They provide a detailed analysis of a community's specific vulnerabilities to climate-related hazards including flooding, sea level rise, and extreme weather events. They are essential for identifying high-risk areas, assessing the potential impacts on infrastructure, and determining the most effective strategies for mitigation and adaptation.

By conducting Vulnerability Assessments, communities not only gain a deeper understanding of their unique risks, but also align with the state's requirements for accessing resilience funding. This funding is instrumental in supporting local governments to plan, prepare, and implement resilience projects. It ensures that communities are better equipped to protect their infrastructure from adverse weather events.

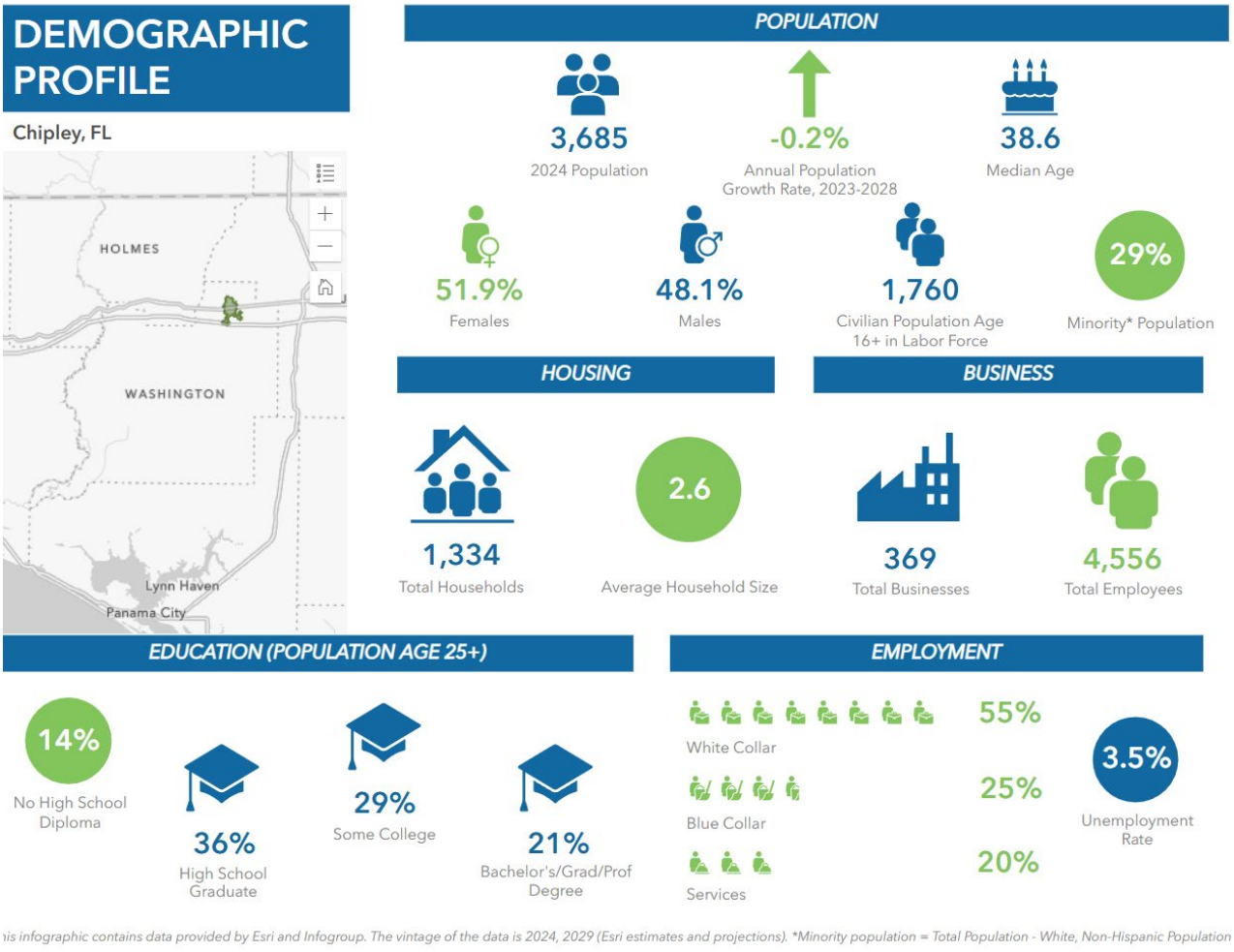
For the purposes of this assessment, the Project Team used the Inundate! GIS modeling tool to analyze potential flooding under the state’s required future precipitation scenarios. The methodology adopted allows for a detailed understanding of how changes in rainfall patterns can affect public facilities and critical infrastructure in Chipley and identifies target areas prone to flooding. Throughout the process, the Project Team coordinated with Michael Baker International, as they were working on Washington County’s Vulnerability Assessments concurrently. Data was shared in cases of municipal assets located outside of city limits.

Overall, a significant number of City of Chipley’s Critical Assets are exposed to flooding, although most seem to be well designed to withstand projected flooding. The primary assets of concern include Chipley City Hall as well as portions of Fourth Street. It would be advisable for the City of Chipley or Washington County to conduct a detailed assessment to understand the specific vulnerabilities of these assets and to develop plans to minimize any potential impacts on the community.

I. Overview

Background

Chipley, founded in 1882, is the largest city and the Washington County Seat. The population of Chipley has remained relatively constant over the past two decades and is currently estimated to be 3,685 individuals (Esri).



Resilient Florida Program

This Vulnerability Assessment was funded in part through a grant agreement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection Resilient Florida Program. The Resilient Florida Program was created as a result of Senate Bill 1954 and House Bill 7019, passed in 2021. This legislation, codified as Florida Statute 380.093, directs all municipalities and counties to create assessments to inform state and local planning, ensuring that adaptation and mitigation strategies are grounded in current and projected risks.

The Emerald Coast Regional Council developed this assessment concurrent with Vulnerability Assessments for the Town of Century in Escambia County and the municipalities of Caryville, Vernon, Wausau, and Ebro in Washington County.

Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this report is threefold:

To Identify and Analyze Risks: The Emerald Coast region, like many others, is increasingly susceptible to a range of natural hazards. In this assessment, the potential impact of future extreme rainfall events is modeled. This allows the community and project team to identify critical assets that may be vulnerable to inundation in the future.

To Inform and Guide Resilience Planning: The information gathered in this report is vital for developing effective strategies to enhance community resilience. It can serve as a foundational document to guide policymakers, planners, and stakeholders in making informed decisions. The information in this report should be applied when constructing or upgrading infrastructure, revising development ordinances, or enhancing emergency response plans.

To Engage and Educate the Community: Awareness and understanding are key components in building a resilient community. This Vulnerability Assessment is not only a technical document, but also a tool that can be used to engage the community. By specifically identifying critical assets at risk and target areas, the assessment can be used to help determine future priorities.

Kickoff Meeting & Outreach

After initial outreach to all the municipalities in Washington County, a single kickoff meeting was held in Chipley on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024. All communities participating in the Vulnerability Assessment process were provided with draft materials and invited to attend. Washington County staff also attended to share insights from their ongoing Vulnerability Assessment and to facilitate coordination concerning county assets within municipal boundaries. The primary goal of this meeting was to introduce the project, outline its objectives, and set the stage for a comprehensive approach to assessing and addressing regional vulnerabilities to flooding from extreme rain events.

During the meeting, Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) staff presented an overview of the project, detailing the scope, expected outcomes, and the critical role of the Vulnerability Assessment in guiding resilience planning. Attendees were provided with draft asset lists and maps, and critical assets as defined by Florida Statutes were discussed. Stakeholders were encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences, contributing valuable data on local environmental conditions, infrastructure vulnerabilities, and community needs. Representatives from Michael Baker International, who were working on the Vulnerability Assessment for unincorporated Washington County, attended virtually and shared insights from their ongoing project.

During and after the meeting, ECRC staff consulted with the communities regarding details of their asset lists and gathered feedback on the draft inundation model results.

Work Plan

The agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to perform the Vulnerability Assessments contained the following tasks:

Task 1: Kickoff Meeting
Develop an overall project management plan and address initial actions. Conduct a kickoff meeting to discuss the project scope, goals, schedule, key milestones, and deliverables. Prepare meeting materials, including the sign-in sheet and project schedule.

Task 2: Acquire Background Data
Research and compile data necessary for the Vulnerability Assessment (VA), including critical and regionally significant asset inventory, topographic data, and flood scenario-related data. Identify and rectify any data gaps to ensure comprehensive data coverage.

Task 3: Exposure Analysis
Perform an exposure analysis to determine the depth of water caused by various flood scenarios, including tidal flooding, storm surge flooding, and rainfall-induced flooding. Detail the modeling processes and provide results through tables and maps.

Task 4: Sensitivity Analysis
Measure the impact of flooding on assets using data from the exposure analysis. Evaluate the impact of flood severity on each asset class and assign a risk level. Provide detailed findings and an initial list of impacted critical and regionally significant assets.

Task 5: Identify Focus Areas
Identify focus areas based on the exposure and sensitivity analyses. Assign focus areas to locations or assets that are particularly vulnerable and require adaptation strategies. Provide justification, tables, maps, and GIS files for the identified focus areas.

Task 6: Final Vulnerability Assessment Report, Maps, and Tables
Finalize the VA report, incorporating results from the exposure and sensitivity analyses, identified risks, and focus areas. Compile a list of critical and regionally significant assets impacted by flooding and specify the flood scenarios affecting each asset. Include GIS files and metadata in the final report.

Task 7: Public Presentation
Present the final VA results to local governing boards, technical committees, and other stakeholders. Share findings, provide recommendations for adaptation strategies, and inform the public about future risks. Prepare and distribute meeting materials and summarize meeting outcomes.

II. Data Collection

Critical/Regionally Significant Asset Data

The data collection process began with identifying and obtaining GIS datasets for critical and regionally significant assets. The Florida Statewide Resilience Dataset from FDEP was used as a starting point. It was compiled in 2023 and includes critical assets sourced from state, federal, and regional datasets, as well as locally provided asset data where available. Local government staff were consulted to identify the critical assets within this dataset that are owned and/or managed by the municipality, as well as any critical assets missing from the dataset. ECRC staff also utilized the Washington County Property Appraiser's record search to identify ownership of potential critical assets.

Critical Assets were identified by the four categories defined by 380.093(2)(a), Florida Statutes:

1. **Transportation assets and evacuation routes**, including airports, bridges, bus terminals, ports, major roadways, marinas, rail facilities, and railroad bridges.

2. **Critical infrastructure**, including wastewater treatment facilities and lift stations, stormwater treatment facilities and pump stations, drinking water facilities, water utility conveyance systems, electric production and supply facilities, solid and hazardous waste facilities, military installations, communications facilities, and disaster debris management sites.

3. **Critical community and emergency facilities**, including schools, colleges, universities, community centers, correctional facilities, disaster recovery centers, emergency medical service facilities, emergency operation centers, fire stations, health care facilities, hospitals, law enforcement facilities, local government facilities, logistical staging areas, affordable public housing, risk shelter inventory, and state government facilities.

4. **Natural, cultural, and historical resources**, including conservation lands, parks, shorelines, surface waters, wetlands, and historical and cultural assets.

Table 1. provides a summary of critical assets identified for the City of Chipley.

Table 1. Critical Assets Inventory

Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes			
Name	**Type**	**Owner/Operator**	**Elevation***
GRIFFIN RD	Major Roadways	City of Chipley	89.40′
5TH ST	Major Roadways	City of Chipley	100.05′
RAILROAD AVE	Major Roadways	City of Chipley	94.24′
PINE AVE	Major Roadways	City of Chipley	111.80′
S 7TH ST	Major Roadways	City of Chipley	101.49′
WEST BLVD	Major Roadways	City of Chipley	91.08′
Critical Infrastructure			
Name	**Type**	**Owner/Operator**	**Elevation***
CHIPLEY WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	82.26′
LIFT STATION #1 (WARD)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	77.70′
LIFT STATION #2 (KAY)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	82.05′
LIFT STATION #3 (JOHN TEAL)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	83.75′
LIFT STATION #4 (BENNETT)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	99.29′
LIFT STATION #5 (PONTIAC)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	99.32′
LIFT STATION #6 (PEACH)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	98.60′
LIFT STATION #7 (WALMART)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	121.92′
LIFT STATION #8 (HARRISON)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	113.62′
LIFT STATION #9 (VO-TECH)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	90.54′
LIFT STATION #10 (CITY HALL)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	79.39′
LIFT STATION #11 (PLUM)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	83.68′
LIFT STATION #12 (IND PARK)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	139.15′
LIFT STATION #13 (WASHINGTON SQUARE)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	126.22′
LIFT STATION #14 (HWY 77)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	106.92′
RECLAIM LIFT STATION (INTERMEDIATE)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	171.53′
SPRAY FIELD (DAVISON)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	157.97′
SPRAY FIELD (IND PARK)	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	104.39′

CHIPLEY WWTP SPRAYFIELD	Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	City of Chipley	311.92’
STORMWATER POND (825 5TH ST)	Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations	City of Chipley	99.62’
STORMWATER POND (672 5TH ST)	Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations	City of Chipley	99.77’
STORMWATER POND (CITY HALL)	Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations	City of Chipley	77.10’
STORMWATER POND (TRAWICK PARK)	Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations	City of Chipley	90.18’
WELL #1 (INDUSTRIAL PARK)	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	157.38’
WELL #5 (ROULHAC)	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	101.96’
CHIPLEY PLANT (INDUSTRIAL PARK)	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	157.38’
ROULHAC PLANT	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	101.96’
WELL #6	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	146.86’
ROULHAC TANK	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	101.30’
INDUSTRIAL TANK	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	139.82’
BRICKYARD TANK (HIGH SCHOOL)	Drinking Water Facilities	City of Chipley	144.20’
CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 1	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	76.82’
CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 2	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	141.42’
CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 3	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	91.88’
CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 4	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	80.14’
CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 5	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	158.48’
CHIPLEY LANDFILL	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	153.10’
SOUTH BLVD. DDMS	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	152.65’
CHIPLEY HURRICANE DEBRIS STAGING AREA	Solid Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	92.58’
NORTHWEST FLORIDA CAMPGROUND	Hazardous Waste Facilities	City of Chipley	93.61’
Critical Community and Emergency Facilities			
Name	**Type**	**Owner/Operator**	**Elevation**
CHIPLEY POLICE DEPT HEADQUARTERS	Law Enforcement Facilities	City of Chipley	81.45’
CHIPLEY CITY HALL	Local Government Facilities	City of Chipley	80.63’

Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources			
Name	**Type**	**Owner/Operator**	**Elevation***
JIM TRAWICK PARK	Parks	City of Chipley	92.70’
SHIVERS PARK	Parks	City of Chipley	96.52’
GILMORE PARK	Parks	City of Chipley	100.86’
NORTHSIDE PARK	Parks	City of Chipley	88.92’
OLD LIBRARY	Historical and Cultural Assets	City of Chipley	102.35’
OLD CHIPLEY CITY HALL	Historical and Cultural Assets	City of Chipley	102.35’

**Elevations for linear (roadway) and polygon (stormwater ponds, parks) features are averages across the length or area within the city limits.*

Local stakeholders also had the opportunity to identify Regionally Significant Assets, as defined by 380.093(2)(d), Florida Statutes:

> “Regionally significant assets” means critical assets that support the needs of communities spanning multiple geopolitical jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, water resource facilities, regional medical centers, emergency operations centers, regional utilities, major transportation hubs and corridors, airports, and seaports.

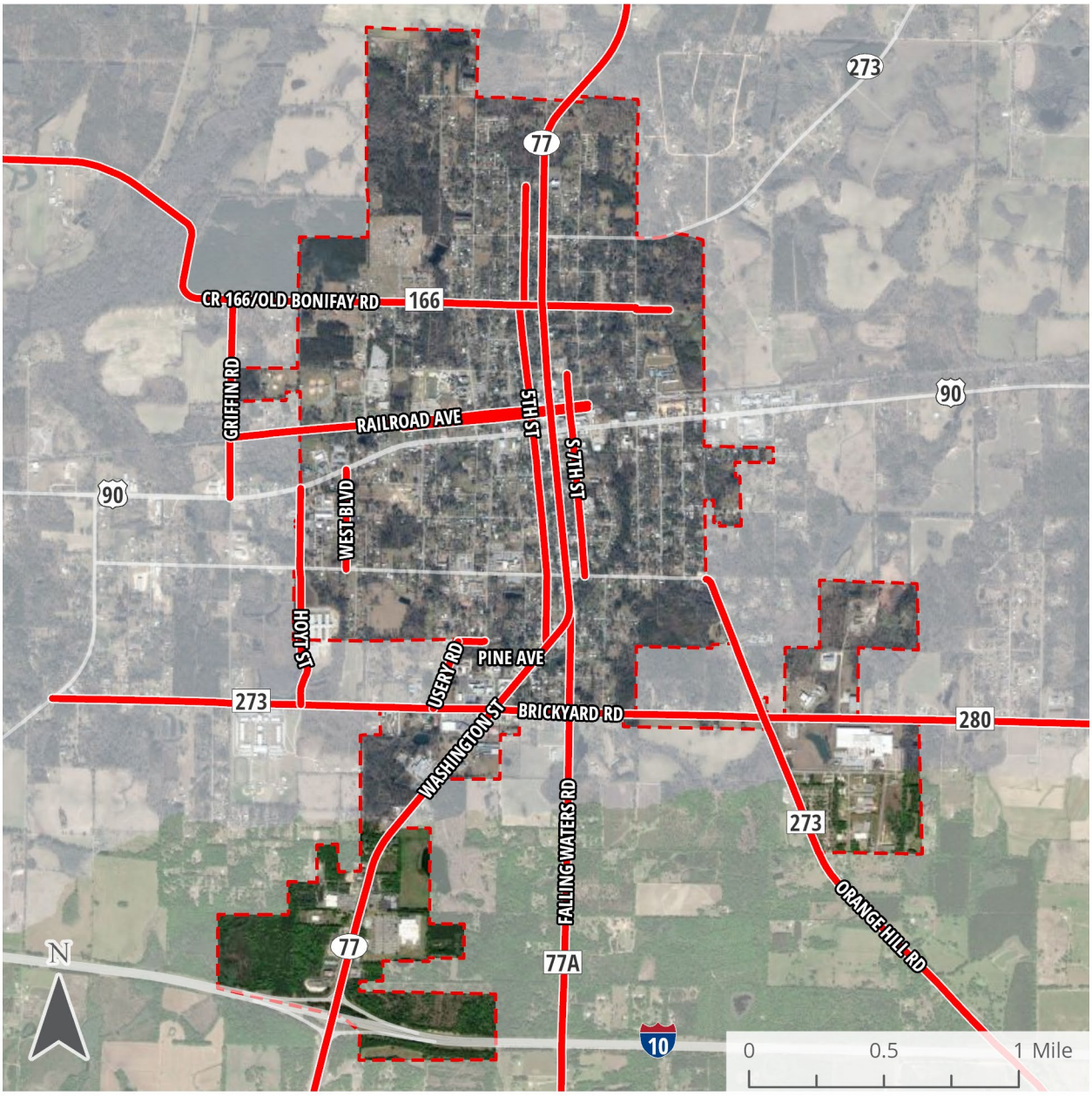
All Regionally Significant Assets for the City of Chipley are owned and operated by Washington County (Table 2).

