

**January 24, 2017**

**SPRING WOOD LAKE  
ANNUAL MEETING & LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Annual Meeting – 2017

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- Current Fiscal Year
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# SPRING WOOD LAKE ANNUAL MEETING

Date, Time & Location	:	January 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m., 200 W. County Home Rd – LMP office
Community Liaisons	:	Larry Hanks
Community Liaisons Present	:	Larry Hanks
Seminole County	:	Joey Cordell, Gloria Eby, Thomas Calhoun, and Joe Saucer
Altamonte Springs	:	April Verpoorten

## AGENDA

### Topics carried forward from prior fiscal year activity [[Meeting Notes](#)]

- Fertilizer Ordinance & Shoreline Protection Ordinance
  - Both ordinances contain commitments and directives that will contribute to environmental improvement and protection long-term for lakes and other waterbodies. The Fertilizer Ordinance focuses primarily on fertilizer selection (phosphate free, slow release nitrogen) and application (location, volume, timing). The Shoreline Protection Ordinance mirrors the State’s guidelines for shoreline vegetation and development as historically communicated by the LMP and demonstrated by the best lake management practices followed by MSBU funded services. The Fertilizer Ordinance is tentatively scheduled for BCC review/approval consideration on February 28; while the Shoreline Protection Ordinance development continues with final presentation anticipated later in 2017. [Note: The Shoreline Protection Ordinance approval process involves several levels of approval as the directives need to be included in the County’s Land Development Code.] Educational materials are readily available to further promote awareness, understanding and compliance.
  - FWC is proposing a change to their permitting responsibilities respective to aquatic plant management. The proposed (and likely to be adopted rule changes) will have impact on the permits associated with lakes less than 160 acres in size. The importance of Seminole County enacting the Shoreline Protection Ordinance is heightened by this change. In association with the ordinance, the County will be confirming delegated enforcement authority from FWC to provide ongoing compliance efforts respective to adopted protective measures. When presentation dates are confirmed, LMP will provide email updates so interested property owners and residents are aware of these activities. Supportive participation is encouraged.

### General Topics & Updates [[Meeting Notes](#)]

- 2017 Shoreline Planting Event- dates available
  - 6/10/17 Event to be coordinated via Thomas Calhoun
  - Consideration being given to replacing cattails with bulrush
- Nutrients/Habitat Scores: Bioassessment Indices
  - Refer to Exhibit C; strategic planting improved LVI score (specifically the Coefficient of Conservatism score)
- Plans for current fiscal year
  - Refer to Page 6; Monitor hydrilla and grass carp fish status
  - Southern naiad has topped out around the edges of the lake and is approaching same level in the middle of the lake. Thomas Calhoun stated that a band treatment could be used to knock the

naiad back; however both Thomas and Gloria Eby concurred that naiad, although a nuisance to recreation, is a beneficial native aquatic plant, and treatments need to be balanced.

- Projections for next fiscal year
  - Refer to Page 6
- Budget – Prior, Current & Proposed
  - Refer to Exhibit B; Liaisons agreed with recommended assessment reduction for tax year 2017
  - April Verpoorten is to contact the condo association to encourage participate in the funding and volunteer efforts respective to lake management. Liaisons are seeking fair level of financial participation from this property located in the City of Altamonte tax district as the condo association and its members benefit from the ongoing management and care of the lake.
- General recommendations for community consideration
  - Refer to Page 5; Increase native aquatic plantings in areas devoid of vegetation

# SPRING WOOD LAKE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Scope of Public Aquatic Weed/Plant Control [AWC] Services**

The scope of public aquatic weed control [AWC] services funded by non-ad-valorem assessment includes those services associated with managing aquatic plant communities as deemed beneficial and/or critical to restoring, developing and/or maintaining conditions that enhance the water quality and over-all health of the waterbody; with emphasis on providing public services for public purposes which by definition of public are limited to the waterbody and respective shoreline when/where noxious and/or invasive exotic vegetation could/would threaten or impede the waterbody.

