



Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration

***Wekiva River, Rock Springs Run, and
Little Wekiva Canal
Basin Management Action Plan
(BMAP)***

***Moira R. Homann
May 11, 2017***





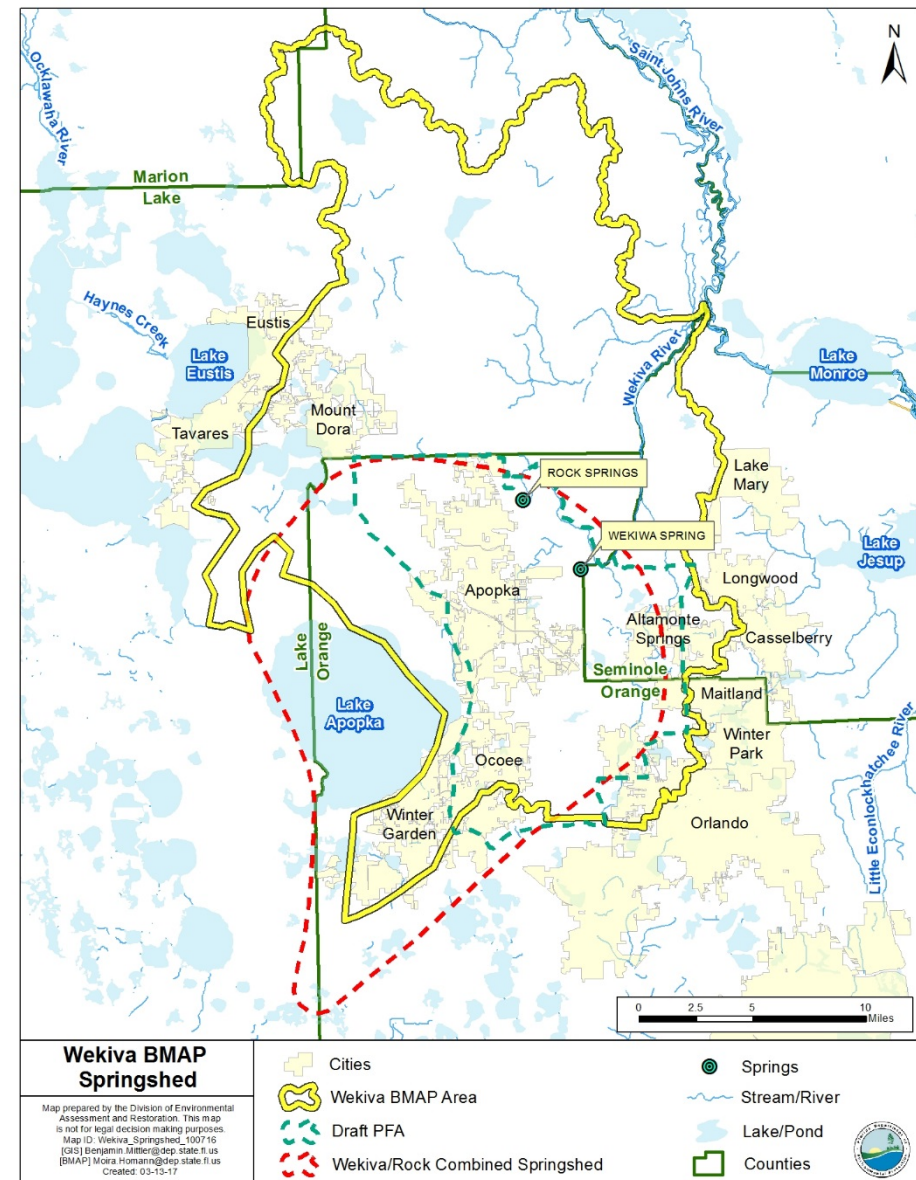
Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks.
2. Recap Items.
 - a. Committee update.
 - b. Other items.
3. New Items/Discussion.
 - a. Update on Septic Tank Studies – *Rick Hicks*.
 - b. Nitrogen Source Inventory Methodology and Status – *Celeste Lyon*.
4. Public Comments.
5. Adjourn.



Recap Items

1. Advisory Committee Update
 - Orange Co. Utilities resigned participation on the committee – will be represented by Orange County Environmental Protection Division and Health Department.
2. Priority Focus Area has been finalized (see map).
 - Final report is available [here](#).
3. Teleconference to discuss a coordinated OSTDS education campaign – June 26, 27, or 28?
4. R. Mattson (SJRWMD) Water Quality in the Wekiva River System Current Status and Selected Trends 2012 presentation available [here](#).
5. Annual report will be posted for comments and review.
 - Please send comments by May 31, 2017.
 - Provide any specific corrections using “track changes,” if possible.
6. Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act reminders (following slides).





Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act



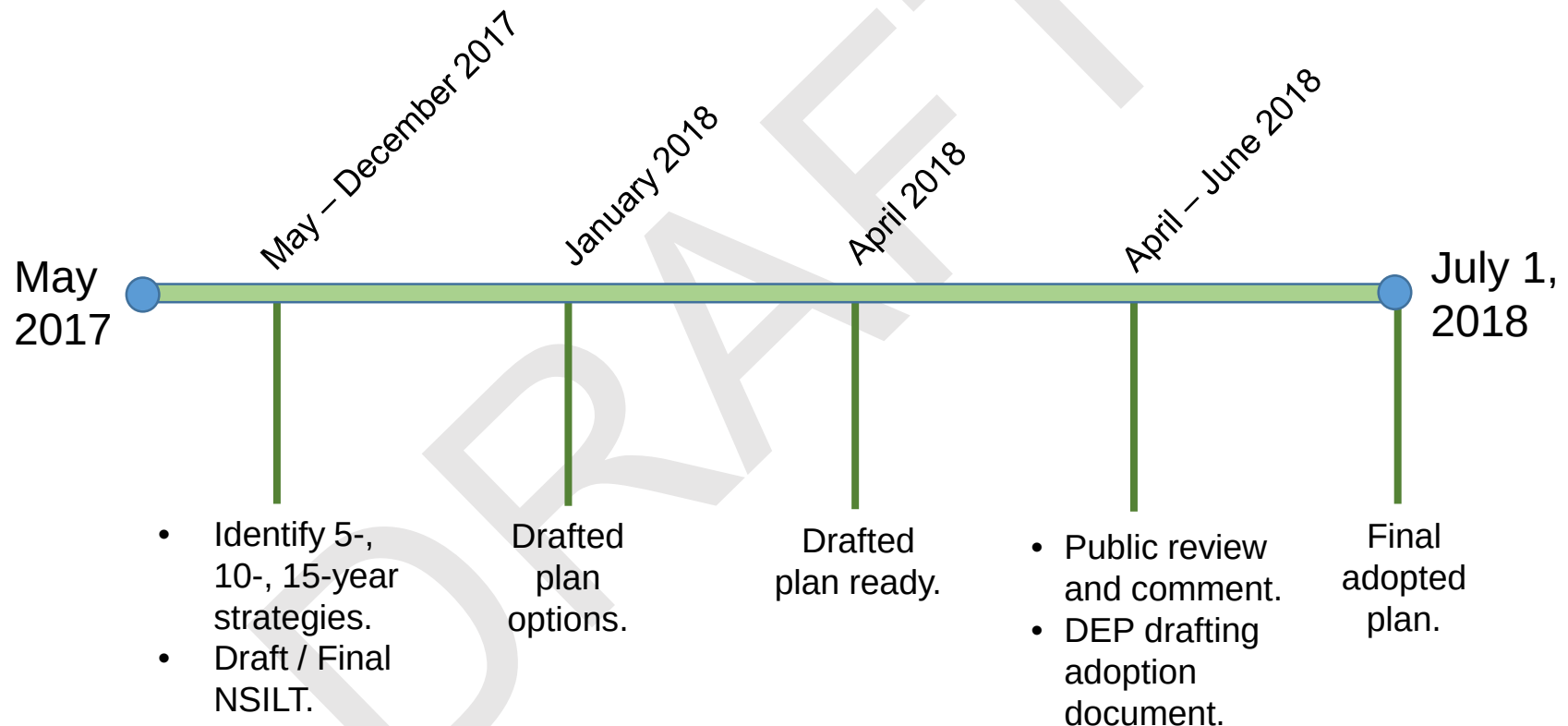
Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act

- Requires 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year goals to achieve TMDLs for each source identified in Nitrogen Source Inventory and Loading Tool (NSILT).
- Revise or adopt new BMAPs to include source specific goals as well as OSTDS Remediation Plan by [July 1, 2018](#).
- Delineate priority focus areas (PFA[s]).





DRAFT Timeline BMAP Revision and Adoption





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Update on Wekiva Septic Tank Study

**Rick Hicks
May 11, 2017**





Study Objectives

The results of study helps us better understand:

- Attenuation and leaching of nitrogen from existing septic systems into the soil and groundwater.
- Other sources of nitrogen in residential areas.
- Conditions that may influence nitrogen attenuation local to this area.



Chronology

Chronology of Activities

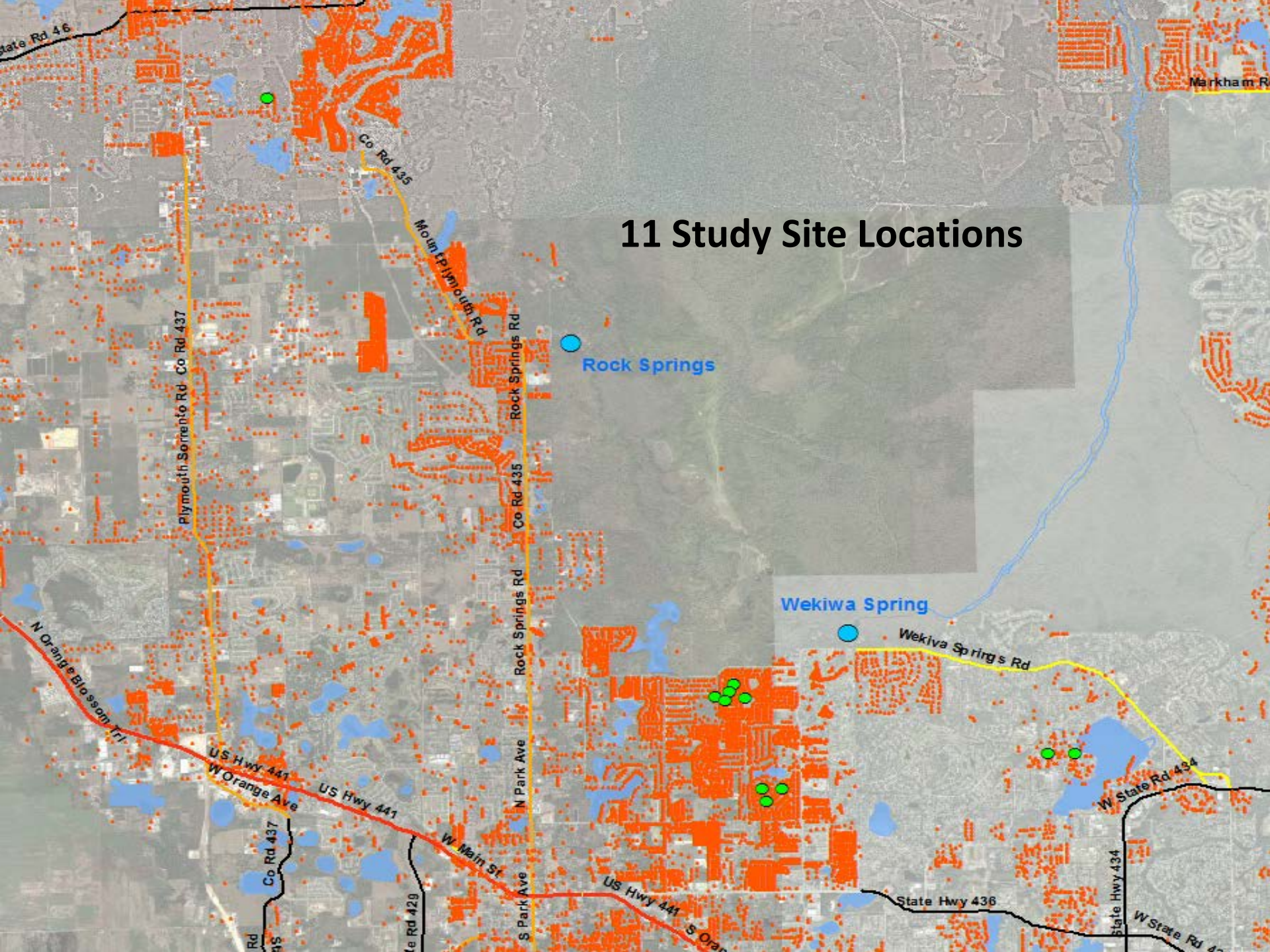
Date	Activity
December 2014	Study plan development and coordination with CPR
December 2014	SF6 injection, Rock Springs well
March 2015	Meeting with homeowners to discuss project and initial site visits
April-June 2015	Solicit septic tank contractor services
June 2015	Site inspections with contractor, select 12 study sites
July-August 2015	Install lysimeters at sites, install risers, initial sampling
September 2015	SF6 injection, Wekiwa Spring well
October 2015	Begin bi-monthly sampling
February 2016	Meeting with homeowners, interim findings
February 2016	Remove lysimeters Site H
February 2016	Install deep lysimeters at sites A, B, E,F, G,
March 2016	Pump septic tanks at 4 sites (A, B, <u>E</u> ,G)
June 2016	Deep borings at A, J, K, Install monitoring wells at J,K
July 2016	Install deeper lysimeters at sites B and E
October 2016	Finish monitoring program
January 2017	Remove lysimeters from sites
April 2017	Report findings



Information on Study Sites

Site ID	City	No. residents	Drainfield repair/replacement history	Maintenance info	Fertilizer use	Soil
A	Sorrento	2	infiltrators (original)	pumped regularly	yes, self applied	Candler fine sand
B	Apopka	3	infiltrators (2009)	pumped in 2013	yes, self applied	Candler fine sand
C	Apopka	3	infiltrators (2010)	septic tank pumped in 2013	yes, self applied	Candler fine sand
D	Apopka	2	pipe in gravel (original)	not pumped out lately	yes, commercial service	Candler fine sand
E	Apopka	2	pipe in gravel (1989)	not pumped	yard mostly mulched beds	Candler fine sand
F	Apopka	4	infiltrators (2010)	pumped in 2014	not lately	Candler fine sand
G	Apopka	3	pipe in gravel (original)	pumped in 2014	yard mostly mulched beds	Candler fine sand
H	Apopka	2	pipe in gravel (original)	not pumped	yes, commercial service	Candler fine sand
I	Longwood	1-2	infiltrators (1989)	pumped in 2015	yes, commercial service	Urban land
J	Longwood	2	mounded pipe in gravel bed	pumped regularly	yes, commercial service	Urban land
K	Apopka	2	pipe in gravel (original)	pumped in 2015	yard mostly mulched beds	Candler fine sand

11 Study Site Locations





Scope

- Lysimeters to monitor soil pore water below drainfields and at background locations.
- Riser installation and effluent monitoring.
- Monitoring wells at some locations.
- Collect data on water use to estimate loading.



Other Activities

- Evaluate changes in septic tank treatment after pumping.
 - By selectively sampling septic tank effluent, pre- and post-pumping, we hope to help provide some actual data on the potential benefit of tank pumping.
- Construct experimental alternative nitrogen reducing drainfield system(s).
 - Bold and Gold® or other similar reactive media.
 - Passive low-cost construction.
 - Wekiwa Springs State Park location.
 - Orchard Drive location.
- Use data for modeling purposes, e.g., “STUMOD.”



Nutrient Levels in Soil Pore Water

Site	Lysimeters Installed	Total Depth (ft below land surface)	Location
A	AL1S-AL4S	5	Drainfield
	AL5S	5	Background
	AL2D	10	Drainfield adjacent to AL2S
B	BL1S-BL4S	5	Drainfield
	BL5S	5	Background
	BL3D	10	Drainfield, adjacent to BL3S
	BL3E	15	Drainfield, adjacent to BL3S
C	CL1S-CL3S	5	Drainfield
	CL4S	5	Background
D	DL1S-DL2S	5	Drainfield
	DL3S	5	Background
E	EL1S-EL3S	5	Drainfield
	EL4S	5	Background
F	FL1S-FL3S	5	Drainfield
	FL4S	5	Background
	FL2D	10	Drainfield, adjacent to FL2S
G	GL1S-GL2S	5	Drainfield
	GL3S	5	Background
	GL1D	10	Drainfield, adjacent to GL1S
	GL1E	15	Drainfield, adjacent to GL1S
H	HL1S-HL2S	5	Drainfield
	HL3S	5	Background
I	IL1S-IL3S	5	Drainfield
	IL4S	5	Background
J	JL1S-JL3S	5	Drainfield
	JL4S	5	Background
K	KL1S-KL4S	5	Drainfield
	KL5S	5	Background



Lysimeter Installation



Wekiwa Spring





Types of Drainfields in Study

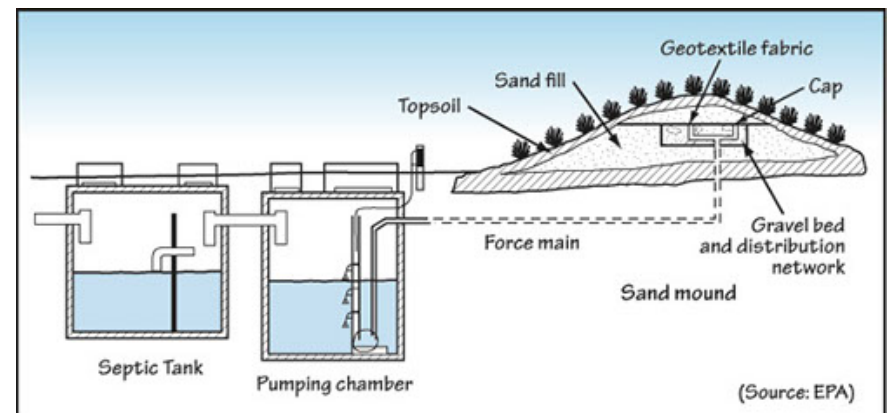
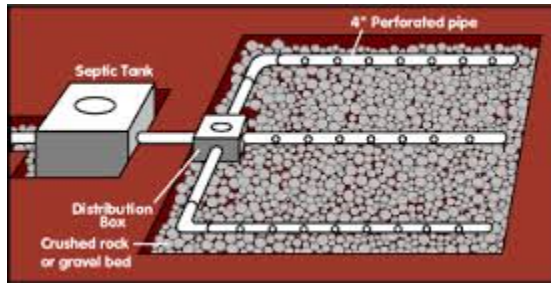


