

Comprehensive Strategies to Protect
Drinking Water from Harmful Algal Blooms

Webinar Series #2: Source Water Protection in the Watershed





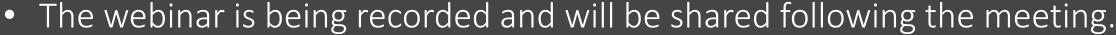
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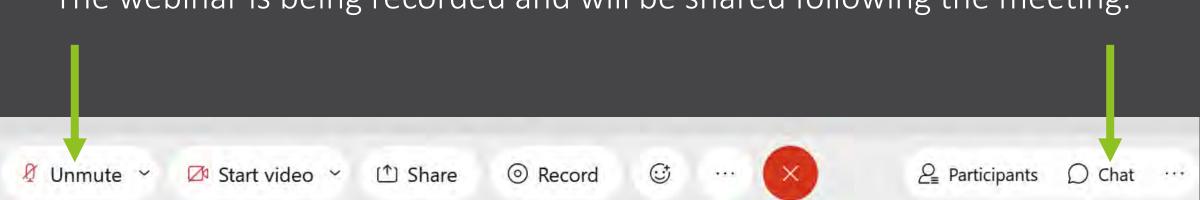
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# Webinar Series: Comprehensive Strategies to Protect Drinking Water from Harmful Algal Blooms









#### 1st Presentation



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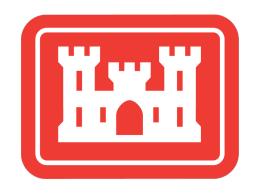
# Watershed Management and Source Water Protection

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#### Thanks To...



#### North American Lake Management Society

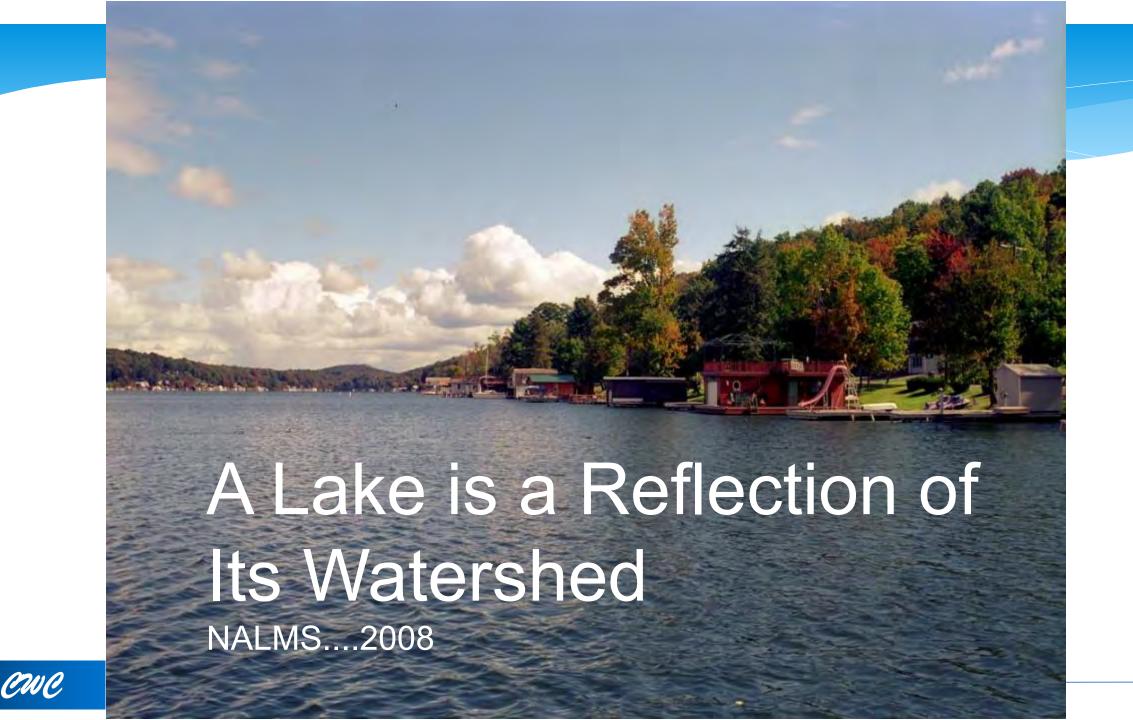




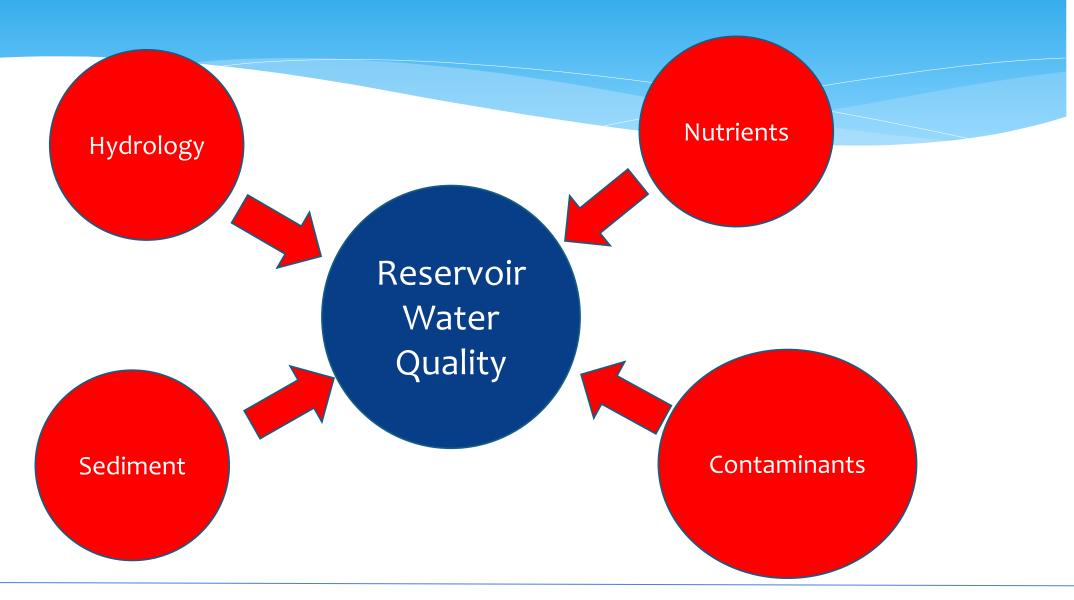


### What We'll Be Covering

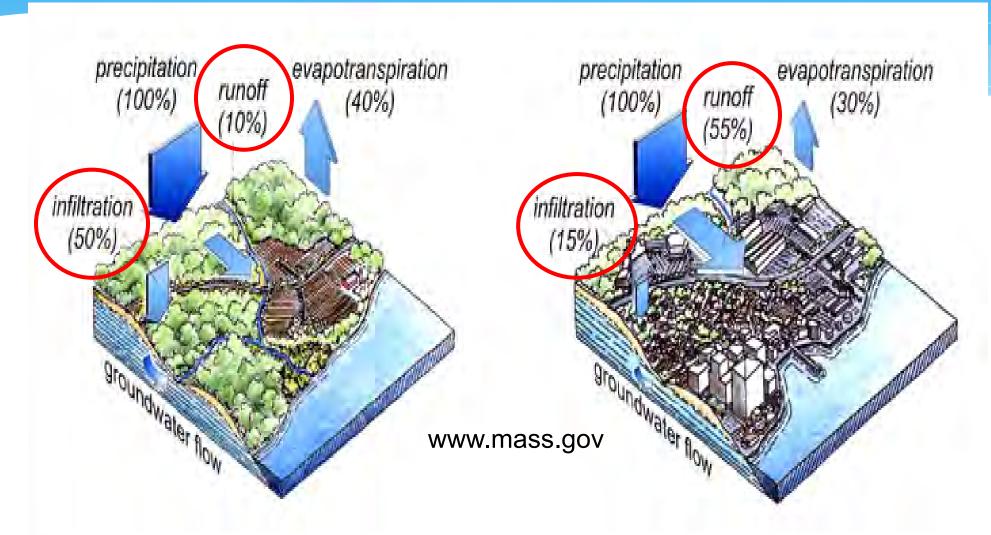
- Eutrophication risks to surface water reservoirs.
- How the chemical, hydrologic and trophic state properties of surface water reservoirs are directly linked to watershed development.
- How to assess and quantify such impacts.
- How reservoir managers can use such data to protect and improve the raw water quality... better raw water quality = less in-plant treatment needs and costs



#### Its An Intimate Connection



# Development Driven Hydrologic Changes



# What's the Fuss?... Its Only a Little Runoff!!



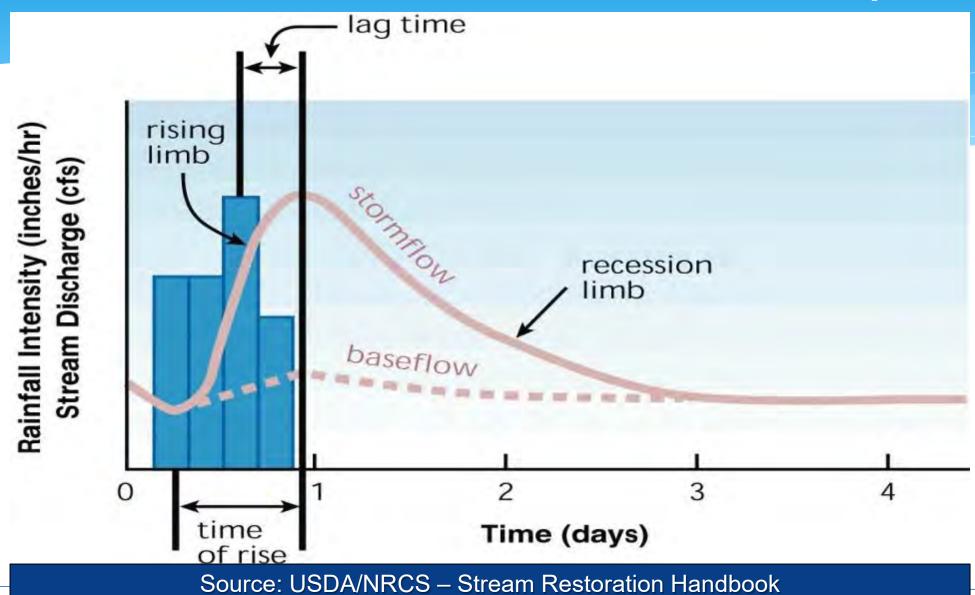


#### Stormwater Runoff



- Stormwater runoff is typically THE root cause of most eutrophication problems.
- Better stormwater
   management = less water
   quality problems
- Stormwater management should be key element of source water protection.

