Research Review & Advisory Committee (RRAC) Meeting October 20, 2017

Environmental Health Staff
Disease Control and Health Protection
Bureau of Environmental Health
Onsite Sewage Programs



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1:00 – 1:15	Introductions and housekeeping	
1:15 – 1:25	Review of minutes from October 21, 2016 meeting	
1:25 – 1:40	Old business & research program news	
1:40 – 3:00	Update from the Florida Department of Health on several projects	
3:00 – 4:00	Update from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection	
4:00 – 4:30	New business Method to prioritize research projects	
4:30 – 4:50	Public comment	
4:50 - 5:00	Closing comments, next meeting, and adjournment	

Introductions & Housekeeping

- Committee roll call
- Identification of audience
- How to view web conference
- Mute / unmute phone line = *6
- Do not put phone on hold
- Download meeting material:

http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/research/rrac.html

Research Program News



Elke Ursin was promoted to be the Section Administrator of the Toxicology Group



Research Program News

Restructuring of program: Research & Engineering section



Eberhard Roeder Environmental Manager

- Coordinates program
- Manages research projects



Debby Tipton Environmental Consultant

- Product review
- Technical assistance



Alan Willett Environmental Consultant

- Product review
- Technical assistance



Xueqing Gao Environmental Consultant

- TMDL/BMAP
- RRAC Liaison
- Technical assistance



Review of minutes from October 21, 2016 meeting

Old Business

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 meeting regarding funding from the federal Environmental
 Protection Agency to the onsite systems.
- 3. Rules and regulations related to the Clean Water Act State Revolving Funds.
- 4. Past research project ideas
- 5. Student project on correlations between water quality, onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS), and health effects
- 6. OSTDS Research Program budget information

Federal Funding Sources for Decentralized Systems



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- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf)
- EPA Nonpoint Source Section 319 Grants
 (https://www.epa.gov/nps/319-grant-program-states-and-territories)
- 3. EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (https://www.epa.gov/wifia/learn-about-wifia-program)
- 4. EPA Environmental Finance Center Network (https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efcn)



Federal Funding Sources for Decentralized Systems continued

- 5. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/ communitydevelopment/programs)
- 7. U.S. Economic Development Administration (https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/)
- Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection (https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/watershedfunding/f?p=fe

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Onsite Sewage Research Budget (B9)

Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$156,994
Total Revenue	\$87,416
Total Expenditures	\$109,334
Ending Cash Balance	\$135,076

Research Review and Advisory Committee Meeting

DOH Activity Update

Environmental Health Staff
Bureau of Environmental Health
Division of Disease Control and Health Protection
Florida Department of Health

October 20, 2017



Topics

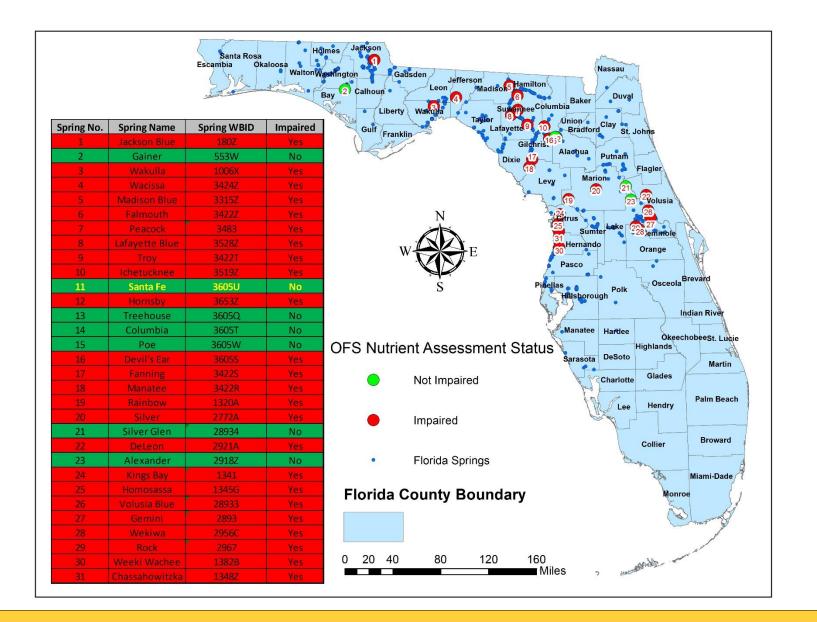
- OSTDS Remediation Plan Development Update (Xueqing Gao)
- 2. 64E-6, F. A. C. Rule Revision (Ed Barranco)
- 3. Septage Ban (Ed Barranco)
- Florida Water Management Inventory (Elke Ursin)
- 5. Innovative System Update (**Eb Roeder**)
- Florida Onsite Sewage Nitrogen Removal Strategies (FOSNRS) Study and Continued Monitoring (Xueqing Gao)

OSTDS Remediation Plan Development Update

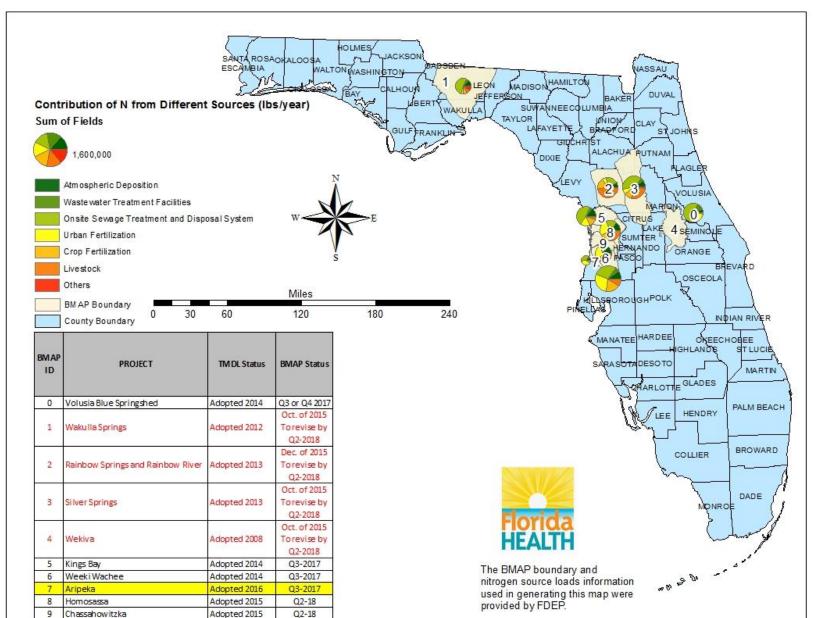
Statutory Mandate

Protection of Water Quality in Outstanding Florida Springs (OFSs)
(Florida Statute Section 373.807)

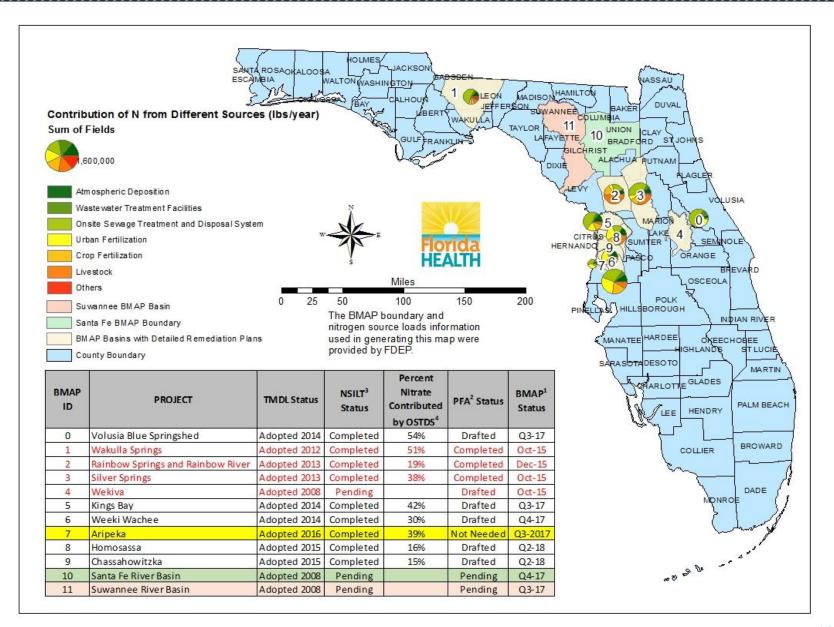
- Identify all OFSs impaired for nutrients by July 1 of 2018
- Adopt basin management action plan (BMAP) within two years of adoption of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) (the latest July 1, 2018)
- Target achieving TMDL goals in 20 years
- Establish milestone targets for 5, 10, and 15 years
- Develop OSTDS remediation plans for basin where OSTDSs contribute more than 20% of nonpoint source loads or if FDEP considers an OSTDS plan is needed
- Re-adopt BMAPs previously adopted without an OSTDS remediation plan by July 1, 2018
- Delineate priority focus areas (PFAs) for impaired springs (Section 373.803)



