

INDIAN RIVER LAGOON (IRL) BASIN MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS (BMAPs)
ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BASIN WORKING GROUPS (BWGs)
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The Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Basin has been divided into three subbasins for the Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) process: (1) North IRL; (2) Central IRL, and (3) Banana River Lagoon. A separate BMAP will be prepared to address the nutrient load reductions in each of these subbasins. To aid the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in decisions regarding these BMAPs, FDEP will convene a Basin Working Group (BWG) for each subbasin.

Role of the BWGs

Each BWG will have membership based upon nominations for representatives and alternates from the stakeholders. Each entity receiving an allocation in a BMAP has the opportunity for a seat on the BWG. The BWG members typically are management-level representatives who are authorized within their organization to make recommendations to FDEP including the ability to make funding decisions for the activities listed in the BMAP.

The purpose of the BWG is to provide recommendations to FDEP on BMAP-related issues. While the FDEP considers the BWG recommendations when making decisions on the BMAP, the BWG recommendations are not binding on FDEP. Since the BWG is a decision-making body, they are subject to all provisions of the Sunshine Law. Therefore, members may not discuss items that have or will be voted on outside of publicly noticed meetings. This is an important consideration when selecting a representative to ensure that the Sunshine Law provisions do not prohibit the BWG member from performing any aspect of their job.

BWG members should attend all BWG meetings or send an alternate. There will be quorum requirements that must be met for voting and it is important for each allocation entity to be represented. The BWG members will be asked to keep their organization or constituency aware of the BMAP process, key issues, project timelines, and group decisions. The representatives will also be asked to report back to the BWG on any significant comments and questions expressed by peers, senior staff, constituents, and/or governing boards. Ensuring that the group is aware of any issues will help with decision-making and result in a more effective BMAP.

Recommendations on the BMAP

BWG meetings will be held periodically as recommendations related to the BMAP are needed. The first BWG meeting will be a kick-off meeting to inform the members of the BMAP process, determine operating procedures for the group, and discuss the progress made by the technical staff on the initial stages of the BMAP.

The BWG will likely be asked to provide recommendations on the:

- Allocation approach (the load reductions each entity is responsible for);
- Eligible projects and credit calculations;
- Monitoring plan and responsibilities; and
- BMAP itself (endorsement).

Throughout the BMAP process, additional issues may arise. To address these issues, FDEP may ask for the BWG's recommendation on how to proceed. Example recommendations from other basins include:

- Determination of entities that should receive an allocation;
- Establishing a *de minimus* load, in which entities with a loading below that point do not receive an allocation nor a reduction requirement; and
- Process to "level the playing field" in the allocations to require areas with little or no treatment to meet the level of well-treated areas.

Voting Groups in Other Basins

Example memberships from voting groups in other basins are provided below. The Lower St. Johns River Tributaries and Lake Jesup BWGs both consist of a representative for each allocation entity. The Lower St. Johns River Main Stem Executive Committee is organized by interest group with representatives for each interest, but not for each allocation entity.

Lower St. Johns River Tributaries – Fecal Coliform BMAP

Entity	Representative
City of Jacksonville	Director, Environmental & Compliance Department
Duval County Health Department	Environmental Administrator
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)	Regional Maintenance Engineer
JEA (regional utility)	Director, Regulatory Conformance- Environmental Services

Lake Jesup – Nutrient BMAP

Entity	Representative
Seminole County	Public Works Director
Orange County	Environmental Protection Division Manager
City of Winter Springs	Utility/Public Works Director
City of Sanford	Public Works Director
City of Lake Mary	Public Works Director
City of Casselberry	Public Works Director
City of Oviedo	Public Works Director
City of Winter Park	Public Works Director
City of Orlando	Streets and Stormwater Division Manager
City of Altamonte Springs	Compliance Coordinator
City of Maitland	Assistant Public Works Director
Town of Eatonville	Public Works Director
City of Longwood	Public Works Director
FDOT	District Drainage Design Engineer
Turnpike Enterprise	NPDES Coordinator
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)	Environmental Specialist II
St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)	Assistant Department Director - Water Resources

Entity	Representative
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)	Northeast Regional Director
Friends of Lake Jesup	Chairman

Lower St. Johns River Main Stem – Nutrient BMAP

Entity	Representative
FDEP	District Director – Northeast District
Builders/Developers	Northeast Florida Builders Association
Local Governments	Executive Director – Clay County Utility Authority
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Deputy District Engineer
Forestry	Manager Shadow Lawn Farms
Agriculture/FDACS	Environmental Specialist III
Environmental Interests	Executive Director – Stewards of the St. Johns
SJRWMD	Executive Director
Municipal Stormwater-Public Works	Chief of Engineering and Construction Management – City of Jacksonville
Utility Authorities	Vice President of Environmental Services – JEA
Environmental Interests	Professor– University of North Florida Environmental Center/Biology Department
Military	Air & Water Section Head – U.S. Navy
Local Government Utilities	Utility Engineering Manager – St. Johns County Utilities
Agriculture	President – North Florida Growers Exchange
Regional Planning Councils	Executive Director – Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
Local Governments/MS4 Permittees	Commissioner – Clay County
Industry	Vice President – Atlantic Marine Holding Company