### Rainfall/Stream Flow Relationship



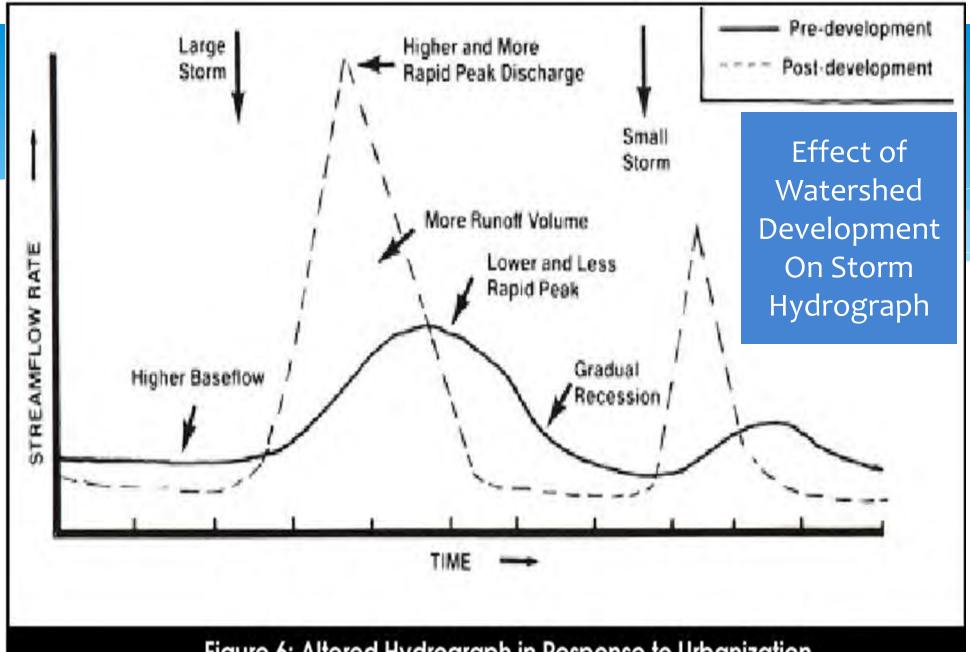
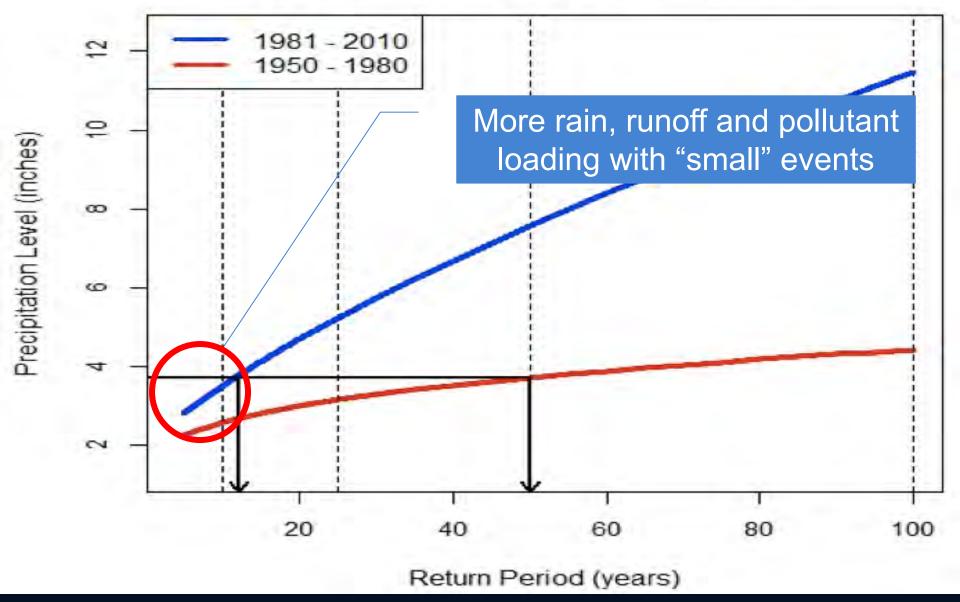


Figure 6: Altered Hydrograph in Response to Urbanization (Schueler, 1987)

#### **Increasing Storm Frequency**



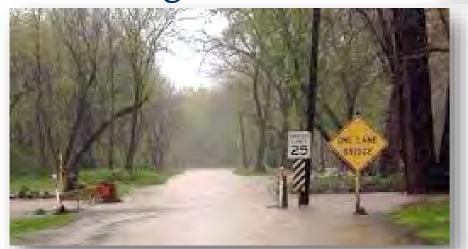
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#### So Its Not Just The Extreme Events

- "Smaller", storms with greater return frequency (e.g., 0.5-yr, 1-yr and 2-yr events) now generate more rain and runoff.
- Increases opportunity to mobilize and transport pollutants, sediment and nutrients.
- Exacerbates environmental stress.
- Results in chronic, repeating impacts.

# Flooding, Erosion, Eutrophication and Contamination

- All storms represent environmental risk
- Acute impacts extreme events and flashy storms
- Chronic impacts smaller, reoccurring events







### Hydraulic Impacts



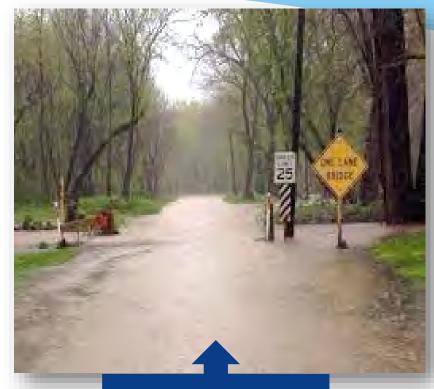




Bank Subsidence

Too much water, too fast... function of rate (CFM)

# Hydrologic Impacts





Flooding

**Reduced Baseflow** 

Function of too much/too little volume (gallons, m³, Ac-ft)

### Water Quality Impacts



Over 70% of water quality problems in US due to non-point source pollution conveyed by SW runoff

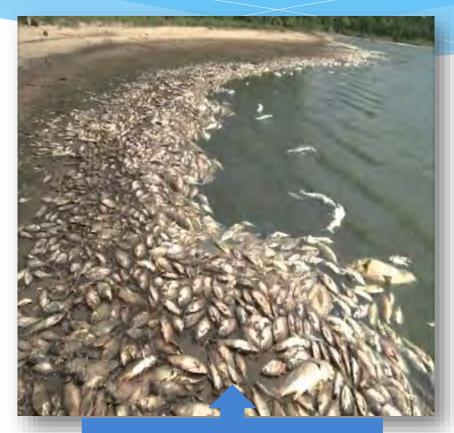
Increases cost to produce quality potable water.



# Altered Ecological Services and Functions



Eutrophication



Fish Kills

# HABs

#### Algae Toxins Prompt Toledo To Ban Its Drinking Water

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# So Yes... A Little Runoff Can Create a Lot of Problems





#### It All Flows Downhill...

What happens in your watershed eventually effects your reservoir.

- Land development alters hydrology and hydraulics.
- Stormwater runoff mobilizes and transports nutrients, sediments and contaminants.
- Industrial, commercial and municipal wastewater discharges introduce additional contaminants.
- Septic system clusters another nutrient source.
- Agriculture generates nutrients and contaminants.
- Extreme events increase catastrophic, acute risks

### Watershed Risk Management Plan

- Eutrophication Risks
  - Small Storms
  - Hydrologic load
  - Nutrient load
  - Sediment load
  - Septic Clusters
  - Trophic response

Chronic Impact

- Hazard Risks Extreme
   Storms
  - Eroding Streams
  - Flooding of WWTPs, and Industrial, Chemical Storage and Contaminated Sites,
  - Failing Dams/Levees

Acute Impact

#### Reservoir Eutrophication

Accelerated by nutrient inputs, especially phosphorus

- Phosphorus and stormwater runoff
  - Dissolved, particulate, organic, and inorganic
  - Typical TP conc in SW 0.28 mg/L¹
- The majority of nutrient and sediment loading is typically from external, watershed sources
- Less phosphorus loading = less eutrophication.
- Watershed management thus intrinsic to successful long-term protection of reservoir water quality.