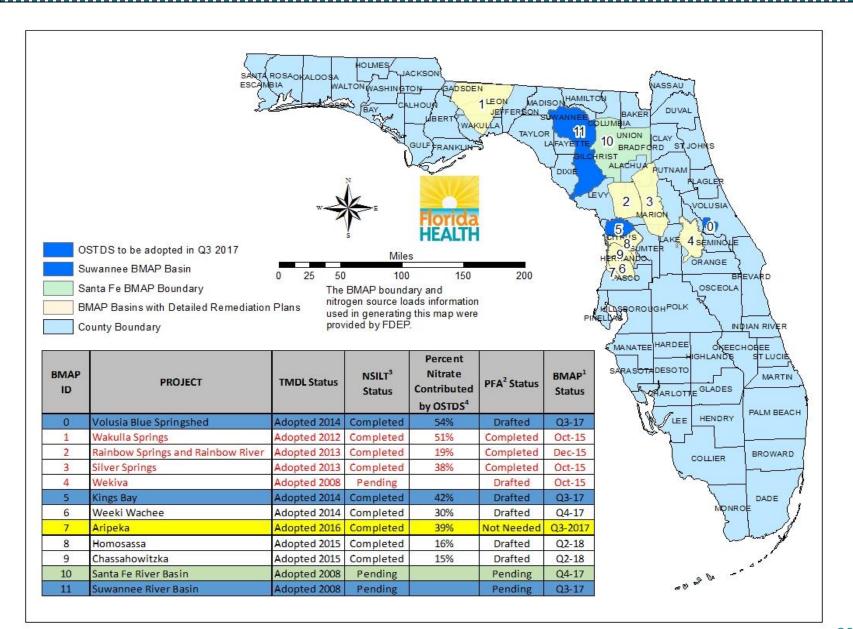
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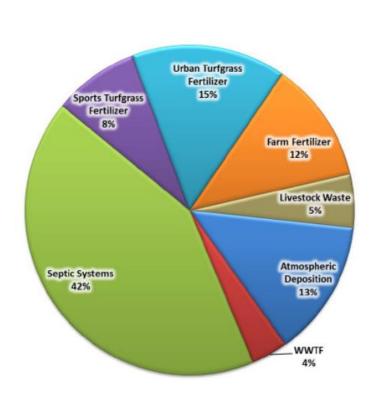


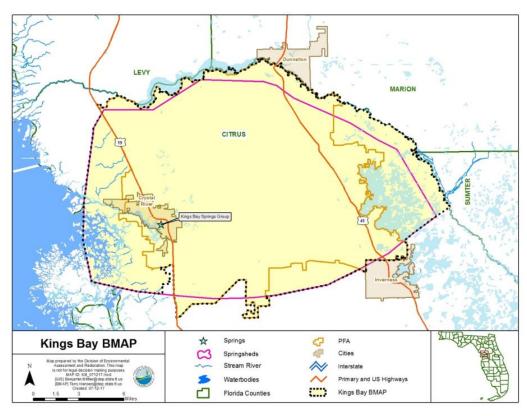
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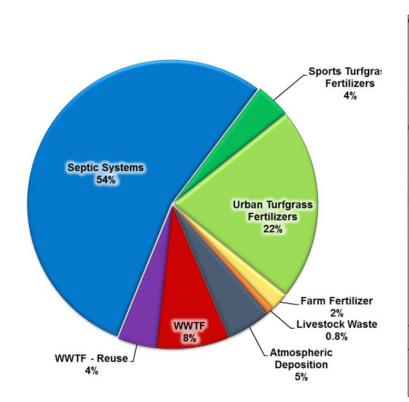


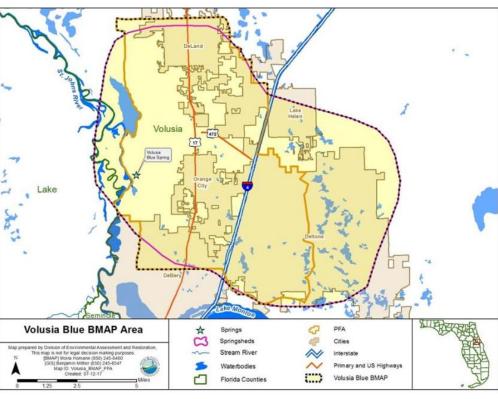




Kings Bay – Crystal River BMAP Area, PFA, and Percent Contributions from All Sources

Total Load Reduction Needed: 274,000 lbs-N/year Total Project Credits: 135,942 lbs-N/year Remaining Needed Load Reduction: 138,058 lbs-N/year





Volusia Blue BMAP Area, PFA, and Percent Contributions from All Sources

Total Load Reduction Needed: 48,743 lbs-N/year Total Project Credits: 47,745 lbs-N/year

Remaining Needed Load Reduction: 997 lbs-N/year



OSTDS Remediation Plan Requirements

- 1. Volusia Blue Spring (public workshop on August 31, 2017): Requires connection to sewer or nitrogen-removing OSTDS for:
 - New constructions on lots one acre, or less in the priority focus area (PFA).
 - b) Repairs/modifications on lots one acre or less in PFA, unless sewer will be available within five years.
 - All lots one acre or less with an OSTDS in PFA, within 20 years after BMAP adoption.
- Kings Bay-Crystal River (public workshop on September 25, 2017): Requires connection to sewer or nitrogen-removing OSTDS for:
 - New constructions on lots of any sizes in PFA.
 - Repairs/modifications on lots of any sizes in PFA, unless sewer will b) be available within five years.
 - All lots with an OSTDS in PFA within 20 years after BMAP adoption.

Update on the 64E-6 Rule Revision

Proposed Rule Revisions

- Phased-in implementation of in-ground nitrogen reducing biofilters as a prescriptive design (TRAP Issue 15-02)
- Inclusion of aerobic treatment units certified for 50% nitrogen reduction (NSF 245) in the permitting category for ATUs (TRAP Issue 16-03)



64E-6, F. A. C. Rule Revision for the Liner System In-ground Nitrogen-reducing Biofilters

- Allows the introduction of a nitrogen-reducing media layer beneath the drainfield.
- Draws from the concept developed in the FOSNRS study.
- Provides for a standard system and three variants:
 - Standard Liner
 - Variant One (No Liner)
 - Variant Two (Liner with Underdrain)
 - Variant Three (Dual Liner)



64E-6, F. A. C. Rule Revision for the Liner System In-ground Nitrogen-reducing Biofilters

- Allows a pilot of five to 10 of each type to be installed and monitored for one year
- Allows an unlimited number of standard liner systems to be installed provided the first five are monitored and the results are encouraging
- Provides a target performance level (65% Nitrogen) reduction)
- Allows the types that perform as well as the standard liner to be installed in unlimited number after the year of testing.

