The Great Egg Harbor River Council, in partnership with Atlantic County Parks, is pleased to invite the North East Chapter of the River Management Society (RMS) and Friends to a September 28 & 29 2013 overnight camping and paddle event on the Great Egg Harbor River in New Jersey. (You do not have to be an RMS member to attend).

Trip Itinerary for Saturday September 28:

1. **Arrive at Camp Acagisca on Saturday September 28 by 12:00 Noon.**
2. **Depart at 1:00 PM from Camp Acagisca for a 3 hour paddle tour of the river and Lake Lenape.**
3. **Shuttle back to Camp Acagisca by 5:00 PM to set up camp and eat a camp dinner.**
4. **There will be a cracker barrel and evening orientation activities in the Lodge after dinner.**

Trip Itinerary for Sunday September 29:

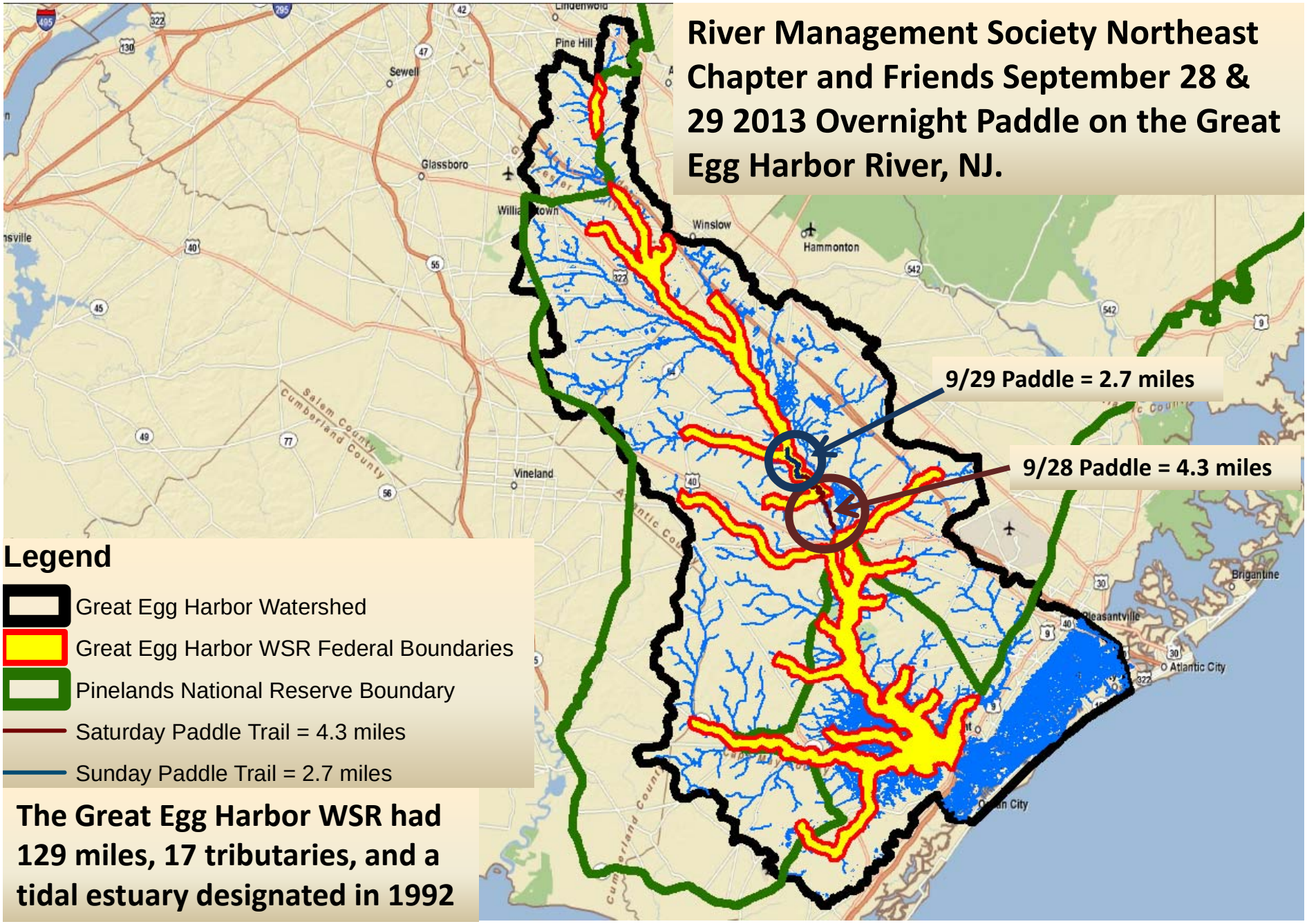
1. **Camp breakfast between 7:00 & 8:00 AM.**
2. **Depart at 8:00 AM from Camp Acagisca to the put-in at Weymouth Furnace.**
3. **Depart from Weymouth Furnace at 9:00 AM for a 3 hour paddle tour of the Great Egg Harbor River.**
4. **Shuttle back to Camp Acagisca by 12:00 Noon to break camp and depart.**

