

2019

**LAKE AMORY
LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Annual Meeting

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LAKE AMORY: ANNUAL MEETING

Date/Time/Location	:	March 22, 2019 time 11:00 a.m. – 12:20pm, 200 W. County Home Rd – LMP office
Community Liaisons	:	Steve Barnes, Dan Folendore, Dan Harger, Philip Lee, and Tim Lockhart
Liaisons Present	:	Tim Lockhart
Seminole County	:	Thomas Calhoun, Joey Cordell, Gloria Eby, Kim Ornberg, and Kathy Moore

General Topics & Updates

Lake Management Program

- Welcome
- Fertilizer Ordinance- Passed on February 27, 2017. www.seminolecountyfl.gov/fertilizer.
 - Restricted Months: no fertilizing June 1st- September 30th
 - Slow Release Nitrogen: at least 50%
 - Know How Much: www.seminolecountyfl.gov/calculator
 - Buffer Zone: 15 feet from all waterbodies
- Shoreline Protection Ordinance Status
 - FWC Rule change removes permit requirements on lakes smaller than 160 acres
 - Lake Amory currently permit exempt
 - Currently drafting County Shoreline Ordinance
 - LMP will update liaisons and solicit input
- Lake Status Nutrients/Habitat Scores [Bioassessment Indices – Refer to Exhibit C]
 - Post Hurricane Effects
 - LVI in Healthy category due to increase in sensitive and native plant types
 - Increase from 31 to 48 points
 - LVI/BioBase data on Watershed Atlas website:
<http://www.seminole.wateratlas.usf.edu/shared/ecology.asp?wbodyid=7503&wbodyatlas=lake>
 - LMP to add rainfall data to nutrient rankings
- Treatment Plans - Current & Proposed [Refer to Lake Management Plan]
 - Monitor hydrilla and treat as necessary (early detection-rapid response)
 - Evaluate grass carp fish effects and adjust stocking rate as necessary
 - Carp permitted for hydrilla management, restocking currently not needed
 - Monitor bladderwort and treat as necessary
 - Successful bladderwort treatment in 2018
- General recommendations for lake-community [Refer to Lake Management Plan]
 - Increase native aquatic plantings in areas devoid of vegetation
 - Promote “welcome packages” to new lakefront homeowners
 - LMP to supply welcome packages to Tim for distribution
 - Lakewatch samples - no data since 2010
- 2019 Shoreline Planting Event- dates available
 - To be coordinated via Thomas Calhoun
 - Individual shoreline plantings to be scheduled at a later date
- Other
 - TGC fish barrier maintenance added
 - Barrier under monthly maintenance
 - Increase from \$150 to \$900 due to change in vendor
 - Barrier replacement to be requested
 - Email Address for routine communications and important announcements
 - Organic vegetation removal (\$34,032.50)
 - Ordinance Discussion
 - New golf course drainage pipe spotted that drains into lake
 - LMP to follow up with City of Sanford
 - Biobase mapping to be conducted
 - Budget details discussed

- County Administrative Fee increase questioned
 - Liaison requesting dispute process for increase
- Liaison requested information on mechanisms to fund sediment removal in 2020
 - Discussed loan, cost-share, special capital assessment, and budget impacts
 - Discussed possible changes in County Administrative Code
 - MSBU provided capital assessment options for organic vegetation/sediment removal project
 - Liaison expressed project as a priority for the lake

MSBU Program

- Financial Summary [Refer to Exhibit B]

LAKE AMORY - 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 06-27

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

- Chemical (herbicides)
- Biological (sterile triploid grass carp fish [TGC])
- Mechanical (harvesting, cutting, etc.)

Targeted Invasive/Exotic Aquatic Vegetation

- Hydrilla, torpedo grass, primrose willow, alligator weed, wild taro, water sprite, coontail, lily pads, salvinia, barnyard grass, and dog fennel

Frequency of AWC Treatment

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

Herbicide Treatments - Service Provider

- As determined by Seminole County

Funding

Financial management of the MSBU fund is provided by the Seminole County MSBU Program. Financial plans developed by the MSBU Program include eligible expense funding requests submitted by the Lake Management Program and other cost and revenue components typical to MSBU funds. Financial information inclusive of prior year actual outcome, current year working budget and next year budget proposal data is reported annually. Assessment levy is subject to Board approval and the standard procedures associated with non-ad valorem assessment. The financial plans may be adjusted by the County as merited per changing/evolving essential services as directed by the County and per financial planning considerations. The annual assessment is capped at \$300.00.

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 liaisons for Lake Amory are: Steve Barnes (stevebarnesfl@gmail.com), Dan Folendore (dfolendore@bellsouth.net), Dan Harger (dgharger@genevaschool.org), Philip Lee (philwriter@gmail.com), and Tim Lockhart (tim4fsu@cfl.rr.com).

COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

LMP recommends/encourages homeowners to coordinate a resident-based volunteer event involving native plantings creating a beneficial shoreline for Lake Amory. The intention of such an event is to plant beneficial native aquatic plants in key areas 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 Lake Amory community.

Continued recommendations for community initiatives are as follows:

- 1) Shoreline re-vegetation with native emergent plants (by the lakefront community and potentially volunteers),
- 2) Establishing a formal Lake Association holding at least one annual meeting with topics relevant to Lake Amory,
- 3) Continue to increase educational outreach programs i.e. Shoreline Restoration Workshops (planting days), Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN), Lake Management Video mail-outs, and reduction of residential pollution (use phosphorous free and slow-release nitrogen based fertilizers only). Contact Seminole County LMP, 665-2439, for more information and assistance,
- 4) Provide content for the Seminole County Water Atlas Lake Management Webpage for Lake Amory (such as newsletters and photos).

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 along the shoreline 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. The presence of submerged aquatic vegetation ("SAV" such as hydrilla) should be communicated to your lake liaison for their reporting to the County so appropriate treatment of SAV can be provided.

COUNTY SERVICES – Lake Management & Supplemental Programs

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. Lake Amory is monitored by LMP to assess the aquatic plant growth. 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. 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 Lake Amory has 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 herbicide 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 Lake Amory, as well as current conditions observed at lake. As with any lake with a history of hydrilla infestation, long-term planning to include financial preparation for whole lake treatment is advised. For emergent invasive plants, lower water levels result in backpacking for some areas of Lake Amory as defined by essential services.

Funding Expectations

Refer to current fiscal year 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, access corridor maintenance, and coordinate hydrilla/coontail treatments (as needed),
- 2) Continue with the prime season monthly maintenance (avoid January/February treatments),
- 3) Future grass carp stockings if deemed necessary, pending permit amendment,
- 4) Continued monitoring of hydrilla, coontail, other submersed aquatic plants, and grass carp fish,
- 5) Maintain contingency reserve funds for extended herbicide management of hydrilla and/or other issues that may develop and require immediate treatment.

Funding Expectations

Refer to next fiscal year data provided in Exhibit B.

Exhibits

A - Agenda & Notes from Prior Year Meeting

B - Financial Summary

C - Historic Reports/Data

D - Roles & Responsibilities

Exhibit A – Agenda & Notes from Prior Year Meeting

Date, Time & Location	:	February 21, 2018, 9:00 a.m., 200 W. County Home Rd – LMP office
Community Liaisons	:	Steve Barnes, Dan Folendore, Dan Harger, Philip Lee, and Tim Lockhart
Liaisons Present	:	Steve Barnes, Dan Harger, Philip Lee, and Tim Lockhart
Seminole County	:	Thomas Calhoun, Joey Cordell, Gloria Eby, Joe Saucer, Kathy Moore and Edward Bass

General Topics & Updates [Meeting Notes provided by respective County Programs]

Lake Management Program -

- Welcome
- Fertilizer Ordinance- Passed on February 27, 2017. www.seminolecountyfl.gov/fertilizer.
 - Fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorous cannot be applied to turf during the restricted season from June 1st – September 30th. Fertilizers containing Iron, Manganese and other "micronutrients" also referred to as "summer blends" can be applied during the restricted.
 - Fertilizer containing nitrogen that is used during the **non**-restricted season (October 1st – May 31st) must contain *at least* 50% or more slow release nitrogen. This slow release nitrogen content will increase to 65%, three (3) years after adoption of the Fertilizer Ordinance, to allow time for educational outreach to residents and retailers.
 - Fertilizer containing phosphorus cannot be applied to turf or plants unless a state certified soil or tissue test verifies that there is a phosphorus deficiency.
 - Use of deflector shields is required when applying fertilizer with a broadcast or rotary spreader.
 - No fertilizer may be applied within fifteen (15) feet of any pond, lake, stream, canal, or other waterbody, including wetlands.
- Shoreline Protection Ordinance Status
 - Awaiting FWC Rule changes
- Lake Status Nutrients/Habitat Scores [Bioassessment Indices – Refer to Exhibit C]
 - LVI in Impaired category due to reduction in sensitive and native plant types
 - LVI/BioBase data on Watershed Atlas website:
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- 2018 Shoreline Planting Event- dates available
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- Other
 - TGC Fish Barrier
 - Email Address for routine communications and important announcements
 - Organic vegetation removal cost (\$39K)
 - Nutrient Abatement - (Alum cost estimated at \$33K)
 - Email list to be sent for verification
 - Discussed - stormwater drainage, restoration dates, LVI score and sensitive taxa to boost score, Bird Island and natives vs exotics, removal of organic material in the cove and canal areas quote provided, re quoting removal project to increase area (no requote needed)
 - Liaisons expressed they have a vested interest in the management of their lake and were disappointed with the premise MSBU funding could not be used for water quality/lake management projects
 - Liaisons showed support to keep the assessment at the same level

