

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Aquarius in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	974 - 1340	<b>1181 (5)</b>
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Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 7.5	2.9 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 2.3	0.9 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	21 - 42	28 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	3364 - 13000	7302 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

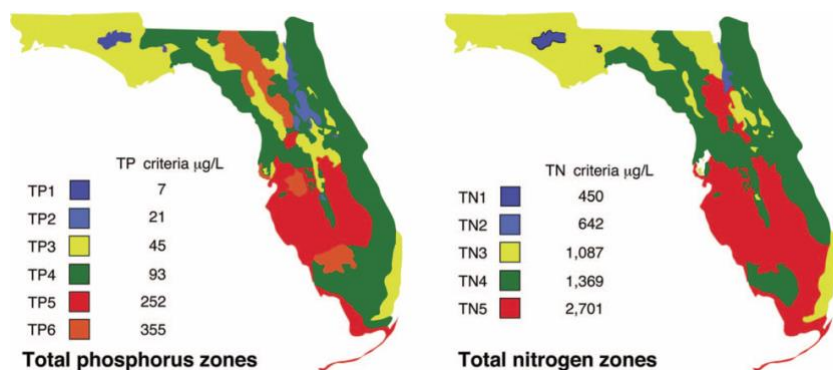
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Aquarius
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9175
Longitude	-82.1989
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>48 (39 to 68)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1181 (974 to 1340)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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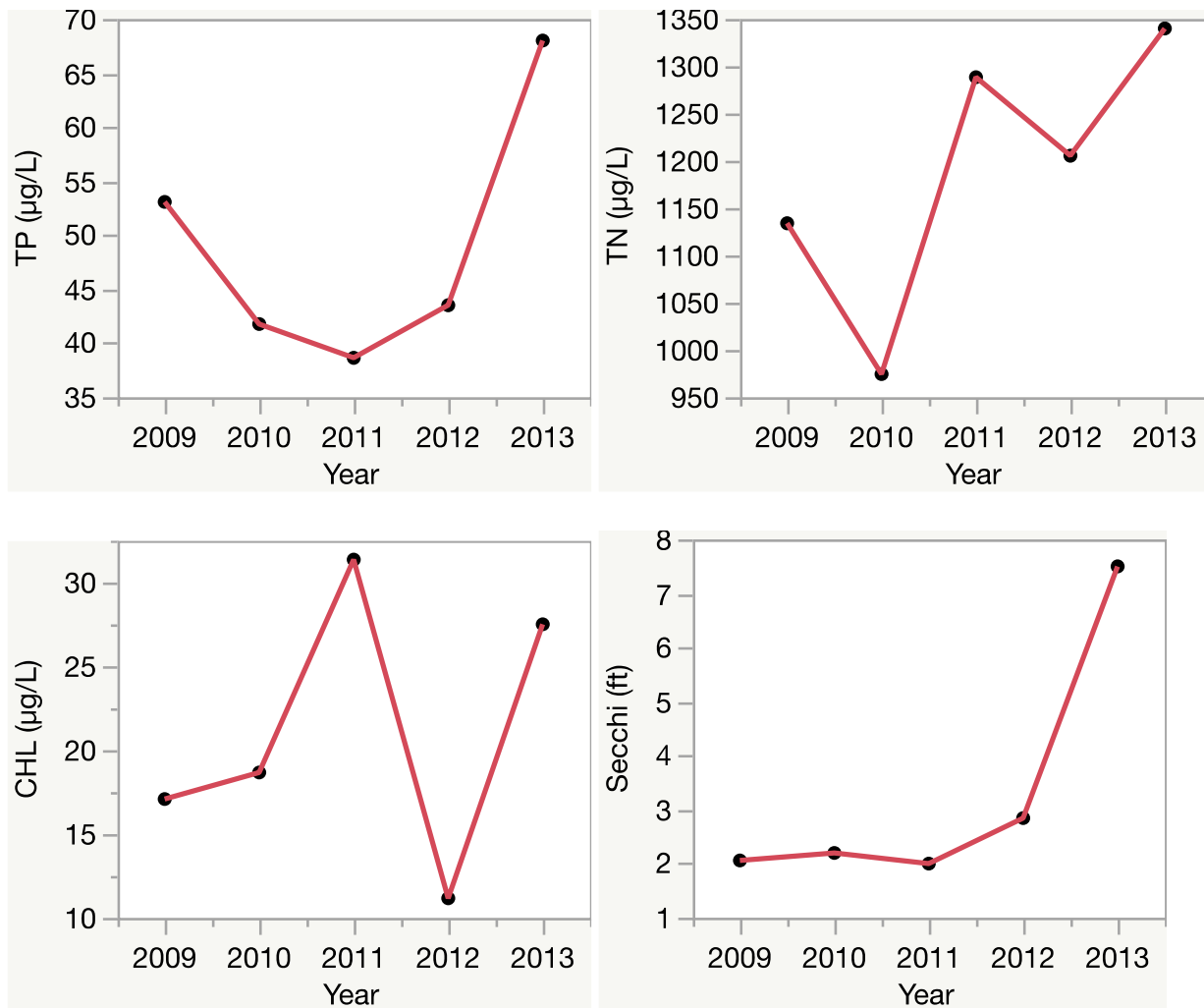
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**Figure 2. Lake Aquarius trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.18$ ,  $p = 0.48$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.50$ ,  $p = 0.18$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.07$ ,  $p = 0.67$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.60$ ,  $p = 0.13$ ).**