Camp Acagisca will be provided for Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday at no charge. Group outdoor dinner on Saturday night ($10) and breakfast Sunday morning ($5) will be available, cooked and served by River Council volunteers.

Boat rentals are available from a local livery ranging from about $35 to $50 depending on what you rent, and there could be transportation charges of $7 for a rental or $12 if you bring your own boat for Sunday's trip. (We will make every effort to defray these potential costs, depending on the number of participants).

Great Egg Harbor River Administrator Fred Akers is coordinating the event, so please register with Fred by email or phone and let him know what time you plan to arrive, if you will need a boat, and if you have any questions or special needs for the trip. Fred's contact information is:

Office Phone: 856-697-6114
Cell Phone: 609-335-3744
Email: fred_akers@gehwa.org


River Management Society Northeast Chapter and Friends September 28 & 29 2013 Overnight Paddle on the Great Egg Harbor River, NJ.
9/29 Paddle = 2.7 miles
9/28 Paddle = 4.3 miles
Legend
Great Egg Harbor Watershed
Great Egg Harbor WSR Federal Boundaries
Pinelands National Reserve Boundary
Saturday Paddle Trail = 4.3 miles
Sunday Paddle Trail = 2.7 miles
The Great Egg Harbor WSR had 129 miles, 17 tributaries, and a tidal estuary designated in 1992
Pine Hill
Sewell
Glassboro
Winslow
Hammonton
Vineland
Salem County
Cumberland County
Pleasantville
Atlantic City
Brigantine

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP ACAGISCA OF ATLANTIC COUNTY

6755 Weymouth Road (Route 559)
Mays Landing, NJ,08330-4306
609-625-8219

From North:

1. Garden State Parkway (Portions toll)
2. Take the exit number 44- towards POMONA/FAA TECH CENTER.
3. Turn RIGHT onto CR-575/S POMONA RD.
4. CR-575/S POMONA RD becomes WRANGLEBORO RD.
5. Second traffic light make a RIGHT onto JIMMY LEEDS RD.
6. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto W WHITE HORSE PIKE/US-30.
7. Turn LEFT onto PHILADELPHIA AVE/NJ-50.
8. PHILADELPHIA AVE/NJ-50 becomes NJ-50.
9. Make a RIGHT onto Main St in Mays Landing.
10. At the blinking light make a RIGHT onto OLD HARDING HWY.
11. Follow signs for Atlantic County Road 559.
12. Take Rt. 559 until about mile maker 16.
13. Camp Acagisca will be on the right hand side.

NOTE: If you pass Winding River Campground you have gone too far.

