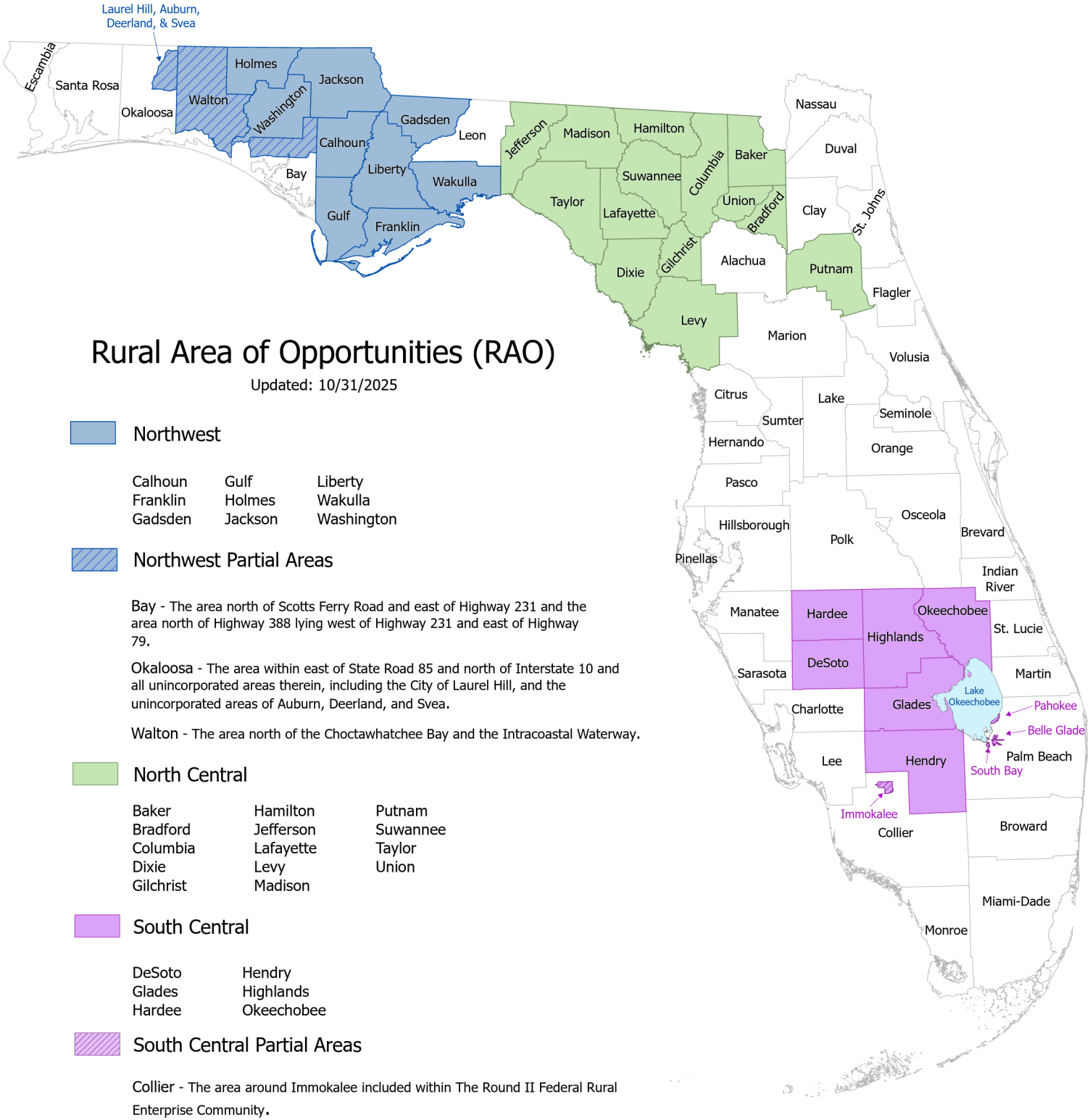

Rural Area of Opportunities (RAO)

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Northwest

Calhoun	Gulf	Liberty
Franklin	Holmes	Wakulla
Gadsden	Jackson	Washington

Northwest Partial Areas

Bay - The area north of Scotts Ferry Road and east of Highway 231 and the area north of Highway 388 lying west of Highway 231 and east of Highway 79.

Okaloosa - The area within east of State Road 85 and north of Interstate 10 and all unincorporated areas therein, including the City of Laurel Hill, and the unincorporated areas of Auburn, Deerland, and Svea.

Walton - The area north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway.

North Central

Baker	Hamilton	Putnam
Bradford	Jefferson	Suwannee
Columbia	Lafayette	Taylor
Dixie	Levy	Union
Gilchrist	Madison	

South Central

DeSoto	Hendry
Glades	Highlands
Hardee	Okeechobee

South Central Partial Areas

Collier - The area around Immokalee included within The Round II Federal Rural Enterprise Community.

Palm Beach - The cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.