

SAVE OUR LAKES



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BLACK CREEK WATER FLOWING AT LAST!



BLACK CREEK WATER MAKES IT TO THE OUTFALL AT ALLIGATOR CREEK

On December 9, 2025 a very brief break in the drought (see rainfall data page 3) that has gripped the northern portion of the St Johns River Water Management District for many months provided enough rain in one day to flash and elevate Black Creek allowing all 4 pumps on at the Inlet Facility.

The photo of the outlet structure is a preview of what operations will look like when normal rainfall returns to our area and the system operates at full capacity. The very good news is that the system is now operational when water is available for pumping. Pray for rain!!



BLACK CREEK INLET
STRUCTURE

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TREATMENT AREA: Photo 1(above):Aerial photo of Treatment Area taken 12/20/25. Photo 2: Plantings in Cell 3 remain healthy. Cell 4 is seen beyond. Photo 3: The Storage Tank is seen behind the newly erected cover for the Automatic System Control Panels. Ain front of the control panels is a Roller used in final site grading. Note the new asphalt pavement in the lower left corner of the photograph.



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LAKE GENEVA RESTORATION UPDATE: The Bid process for tree removal and clearing continues and will close on January 8th as several of the interested contractors requested an extension to better prepare their Bid submissions. The Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting at KH City Hall on December 4th was well attended with 11 Contractors present. They also visited the potential access points around the lake important for this Environmental Resource Permit execution. We are hopeful that the County receives many competitive submissions that fit within the allocated budget so the project can proceed.

Bids will be opened on January 9th then reviewed by County Staff. The potential winning Bid will go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval at their January 27, 2026 meeting. Once approved, a contract will be executed with the winning bidder to begin restoration operations on Lake Geneva State Sovereign land below the 102.9 Ft. elevation.

SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD Mtg. 10:00 AM TUESDAY, 1/13/2026 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).

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12/26/2025 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 103.2 Ft

Alligator Creek Flow: 0 MGD Level: N/A

Geneva Level: 91.75 Ft

S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 13.1 MGD: Level: 9.1 Ft

SJRWMD Monthly Radar Rain Keystone: 1.33"

(Source: SJRWMD and USGS)



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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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