# Where Do I Start? Thou Shall Know Thy Watershed!

- Boundary
- Topography
- Land cover
- Land use
- Hydrology
- Pollutant sources
- Pollutant load



### Quantifying "Pollutant" Loads

Need to account for spatial and temporal variations

Focus on phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment

- Annual total watershed load
- Annual sub-watershed specific load
- Sub-watershed load by land use/source category
- Seasonal/Monthly sub-watershed load
- Manageable vs non-manageable load

### Hydrologic Data

#### Water in... Water out

- Stormwater runoff, groundwater, and direct precipitation on reservoir surface.
- Affects:
  - Nutrient and sediment loading
  - Flushing rate / pollutant retention/ nutrient assimilation
  - Water column mixing and stability
- Need to quantify seasonally
- May want to quantify on storm-specific scale

### Generating Hydrologic / Pollutant Loading Data

- Direct field data collection and sampling
- Indirect quantification and estimation
  - Stream Stat
  - USDA Soil Mapper
  - State GIS Land Use Data
  - UAL or MapShed Models
  - Various Trophic State Models

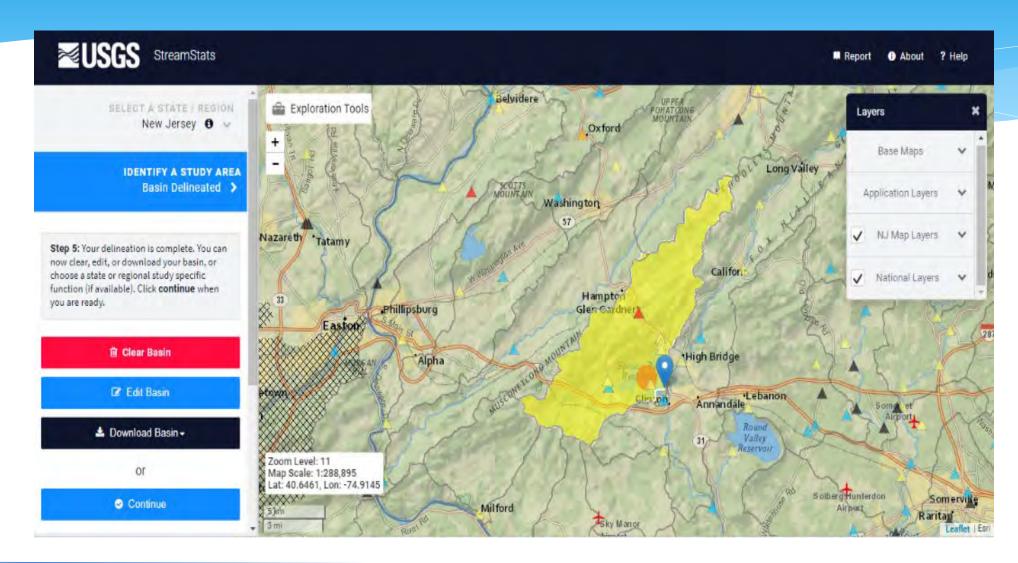
# Watershed Mapping and Information Sources

- Stream Stat
  - https://www.usgs.gov/mission-areas/waterresources/science/streamstats-streamflow-statistics-and-spatialanalysis-tools?qt-science\_center\_objects=0#qtscience\_center\_objects
- USDA Web Soil Survey
  - https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm
- NJDEP GeoWeb
  - <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/geowebsplash.htm">https://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/geowebsplash.htm</a>
- Climate Data Rutgers State Climate Database
  - https://climate.rutgers.edu/stateclim\_v1/nclimdiv/

#### **Essential Watershed Data**

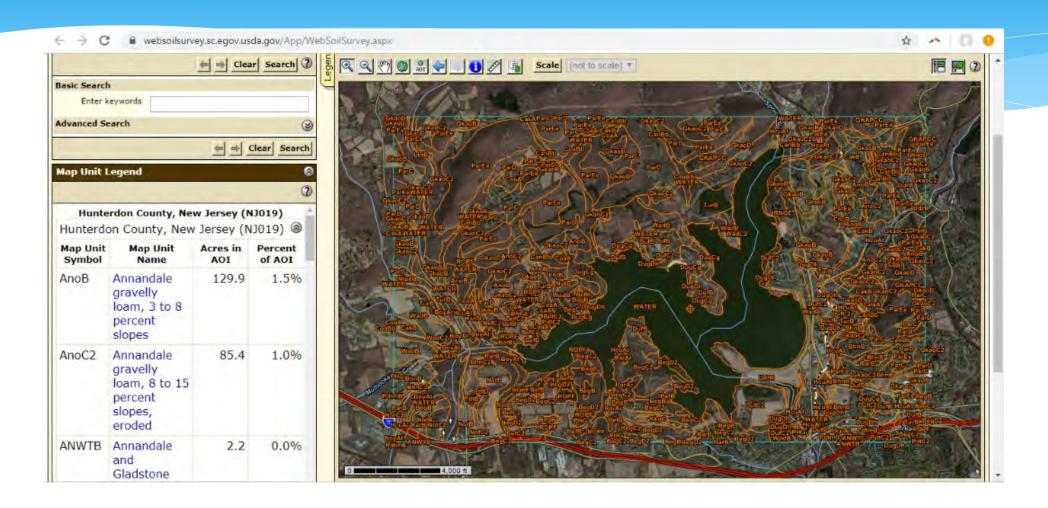
- Use StreamStat to delineate watershed and subwatersheds
- Use USDA/SCS digital soil mapper to map primary soils and slope
- Map and quantify land use
- Compute monthly precipitation, evapotranspiration data using local climate data
- Synthesize data using pollutant loading and trophic state models

