

# Oystercatchers in Florida

*Preliminary Summary for 2025*



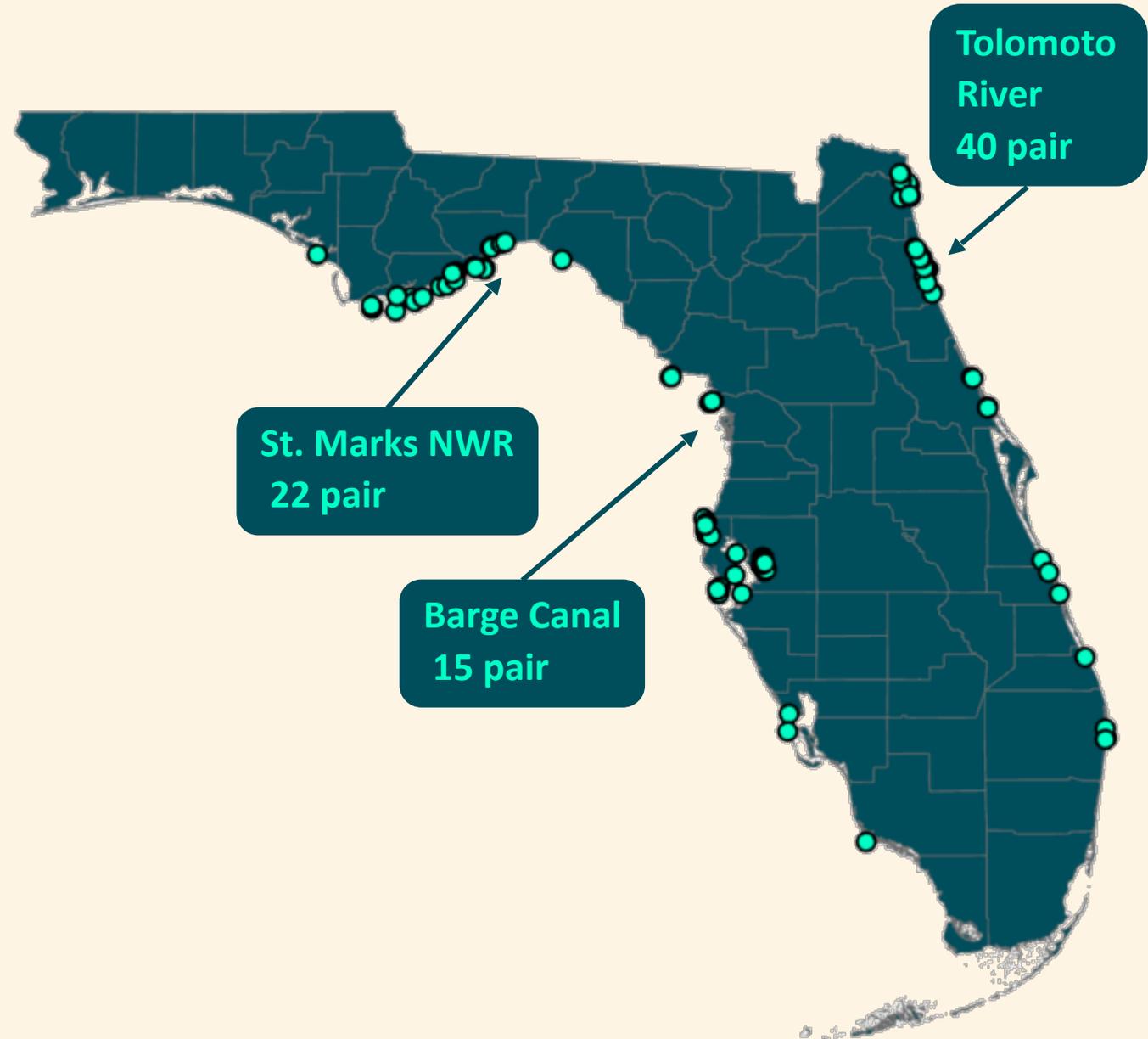
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# 2025 Oystercatcher Distribution & Summary

- FSA partners monitored **919** miles
- **213** breeding oystercatcher pairs
- Including **11** pair on rooftops
- **250** confirmed nests
- **38%** Hatch Rate