From South:

1. Take Delaware Memorial Bridge to Route 40 East.
2. Stay on Route 40 through Buena to where Route 40 meets Route 50.
3. Turn LEFT onto MILL ST / CR-616 at Route 50.
4. Turn LEFT onto CR-559 / OLD HARDING HWY.
5. Follow signs for Atlantic County Road 559.
6. Take Rt. 559 until about mile maker 16.
7. Camp Acagisca will be on the right hand side.

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From West:

1. Take either the Ben Franklin or Walt Whitman bridges to Route 42.
2. Take Route 42 and get on the Atlantic City Expressway towards Atlantic City.
3. Take Exit 17W, Route 50 South off of Atlantic City Expressway.
4. Follow Route 50 through Mays Landing, across the Great Egg Harbor River, to the intersection of Route 40/50.
5. Turn RIGHT onto MILL ST / CR-616 at Route 40/50.
6. Turn LEFT onto CR-559 / OLD HARDING HWY.
6. Follow signs for Atlantic County Road 559.
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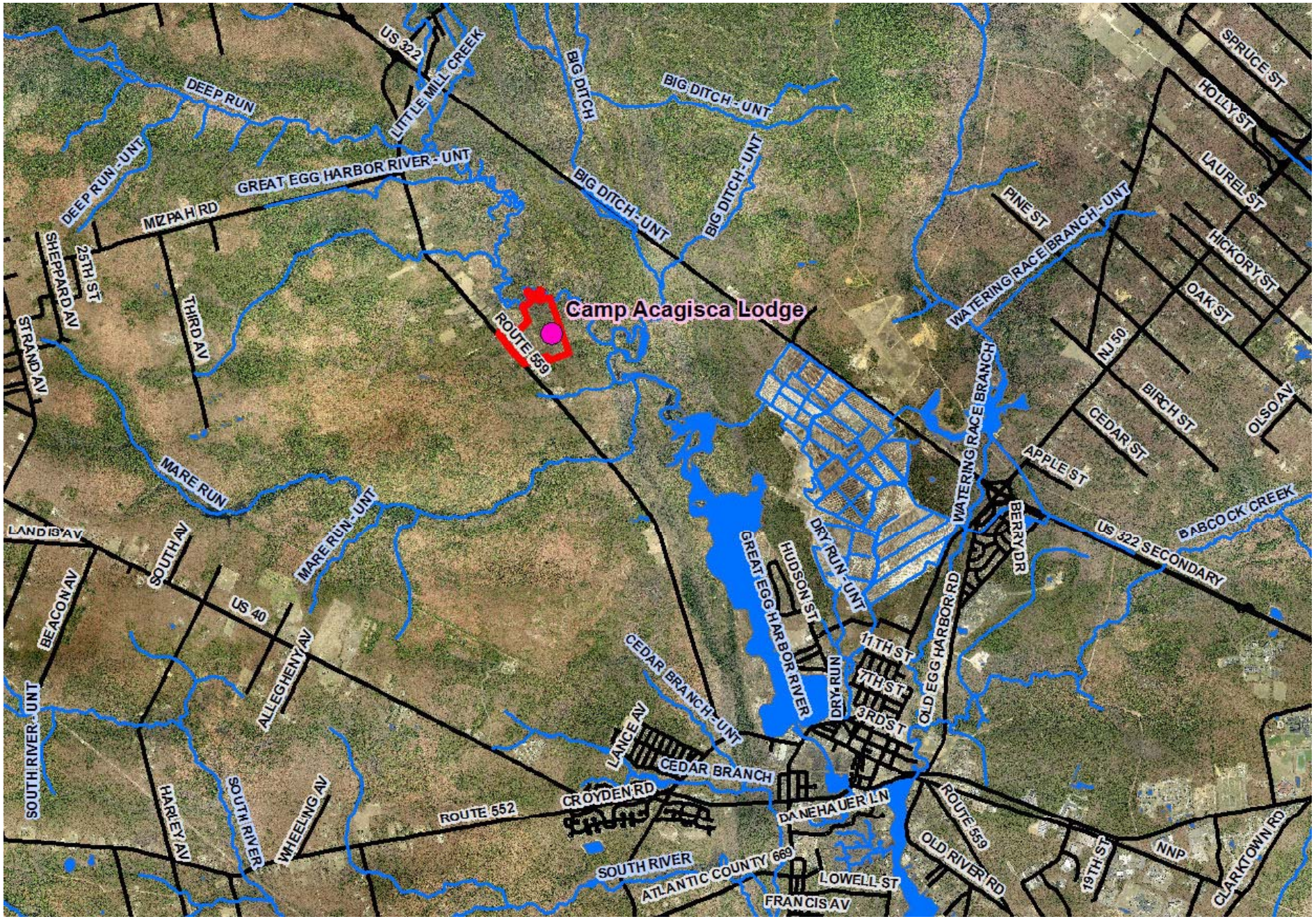
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LANCE AV
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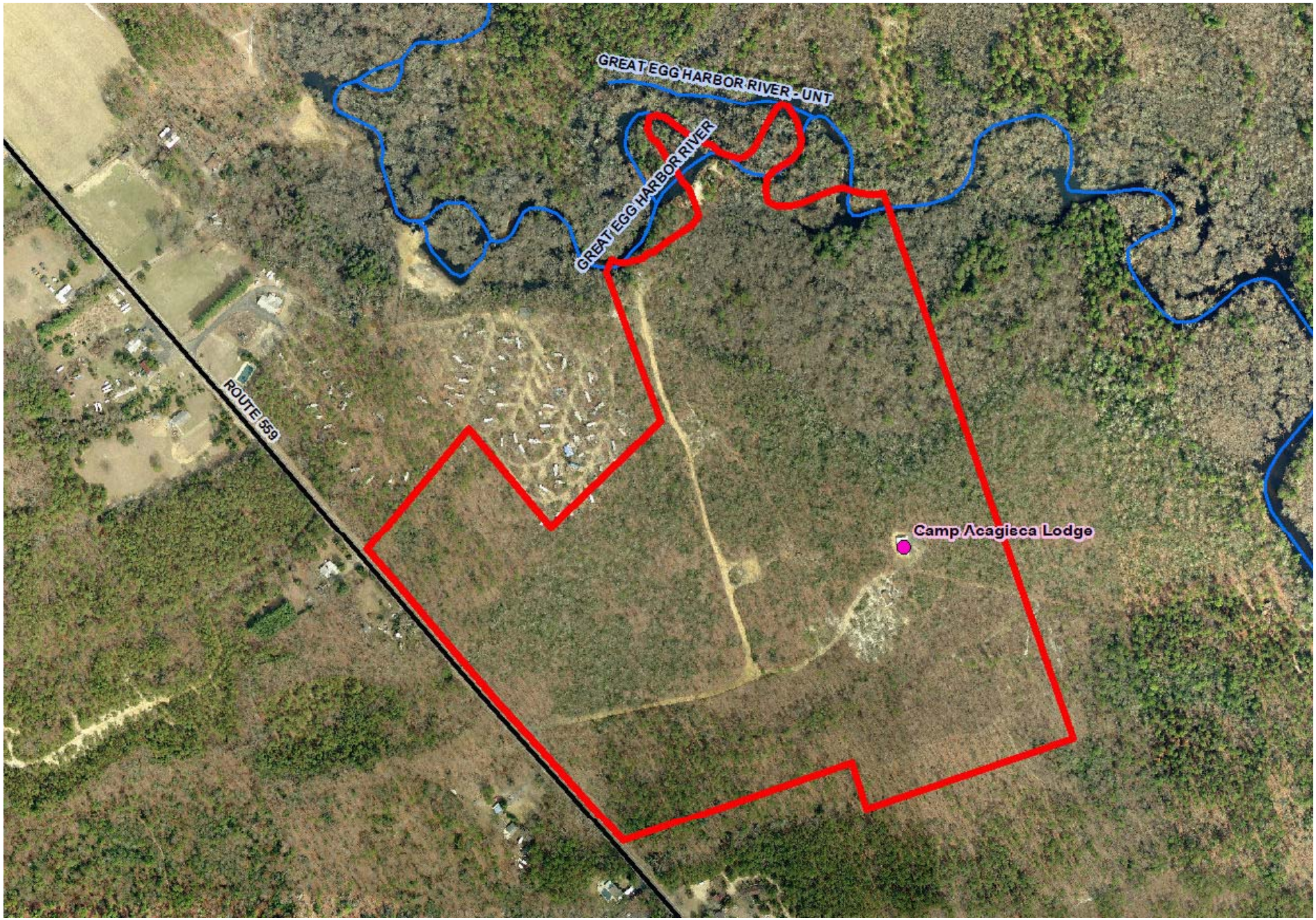
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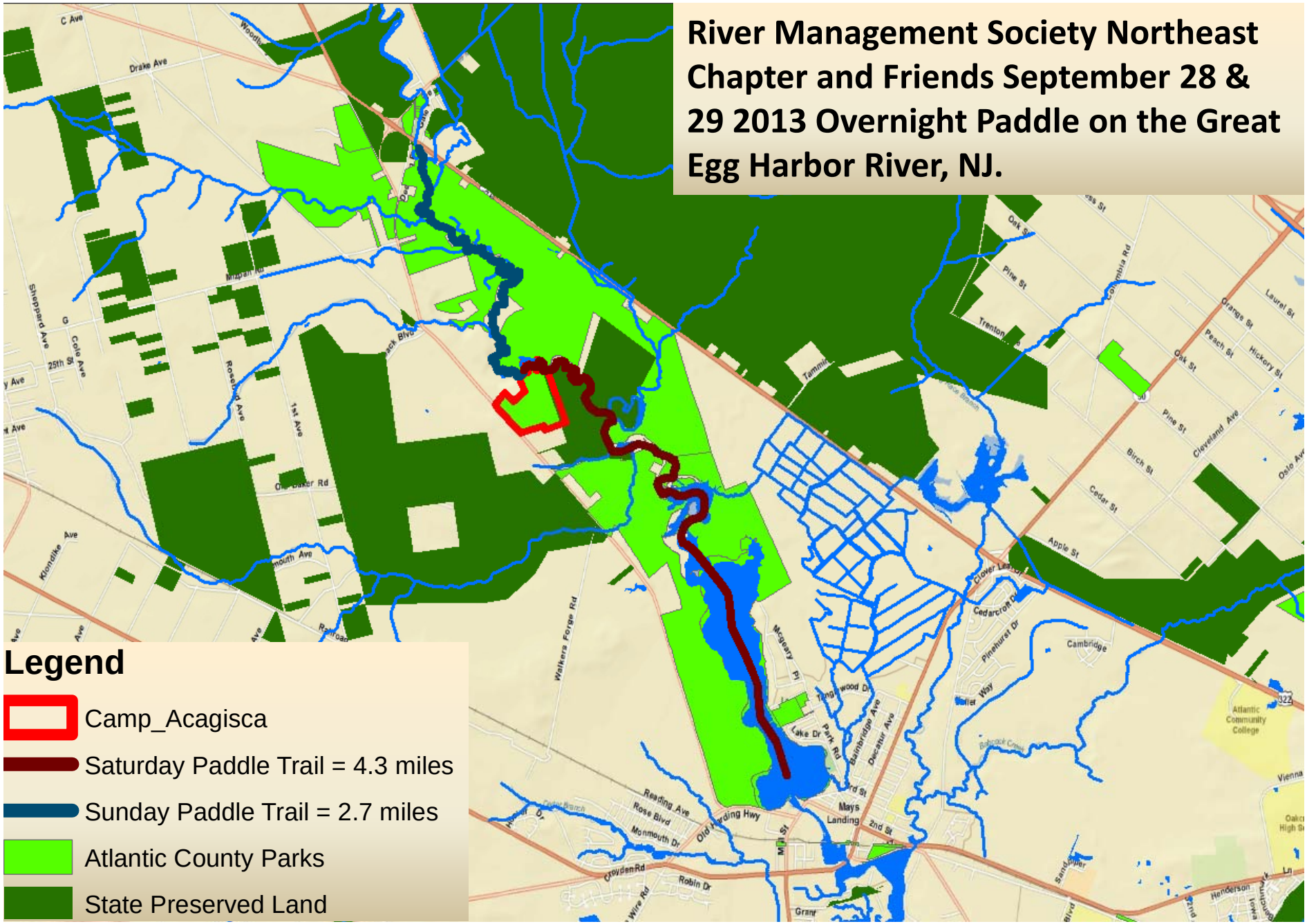