Figure 4 - Schematic of a Sand Mound System

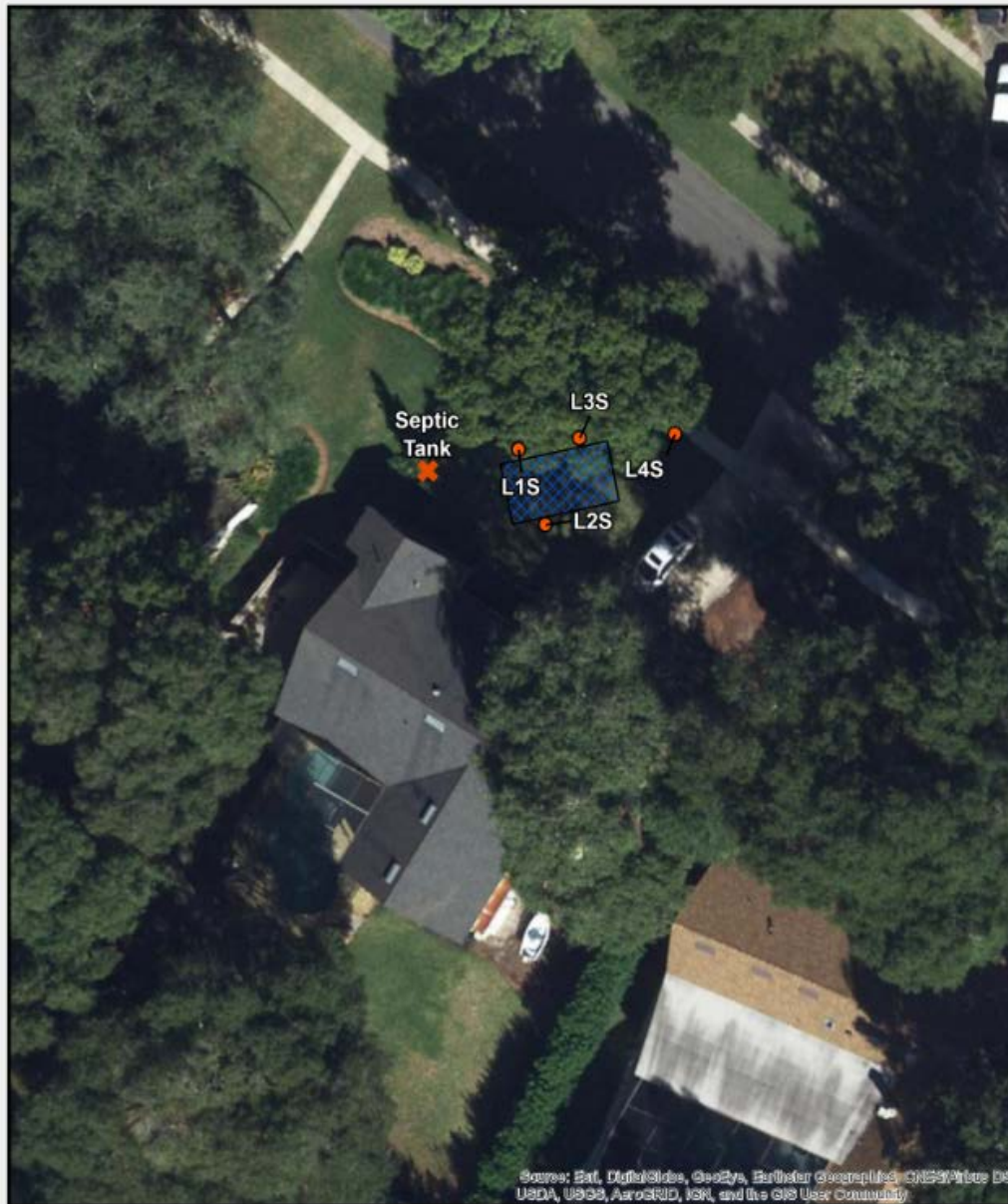


Septic Tank Effluent Sampling

Septic tank effluent samples collected bimonthly at 8 sites (units are in mg/L):

Site	Average Total Nitrogen	Average Chloride	TN/Chloride Ratio	Average Total Phosphorus
A	61	32	1.91	7.8
B	93	43	2.16	9.3
C	101	63	1.60	12
E	57	47	1.21	6.8
F	57	45	1.27	6.8
G	75	42	1.79	7.5
I	140	87	1.61	16
J	93	74	1.26	9.3
All Sites	85	54	1.57	9.4

Units are mg/L



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Wekiva Septic Study Site: C

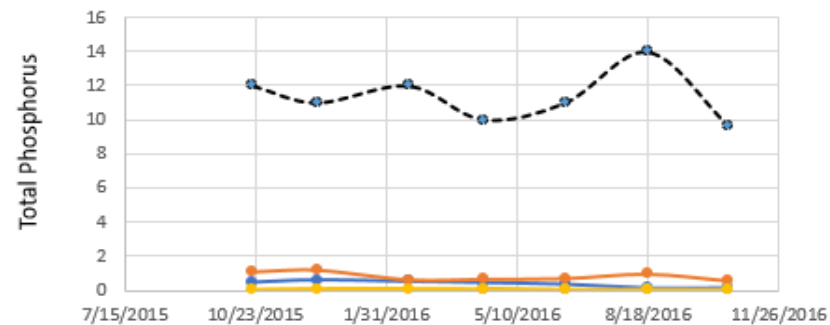
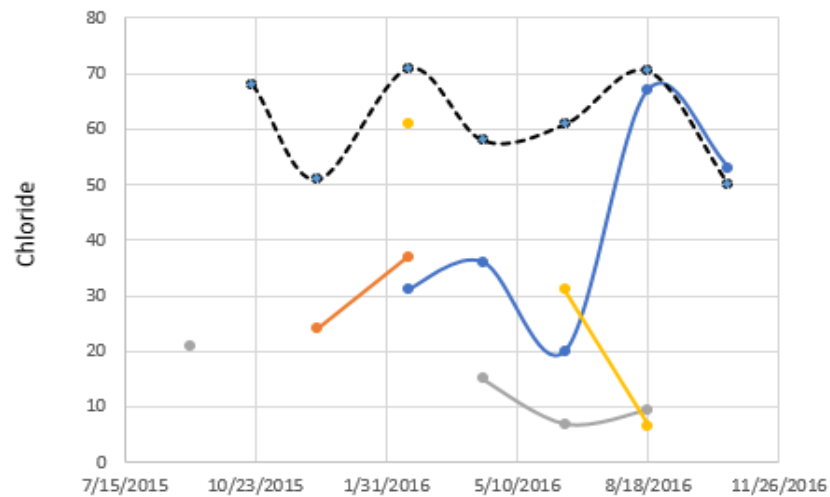
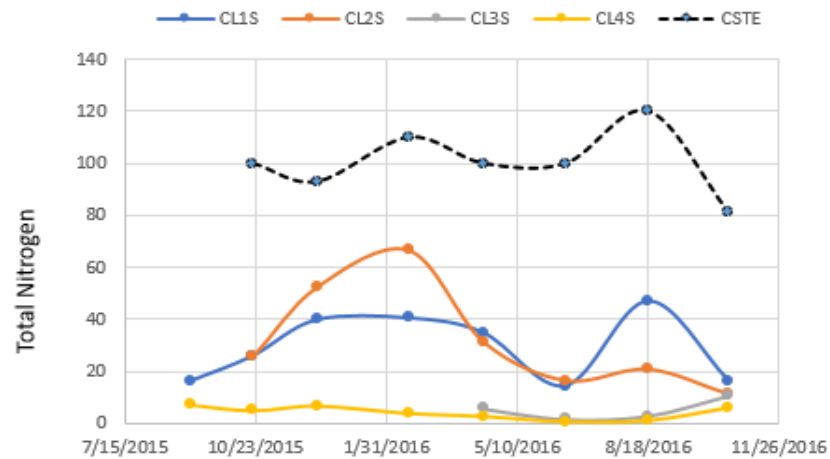
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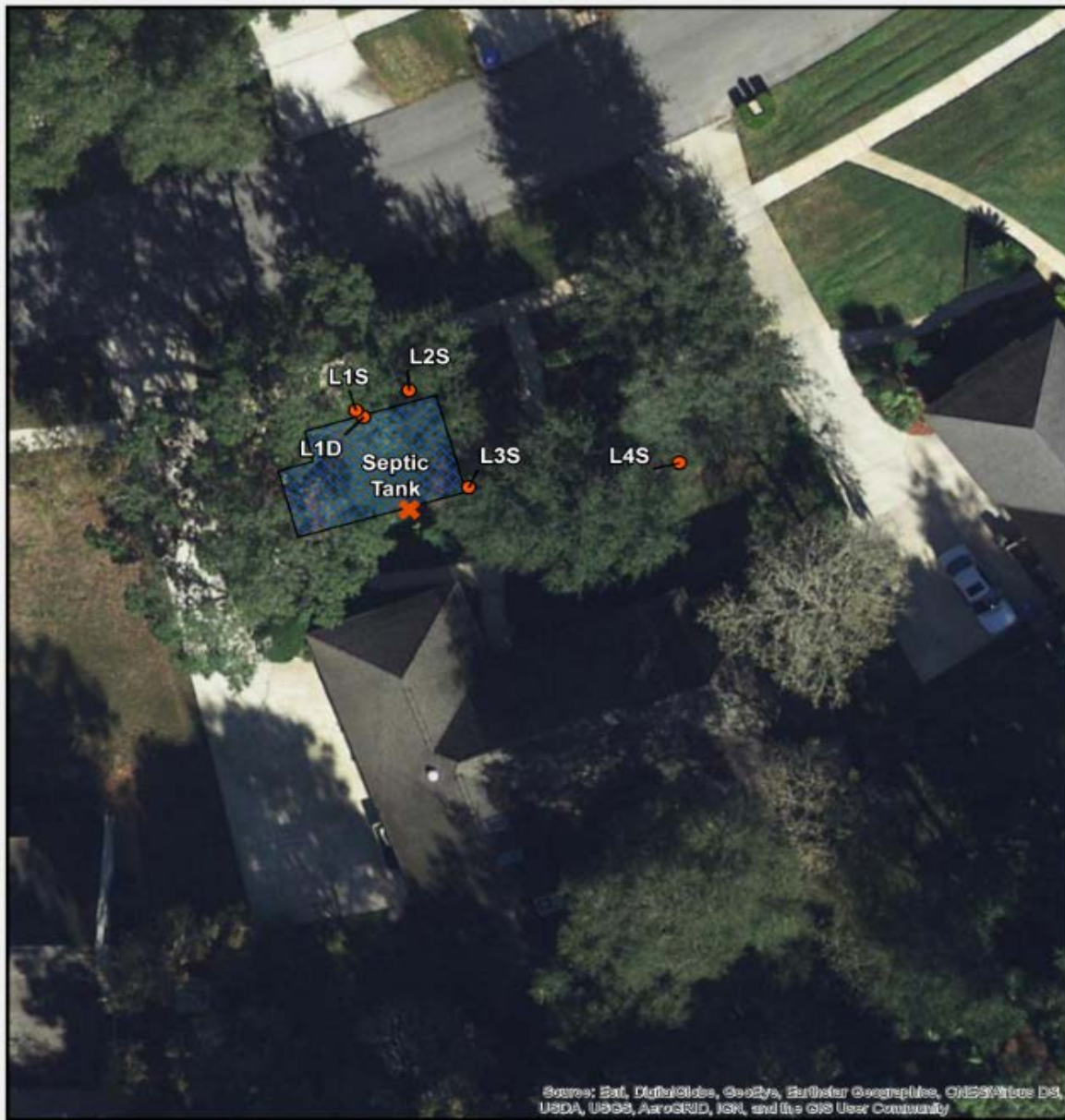
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● Sampling Site
□ Drainfield



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Wekiva Septic Study Site: E

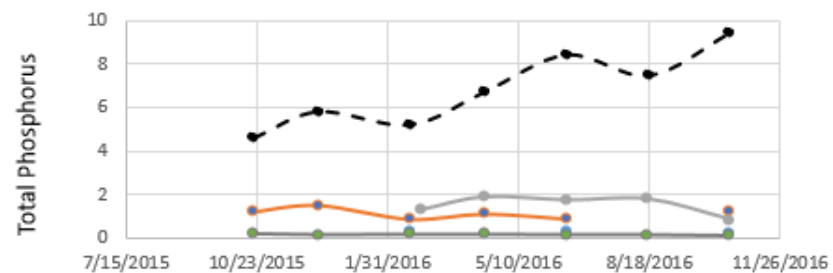
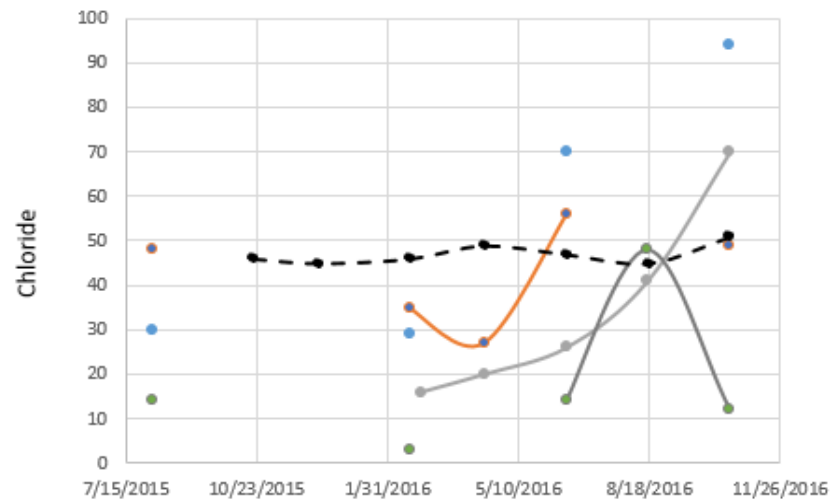
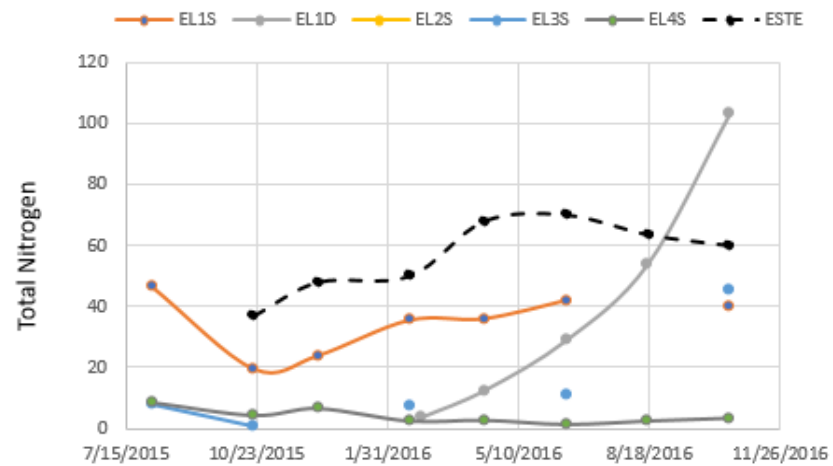