Table 2. Regionally Significant Assets

Regionally Significant Assets				
Name	**Type**	**Class**	**Owner/Operator**	**Elevation***
CR 166/OLD BONIFAY RD	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	106.28′
BRICKYARD RD	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	137.44′
FALLING WATERS RD	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	115.81′
HOYT ST	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	95.64′
ORANGE HILL RD	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	112.23′
USERY RD	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	117.12′
WASHINGTON/MAIN ST	Major Roadways	Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes	Washington County	102.75′
WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Schools	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	98.32′
WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL	Correctional Facilities	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	147.36′
WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	Healthcare Facilities	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	105.90′
WASHINGTON REHAB & NURSING CENTER	Healthcare Facilities	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	114.34′
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF HEADQUARTERS	Law Enforcement Facilities	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	121.26′
WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMIN OFFICES	Local Government Facilities	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	108.44′
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE	Local Government Facilities	Critical Community & Emergency Facilities	Washington County	121.26′
WASHINGTON CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	Hazardous Waste Facilities	Critical Infrastructure	Washington County	98.87′

**Elevations for linear (roadway) features are averages across the length or area within the city limits.*

Figure 1. Critical Assets - Transportation and Evacuation Routes



City of Chipley - Transportation and Evacuation Routes

Major Roadways

Source: ECRC, FDEP, City of Chipley
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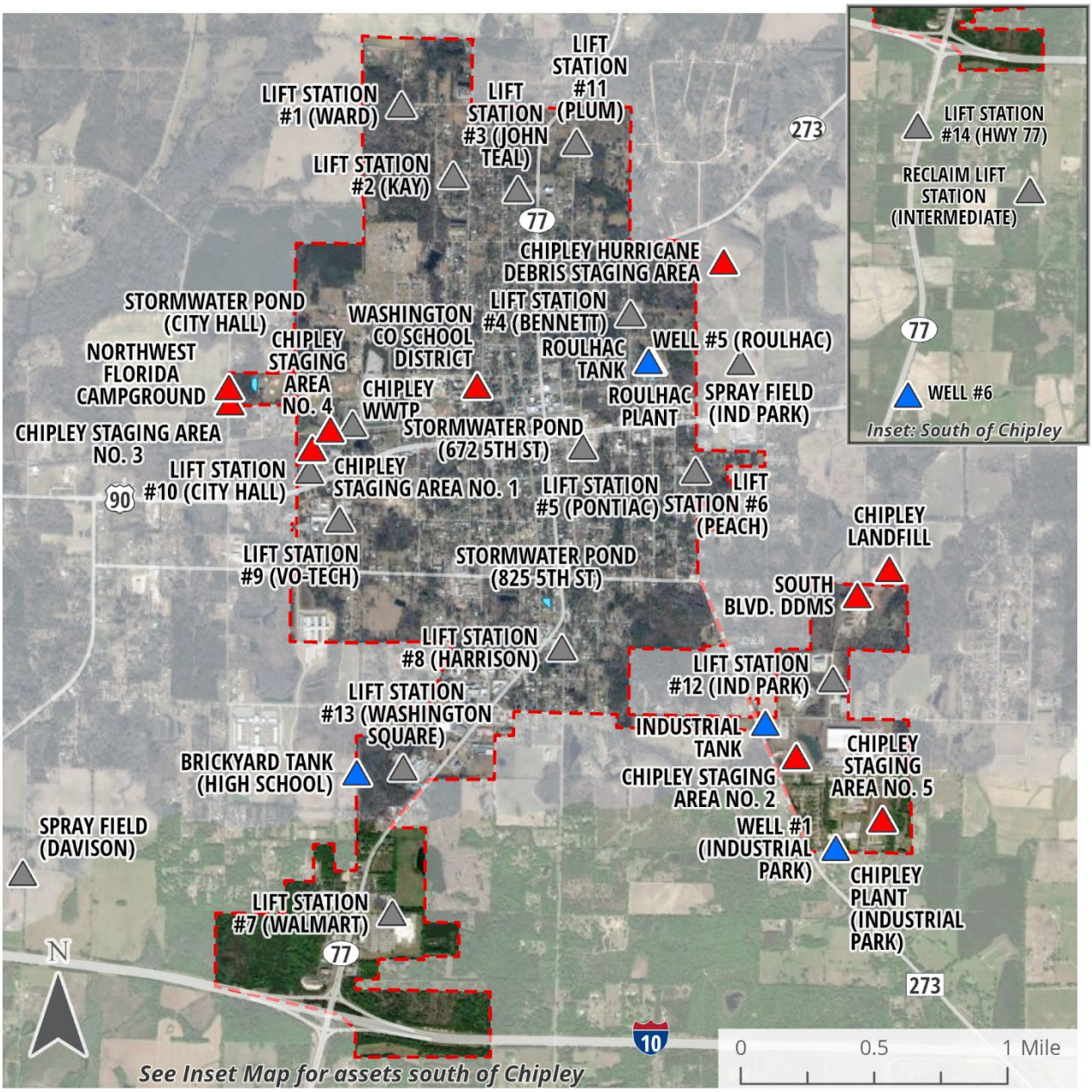
Figure 2. Critical Assets - Critical Infrastructure



City of Chipley - Critical Infrastructure

- Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations
- Drinking Water Facilities
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations

Source: ECRC, FDEP, City of Chipley
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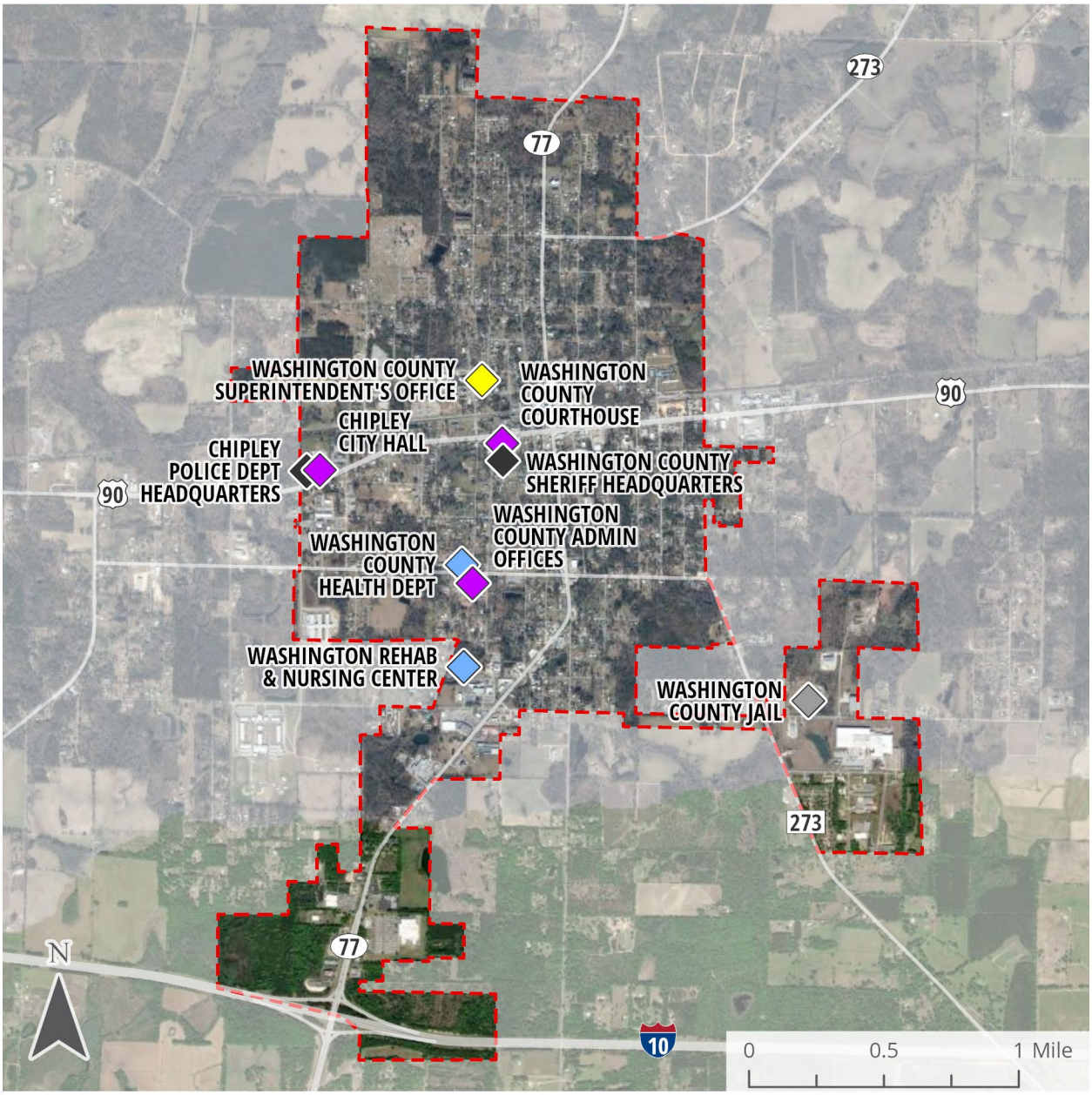
Chipley WWTP Sprayfield (appx. 10 miles SE of Chipley) not shown on map

Figure 3. Critical Assets - Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

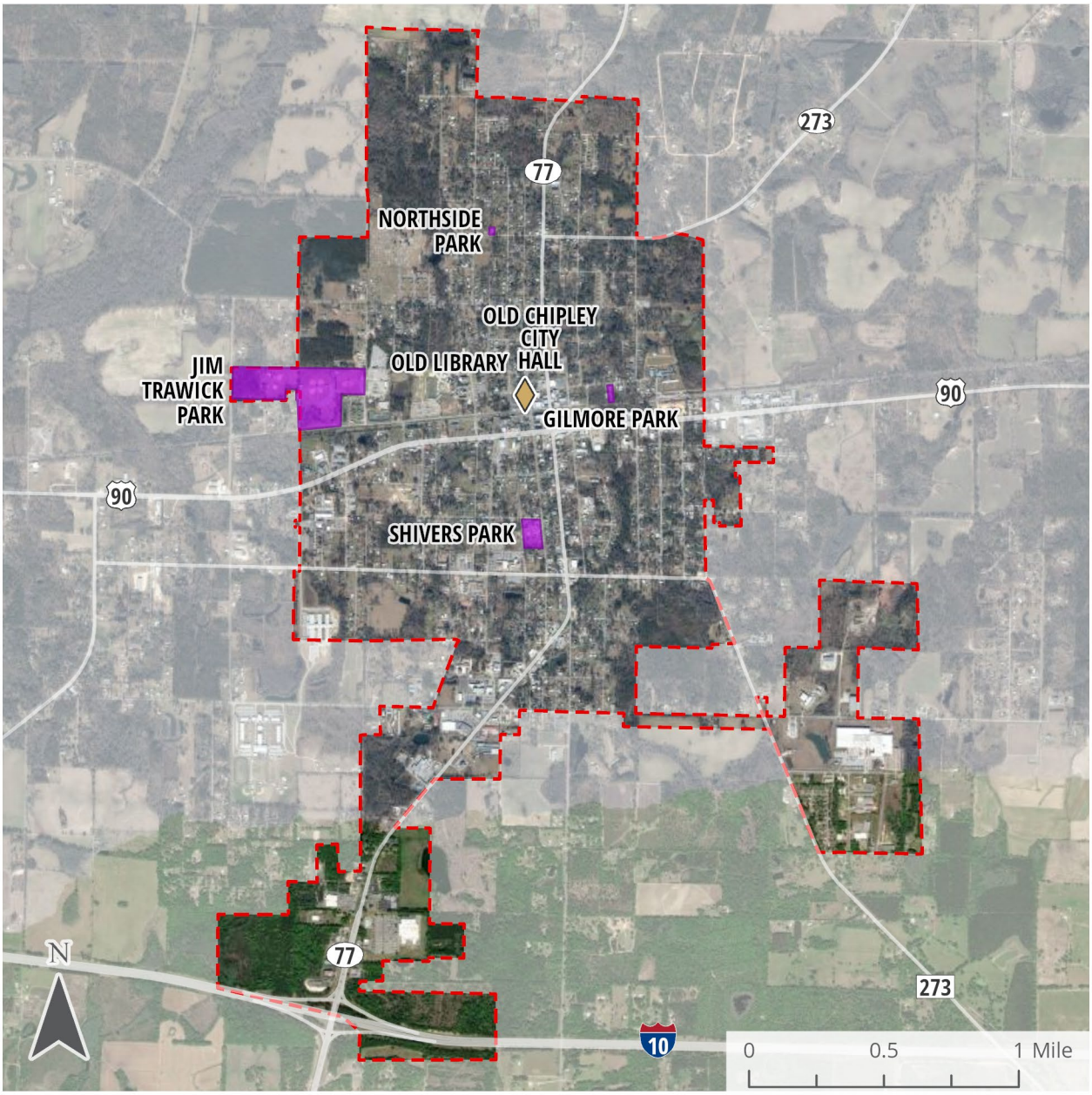


City of Chipley - Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

Source: ECRC, FDEP, City of Chipley
7/8/2024

- Schools
- Correctional Facilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Law Enforement Facilities
- Local Government Facilities

Figure 4. Critical Assets - Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources



City of Chipley - Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources

Historical and Cultural Assets

Parks

Source: ECRC, FDEP, City of Chipley
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Topographic Data

A digital elevation model (DEM) was obtained from USGS. The Florida Peninsular Hurricane Michael Supplemental DEM (2020) covers the majority of Washington County at a resolution of 2.5 feet. The DEM elevations are relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

Flood Scenario-Related Data

Storm Surge

Storm surge data was sourced from both NOAA's National Storm Surge Risk Maps (v.3, 2022) and the Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (a joint effort between FDEM and Florida's Regional Planning Councils, updated in 2020).

Sea Level Rise

Sea Level Rise data was collected from NOAA's 2017 Intermediate-High SLR projections for 2040 and 2070.

Precipitation

Precipitation data was sourced from NOAA Atlas 14. To derive future scenarios, CORDEX Near and Far 23rd percentile change factors were applied to the 24-hour, 100- and 500-year rain events from Atlas 14. This allowed for representation of extreme rain events under the 2040 and 2070 future time horizons.

Data Gap Analysis

An accurate Vulnerability Analysis requires complete and current data to represent current and future conditions and allow communities to be better prepared for future inundation hazards. The purpose of the Data Gap Analysis is to 1) review data obtained and identify any critical missing data or low-quality information that may limit the Vulnerability Assessment's extent or reduce the accuracy of results, and 2) rectify any gaps in necessary data.

The tables below summarize the data included within the vulnerability assessments and indicate the availability of the data as follows:

- **Available** - Data Readily Available
- **Not Available** - Data Not Available
- **Partial** – Data Partially Obtained

Table 3. Transportation Assets & Evacuation Routes

Dataset	Availability	Source / Type	Comments
Airports	Available	FDEP Critical Assets Dataset with review and edits from local government staff	No additional assets were added based on local input. Private assets including rail facilities were removed. Not all asset types are applicable or present within Chipley.
Bridges	Available		
Bus Terminals	Available		
Ports	Available		
Major Roadways	Available		
Marinas	Available		
Rail Facilities	Available		
Railroad Bridges	Available		

Table 4. Critical Infrastructure

Dataset	Availability	Source / Type	Comments
Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations	Available	FDEP Critical Assets Dataset (Geodatabase) with review and edits from local government staff	Many privately owned and controlled assets were included. These were removed after consultation with city staff. Additional water utility and stormwater facilities were added. Not all infrastructure types are applicable or present within Chipley.
Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations	Available		
Drinking Water Facilities	Available		
Water Utility Conveyance Systems	Available		
Electric Production & Supply Facilities	Available		
Solid & Hazardous Waste Facilities	Available		
Military Installations	Available		
Communications Facilities	Available		
Disaster Debris Management Sites	Available		

Table 5. Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

Dataset	Availability	Source / Type	Comments
Schools	Available	FDEP Critical Assets Dataset (Geodatabase) with review and edits from local government staff	City staff did not identify any missing Critical Community and Emergency Facilities. Not all facility types are applicable or present within Chipley.
Colleges & Universities	Available		
Community Centers	Available		
Correctional Facilities	Available		
Disaster Recovery Centers	Available		
Emergency Medical Service Facilities	Available		
Emergency Operations Centers	Available		
Fire Stations	Available		
Health Care Facilities	Available		
Hospitals	Available		
Law Enforcement Facilities	Available		
Local Government Facilities	Available		
Logistical Staging Areas	Available		
Affordable Public Housing	Available		
Risk Shelters	Available		
State Government Facilities	Available		

Table 6. Natural, Cultural, & Historical Resources

Dataset	Availability	Source / Type	Comments
Conservation Lands	Available	FDEP Critical Assets Dataset (Geodatabase) with review and edits from local government staff	Many private or state-owned and controlled assets included in the FDEP were removed from analysis. Not all resource types are applicable or present within Chipley.
Parks	Available		
Shorelines	Available		
Surface Waters	Available		
Wetlands	Available		
Historical & Cultural Assets	Available		

Table 7. Topographic Data

Dataset	Availability	Source	Type	Comments
LiDAR, DEM	Available	Florida Peninsular Hurricane Michael Supplemental (2020), 2.5ft resolution	Raster	Inundate! Model input
Finished Floor Elevation (FFE)	Partial	City of Chipley	Email	FFE was obtained for some critical assets.

