

Wekiva Basin Working Group Mission, Goals, & Participants
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Mission (updated per comments received 3/6/09)

The mission of the Wekiva BMAP Working Group is to make formal recommendations to the Department of Environmental Protection for implementation of the nutrient TMDLs for Wekiwa Spring, the Wekiva River, Rock Springs, ~~the Wekiva River~~, Rock Springs Run, Blackwater Creek, Little Wekiva River, and Little Wekiva Canal. (WBIDs 2956C, 2956, 2956A, ~~2956C~~, 2967, 2929A, 2987, and 3004) via an adoptable Basin Management Action Plan.

Goals

The Department will look to the Wekiva BWG for recommendations on the following specific topics:

- Accepted scientific understanding of the basin;
- Prioritization of unknowns relative to the BMAP;
- Nutrient load allocation approach (if appropriate);
- Nutrient load reduction project and other management action commitments;
- Monitoring program commitments; and
- Conditions that would trigger modification of the TMDL in the future.

Group Structure

The Wekiva BMAP Working Group (BWG) will operate “in the Sunshine”. All meetings will be noticed in the F.A.W. and additional notification will be provided via e-mail to the list of interested individuals. Sunshine Laws apply to discussions between representatives from different entities. Representatives, alternates, and other members/staff from each entity are free to speak amongst themselves about BMAP topics without violating Sunshine Law requirements.

The BWG is structured with formal representation. One representative from each organization will be recognized as the BWG member. Another representative will be recognized as the alternate. The representative/alternate will be asked to speak for their respective entity on all issues (e.g., wastewater, stormwater, environmental regulations, planning, and citizens’ interests). The alternate may be a private consultant under contract with the entity. The following entities have been provided seats on the BWG:

Local Organizations

- Altamonte Springs (including Altamonte Springs WWTF)
- Apopka
- Astatula *
- Eustis
- Friends of the Wekiva
- Lake County

- Lake County Health Department
- Maitland
- Mount Dora
- Oakland *
- Ocoee
- Orange County
- Orange County Health Department
- Orlando
- Seminole County (including Yankee Lake WWTF)
- Seminole County Health Department
- Tavares
- Utilities, Inc. (Wekiva Hunt Club)
- Winter Garden
- Winter Park *

State Organizations

- DACS (Office of Agricultural Water Policy)
- DEP - Wekiva State Park and Aquatic Preserves **
- DOT
- Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority
- Florida Turnpike
- SJRWMD

* DEP determination regarding BMAP participation and implementation obligations pending.

** May be split into two seats, or may serve as representative and alternate.
Determination pending as of April 15, 2009.

When an item is brought to the group for a consensus decision, each entity will have the opportunity for one 'vote.' Although DEP will help inform other organization representatives to the greatest extent possible, it is ultimately up to each organization to come to agreement on issues pertinent to the BMAP and express such via the organization's BWG representative.

Additional Technical resources

In addition to the BWG members, other individuals from the member organization or other organizations will be relied upon as technical resources.

Technical support will also be sought from the following organizations:

- DACS – Division of Forestry
- DCA
- DEP – Central District and Tallahassee staff and managers
- DOH – state offices in Tallahassee
- FWC
- Lake County Water Authority