

Lake Apopka Project Update

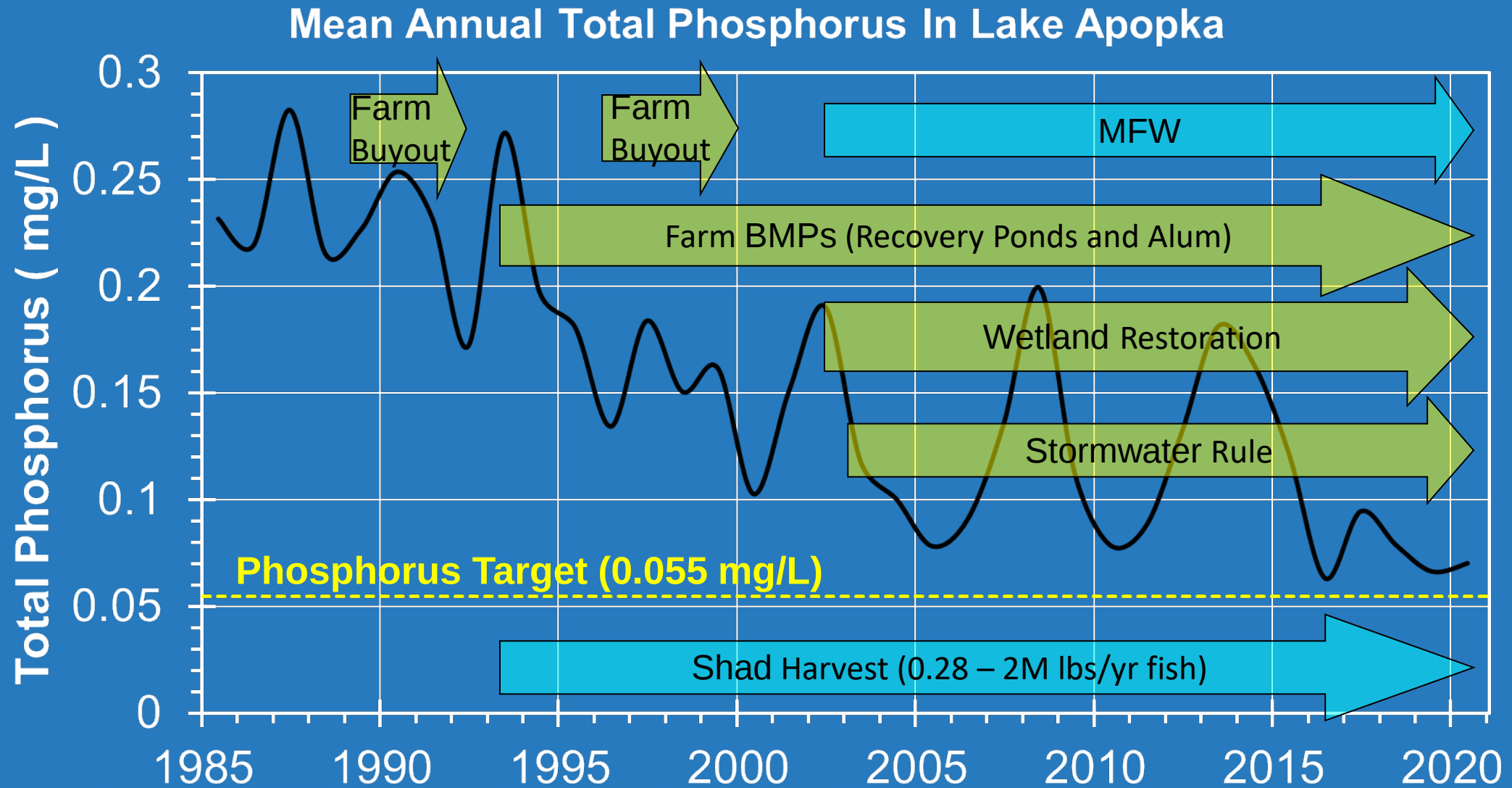
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Declining Phosphorus Concentration