# Watershed Delineated With StreamStats



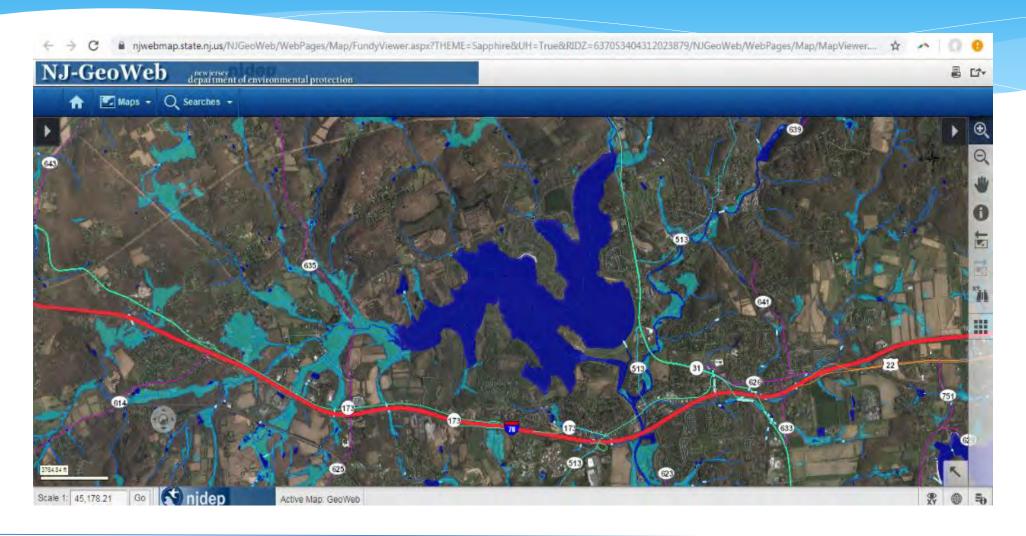


#### Soils Mapped With USDA Soil Mapper



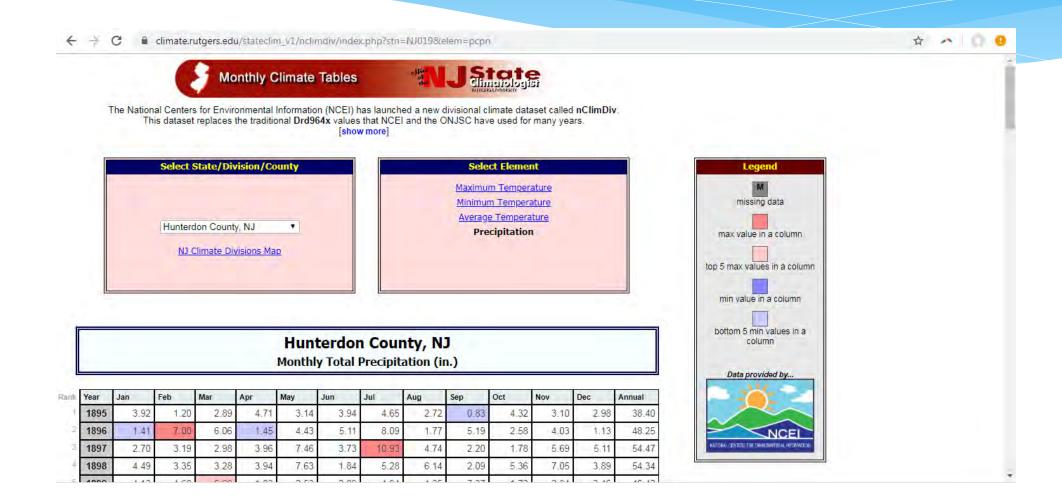


# Land Cover, Wetlands and Streams Mapped with NJDEP GeoWeb





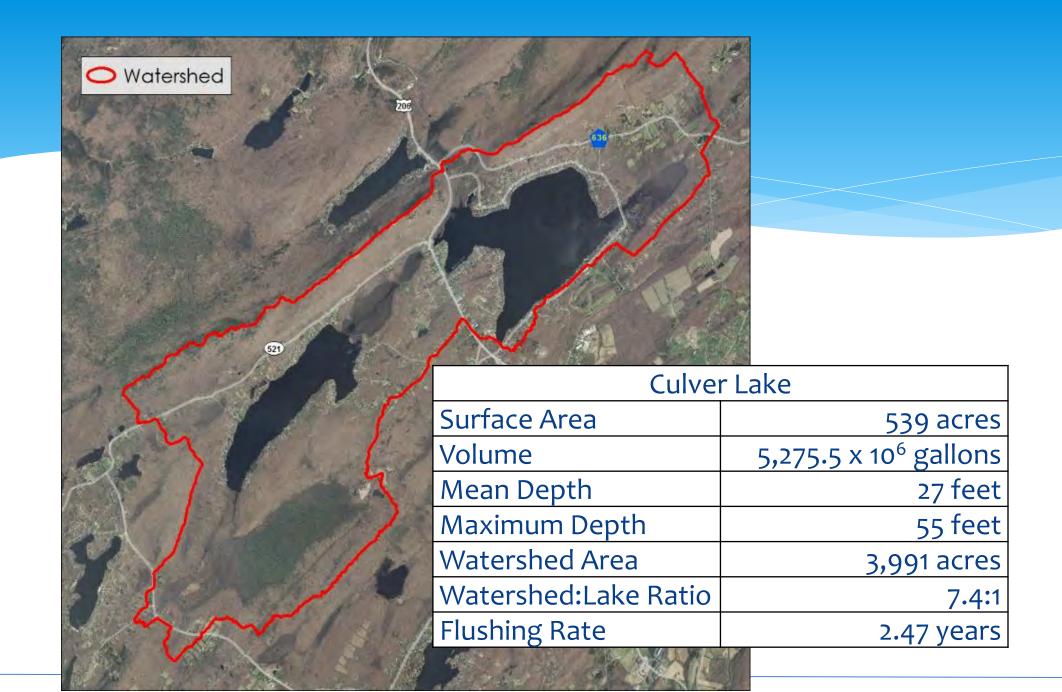
## Rutgers Rainfall and Climatic Data

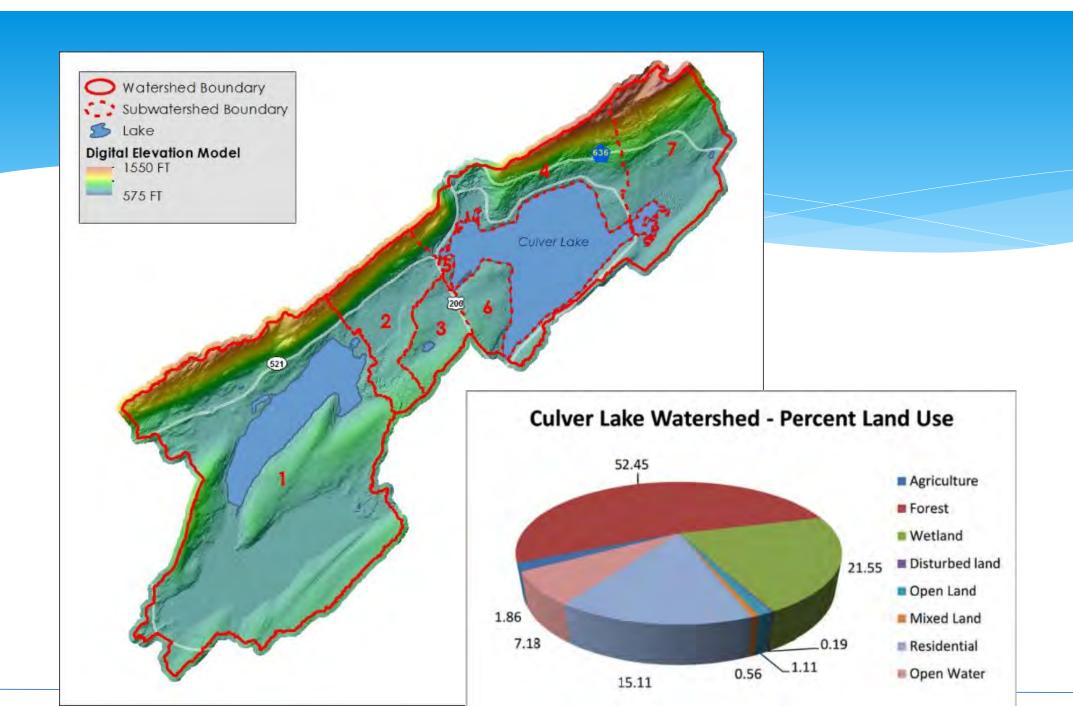




## MapShed

- Created by Dr. Barry Evans, Penn State... managed by Stroud Institute
- GIS-based watershed modeling tool that integrates hydrology, land cover, soils, topography, weather, pollutant discharges, and other critical environmental data to model sediment and nutrient transport.
- Includes numerous analytical e.g., simulation of pathogen loads, pollutant transport processes in urban settings, and effectiveness of BMPs (using PreDICT module).
- Uses both spatial and "non-spatial" input parameters.
- https://wikiwatershed.org/help/model-help/mapshed/

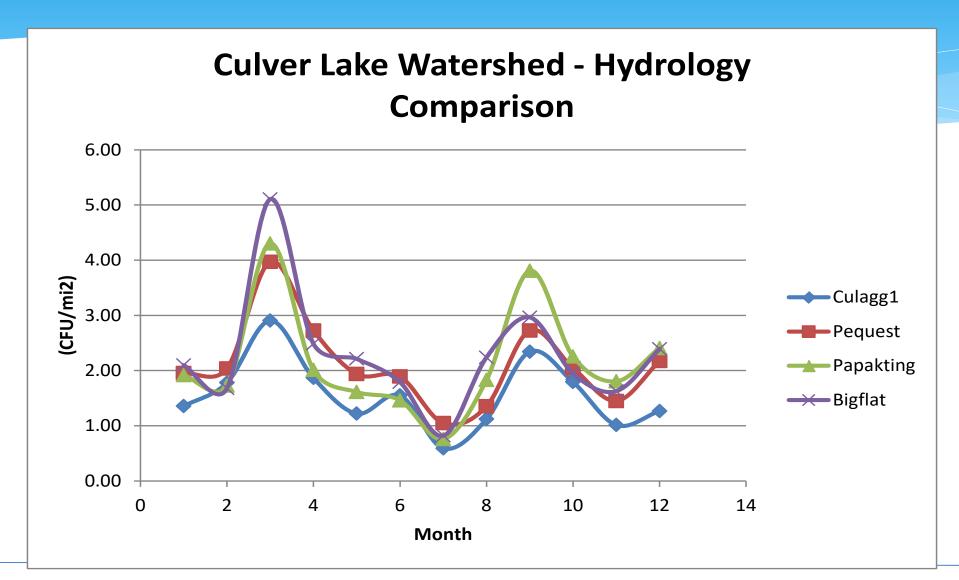




## Culver Lake Hydrologic Load Ave Flow by Month by Watershed

Subwatershed	Area (ha)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	808	3.96	4.33	7.79	5.06	3.44	4.27	1.70	3.17	6.53	5.06	2.75	3.68
2	146	4.12	4.34	7.63	4.80	3.21	4.18	1.70	3.40	6.62	4.78	2.62	3.68
3	68	4.21	4.81	8.98	5.34	3.52	4.41	1.66	3.29	6.68	5.56	2.92	4.11
4	185	5.09	5.66	9.60	5.62	4.22	5.03	2.27	4.13	7.27	6.37	4.03	5.19
5	55	4.39	4.90	9.11	5.53	4.15	5.25	2.39	4.19	7.50	6.55	3.19	4.73
6	236	4.28	4.93	8.89	5.19	3.47	4.36	1.74	3.50	6.72	4.97	2.75	3.75
Aggregate	1499	3.97	4.75	8.51	5.29	3.57	4.39	1.73	3.28	6.64	5.25	2.87	3.71

## Localized Flow Calibration of Modeled Data



# MapShed Computed External Loading

Culver Lake - Pollutant Loading								
Subwatershed	Area	Erosion	Sediment	Dis. N	TN	Dis. P	TP	
	(Ha)	kgx1000/yr	kgx1000/yr	kg/yr	kg/yr	kg/yr	kg/yr	
1	808	177	15	2234	2537	83	117	
2	146	41	2	371	426	14	20	
3	68	4	4	210	290	10	16	
4	185	75	28	660	930	35	66	
5	55	4	10	225	360	14	27	
6	236	1470	81	931	1573	32	157	
Sum	1498	1771	140	4631	6116	188	403	
Aggregate	1499	1833	148	4670	6150	185	391	

#### Culver Lake – Phosphorus Loading Summary (Kg/Yr)

Source	TP (kg/yr)	% of Total
External NPS	255.2	12%
Internal Regeneration	831.4	41%
Direct Precipitation	71.4	4%
Septic Loading	866.7	43

## **Trophic State Models**

- Vollenweider, R.A. 1968. Scientific fundamentals of the eutrophication of lakes and flowing water, with particular reference to nitrogen and phosphorus as factors in eutrophication. OECD, Paris, Tech Rpt DA 5/SCI/68.27, 250 pp.
- P. J. Dillon, F. H. Rigler. 1975. A Simple Method for Predicting the Capacity of a Lake for Development Based on Lake Trophic Status. **Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada,** Vol. 32, No. 9: pp. 1519-1531

$$TP_s = \underline{L(1-R)T}$$

$$Z_m$$

TP<sub>s</sub> = Predicted Spring TP Concentration g/m<sup>3</sup>

L = Annual Areal P Load g/m²/yr

R = P retention Coeficient

T = Hydraulic Retention Time yr<sup>-1</sup>

 $Z_m$  = Mean Depth meters

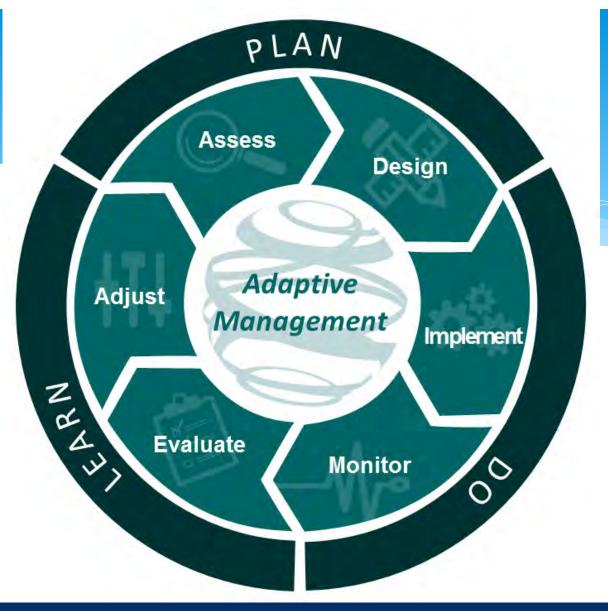
## OK Steve... But How Do I Use This Information

Watershed management is a challenge for most surface water supply systems

- Scale... Large contributing watershed with multiple tributaries
- Lack direct control over the majority of the watershed
- No regulatory driver, requirement or support for watershed management or pollutant load reduction

# Watershed Data Foundation of Adaptive Management

- Improves reservoir management decision making.
- Enables you to understand how reservoir raw water quality changes seasonally and how to respond to changing conditions.
- Understanding sources, quantity and timing of nutrient and sediment loading enables you to plan for the worst.
- Quantification of loading by source enables you to focus nutrient and sediment reduction strategies on major, chronic, or easiest sources to control.



https://essa.com/approach/ "Embrace Uncertainty"

# React – Prevent, Control, and Reduce

#### **Root Cause Management Actions**

 Prevent - Limit P Loading (Internal and External)...SW Mgmt, Septic Mgmt, Internal Load Control (Nutrient inactivation, Aeration)

#### **Responsive Management Actions**

- Prevent/Control Nutrient inactivation, Aeration, Biomanipulation
- Reduce Algaecides, Sonic devices

# Working With the Watershed Community

- Seek watershed management and stream restoration funding.
- Education and outreach:
  - Green infrastructure SW management.
  - Septic management.
- Participant in grant applications.
- Provide independent source of funding:
  - Green infrastructure rebates.

