

SAVE OUR LAKES



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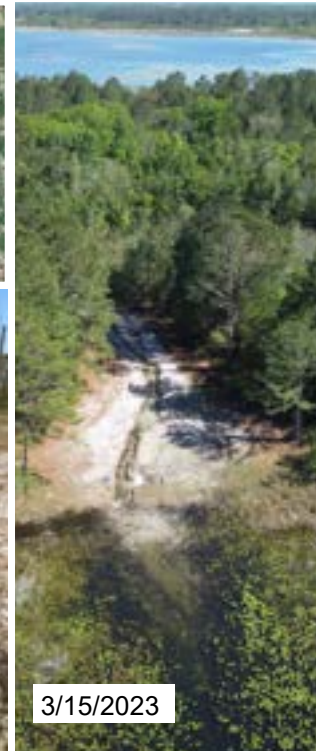
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RUNNING THE RISK OF SIGNIFICANT FINES FROM FDEP, various parties have been alternately digging out and filling in the waterway between the western lobes and the main body of Lake Geneva. The amount of water moving down this stream makes very little impact on the main lake and none of it permanent. However, it greatly impacts those who live on the western parts of the lake, even cutting off access between the individual lobes. These water diversion efforts will all prove pointless when the Black Creek Water Resource Project begins to refill Lake Geneva. Then, water from the main body of the lake will flow back into the western lobes and the area of the cut will end up under more than 6 ft of water and look much like the aerial photo from 1953.

A Note from SOLO President Vivian James: County Commissioner Betsy Condon, City Manager Lynn Rutkowski and I had a TEAM meeting on March 20th with SJRWMD and FDEP senior staff to continue discussions about removing the "forest" in the lake bed of Geneva (The Geneva Project). The FDEP reps described their need for more information from the SJRWMD on the project's methodology and environmental impact before they can issue permits. The SJRWMD is now on this task. We'll keep meeting and working to assure the success of the Project.

RED SHIRTS PLEASE! - **9 a.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 14th** is the 2nd Annual Keystone Heights Beach Clean-up Day. Bring your favorite yard/beach tools! **Lunch will be provided to the workers!**

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BLACK CREEK PROJECT PROGRESS



Pump Station Site by SR16 The top photo shows the construction site where the pump station is being built. The lower right photo shows inside the pit with an excavator working at a level that is still about 6 ft above the final pipe elevation.



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 Tues., 4/11/2023 at the Palatka Office
VERIFY on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)



Inlet site by the SR16 Bridge at Black Creek: Top right photo shows the sheet pile where the intake will be located at the creek's edge. The lower right photo shows inside the pit being dug out from which the pipe line will be horizontally "micro tunneled" to the pump station pit.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE TARGETS

- January 2024: Intake Pump Station Substantially Complete
- September 2024: Pipeline Substantially Complete
- Fall 2024: All Components Operational

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Vivian will report on THE GENEVA PROJECT at our next meeting: 7PM, May 9th at the First Baptist Church. We will met in the Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights, See you there!

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