Table 8. Flood Scenario Related Data

Dataset	Availability	Source	Type	Comments
Precipitation	Available	NOAA Atlas 14	Raster	Inundate! Model input
Groundwater Level	Available	Inundate! Model	Raster	Available water storage is calculated within model
Sea Level Rise (SLR)	Available	NOAA Intermediate-High	Raster	Not applicable
Tidal Flooding	Available	NOAA	Raster	Not applicable
Storm Surge	Available	NOAA, FDEM	Raster, GIS Shapefile (polygon)	Not applicable
River Channel Cross-Sections	Available	Inundate! Model	GIS Shapefile (line)	Transects are created within model
Land Use	Available	USGS	Raster	Inundate! Model input
Evapotranspiration	Available	USGS	Raster	Not utilized in model
Soil Classification	Available	Soil Conservation Service (SSURGO)	Raster	Inundate! Model input
Lake Points	Available	USGS NHD	GIS Shapefile (point)	Inundate! Model input. Layer was edited to include missing lake points.
Change Factors	Available	CORDEX 24hr 100yr NEAR (2040) and FAR (2070) rasters	Raster	Inundate! Model input
Impervious Surfaces	Available	NOAA	Raster	Inundate! Model input
Building Footprints	Available	Microsoft	GIS Shapefile (polygon)	Inundate! Model input. Layer was edited to include missing footprints.
Burn Lines	Available	USGS NHD and user-defined (ECRC)	GIS Shapefile (line)	Inundate! Model input

Data Gap Summary and Recommendations

The majority of data required for the vulnerability assessment was publicly available for download and use.

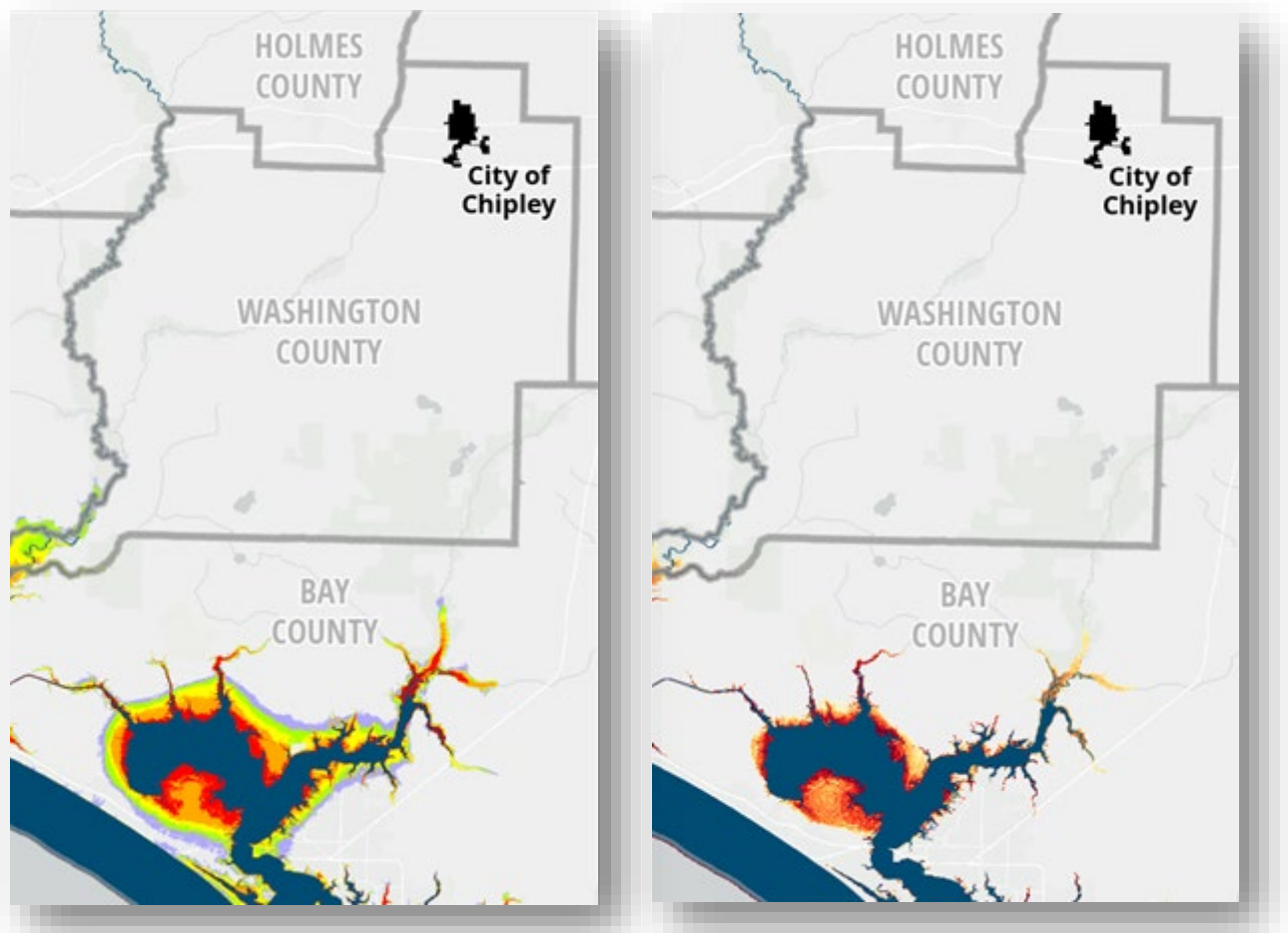
While Finished Floor Elevation (FFE) data was obtained for most assets, there were challenges obtaining FFE data for all structures. Many municipalities could not provide the required documentation, often due to the limited availability of records or resource constraints. The cost to obtain accurate elevation data can be significant, and not all communities have the resources or systems to collect and maintain this information comprehensively.

The absence of FFE data impacts the precision of the sensitivity analysis. This gap may lead to less accurate predictions regarding the vulnerability of certain assets. Fortunately, in most cases for Washington County municipalities, flooding around structures is minimal or is located on the parcel away from the structure itself.

To address this limitation, municipalities may consider grant opportunities or regional partnerships to ensure that FFE data is more readily available for future assessments.

III. Exposure Analysis

Due to the City of Chipley's inland location, and after consultation with FDEP staff, it was not deemed vulnerable to sea-level rise or storm surge hazards. Therefore, those risks were not analyzed as part of the Vulnerability Assessment. Inland communities should, however, remain aware of how hazards like sea level rise can transform water levels along rivers and should continue to evaluate potential impacts in the future.



City of Chipley in relation to category 1-5 storm surge (left) and intermediate-high sea level rise (right).

For the City of Chipley, the vulnerability analysis focused on the risk of flooding due to future extreme rainfall events.

Modeling Process

Rainfall-induced flooding was modeled using the Inundate! Tool. Inundate! was developed by FlynnMetrics, LLC and is based upon previous inundation tools developed for the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program. It runs as an add-on within Esri's ArcView Desktop software, and the rainfall model module utilizes Esri's ArcHydro tools.

Multiple input data variables and user-defined parameters work together to create possible flood scenarios for three inundation types: Storm Surge from hurricanes, Sea Level Rise from climate change, and Inland Rain Flooding from future precipitation. As noted above, because Chipley is not deemed vulnerable to storm surge or sea level rise, this Vulnerability Assessment focuses only on inland flooding from precipitation.

Model Inputs:

- Digital Elevation Model (DEM) raster
    - Florida Peninsular Hurricane Michael Supplemental (2020), 2.5ft resolution
- Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) raster - Soil Conservation Service
- Land Use Land Cover (LULC) raster - USGS
- Rain Surface raster – NWS 24hr100yr and NWS 24hr500yr
- Change Factor raster - CORDEX 24hr100yr NEAR (2040) and CORDEX 24 hr100yr FAR (2070)
- Impervious Surfaces - NOAA
- Lake Points – USGS NHD w/user edits
- Relation Tables:
    - Soil Component table
    - Soil Aggregate table
    - Runoff table
- Burn Line layers - USGS NHD and user-defined

The Inundate! Tool produces output comprised of two parts based on the hydrology modeling used. One part is a flow model that uses a hybrid combination of dendritic (stream and synthetic stream) and deranged (lake and wetland) hydrology to produce the inundation in the associated watershed catchments. The other part is ponding, or sometimes called blue-spot hydrology, which is based solely on water gathering and filling depressions with no flow involved.

Model Outputs:

- Water Bodies (Lakes, Rivers, Flat Water Areas)
- Swamps
- Drainage Flow Depth

- Ponding Depth

It is important to note that Inundate! is not an engineering scale model. It is surface based with no attention to sub-surface stormwater infrastructure. The inundation output data is used by the project team in the screening process to determine possible areas where future extreme rain events may result in hazardous flooding. It is most useful at the local government scale to identify where communities may want to carry out more detailed engineering assessments for infrastructure improvement strategies. Like all models, results are only approximations and should be used for planning purposes only.

Scenarios

The following Rainfall-Induced Flood Scenarios were modeled using the Inundate! GIS Tool. They are aimed at providing future extreme conditions, with corresponding future flooding results.

Near-Term 2040 Planning Horizon:

- 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event
- 500-year, 24-hour rainfall event

Far-Term 2070 Planning Horizon:

- 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event
- 500-year, 24-hour rainfall event

The maximum precipitation over the modeled area for each scenario is shown in Table 9.

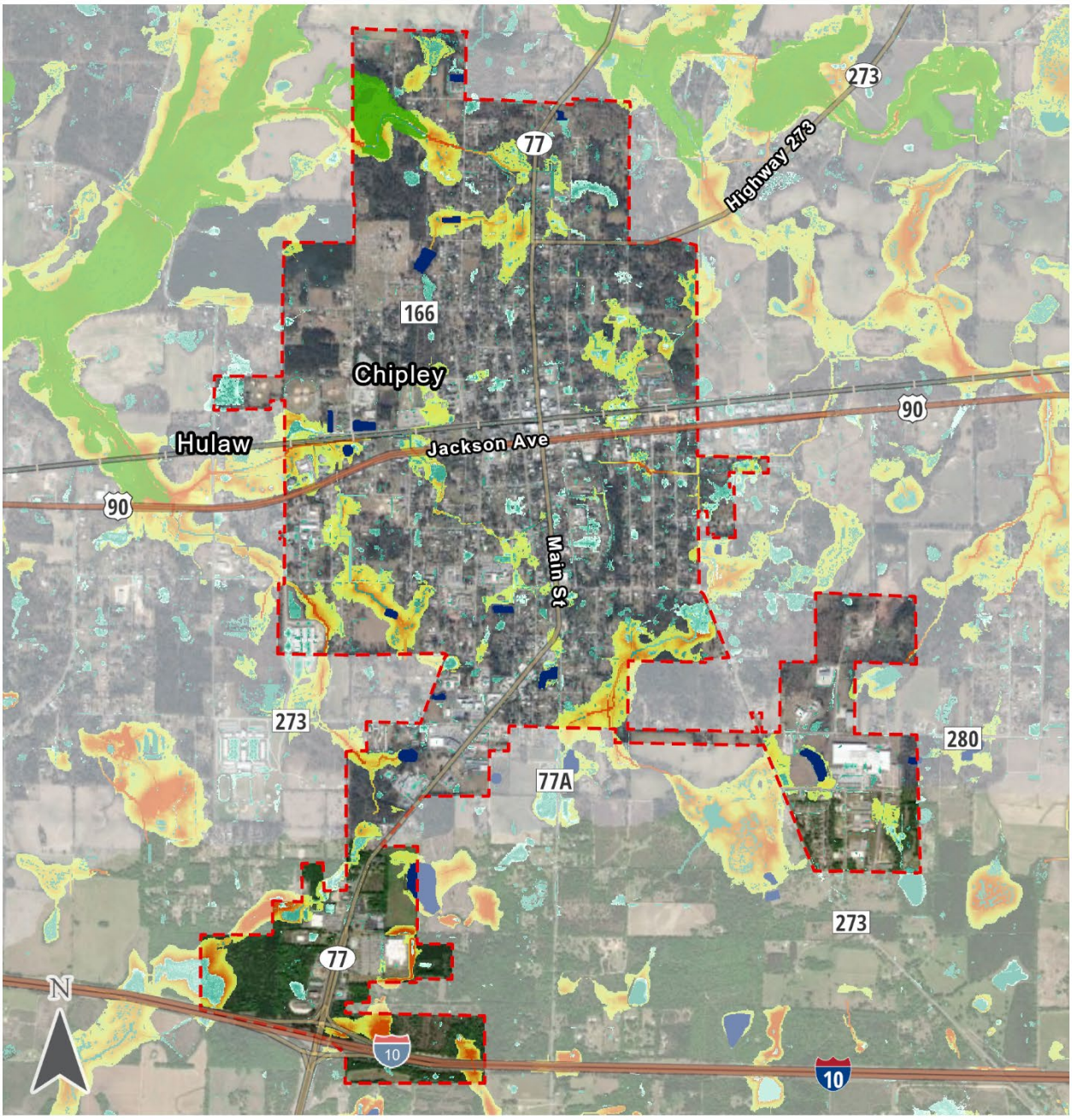
Table 9. Maximum Precipitation by Rainfall Scenario

24-Hour Rainfall Scenario	100-Year		500-Year	
	2040	2070	2040	2070
Maximum Precipitation (inches)*	18.10”	19.19”	24.85”	26.34”

**over the modeled area*

Figures 5-8 illustrate the Inundate! outputs for each of the four modeled scenarios.

Figure 5. 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall – 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario 7/8/2024

Municipality
County
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
Higher
Lower

0 0.5 1 Mile

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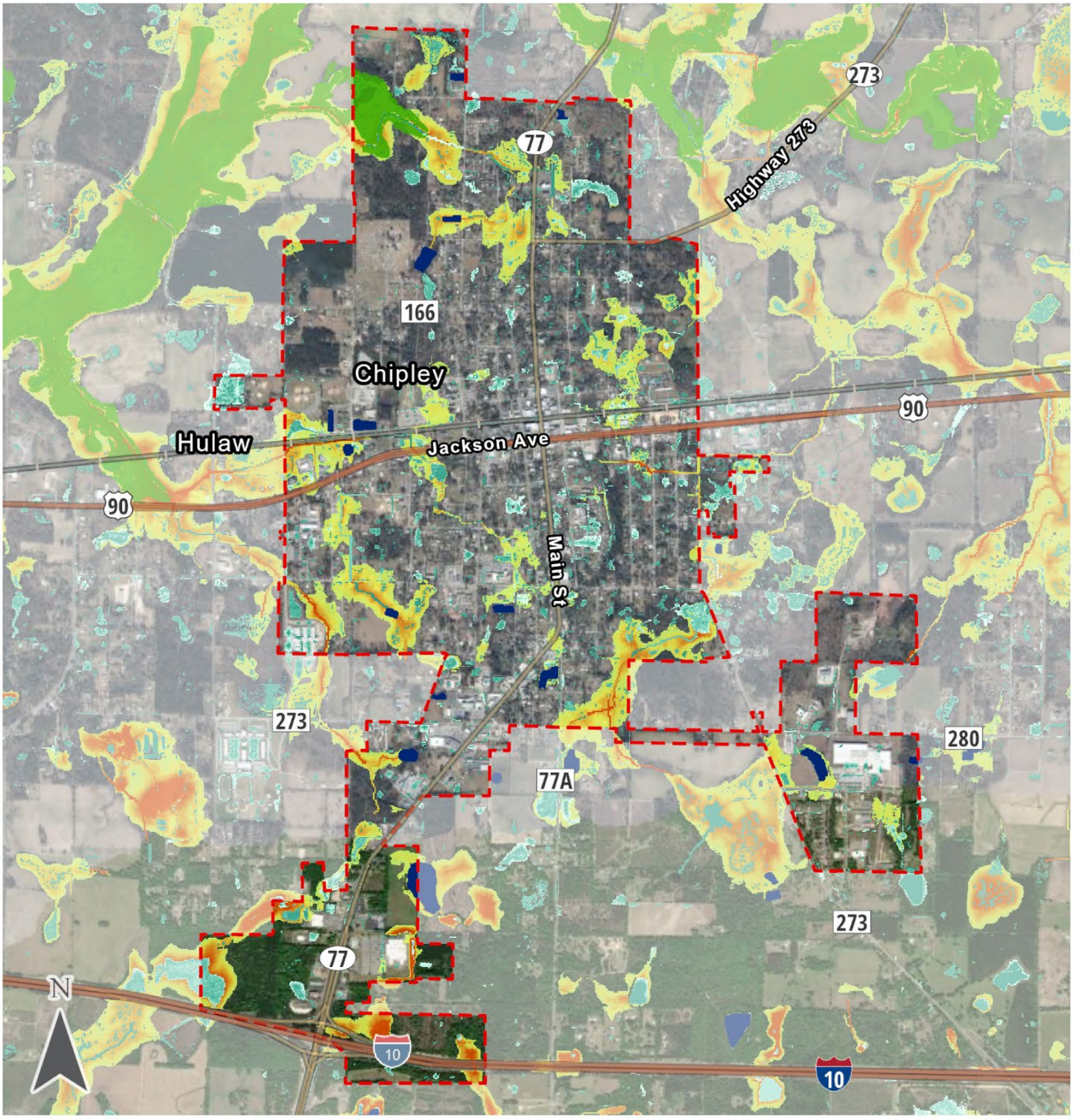
Figure 6. 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall - 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario 7/8/2024

Municipality
County
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
Higher
Lower

