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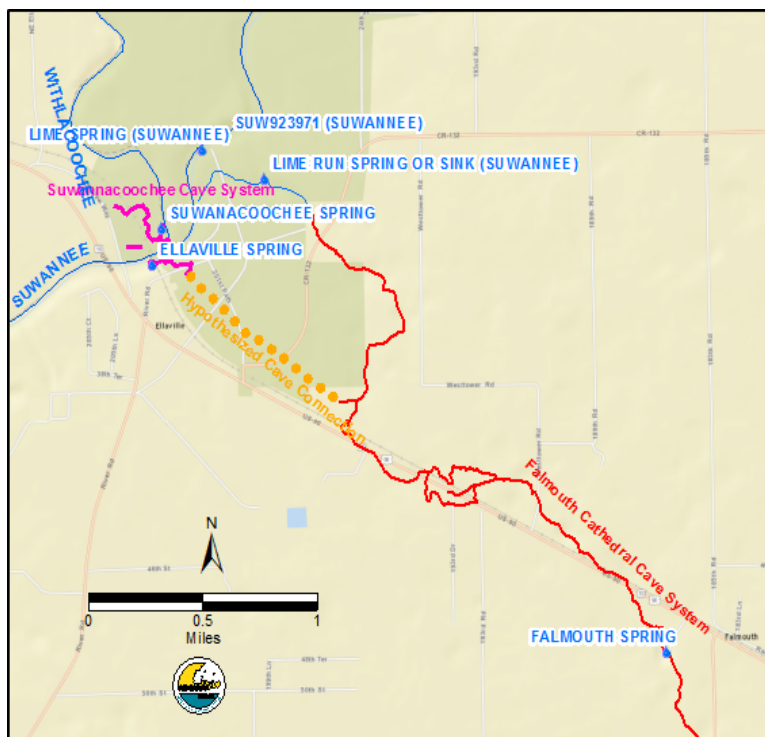
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Falmouth dye trace reveals unknown connectivity



Falmouth dye trace shows connection to Ellaville and Suwannacoochee Springs

LIVE OAK, FL, December 4, 2014 – The District and Florida Geological Survey introduced dye into Falmouth Spring On September 4th, in hopes of learning which other springs were connected to the known Falmouth Cathedral Cave System. Two days after the dye was release the dye appeared in two springs previously not known to be connected, Ellaville and Suwannacoochee.

Ellaville is located next to Suwannee River State Park on the south side of the Suwannee River, while Suwannacoochee is located north of the Suwannee

and flows into the Withlachoochee River from the west. These two springs are connected by the Suwannacoochee Cave System. Four days later the dye appeared in two other springs, Lime Run Spring and Lime Spring, both of which were thought to be connected to the Falmouth Cathedral Cave System. Further analyses of collected samples may reveal connections to other springs in the area.

“It is truly exciting to explore and gain an increased understanding about the natural hydrology. This type of information sets the District in a better position to protect resources, namely the Upper Florida Aquifer,” said Executive Director, Ann Shortelle, Ph. D.

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