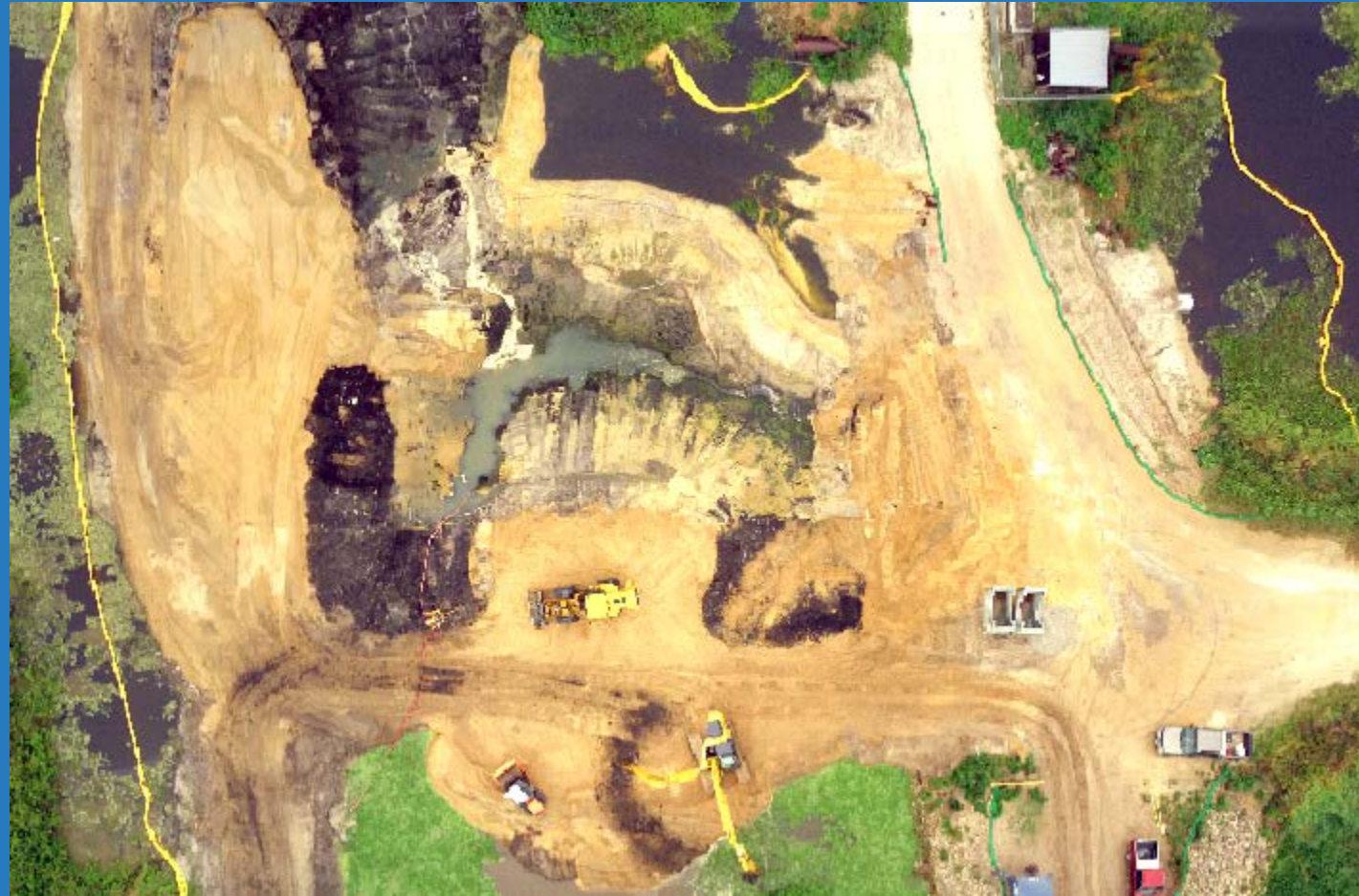
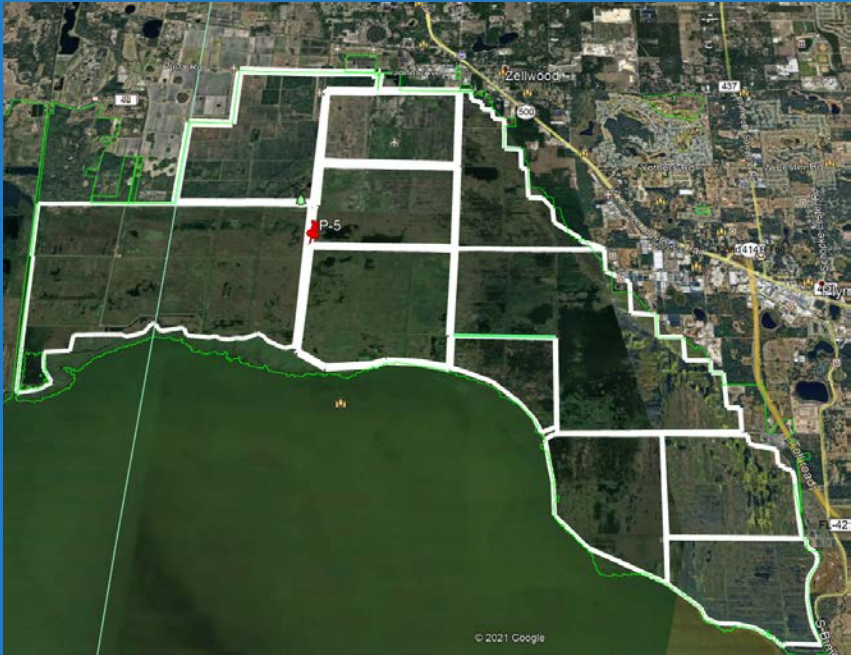
Duda Water & Phosphorus Management Improvements

