C139 Project: Mapping Treated Invasive Vegetations

Annie Goyanes Alexandra Herlihy

Background Information

- C139 Abiaki Prairie is located in Hendry County
- There is an ongoing restoration effort to remove invasive species
- In 2017, the area was treated to **remove Torpedo Grass.**
- Drone images were used to observe treated areas
- Over the course of 2018 and 2019, the areas were treated several more times for several plant species
- All vegetation that has been treated is identified and can be found in the feature classes

How Was This Done?

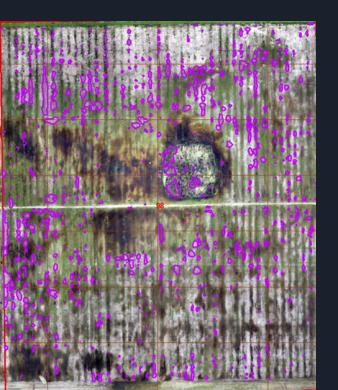
- Use 2019 drone images to identify areas of treated vegetation
 - Annie: Cells 98 and
 - 103 Alex: Cells 101 and
- Use feature classes in respective GDB to make 2019 edits
- Use 2017 drone imagery for reference of treated areas



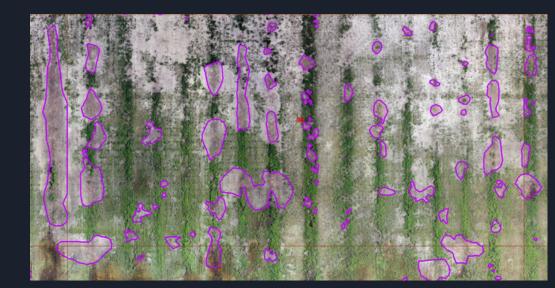
How We Identified the Treated Areas

- What to look for:
 - Brown or grey areas that have a hay-like texture

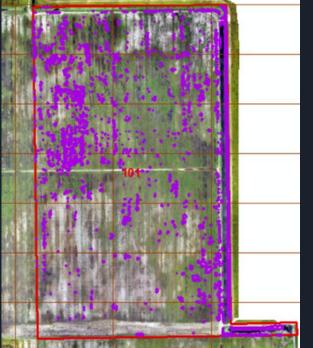
- Our Procedure:
 - First, the cells were analyzed at a 1:250-1:500 ratio and large areas were digitized.
 - ■Moving from **North to South** within the cells and switching between the 2019 and 2017 layers to confirm what areas were treated vegetation
 - Once completed, digitized areas were reviewed in the first biweekly meeting
 - Cells were then analyzed at a 1:125 ratio to digitize areas that were missed and to fix borders of the ones that were previously digitized.



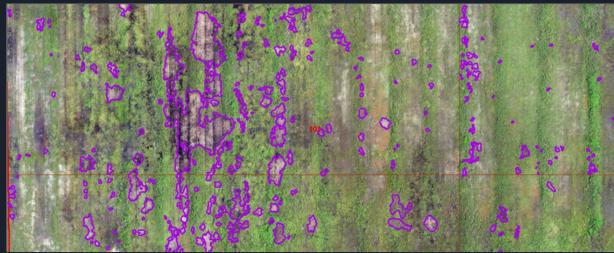
- Most invasive vegetation found on sandy areas in the NE &
- NW Less invasive vegetation found in the South

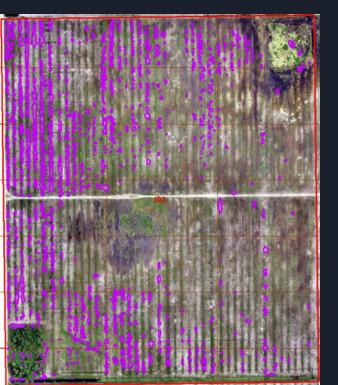


- Found in the Northeastern corner of Abiaki
- Prairie Notable features:
 - o Large canal running along the Eastern most border of this
 - cell Larger bare spot in the Southwestern area of the cell



 This cell has been moved to QA/QC as of March 30th







- Cell is not completed
- West side of the cell is full of invasive vegetation

- Located centered in the Abiaki
- Prairie Some noticeable features:
 - o Small Wetland area in the Northeast section
 - o Small pond area in the Northern section

 Just started in late March, going to be continued into the summer