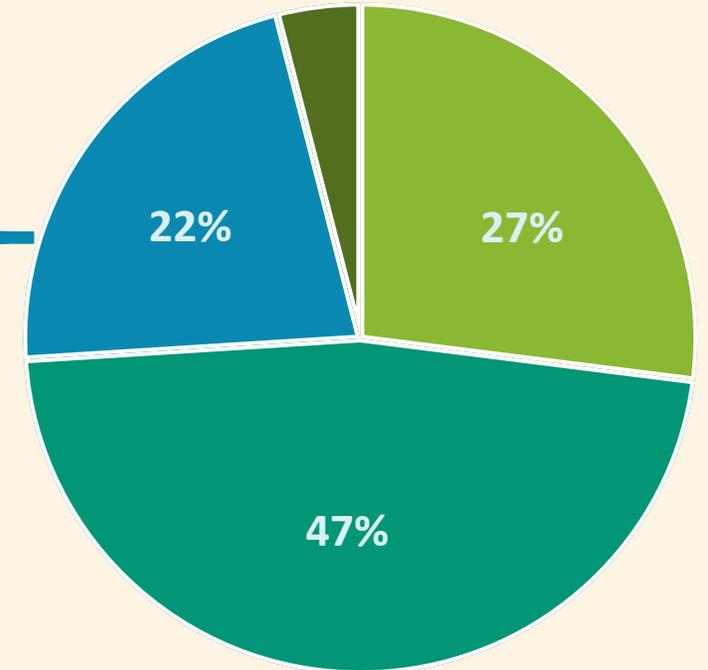


# Sources of nest loss at ground sites



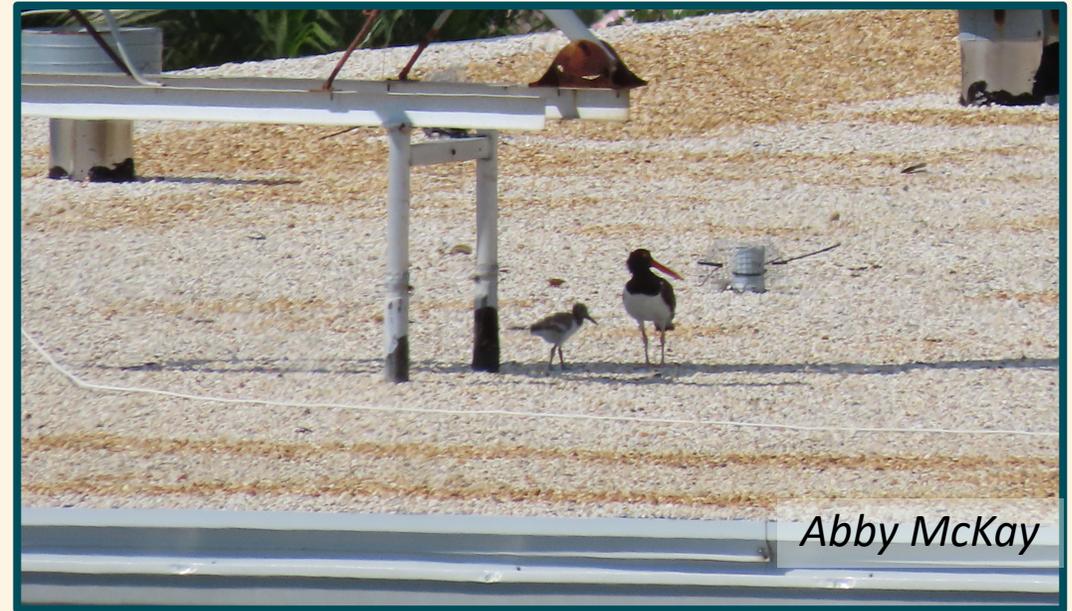
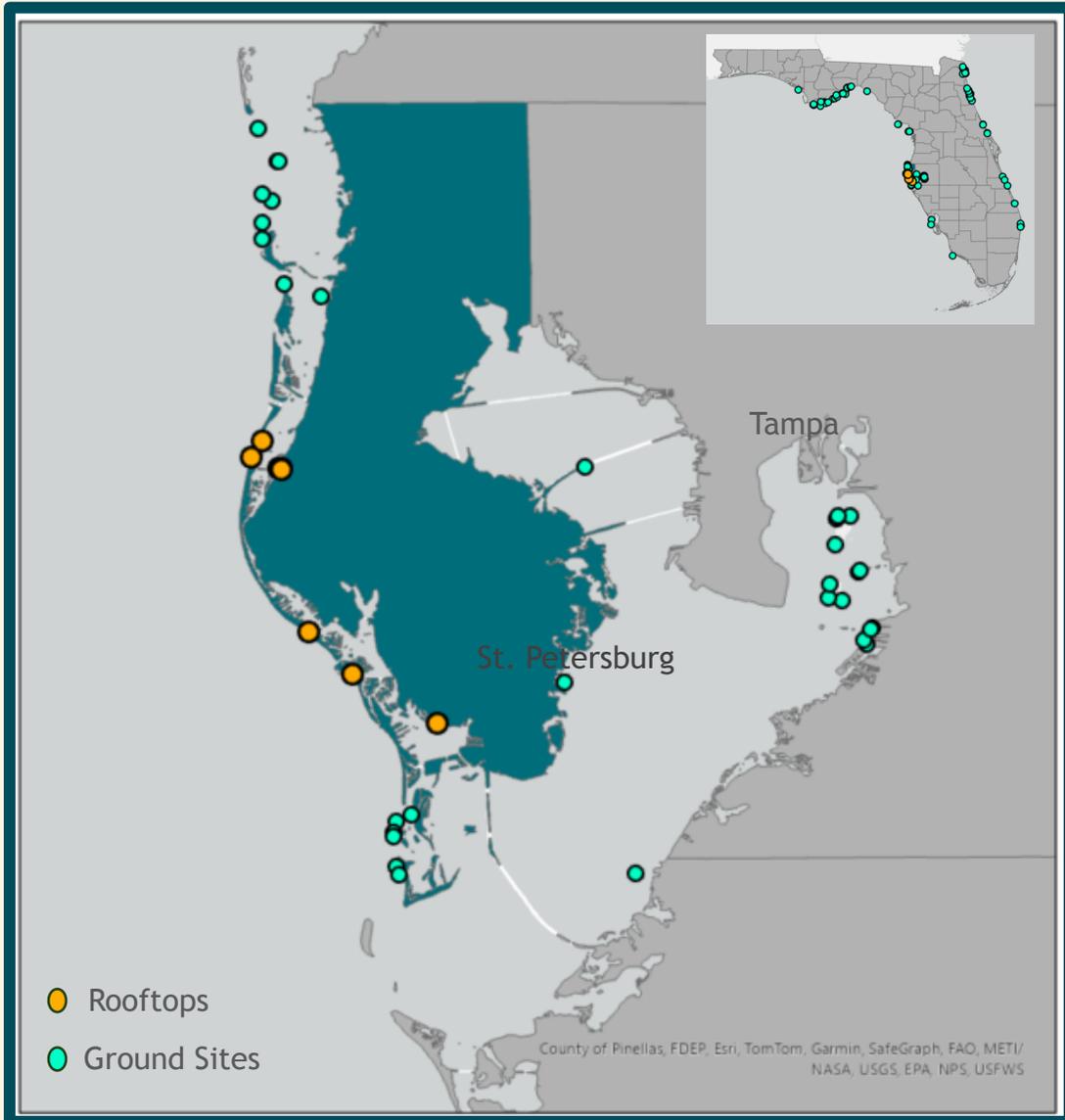
- Bobcat
- Coyote
- Crows
- Great blue heron
- Great horned owl
- Laughing gull
- Raccoon