#### In Summary

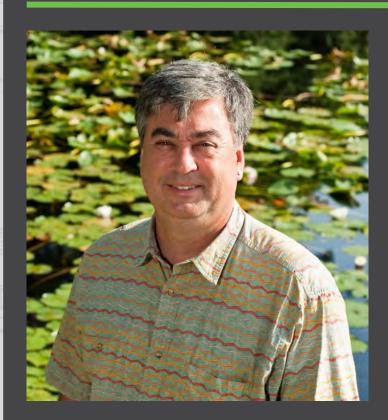
- What happens in your watershed is often the major driver of reservoir eutrophication and eutrophication related problems including HABs.
- Development increases runoff which increases eutrophication risks to your reservoir.
- Knowing your watershed entails quantification of external nutrient, sediment and hydrologic loads.
- Resulting data should help identify major risks to raw water quality and prioritize management decisions.
- Overall goal is to be proactive not reactive.
- Maximizing raw water quality minimizes in-plant treatment.

## Thank You... Questions Stephen J. Souza, Ph.D.

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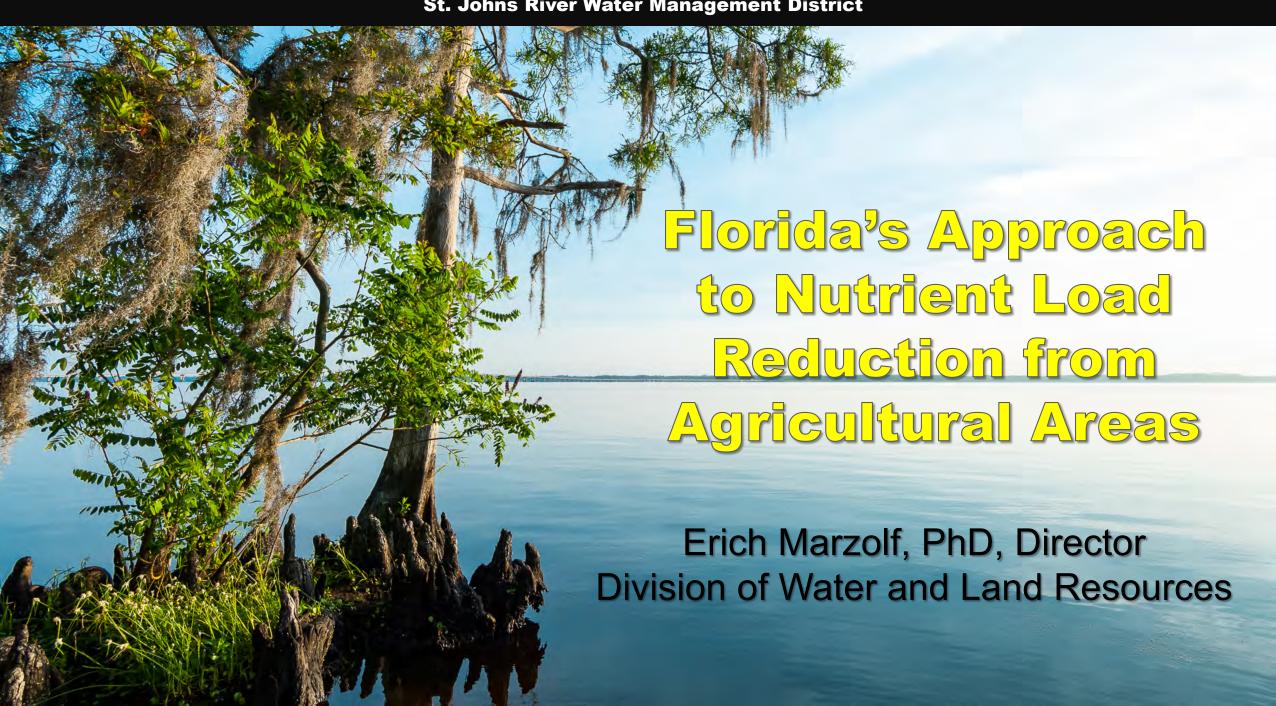
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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation



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In this role he works on integrating aquatic and terrestrial restoration and management efforts to meet the District's core missions.



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# Florida's Water Quality Status

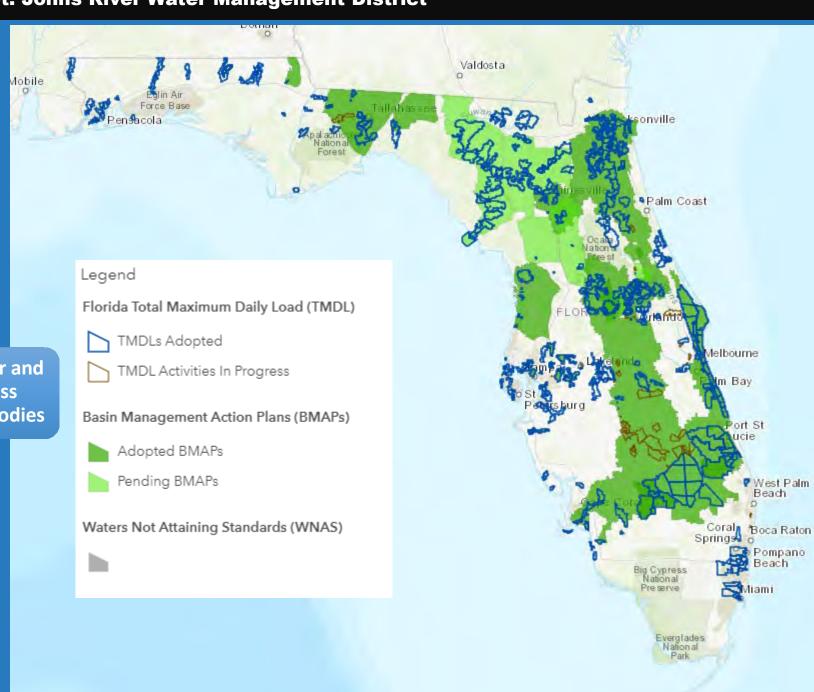
Set Water Quality Standards

Restoration -Basin Management Action Plan

Total Maximum
Daily Load
Development

Monitor and Assess Waterbodies

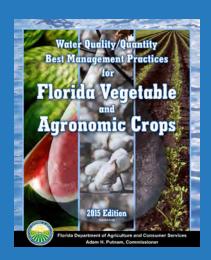
Impaired
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(303d) List

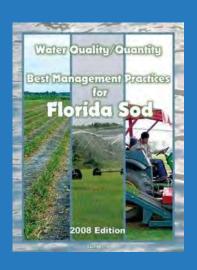


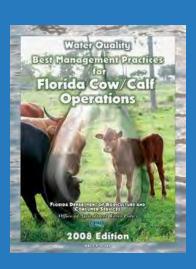
## Best Better Management Practices (BMPs)

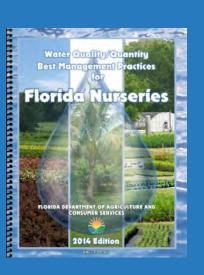
## Once a BMAP is adopted growers in watershed must sign a Notice of Intent to

- Monitor and demonstrate runoff is not contributing to problems, or
- Implement measures in appropriate BMP Manual







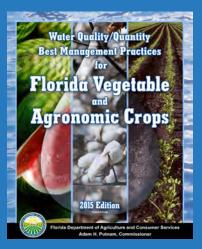




#### **BMP Manuals**

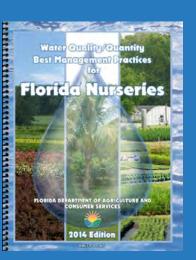
#### Two categories:

- Nutrient management
  - Amount, timing, placement and type of fertilizer
- Irrigation management
  - Maintenance, scheduling and overall efficiency rating of irrigation systems
- Living Documents = Evolving











fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Water/Agricultural-Best-Management-Practices

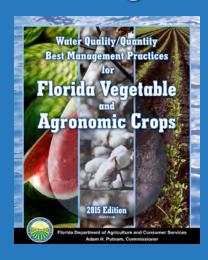


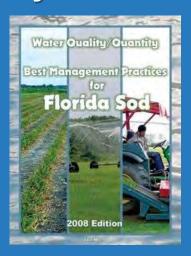


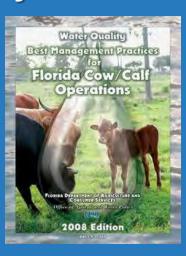
- BMPs are practical measures that reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, animal waste, and other pollutants entering our water resources
- BMPs must be economically and technically feasible for the producer to implement
- Developed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Verified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

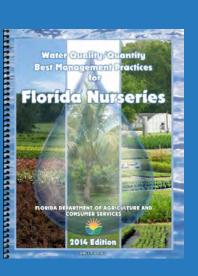
#### **Ag BMP Limitations**

- Not Site Specific
- Not Designed to Meet Specific Water Quality Goals
- Do Not Obligate a Specific Load Reduction Allocation
- Therefore,
  - Watersheds with extensive Ag,
  - Atypical conditions,
  - WQ goals may not be met by BMPs alone