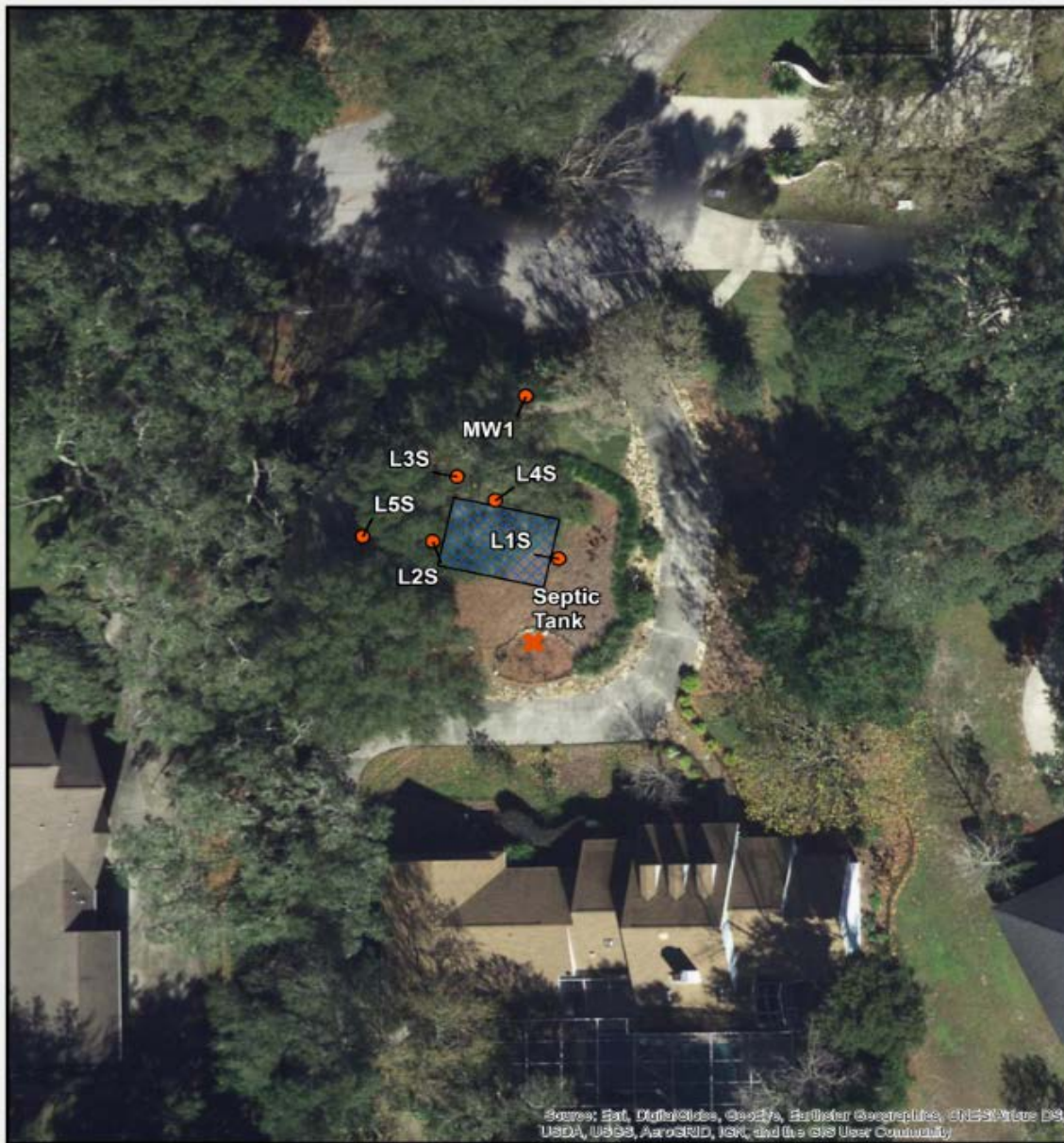
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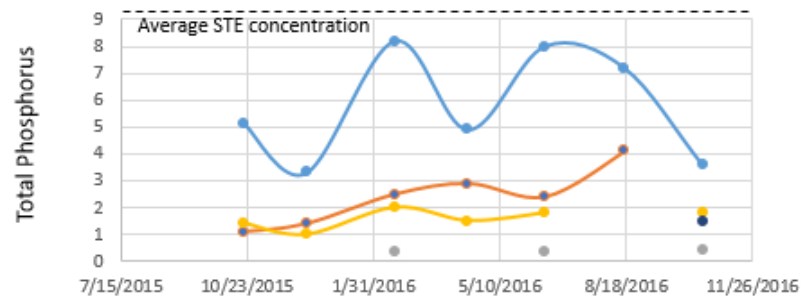
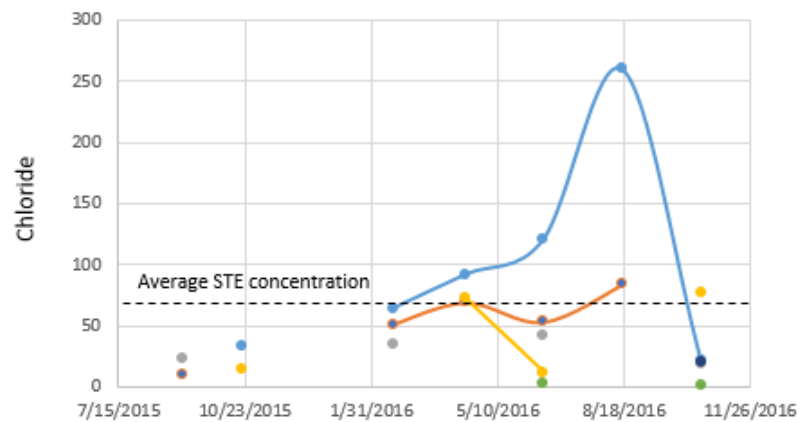
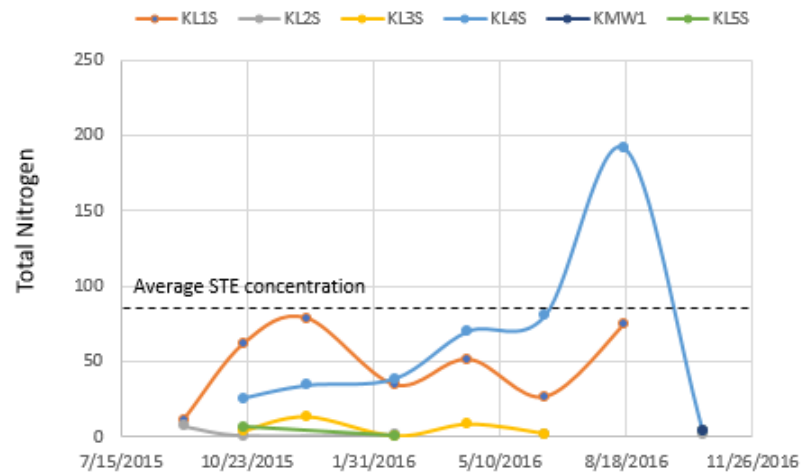
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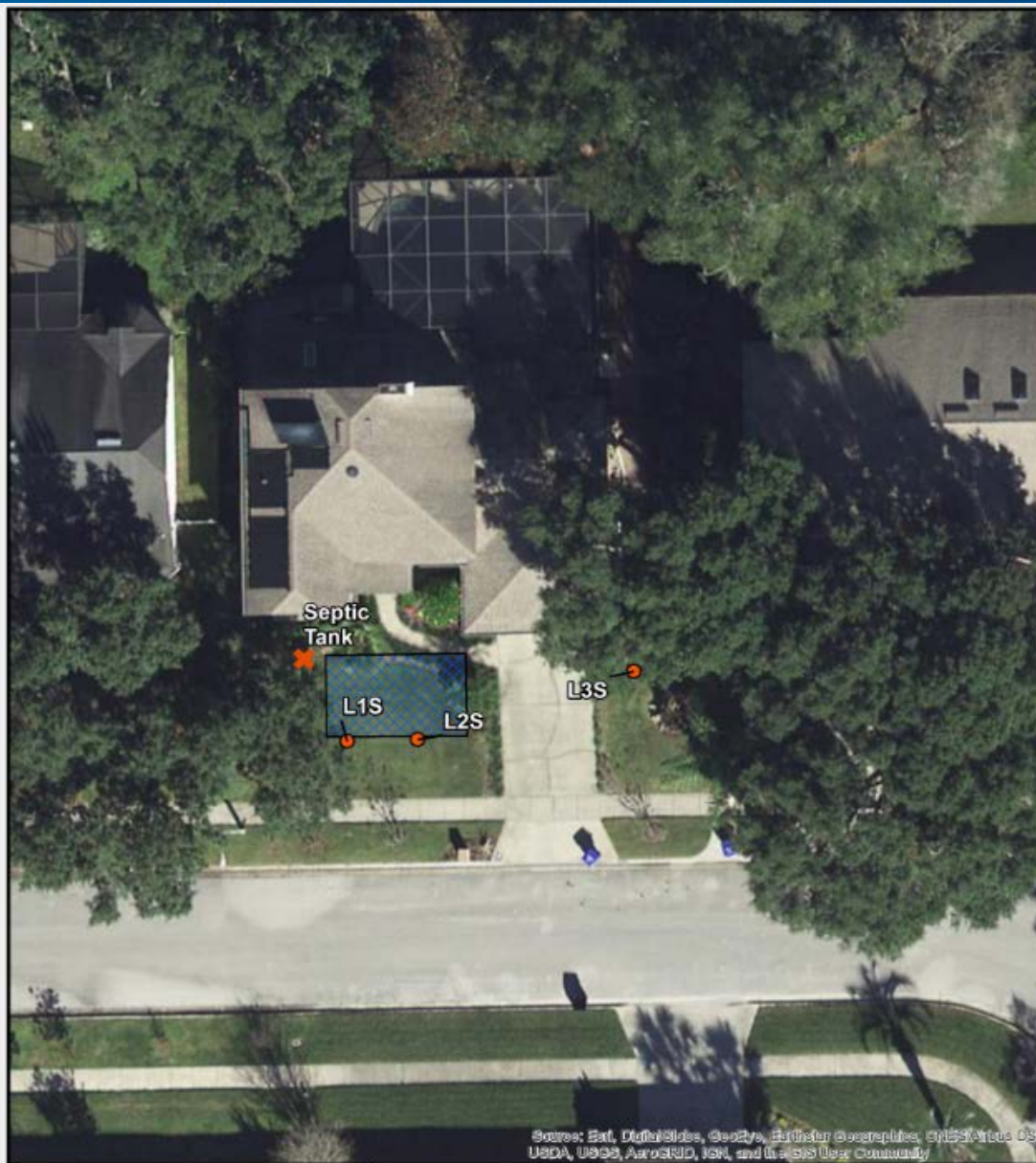


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Site: D**

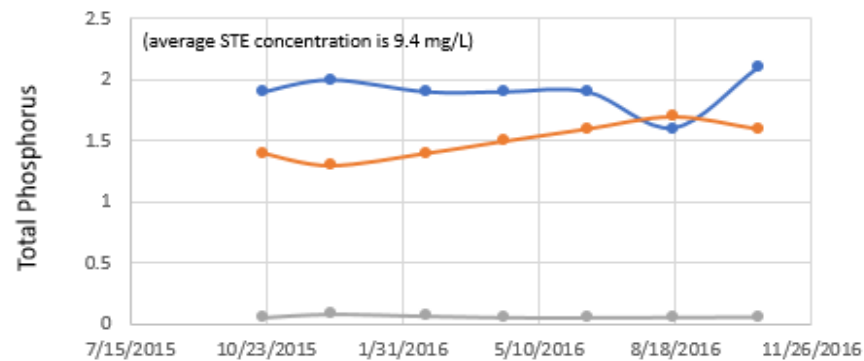
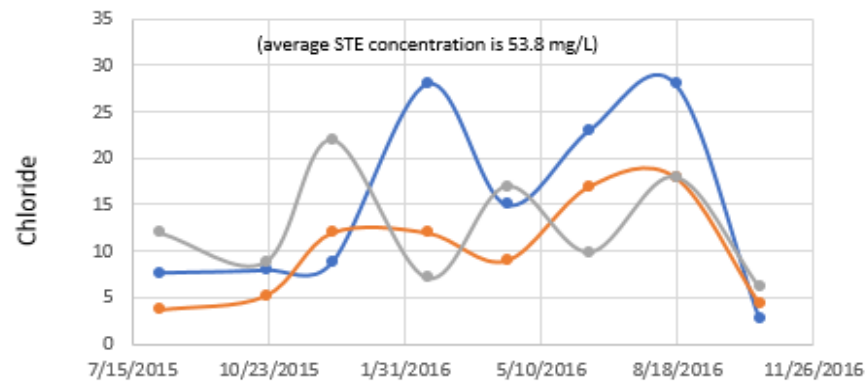
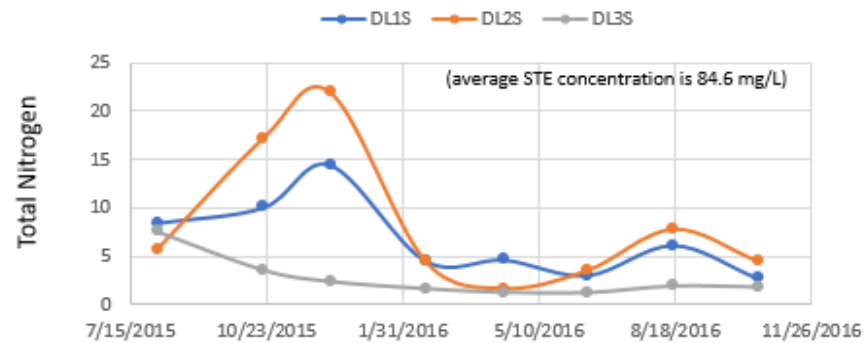


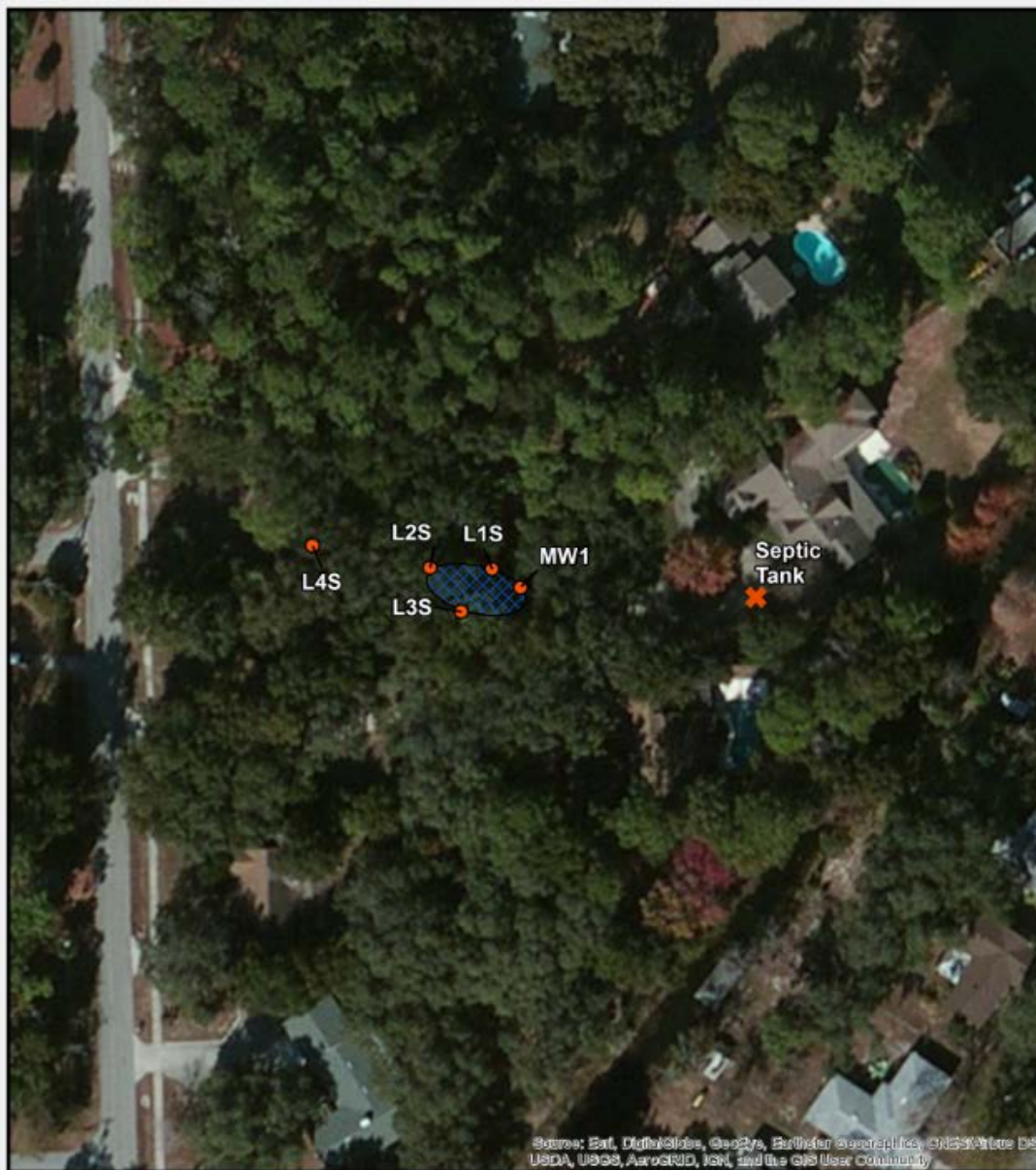
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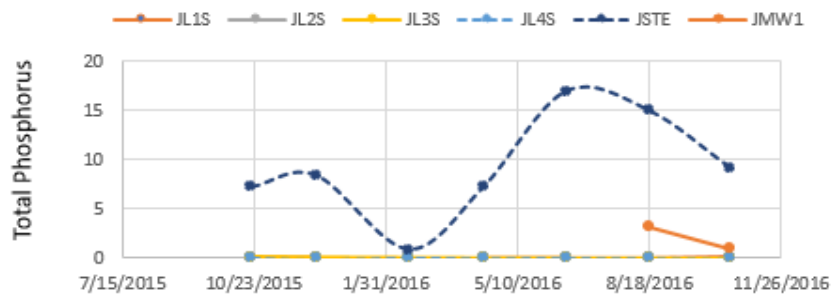
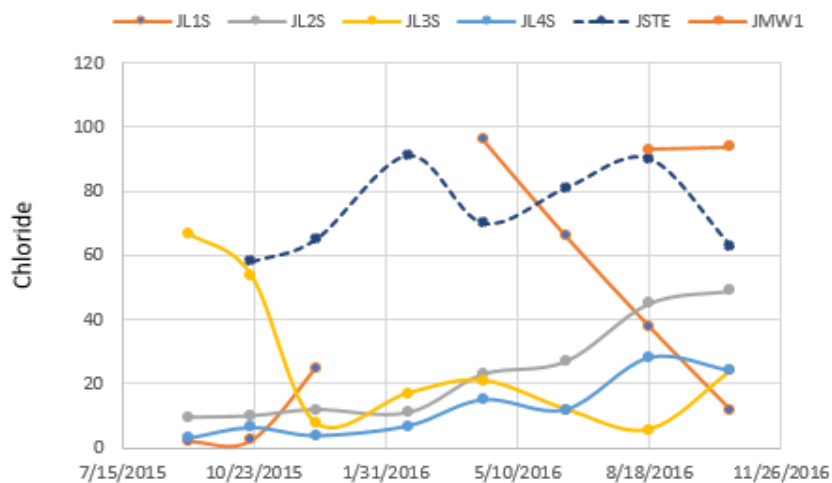
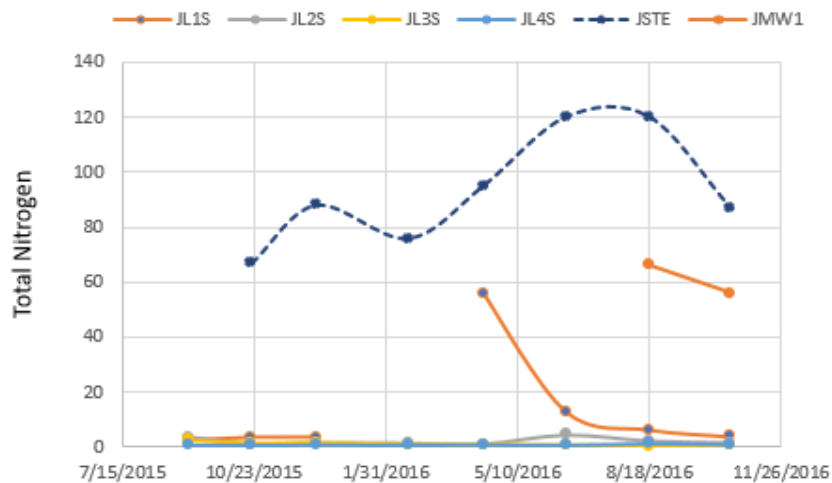
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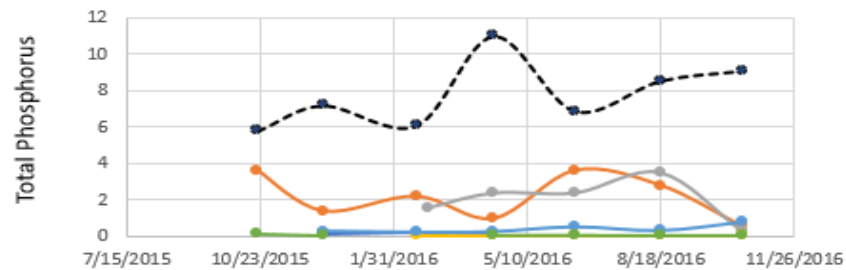
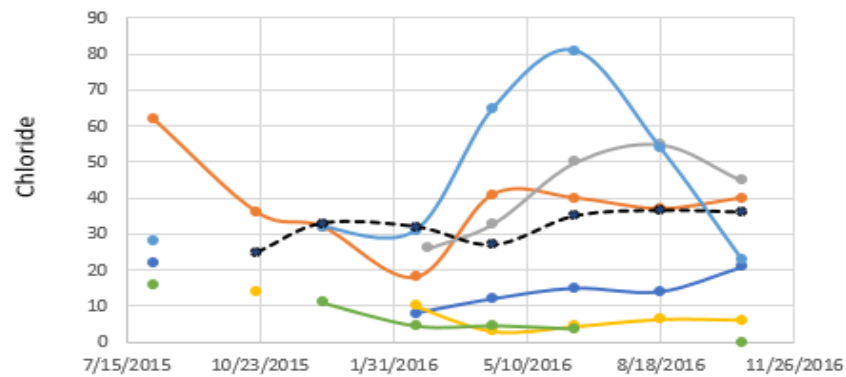
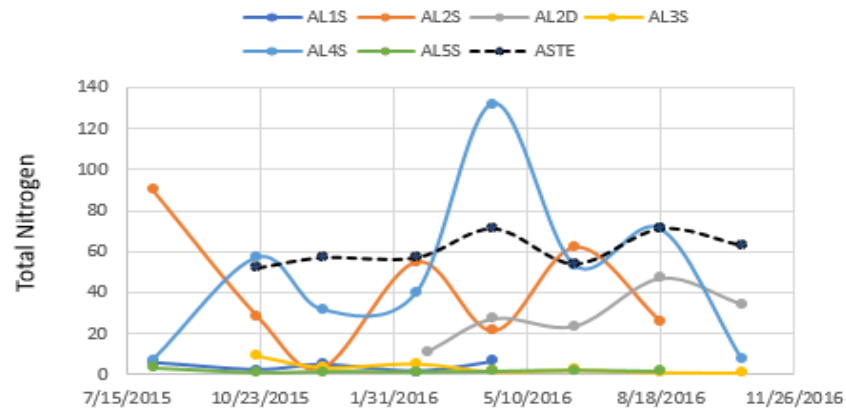
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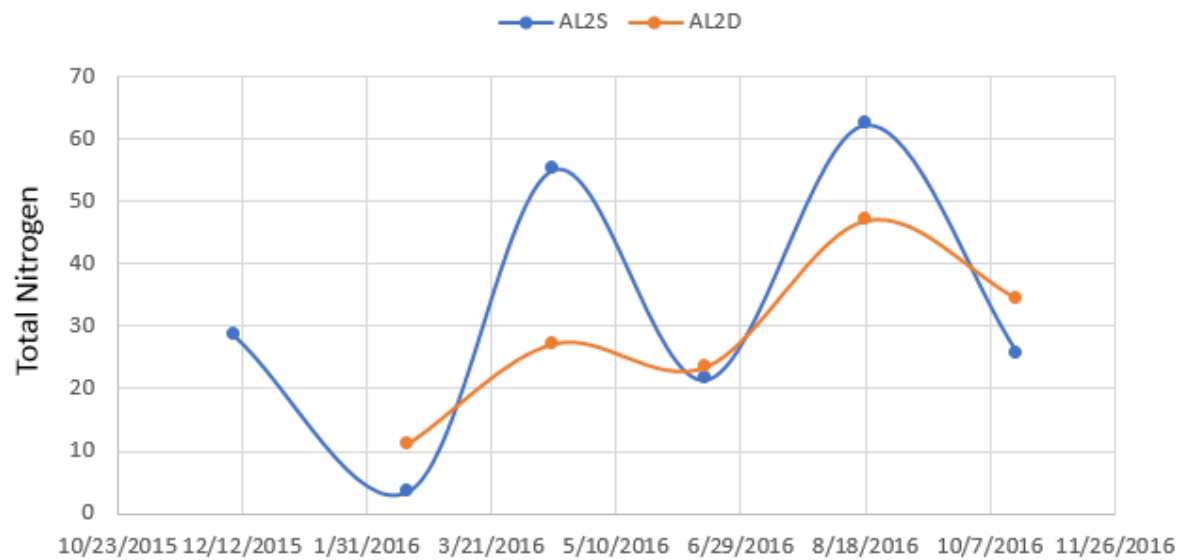
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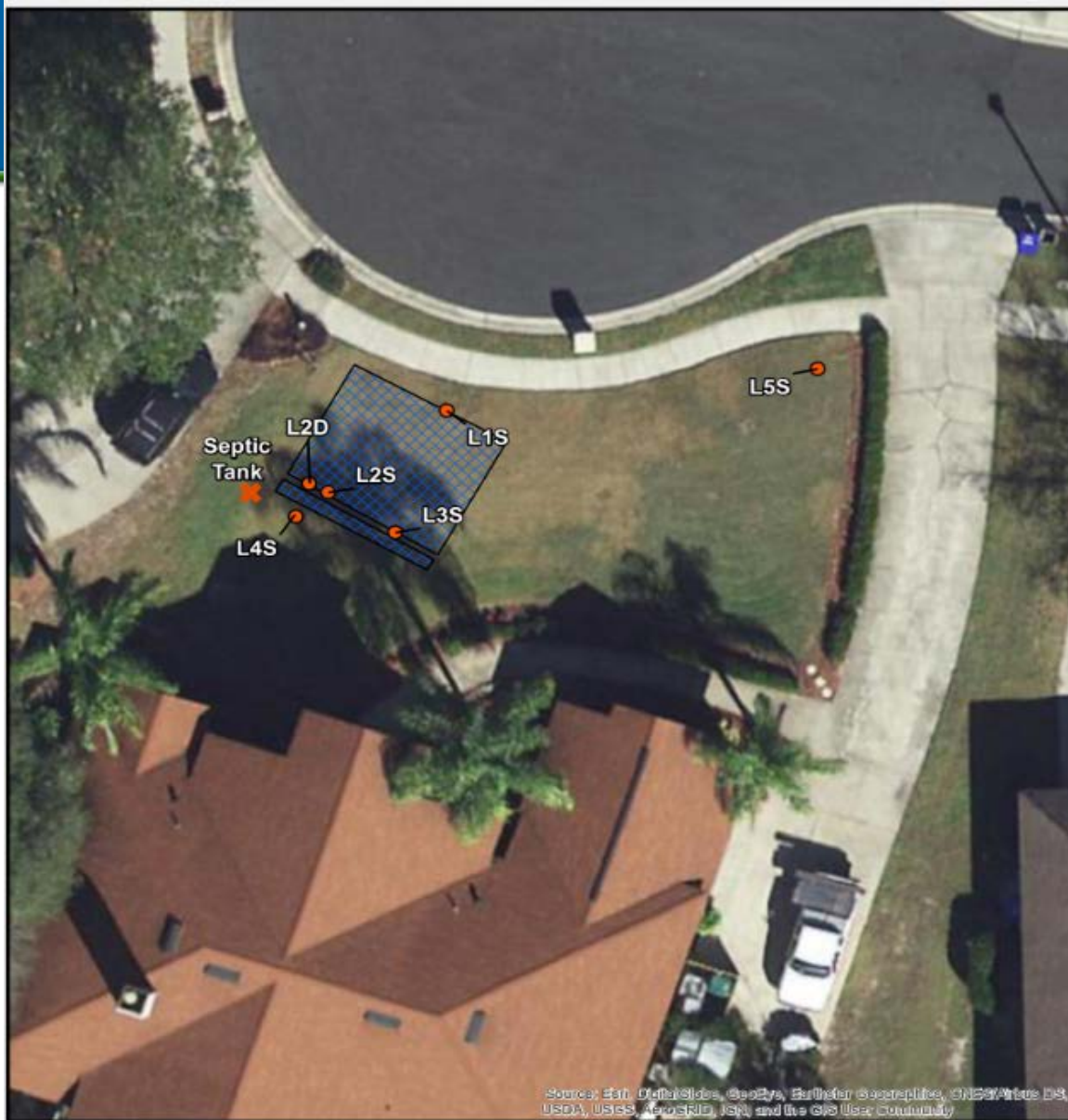