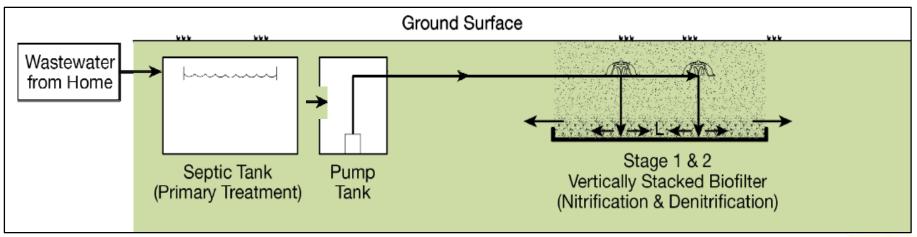
64E-6, F. A. C. Rule Revision for the Liner System In-ground Nitrogen-reducing Biofilters

- Allows test systems that do not perform to the target to continue operating until they require repair at which time they will need to meet current standard for nitrogen reduction
- Requires low-pressure distribution or other method demonstrated to achieve adequate nitrification
- Allows five to 10 of the standard liner and each variant to be installed with gravity flow
- Requires filing a public records notice

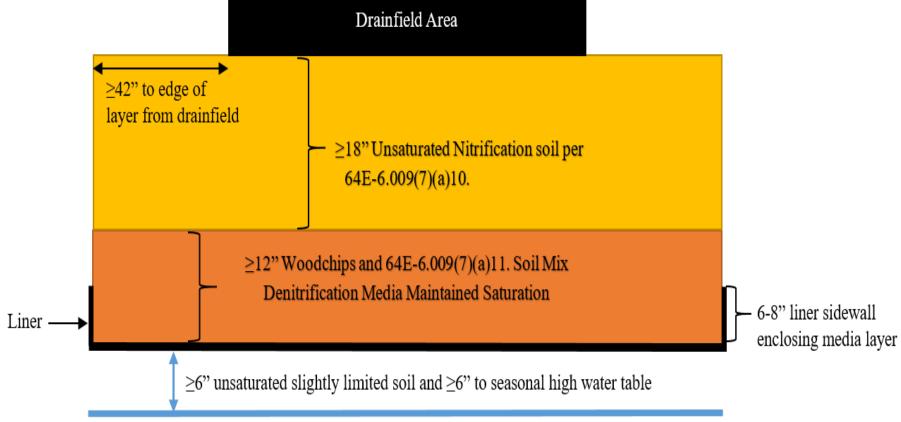
In-Ground Passive Nitrogen System



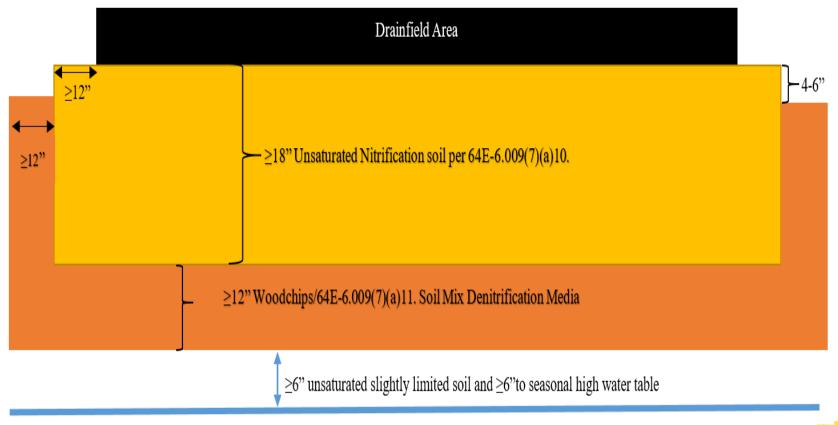
Conventional OSTDS + In-Ground Two Stage System: Stage 1 Sand, and Stage 2 Lignocellulosic Materials



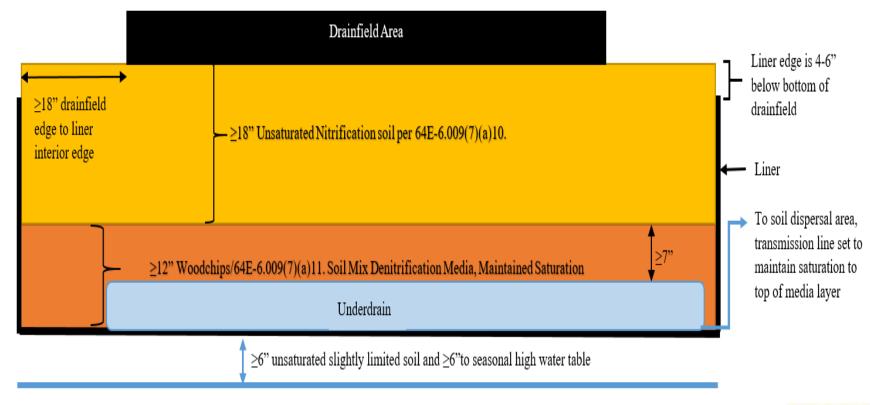
Standard Layer Nitrogen Reducing System



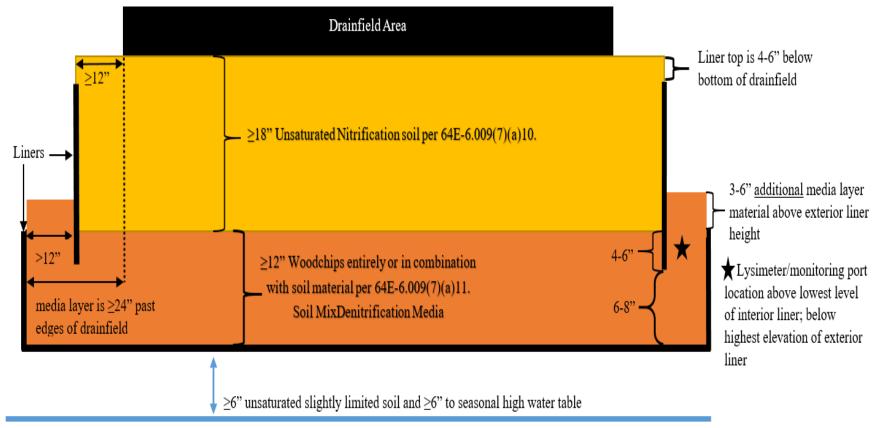
Variant One - No Liner



Variant Two - Underdrain



Variant Three – Dual Liner



64E-6.012, F. A. C. - Aerobic Treatment Units

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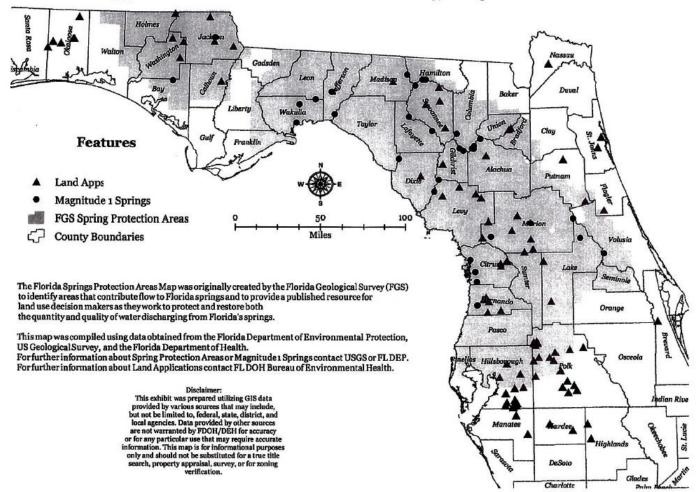
64E-6.012, F. A. C. - Aerobic Treatment Units

Manufacturer	Equipment Series	Model Tested		
Treatment Systems Approved as ATUs in Florida that are ALSO NSF245-certified by either NSF or Gulf Coast Testing LLC				
Acquired Wastwater Technologies, LLC	Cajun Aire Advanced	500		
Bio-Microbics, Inc.	MicroFast	0.5		
Bio-Microbics, Inc.	BioBarrier	MBR 0.5-N		
Delta Environmental Products, Inc.	ECOPOD-N	E50-N		
Fuji Clean USA	Fuji Clean CEN	CEN 5		
Norweco, Inc.	Singulair TNT	Singulair TNT		
Norweco, Inc.	Hydro-Kinetic	600 FEU		
Orenco Systems	Advantex	AX20N		