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Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 3.5	2.7 (2)
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Color (Pt-Co Units)	45 - 52	49 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

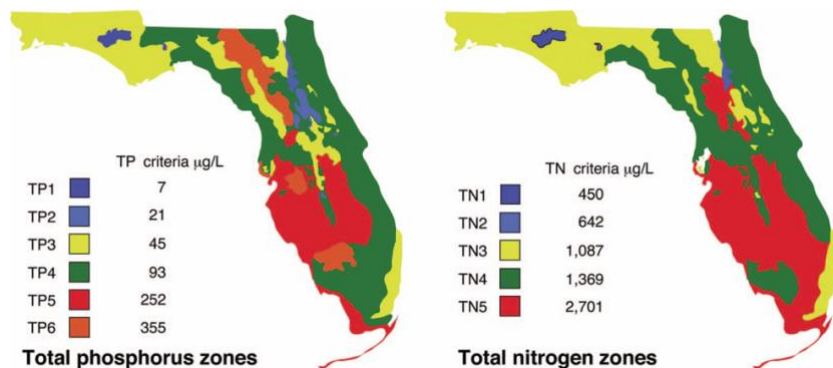
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Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

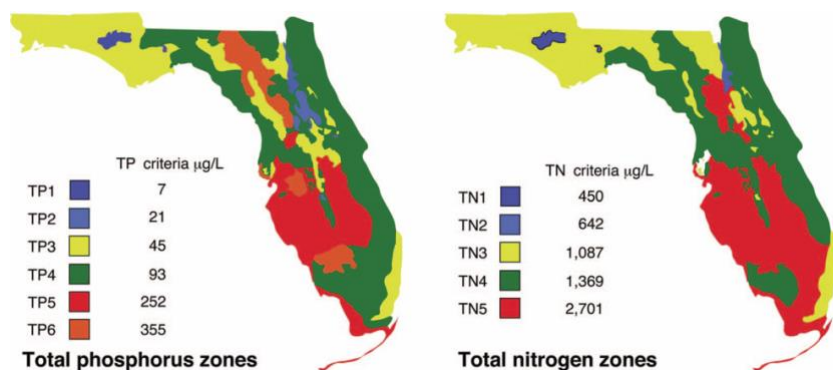
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Broadmoor River
GNIS Number	2493895
Latitude	26.9139
Longitude	-82.2697
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>52 (51 to 52)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>886 (805 to 976)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Buck Creek Weir in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	64 - 139	<b>90 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	884 - 1103	<b>995 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 42	<b>13 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.6 - 6.1	4.3 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.8	1.3 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	42 - 58	50 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	621 - 736	673 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

