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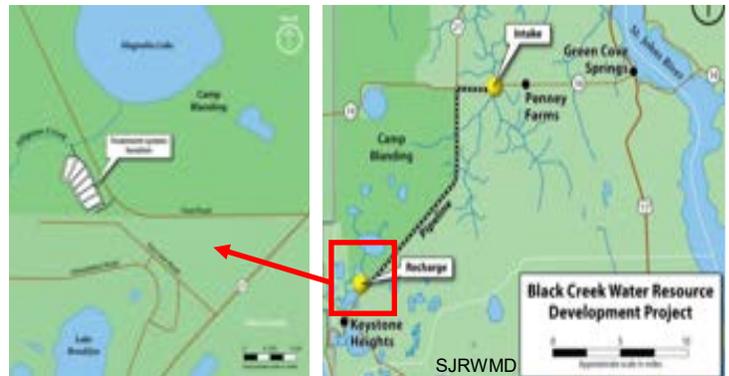
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BLACK CREEK PROJECT WATER TREATMENT PONDS

This 12/11/2023 photo, provided by the District, shows a small portion of the site work excavation in Camp Blanding needed for the project's water treatment ponds. The treatment of the tannin stained water from Black Creek became a requirement of the project as the EPA would not approve the change of the classification of Lake Brooklyn from a clear water lake into a dark water lake.



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BLACK CREEK FLOOD:

This Tuesday, 12/19/23, photo shows the Black Creek Project Inlet Site. The inset picture was taken 4/23/23, when the site was fully mobilized. Project machinery vulnerable to the rising waters was removed or secured. With the size of the Black Creek tributary area and the amount of rain in this event, it will take time for the water to recede. These kinds of delays are planned for and should not delay the project.

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A PROJECT MILESTONE: With heavy rain predicted for 12/16/23 and the flooding of Black Creek forecast, workers in the pit (1) at the lowest level under the pump station, worked urgently to cut a hole through the 1/2" sheet steel (2) allowing the micro tunneling machine (3) to be withdrawn from the conduit.



AT THE INLET SITE: The final section of steel pipe conduit (4) between the Inlet site and the Pump Station is seen in place ahead of the hydraulic jack. The inner pipe sections (5 & 6) will be loaded one after the other into the conduit and bolted together. The inner pipe rests on stand-offs and rollers inside the steel conduit and is pressed by the jack toward the pump station. **THE JOURNEY:** The inner pipe will carry the water from the creek to a manifold under the pump station. Vertical pipes connect to four powerful pumps which will draw the water up and force it through 17 miles of 30" pipe. This pipe is currently being buried in the North right of way of SR-16 and in the West right of way of SR-21, alongside Camp Blanding. At the South end of Camp Blanding, the water will enter a treatment facility. At discharge, it will equal or exceed the quality and clarity of the existing water in Lake Brooklyn. Released into Alligator Creek, the water will flow into Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva. Ultimately it will flow into and replenish the Floridan Aquifer.



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Please feel free to check us out!

SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD Mtg. 10:00 AM MONDAY, 1/8/2024 at the Palatka Office
Verify on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)



SOLO's SUGGESTION: It will be far easier and less expensive to remove trees from the lake bed before the water is 10 FT higher.

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Vivian will report on all the latest SOLO news at our next meeting, 7:00 PM, Tuesday, JAN. 9th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!

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