

SAVE OUR LAKES



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LAKE GENEVA RESTORATION UPDATE

Interim Keystone Heights City Manager, Jamie Booth continues to host our weekly project updates each Monday. The Team meetings usually include Save-Our-Lakes leadership, SJRWMD staff, Clay County staff and City Manager.

As of August 25th:

1. Clay County Purchasing is reworking the previous BID language to call for only the harvest and removal of materials 4" in diameter and larger for all areas in the previous BID package. We are hoping they have this ready for advertisement sometime in September. This revision will allow the timber industry to remove the largest bulk of the material that will create a hazard within the current funding available.
2. Clay County staff are working to finalize the appropriations agreement with FDEP to acquire funds approved for Lake Geneva Restoration in the last Florida Legislative Session. This is expected to finalize in late September or early October.
3. Save-Our-Lakes and City Manager Booth are once again working to onboard Adams & Reese Consultant Jeff Littlejohn to assist in obtaining an "Individual Permit" specific to a now Phase 2 operation to deal with the materials in the lake bed under 4". These may include: grind and spread, mulch in place, burn, or hauling to the Rosemary landfill for grinding to mulch by county staff at this facility. This phase 2 would happen as soon as possible once the materials above 4" are removed by the timber industry and funds are available for phase 2.

All parties involved are actively working to expedite these Lake Geneva Restoration solutions prior to the rising waters as a result of the Black Creek Aquifer Recharge Project pipeline.

DON'T IMPEED PROGRESS!
LEAVE THE SURVEY STAKES ALONE!



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BLACK CREEK AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT

1. We are finally fortunate Mother Nature has provided enough seasonal rain to elevate Black Creek to allow for PUMP ON condition.
2. SJRWMD staff has indicated they are in a final Test & Tune process for pumping operations.
3. Recent on/off/on/off manual pump operations have allowed for the successful hydration of cells 1, 2 and 3 which are now fully functional and can provide treated water that meets the standards for discharge to Alligator Creek
4. Cells 4,5 and 6 continue construction and should come online incrementally between now and the end of 2025.
5. Automatic operation of pumping and treatment of the water from Black Creek is expected to be functioning before the end of 2025.
6. Once fully operational, SJRWMD staff will have a visible dashboard available of their webpage that offers anyone a live look to "PUMP ON" conditions.

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, 9/9/2025 at the Palatka Office
Verify on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)

BLACK CREEK AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT cont.

Lastly,

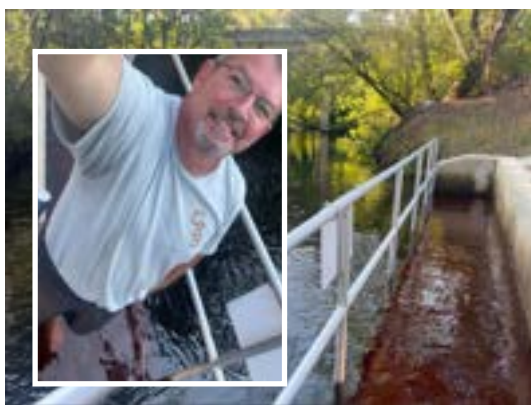
This is an expensive Floridan Aquifer Recharge Project now nearing completion. It WILL result in money well spent for Aquifer Recharge. It also restores our lakes and KEEPS them within or above their required Minimum Flows and Levels.

SJRWMD staff are just as anxious for project success as we lake dwellers and regional residents are. We ask for your continued patience and courtesy to those involved. Full status updates and through communication will continue when available.

Thank you for being a Save-Our-Lakes Member. Ask your fiends and neighbors to come to our next Members Meeting on September 9th at 7:00pm at the Keystone Heights First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Sincerely,

Your SOLO President, Scott Slater

**8/29/2025 DATA** (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 106.9 Ft

Alligator Creek Flow: .39 MGD Level: 109.5 Ft

Geneva Level: 92.8 Ft

S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 48 MGD: Level: 10.2 Ft

SJRWMD Monthly Radar Rain Keystone: 2.86"

(Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

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SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, Sept 9th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!

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