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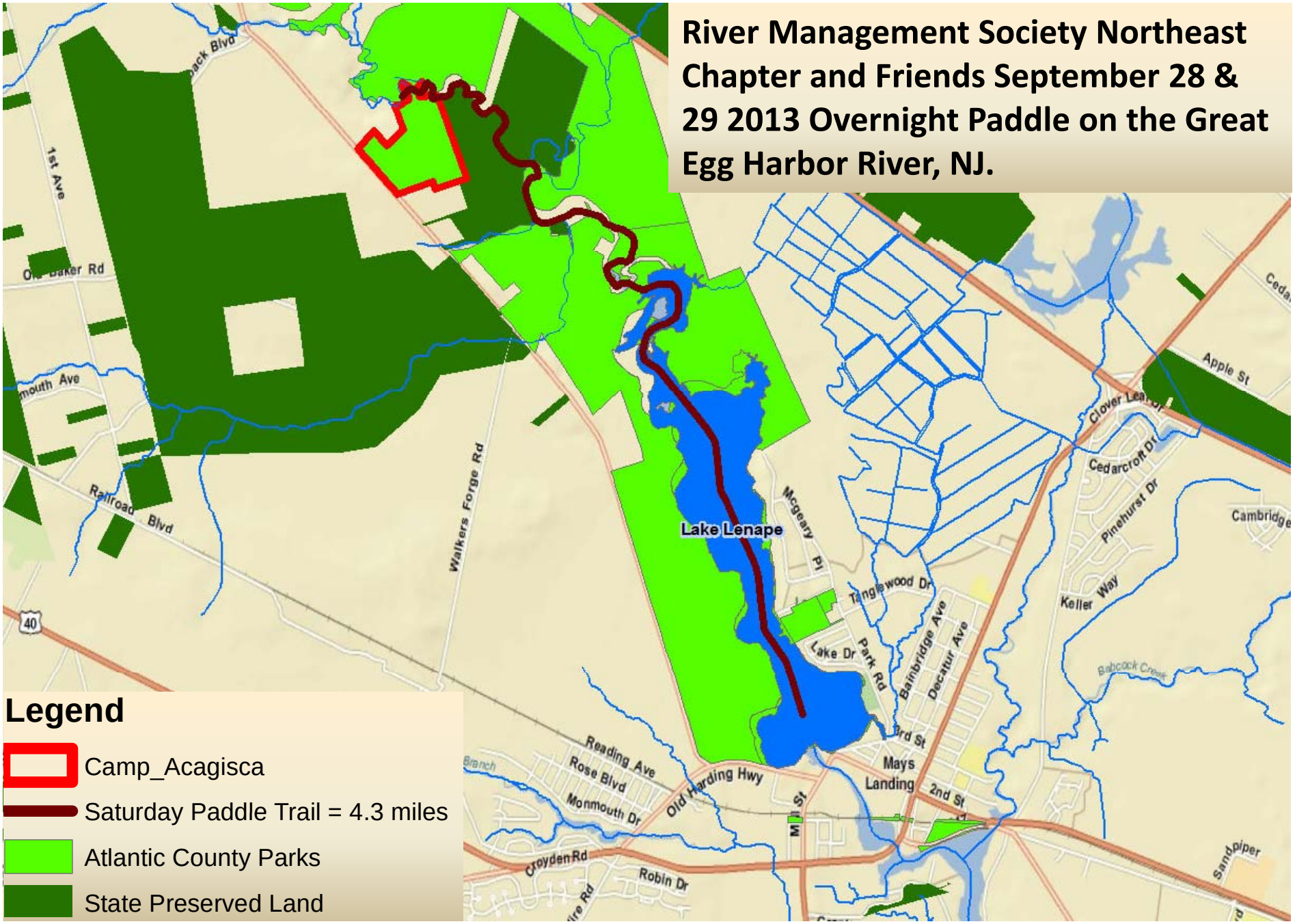

