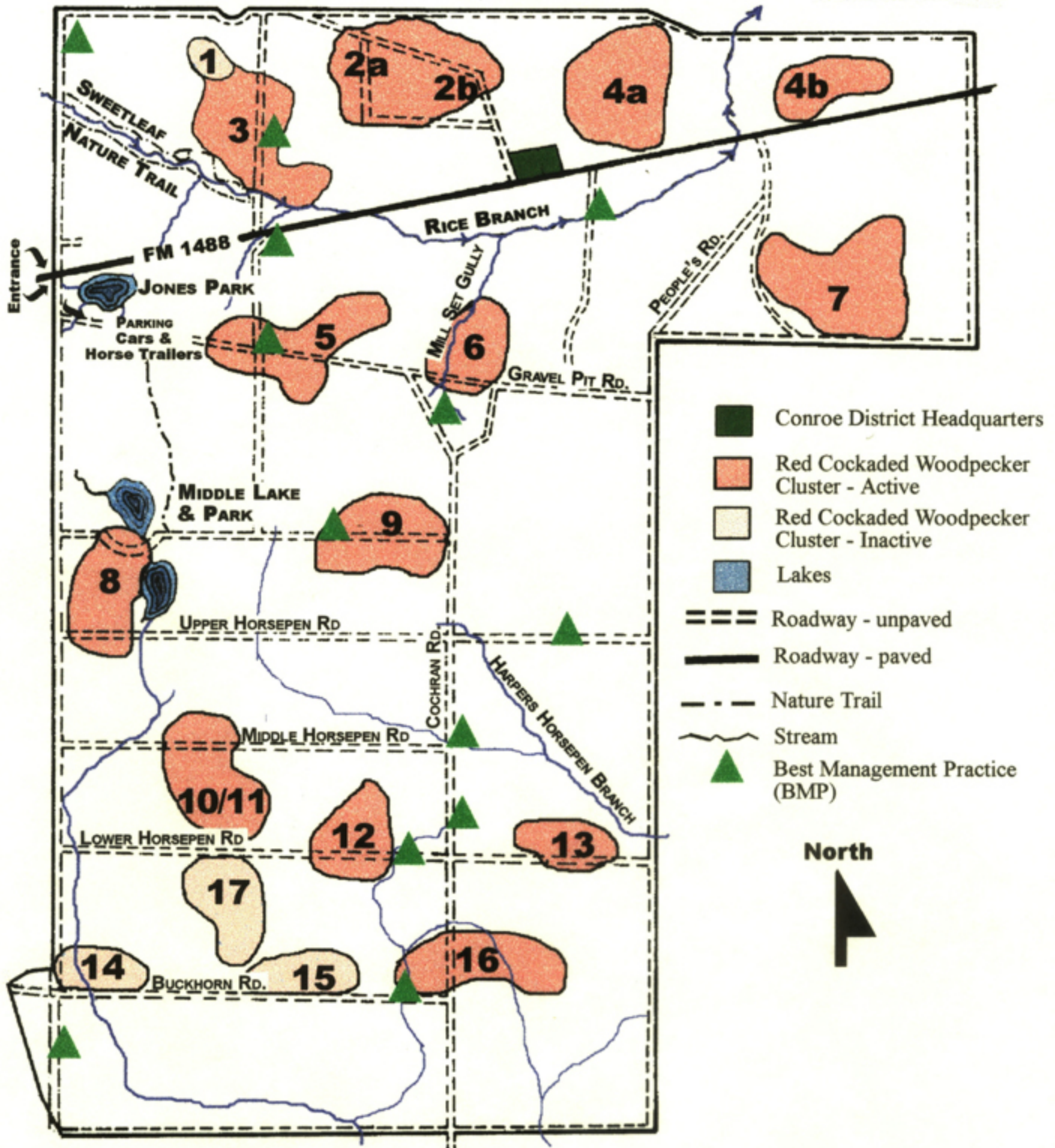


W. Goodrich Jones State Forest



Purchased by the state in 1926, the 1,733 acre Jones State Forest is named in honor of W. Goodrich Jones, the founder of the Texas Forestry Association. The Jones State Forest was created, and still operates as, a demonstration and working forest. Although the forest is not actively managed for recreation, the close proximity to Houston makes it a popular area for the public to enjoy. Among its amenities are a self-guided nature trail, two small ponds, picnic area, and parking for horse trailers. Horse back riding and fishing are allowed, but no hunting. The forest is a wildlife sanctuary and home to the endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker.