

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Wacissa Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) Meeting Summary
October 7, 2024, 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Jefferson County R.J. Bailer Public Library
375 S. Water St., Monticello, FL

Attendees

Tiffany Busby, Wildwood Consulting
Lauren Campbell, DEP
Caraline Coombs, FFBF
Chris Denmark, FDACS
Dan Hamedani, Citizen
Sam Hankinson, DEP
Maddy Hart, FDACS

Moirra Homann, DEP
Celeste Lyon, RES
Raulie Raulerson, FFBF
Douglas Walker, FDACS
Ken Weaver, DEP
Stefani Weeks, Weeks Engineering Services

Presentation

Sam Hankinson gave a brief overview of the Wacissa BMAP, basin required reductions, entity required reductions, and the upcoming BMAP schedule. He explained that the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) are 0.24 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of nitrate for the Wacissa Spring Group and 0.20 mg/L for the Wacissa River (waterbody identification number 3424). Based on recent water quality data, an additional 41% reduction is needed to meet the water quality target.

Poster Session

Posters were presented, along with the opportunity for attendees to review BMAP information and ask questions of DEP and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) staff.

Written Comments

One written comment was submitted at the meeting. Dan Hamedani suggested that the local governments should install sewer service when water service is being extended to new parcels. Also, he suggested that projects prioritize moving electric utilities underground, for better storm resilience. He recommended local governments improve stormwater, sewer, and electric utilities to be less vulnerable to storms and flooding.