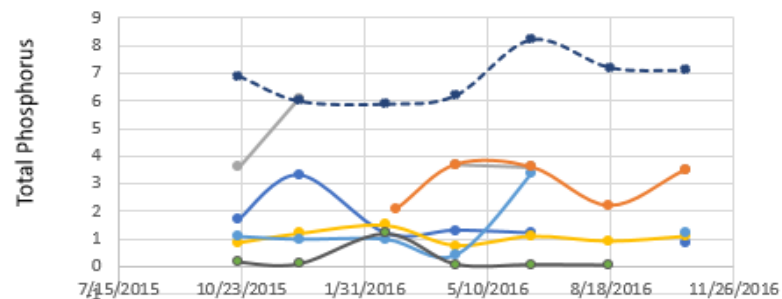
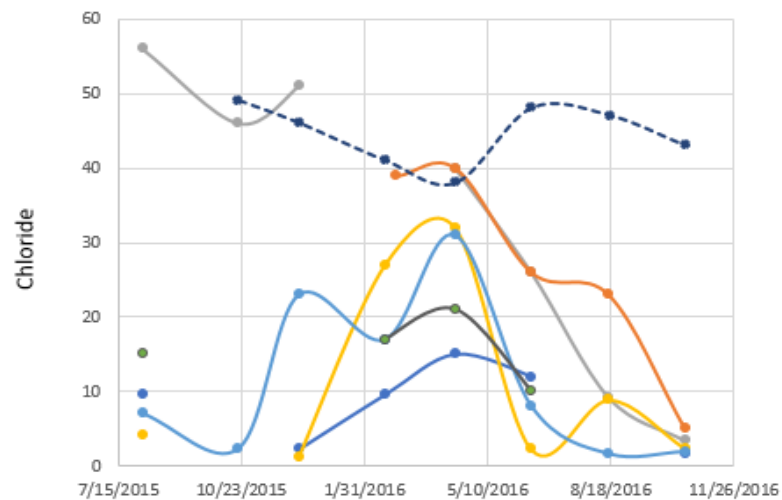
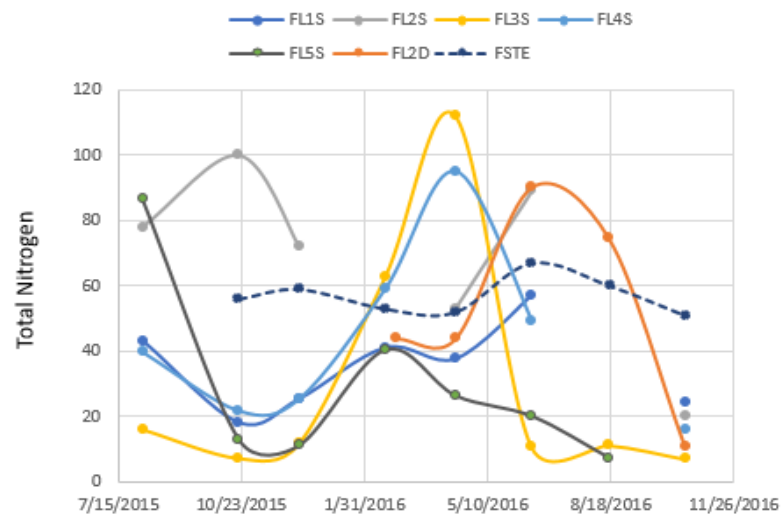
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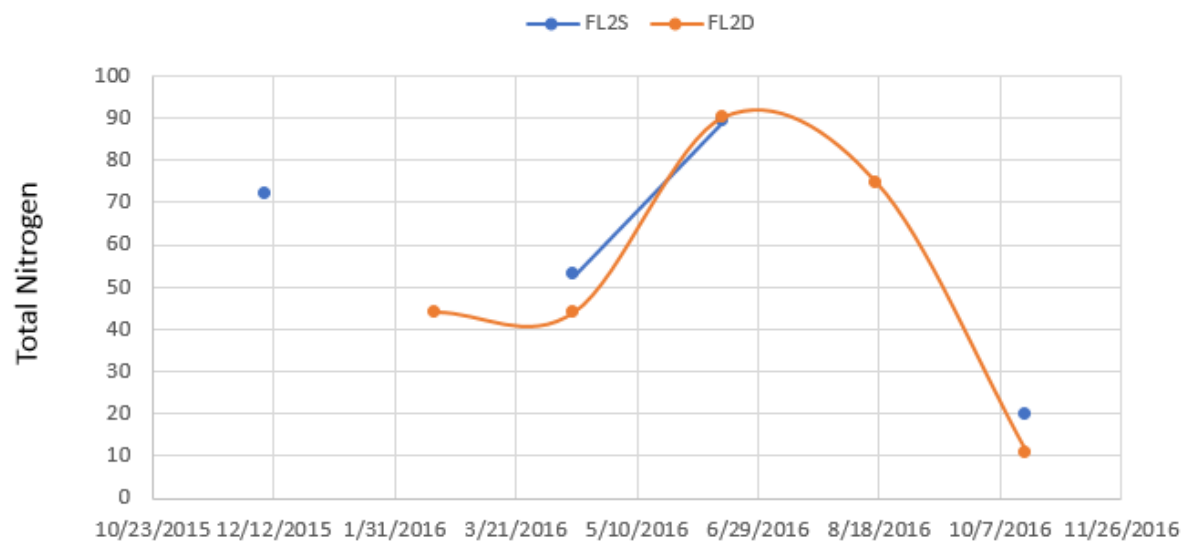


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Summary Findings for Lysimeter Samples

Site	Max TN	Min TN	Avg TN	Max Chloride	Min Chloride	Avg Chloride	Max TP	Min TP	Avg TP
A	132	0.96	37	81	0.04	26	3.6	0.034	0.89
B	254	1.5	49	180	1.6	33	3.6	0.008	0.32
C	67	0.83	19	67	6.5	30	1.2	0.033	0.38
D	22	1.3	6.0	28	2.7	13	2.1	0.053	1.2
E	103	0.74	22	94	2.9	37	1.9	0.11	0.77
F	112	7	42	56	1.3	18	6.1	0.047	1.8
G	152	2.2	49	2600	5.8	234	7.9	0.04	1.8
H	10	1.5	6.3	92	1.9	24	0.12	0.021	0.07
I	69	0.6	8.5	120	3.9	21	2.3	0.048	0.80
J	56	0.56	4.0	96	2.2	24	0.12	0.015	0.038
K	192	0.43	31	260	1.3	55	8.2	0.32	3.0

(units are in mg/L)



Information About Drainfield-Related N Attenuation

Results from some of the sites where TN was mostly from drainfields during some portion of the monitoring period are summarized below.

- At Site E, 39 % of nitrogen was reduced with 10 % due to dilution.
- At Site G, 42 to 46 % of nitrogen was reduced in shallow and deep lysimeters with no dilution.
- At Site J where there is a shallow water table, 35 % of the nitrogen was reduced in a shallow well with no dilution.
- At Site K, 44 % of nitrogen was reduced with no dilution.

Using data from multiple sites, it appears that attenuation of N by means other than dilution is about 40 % (based on assumed TN/CI relationship).



Soil Attenuation Modeling



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(FOSNRS) Project

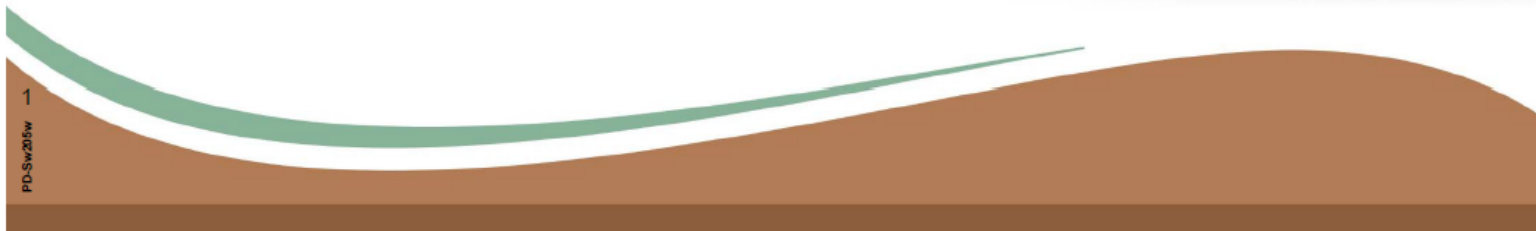
FOSNRS 6: STUMOD-FL - A Tool for Predicting Fate and Transport of Nitrogen in Soil Treatment Units in Florida

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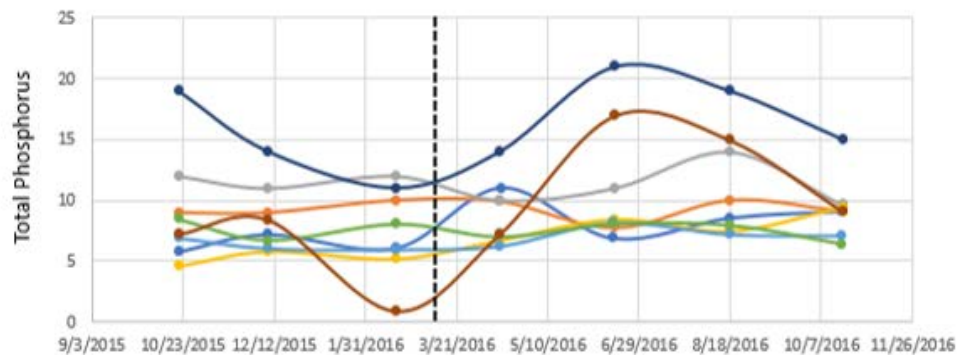
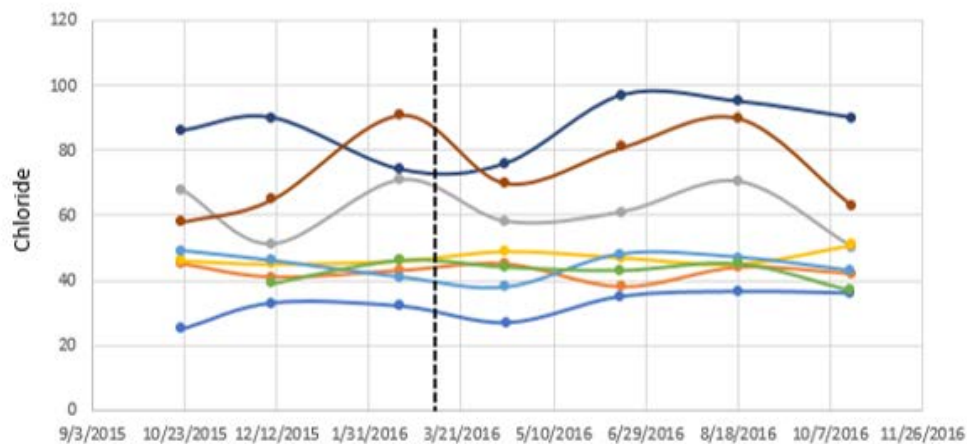
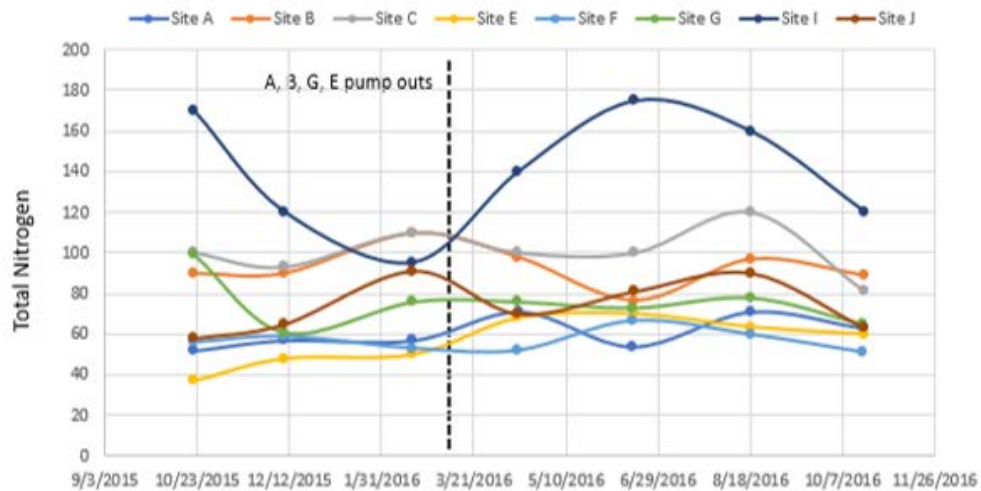
²Division of Disease Control and Health Protection Bureau of Environmental Health,
Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee, FL





Septic Tank Effluent and Influence of Pumping

- Midway through the study, 4 septic tanks were pumped. Others left as control.
- Septic tanks at sites A, B, E and G were pumped in March 2016, between February and April monitoring events.