### **Governing documents**

- Seminole County Ordinance 10-17
- FWC permit

### **Methods for Aquatic Weed Control as authorized via County Ordinance/Resolution**

- Chemical (herbicides)
- Biological (sterile triploid grass carp fish [TGC])

### **Targeted Invasive/Exotic Aquatic Vegetation**

- Hydrilla, southern naiad, alligatorweed, torpedo grass, primrose willow, water lily, wild taro, cattail, barnyard grass, and salvinia.

### **Frequency of AWC Treatment**

AWC services are performed at the direction of the Seminole County LMP as per the Spring Wood Lake Management Plan reviewed at the annual planning session with the expectation that the Seminole County LMP may alter anticipated treatments as merited per changing/evolving conditions noted during site inspections.

### **Herbicide Treatments - Service Provider**

- As determined by Seminole County

### **Funding**

Assessment rate may vary annually based on financial demands of changing conditions, such as cost of herbicide treatments, frequency of treatments, and other factors impacting assessment calculations. The governing ordinance does not include assessment restrictions specific to annual adjustment amounts and/or assessment cap.

### **Lake Liaisons**

Designated property owners (or their designated representatives) provide community representation at annual planning sessions with the County and serve voluntarily as the key point of contact for community inquiries and concerns. The liaison for Spring Wood Lake is Larry Hanks ([lhanksjr@gmail.com](mailto:lhanksjr@gmail.com)).

## **COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

LMP recommends/encourages homeowners to coordinate a resident-based volunteer event involving native plantings along the shoreline of Spring Wood Lake. The intention of such an event is to plant beneficial native aquatic plants to key areas in need along the bank. It is especially important that as the aquatic invasive plants (such as torpedo grass) are being treated, native aquatic plants should be established within these areas. The presence of the recommended native plant species along the shoreline provides habitat for fish and wildlife, helps impede invasive exotics from re-establishing, and reduces erosion of the shoreline. All of these best management practices are essential to providing the conditions that promote an environmentally stable habitat to be enjoyed by generations to come. The key to success is dependent on strong participation of the Spring Wood Lake community. Continued recommendations for community initiatives are as follows:

- 1) Work together with other lakefront owners. Have *at least* one annual lake association meeting, invite guest speakers (such as county or state biologists) and discuss lake specific issues, especially nutrients/lake management recommendations. Continue to increase native aquatic plantings along shoreline (such as pickerelweed, duck potato, and canna).
- 2) Increase educational outreach programs, i.e. Shoreline Restoration Workshops (planting days), Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN), Lake Management Video mail-outs, and reduction of personal pollution by decreasing fertilizer usage; using only phosphorous free and slow-releasing nitrogen based fertilizers; keeping a functional shoreline with beneficial native aquatic plants; keeping grass clippings out of your lake and storm drains leading to the lake. All these activities aid in protecting your waterbody! Contact Seminole County Lake Management Program (407) 665-2439 for free educational programs available.
- 3) Consider increasing street sweeping services during times of peak leaf fall to ensure that this debris does not enter your waterways. Leaf debris contains phosphorous that can negatively impact your waterbody.
- 4) Spring Wood Lake is in need of a LAKEWATCH Volunteer to take monthly samples that is invaluable data for your lake.
- 5) Share what YOU know with your neighbors! Encourage fellow residents to keep a functional shoreline with beneficial native aquatic plants, and to keep grass clippings out of the storm drains that lead to the lake. All of these activities aid in protecting your waterbody! Please share newsletter with any new residents or those not currently on our email list.

**Important to Note:** When herbicides are applied along the shoreline to invasive plants (such as torpedo grass), overspray onto adjacent desirable vegetation may occur. In order to avoid damage to desired vegetation, manual (by hand) removal (by property owner) of the undesirable species from among the desirable species is advised. If the invasive plants are removed by this method, spraying the area can be reduced, thereby offering greater protection to the desirable species. The physical removal of dead/decaying aquatic plant material will reduce the volume of decomposing vegetation on the lake bottom (muck layer) and will increase the success of the efforts to limit the re-growth of the invasive plants.