0 0.5 1 Mile

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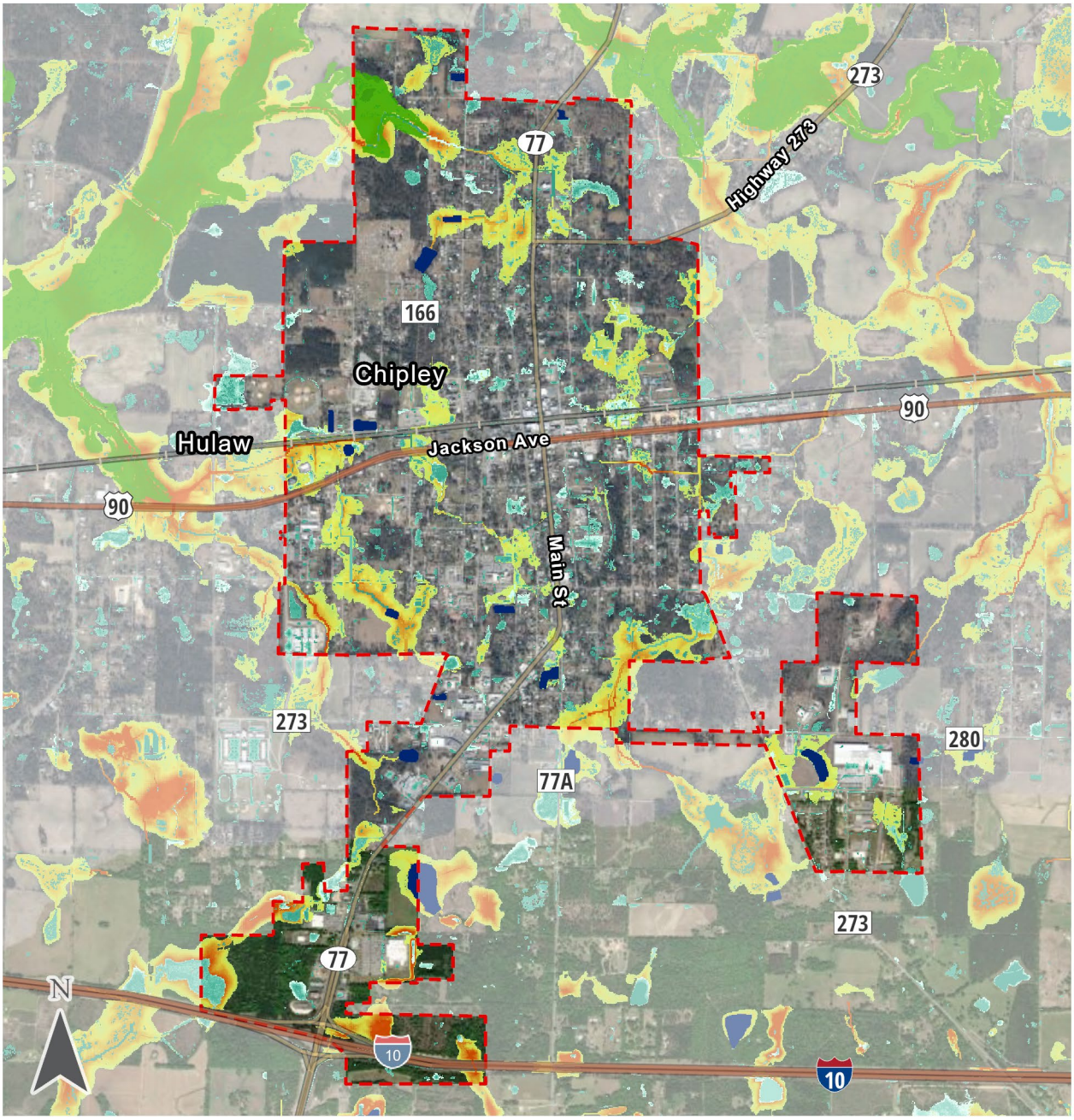
Figure 7. 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario 7/8/2024

Municipality
County
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
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Lower

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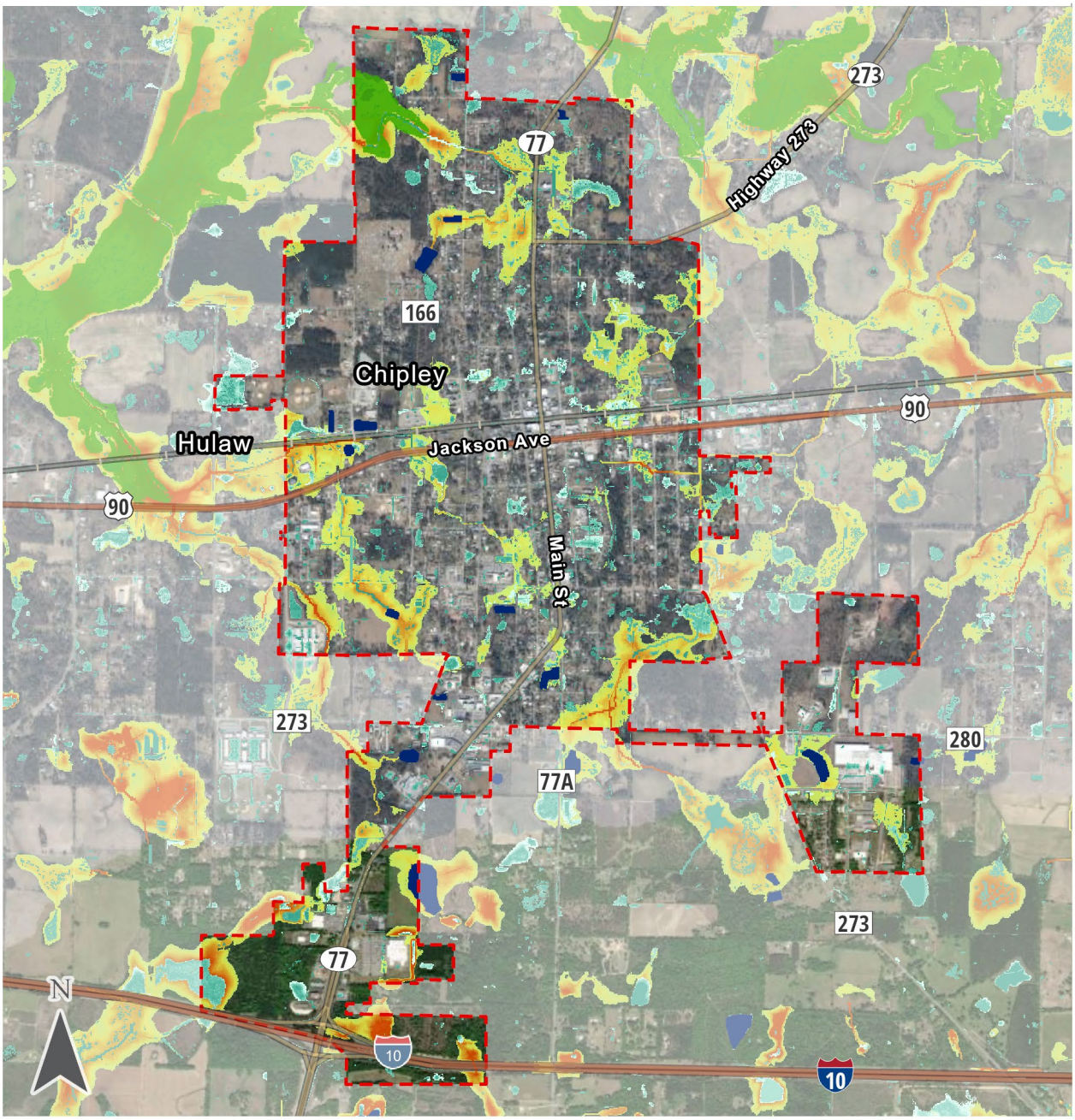
Figure 8. 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario 7/8/2024

Municipality
County
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
Higher
Lower

0 0.5 1 Mile

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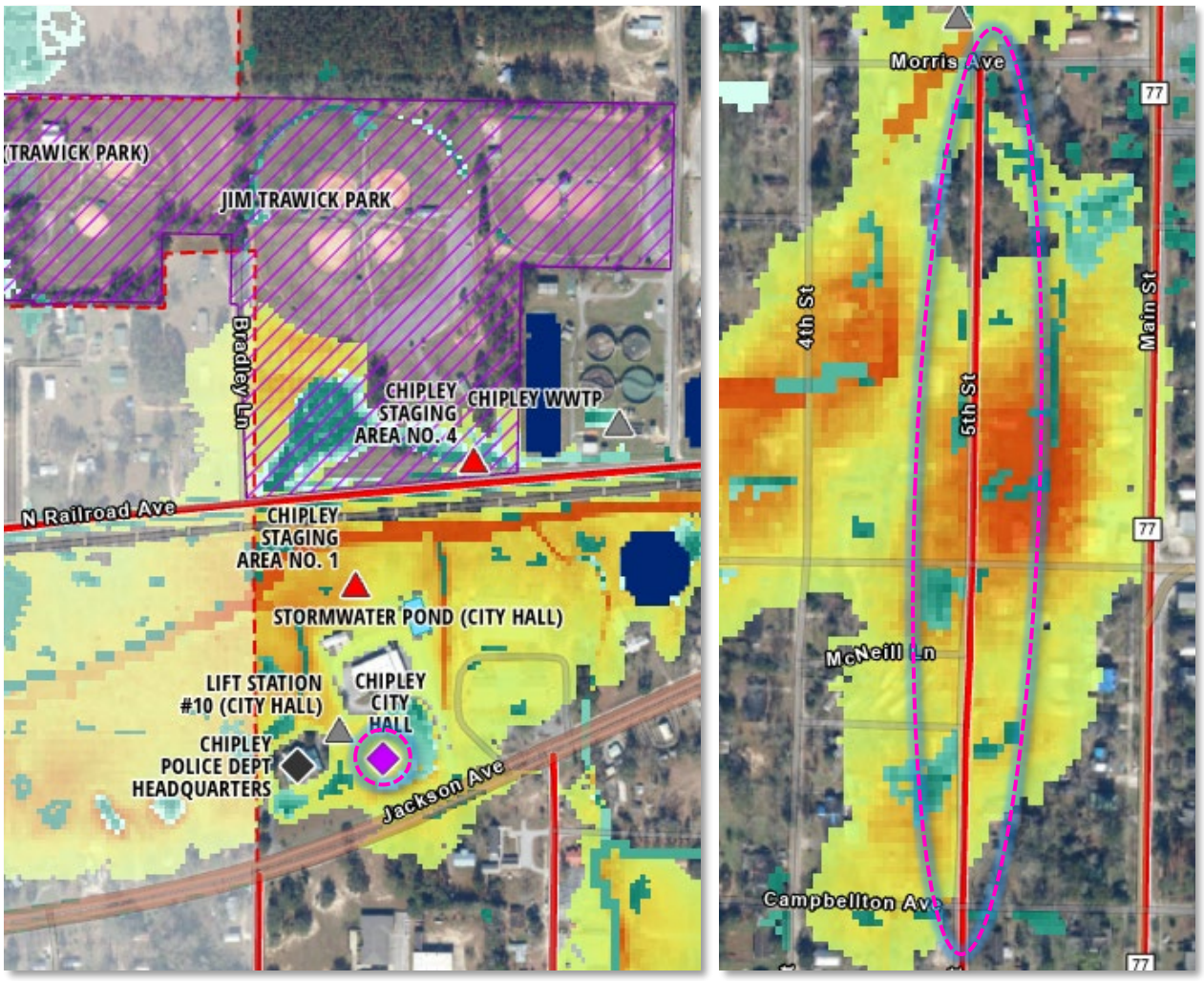
IV. Sensitivity Analysis

The Sensitivity Analysis measures the impact of modeled flooding on the identified critical assets. The aim is to evaluate the severity of flooding impacts on each asset under the four modeled flood scenarios.

Exposure of the assets (identified in Tables 1 and 2) was evaluated against each flood type and scenario by using a GIS overlay approach, where the mapped flooding extents were overlaid on top of assets. Figures 9-24 illustrate the modeled rainfall flooding scenarios in relation to the identified critical assets.



Rainfall flooding (circled) at Chipley City Hall (L), and along 5th Street (R) in the 500-year 2070 rainfall scenario.

In the City of Chipley, out of the 69 assets included in the analysis, 22 (32%) are exposed to flooding under at least one modeled rainfall scenario. The assets potentially exposed to flooding include four lift stations, two logistical staging areas, one government facility, four parks, and eleven roadways. See Table 12 for the full list of affected assets.

Table 10 categorizes the risk levels of critical assets by evaluating the percentage of assets exposed to flooding under various scenarios. Risk levels—None, Low, Medium, High, and Extreme—are assigned based on the percentage of affected assets in each asset class. These percentages may be somewhat misleading given the small number of identified assets overall, but they provide a metric that allows prioritization of future adaptation actions.

Table 10. Risk Assessment Percentages

Risk Assessment	Critical Assets Affected (% of Total Assets within each Asset Class)
None	0%
Low	1-25%
Medium	26 – 50%
High	51 – 75%
Extreme	>75%

Each of the four asset classes are potentially affected by future inundation in the City of Chipley (Table 11). Flooding can cause both immediate and long-term damage to roadways. In the short term, inundated roads can become impassable, disrupting daily traffic and potentially stranding vehicles. Over time, frequent or prolonged flooding can degrade the structural integrity of roadways, leading to issues such as road base erosion, pavement weakening, and potholes and cracks. This deterioration can increase maintenance costs and lead to more frequent road closures, reducing the reliability of the transportation network. Additionally, standing water on road surfaces can increase the likelihood of accidents and reduce the lifespan of road materials, further escalating repair and replacement costs.

Flooding in and around government facilities can temporarily disrupt the overall functioning of local government, leading to delays in decision-making and response actions. This disruption can extend beyond the immediate period of inundation, as water damage to buildings, furniture, and educational materials may necessitate extensive repairs and replacements. Over time, repeated flooding can degrade the structural integrity of these facilities, increase maintenance costs, and potentially require relocation or reconstruction.

In extreme cases, inundation of lift stations can lead to the spillage of untreated or partially treated sewage into nearby water bodies, posing significant risks to public health and the environment. Lift stations, which rely on electrical components to pump sewage, are

particularly vulnerable to flooding, as water infiltration can cause mechanical failures and disrupt operations. Over time, frequent flooding can damage infrastructure including pumps, motors, and electrical systems, leading to increased maintenance costs, reduced operational efficiency, and, potentially, extended downtimes during critical periods.

Although temporary flooding impacts are less significant for public parks and debris staging areas, it is still important for community leaders to understand and plan for these projected impacts. The inundation of park areas can make them inaccessible, leading to the loss of recreational opportunities and potential revenue from tourism. Floodwater can potentially also cause damage to park infrastructure, including trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas. Over time, repeated flooding can erode soil, degrade landscapes, and alter ecosystems within parks, potentially leading to the loss of biodiversity.

Overall, eleven of thirteen evaluated Transportation Assets (85%), five of forty-one Critical Infrastructure Assets (12%), one of nine Community Facilities (11%), and four of six Natural Resources (67%) are potentially affected (Table 11). These percentages are largely consistent across all four modeled scenarios although there is one additional Critical Infrastructure and one Community Facility that is only inundated in the 500-year event scenarios. The City of Chipley's Transportation Assets are overall categorized as 'Extreme' risk, while Critical Infrastructure and Community Facilities are 'Low' risk. Natural Resources are categorized as 'High' risk. It should be noted that a relatively small number of assets overall were included in the analysis.

Table 11. Percentage of Critical Assets Affected by Asset Class and Scenario

Asset Class	Critical Assets Evaluated	Assets Affected by Rainfall Scenario			
		100-Year		500-Year	
		2040	2070	2040	2070
Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	13	11 (85%)	11 (85%)	11 (85%)	11 (85%)
Critical Infrastructure	41	4 (10%)	4 (10%)	5 (12%)	5 (12%)
Critical Community and Emergency Facilities	9	0	0	1 (11%)	1 (11%)
Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources	6	4 (67%)	4 (67%)	4 (67%)	4 (67%)

Table 12. Flood Depths by Scenario for Affected Assets

Asset	Asset Class	Address	Finished First Floor Elevation	Rainfall Scenario Flood Depth*			
				100-Year		500-Year	
				2040	2070	2040	2070
1. CHIPLEY CITY HALL	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities	1442 Jackson Ave	Not available	-	-	0.49′	0.56′
2. 5TH ST	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	North of Campbellton Ave	NA	3.71′	3.76′	3.92′	3.99′
3. RAILROAD AVE	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Near Bradley Ln	NA	3.38′	3.43′	3.53′	3.60′
4. BRICKYARD RD	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Between Falling Waters Rd and 8th St	NA	3.27′	3.33′	3.52′	3.60′
5. FALLING WATERS RD	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	At Woodrow Ave and Brickyard Rd	NA	1.99′	2.05′	2.23′	2.31′
6. WEST BLVD	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Near Forrest Ave	NA	1.81′	1.86′	2.31′	2.38′
7. CR 166/OLD BONIFAY RD	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Near Bennett Dr	NA	1.81′	1.86′	1.96′	2.02′
8. S 7TH ST	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	At Watts Ave	NA	1.59′	1.59′	1.59′	1.59′
9. PINE AVE	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Near 1st St	NA	1.17′	1.23′	1.37′	1.45′
10. HOYT ST	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Kate M Smith ES Parking Lot	NA	1.01′	1.01′	1.01′	1.01′
11. WASHINGTON/MAIN ST	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	At South Blvd	NA	0.21′	0.26′	0.35′	0.41′
12. GRIFFIN RD	Transportation Assets and Evacuation Routes	Just north of U.S. 90	NA	0.04′	0.09′	0.59′	0.51′