Update on Septage Ban

Septage Prohibition

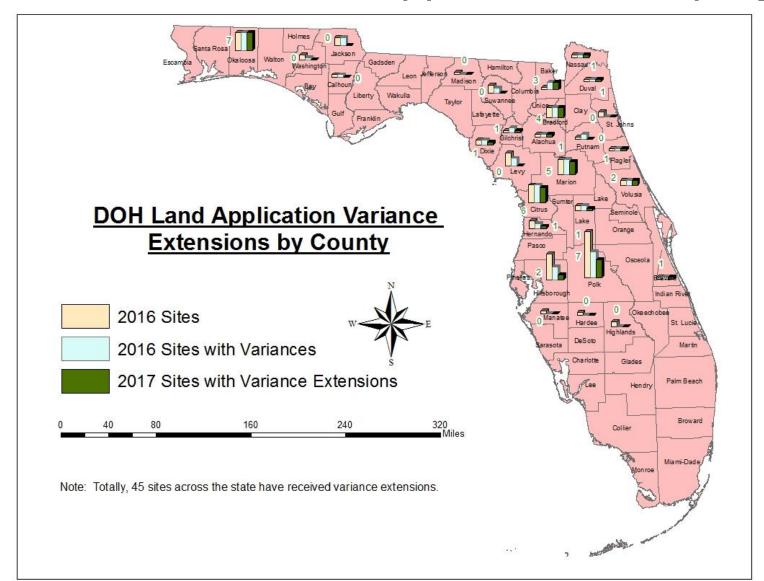
Land Applications Inside and Outside Spring Protection Areas



Prohibition of Land Application of Septage

- Laws of Florida 2010-205 Amended 381.0065,
 FS Prohibited Land Application
 - Effective January 1, 2016
 - Delayed to June 30, 2016
- May 27, 2016, DOH/DEP Guidance to Request A Temporary One Year Variance From DOH
 - 69 Variances Granted
- May 18, 2017, DOH/DEP Guidance For A 180-Day Maximum Variance Extensions
 - 45 Variance Extensions Granted

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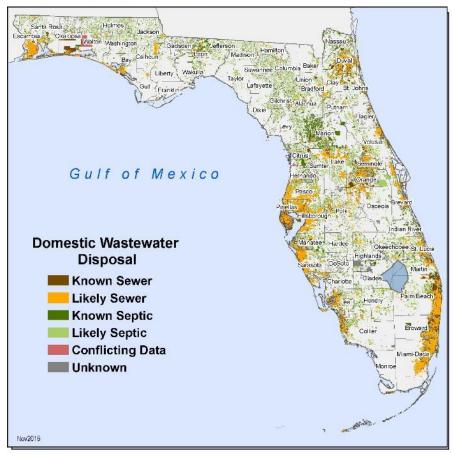


Update on Florida Water Management Inventory

Inventory Website http://floridahealth.gov/flwmi

Maps and Data

All completed maps and data are available for public use.



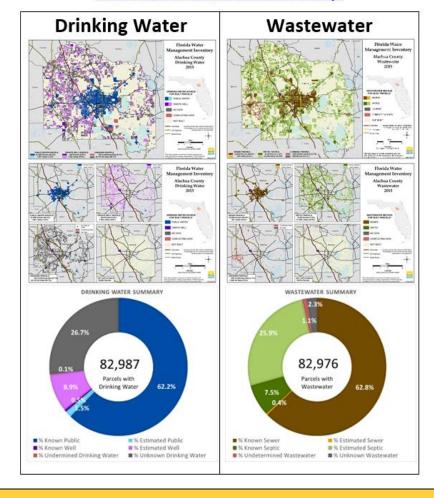
Inventory Website – County Page

Alachua County

The mapping for this county was completed on 5/1/2015.

Download the project maps and data.

View data on our interactive web map.

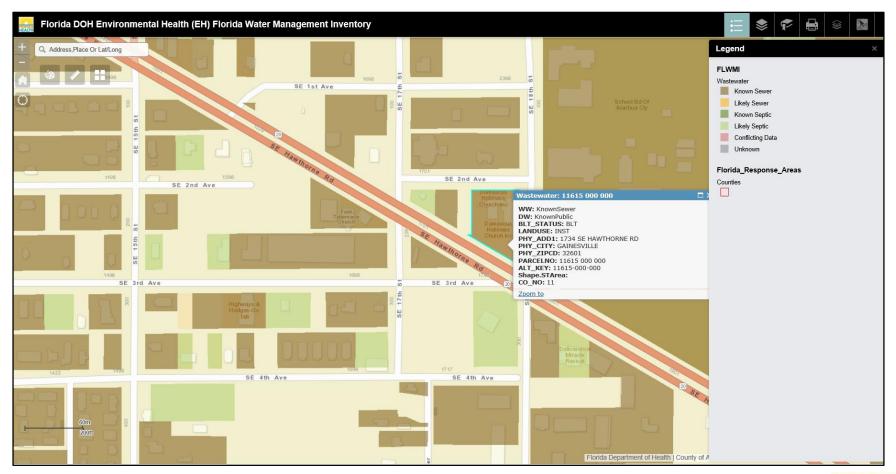


Inventory Website - FTP

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alachua fre.xlsx	07-Dec-2015	04:38	11K
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Web Application



OSTDS Home | Construction | Operating | Service | Billing | Search | Entity Search | Administration | Online Activities | View Contacts

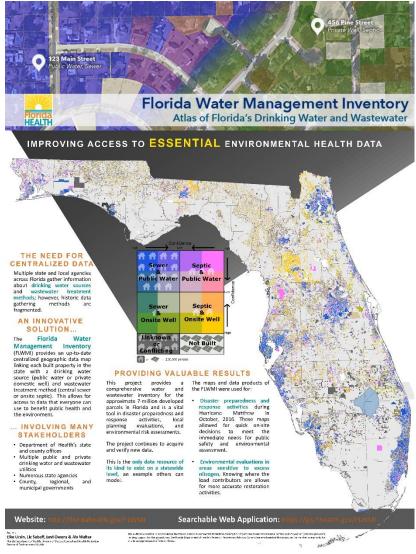
EHD Septic Abandonment by Utility

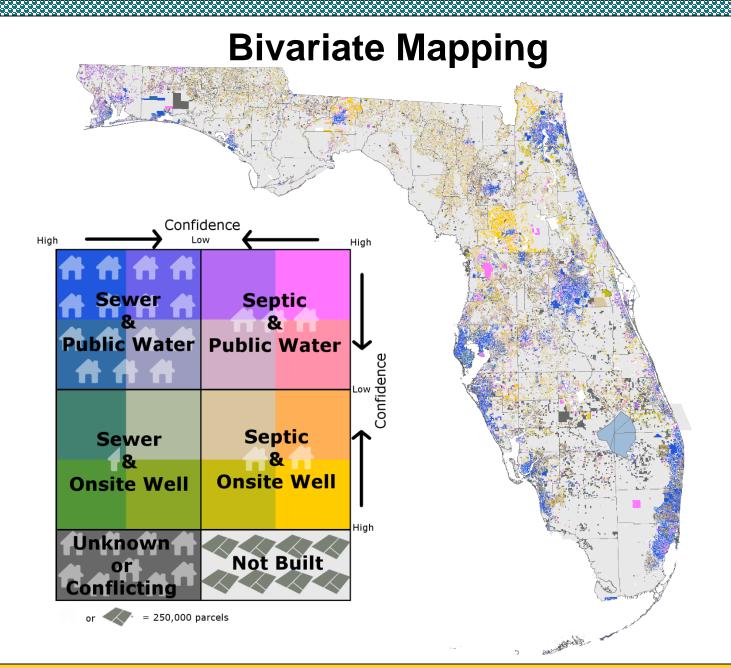
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The 1st Cycle Project Achievement

- 1. The 1st Cycle of the Florida Water Management Inventory (FLWMI) completed in September 2016
- 2. All Project deliverables available at: http://ww10.doh.state.fl.us/pub/bos/Inventory/Deliverables/
- 3. The 1st Cycle mapped 91% and 81% of the population served by permitted Wastewater facilities and drinking water facilities statewide, respectively
- 4. Resulted in a more accurately defined number of OSTDS in Florida (2,096,941 properties with known/likely/somewhat likely septic)
- 5. Still many unknown parcels