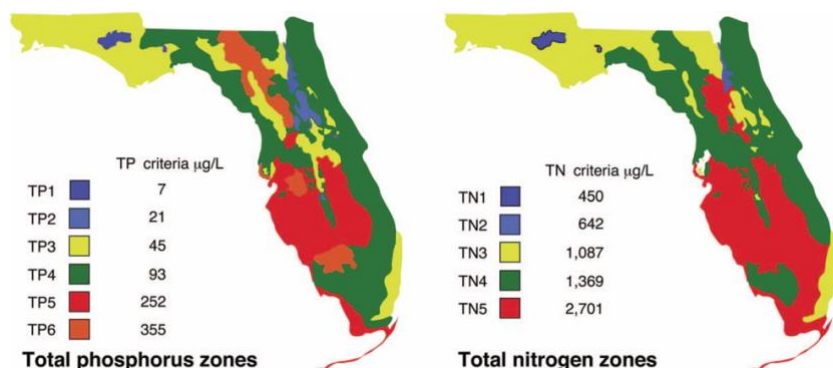
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Buck Creek Weir
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8977
Longitude	-82.2960
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2010 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>90 (64 to 139)</b>
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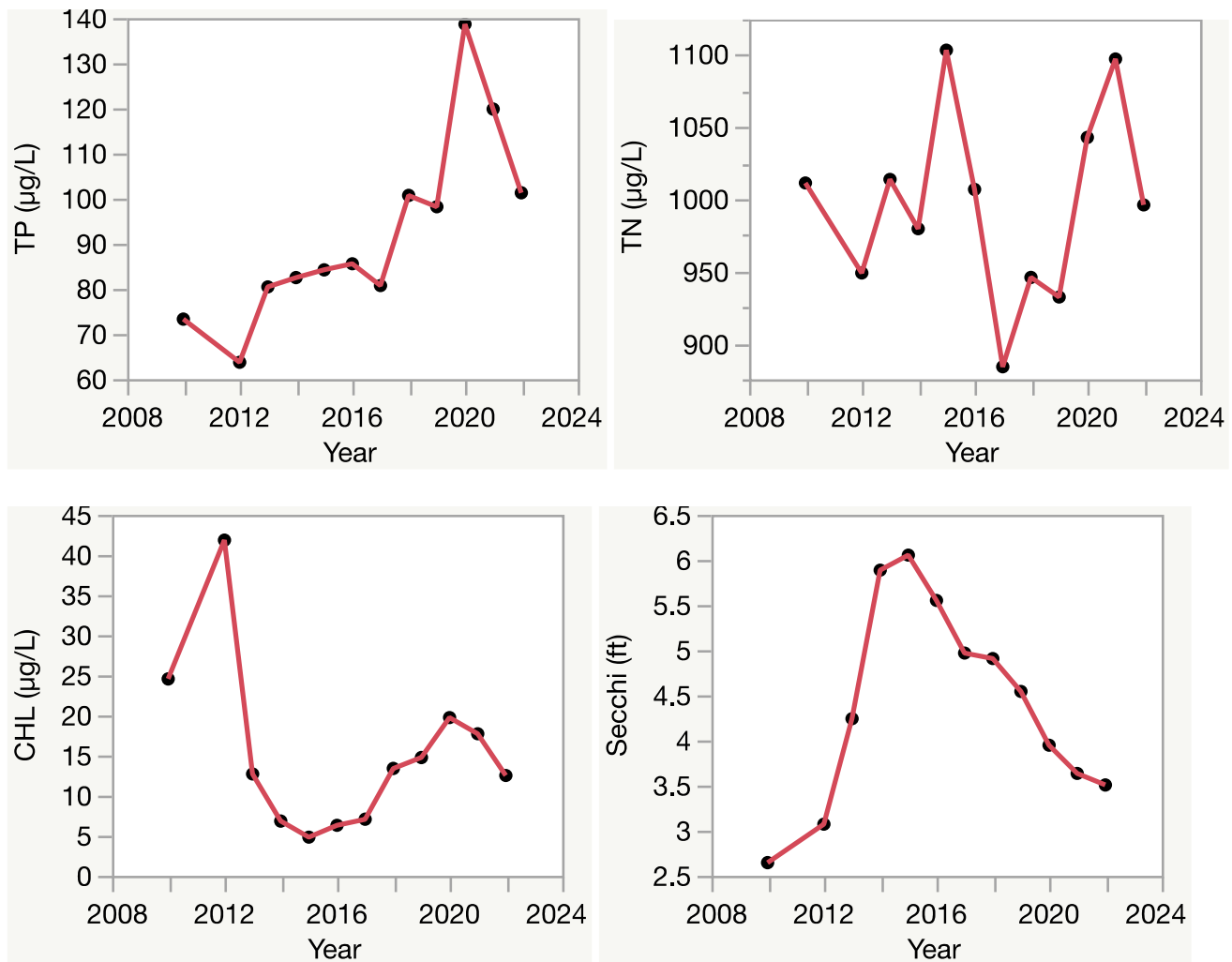
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**Figure 2. Lake Buck Creek Weir trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.65$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.77$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.09$ ,  $p = 0.35$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.86$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Butterford in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	73 - 101	<b>86 (5)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	957 - 1211	<b>1140 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	32 - 45	<b>36 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.3 - 3.0	2.6 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.9	0.8 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	32 - 66	48 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1242 - 5316	2508 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