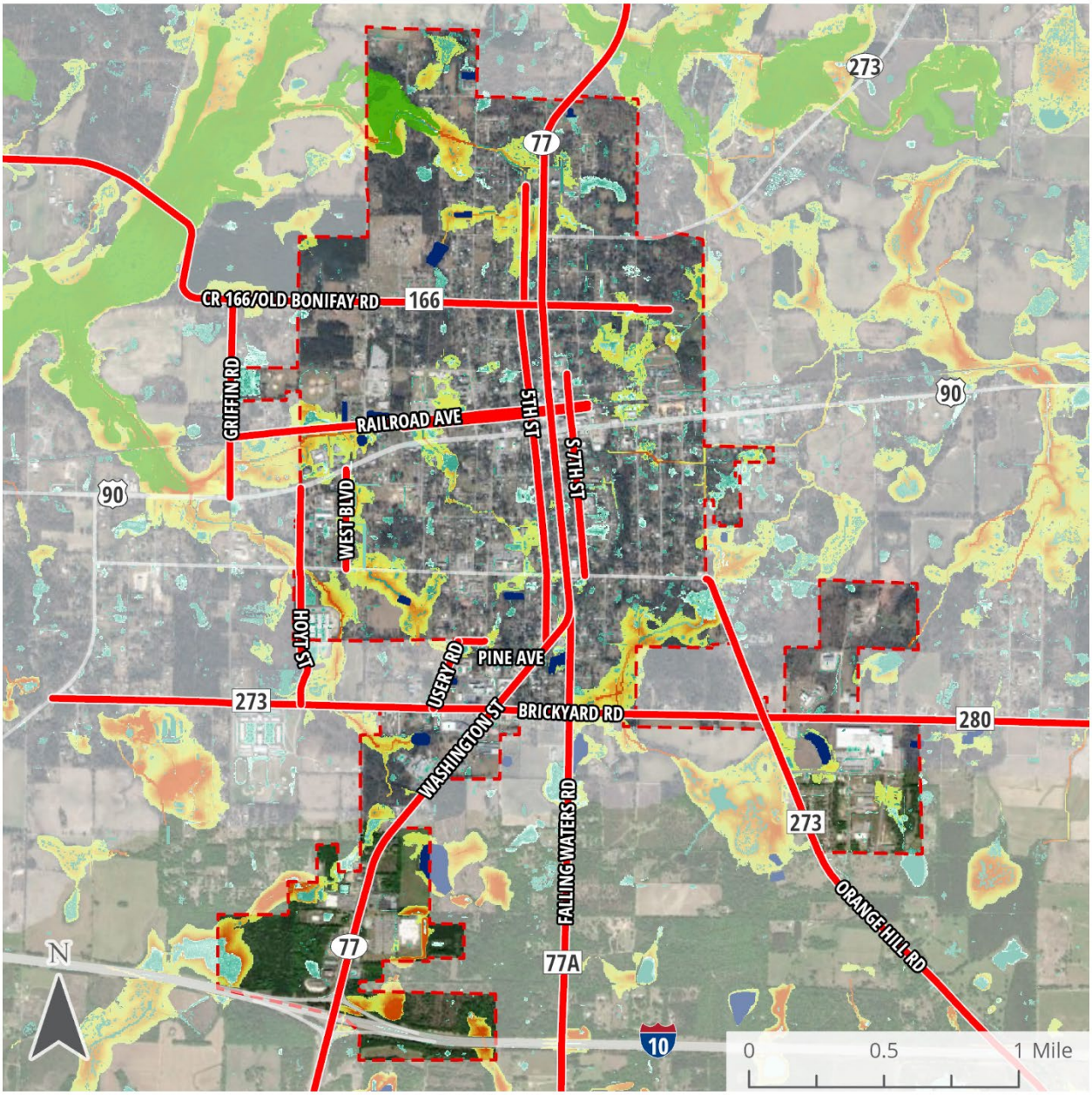
13. LIFT STATION #9 (VO-TECH)	Critical Infrastructure	756 West Blvd	10.96′	0.80′	0.86′	1.29′	1.37′
14. LIFT STATION #10 (CITY HALL)	Critical Infrastructure	1442 Jackson Ave	1.33′	0.03′	0.09′	0.81′	0.88′
15. LIFT STATION #2 (KAY)	Critical Infrastructure	1336 Kay Ave	6.22′	0.48′	0.53′	-	-
16. LIFT STATION #8 (HARRISON)	Critical Infrastructure	832 Falling Waters Rd	2.06′	-	-	0.05′	0.13′
17. SHIVERS PARK	Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources	784 5th St	NA	5.00′	5.06′	5.32′	5.40′
18. NORTHSIDE PARK	Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources	824 Glenwood Ave	NA	0.90′	0.95′	1.04′	1.10′
19. GILMORE PARK	Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources	1227 Church Ave	NA	3.15′	3.20′	3.34′	3.41′
20. JIM TRAWICK PARK	Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources	677 Griffin Rd	NA	6.78′	6.83′	5.46′	5.53′
21. CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 1	Critical Infrastructure	U.S. Highway 90 behind City Hall	NA	2.31′	2.36′	3.20′	3.27′
22. CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 5	Critical Infrastructure	Roland Fowler Dr	NA	-	-	0.09′	0.17′

**Depths for linear (roadway) and polygon (park) features are maximum modeled depths across the length or area within the city limits.*

Although Chipley City Hall is only affected in the modeled 500-year scenarios, the area surrounding City Hall shows significant inundation in each scenario. Because of this and its critical function, City Hall is therefore ranked first priority. Discussions with City staff confirmed that City Hall flooded during Hurricane Sally in 2020.

Due to the modeled flood depth and area affected, 5th street is ranked second, followed by the remaining transportation assets by modeled depth. The lift stations, parks, and staging areas follow in priority order.

Figure 9. Transportation and Evacuation Routes – 100-Year, 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario
Transportation and Evacuation Routes

Major Roadways

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
Higher
Lower

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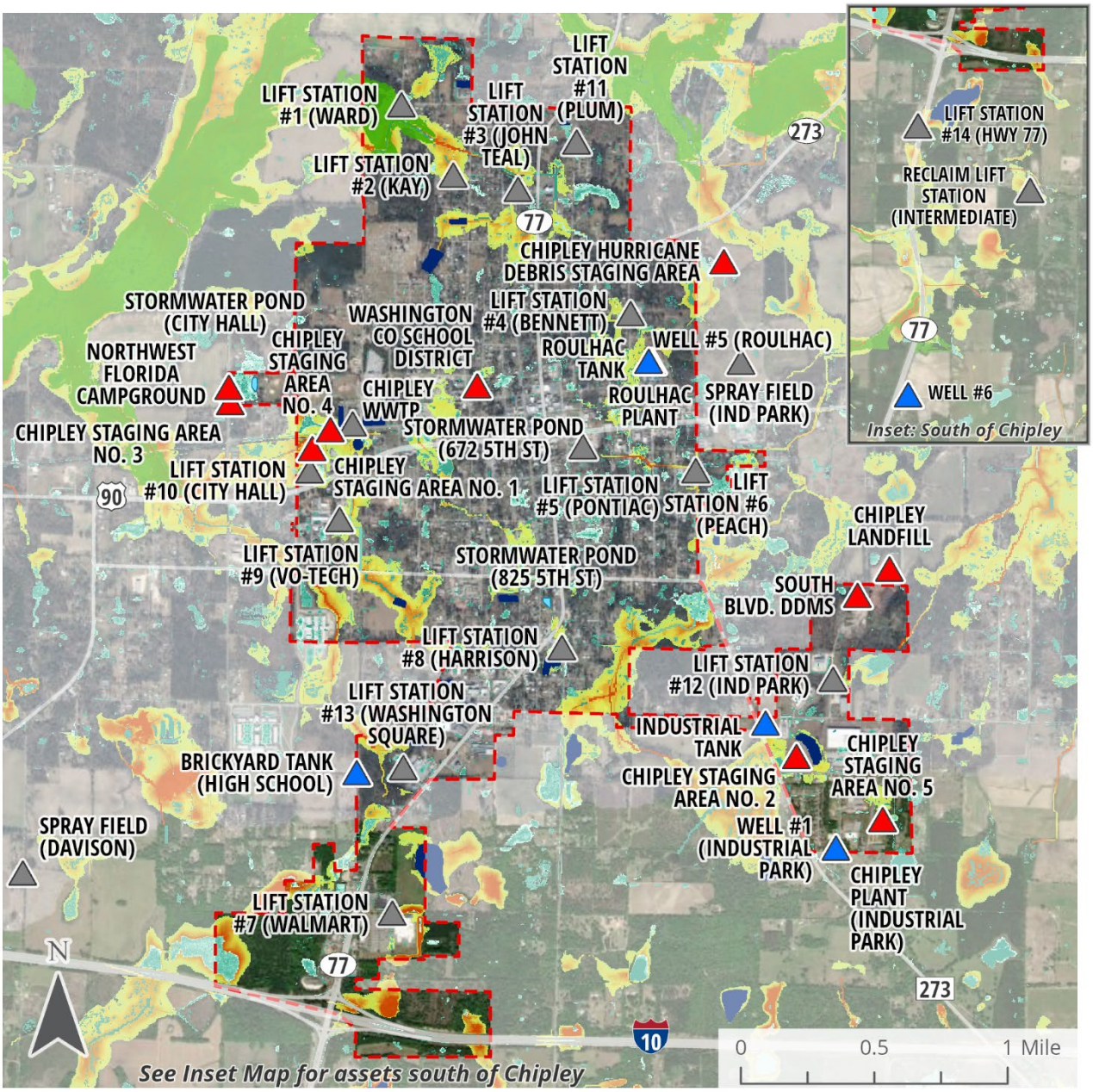
Figure 10. Critical Infrastructure – 100-Year, 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario

Critical Infrastructure

- Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations
- Drinking Water Facilities
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations

- Municipality
- Water Body
- Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher / Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher / Lower

Chipley WWTP Sprayfield (appx. 10 miles SE of Chipley) not shown on map

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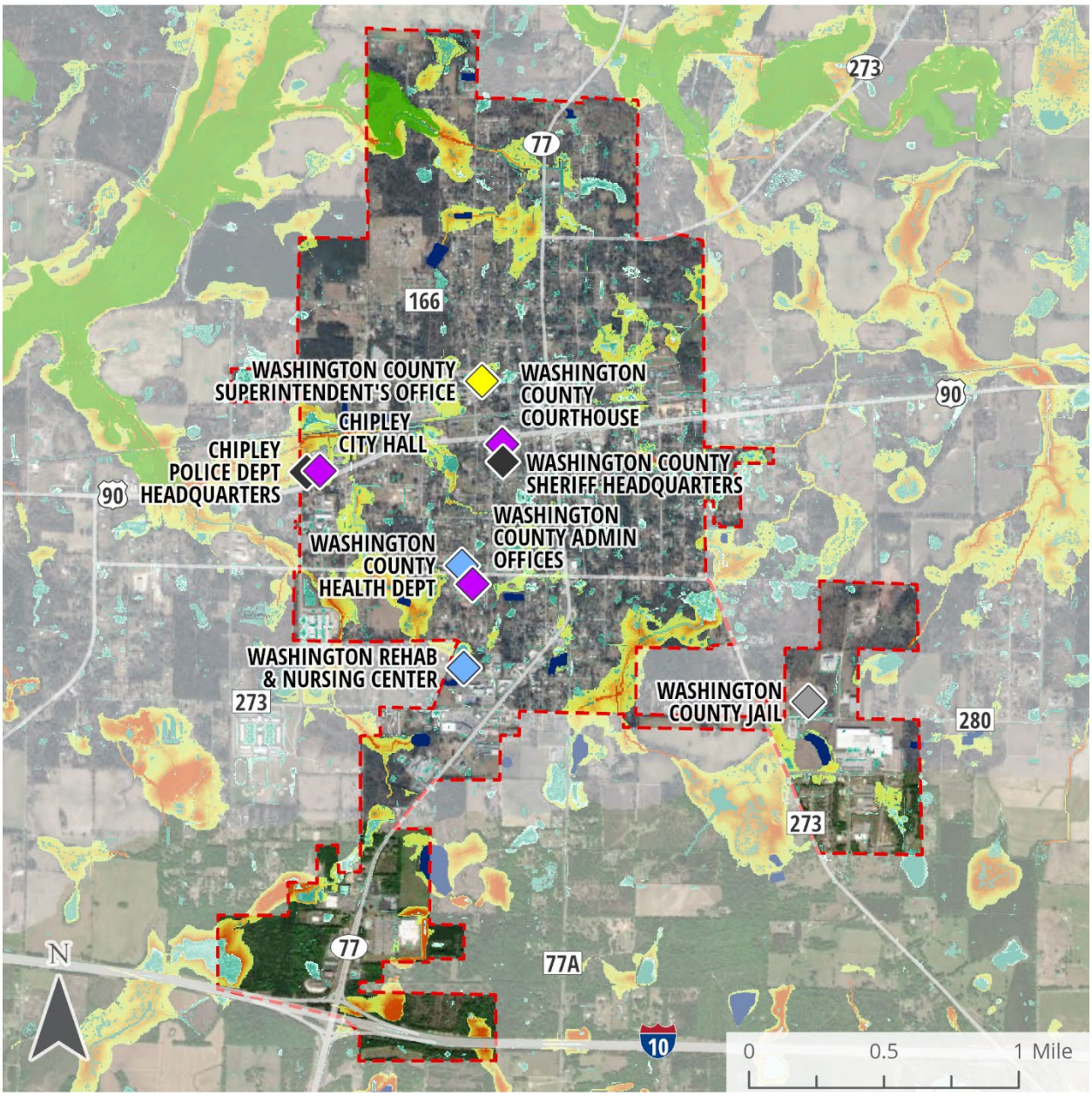
Figure 11. Critical Community & Emergency Facilities - 100-Year, 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario
Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

- Schools
- Correctional Facilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Law Enforement Facilities
- Local Government Facilities

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher – Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher – Lower

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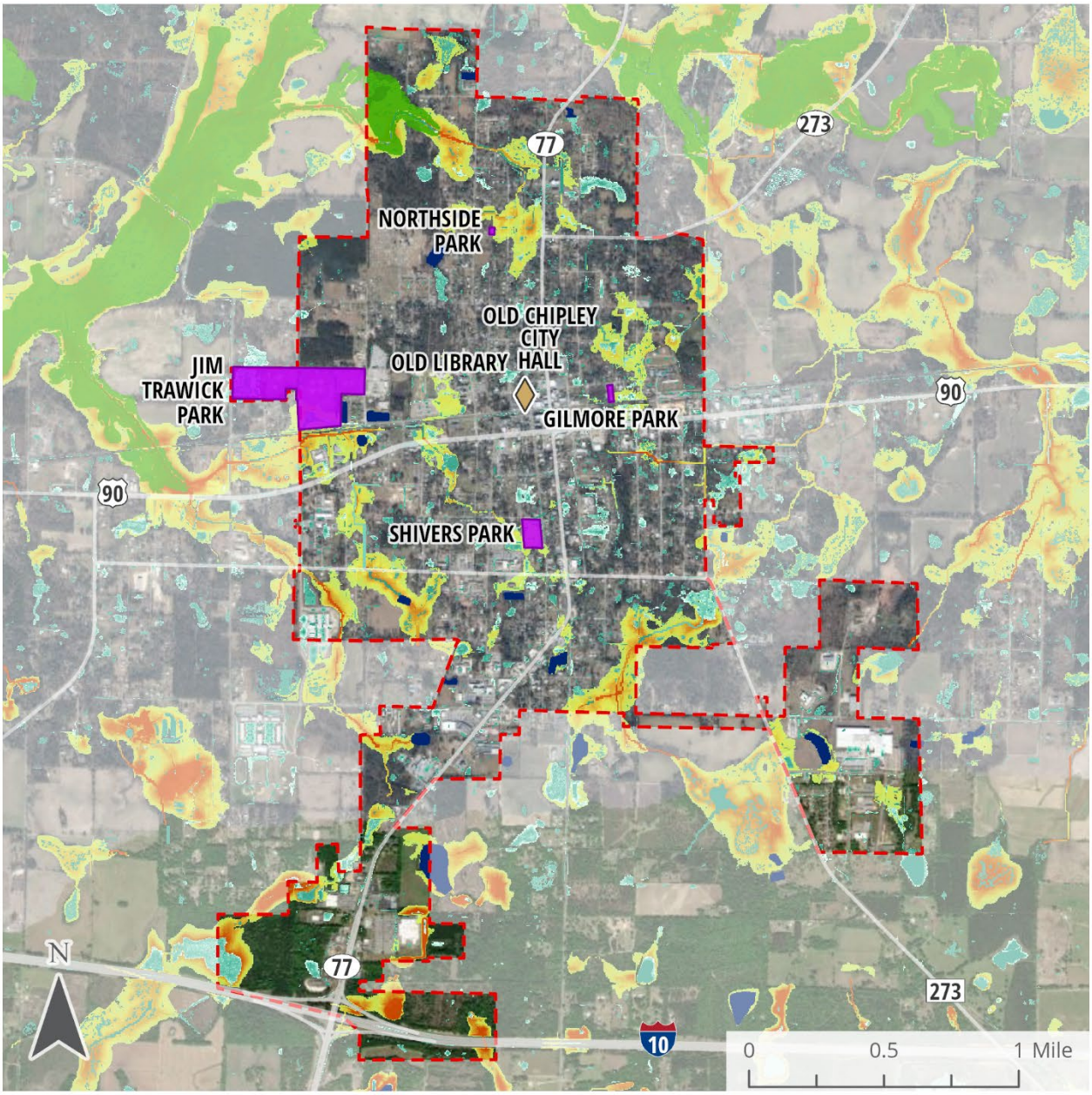
Figure 12. Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources - 100-Year, 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario
Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources

Historical and Cultural Assets
Parks

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
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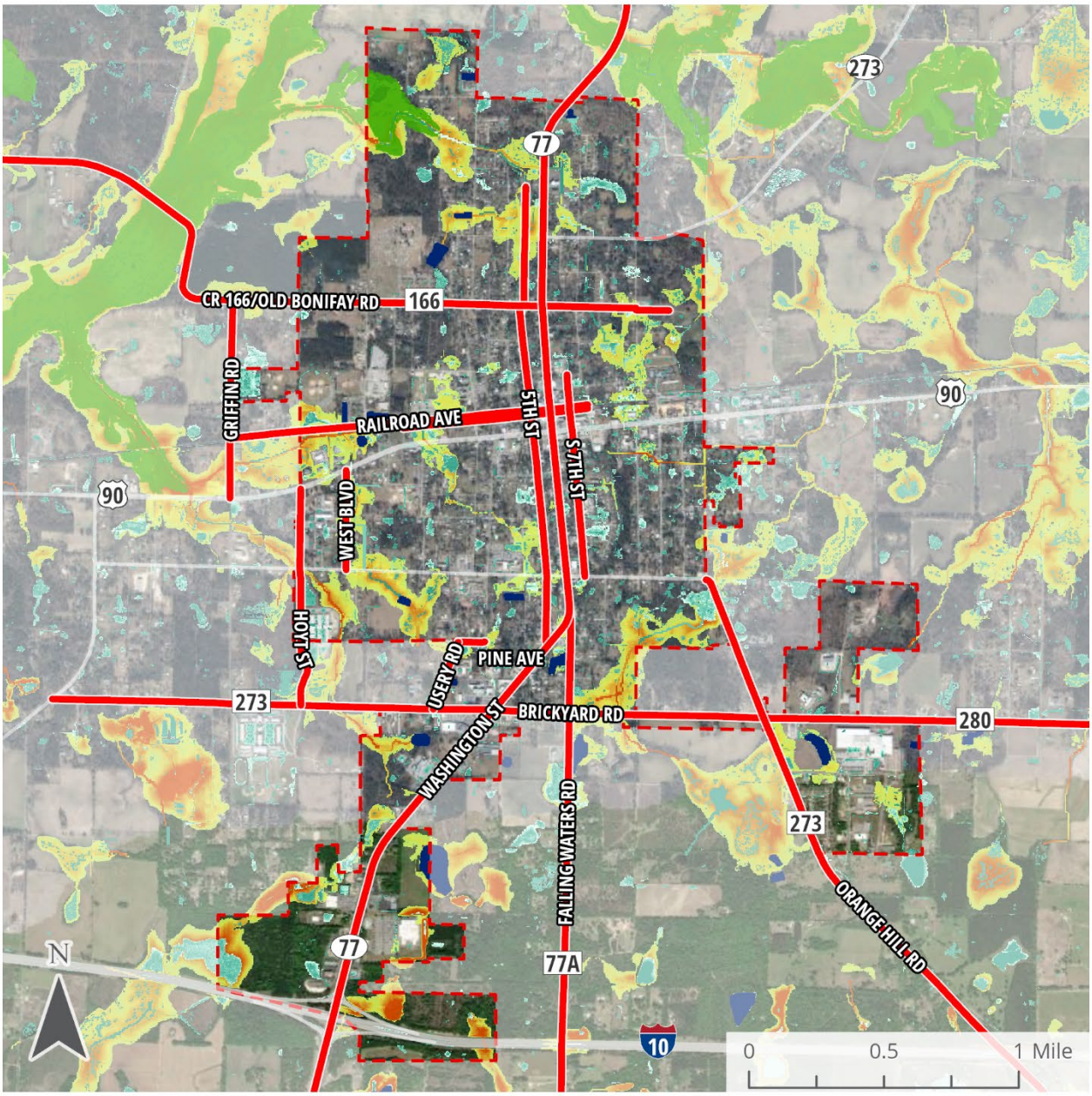