General Statistics for All Sites

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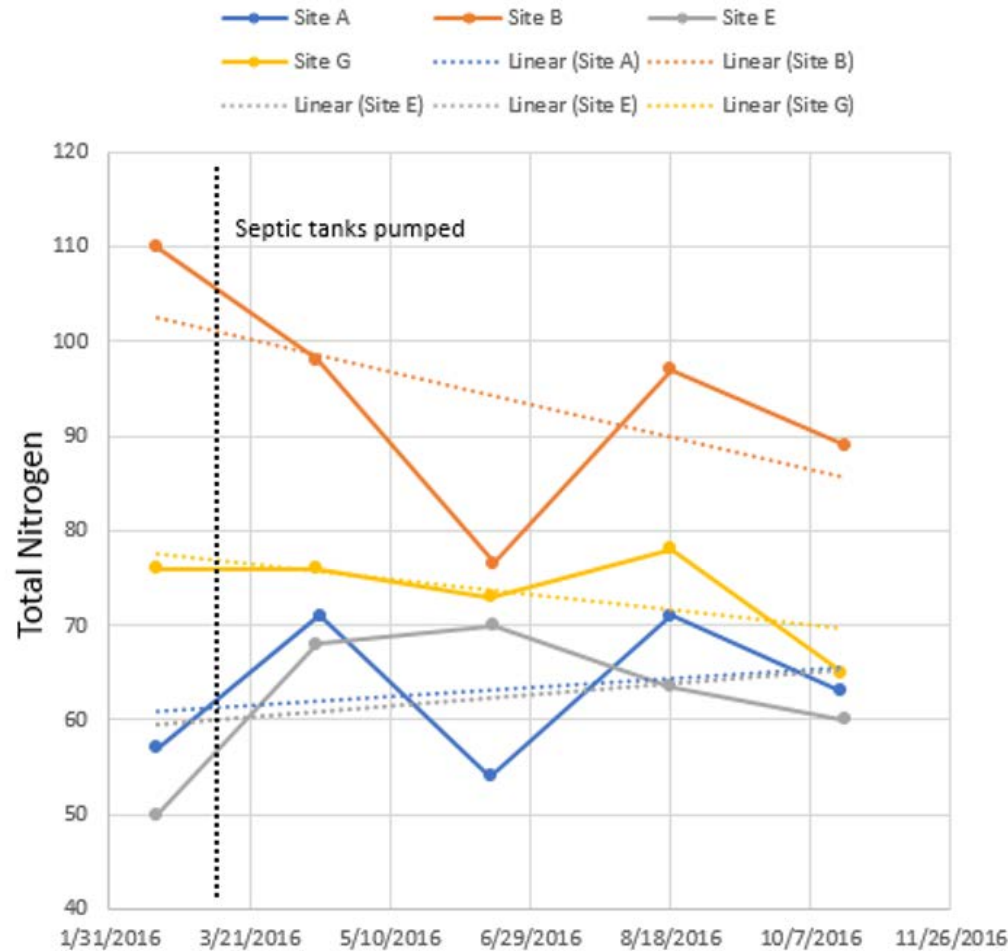
Site	TN Before	TN After	% Chg	Chloride Before	Chloride After	% Chg	TP Before	TP After	% Chg
A ¹	55	65	+18	30	34	+13	6	9	+5
B ¹	97	90	-7	43	42	-2	9	9	0
C	101	100	-1	63	60	-5	12	11	-8
E ¹	45	65	+44	46	48	+4	5	8	+60
F	56	65	+18	45	48	+7	6	8	+33
G ¹	79	73	-8	43	42	-2	8	7	-13
I	128	149	+16	83	90	+8	15	17	+13
J	77	106	+38	71	76	+7	5	12	+140

Notes: ¹- septic tank pumped in March 2016. Other sites are controls. □

(units are in mg/L)



TN Trends After Pumping





Alternative Drainfield Research

*Construction Summary: Assessment of the Nitrogen Removal and
Viability of a Reactive Layer with Liner under a Conventional Septic
System Drainfield*

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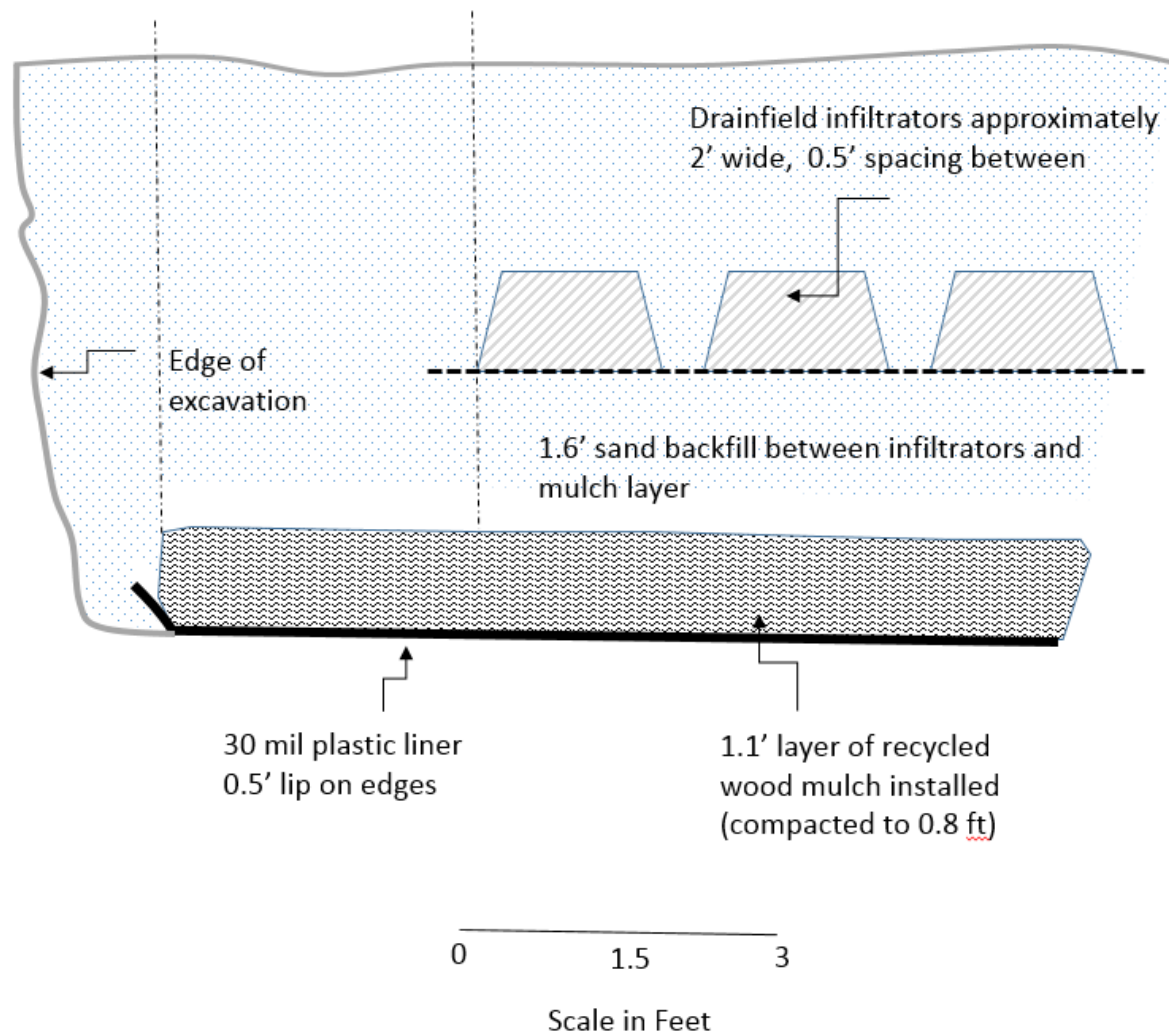
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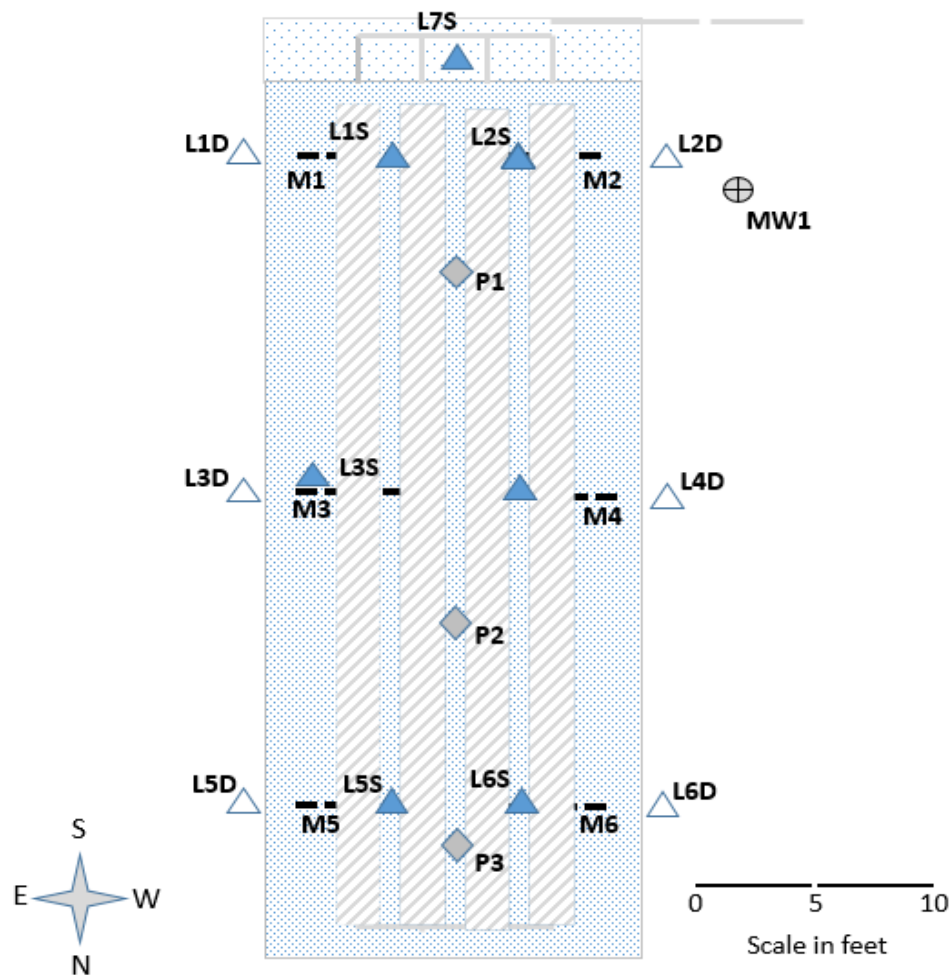
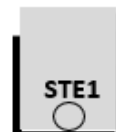
Wood mulch and liner extend
3-5' beyond edge of drainfield





LEGEND

- shallow suction lysimeter
- deep suction lysimeter
- horizontal well point
- riser for effluent monitoring
- monitoring well
- piezometer

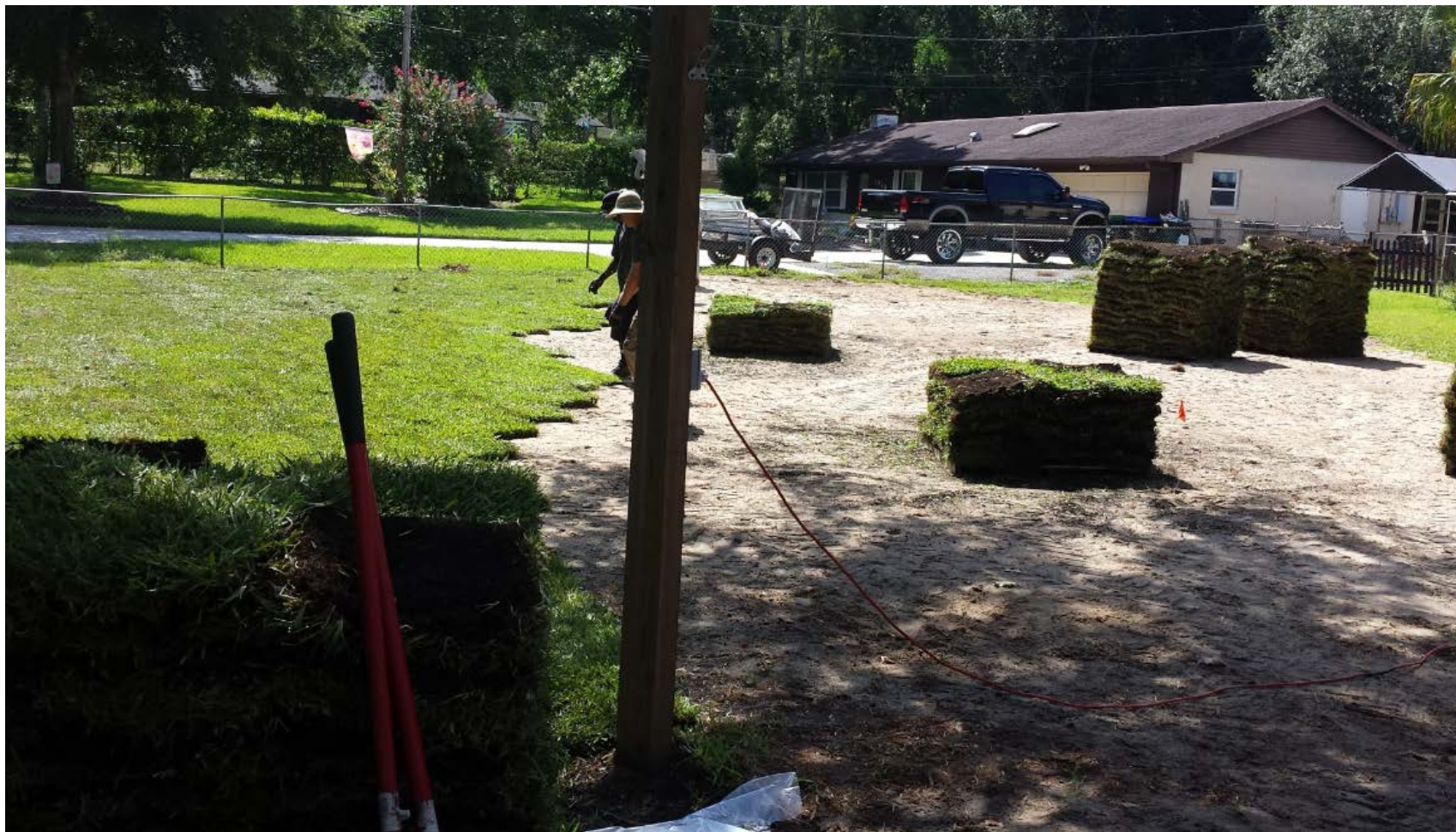








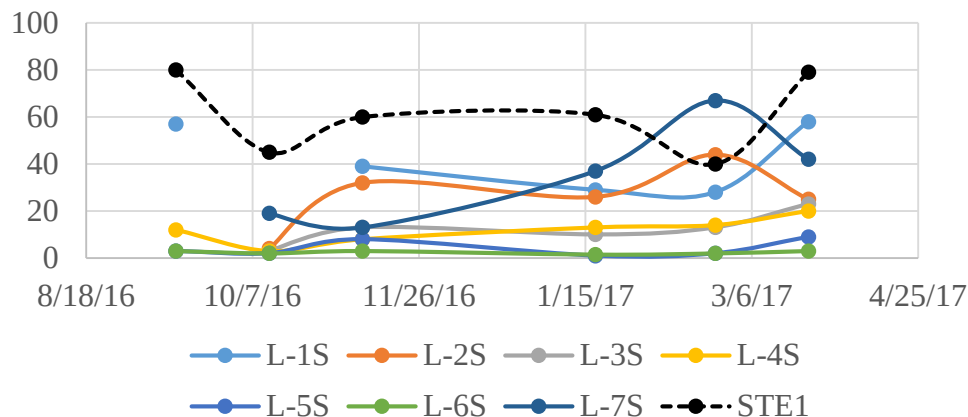




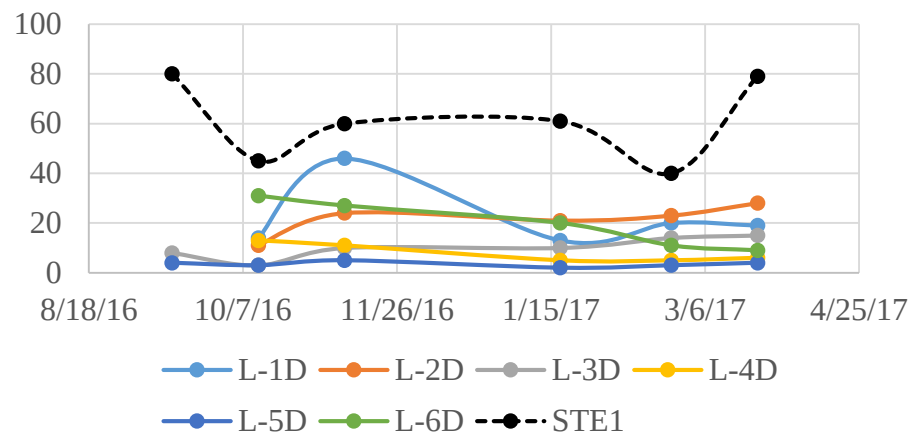


TN Results Through March 2017

Shallow Lysimeters - Total Nitrogen mg/L



Deep Lysimeters - Total Nitrogen mg/L



Deep lysimeter average 65-77 % lower than STE.