MSBU Program

- Financial Summary - Refer to Exhibit B
 - Opportunity to reduce assessment; LM Program & Liaisons requested no rate reduction
 - Dredging for navigation outside service scope; nutrient abatement not an authorized service at this time. Reviewed change process.
 - Anticipating Administrative Fee increase FY19-20; tax year 2019

Tax Year Assessment	2017 \$ 300.00	2018 \$ 300.00	2019 \$ 300.00
Fiscal Year	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20
REVENUE			
	Actual	Working Budget	Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 24,174	\$ 28,236	\$ 27,436
Assessment	\$ 6,393	\$ 6,335	\$ 6,336
Other (Interest)	\$ 425	\$ 150	\$ 150
MSBU Program Fund Advance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 30,992	\$ 34,721	\$ 33,922
Cost Sharing Lake Management Program			
TOTAL	\$ 30,992	\$ 34,721	\$ 33,922
EXPENDITURE			
	Actual	Working Budget	Proposed Budget
County Administrative Fee	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,235
Fund Advance Repayment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ 1,681	\$ 6,050	\$ 5,750
<i>Routine Services</i>	\$ 1,531	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<i>Hydrilla</i>	\$ -	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850
<i>TGC Fish</i>	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -
<i>Fish Barrier Services</i>	\$ 150	\$ 900	\$ 900
<i>Fish Barrier Replace/Repair</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Nutrient Abatement (NAV)</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Harvesting</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Other</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve/Contingency	\$ 28,236	\$ 27,436	\$ 26,937
<i>Operating Contingency</i>	\$ 28,236	\$ 836	\$ 337
<i>Reserve: Hydrilla (Whole Lake)</i>		\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
<i>Reserve: Barrier Replace/Repair</i>		\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
<i>Reserve: Admin Code & Ord Amnd</i>		\$ 14,100	\$ 14,100
TOTAL	\$ 30,992	\$ 34,721	\$ 33,922
Cost Sharing Lake Management Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 30,992	\$ 34,721	\$ 33,922
Fund Advance BB Payment (Principal)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Advance EB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MSBU Program Administration Cost	\$ 1,239	\$ 12,239	
LM Program Administration Cost	\$ 8,000		
Restoration Event Cost	\$ 3,000		

C - Historic Reports/Data

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

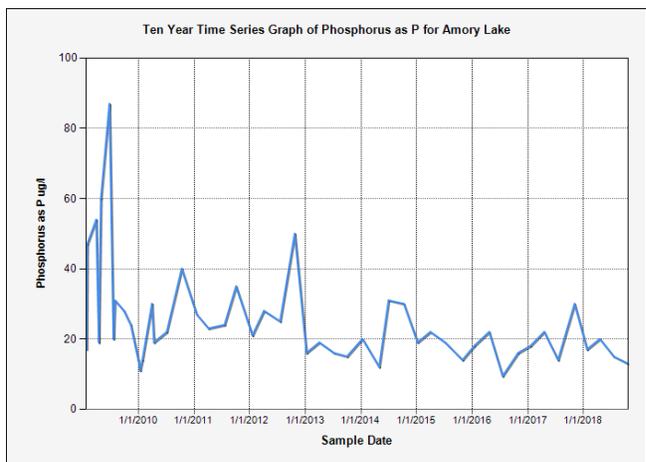
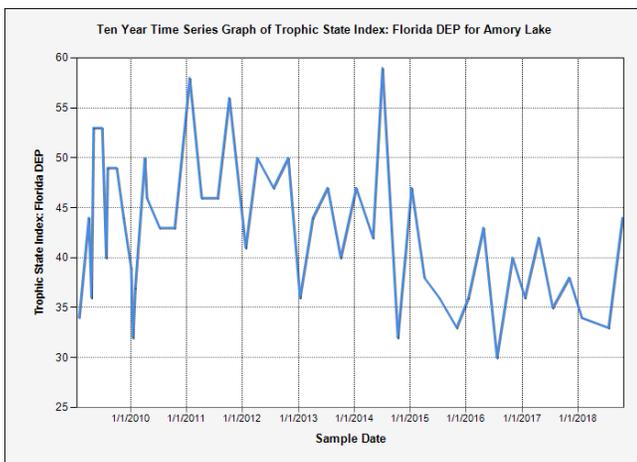
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<http://www.seminole.wateratlas.usf.edu/lake/waterquality.asp?wbodyid=7503&wbodyatlas=lake>

Lake Amory Water Quality Report: How Does My Lake Rank?

TSI SCORE: 44 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 indicate 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?

48 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 Lake Amory (sampled on September 11, 2018) scored a **48, Healthy** which is in the impaired category. This is an increase in score from **31, Impaired**, which can be attributed to the increase in presence of sensitive and native taxa.

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.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITY

General Outline

COUNTY

Seminole County will

- ✓ Govern the MSBU
- ✓ Provide financial management of MSBU fund and assessment levy
- ✓ 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 public services 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