Summary Sheet

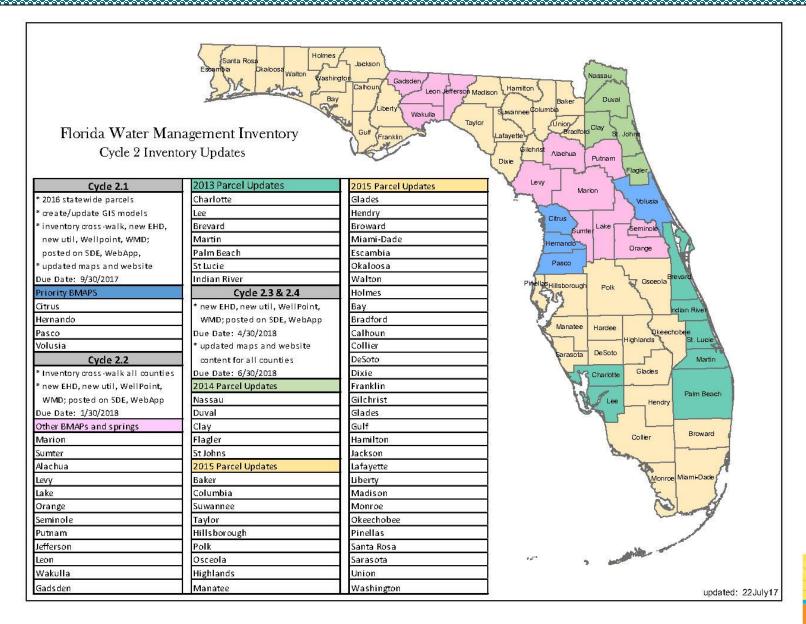




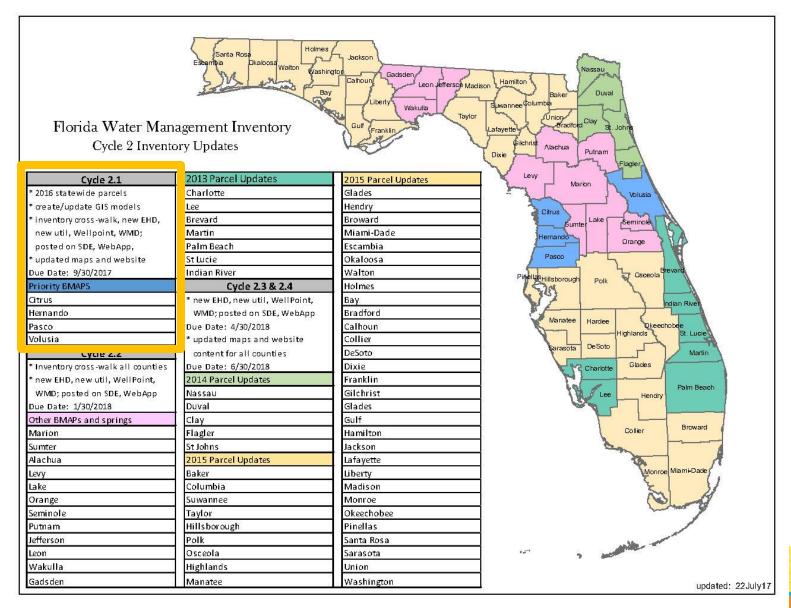
The 2nd Cycle Goal

- 1. The 2nd Cycle of the FLWMI focused on closing information gaps and will result in:
 - a) Depicting a greater percentage of the population served by permitted Wastewater and Drinking Water facilities
 - b) Increasing accuracy of the count and location of OSTDS statewide
- The 2nd Cycle runs from October 2016 through September 2018 and is <u>partly</u> funded by the federal 319 Grant managed by FDEP and CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking
- 3. For a summary of the FLWMI, see summary sheet in meeting materials

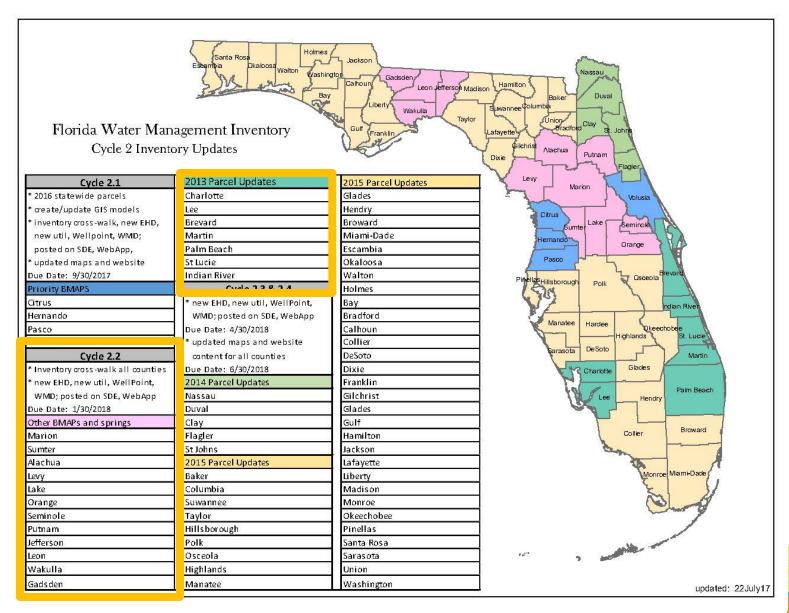
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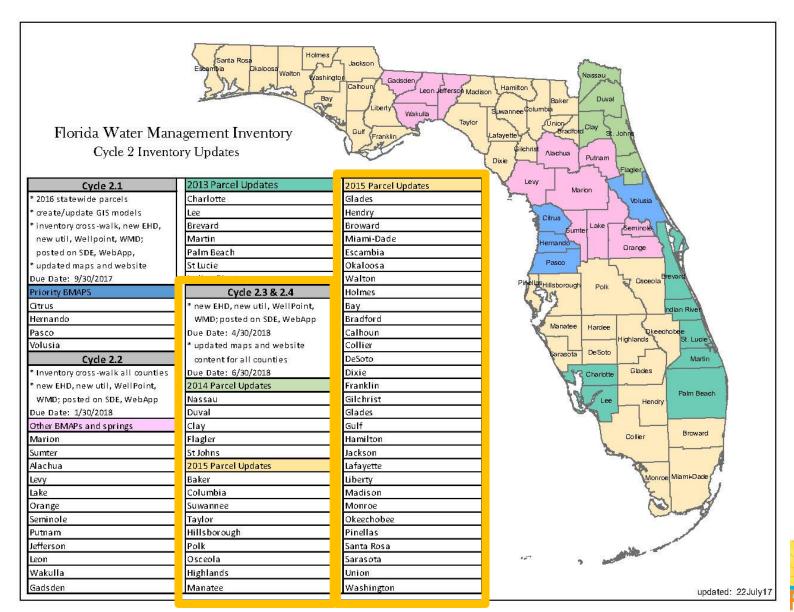


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Innovative Systems Update Nitrogen Reduction

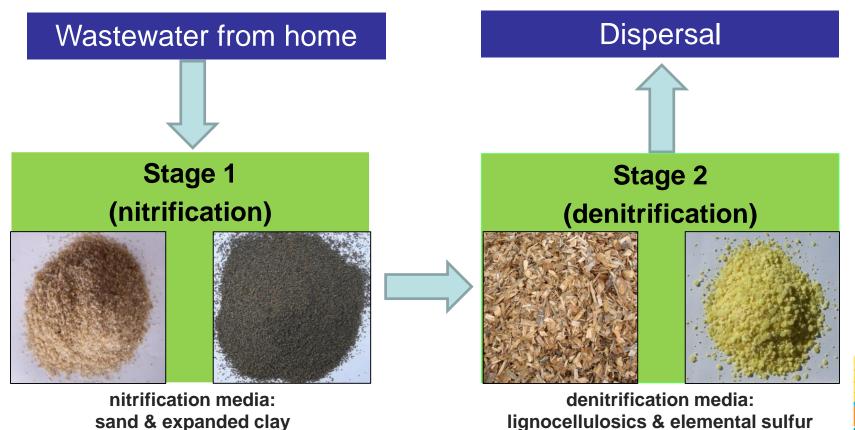
Innovative System Permits including Nitrogen Reduction

Manufacturer	Technology
Anua (formerly Bord-na-Mona)	Puraflo
Clearstream	Clearstream D
Ecological Tanks	AquaSafe
Environmental Conservation Solution	POTS (passive onsite treatment system)
Fuji-Clean	CEN, CE
Lombardo	Nitrex (second stage)
Norweco	Hydro-Kinetic
Orenco	Advantex
Quanics	Aerocell