City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario
Transportation and Evacuation Routes

Major Roadways

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
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Lower

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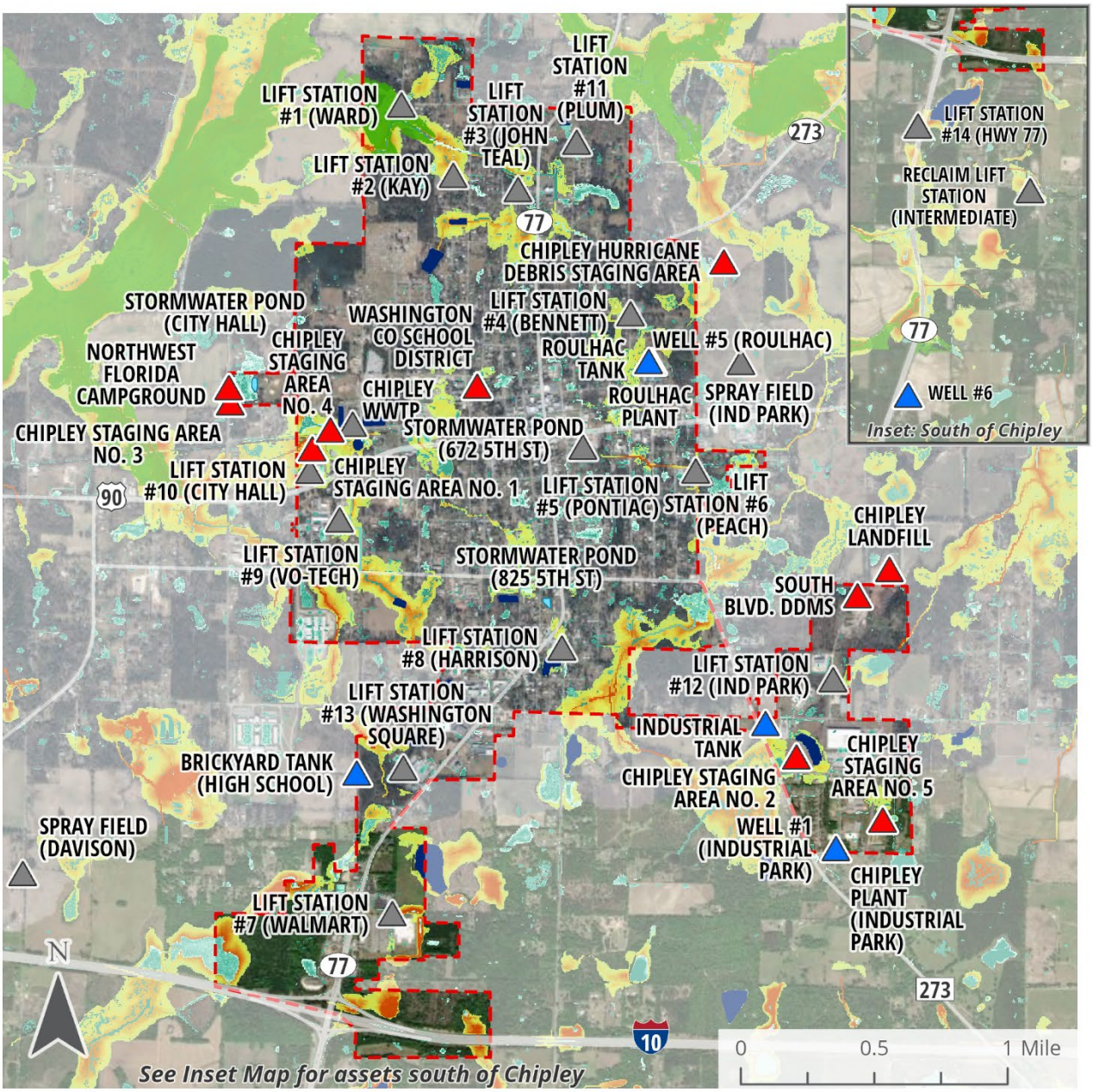
Figure 14. Critical Infrastructure - 100-Year, 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario

Critical Infrastructure

- Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations
- Drinking Water Facilities
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations

- Municipality
- Water Body
- Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher – Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher – Lower

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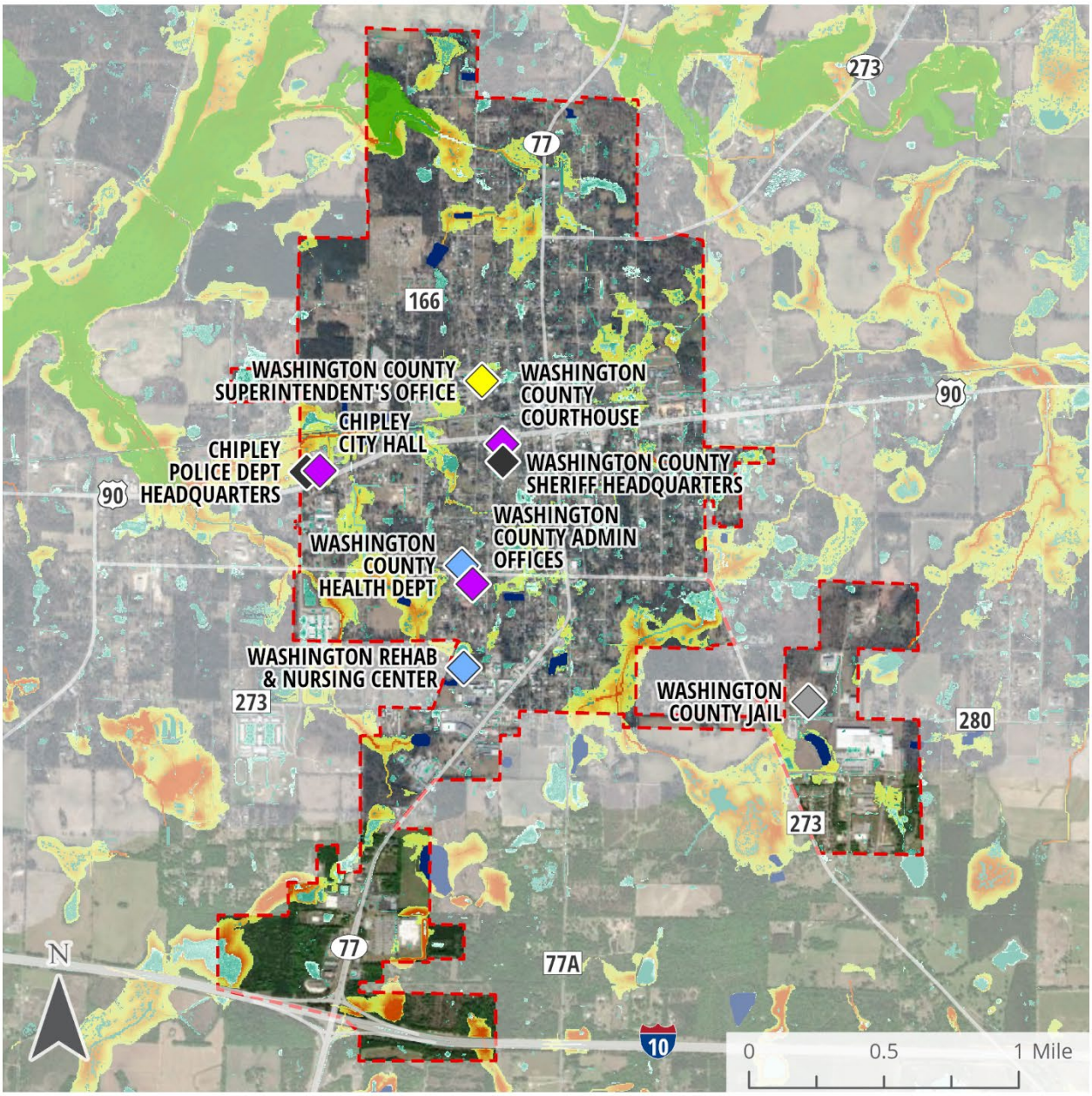
Figure 15. Critical Community & Emergency Facilities - 100-Year, 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario
Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

- Schools
- Correctional Facilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Law Enforement Facilities
- Local Government Facilities

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

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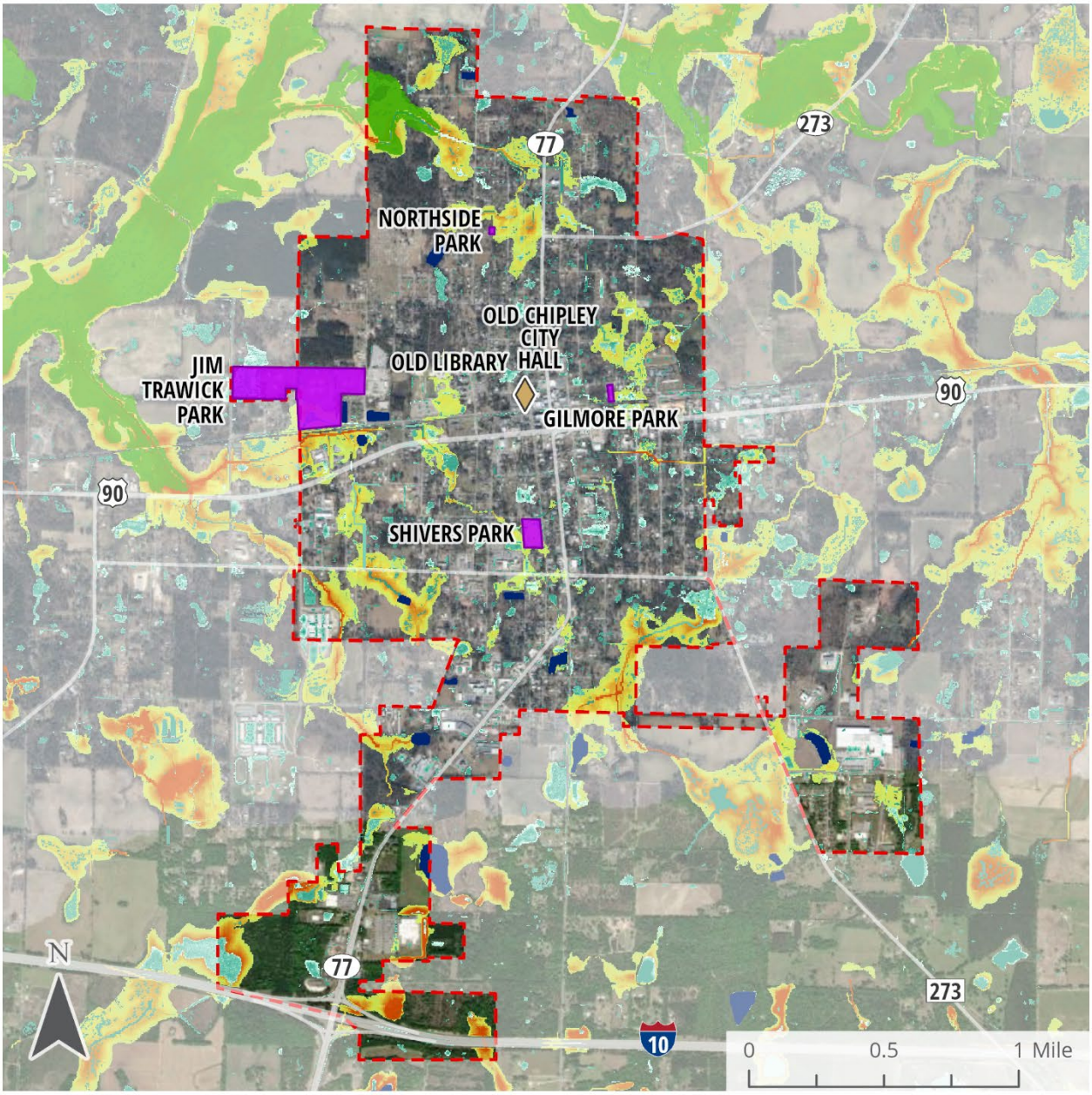

City of Chipley - 100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario
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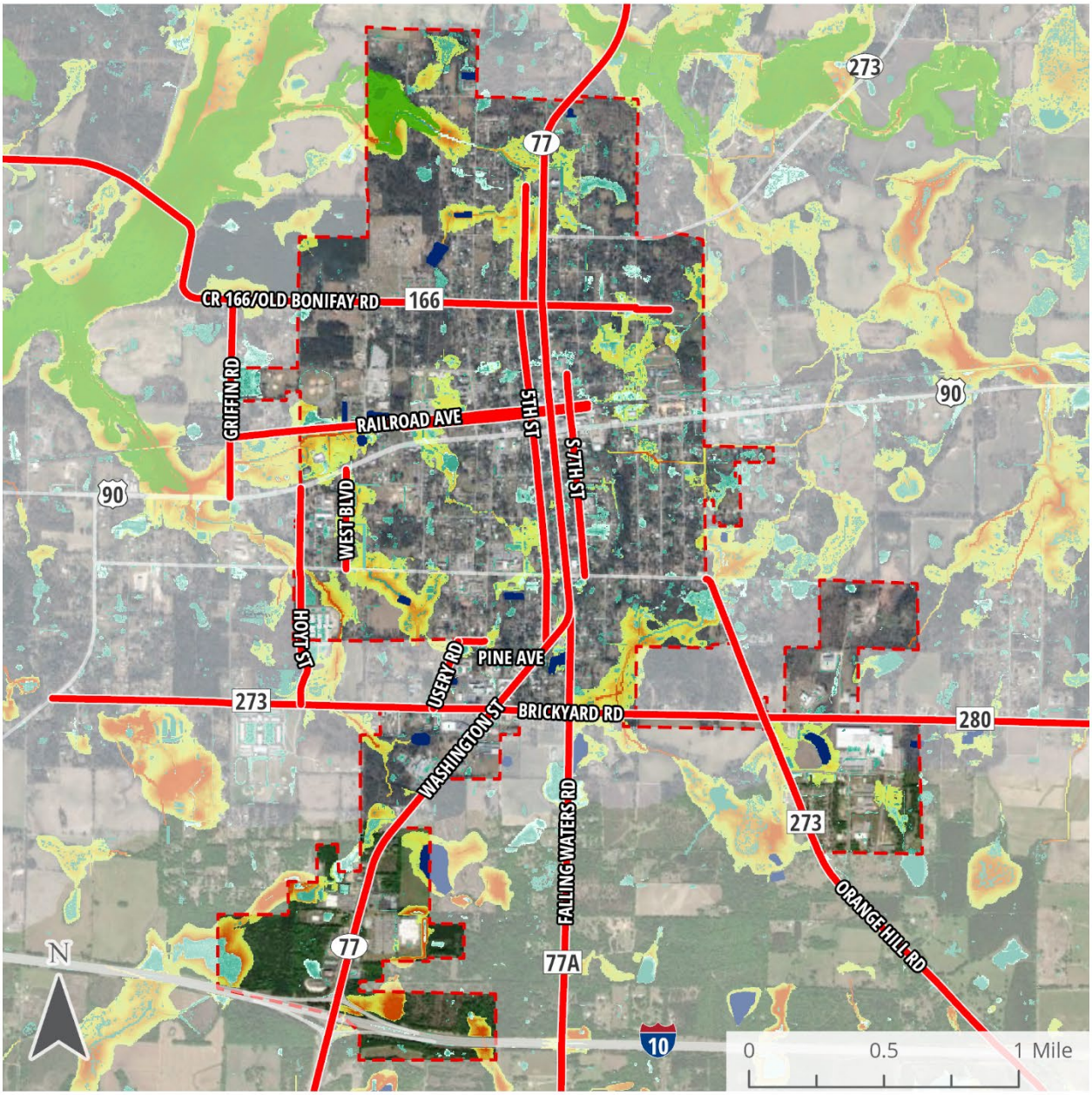

City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario
Transportation and Evacuation Routes