53% of nests Failed  
The primary reported sources of loss include:



- Unknown Loss
- Overwash
- Predation
- Other

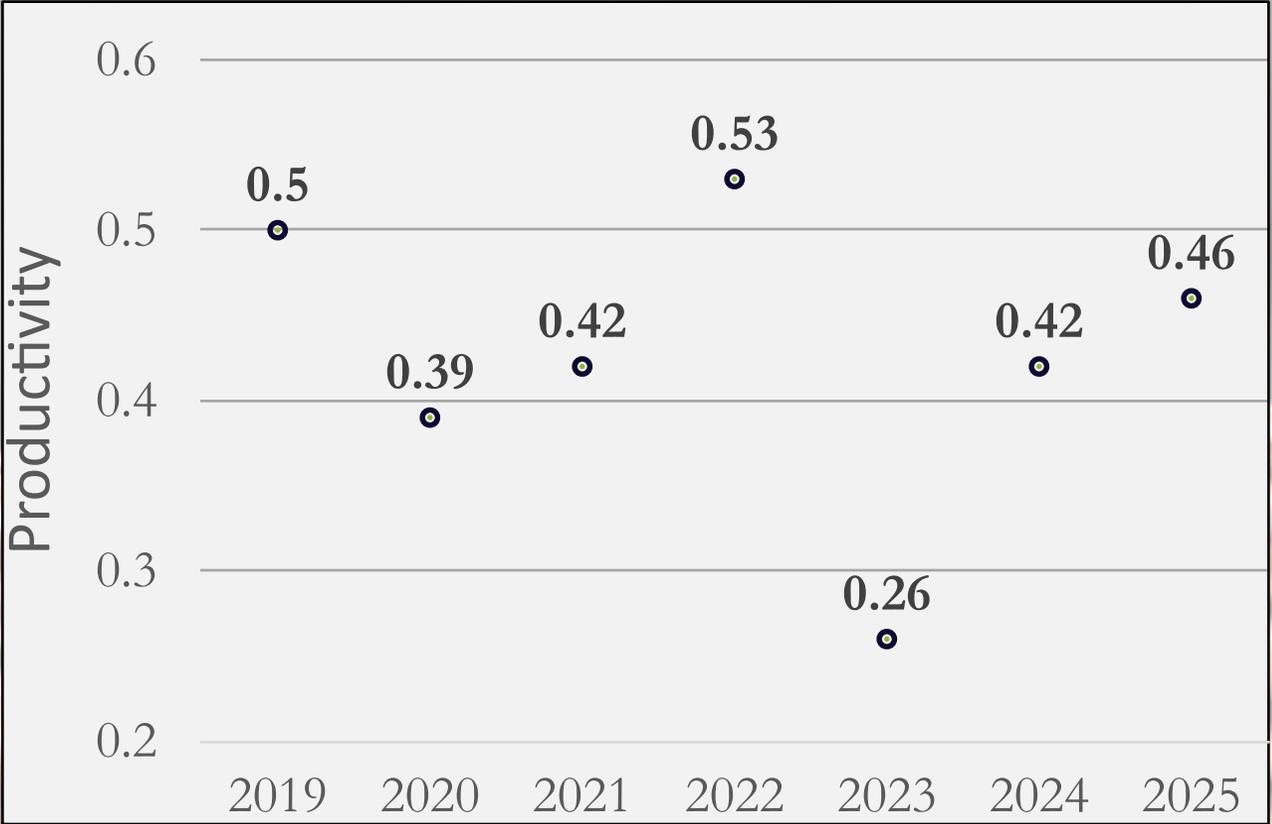
# Oystercatchers on Pinellas County Rooftops