## **COUNTY SERVICES – Lake Management & Supplemental Programs**

LMP provides continued evaluation of the aquatic plant species, such as hydrilla, and provides community updates on the status of all treatments and waterbody assessments. In addition, LMP offers free aquatic plant material (as available) for sponsored restoration events and local community volunteers coordinated through the county's Seminole Education and Restoration Volunteer (SERV) Program. While the MSBU assessment includes a nominal charge for administering the MSBU, the amount charged does not cover all the expenses incurred by the County on behalf of the waterfront property owners. Spring Wood Lake is monitored by LMP to assess the aquatic plant growth. Many of the services provided by the LMP are made available to support community riparian stewardship without additional charges being assigned to the MSBU budget.

## **CURRENT FISCAL YEAR – Planned Treatment & Funding**

### **Primary Aquatic Plant Management Expectations**

Hydrilla growth in Spring Wood Lake has the likelihood to continue; however, the timing and extent of hydrilla re-growth is affected by multiple natural and environmental factors that cannot be controlled or predicted with certainty. While extensive growth of hydrilla is possible at any point in time; it is anticipated that routine spot treatments of hydrilla with herbicides and continuous biological control pressures from the triploid grass carp fish will be sufficient to manage hydrilla re-growth during the current fiscal year. The anticipation of spot treatments for the current fiscal year takes into consideration the historic trend of hydrilla management required at Spring Wood Lake, as well as current conditions observed at the lake. As with any lake with a history of hydrilla infestation, long-term planning to include financial preparation for whole lake treatment is advised.

Primary expectations are as follows:

- 1) Aquatic herbicide maintenance for non-native vegetation along with hydrilla treatment (as needed)
- 2) Maintain access corridor/open for access
- 3) Monitor hydrilla, other submersed aquatic plants, and grass carp fish effects
- 4) Grass carp stocking per FWC permit amendment

### **Funding Expectations**

*Refer to current fiscal year budget data provided in Exhibit B.*

## **NEXT FISCAL YEAR – Projected Treatment & Funding**

### **Primary Aquatic Plant Management Expectations**

The projected treatment plans for the next fiscal year remain consistent with the plans and expectations noted for the current fiscal year. Primary expectations are as follows:

- 1) Continued aquatic herbicide maintenance for non-native vegetation along with hydrilla treatment (as needed)
- 2) Continue to keep access corridor maintained and open for access
- 3) Continued monitoring of hydrilla, other submersed aquatic plants, and grass carp fish effects
- 4) Future grass carp stockings if deemed necessary and authorized by permit

### **Funding Expectations**

*Refer to next fiscal year budget data provided in Exhibit B.*

### **Exhibits**

- A** – Agenda & Notes Planning Session (Prior Year)
- B** – Budget/Financial Summaries
- C** – Historic Reports/Data
- D** – Roles and Responsibilities

## Exhibit A – Agenda & Planning Session Notes (Prior Year)

### ANNUAL MEETING

Date, Time & Location	:	January 22, 2016, 8:00 a.m., 200 W. County Home Rd – LMP office
Community Liaisons	:	Larry Hanks
Community Liaisons Present	:	Larry Hanks
Seminole County	:	Joey Cordell, Gloria Eby, and Kathy Moore

### AGENDA

#### **Topics carried forward from prior fiscal year activity** [Meeting Notes]

- For properties with cattails, the cattails can be further treated if property owner agree
- Restoration efforts have been successful; however, several properties could benefit from plants
  - Limited remaining opportunity
- Fertilizer Ordinance & Shoreline Protection Ordinance
  - Documents developed and undergoing preliminary review and consideration prior to presentation to Board of County Commissioners. Targeting to present to BCC within next several months.

