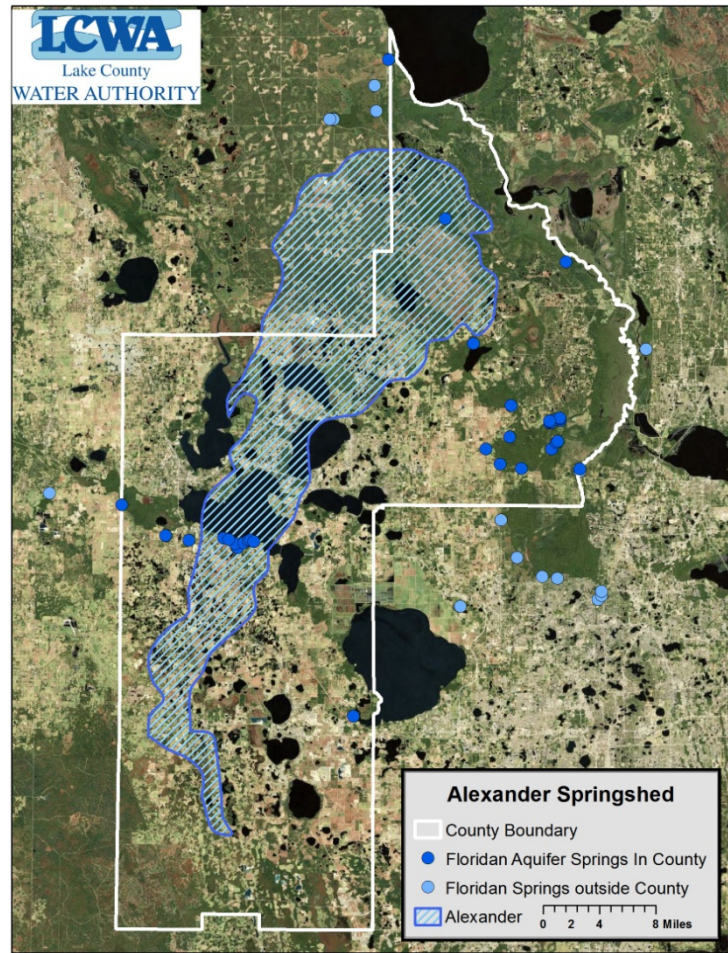


Suggestion For Improving Water Quality in Lake County

Ground Water and Surface Water
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5 Year Septic Pumping program

- ▶ Over 5,000 Septic tanks within 200 meters of waters edge along Harris Chain of lakes. Failure rate is unknown. Pumping is not required.
 - ▶ Every year Lake Co tax collector collects \$50 from every owner of a home with a septic system in Lake Co.
 - ▶ After 5 years, if a home owner has that tank pumped and receives a valid receipt, they may send it to the tax collector for a \$250 tax refund.
 - ▶ The average cost of pumping a tank is \$250.
 - ▶ Only 1 / 5 of county tanks would be pumped each year.
 - ▶ County may use any profits to upgrade waste treatment facilities, and cover overhead costs.
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