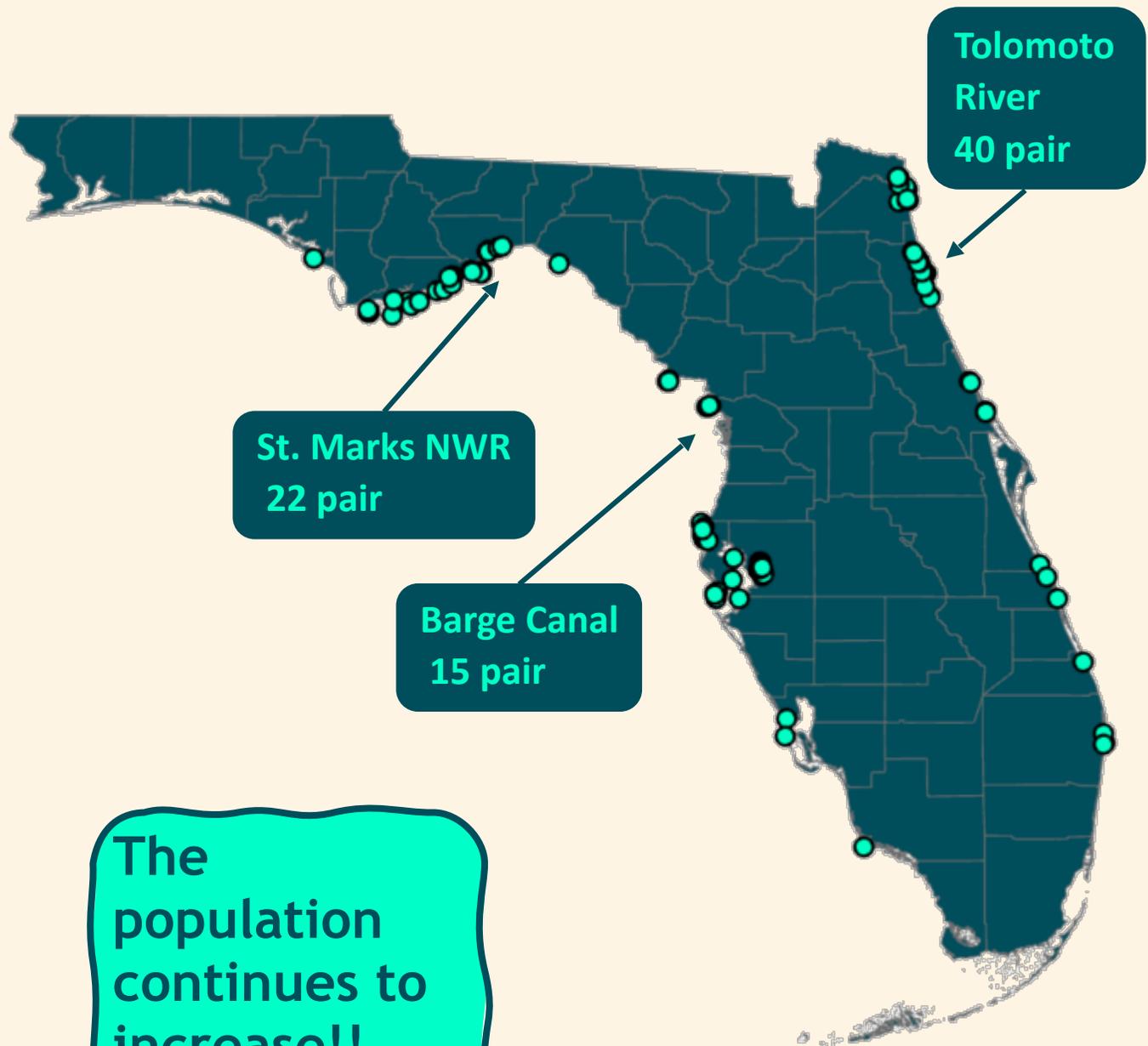
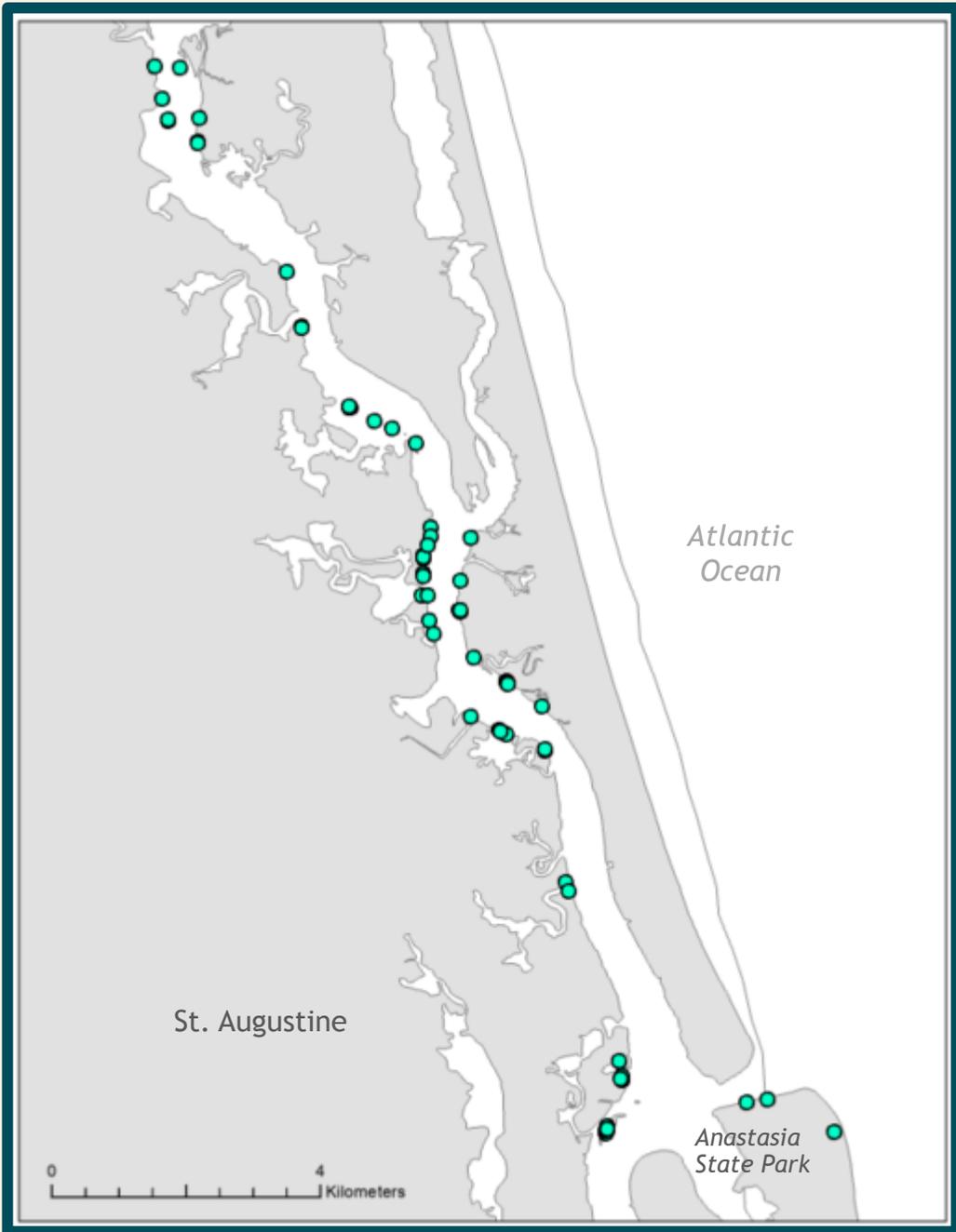
- 11 pair
- 6 fledglings
- 0.55 productivity

