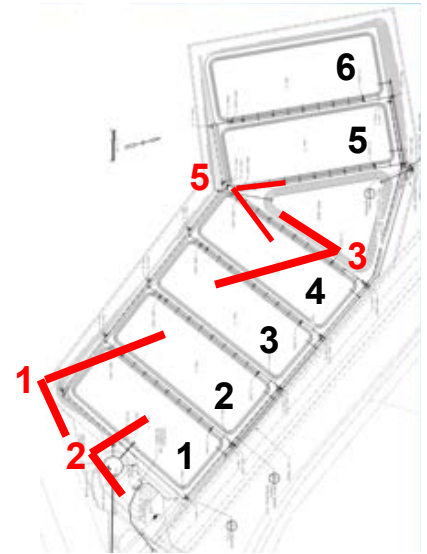


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BLACK CREEK WATER RESOURCE PROJECT PROGRESS



TREATMENT AREA: Photo 1(above):Treatment Pond 1 is receiving the treatment media (dark gray). Photo 2: The pipe from the tank is ready to receive the valve that controls the distribution of water to the Treatment Area. The newly placed media in Pond No 1 is seen beyond. Photo 3: Part of the Collection Pipe System is seen being installed in the berm of Treatment Pond 4. Photo 4: Loaders bring the media from the media holding area. Photo 5: An inlet pipe is seen in the triangular shape pond which receives the site storm and treatment pond rinse water not going to the creek and lakes.



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LAKE GENEVA RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

SOLO board members met with SJRWMD land management staff, Clay County Commissioner Betsy Condon, Clay County manager and staff, and a City of Keystone Heights representative at the 5th Street boat ramp to develop a permitting plan for the Lake Geneva Restoration Project.

One thing we learned from that meeting is WHY this process has and IS taking so long to actually move forward to permitting. **The answer:** The magnitude and purpose (**restoration**) of the Geneva Restoration Project has not been presented to FDEP for permitting before! That means we must **really** be sure to cross every "T" and dot every "i" as we move into the actual permitting process.

The Water District land management staff forwarded specific permitting guidelines to us after our 5th Street boat ramp meeting.

Restoring Lake Geneva will happen in two phases:

Phase 1: Clay County will forward an application to SJRWMD for review for restoration around the 5th Street boat ramp and the area blocking the western lobes of Lake Geneva (Nelson's/Breezy Point area). After the review by the Water District, the application will then go to FDEP for approval.

Phase 2: The land owners around Lake Geneva will have to submit applications for restoration as needed directly to FDEP. This process will be best done in groups as opposed to each individual land owner submitting. SOLO will be bringing in a consultant to guide our members and other stakeholders through this process to make sure every "T" is crossed and every "i" is dotted. **We will have specifics on this at our January meeting.** This process should be the same for other area lake front owners with recovery issues.

We will keep everyone updated at our meetings and also through emails. We may need to send email notifications between newsletters. **If you do not now receive emails from SOLO and wish to receive information, please send your email address to:**

save-our-lakes@comcast.net We will add you to our email address list.

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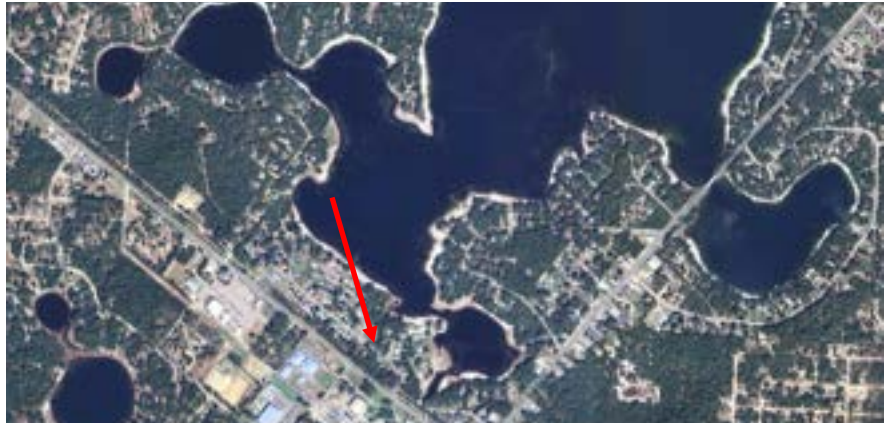
Please feel free to check us out!

SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD Mtg. 10:00 AM TUESDAY, 01/14/2024 at the Palatka Office
Verify on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)



11/23/2024 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 112.15 Ft
Alligator Creek Flow: 17.2 MGD; Level: 112.2Ft
Geneva Level: 94.4 Ft
S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 34.5 MGD: Level: 9.9 Ft
Monthly Rainfall: .769" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)



LAKE BROOKLYN'S OUTFALL: In the photo on the left, we see the lake water rising toward the Hebron Ave. culvert (Invert 113.4 NAVD88). When it reaches the culvert, it will begin to flow toward Lake Keystone and then to Lake Geneva.

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BLACK CREEK

Schedule: Due to delays in the production of the treatment media (now resolved) the District expects that water will begin to flow from Treatment Pond 1 to Alligator Creek at the end of March, 2025.

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SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, JAN.14th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights, See you there!

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