# Leon County Surface Water Management Activities

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## County activities involve many agencies

- Tallahassee/Leon County Planning Department
- Leon County Growth and Environmental Management
- Leon County Public Works Department
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Roadway Operations
  - Mosquito Control and Stormwater Maintenance
  - Solid Waste
  - Engineering Services

### Joint City/County Planning

- Comprehensive Plan guides land use and infrastructure
- Sector studies of the community to determine site specific management goals
- Land use designation and management, such as site-specific zoning and delineating the Urban Services Area
- Greenway and sensitive land acquisition to protect natural habitat and other features

# County Growth and Environmental Management

- Environmental permitting of development activity to comply with local standards
- Develop ordinances for resource protection county-wide (eg., volume control)
- Studies to establish basin-specific stormwater treatment and habitat protection standards (eg., Bradfordville)
- Lakes monitoring to document conditions and identify trends
- Map environmentally sensitive features
- □ Enforcement of environmental ordinances

### County Public Works

- Parks and RecreationDepartment
  - Resource management
  - education



- □ Roadway Operations
  - Shoulder maintenance
  - Linear detention maintenance
  - Vegetation control

- Mosquito Control and Stormwater Maintenance
  - Stormwater facility maintenance
  - Natural drainage way monitoring and maintenance
  - Licensed operators



- Engineering Services
  - Stormwater Program
  - Infrastructure design
  - Construction management
  - Development review and coordination

#### Stormwater Program

- Utility management
- NPDES compliance
- TMDL coordination
- □ Capital program development
- Operations support
- Emergency response and planning

# Improve data supporting modeling and analysis

- □ Improved watershed mapping detail with LIDAR (LIght Detection And Ranging)
- Real-time rainfall and stream level gauge reporting through CAFWN (Capital Area Flood Warning Network)
- Countywide water quality and biological sampling program

## Water Quality and Habitat Sampling for NPDES Compliance

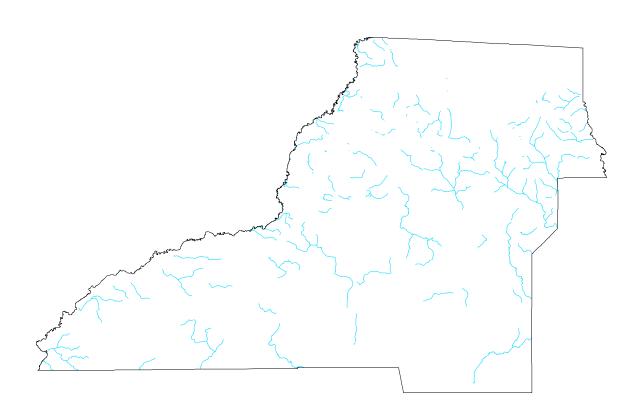
- Monitor inflow and discharge quality for existing treatment facilities to determine efficiency by facility type
- Perform Stream Condition Index for three areas in the Lake Munson system
- Quarterly trend monitoring in 12 tributaries
- Coliform characterization at 5 locations

#### Program enhancements

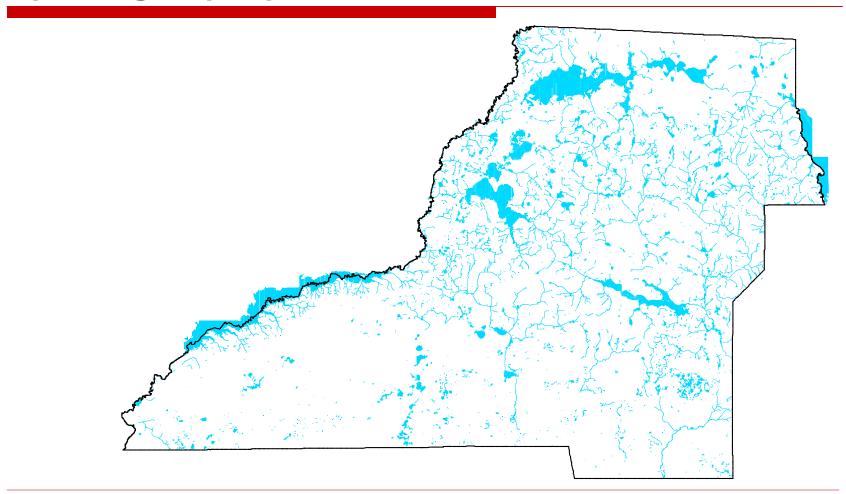
- Improve GIS and base map data
- Increase knowledge of flowway function and rainfall distribution

