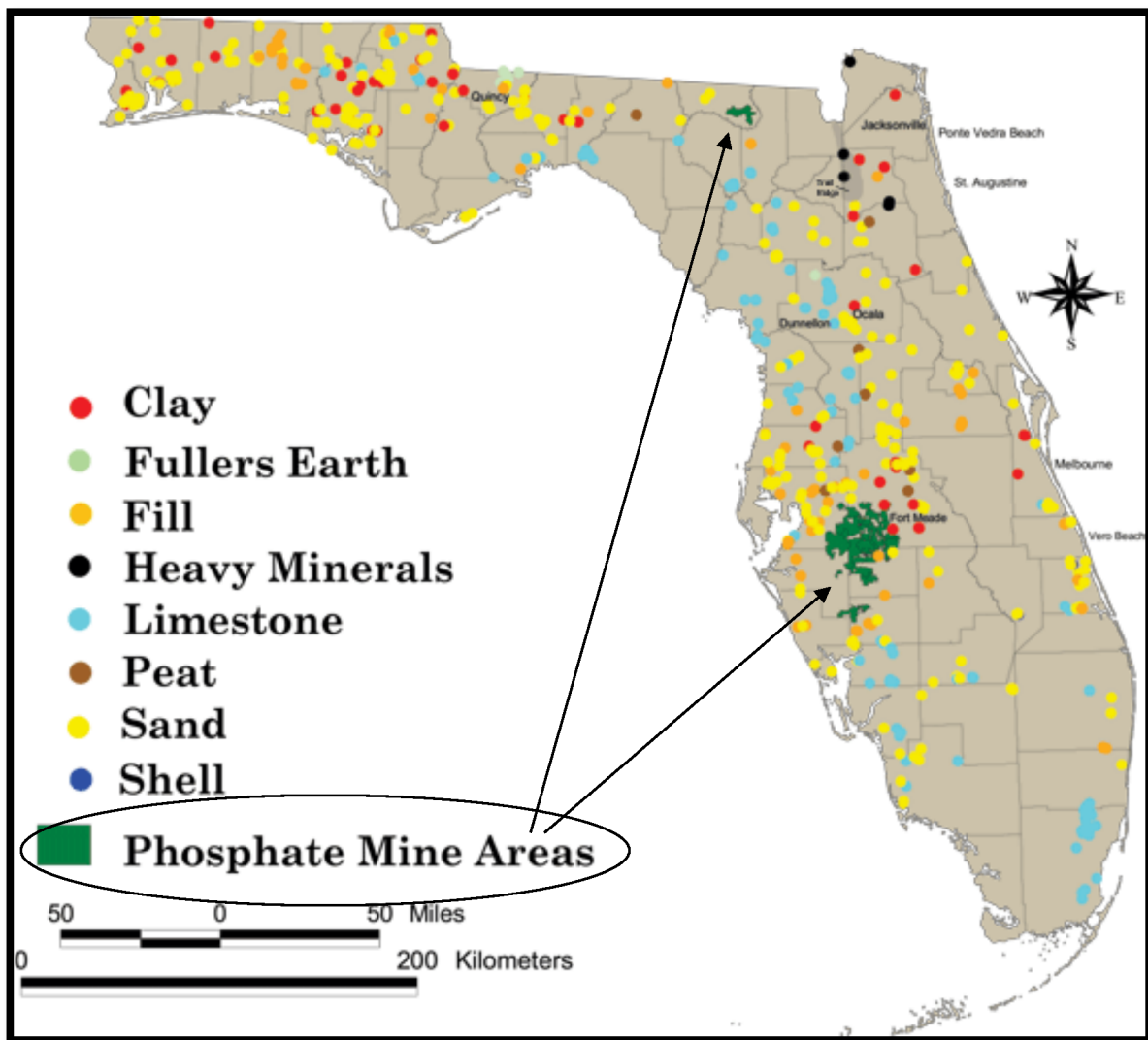


## 2.0 GENERAL STATEMENT ON PHOSPHATE MINING

Phosphate mining occurs in two geographic areas in Florida – in Central Florida (Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk, and Hardee Counties) and Hamilton County in North Central Florida. Two mining companies remain active in the Florida phosphate industry – The Mosaic Company in Central Florida and Nutrien–White Springs in Hamilton County (**Figure 2**).

The Florida Institute of Phosphate Research (FIPR) provides an excellent summary of modern day mining methods used to extract phosphate ore in Florida. Please see <https://fipr.floridapoly.edu/about-us/phosphate-primer/index.php> for FIPR’s “Phosphate Primer.”



**Figure 2 - Phosphate mining areas in Florida**  
(source - <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/geology/geologictopics/minerals.htm>)