- Cost: \$2.2 Million
- Construction: 12/20 – 07/21
- Water quality benefit:
390 lbs/year phosphorus load reduction to lake



Duda Interconnect Pump Station

- \$2M; Complete: 09/21
- Reduces P load to lake by 118 lbs/year



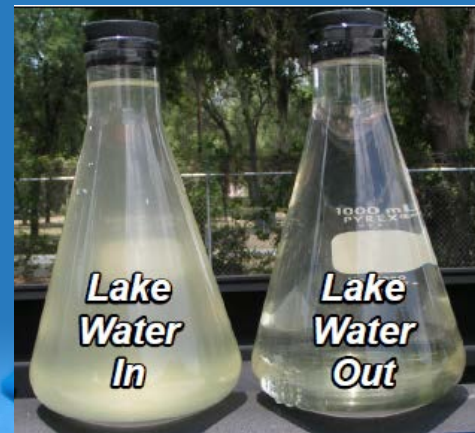
Phase 4 Pump Station and Levee Improvement

- \$2.5M
- Completed 12/20
- Provides an additional 700 MG water storage and reduces P loading to lake by 143 lb/year



Marsh Flow-Way Improvement Project

- One of two ongoing P diet projects
- Recirculating wetland
- \$2.4M in maintenance construction complete next month
- Treats ~40% of the lake's volume/year