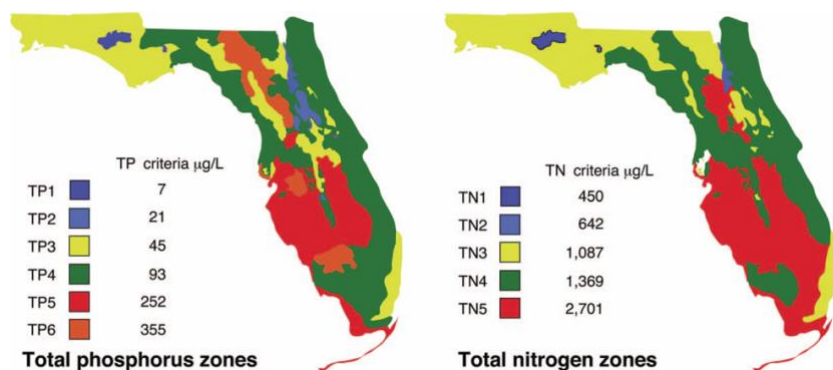
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Butterford
GNIS Number	2493896
Latitude	26.9162
Longitude	-82.2260
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>86 (73 to 101)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1140 (957 to 1211)</b>



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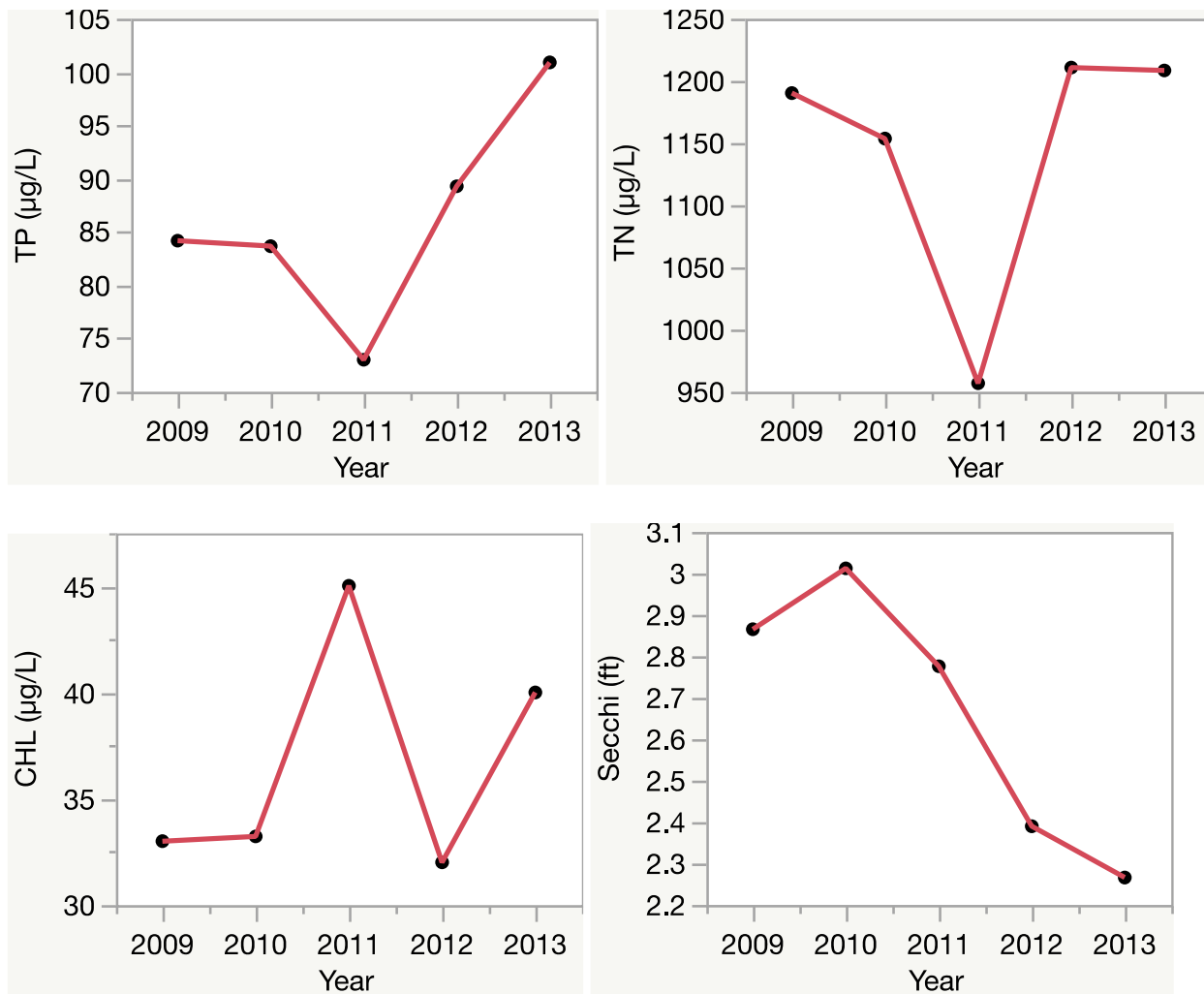
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3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
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**Figure 2. Lake Butterford trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.37$ ,  $p = 0.27$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.82$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.13$ ,  $p = 0.55$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.81$ ,  $p = 0.04$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Casa de Meadows