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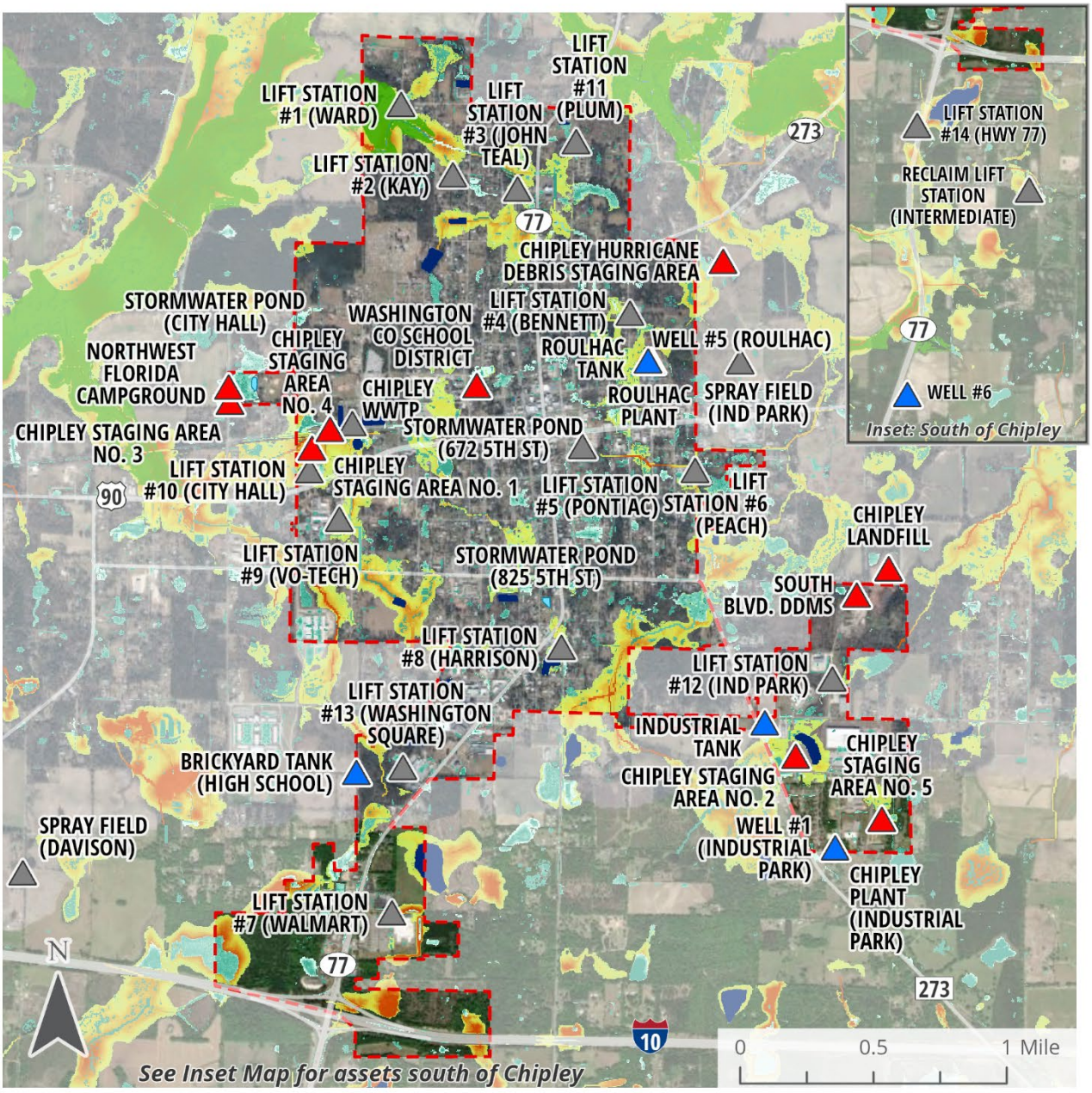

City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario

Critical Infrastructure

- Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations
- Drinking Water Facilities
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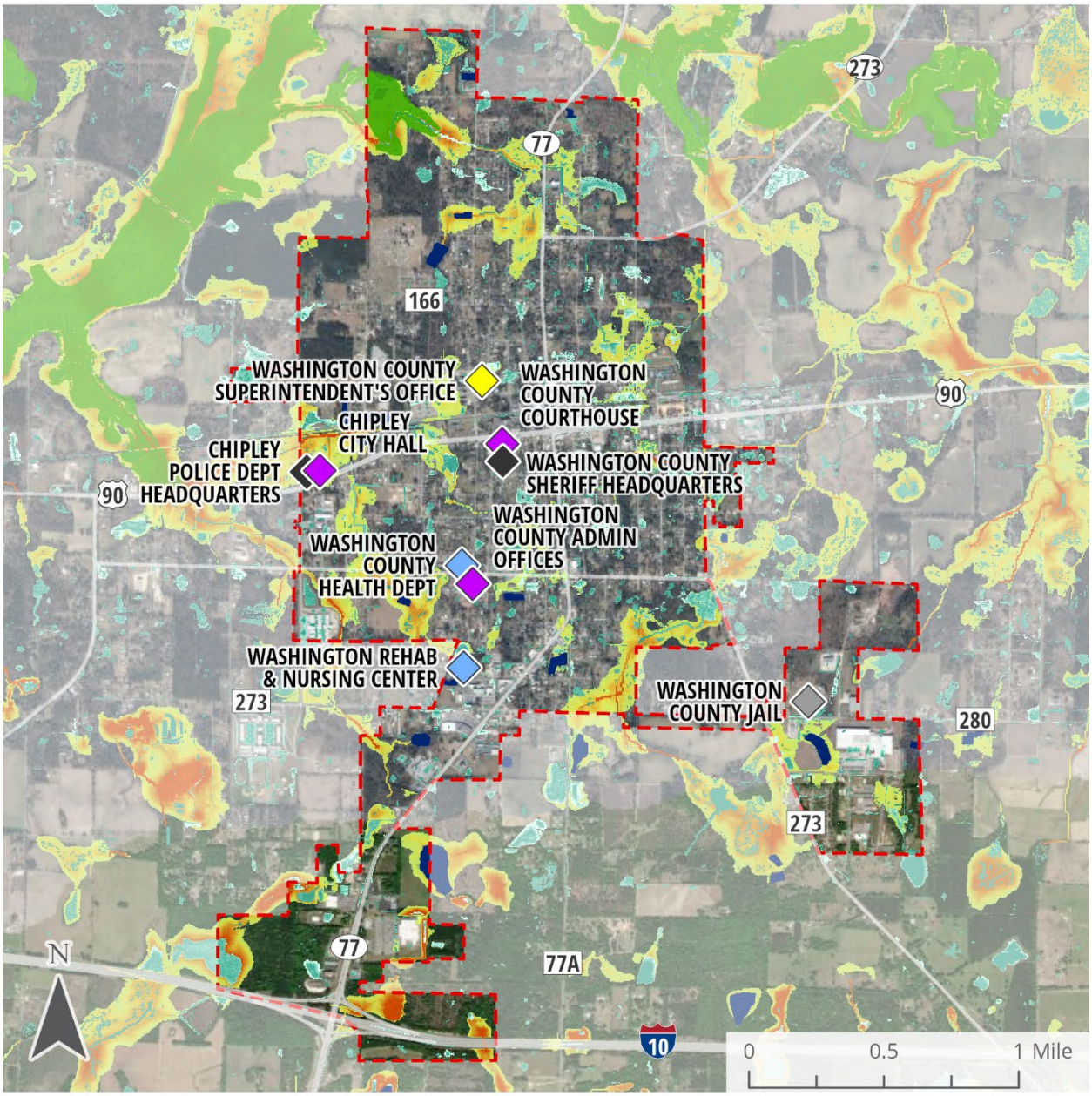

City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario
Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

- Schools
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- Healthcare Facilities
- Law Enforement Facilities
- Local Government Facilities

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher / Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher / Lower

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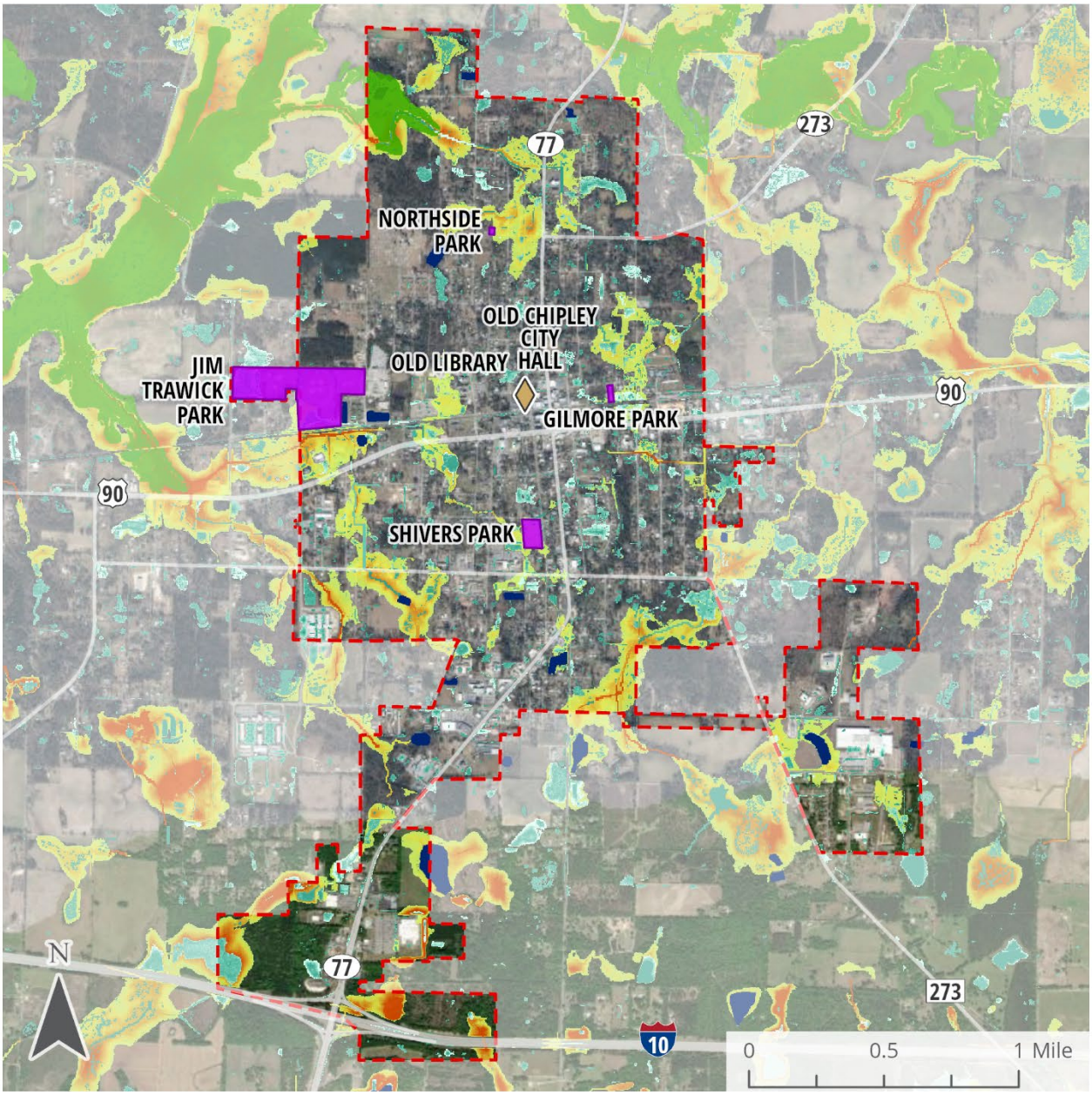
Figure 20. Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources - 500-Year, 2040 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2040 Scenario
Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources

Historical and Cultural Assets
Parks

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher / Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher / Lower

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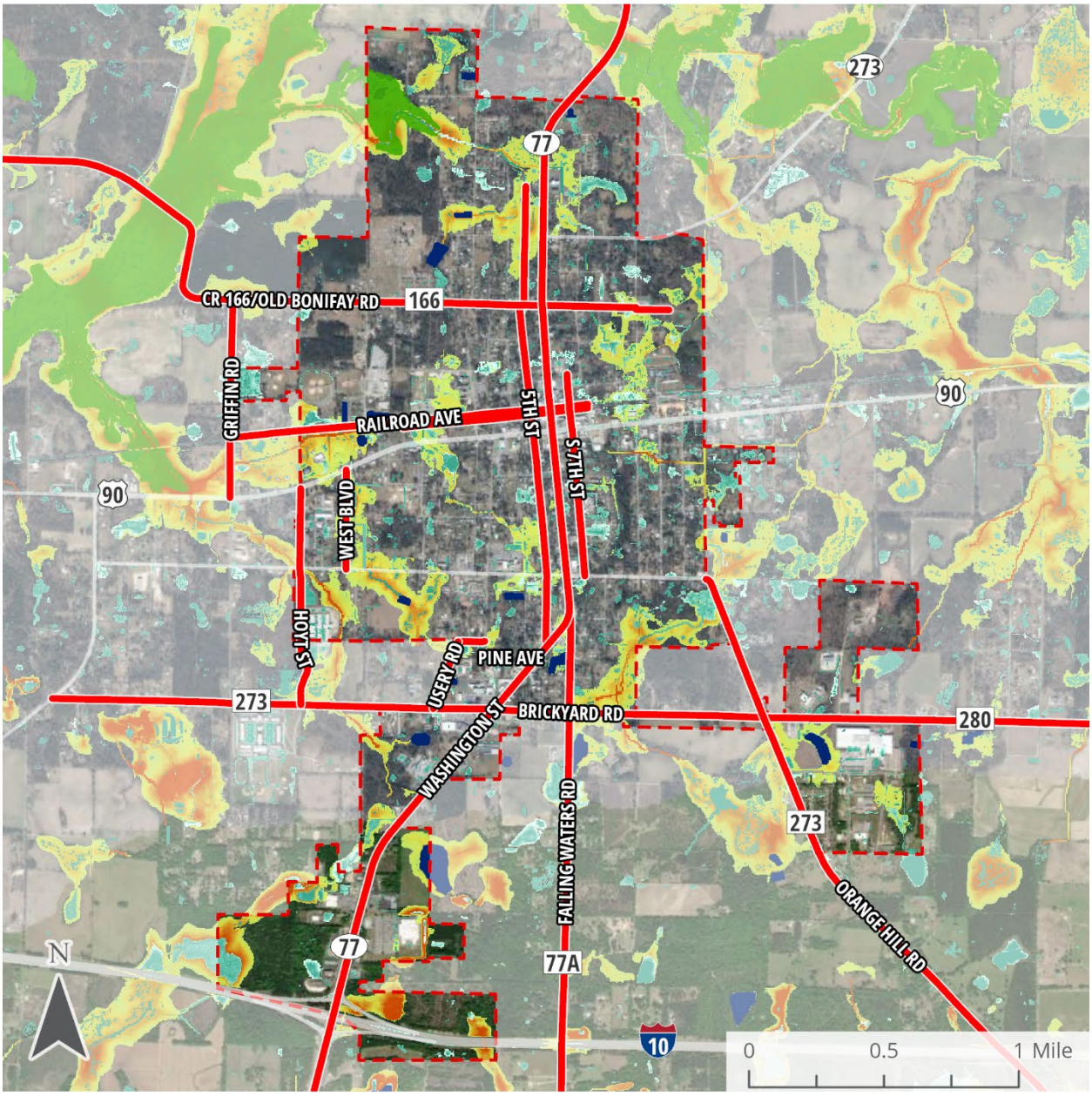
Figure 21. Transportation and Evacuation Routes - 500-Year, 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario
Transportation and Evacuation Routes

Major Roadways

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth
Higher
Lower

Drainage Flow Depth
Higher
Lower

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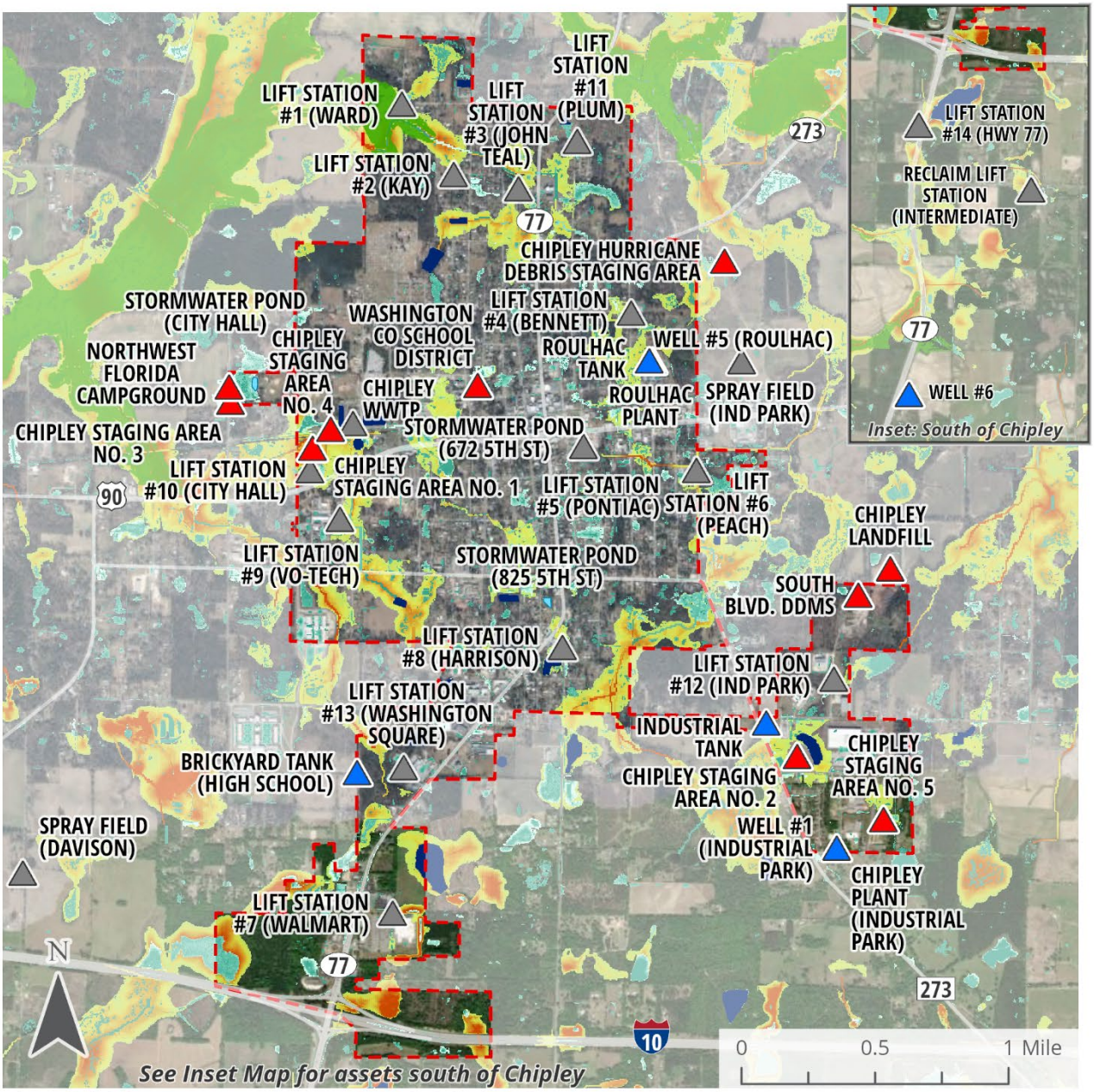
Figure 22. Critical Infrastructure - 500-Year, 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario

Critical Infrastructure

- Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations
- Drinking Water Facilities
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations

- Municipality
- Water Body
- Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher / Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher / Lower

