

# Orange Lake Habitat Management Plan Stakeholder Input Process



# Orange Creek Basin Community Working Groups

## Orange Lake Habitat Management – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

### Other CWGs:

- Herbicide Workshop (March 2015) –  
*Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*
- Hydrology/Geology Workshop (November 2015)-  
*OCB Interagency Working Group*
- Airboat Curfew Letter –  
*Alachua County*
- Nutrient/BMAP Question –  
*Department of Environmental Protection*
- Highway 301 Issue –  
*OCB Interagency Working Group*



# **Orange Lake Habitat Management Plan (HMP)**

## **Community Working Group**

- FWC is the lead agency
- Stakeholders have been involved from the beginning and throughout the process of creating the Plan
- Process is facilitated by Normandeau Associates, who are also writing the plan
- Began in February 2015 and is anticipated to be complete in mid-2016





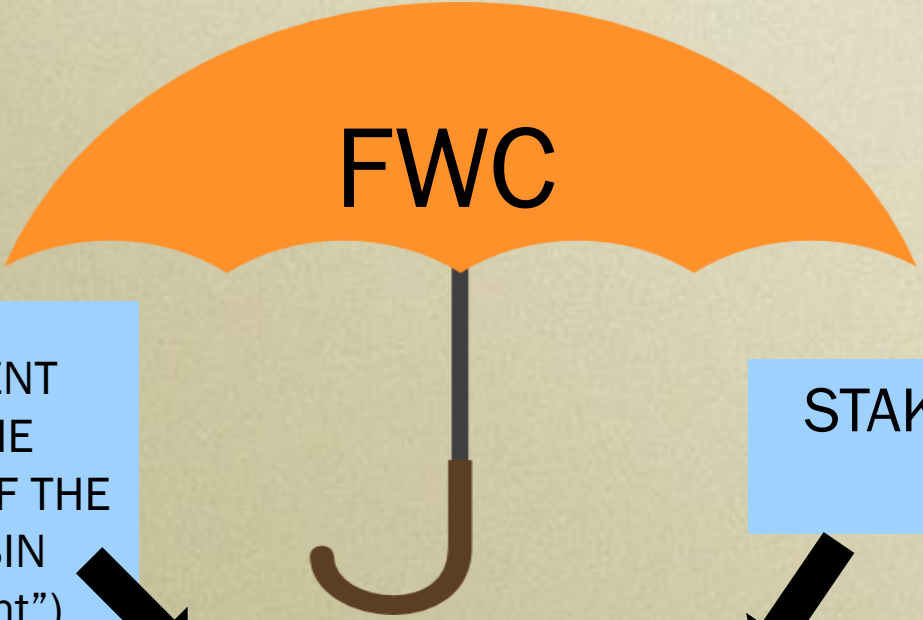
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HABITAT MANAGEMENT  
GUIDELINES DOCUMENT

STAKEHOLDER  
INPUT

HABITAT  
MANAGEMENT PLAN  
(HMP)





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HABITAT MANAGEMENT  
GUIDELINES FOR THE  
AQUATIC RESOURCES OF THE  
ORANGE CREEK BASIN  
("Guidelines document")



STAKEHOLDER  
INPUT



HABITAT MANAGEMENT  
PLAN (HMP)

Meeting 1  
Collecting input  
on lake issues  
Held July 14,  
2015

Meeting 2  
Goals and  
Objectives  
Held  
October 13,  
2015

Meeting 3  
Action  
Strategies  
Held  
January 21,  
2016

Meeting 4  
Review and  
Comment on  
HMP  
April 21, 2016



# Status: Writing the Plan

- Draft 1 *Completed July 2015*: Outline
- Draft 2 *Submitted for FWC review September 2015*: Sections 1–3, Introduction, Background, Vision and Guiding Principles
- Draft 3 *Submitted for FWC review January 2016*: Revisions to Sections 1-3; Section 4, Management Goals and Objectives.
- Draft 4 Available for Public review April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Drafts and other HMP documents are posted on the Orange Creek Basin website: <https://orangecreekbasin.wordpress.com>



# Next Steps: Writing the Plan

- Draft 4 (Final) Public Review version submitted to FWC for review in March 2016 and will be released to the Public April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Final Plan including revisions and stakeholder comment resolution section scheduled for completion by May 28, 2016.



# Public Comment Period

- Document will be released to the public for review April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Meeting will be held April 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - 6:30pm – 9:00pm at Grand Lake RV and Golf Resort
- Public will be able comment up until May 5th



# How Input will be Gathered

Stakeholders can:

- Provide written and verbal comment at the public meeting.
- Utilize an online tool (survey)
- Provide written comments via email to [Ryan.Hamm@myfwc.com](mailto:Ryan.Hamm@myfwc.com)



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