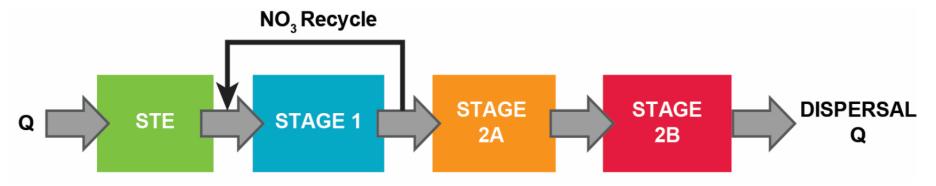
Florida Onsite Sewage Nitrogen Reduction Strategies (FOSNRS) Study and Continued Monitoring

"Passive" Nitrogen Reduction Systems

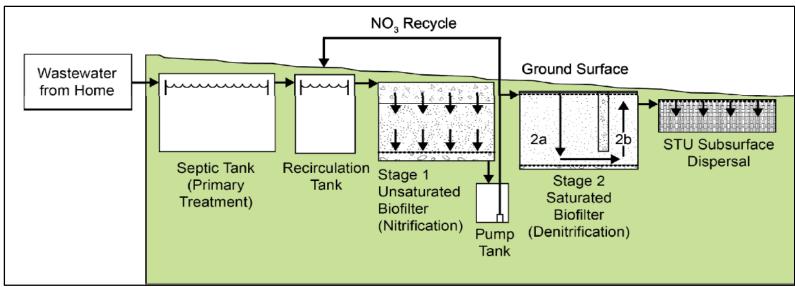
Reduce effluent N using <u>reactive media</u> for denitrification and a single liquid pump, if necessary.



In-Tank Passive Nitrogen System



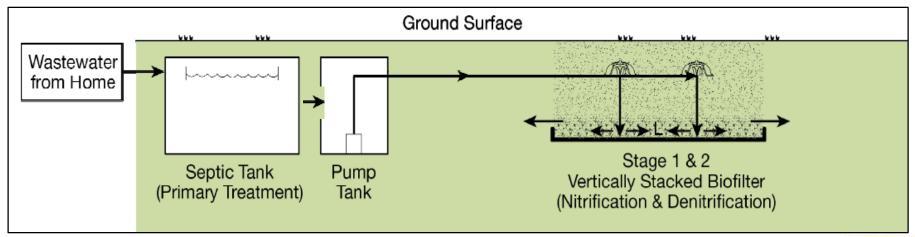
In-Tank Two Stage Biofilter with Recirculation Stage 1, Dual Media Stage 2 Lignocellulosic (2a) followed by Elemental Sulfur (2b)



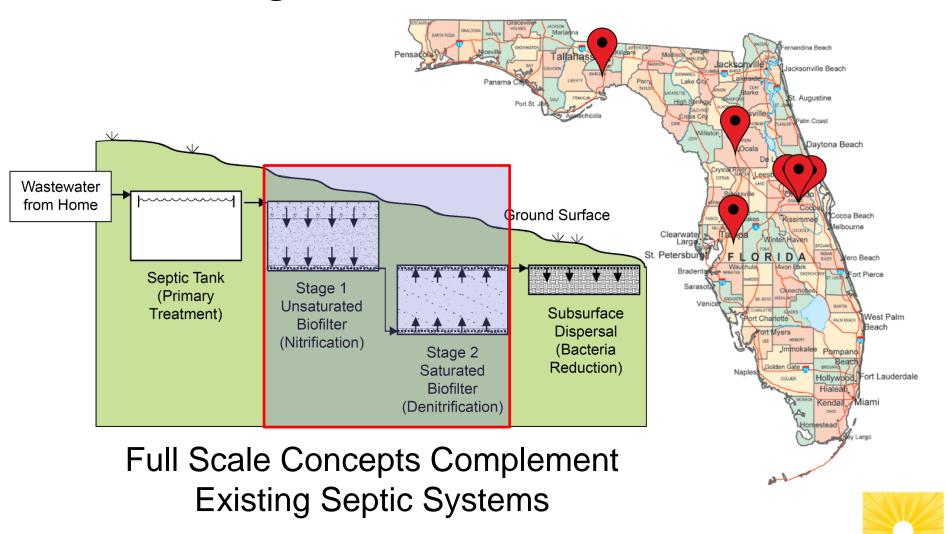
In-Ground Passive Nitrogen System



Conventional OSTDS + In-Ground Two Stage System: Stage 1 Sand, and Stage 2 Lignocellulosic Materials



Nitrogen Reduction at Field Sites



Goals and Objectives of the Monitoring Project

1. Goals

- Establish long-term performance of the two-stage passive nitrogen removal technology
- Provide guidance for possible system refinement and future implementation

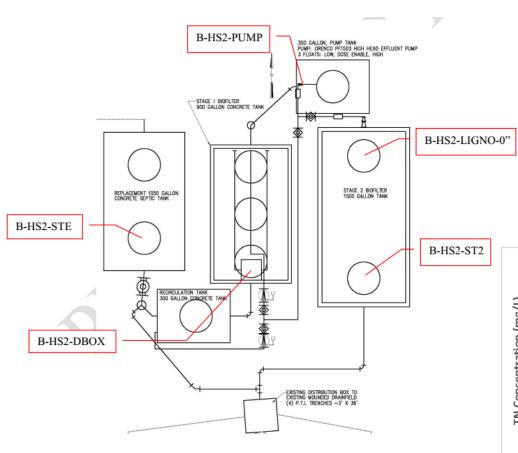
2. Objectives

- Continue monitoring the performance of these systems
- Document the maintenance needs and operation costs
- Monitor nitrogen species concentrations at influent, effluent, and intermediate locations of these systems and evaluate nitrogen removal efficiency
- Monitor the treatment efficiencies other pollutants including 5day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (cBOD5), total suspended solid (TSS), total phosphorus (TP), and bacteria.

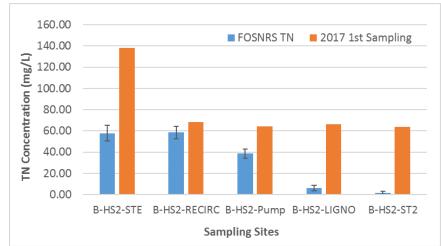
Hillsborough County System B-HS2



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Site	Nitrogen Parameters (mg/L)					
Sile	TKN	NH4	NO3/NO2	TN		
B-HS2-STE	138.00	121.00	<0.05	138.00		
B-HS2-RECIRC	68.20	68.20	0.03	68.23		
B-HS2-Pump	56.00	55.40	8.20	64.20		
B-HS2-LIGNO	66.10	69.40	<0.025	66.10		
B-HS2-ST2	61.70	69.10	2.00	63.70		



TKN: total kjeldahl nitrogen; NH4: ammonium;

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FOSNRS: Florida Onsite Sewage Nitrogen Reduction Strategies Study₆₃



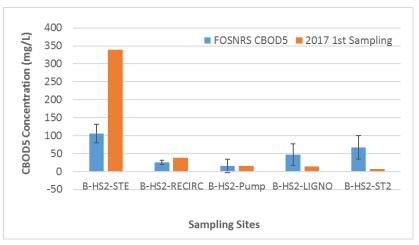
Stage One Tank of the Hillsborough System B-HS2 Flooded

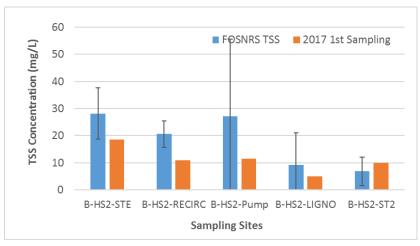


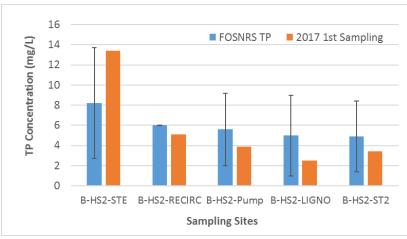
Stage One Media of the Hillsborough System B-HS2 after Being Flooded

