

SAVE OUR LAKES



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WETLANDS A POTENTIAL RECOVERY SOLUTION!!!

The idea of recovering our beautiful lakes is what it's ALL about at this point. Both short-term and long-term recovery strategies are being reviewed and/or studied by the SJRWMD as possible solutions to the continued low lake levels in Lakes Geneva, Brooklyn, Cowpen and Grandin. One of those long-term solutions involves the REUSE of our precious water supply. We currently "RECYCLE" our paper and plastic, it's about time we considered RECYCLING our water!

We have the opportunity (at our NOVEMBER 8th S.O.L.O. Meeting) to hear from an expert in this field! Dr. Robert L. Knight, Director, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute will be our speaker. I was fortunate enough to see a presentation about using our wetlands and establishing new wetlands as a very positive viable way to RECYCLE our water. When I saw this presentation, it almost jumped off the screen as a great way to help recover our lakes AND help our environment. This process has the potential to not only help US, but would really be a permanent solution for our REGION...including some of the SRWMD area.

Please come and invite your friends to the S.O.L.O. NOVEMBER 8th Meeting. Dr. Knight will share his knowledge and be open for questions after the presentation. This very well may BE our true solution, so come out and get a good understanding of this process. Dr. Knight speaks throughout the U.S. and is well respected in his field. This will be a great opportunity for us to SEE where our solution could be! Remember seating is limited!

NEXT S.O.L.O. MEETING...

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 7 p.m., Keystone Heights City Hall

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3RD MFL-PREVENTION RECOVERY MEETING UPDATE

COULD DEEP WELL AUGMENTATION BE IT?

Let me start by saying this is NOT a “done deed” nor are all the test results in that would allow an informed, educated DECISION. This is, however, a strategy that, at this stage, has very definite possibilities...so I'll go over what I've learned with you.

The SJRWMD (District) is currently studying a strategy that would include using wells to augment the water coming into Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. They are studying various well scenarios at this point (i.e. the number of wells needed, size of wells, the location of wells, etc.). I'm going to TRY to be your “fly on the wall” and keep you as up-to-date as I can. I'll also add another CAUTION...as you read on, these are ONLY ideas being studied...it is too early for decisions, so just bear with me.

General Information Given: It would require approximately 7 mgd (million gallons a day) to bring Lake Brooklyn up to 110-112 ft. elevation, in 1-2 years, 3.5 mgd to maintain if needed due to drawdown or draught.

General Information Given: Lake Geneva would require approximately 5 mgd to bring to 101-103 ft. elevation, 1-2 years, less mgd to maintain as needed.

Possibility – Put wells in the Camp Blanding area (close to Blue Pond). Allow water to flow in its natural path via Alligator Creek into Blue Pond, Lakes Lowry, Magnolia, Brooklyn, Little Lake Keystone and Geneva.

Possibility – Lower the outflow from Brooklyn during recovery for quicker flow into Geneva.

Possibility – Add a well for Geneva and augment Brooklyn and Geneva at the same time.

Possibility – Well for Cowpen.

Possibility – Wells in Camp Blanding PLUS lowering Lake Lowry for a specific period of time to help with recovery (i.e. shorten time to recover and/or reduce amount of water needed).

Possibility – Could DuPont's existing wells be used as part of the process?

Possibility – Upper Floridan or Lower Floridan wells – which would be best for environment?

These are just **SOME** of the possibilities being studied by the District. There ARE those who believe well augmentation is not the way to help our lakes. I have to tell you, from all the information I have seen so far, I am extremely encouraged that this IS our best hope for bringing back our lake community. This would not be a “one time fix”. This project would bring permanent stability back to our lakes under ALL conditions.

WATER FLOW

PLEASE stay tuned! You can "stay tuned" by coming to the S.O.L.O. meetings! Our Members give us great ideas!

PLEASE VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE AT

www.saveourlakes.org

Our website will be a work in progress, so your input and ideas are always welcome!

“A FAMILY DAY AT THE LAKE” A SUCCESS!

We had a good turnout for S.O.L.O.’s second annual event! The weather was perfect, the music was great, the food was good AND there was actually enough water in Lake Brooklyn for a fantastic ski show! So many **THANK YOU’S** are in order; here are just a few:

The **MID-LIFE CRISIS** band played some great music!

GATOR LAND SKI CLUB found enough water to do their usual stunts out on Lake Brooklyn!

Nobody went home hungry thanks to **JOHNNY’S BAR-B-Q!**

The kids and adults loved the animals brought by **SINGLE VISION!**

MISS GABBIE did her great art work – kids went home with faces and arms painted up a storm!

The **YMCA STAFF** did a wonderful job with the climbing wall and “zip line”...in fact, I saw several large people (i.e. adults) going down that “zip line”... that was a site to see! The **“Y” STAFF** just did everything we needed...with a smile!

The smooth golf cart “limo” transportation provided by **BALD EAGLE BAIT & TACKLE!**

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