- Post-Hurricane repairs
- Outreach and collaboration with building managers

# American Oystercatcher Productivity in Florida



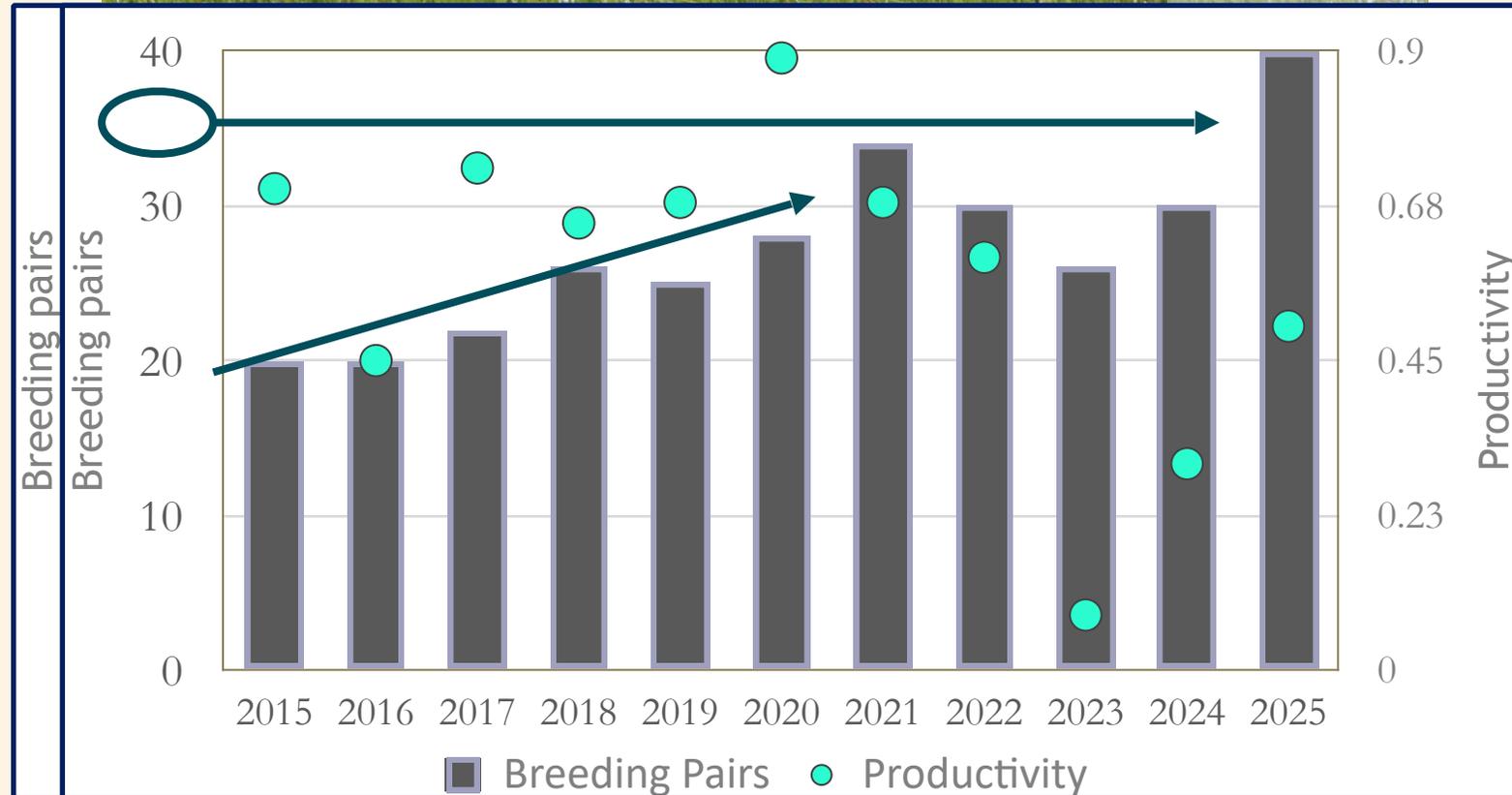
- **99** fledglings produced from ground sites and rooftops in Florida in **2025**
- A 7-year average productivity rate of **0.43**