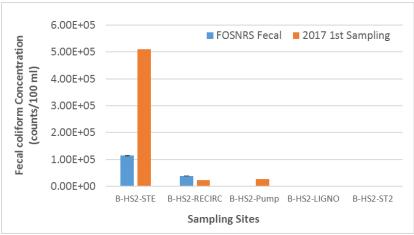


Hillsborough County System B-HS2









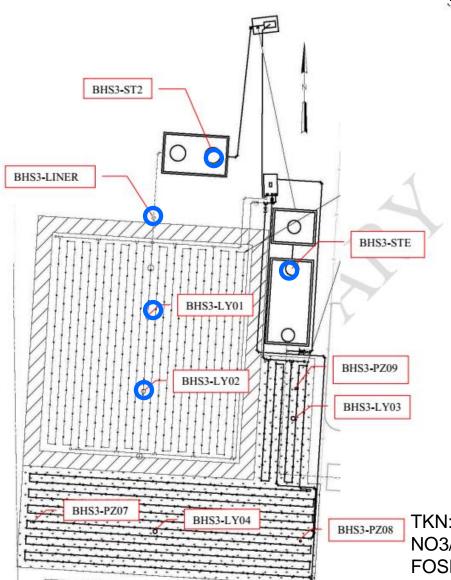
CBOD5: 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand;

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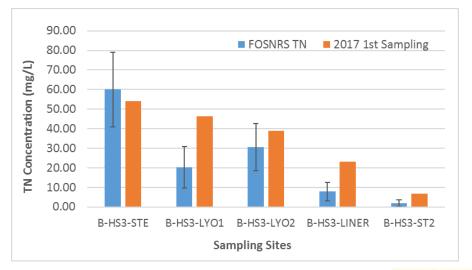
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Sito	Nitrogen Parameters (mg/L)						
Site	TKN	KN NH4 NO3/I		TN			
B-HS3-STE	54	55.3	<0.025	54.00			
B-HS3-LYO1	<0.086	<0.020	46.30	46.30			
B-HS3-LYO2	<0.086	<0.020	39.00	39.00			
B-HS3-LINER	<0.086	0.21	23.10	23.10			
B-HS3-ST2	1.00	0.14	5.90	6.90			



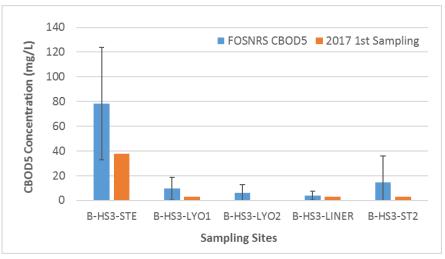
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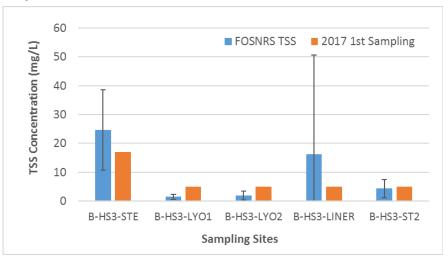
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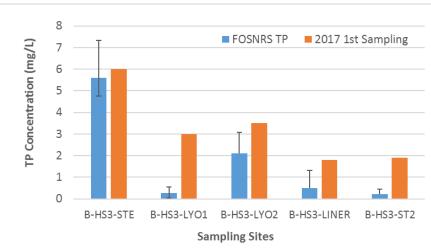
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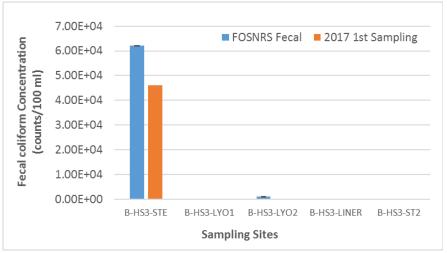
Strategies Study











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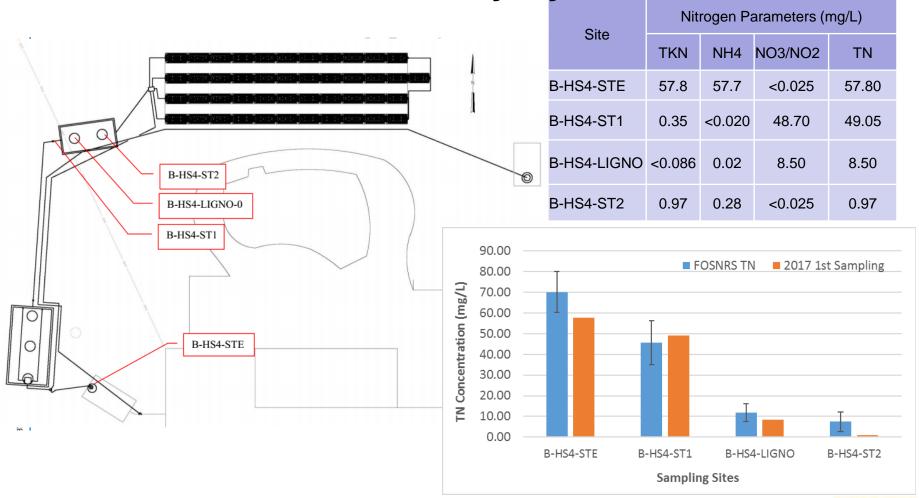


Seminole County System B-HS4 Stage Two Tank





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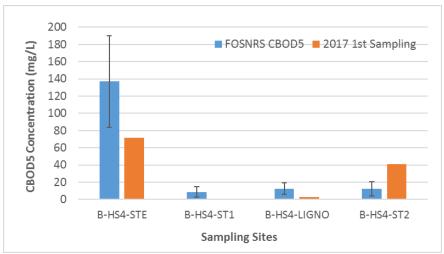


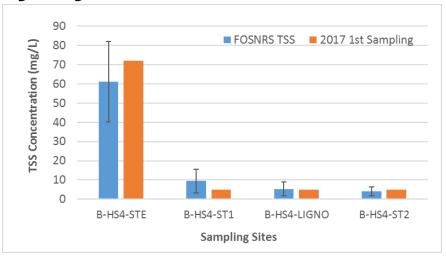
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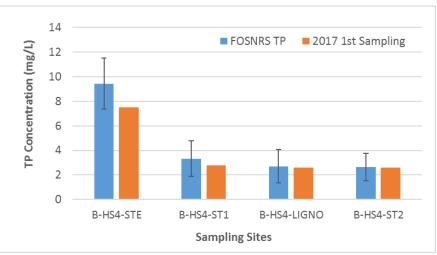
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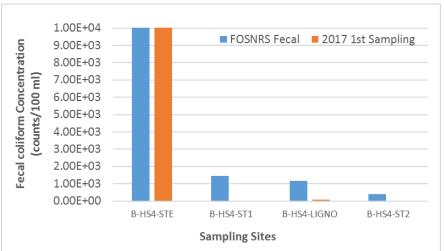
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CBOD5: 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand;

TSS: total suspended solid; TP: total phosphorus;