Next Steps

- Complete modeling of soil attenuation (May 2017).
- Produce draft report (May 2017).
- Finalize report (June 2017).
- Continue monitoring at experimental site.



Questions?



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Estimated Nitrogen Loading to the Upper Floridan Aquifer:

Nitrogen Source Inventory and Loading Tool for
Wekiwa and Rock Springs

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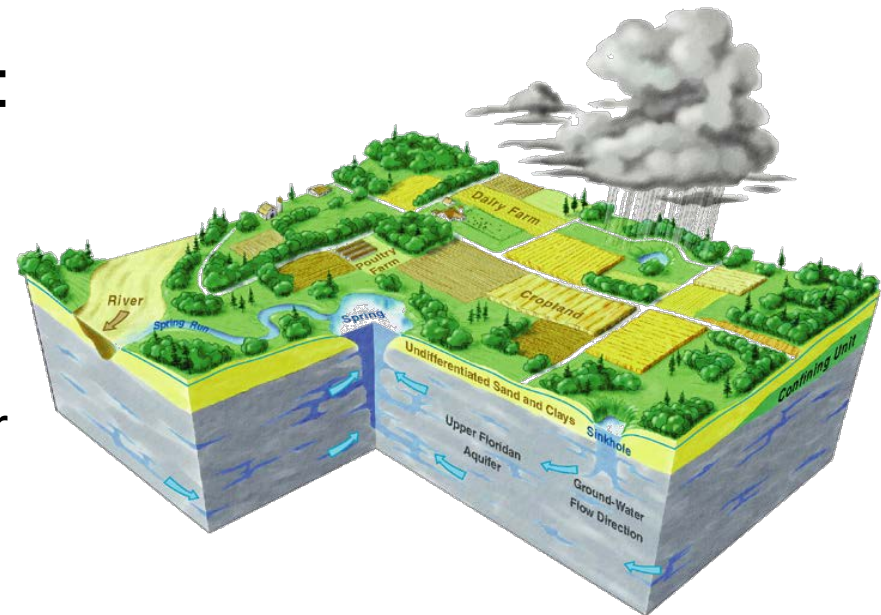
Nitrogen Inventories

- The Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act of 2016 requires DEP to develop nitrogen inventories for the contributing areas of all Outstanding Florida Springs that are impaired
- The information developed from the nitrogen inventory for the Wekiwa-Rock combined springshed will be used to provide nitrogen load estimates for sources in the springshed (by source category)



Nitrate-Impaired Spring Waters

- The water quality in several Outstanding Florida Springs, including Wekiwa and Rock Springs, is impaired due to elevated nitrate concentrations
- Many sources contribute nitrogen in each springshed:
 - atmospheric deposition
 - urban turfgrass fertilizers
 - septic tanks
 - land application of wastewater
 - livestock manure
 - farm fertilizers





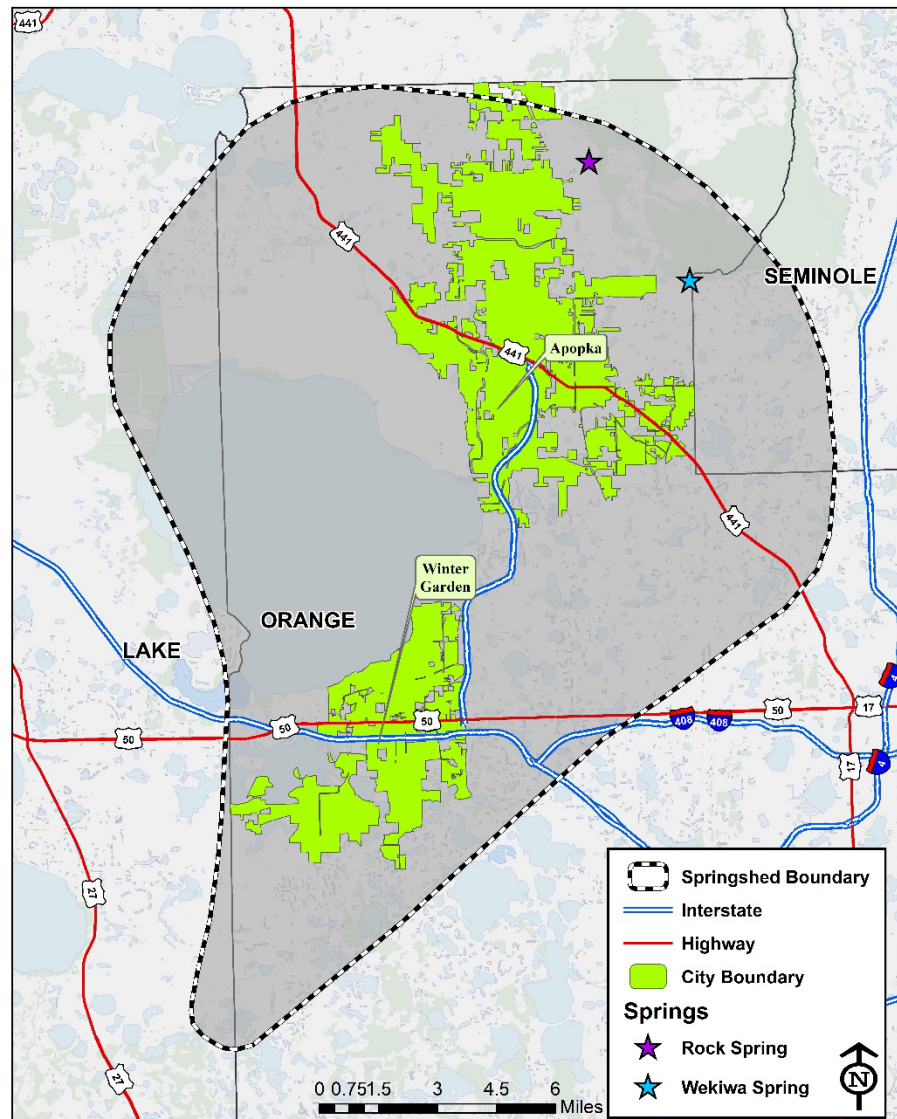
Nitrogen Source Inventory and Loading Tool

- Estimate N loading to groundwater with BMAP areas
- Identify sources for which reductions in N loading could achieve restoration of impaired waters
- We customize the inventory for each spring basin or BMAP area to account for hydrogeologic and land use differences
- Inventories have been completed for Wakulla, Jackson Blue, Volusia Blue, Silver, Rainbow, the Springs Coast Springs, and springs in the Suwannee Basin





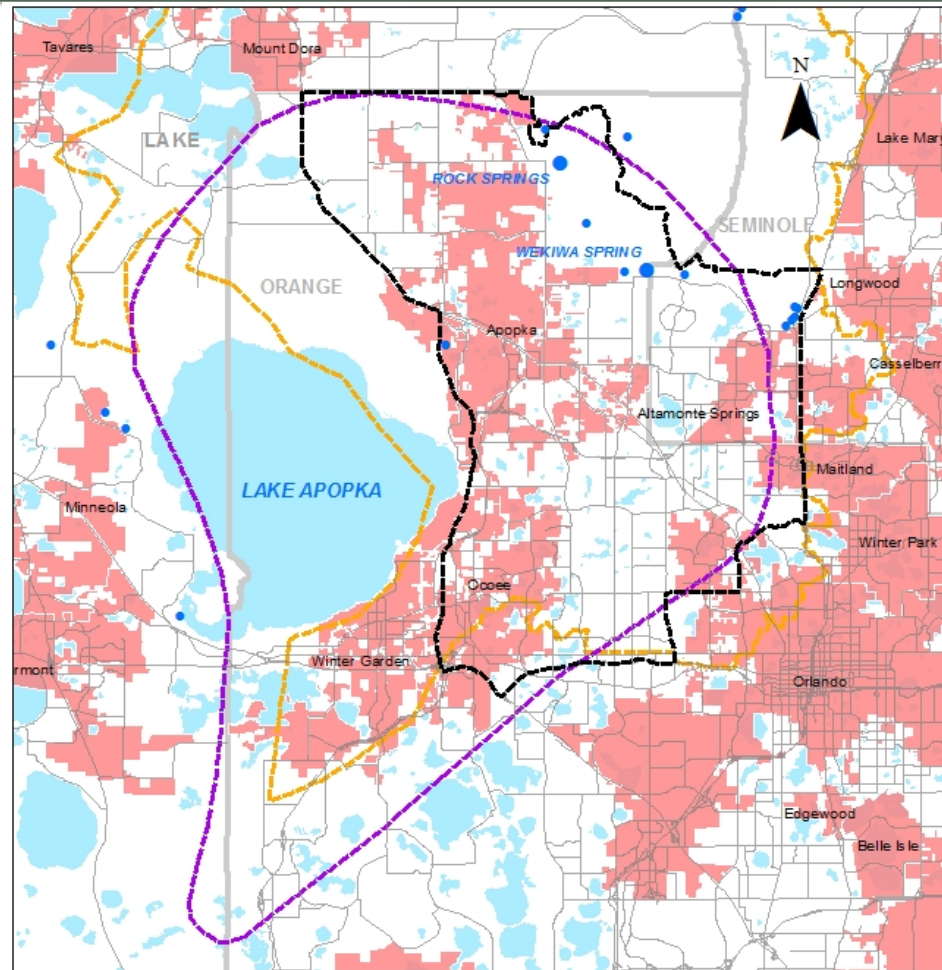
Combined Wekiwa-Rock Springshed Area



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Wekiwa-Rock Area



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-  Wekiwa-Rock Combined Springshed
-  Wekiwa River BMAP Area
-  Wekiwa-Rock Springs Priority Focus Area
-  Spring



Estimating Nitrogen Loads to Groundwater

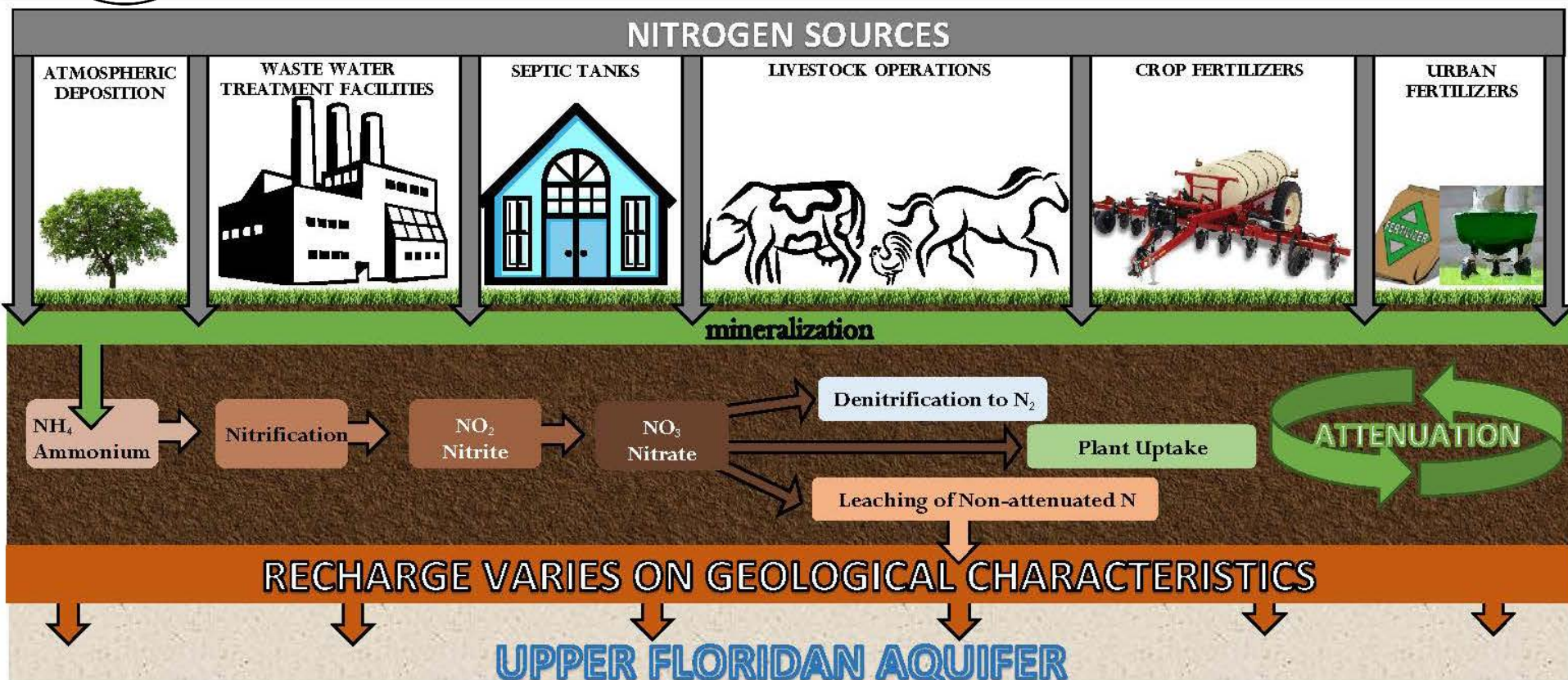
Steps:

1. Estimate the inputs of nitrogen to the land surface from the source inventory information **(best available and most current)**.
2. Apply attenuation factors based on the various environmental processes that could transform the various forms of nitrogen in the subsurface (such as denitrification, nitrification of ammonia, uptake by plants, mineralization of organic nitrogen).
3. Apply areal weighting factors that are based on the rate of recharge to groundwater to estimate nitrogen loads to groundwater.
4. Fine-tune estimates after getting feedback from stakeholders.





Nitrogen Cycle and Nitrogen Attenuation

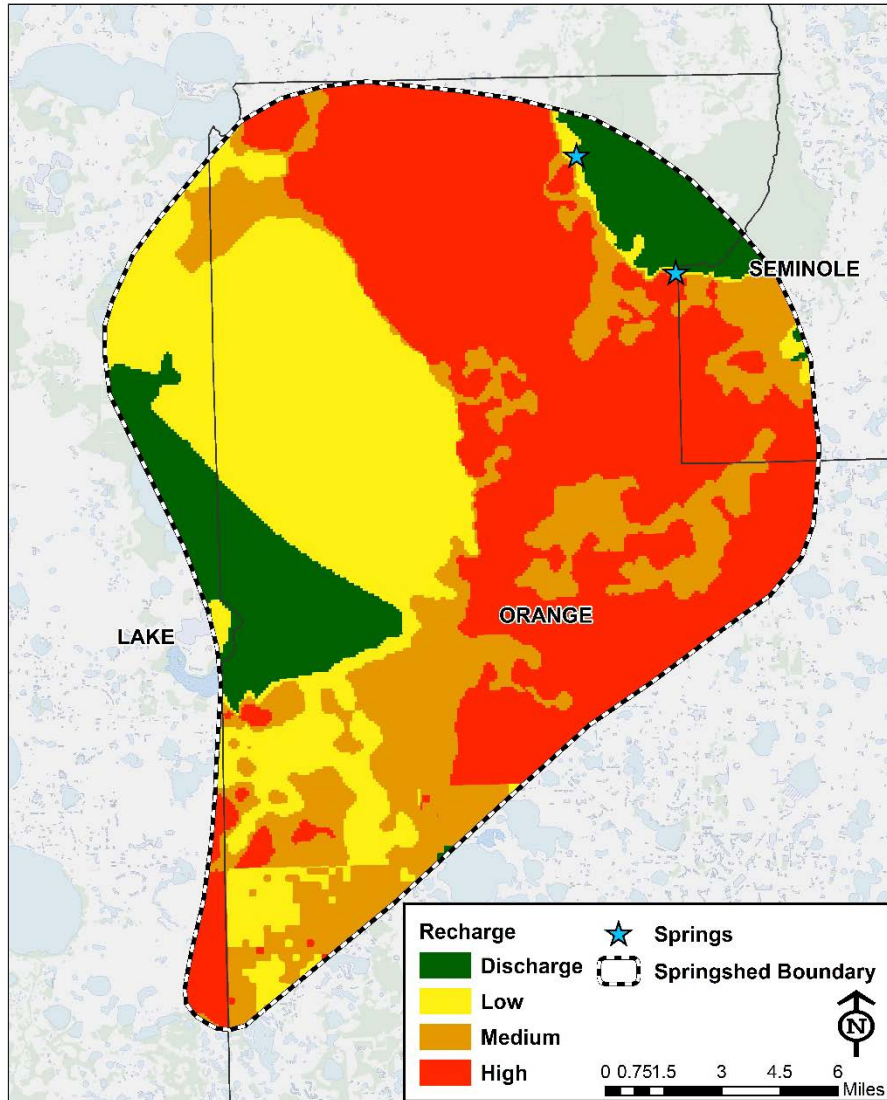


Processes that control the transformation of N in soils and the subsurface.

