

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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## GENEVA RESTORATION UPDATE

The Geneva Restoration team continues to meet weekly to keep everything moving along. Representatives from SJRWMD, Clay County, the City of Keystone Heights, SOLO and our consultant are in attendance. Here is the status as of 5/28/25:

1. Clay County has had a survey crew on the Geneva lakebed for the last week or so. They are marking trees at the 102.9 ft. elevation with orange paint or flagging tape in addition to stakes. **PLEASE** do not disturb any of the survey markings. Those marked trees will **not** be removed but are marked to show the sovereign land boundary and where tree removal will start. Other trees such as cypress located below the 102.9 ft. elevation will be marked and will not be removed. Cypress trees survive in water. If you are aware of a cypress tree that does not get flagged, please contact SOLO (save-our-lakes@comcast.net).
2. Clay County and the City of Keystone Heights are working together to move the Restoration Project along. From surveying, the letting of the contract to final completion of the Restoration Project, Clay County, the City of Keystone Heights, SJRWMD and SOLO will have feet on the ground. All **T**s are being crossed and **i**s dotted to make sure this is a successful Restoration. As of our last meeting (5/27/25), the actual removal is **expected** to begin in late July.

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## BLACK CREEK PROJECT - GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

**Good news first** – Of the six treatment cells, cells 1 and 2 are completed, tested and ready to go. Cell 3 is nearing completion and will be ready for testing shortly. Cells 4, 5 and 6 are in progress.

**Now for the bad news.** Mother nature has not been our friend. Our normal dry season has lasted longer than normal and summer rains have yet to begin. The Water District had anticipated releasing Black Creek water into Alligator Creek “before June”. While at least two cells are ready to release, Black Creek flow is not sufficient to allow pumping (as of 5/28/25).

**Back to good news** – this is **EXACTLY** how the Black Creek Water Resource Project is supposed to work! The pumping and pipeline capacity is designed to send 10mgd (million gallons a day) to Alligator Creek with an **AVERAGE** of 7.5mgd. The Project design allows for dry periods and **protects Black Creek**. We have asked the Water District for some specific Black Creek pumps on/off data and will provide that information when available.

**As always, we will keep you updated!**

Vivian



**TREATMENT AREA:** Photos of the Water Treatment Facility construction taken 5/27/2025. As each cell is completed, the quality of its discharge water must equal or exceed that of the water in Lake Brooklyn.

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***Please feel free to check us out!***

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**Verify on website: [www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/](http://www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/) (Live Streaming is available)**



**5/26/2025 DATA** (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 109.25 Ft

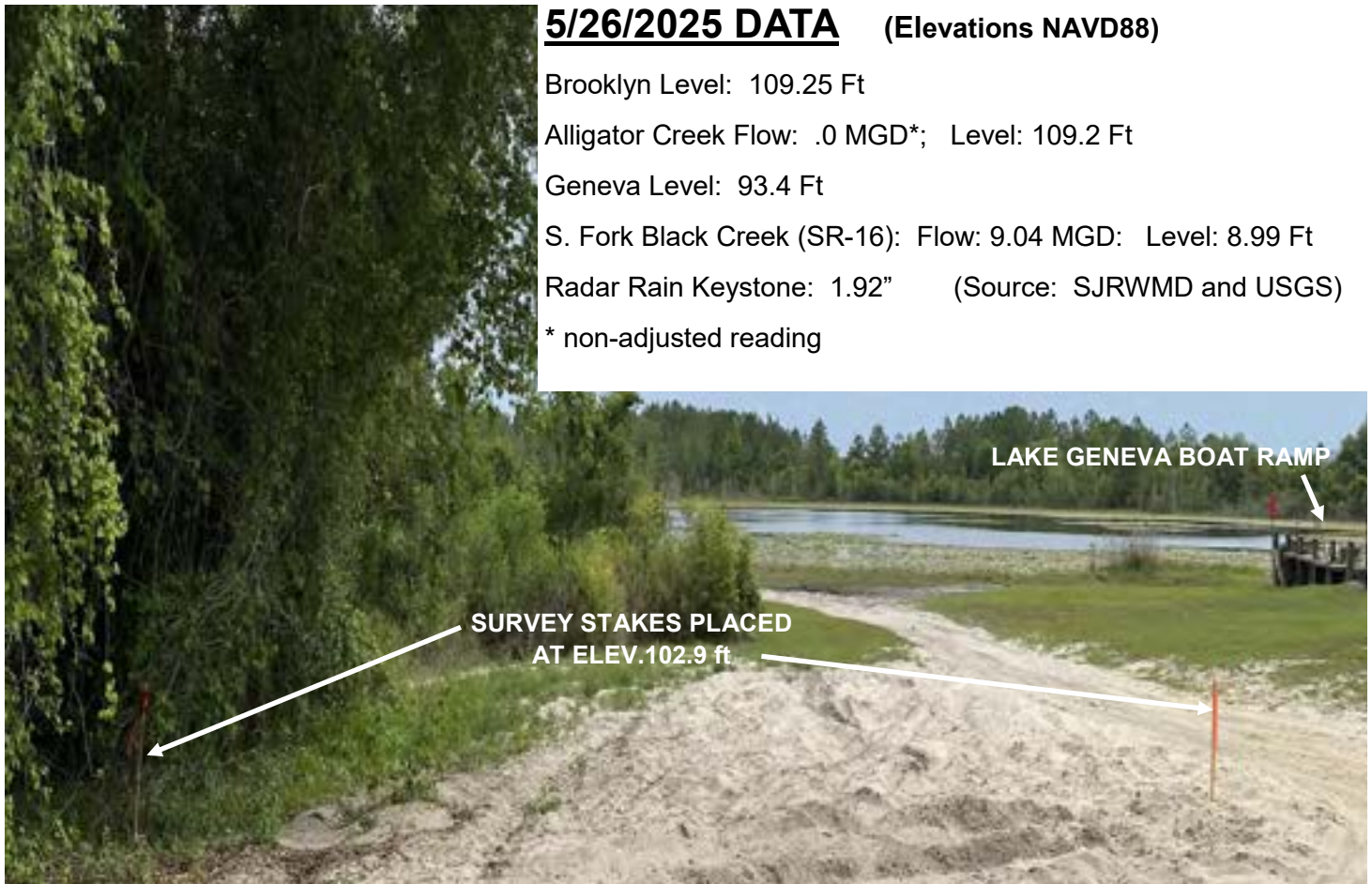
Alligator Creek Flow: .0 MGD\*; Level: 109.2 Ft

Geneva Level: 93.4 Ft

S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 9.04 MGD: Level: 8.99 Ft

Radar Rain Keystone: 1.92" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

\* non-adjusted reading



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**SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, JULY 8th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights, See you there!**

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