

SAVE OUR LAKES

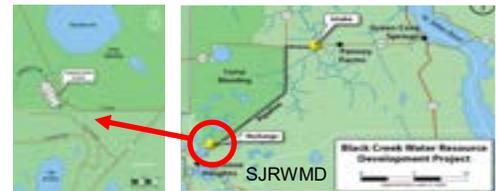


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TREATMENT AREA: Construction of the treatment ponds is proceeding. Blue PVC pipe, fittings and concrete water structures can be seen on site. As seen in this photo, the nearest treatment ponds are No's 1, 2 & 3. They will be completed and be on line at the end of 2024. Treatment ponds 4, 5 & 6 are scheduled for completion in 2025.



BLACK CREEK PUMP STATION:

The steel sheets forming the pit have been cut off and the pit has been filled with construction sand in compacted layers. The PVC electrical conduits for the power and controls circuits are being run from the Electrical Building before the foundation footings are formed and poured. The pumps will be bolted to the flanges on the top of the pipes.



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STAINLESS STEEL SCREENS

are being installed over the pipes in the inlet structure at the edge of Black Creek. The pipe behind the screens will deliver compressed air from the pump station which will blow out any fine debris caught in the inlet screens. The concrete service access platform will allow maintenance access to the inlets as needed. The steel piles will be removed at end of construction.



THE DITCH BETWEEN THE WESTERN LOBES AND THE MAIN BODY OF LAKE GENEVA has

been opened again, much to the dismay of the residents of the affected lake lobes. Whoever is opening up the sandbar and allowing the water to flow is at risk of significant action from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. No unpermitted changes to the lake bottom are allowed. This includes the addition to or moving of existing material to stop the flow of water as well as the removal of or relocation of material to permit the flow of water as has been done here. The Black Creek Water Resource Project's construction is well on the way. In a few short years, the water across the sandbar will be over 6 ft. deep. With the trees having been removed, the residents of the lake's western lobes will again be able to see across the water to Lake Geneva's far shore.



SOLO WEBSITE www.saveourlakes.org

You can get information as well as communicate with us through our website: www.saveourlakes.org or our email: save-our-lakes@comcast.net . Our newsletter comes out once a month by email and US Mail (usually the first week of the month).

Please feel free to check us out!

SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD Mtg. 10:00 AM TUESDAY, 3/12/2024 at the Palatka Office
Verify on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)



EAST SHORE



WEST SHORE

02/27/2024 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 109.2 Ft

Alligator Creek Flow: 8.9 MGD; Level: 110.1 Ft

Geneva Level: N/A

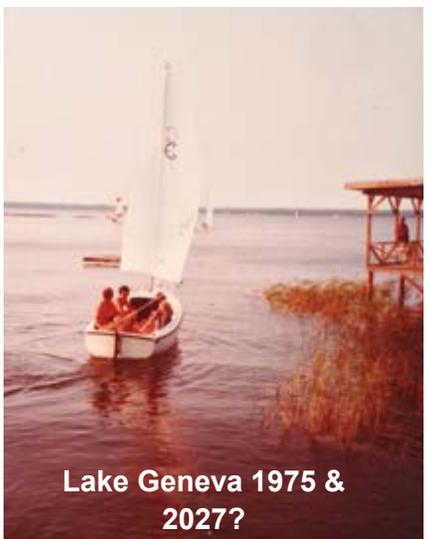
South Fork Black Creek (SR-16) Flow: 57.9 MGD; Level: 10.64 Ft

February Rainfall: 2.3" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

THE GENEVA PROJECT As the water receded in the 1980's, some residents on the lake had the resources and the ability to regularly mow the progressively exposed lake bottom and to keep the emerging pine trees at bay. Their neighbors may have not been so fortunate or they didn't envision the coming forest of mature pines that would be between them and their view of the lake.



Lake Geneva Today



Lake Geneva 1975 & 2027?

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Vivian will report on all the latest SOLO news at our next meeting, 7:00 PM, Tuesday, MARCH 12th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!

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