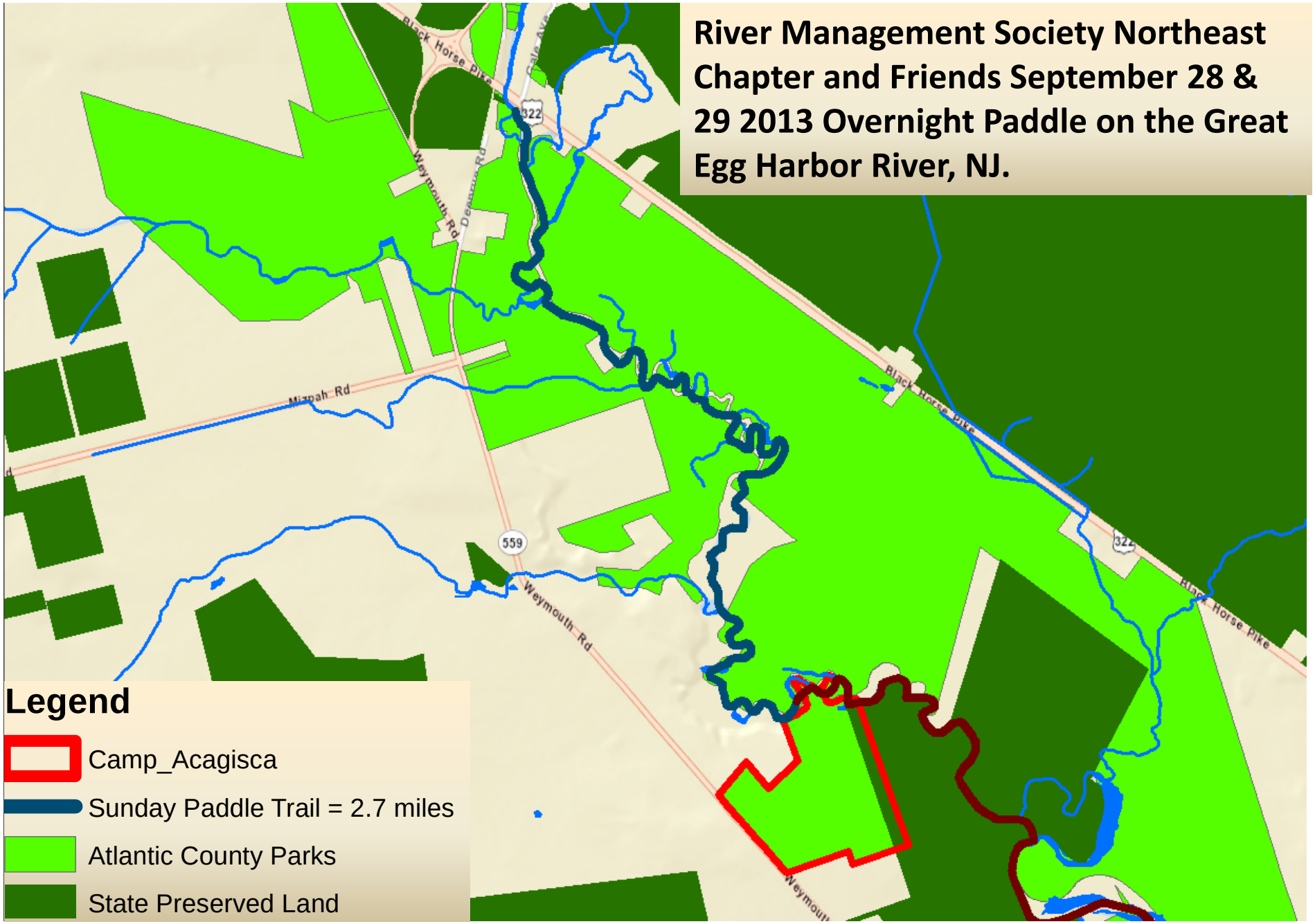
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Black Horse Pike
322
Weymouth Rd
Mizpah Rd
559
Legend
Camp_Acagisca
Sunday Paddle Trail = 2.7 miles
Atlantic County Parks
State Preserved Land

Great Egg Harbor River

New Jersey

National Park Service
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Designated Reach: October 27, 1992. From the mouth of Patcong Creek to the Mill Street Bridge. From Lake Lenape to the Atlantic City Expressway. From the Williamstown-New Freedom Road to the Pennsylvania Railroad right-of-way.

The following tributaries from their confluence with the Great Egg Harbor River: Squankum Branch to Malaga Road; Big Bridge Branch to its headwaters; Penny Pot Stream Branch to 14th Street; Deep Run to Pancoast Mill Road; Mare Run to Weymouth Avenue; Babcock Creek to its headwaters; Gravelly Run to the Pennsylvania Railroad right-of-way; Miry Run to Asbury Road; South River to Main Avenue; Stephen Creek to New Jersey Route 50; Gibson Creek to First Avenue; English Creek to Zion Road; Lakes Creek to the dam; Middle River to the levee; Patcong Creek to the Garden State Parkway; Tuckahoe River to the Route 49 Bridge; Cedar Swamp Creek from its confluence with the Tuckahoe River to its headwaters.

Classification/Mileage: Scenic — 30.6 miles; Recreational — 98.4 miles; Total — 129.0 miles.

In 1992, 129 miles of the Great Egg Harbor River and its tributaries were designated into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The Great Egg, as it is known locally, drains 304 square miles of pristine wetlands in the heart of New Jersey's Pinelands Reserve (the famous "Pine Barrens") on its way to the Atlantic Ocean. The Great Egg flows through 12 New Jersey municipalities and is located near the urban centers of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Trenton and Camden, New Jersey; and Wilmington, Delaware. The river's proximity to millions of people, togther with it being the largest canoeing river in the Pine Barrens, makes the Great Egg an important recreation destination.

Dissolved iron and tannin, a product of fallen leaves and cedar roots, produce the river's tea-colored "cedar water" along much of its length. Freshwater and tidal wetlands, amid undisturbed forests, serve as resting, feeding and breeding areas for waterfowl throughout the year. Each year striped bass and alewife herring return from the ocean to spawn in the gravel-bottomed tributaries of the Great Egg Harbor River. The river also provides habitat for several threatened and endangered species including the bald eagle, the peregrine falcon, and the Pine Barrens tree frog.

The watershed has been occupied since pre-historic times, lived upon traditionally by the Lenape Indians before European occupation in the early 1700s. The lands contained all the necessary materials for shipbuilding, and in the Revolutionary War its "bog iron" made cannon balls, while its hidden coves sheltered privateers. Blast furnaces, sawmills, glass factories, and brick and tile works followed until the Industrial Revolution drew its people away. Today, the development of the area's prime agricultural land has contributed greatly to the cultural diversity of the area.