The population continues to increase!!

# Tolomoto River: Population continues to increase

- Increased from 20 to 30 pair in recent years
- In 2024, 10 pair of young birds 'practicing' in suboptimal location
- Increase by another 10 breeding pair
- 170 fledglings



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↑ Breeding Population

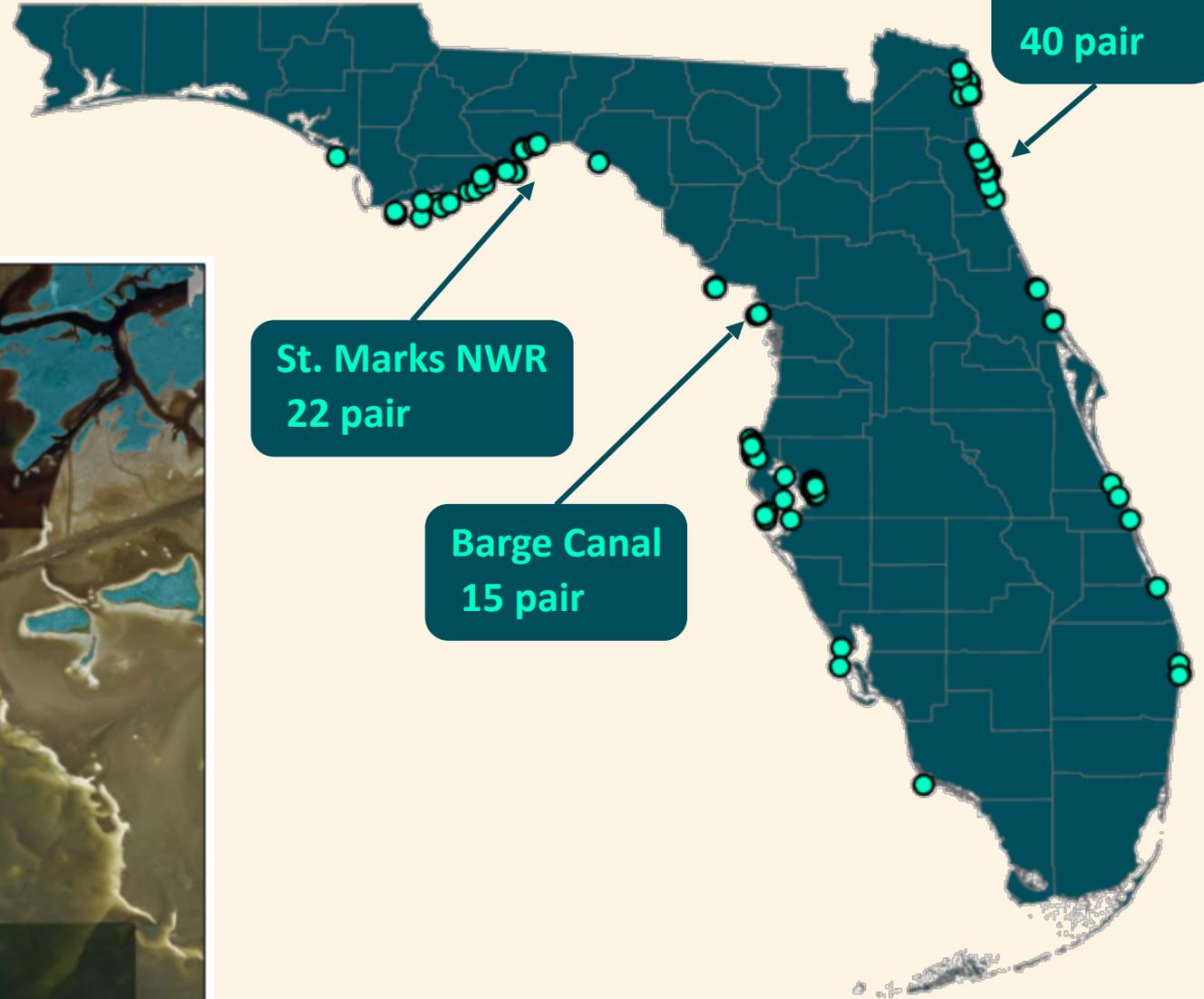
↑ Suboptimal Habitat Use



68% Overwash  
Rate

# The population declined

Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway

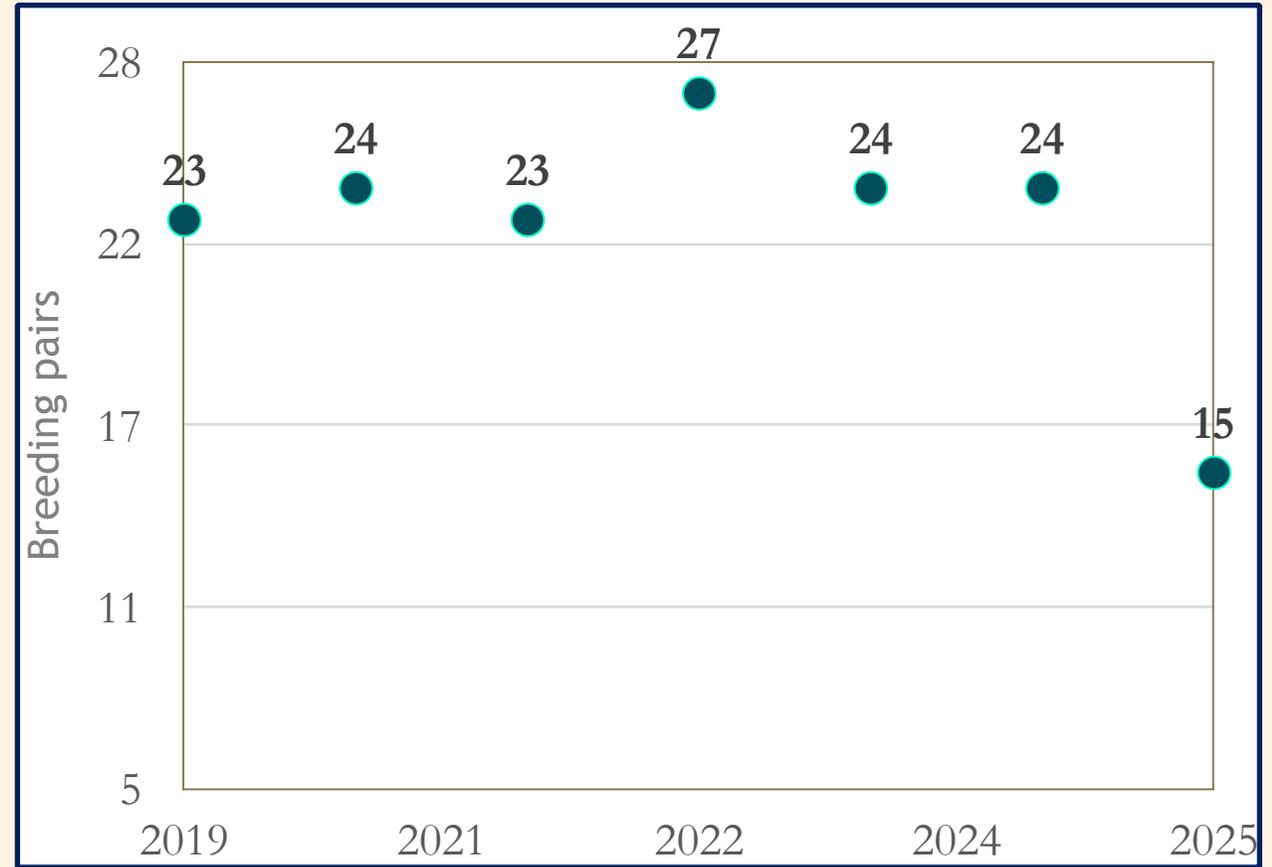


# Barge Canal: Population Decline



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Continue to assess resight data and survival to understand hurricane impacts



## Potential Hurricane Impacts

Adults disappeared after Hurricane Helene; landfall September 26, 2024

# Cotton Island Update



*Photos by Pat Leary*



Thank you!



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