New Phosphorus Removal Project

Phosphorus Free Water Solutions



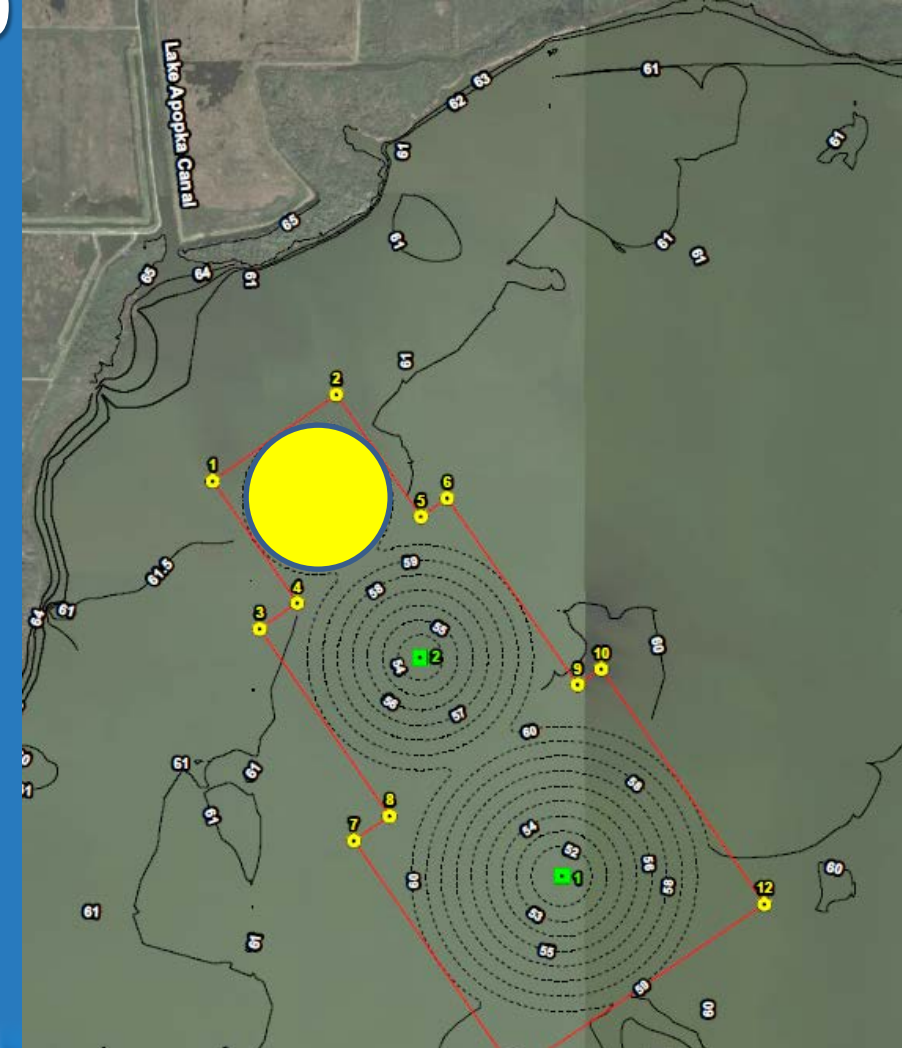
Rough Fish Harvest

- 3 year contract at \$810,000/year with fish processor who sells the shad
- 773,332 lbs of fish removed this year, for 6,503 lbs of P
- ~29M lbs of fish since 1993, for 238,825 lbs of P removed from the lake.



Sediment Sump Project

- Smallest of 3 sumps; completed 12/19
- \$4.2M
- 1,200' Diameter and about 5' deep
- Located near confluence with Apopka-Beauclair Canal to hopefully reduce sediment transport downstream



In-Lake SAV Planting Evaluation



Large Scale SAV Planting

- Not to exceed \$300,000; expires 09/21
- Planting 12 acres of *Vallisneria americana* and 12 acres of *Potamogeton illonensis* at 5,000 plants per acre



Eelgrass
(*Vallisneria americana*)



Illinois pondweed
(*Potamogeton illinoensis*)



2019 SAV Mapping Results



- Lake-wide Estimation Naturally Occurring SAH (Without Known Plantings):

ACRES	SAH	SAV	EFV
Mean acres per transect	0.41	0.18	0.47
<u>Lakewide estimated acres (mean)</u>	201.9	86.5	125.5

- Acreage of known SAH Plantings (mapped) =
 $140.5 \text{ EFV} + 10.7 \text{ SAV} = 151.2 \text{ SAH planted}$
- Total Lake-wide SAH for 2019 =
 $151.2 \text{ planted} + 201.9 \text{ calculated} =$
352.1 Acres Total SAH!



Questions?

