

SAVE OUR LAKES



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THE NEED FOR THE GENEVA PROJECT IS OBVIOUS

While we impatiently wait for the current local drought conditions to pass and for the water from the Black Creek Aquifer Recharge Project to begin to flow, the subsiding water levels in the lakes give us the opportunity to remove trees and stumps that were previously submerged and inaccessible to removal. The above photo, taken on 11/20/2025, shows part of the eastern side of Lake Geneva with the “pond” where the County Boat Ramp (off of SR 100 at CR 214) is located. The boat ramp has been cut off from the main body of the lake for decades. The current water level in the lake is 91.98 ft. The normal high water elevation, where the tree removal survey stakes were placed, is 102.9 ft.

The Clay County Commission approved the Appropriations Agreement from FDEP at the November 10 meeting. Clay County Purchasing has issued a solicitation for a bid to remove trees 4” and larger from the lake bed. An Additive Alternate for burning of the smaller trees and brush in specific locations on State Sovereign Land is included. This approved method for burning the smaller materials is allowed under the existing General Permit for Lake Geneva Restoration and alleviates the need to pursue any additional Permit to complete the restoration activities. There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid on Dec 4th at 10 AM at City of Keystone Heights Council meeting room for any industry input or dialog on scope, concerns or questions. Bid closes on Dec 18 and a review panel will evaluate the bids for possible award. The winning bid will go for approval by the County Commission at their Jan 13th meeting. Start and completion dates, scope and progress milestones will be finalized with the awarded contractor and the County Staff. Our thanks to the City, County, SJRWMD and FDEP for all you have done.

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TREATMENT AREA PROGRESS

Clockwise from above:

- Clear water with minnows from Lake Magnolia is still trickling down Alligator Creek below where the outlet from the treatment ponds will discharge. The flow rate is insufficient to make it all the way to Immokalee Road.
- Aerial photo from the District Governing Board Mtg. 11/13/25. Treatment cell #6 is in the foreground.
- A bulldozer contours the berm between the Rinse Basin and Treatment Cell #5. Storm water runoff and water not meeting standards is sent to the rinse basin to percolate into the ground.
- Cell #6 is starting to receive its treatment media.
- Cell #5's media is complete and awaits its plant installation



SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD Mtg. 10:00 AM TUESDAY, 12/9/2025 at the Palatka Office
Verify on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)

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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!

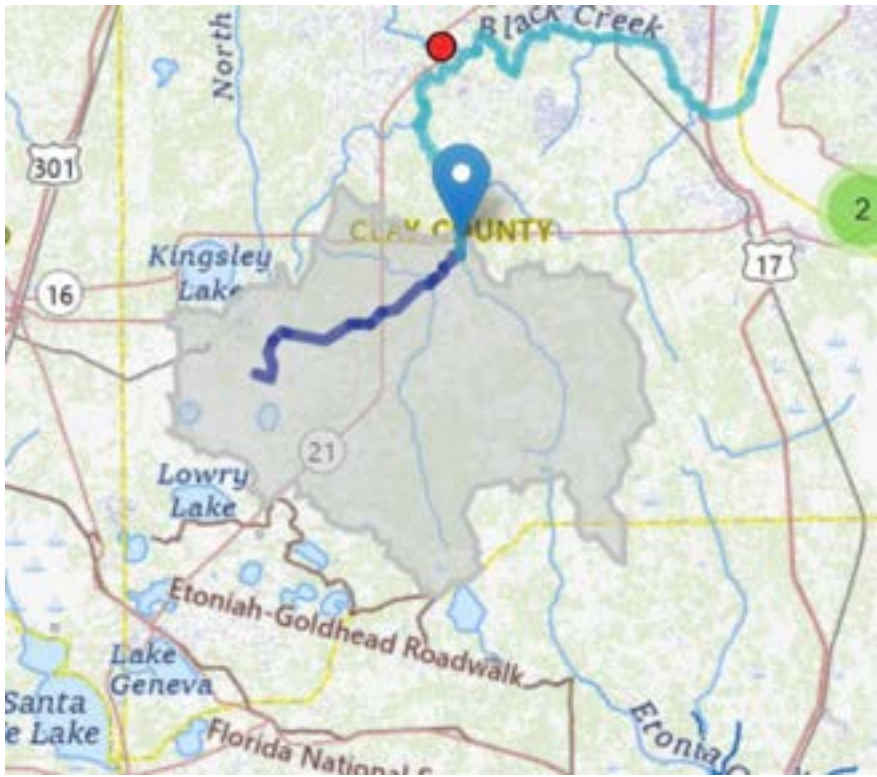
11/22/2025 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)
Brooklyn Level: 104.1 Ft
Alligator Creek Flow: 0 MGD Level: N/A
Geneva Level: 91.98 Ft
S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 11.1 MGD: Level: 9.0 Ft
SJRWMD Monthly Radar Rain Keystone: .002"
(Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

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South Prong Black Creek Tributary Area This USGS map shows the area (gray) that is drained and flows past the project inlet north of the bridge over the creek at SR16.

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SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, 1/13/26, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!

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