 Document groundwater response to surface flows

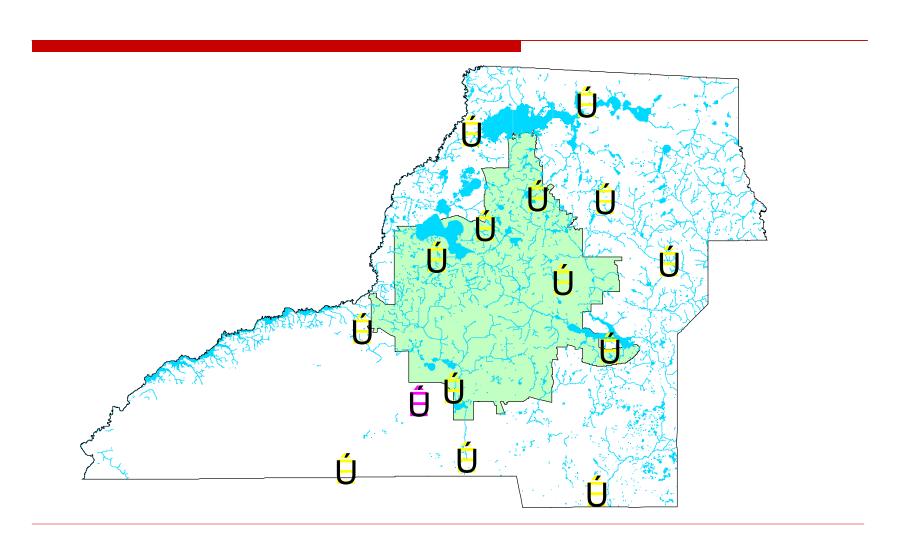
### USGS Quadrangle - Hydrography



### Leon County GIS -Hydrography



#### Capital Area Flood Warning Network



# Capital Projects for Surface Water Management

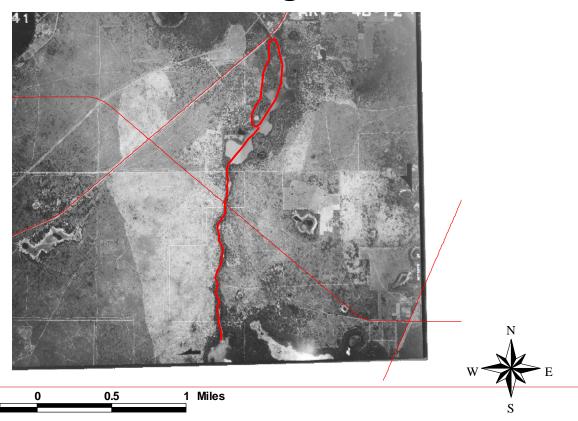
- Gum Swamp Restoration
  - Public health required mosquito control ditching of wetland
  - Drained swamp was timbered and developed
  - 1980's plan evolved to "restore" Gum Swamp, at least what remained
  - Rehydration has caused tree loss

#### Lake Henrietta

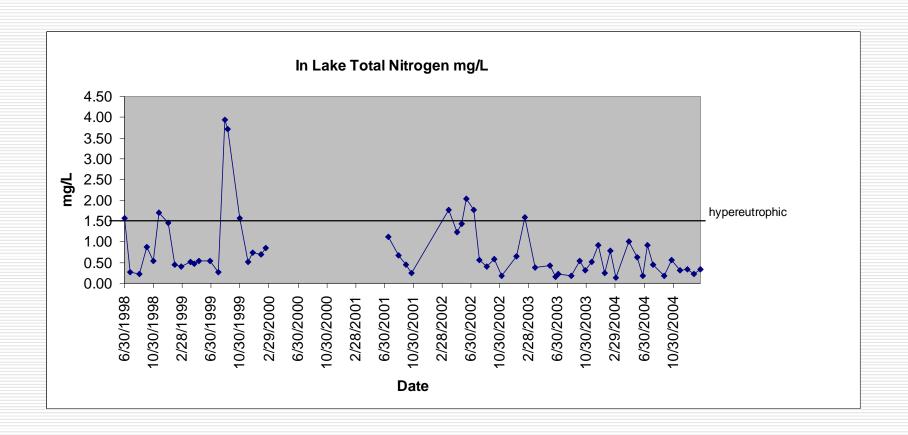
- Baseflow up to 2-year storm (1-inch) will be captured and treated
- High flows are directed through AND around the treatment pond
- Natural wetlands along slough are rehydrated to provide nutrient uptake and peak flow storage

#### Lake Henrietta Restoration

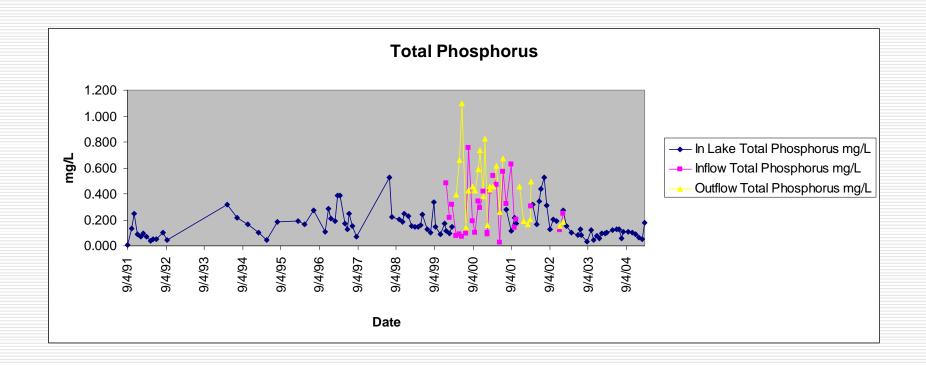
### Lake Henrietta and Munson Slough North



#### Lake Munson Response



### Lake Munson Response



# Habitat has value to be considered in the cost/benefit analysis

- Large regional ponds sacrifice creeks and wetlands
- Designing based on relative alternative costs rather than net improvement to habitat due to intangible value of system
- Altered hydroperiod of streams and receiving waters affect habitat