Chipley WWTP Sprayfield (appx. 10 miles SE of Chipley) not shown on map

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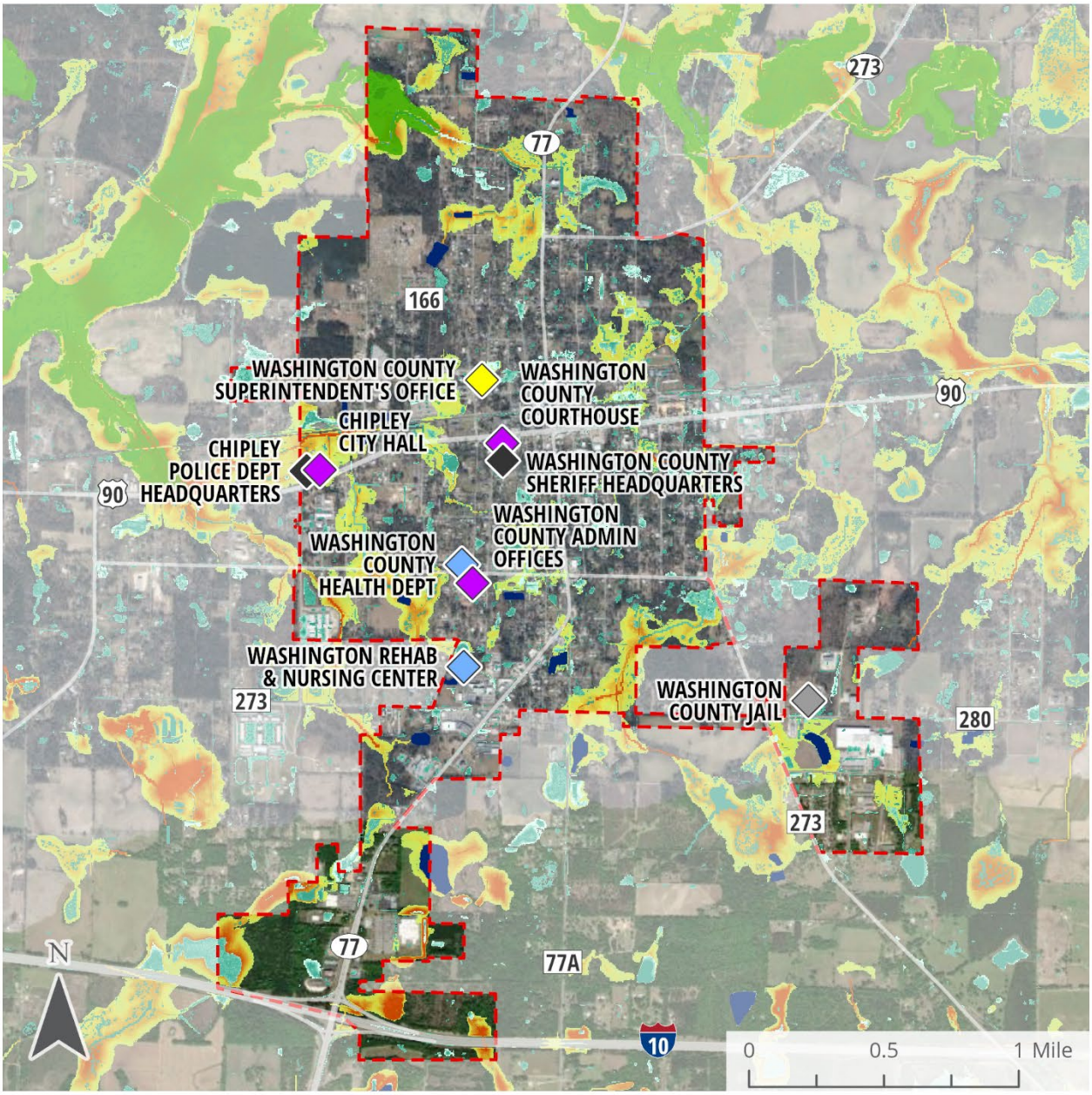
Figure 23. Critical Community & Emergency Facilities - 500-Year, 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario

Critical Community & Emergency Facilities

- Schools
- Correctional Facilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Law Enforement Facilities
- Local Government Facilities

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher – Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher – Lower

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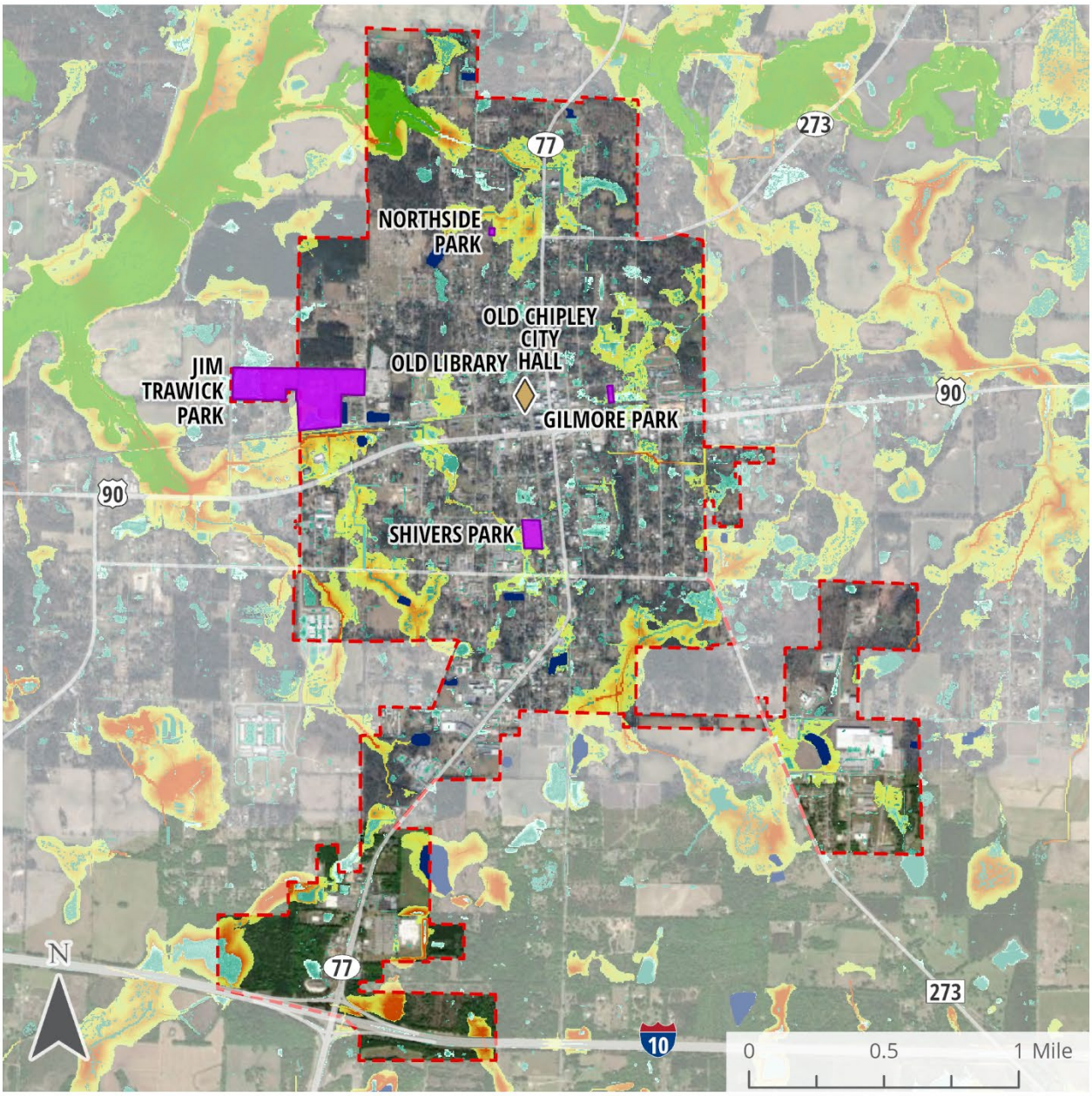
Figure 24. Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources - 500-Year, 2070 Scenario



City of Chipley - 500-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Flooding - 2070 Scenario
Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resources

Historical and Cultural Assets
Parks

Municipality
Water Body
Swamp

Ponding Depth: Higher, Lower

Drainage Flow Depth: Higher, Lower

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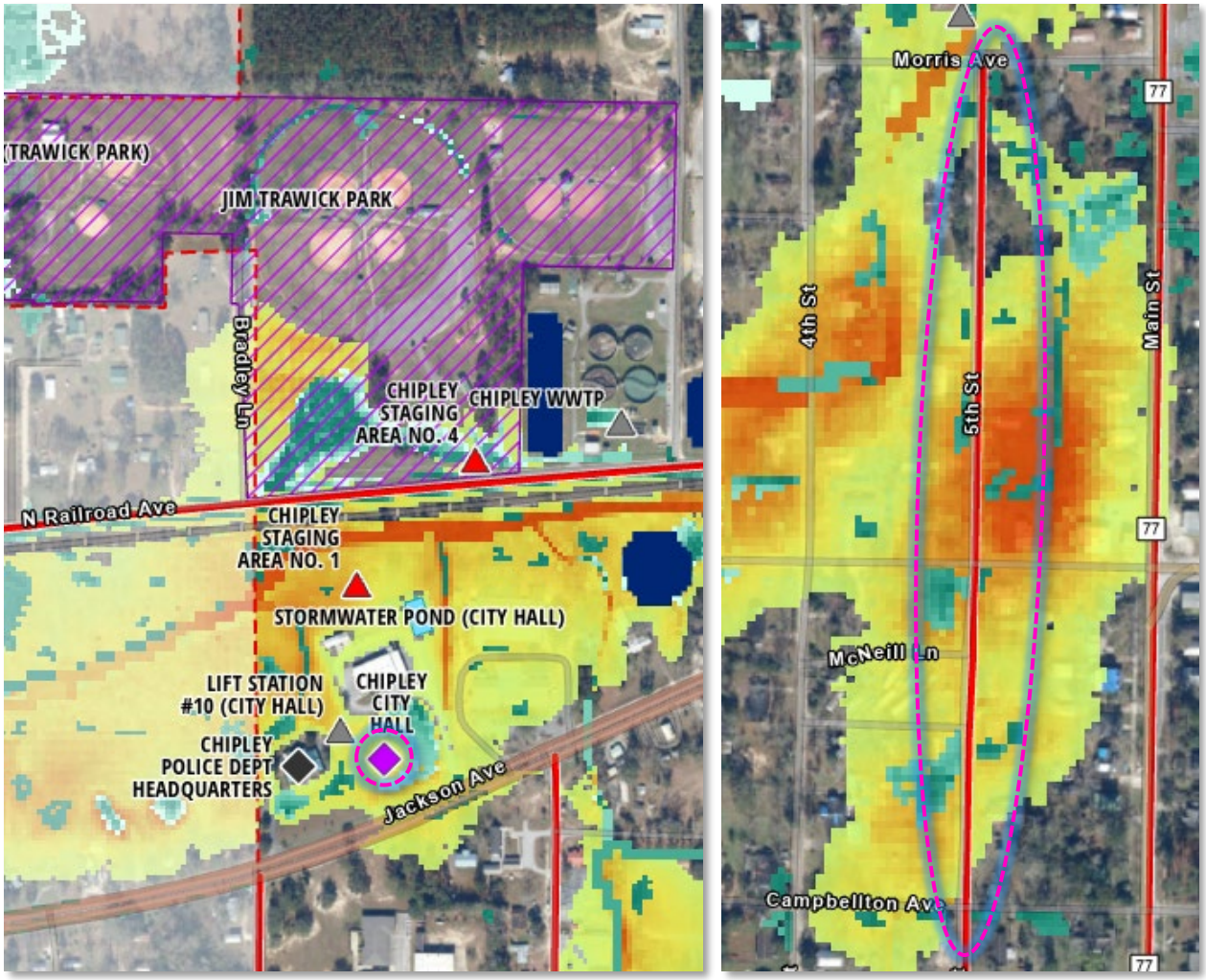
V. Focus Areas

Figure 25 shows the two Focus Areas for the City of Chipley. Focus Area 1 includes City Hall and several other critical assets including portions of Jim Trawick Park, Chipley Police Dept Headquarters, Lift Station #10, and portions of N Railroad Ave and Jackson Ave. While not all of these assets show direct inundation, projected flow and ponding during extreme rainfall events in the surrounding area could restrict access.

Priority Area 2 includes portions of Fifth and Washington/Main Streets, both critical transportation corridors. In addition to these critical corridors, additional city streets and a significant number of privately owned structures appear vulnerable. Before any action is taken, further assessments should be conducted to better understand the nature and severity of flooding.

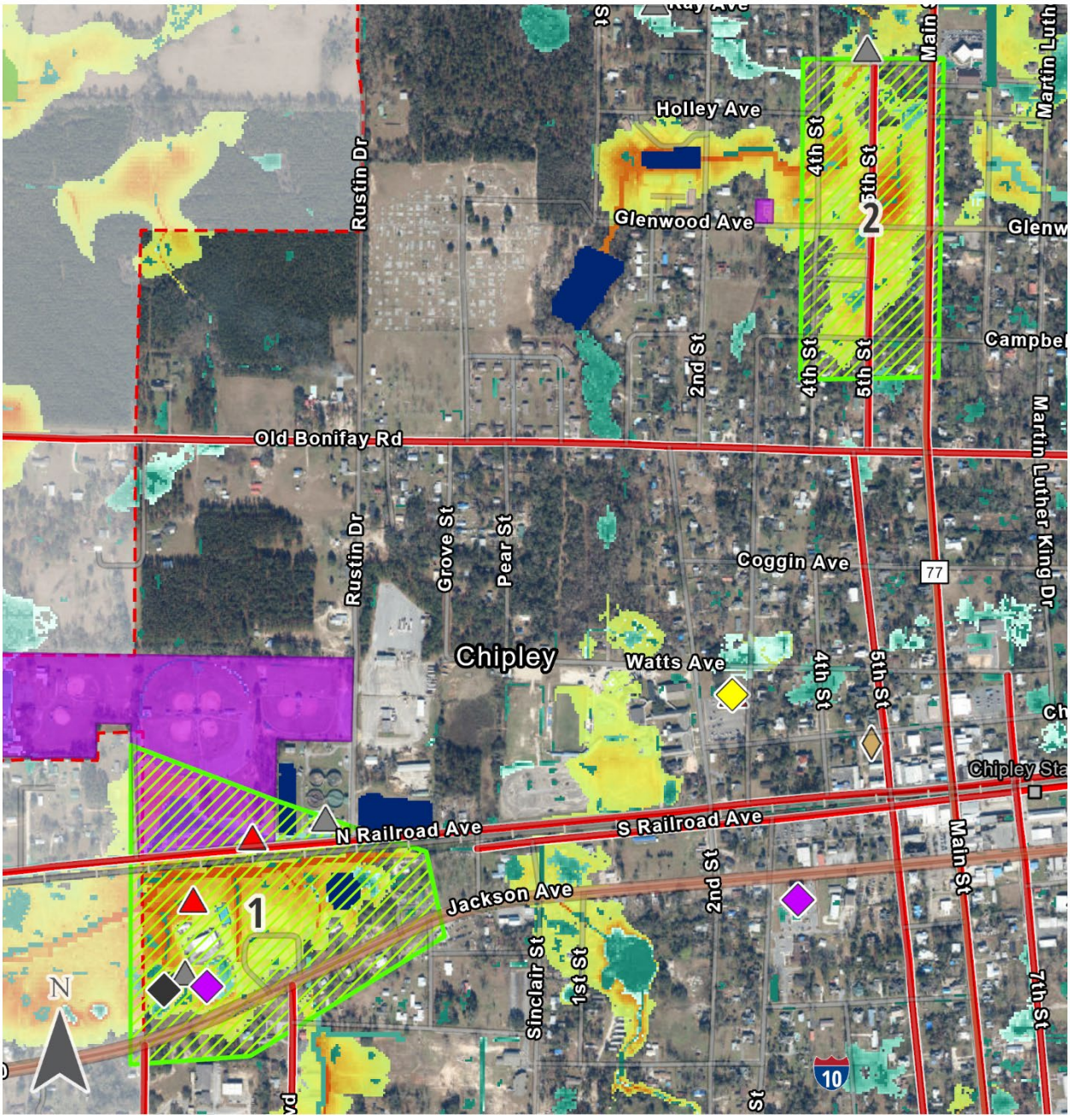


Flooding (circled) at Chipley City Hall (L), and along 5th Street (R) in the 500-year 2070 rainfall scenario.

Table 13. Focus Areas and Critical Assets

Focus Area	Asset Name	Owner/Operator
1	CHIPLEY CITY HALL	City of Chipley
1	LIFT STATION #10 (CITY HALL)	City of Chipley
1	CHIPLEY STAGING AREA NO. 1	City of Chipley
2	5TH ST	City of Chipley
2	WASHINGTON/MAIN ST	City of Chipley

Figure 25. Focus Areas and Critical Assets



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- Focus Area
- Municipality
- Stormwater Treatment Facilities & Pump Stations
- Parks
- Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Lift Stations
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Schools
- Law Enforement Facilities
- Local Government Facilities
- Historical and Cultural Assets
- Major Roadways

0 0.25 0.5 Mile

Source: ECRC, FDEP, City of Chipley

VI. Discussion

The results of the City of Chipley's Vulnerability Assessment provide building blocks for the next phase of Adaptation Planning. This report highlights specific vulnerabilities to Critical Assets as identified in Florida Statutes, in particular, Chipley City Hall and portions of Fifth Street.

This report does not cover all possible future vulnerabilities. Future Vulnerability Assessments may take a wider lens and include privately owned assets alongside the Critical Assets examined here. Additionally, as climate projections evolve and more detailed data becomes available, the City of Chipley may wish to update and expand its vulnerability assessment.

City and County staff were instrumental in providing feedback throughout the project. This collaborative effort ensured that the assessment accurately reflects local conditions and Critical Assets. The engagement of additional local stakeholders during the subsequent adaptation planning phase will be essential for ensuring that any future efforts are grounded in the community's needs and experiences.

The recommendations provided in this report serve as a starting point for developing a comprehensive adaptation strategy. Future steps should include detailed assessments for the prioritized areas, exploration of funding opportunities for resilience projects, and continued collaboration with regional partners and experts. The City may also explore analyses focusing on areas which are vulnerable to inundation, but do not contain municipal assets. By taking these steps, the City of Chipley can better prepare for and mitigate the impacts of future flooding events, ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and the protection of its critical infrastructure.

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