#### **General Topics & Updates** [Meeting Notes]

- Grass carp fish stocking
  - Stock in 2016; 40 fish pending permit confirmation & purchase order; city of Maitland will provide cost share.
- Nutrients/Habitat Scores: Bioassessment indices
  - Refer to Exhibit C – note recommendation to introduce specific taxa to test survival outcome; to yield improved LVI results if plants survive
- Planting locations for sensitive taxa
  - LMP to provide list of sensitive taxa and recommended planting locations
- Plans for current fiscal year
  - Refer to Page 5 and Budget Exhibit B
- Projections for next fiscal year
  - Refer to Page 5
  - Budget Exhibit B – Assessment to be reduced from \$350.00 per year to \$300.00
  - Discussed revisiting status of contribution from Destiny Spring Condo association, City of Altamonte Springs and/or condo owners
- General recommendations for community consideration
  - Refer to Page 4



Exhibit B - Budget/Financial Overview

MSBU: SPRING WOOD LAKE

Date: January 1, 2017

Tax Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
Assessment	\$385.00	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Fiscal Year	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18
<b>REVENUE</b>				
	Actual	Actual	Working Budget	Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 14,356	\$ 19,243	\$ 22,754	\$ 20,413
Assessment	\$ 6,749	\$ 6,094	\$ 5,184	\$ 5,184
Other	\$ 55	\$ 64	\$ 50	\$ 50
MSBU Program Fund Advance	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,160</b>	<b>\$ 25,492</b>	<b>\$ 27,988</b>	<b>\$ 25,647</b>
Cost Sharing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lake Management Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,160</b>	<b>\$ 25,492</b>	<b>\$ 27,988</b>	<b>\$ 25,647</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
	Actual	Actual	Working Budget	Proposed Budget
County Administrative Fee	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,075
Fund Advance Repayment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ 842	\$ 1,663	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,500
<i>Routine Services</i>	\$ 842	\$ 870	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
<i>Algae</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Hydrilla</i>	\$ -	\$ 702	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
<i>Carp</i>	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Other</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency Reserve	\$ 19,243	\$ 22,754	\$ 20,413	\$ 20,072
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,160</b>	<b>\$ 25,492</b>	<b>\$ 27,988</b>	<b>\$ 25,647</b>
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Fund Advance BB Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Advance EB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

## Exhibit C - Historic Reports/Data

Additional information for Spring Wood Lake can be found on the Seminole County Water Atlas website at:

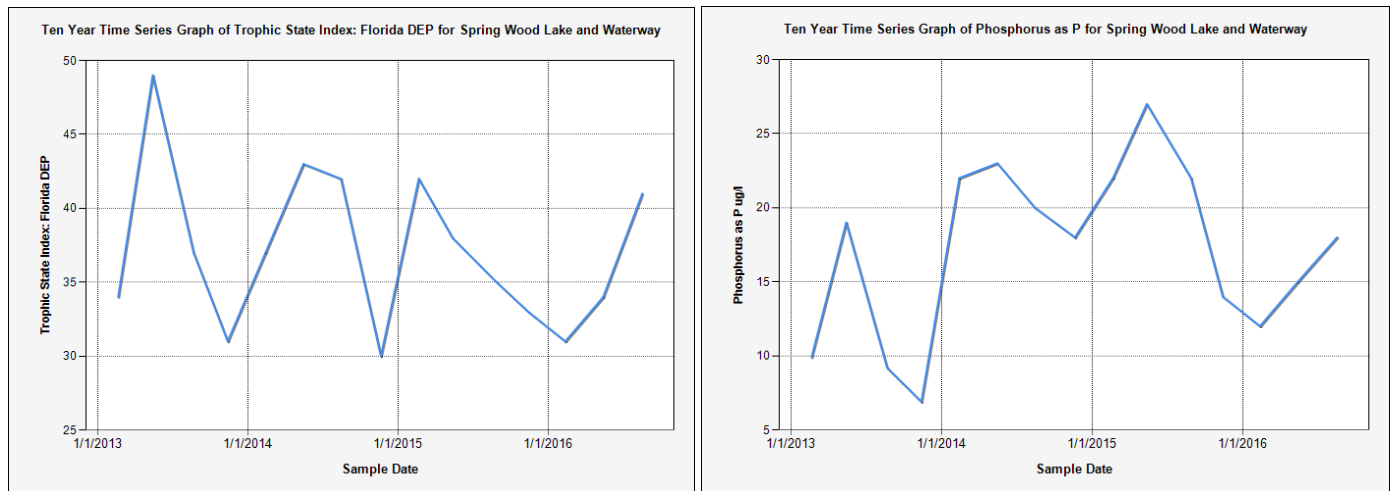
<http://www.seminole.wateratlas.usf.edu/lake/waterquality.asp?wbodyid=7660&wbodyatlas=lake>

