Comparing Costs of Future Growth Scenarios in McIntosh Co. JP Schmidt, Post-doctoral Associate, Marine Sciences, U.G.A. Funding: Georgia SeaGrant, Long-term Ecological Research Network

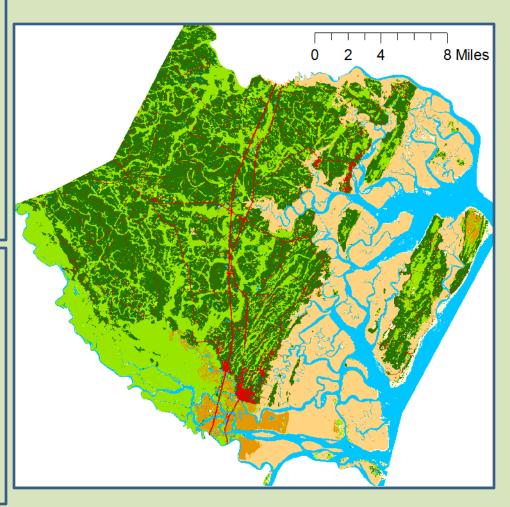
What is value of forested lands? market goods public goods

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carbon storage biodiversity

What is the value of wetlands?

- biodiversity
- water quality
- nursery/fisheries
- scenic/rec.
- carbon storage

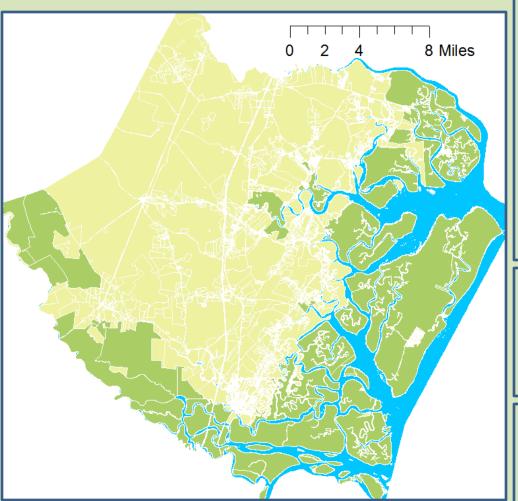


Benefits, Amenities, Revenue

What are the main sources of **revenue** for McIntosh County?

How do revenue sources relate directly to natural resources?

What lands or resources in the county generate the greatest value?



Costs, Losses

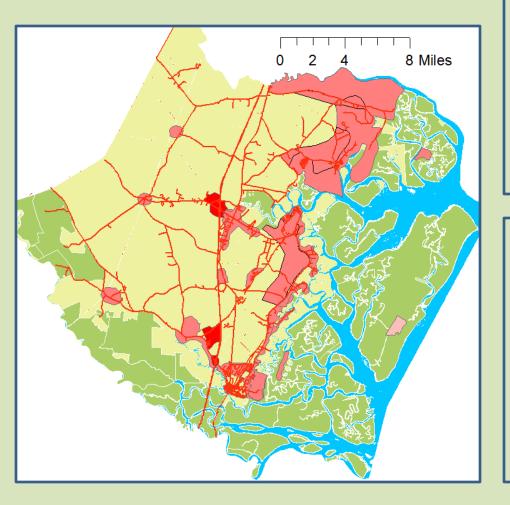
Where are service costs greatest currently?

- schools
- roads
- water/sewer
- police/fire/emt

Which service costs are likely to increase the most?

Where are ES losses greatest w/ development?

Can future land use be jointly optimized to both preserve **ES** and **reduce costs** to county government?



Project goals:

- mapping value of forested lands and wetlands
- under contrasting development scenarios – conservation vs. conventional
 - mapping changes in ES value
 - comparing cost of services

Data sources:

- county tax digest
- Forest Inventory and Analysis (USFS)
- value transfer studies (Moore, Brander)
- interviews with county mgmt