The wide ranges reflect variable soil conditions, fertilizer material, livestock, crop types, etc.,
ALL AFFECT LEACHING OF N TO GROUNDWATER



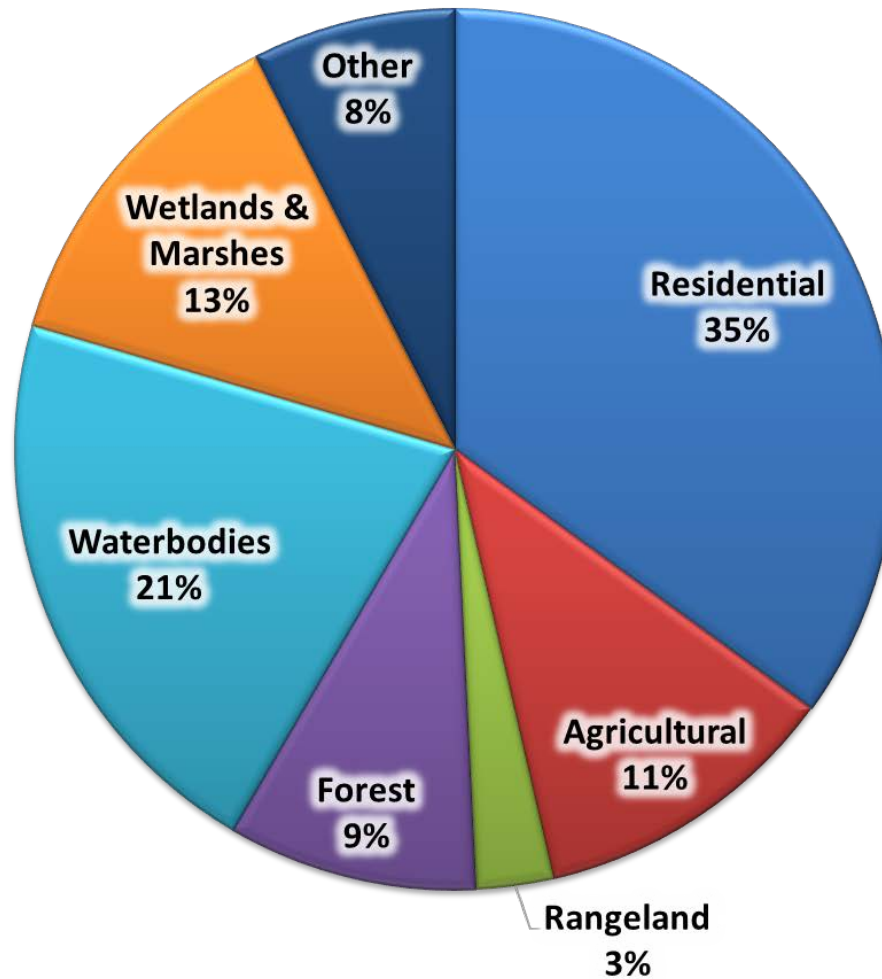
Groundwater Recharge Areas



- ◇ Inputs to land and loads to groundwater are calculated by recharge region within the springshed
- ◇ SJRWMD (2015) mapped areas of relative recharge to the UFA based on geological properties
 - ◇ High Recharge: >10 in/yr
 - ◇ Medium Recharge: 3-10 in/yr
 - ◇ Low Recharge: 0-3 in/yr
- ◇ A weighting factor is assigned to recharge category to account for additional attenuation:
 - ◇ High, 0.9
 - ◇ Medium, 0.5
 - ◇ Low, 0.1



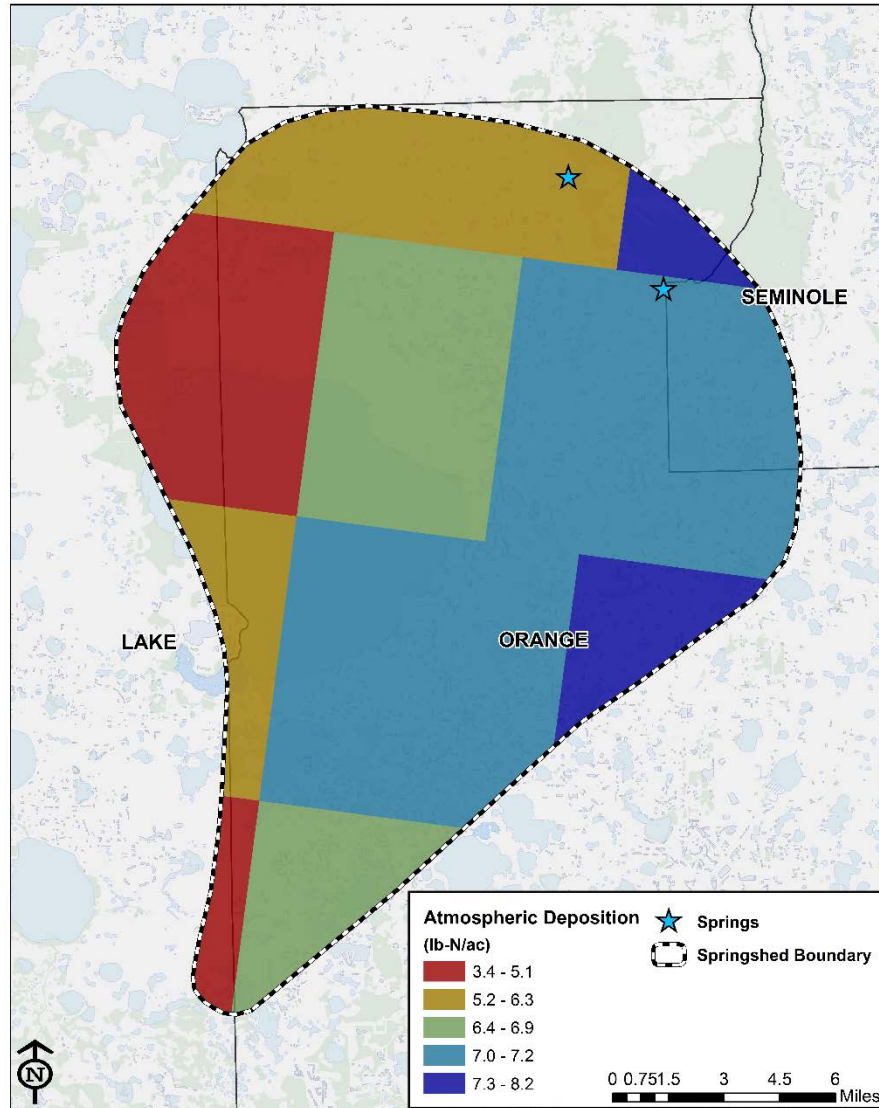
Land Use in the Springshed



- ♦ Majority of N inputs occur within agricultural and urban land areas
- ♦ These categories represent 46% of the land use within the springshed



Nitrogen Input: Atmospheric Deposition

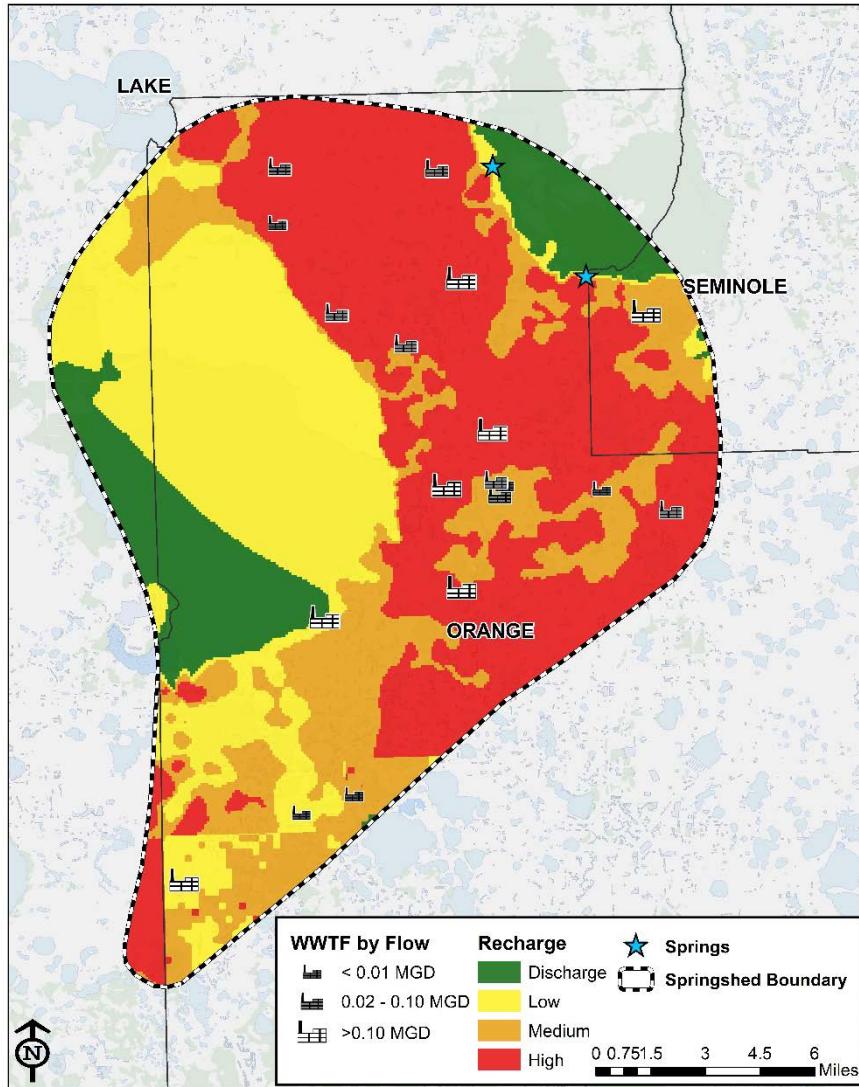


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- ◇ TDEP model
 - ◇ U.S. EPA method to estimate spatially continuous atmospheric deposition
 - ◇ Nationwide total deposition model for N and S
 - ◇ Estimated deposition based on monitoring stations and modeled atmospheric concentrations
 - ◇ Model year is an average from 2011 to 2013
 - ◇ Average TN deposition
 - ◇ Range 5.4-7.8 lb-N/ac/yr



Nitrogen Input: Domestic Wastewater



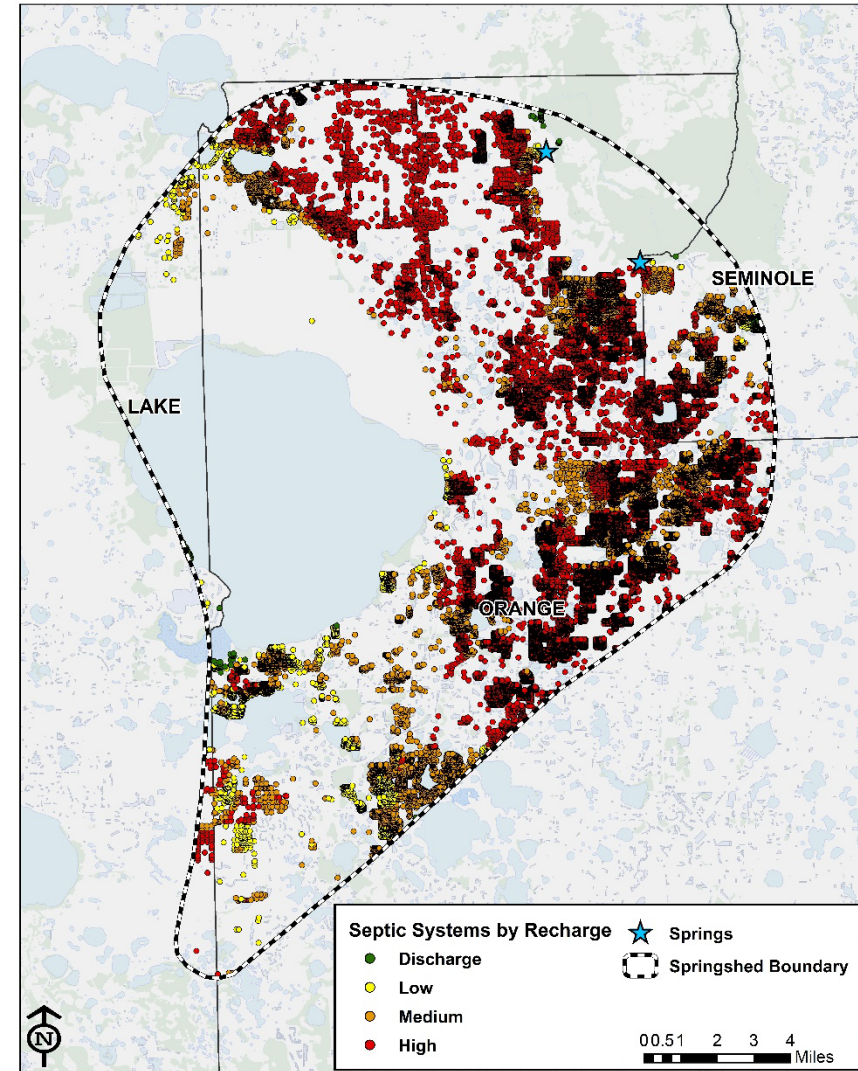
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- ◇ Inventory includes domestic WWTF application sites in the springshed
- ◇ TN effluent concentrations as reported to DEP
- ◇ NO_3 used to project TN data, if necessary
- ◇ Effluent data separated based on treatment type
 - ◇ RIBs, Absorption Fields
 - ◇ Sprayfields
 - ◇ Reclaimed Water Application
- ◇ 19 permitted facilities apply wastewater in the springshed
 - ◇ 7 with discharge ≥ 0.1 MGD



Nitrogen Input: Septic Systems (OSTDS)

- ◇ Septic count taken from DOH's Florida Water Management Inventory (FLWMI)
- ◇ Accuracy of this data was verified using an aerial analysis
- ◇ Calculate # of people relying on septic tanks
 - ◇ Lake County = 2.03 people per household
 - ◇ Seminole County = 2.05 people per household
 - ◇ Orange County = 2.15 people per household
 - ◇ Average annual input to septic tank = 9.012 lb-N/person (US EPA)



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Nitrogen Input: Livestock Waste

Literature review provided information on common livestock animals in Florida

- Animal waste factors

2012 Census of Agriculture (CoA)

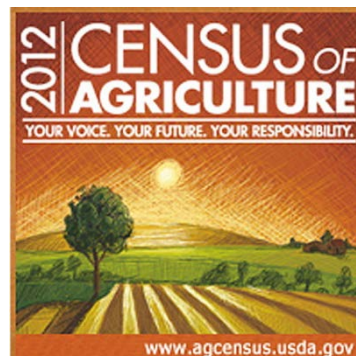
- # of livestock (categorized by animal)
- Full county data ONLY

2016 USDA Survey

- # of beef cattle

Use County-level land use information to estimate livestock population within the springshed

Land Use Description
Cattle Feeding Operations*
Feeding Operations*
Horse Farms
Improved Pastures*
Poultry Feeding Operations
Range Land, Herbaceous (Dry Prairie)*
Specialty Farms
Unimproved Pastures*

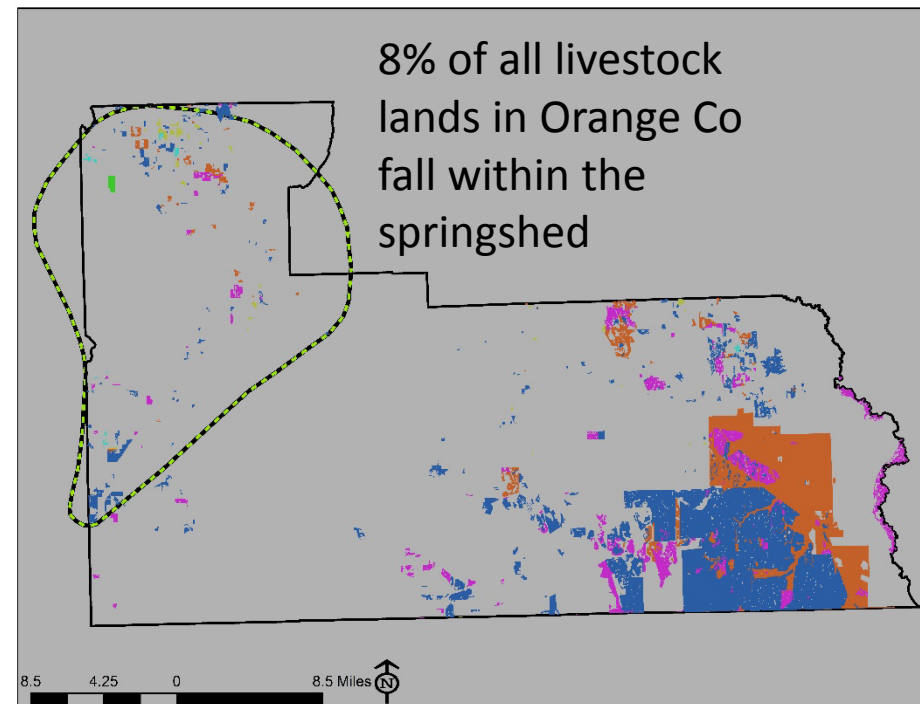
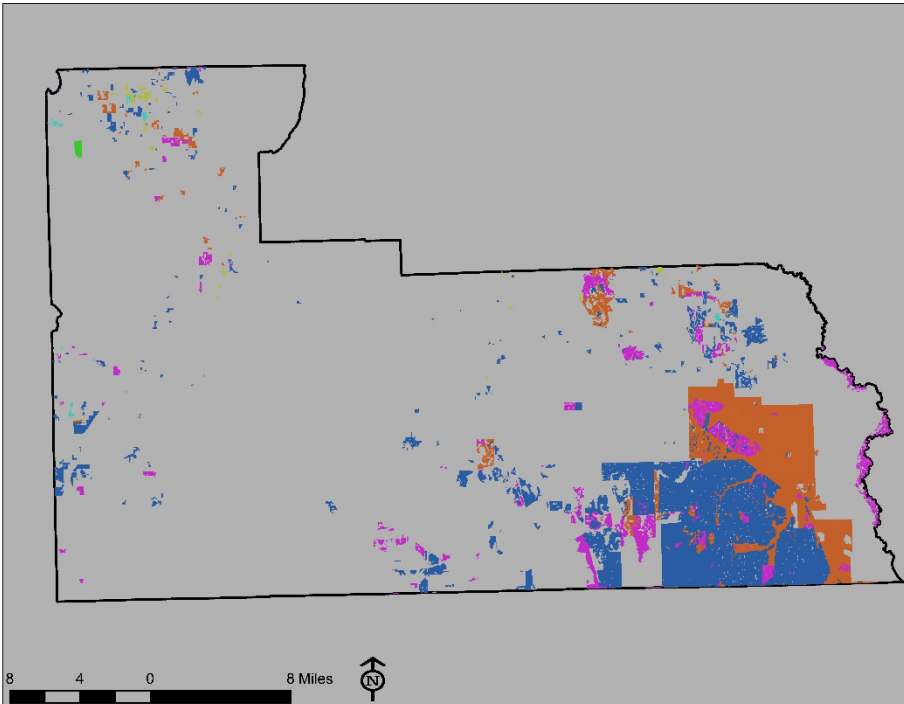


Livestock	Waste Factor (lb-N/day)
Beef Cows	0.337
Other Beef Cattle	0.31
Chicken, broilers	0.002
Chicken, layers	0.003
Calves	0.068
Equine	0.273
Goats	0.035
Hogs	0.19
Sheep	0.198
Turkeys	0.006



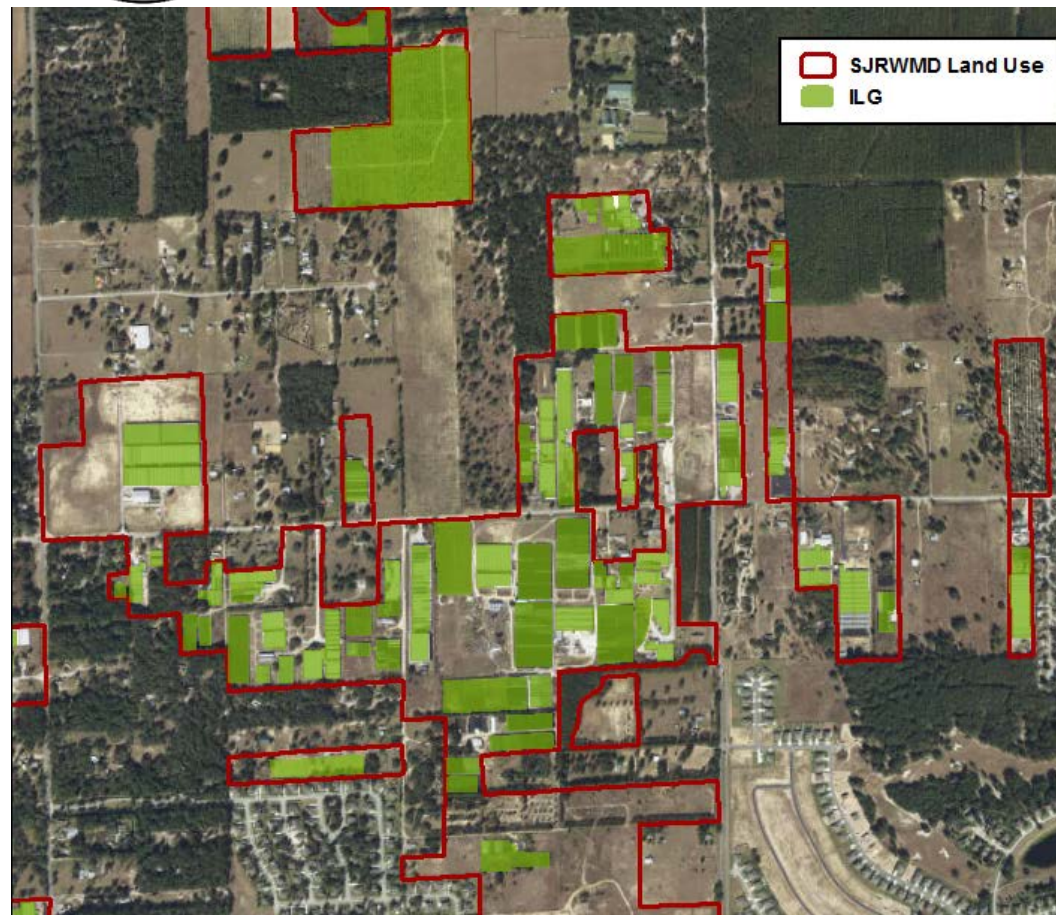


Land use Percentages: Livestock





Combination of Three Agricultural Land Use Tools to Estimate Crop Type and Acreage to Calculate Nitrogen Input



Irrigated lands and crop type based on FSAID irrigated lands geodatabase (ILG).