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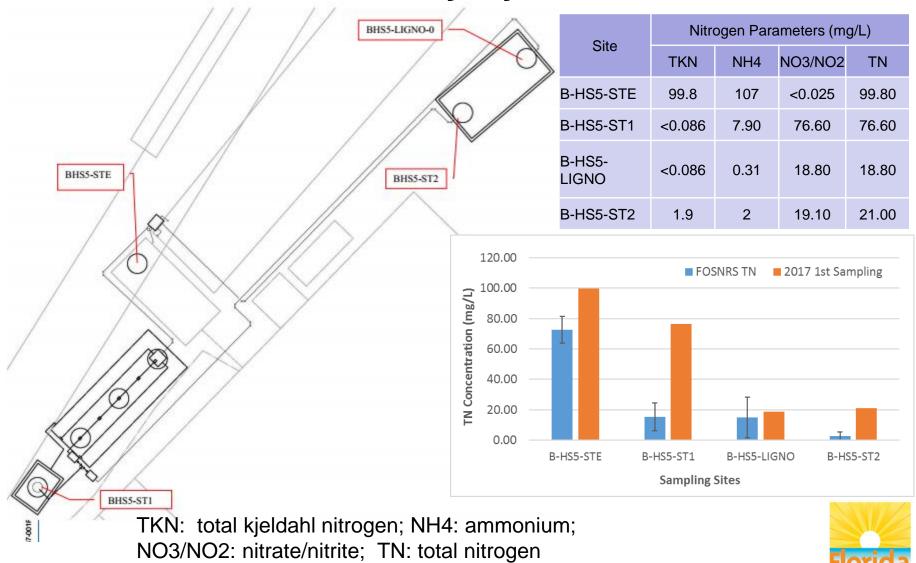
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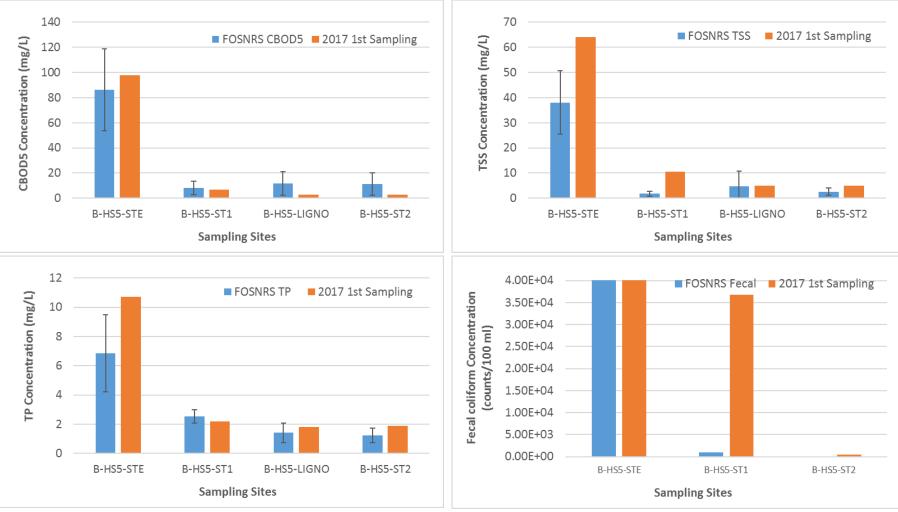


Seminole County System B-HS5





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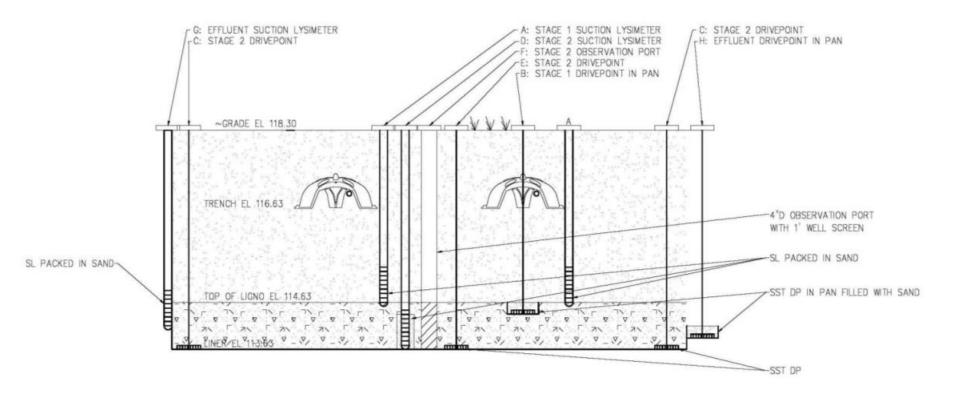
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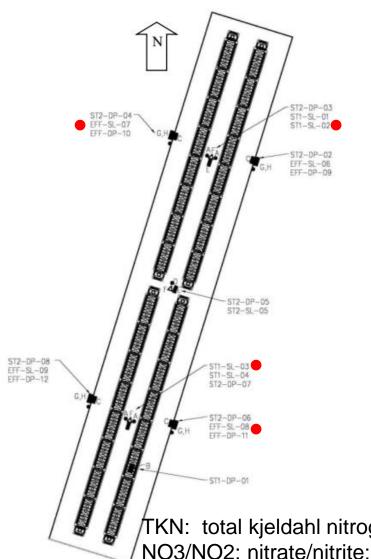
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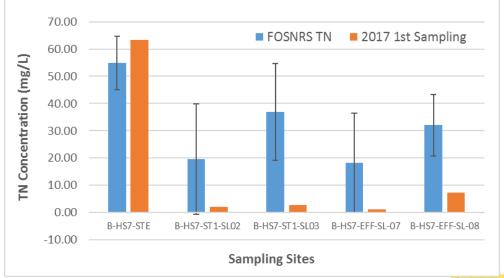
Marion County System B-HS7 Drainfield Cross Section



Marion County System B-HS7



Site	Nitrogen Parameters (mg/L)				
	TKN	NH4	NO3/NO2	TN	Conductivity
B-HS7-STE	63.4	66.7	< 0.025	63.40	2282
B-HS7-ST1- SL02	1.30	0.02	0.67	1.97	4937
B-HS7-ST1- SL03	2.50	0.05	0.16	2.66	No Data
B-HS7-EFF- SL-07	1.2	0.055	0.03	1.23	No Data
B-HS7-EFF- SL-08	7.1	0.52	0.18	7.28	No Data



TKN: total kjeldahl nitrogen; NH4: ammonium;

NO3/NO2: nitrate/nitrite; TN: total nitrogen

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Questions?

New Business

- Update on RRAC positions up for renewal in January 2018:
 - Septic Tank Industry
 - Environmental Interest Group
 - Restaurant and Hotel Industry
 - Florida Department of Health

2. Project priority ranking

Division of Disease Control and Health Protection

Project				
Number	2011 Project Ranking Long List			
1	Continuation of Inventory of OSTDS in Florida			
2	Grease Sludge Waste Reduction and Reuse Study			
3	Correlations Between Water Quality, OSTDS, and Health Effects			
4	Introducing and Evaluating Improved Treatment Methods in OSTDS (Other Than Nitrogen)			
5	Urine Separation in OSTDS			
6	Growth Management and Septic Systems Symposium			
7	Linkages Between Optical Brighteners and Other Wastewater Indicators Such as Coliforms and Nutrients			
8	Effectiveness of Outlet Filters			
9	OSTDS Wastewater Strength & Flow Study			
10	Literature Review on Other OSTDS Research			
11	Fate and Transport of Nitrogen and Bacteria from OSTDS as it Relates to EPA Nutrient Criteria Rules, TMDLs, and State-Wide Water Quality Rules			
12	Pros and Cons of Using Cisterns for Potable Water Use			
13	Life Expectancy of Onsite Systems			
14	Drip Disposal With Septic Tank Quality Effluent			
15	Loading Rates and Effective Soil Depths Between Drip Irrigation, Low Pressure Dosing, Lift Dosing, and Conventional OSTDS			
16	Disparities in OSTDS Management			
17	Pharmaceuticals, Personal Care Products, and Other Organic Compounds in OSTDS: Occurrence, Persistence, Effects			

2011 RRAC Research Priorities

Ranking	Project
1	Continuation of Inventory of OSTDS in Florida
2	Effectiveness of Outlet Filters
3	Life Expectancy of Onsite Systems
4	Drip Disposal With Septic Tank Quality Effluent
5	Correlations Between Water Quality, OSTDS, and Health Effects

Possible New Research Projects

For example, examining the long-term performance of field-scale media filter nitrogen removal systems through continued monitoring.

RRAC member may propose more...

Update Research Priorities

- 1. RRAC review past project considerations
- 2. RRAC submit new project ideas
- 3. DOH summarizes the proposed projects and compiles a new project list
- 4. RRAC ranks the priority of the new project list during next meeting

PROJECT DESCRIPTION #		
Project Title		
Proposed by		
Background		
Objectives and Outcomes		
Research Approach		
Potential Collaboration		
Duration		
Estimated Budget (\$)		
Ease of implementation		
Comments		

Method of Ranking – A Two Step Process

1. Step 1:

- Each member selects 5 projects from the long project list. Rank the 5 selected projects from 1 to 5 with 5 being the top priority.
- The rankings from all members for all projects will be summed. Top 10 projects will be selected.

2. Step 2:

Repeat Step 1 on the 10 projects selected for the final priority list.

Public Comment

Closing Comments, Next Meeting, and Adjournment

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