<http://www.seminole.wateratlas.usf.edu/resourceprogram.aspx?aid=15&wbodyid=7660>

### **Spring Wood Lake Water Quality Report: How Does My Lake Rank? TSI SCORE: 41 GOOD**

The Trophic State Index (TSI) is a classification system designed to "rate" individual lakes, ponds and reservoirs based on the amount of biological productivity occurring in the water. Using the index, one can gain a quick idea about how productive a lake is by its assigned TSI number. A "Good" quality lake is one that meets all lake use criteria (swimmable, fishable, and supports healthy habitat).

The two graphs below indicates nutrient levels (measured by TSI and/or Total Phosphorous [TP]) for your lake. A TSI score of 60 or above is considered impaired (or polluted) lake. Continued reduction of TP sources (personal pollution, run-off, landscaping practices, shoreline erosion) can help reduce phosphorous in your lake that is abundantly available, potentially creating algae blooms.



### **Lake Vegetation Index Bioassessment (LVI): How Does My Lake Rank? 43 Healthy**

The Lake Vegetation Index is a rapid bioassessment tool created by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to assess the biological condition of aquatic plant communities in Florida lakes. The most recent LVI bioassessment for Spring Wood Lake (sampled on October 27, 2016) scored a **43** which is in the **Healthy** category due to increases in sensitive taxa presence (planted by LMP).

Aquatic Life Use Category	LVI Range	Description
Category 1 "exceptional"	78–100	Nearly every macrophyte present is a species native to Florida, invasive taxa typically not found. About 30% of taxa present are identified as sensitive to disturbance and most taxa have C of C values >5.
Category 2 "healthy"	43–77	About 85% of macrophyte taxa are native to Florida; invasive taxa present. Sensitive taxa have declined to about 15% and C of C values average about 5.
Category 3 "impaired"	0–42	About 70% of macrophyte taxa are native to Florida. Invasive taxa may represent up to 1/3 of total taxa. Less than 10% of the taxa are sensitive and C of C values of most taxa are <4.

## Exhibit D – Roles & Responsibilities

### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITY

#### General Outline

#### COUNTY

##### *Seminole County will*

- ✓ Govern the MSBU
- ✓ Provide financial management of MSBU fund
- ✓ Ensure activities conducted with assessment funding align with the scope of services documented in the governing ordinance
- ✓ Ensure the lake is monitored and services are appropriately rendered
- ✓ Maintain decision-making authority relative to lake management activities and aquatic vegetation management and will defer to best lake management practices when making such decisions
- ✓ Provide an ongoing lake management plan based on the defined service scope, permitting, conditions at the lake, funding parameters, and best lake management practices. The Lake Management Plan will be developed and maintained by the Lake Management Program with liaison participation
- ✓ Initiate and manage service contracts, monitor results, and communicate updates on a routine basis
- ✓ Conduct annual meetings that offer opportunity for liaison discussion as to prior, current, and future action plans
- ✓ Encourage liaisons and assist with educational outreach efforts to protect the health and water quality of the waterbody

#### LIAISONS

##### *Liaisons will*

- ✓ Encourage communitywide awareness and participation relative to environmental stewardship recommendations and opportunities
- ✓ Provide communitywide communication and assist the County in the distribution of relevant lake information
- ✓ Attend annual lake management and budget planning sessions conducted by the County
- ✓ Serve as representatives of the community on lake issues; representing the respective lake community as a whole
- ✓ Monitor lake conditions and provide feedback to the County as to observations