U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420

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SUBJECT: **Notice of Scoping for the Proposed Acquisition of a Residential Treatment Center in Spring Hill, FL**

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), proposes to acquire a former residential treatment center, located at 14191 Turner Loop in Spring Hill, FL to be operated as a residential treatment center by the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital (JAHVH). The acquisition includes the 40-acre parcel of land where the facility is located. (Figures 1 and 2). The residential treatment center is a 34-bed, 11,047 square-foot building constructed in 2010.

This scoping notice is also being published in the Tampa Bay Times to inform and solicit input from the public and will be made available on the VA website at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental.

As part of the decision-making process, VA is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action. VA will prepare this EA according to the regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370h), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

If you have comments on the scope of issues for analysis, input on potential alternatives, or information/analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, please submit your comments via email to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Spring Hill Residential Treatment Center EA" within 30 days of receipt of this notice.

VA will address and incorporate relevant scoping comments in the Draft EA. Once VA completes the Draft EA, it will be published and made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. VA will notify stakeholders via email/mail and publish a notice of availability (NOA) of the Draft EA in the Tampa Bay Times.

For additional information or questions, please contact Jason Sturm at jason.sturm@va.gov with the subject line "Spring Hill Residential Treatment Center EA".

Respectfully,

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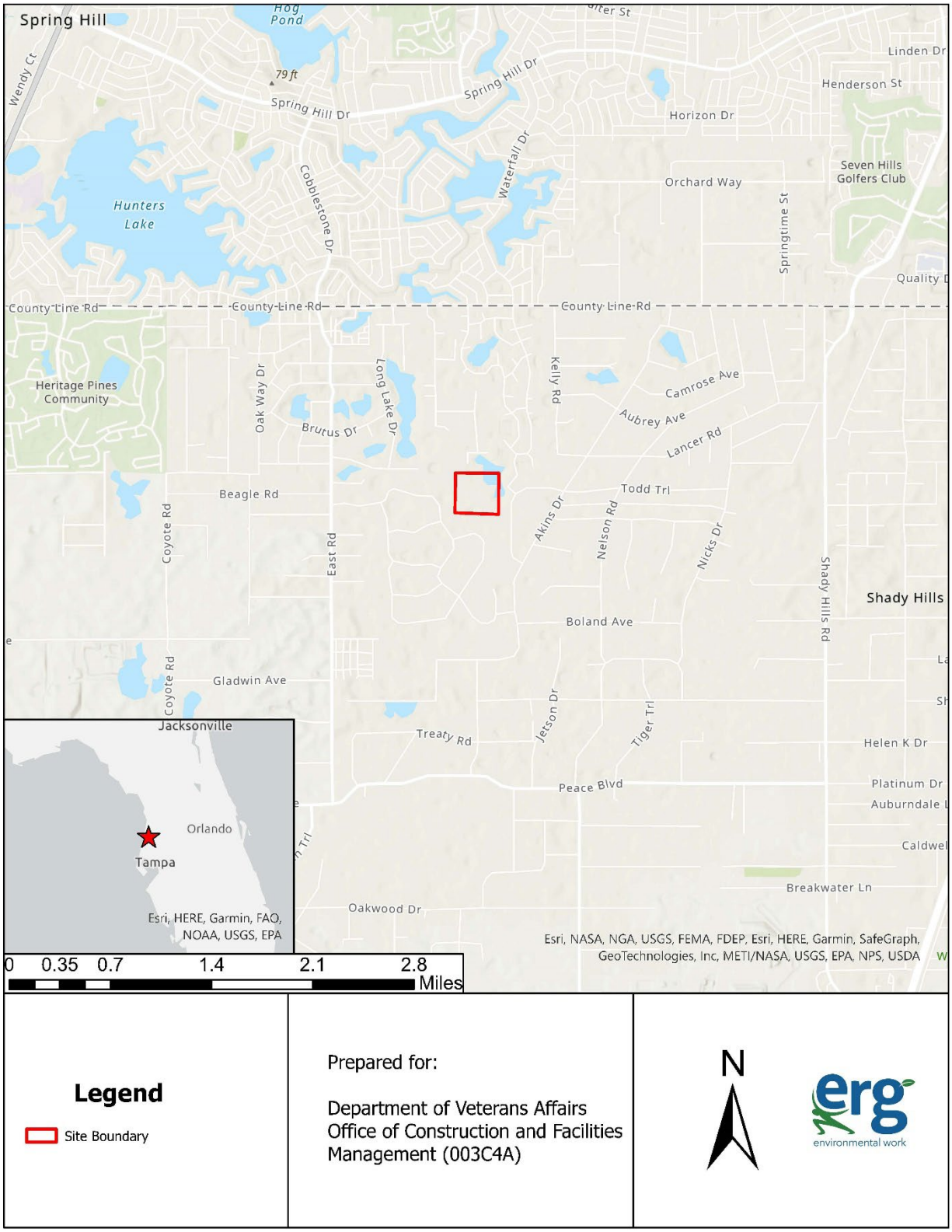

Figure 1. Map showing the proposed project area

Figure 2. Aerial imagery of the proposed project area showing the modern structure