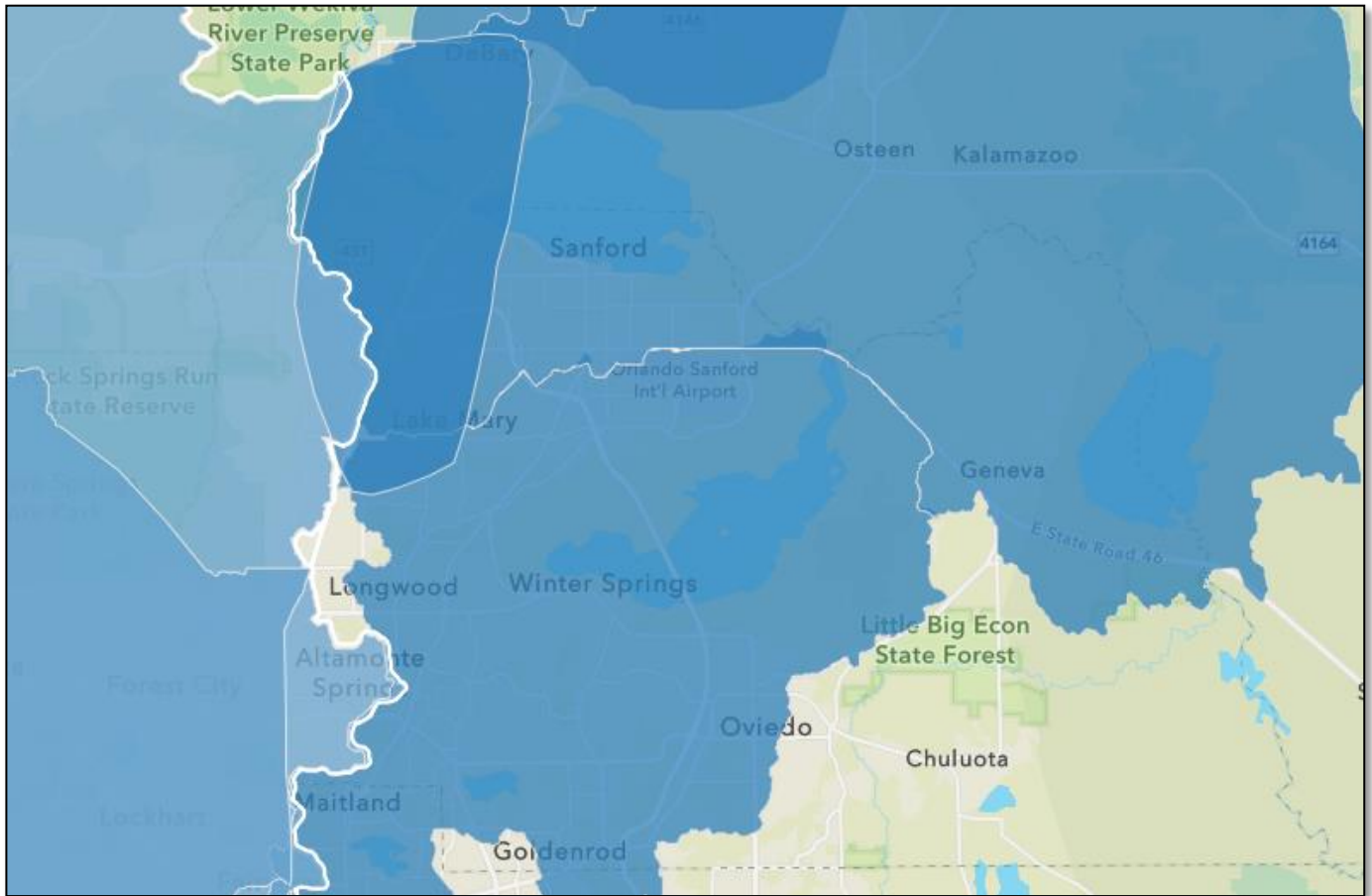


New Health Department Requirements for Properties on Septic

House Bill 1379 went into effect on July 1st, requiring new construction on lots of 1 acre or less in the Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) areas to either connect to central sewer (if available), or install nutrient-reducing systems such as aerobic treatment units (ATUs) onto the traditional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDSs). In addition, any repairs to a septic system within the BMAP will require that the repairs comply with HB 1379. Below is a map of the BMAPs area. Areas shown in blue are subject to the new requirements.



There is a separate Health Department permit for ATUs, requiring the owner contract with a qualified maintenance entity or undergo manufacturer training to maintain the ATU themselves. During the Health Department permitting process for ATUs, there is an inspection for permanent power connection to the ATU that must be obtained from the Building Division. Regular inspection reports (generally on a semiannual basis) are required to be submitted to Environmental Health by the responsible maintenance entity or manufacturer-trained owner.

There are alternatives to ATUs, such as the in-ground nitrogen removing biofilter (INRB) system, but these systems have larger drainfields than conventional septic systems and may not be a realistic option for smaller lots.

Please contact Joe Parish at the Health Department at 407-665-3627, if you have any questions.