

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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SUBJECT: APHIS Establishes Additional Regulated Area in Florida for Giant African Snail
(*Lissachatina fulica*, formerly *Achatina fulica*)

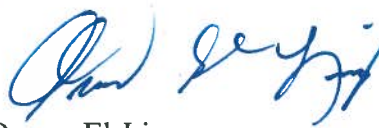
TO: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is notifying stakeholders of one new regulated area (referred to as Zone Y on the attached map) for giant African snail (GAS) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Program personnel have recently detected GAS in these areas that were outside of existing regulated areas in Miami. The revised map and description of the new regulated areas are posted on the APHIS website at

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/gas/downloads/gals-quarantinezone.pdf

In September 2011, APHIS confirmed the detection of GAS (*Lissachatina fulica*) in a residential area of Miami, Florida. GAS is one of the most damaging snails in the world because it is known to consume at least 500 different plants including vegetables, fruits, and ornamental crops. Since the initial detection, APHIS has worked with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct survey, regulatory, control, and outreach activities within the affected areas.

For further information regarding the GAS program, please call Field Operations Manager Anthony Man-Son-Hing at 919-855-7331 or National Program Policy Manager Charles Brown at 301-851-2119.

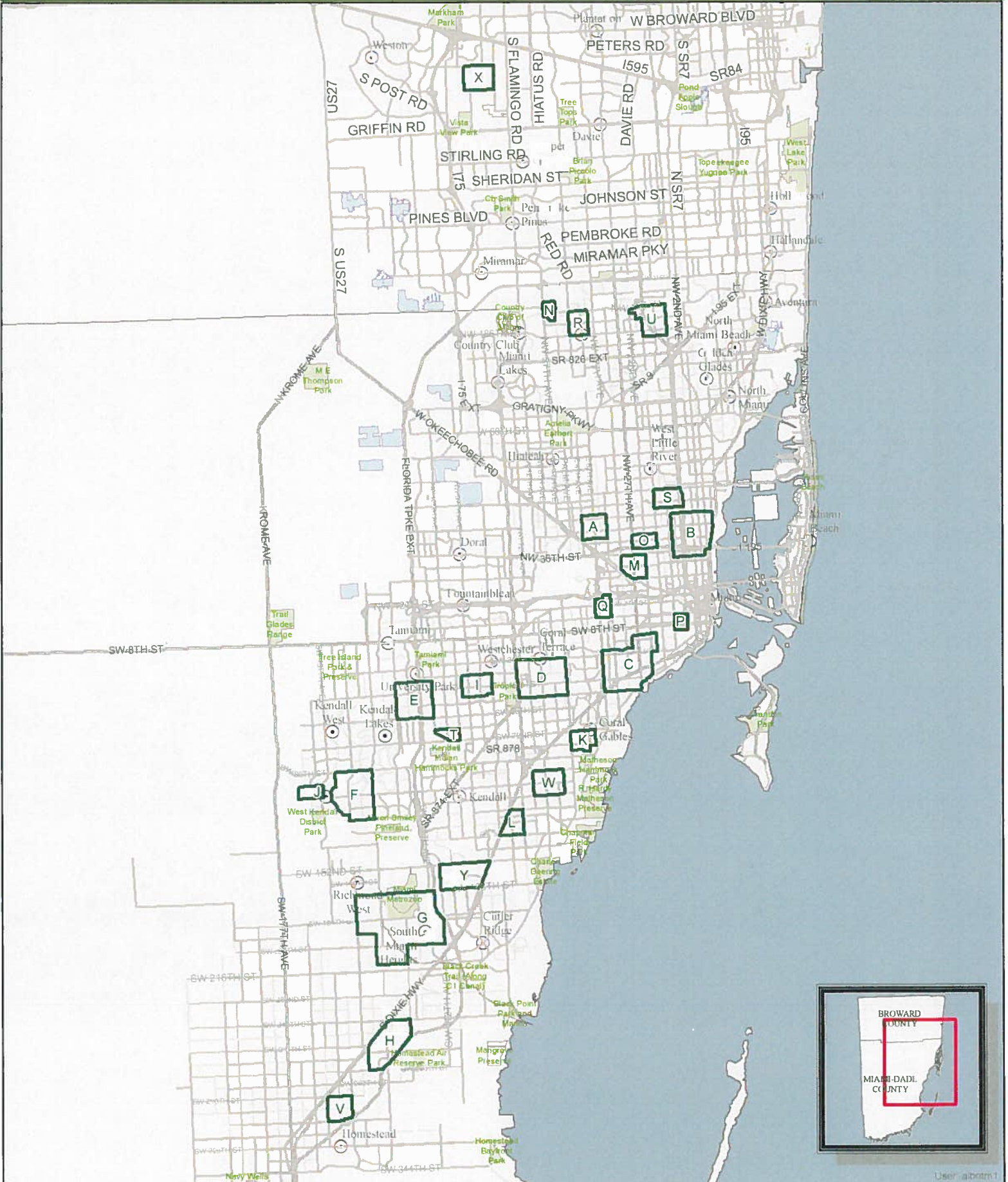


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Attachment

Giant African Land Snail (GALS) Quarantine Zones A-Y

Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, June 4, 2015



 GALS Quarantine Zones A-Y



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