



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

South Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Tributary To Cypress Creek @ Sandy Lane

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

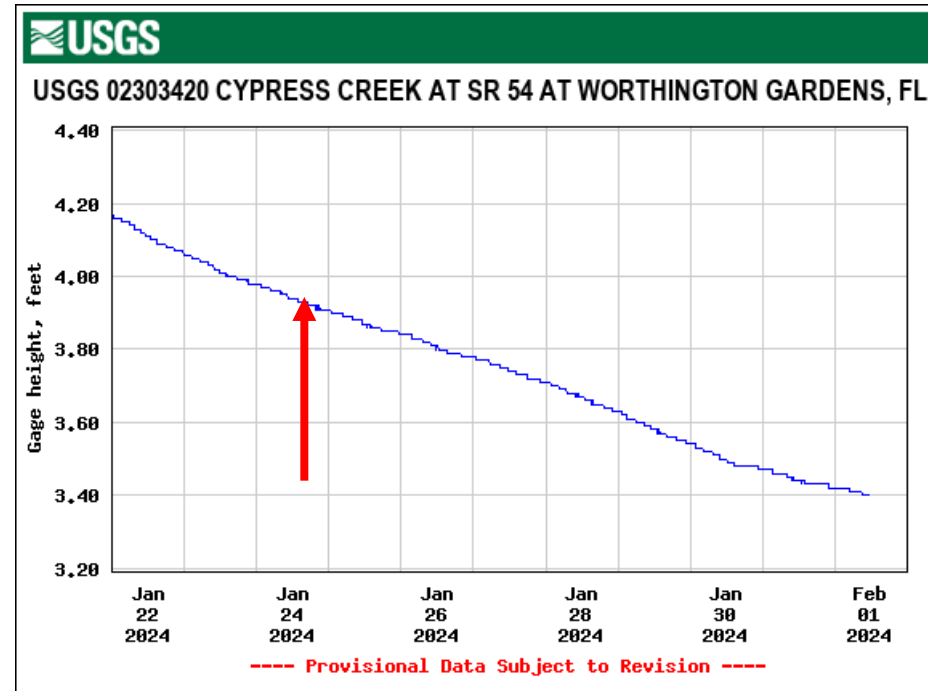


PROCEDURE

- Evaluate each site per SOP FT3100, "Stream and River Habitat Assessment", using forms FD9000-3, FD9000-4, and FD9000-5. It is recommended that you use the most current editions of the forms and the SOP.
- **Work independently.**
- Submit all completed forms to the FDEP Aquatic Ecology and Quality Assurance (AEQA) Section in Tallahassee.
- The range for a passing score is +/- 10 points from the predetermined consensus score. However, consideration will be given to scores outside this range if they were legitimately caused by different conditions at the time of sampling compared to conditions when the consensus score was decided (i.e., higher/lower water level, velocity).
- Analysts must pass 2 out of 3 Habitat Assessments every 5 years.
- Once scores have been reviewed, analysts will receive notice of passing or failing from the AEQA Section.
- Analysts should take photos to document stream conditions at the time of assessment. Photos may be submitted to AEQA after initial determination of passing/failing if an analyst believes his/her score for a given site is out of the +/- 10-point range due to justifiable reasons.



AREA HYDROGRAPH

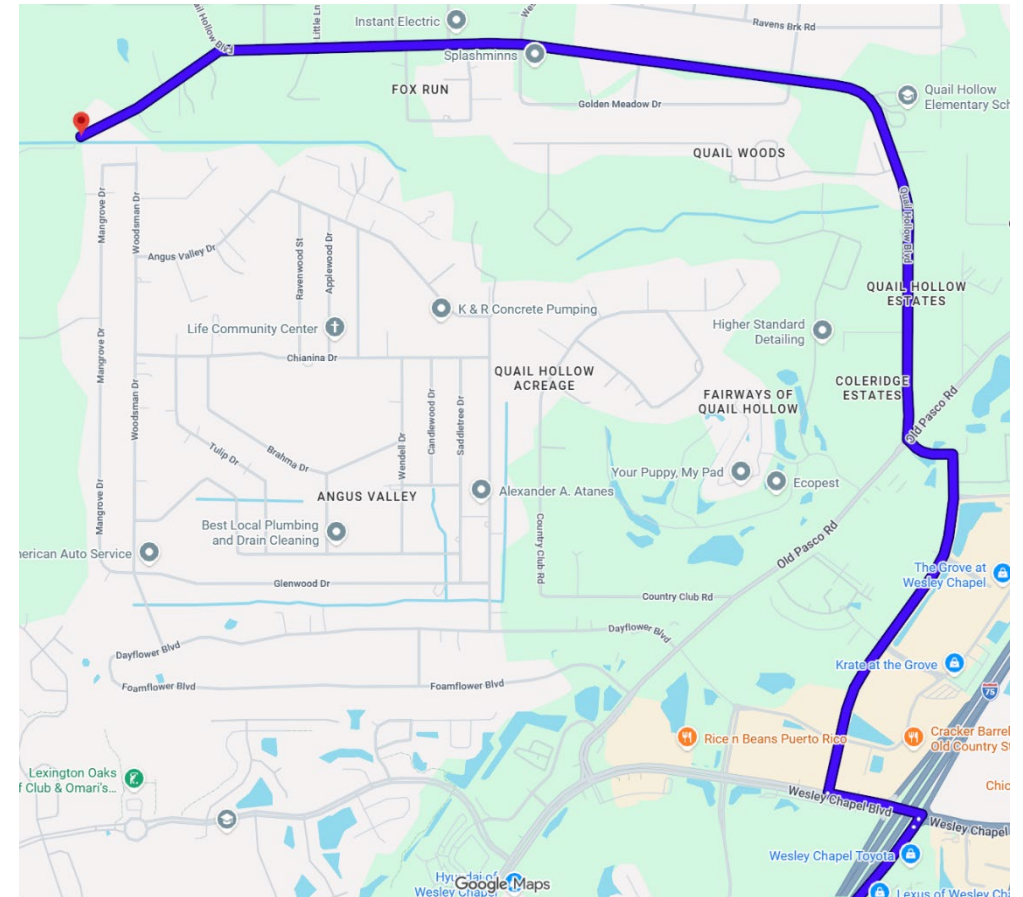


The consensus score for this site was established on January 25th, 2024, and was revisited on February 24th, 2026. The above graph shows the gage height data for a nearby Cypress Creek site during the original visit. If you conduct a habitat assessment at this site at different water levels, be sure to document the conditions.

Graph courtesy of the US Geological Survey.



- **Directions:** From I-75 going north, take exit 279 and turn left onto Wesley Chapel Blvd. After 0.2 miles turn right onto Oakley Blvd. Drive for 1 mile and then continue to Quail Hollow Blvd for another 2.3 miles. Sandy Ln will then be a spur off to the left, turn there and drive for 0.4 miles. Park along the left side of the road in front of the green dumpster. If you get to the bridge, you've gone too far.





TRIBUTARY TO CYPRESS CREEK AT SANDY LANE

- **Accessing the site:** Park on the left side of the road in front of the green dumpster. Enter system at the USGS gage, which is the 0m.





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0m flags: 28.25939, -82.38583
0m flags are on the water gauge



100m flags: 28.2594, -82.3844