

BMAP for the Upper Wakulla River

Summary of Recommendations for the Phases and Milestone of the first 5 years

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First 5 years of the BMAP: Establish Effective Wastewater Infrastructure
Management: Planning and Implementation

Evidence of Sufficiency of Effort should include the fully realized process of planning, financing and implementing a management system for all existing OSTDS and the area where they would be permitted in the unincorporated area within the first 5 years of the adopted BMAP.

Phase I: (4 months)

- 1. Review existing estimates of OSTDS impact**
- 2. Identify potential management strategies**

Phase II: (36 months)

- 1. Provide options for establishment of a responsible management entity (RME) that has characteristics of an EPA Level 4 or 5 of entity including:**
 - Scope and Responsibilities*
 - Oversight and Administrative Structure*
 - Planning and Financing of RME itself (not facilities)*
- 2. Involve all stake-holders in the development of these options.**
- 3. Establish regulations following Board of County Commission directives for:**
 - Wastewater Treatment Standards*
 - Requirements for connection to facilities upon their completion*
- 4. Identify and adopt Stormwater Facility Engineering Standards that will decrease nitrogen in the BMAP Priority 1 area**
- 5. Initiate an inventory and inspection of OSTDS**

Phase III: (8 months)

- 1. Adopt preferred options and establish the RME**

Phase IV (remainder of BMAP first 5 years)

- 1. Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan**
 - Develop an engineering study for the Primary Springshed Protection Zone (PSPZ) or the BMAP Priority 1 area to determine appropriate scale, capacity and location of facilities*
 - Develop and institute engineering standards for privately built facilities*
- 2. Management and Facilities Financing Plan**
 - Develop plans for financing the capital costs of facilities*
 - Develop plans for aid in retrofitting onsite septic systems when allowed by State law*

- *Establish policies for determination of user fees for operations and maintenance of facilities with specific values to be determined as facilities are built*
- 3. **Extension of COT sewer**
 - *Extend COT sewer into unincorporated areas of the USA in the PSPZ/BMAP priority 1 area (aka Lake Munson area)*
 - *Create a long term financing system that supports this extension AND connection for ALL existing OSTDS and new development in these areas to sewer where feasible*
- 4. **Create a connection assistance funding program**
- 5. **Encourage private investment in wastewater systems that meet adopted standards**

Second 5 years (and many more 5 year plans to come):

Implement the plans for infrastructure retrofit and support of new development using the development management and financing plans.