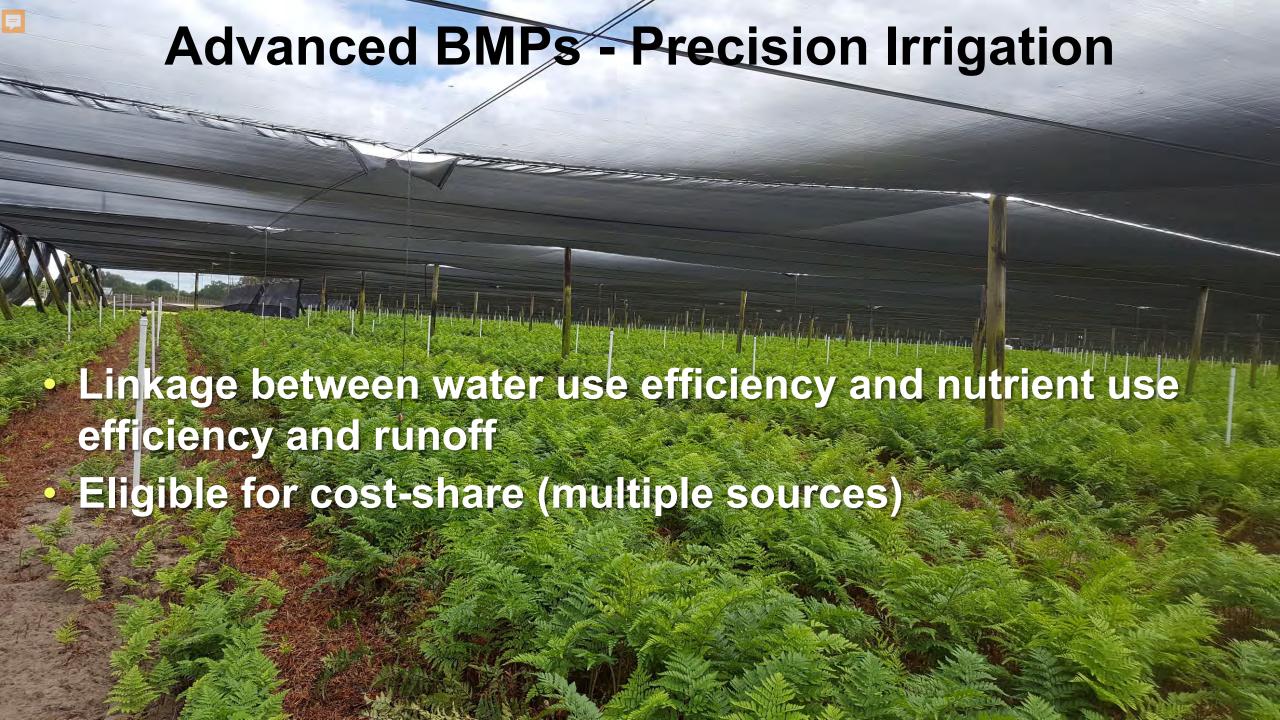


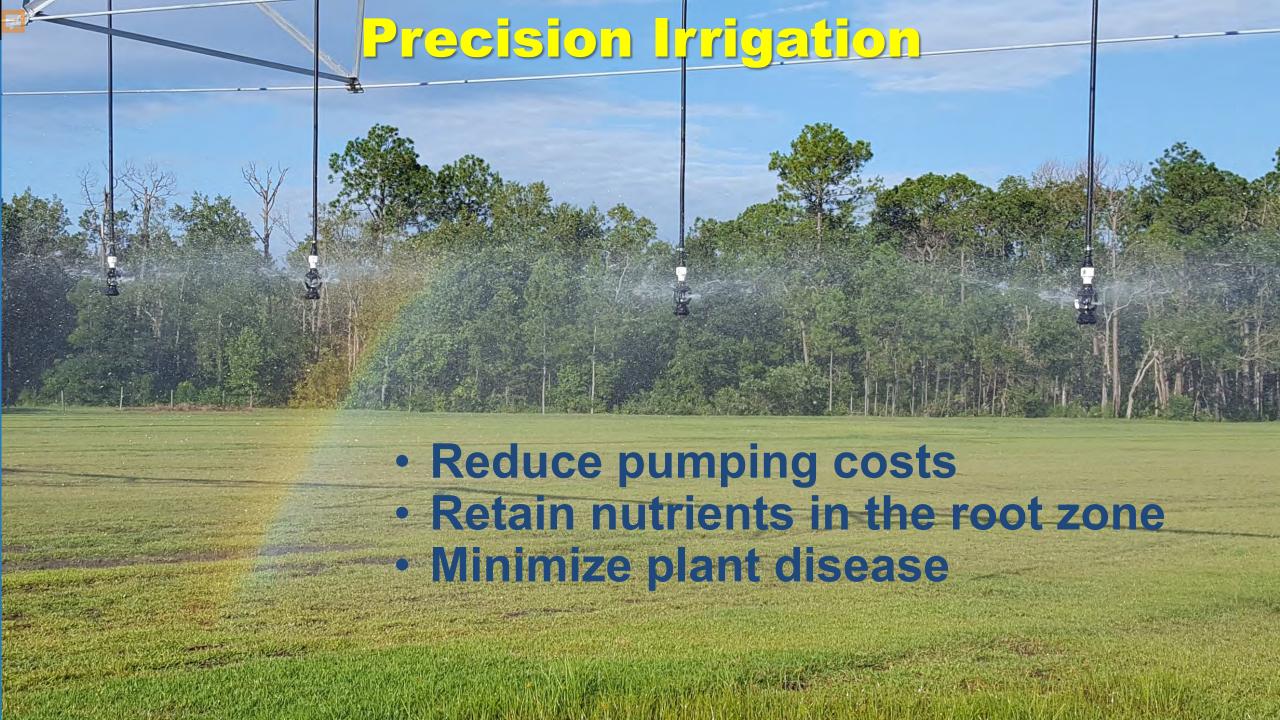




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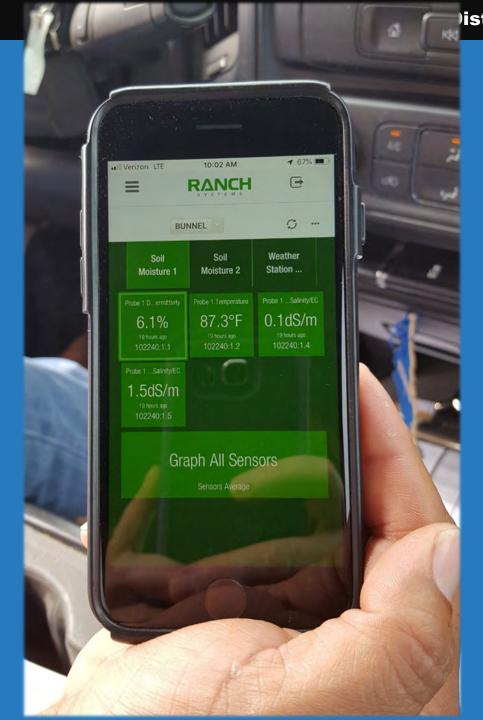