Outside of ILG, agriculture areas based on WMD land use and Property Appraiser Data.

Crop fertilizer application rates were applied to the acreages identified within springsheds based on crop type.

Application rates based on UF-IFAS recommended rates as well as producer feedback.

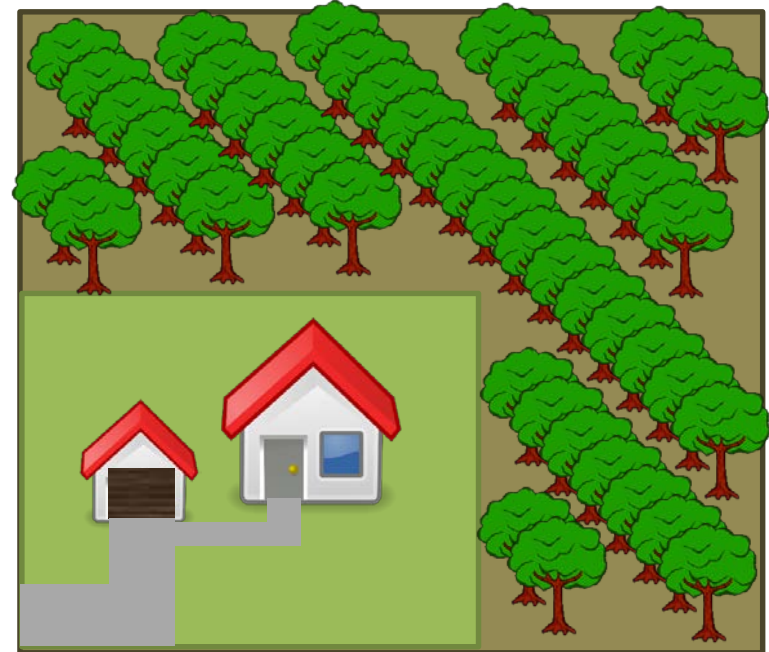
Working with FDACS to verify coverage of nursery operations and citrus groves

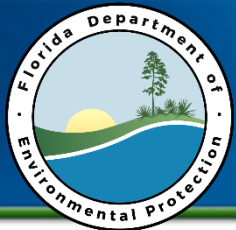
Working with nursery industry to help understand nitrogen fertilizer use



Nitrogen Input: Urban Turfgrass Fertilizers

- ♦ Acreage likely to receive fertilizer estimated from PA data and property values
 - ♦ Residential
 - ♦ Non-residential
- ♦ Maximum fertilizable acreage was capped at 1 acre
- ♦ Property values used to assess probability of fertilization
- ♦ Annual Application Rates based on 2009 study by UCF in the Wekiva area
 - ♦ 51% fertilized by owners
 - ♦ 2.88 times year
 - ♦ 33% fertilized by lawn service
 - ♦ 4.76 times a year
 - ♦ 16% non-fertilized





Sports Turfgrass Fertilizers

♦ Sports fields

- ♦ Acreage estimates from aerial analysis of PA landuse data
- ♦ Application rates based on commercial turf maintenance estimates



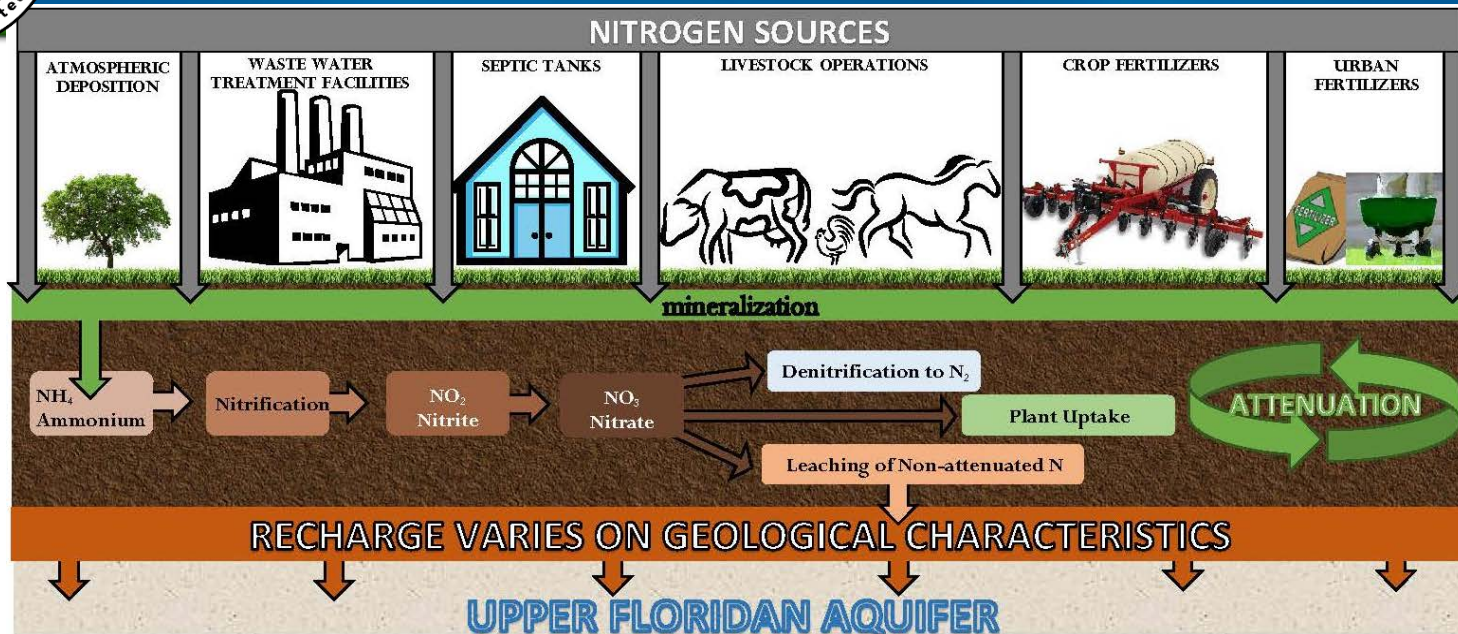
♦ Golf Courses

- ♦ Acreage estimated through PA landuse data
- ♦ Application rates based on data provided by golf courses
- ♦ Annual application rate = 4.5 lb-N/1,000 sq ft





Biochemical Attenuation Factors



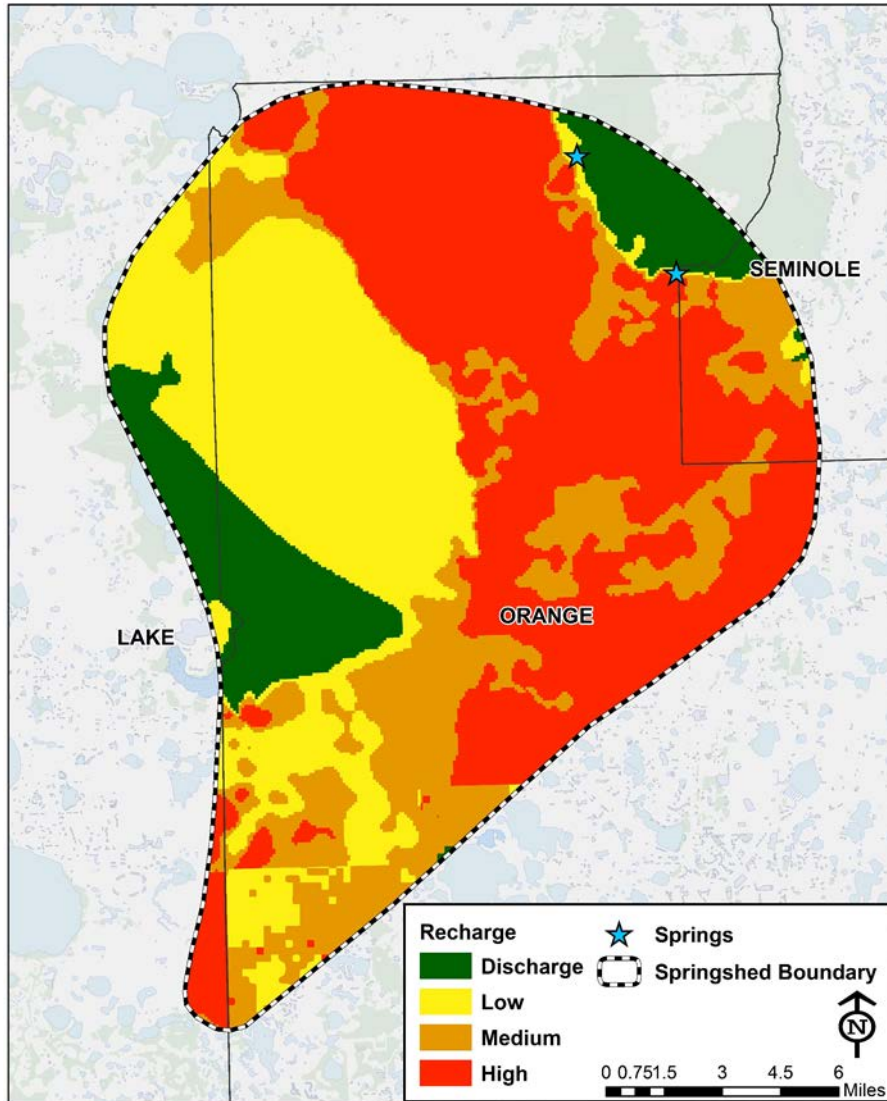
- ◇ Represent the percentage of N removed and therefore not available for leaching to groundwater
- ◇ Based on factors used in similar past studies and found in relevant literature
- ◇ Septic tank attenuation TBD

Loading Category	N Attenuation Factor	N Leaching
Atmospheric Deposition	90%	10%
Septic Systems*	TBD%*	TBD%*
WWTF-RIB	25%	75%
WWTF-Sprayfield	60%	40%
WWTF-Reuse	75%	25%
Urban Turfgrass Fertilizers	70%	30%
Sports Turfgrass Fertilizers	70%	30%
Farm Fertilizers	80%	20%
Livestock	90%	10%



Hydrogeological Attenuation Factors Based on Recharge to UFA

- ◇ Recharge factors are used to estimate the percentage of the non-attenuated nitrogen expected to reach the aquifer in a year



 **10%**

 **50%**

 **90%**

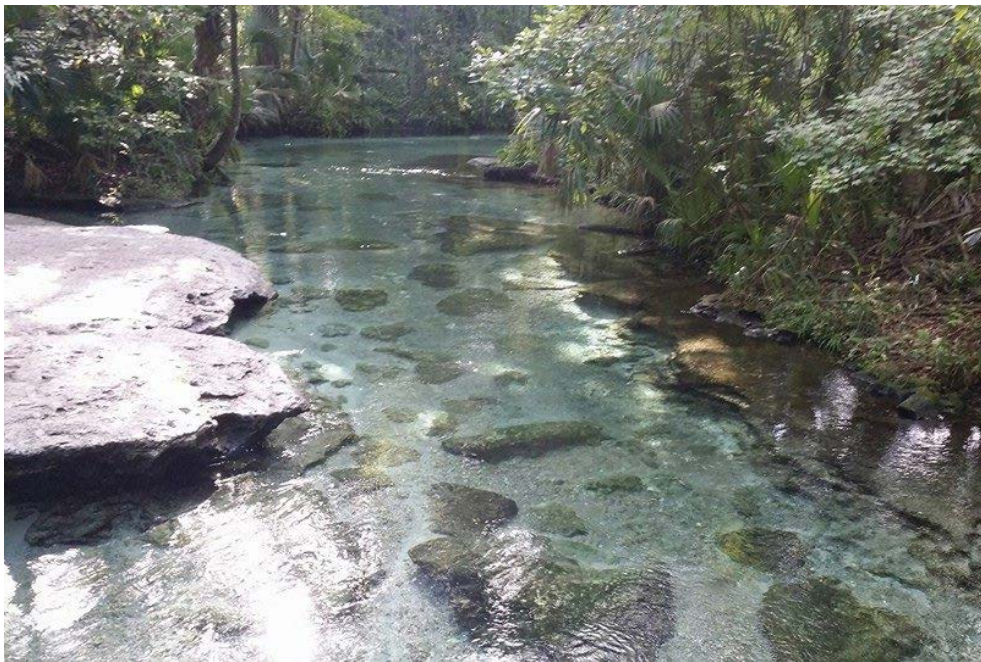


Next Steps

- Complete inventory for agricultural source inputs
- Complete modeling effort to help refine attenuation factors for septic tank effluent
- Develop draft inventory for stakeholder review and comment
- Revise and refine NSILT results
- NSILT results and information on nitrate loads from the springs will be used for estimating nitrogen reductions needed



QUESTIONS??



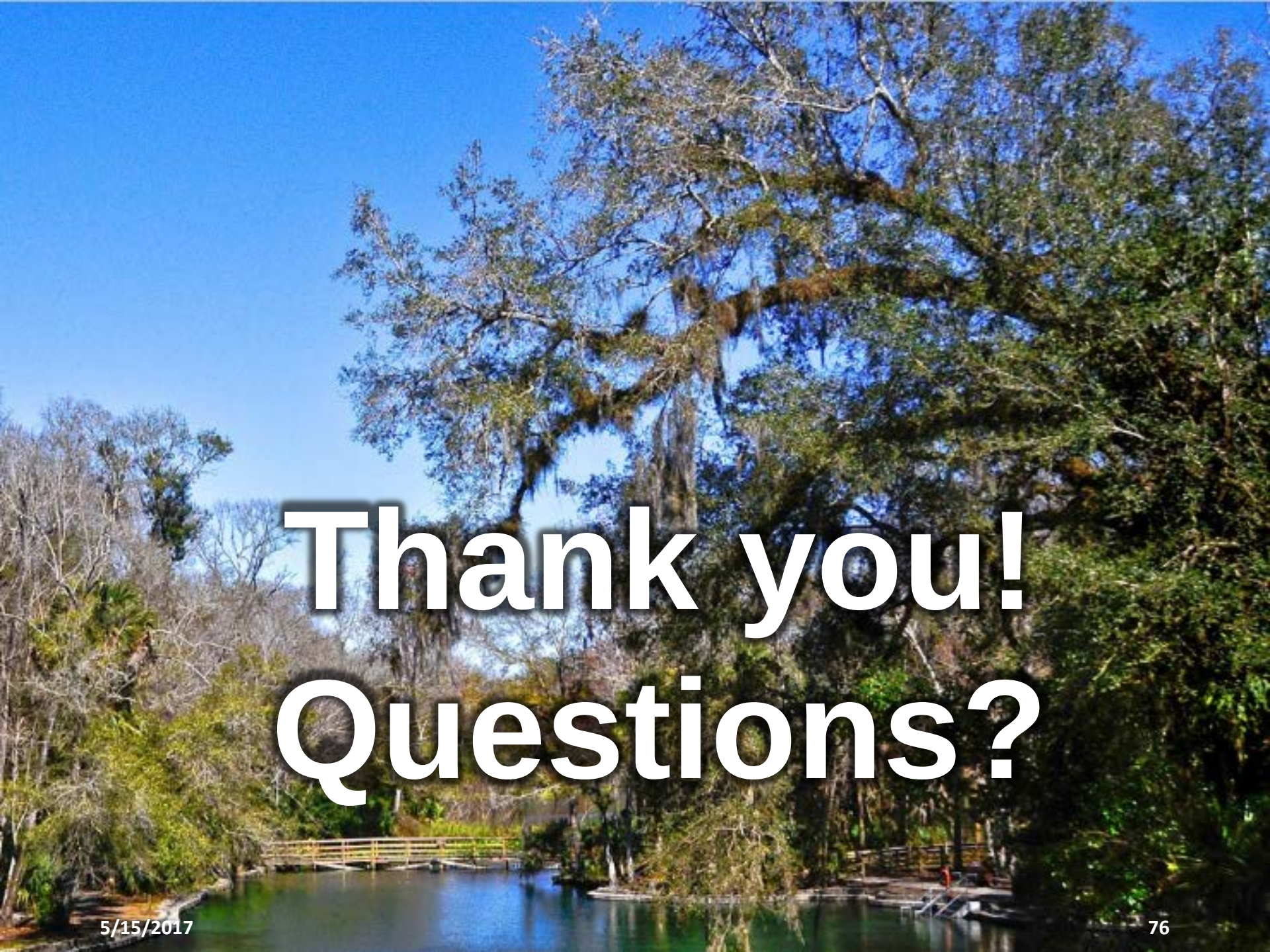
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Wrap Up

- Action Items.
 - Annual report comments by [May 31, 2017](#).
 - Next meeting, July/August time frame.
- Other comments/announcements.



Thank you!
Questions?



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