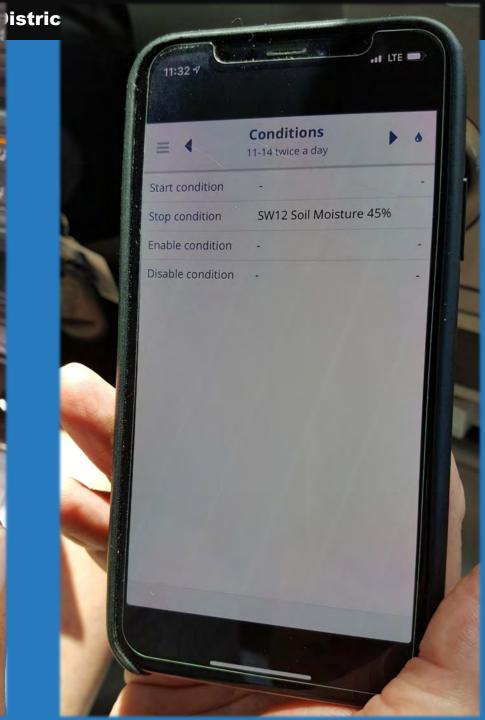










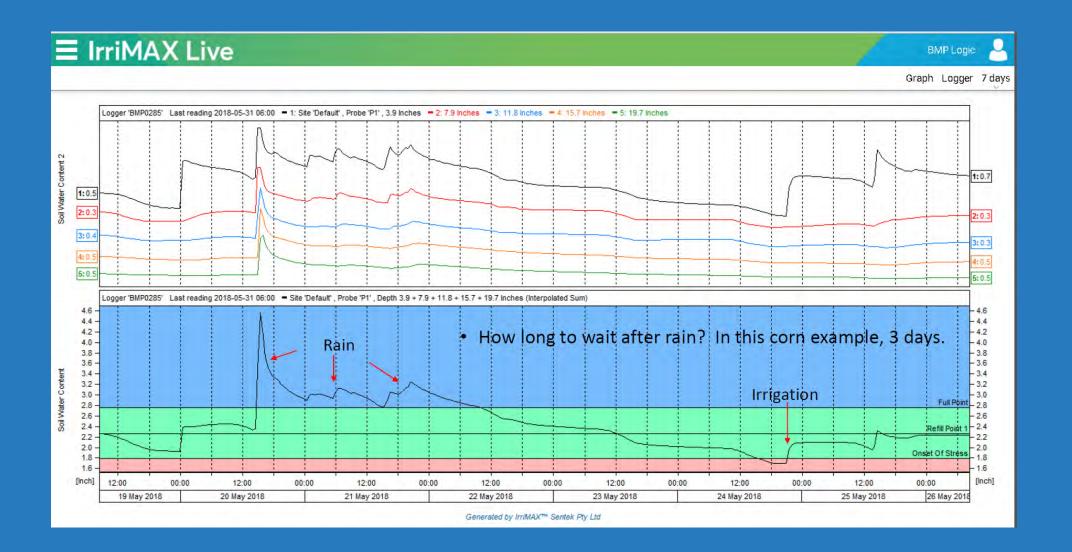




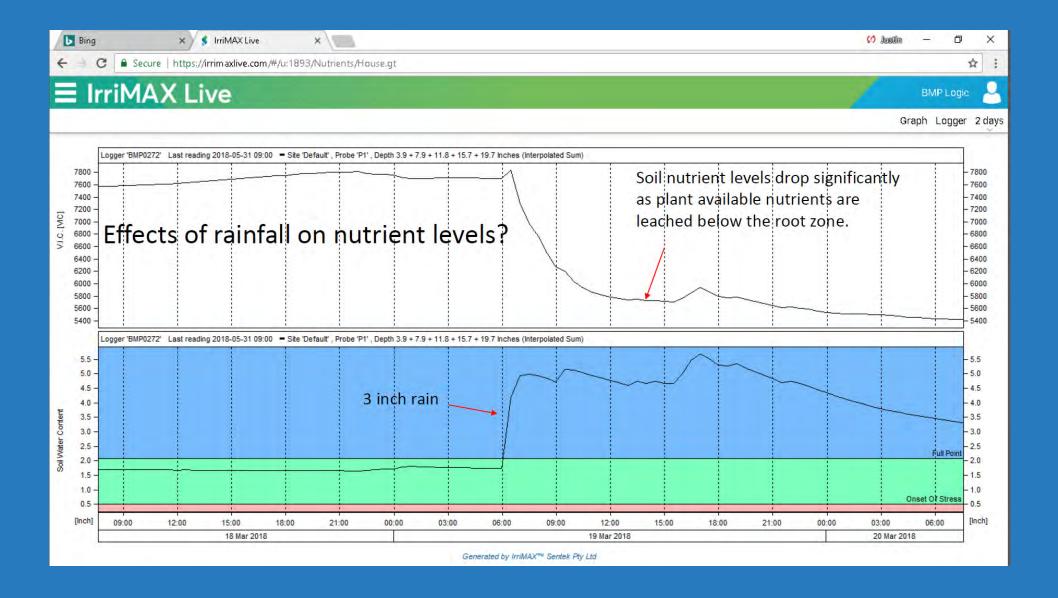




## Soil Moisture — Smarter Irrigation



#### **Smarter Irrigation — Less Nutrient Loss**







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**Precision Fertilizer Application** 









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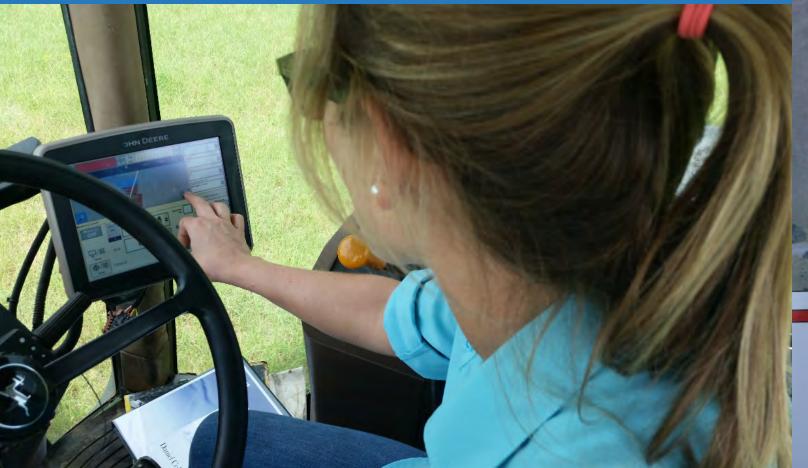
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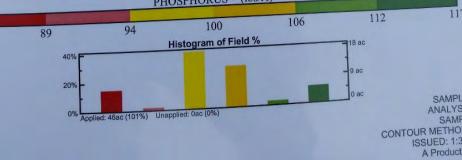


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## Field Fertility Mapping and Precision Fertilization









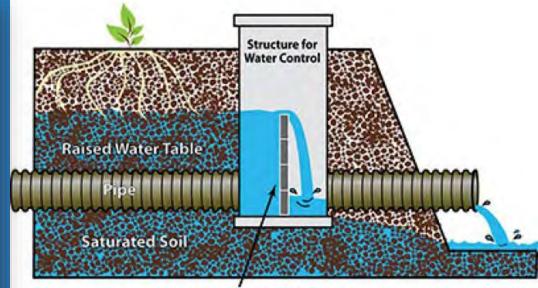


## Seepage Irrigation Conversion



## **Sub-Irrigation Drain Tile**

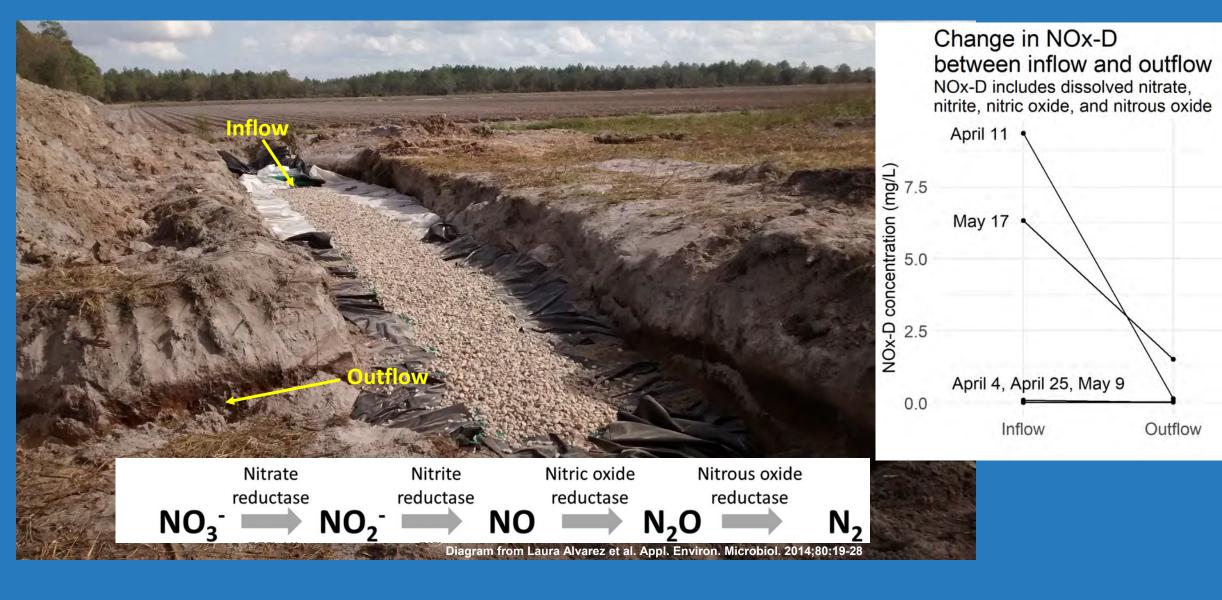




Flow Control Mechanism



### **Edge of Field Denitrification Bioreactor**



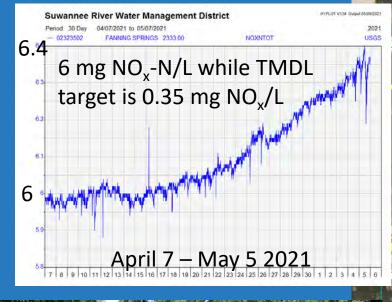
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Payment for Crop Conversion

 In particularly sensitive areas, ie. springsheds, provide economic incentives to encourage growers to switch from water and nutrient intensive crops to crops with less runoff, ie. trees

 Multiple attempts, but not yet attracted participants Fanning Springs
Continuous Nitrate Data





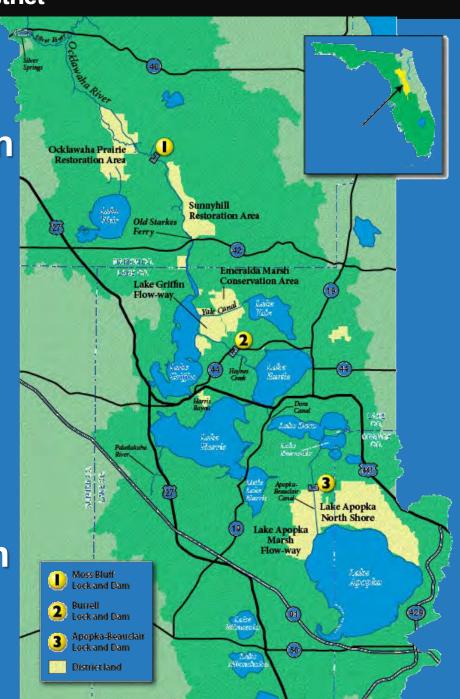


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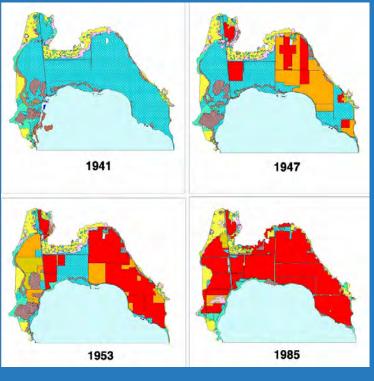
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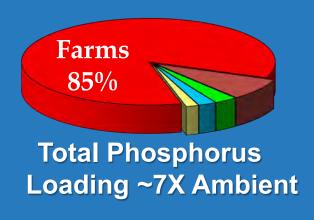
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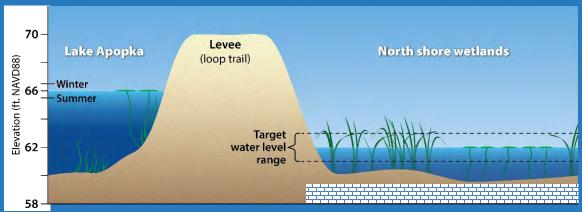
- Unusual as typical land purchase focuses on only willing sellers
- Focus on highest loads, typically muck farms, developed on former floodplain wetlands
  - Restore farms to wetlands
  - Convert to reservoir for water storage and treatment
- One "unwilling" example where Legislature directed buyout of muck farm businesses on Lake Apopka, both land and equipment



#### **Lake Apopka and Watershed**









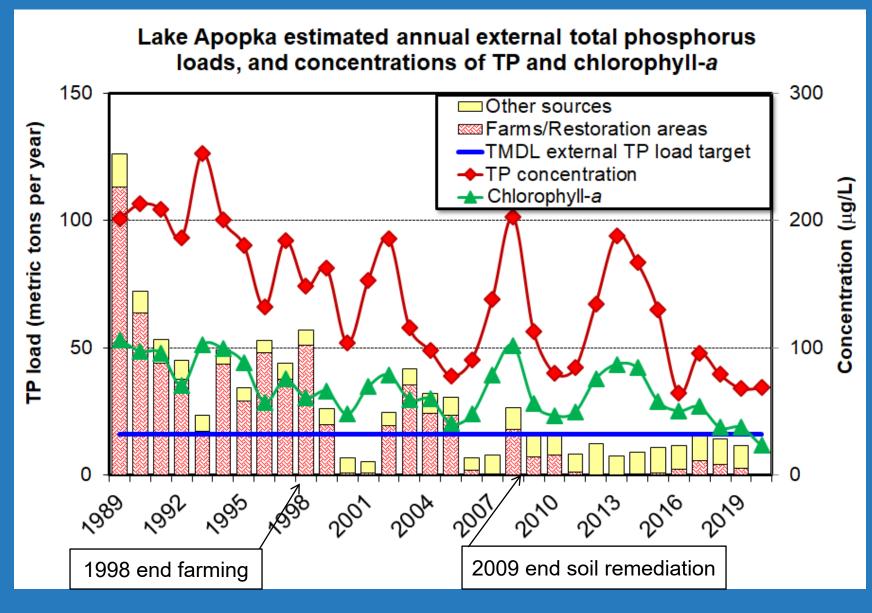
Watershed

Lake Apopka North Shore Muck Farms
The Key to "the Diet"

- 1996 Lake Apopka
  Restoration Act directed the
  St. Johns River Water
  Management District to buy
  the North Shore farms
- Initiated process of restoring area to wetlands to halt soil oxidation and phosphorus release
- Highly successful in reducing phosphorus loads



#### Phosphorus Load Reductions "The Diet"



# Florida's Multi-Scale Approach To Nutrient Load Reduction from Agriculture

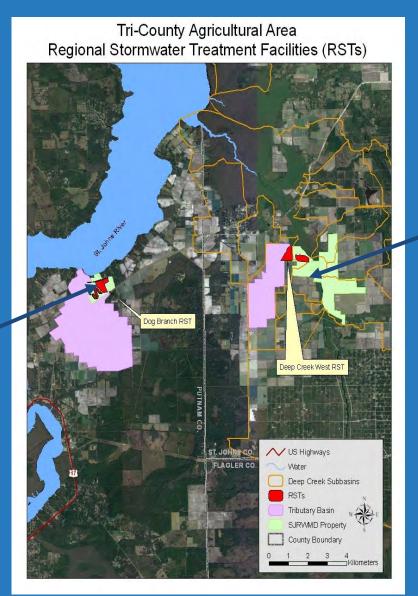
- On the Farm
  - Ag BMPs
  - Advanced BMPs (not in manual), not obligatory but cost-share eligible
- Change in Farming
  - Crop Conversion
  - Buyout
- Regional Treatment
  - Dispersed Water Treatment Public payment for treatment on Private Land
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#### Regional Stormwater Treatment Facilities

## Edgefield - Dog Branch RST - 2007

- > 25 acre pond and 56 acre wetland
- ➤ Treats ag runoff from 2,000 acres (65% agriculture)
- Site was formerly used in row crop production



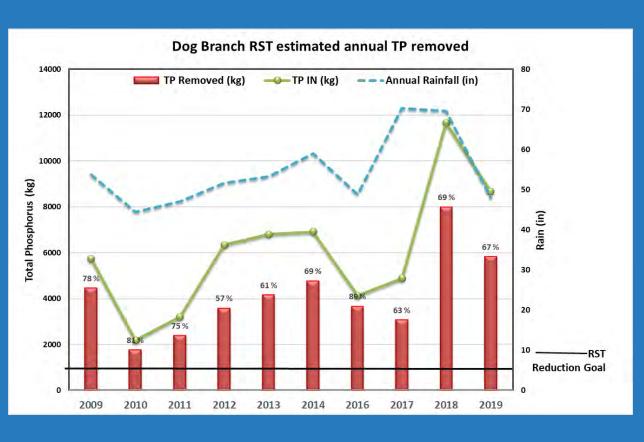


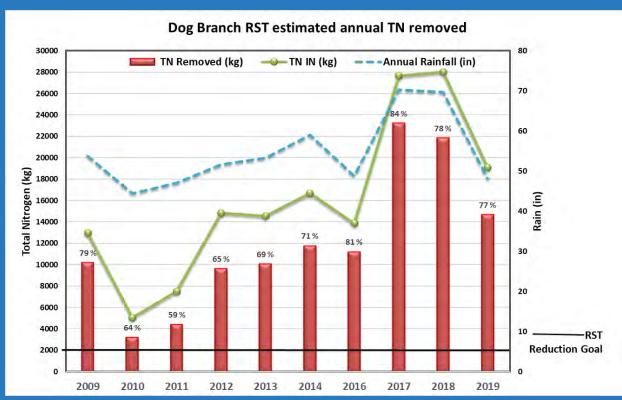


#### Deep Creek RST – 2006

- ➤ 19 acre pond and 38 acre wetland
- ➤ Treats ag runoff from 1,196 acres (95% ag)
- ➤ Site was formerly used in row crop production

#### Regional Stormwater Performance





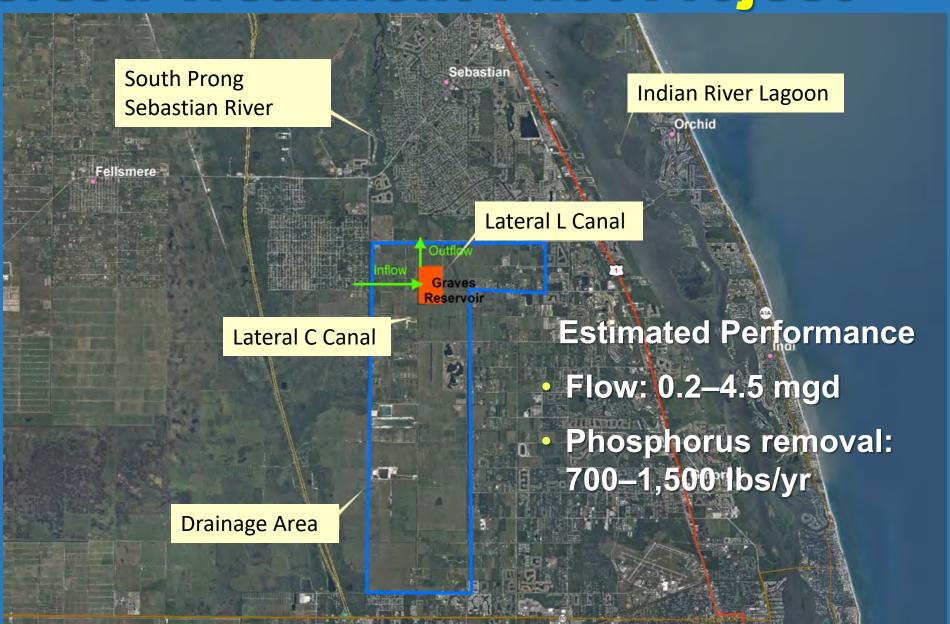
\* 2015 – Pumps were not operating in 2015

#### Dispersed Water Treatment

- Public Private Partnership using Private Lands
- Long-term agreements
- Two models at various stages of use
  - Utilize available private land for treatment
    - Wetter Areas
    - Citrus out of production due to Citrus Greening Disease
  - South Florida payment for storage volume created, used as necessary to detain water and nutrient loading
  - North Florida Pilot Projects- payment for nutrient mass reduction and Ag water supply as privately designed and operated

#### Dispersed Treatment Pilot Project

- Public-private partnership
- Provides water supply and treatment
- Time-limited
- Not built yet



## **Upper St. Johns River Basin Project**

- USACOE District Flood Protection Project
- 247 mile<sup>2</sup>
- ~ 30 years to build
- Water Quality Treatment
- Water Supply
- Habitat (fisheries, hunting, etc.)
- Additional Non-Federal Projects
  - Fellsmere Water Management Area
  - P3 Dispersed Treatment







#### **Questions & Answers**

Please post any questions to the "CHAT".



#### Please join us next week!

#### COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER FROM HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

12:00PM CST

Mitigation of Internal Nutrient Loads in **Drinking Water Sources** 

~ 1.5 hours

With the increasing occurrence of harmful algal blooms (HABs), and no silver-bullet solution, development of innovative management practices and technology has come to the forefront.

Our first presentation by Dr. Bob Kortmann will review the structure of thermal stratification and mechanisms of internal loading of anaerobic respiration products and soluble reactive phosphorus that stimulates cyanobacteria blooms. A variety of management methods will be reviewed for controlling internal loading in source water reservoir systems, including: Artificial Circulation Technologies, Hypotimnetic Aeration, Depth-Selective Layer Aeration, and Oxygenation Systems. Advantages, disadvantages, and risk of adverse impacts will be identified for each method.

Our second presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Crafton-Nelson provides insight on how to leverage new technology and integrated practices to curb HABs. This presentation highlights key information that will allow water resource managers to tailor a management program that includes both short- and long-term strategies, to actively manage HABs now and work to prevent them in the future.



Dr. Kortmann earned his Ph.D. in Applied Limnology and Ecosystem Ecology in an interdisciplinary program in the Biological Sciences, Natural Resources, and Engineering Schools at the University of Connecticut. He has published dozens of papers on applied limnology of supply source water systems, controlling cyanobacteria blooms, and lake restoration. Additionally, Dr. Kortmann invented a number of naturalistic lake restoration technologies, was awarded four US Patents, and was awarded the Technology Innovator Award by EPA Region 1 for inventing Layer

Dr. Crafton-Nelson is a Source Water Quality Engineer with

Hazen and Sawyer. Elizabeth assists utilities across the

country by working to increase their source water quality and treatability. Her source water management approach encompasses both short and long term practices for a wide variety of issues and risk assessment. Elizabeth received her PhD from the University of Akron where she

studied cyanobacteria and cyanobacteria dominated harmful algal blooms.



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