in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	21 - 32	<b>24 (9)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	747 - 1664	<b>1138 (9)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	23 - 33	<b>28 (9)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 3.6	2.3 (9)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.1	0.7 (9)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	16 - 31	20 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1695 - 3108	2488 (9)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

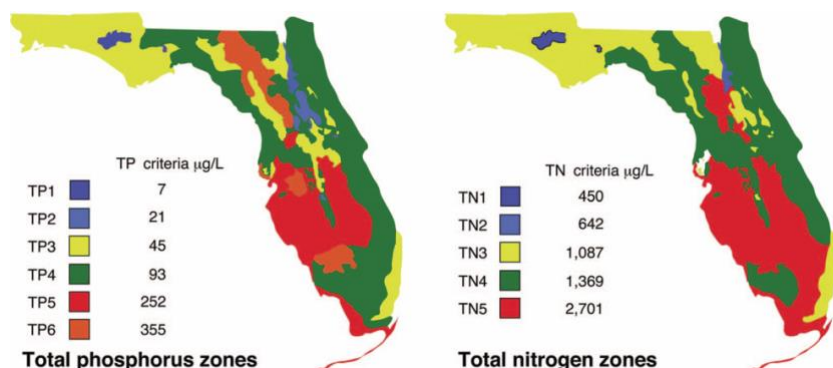
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Casa de Meadows
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9140
Longitude	-82.3141
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2013 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>24 (21 to 32)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1138 (747 to 1664)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

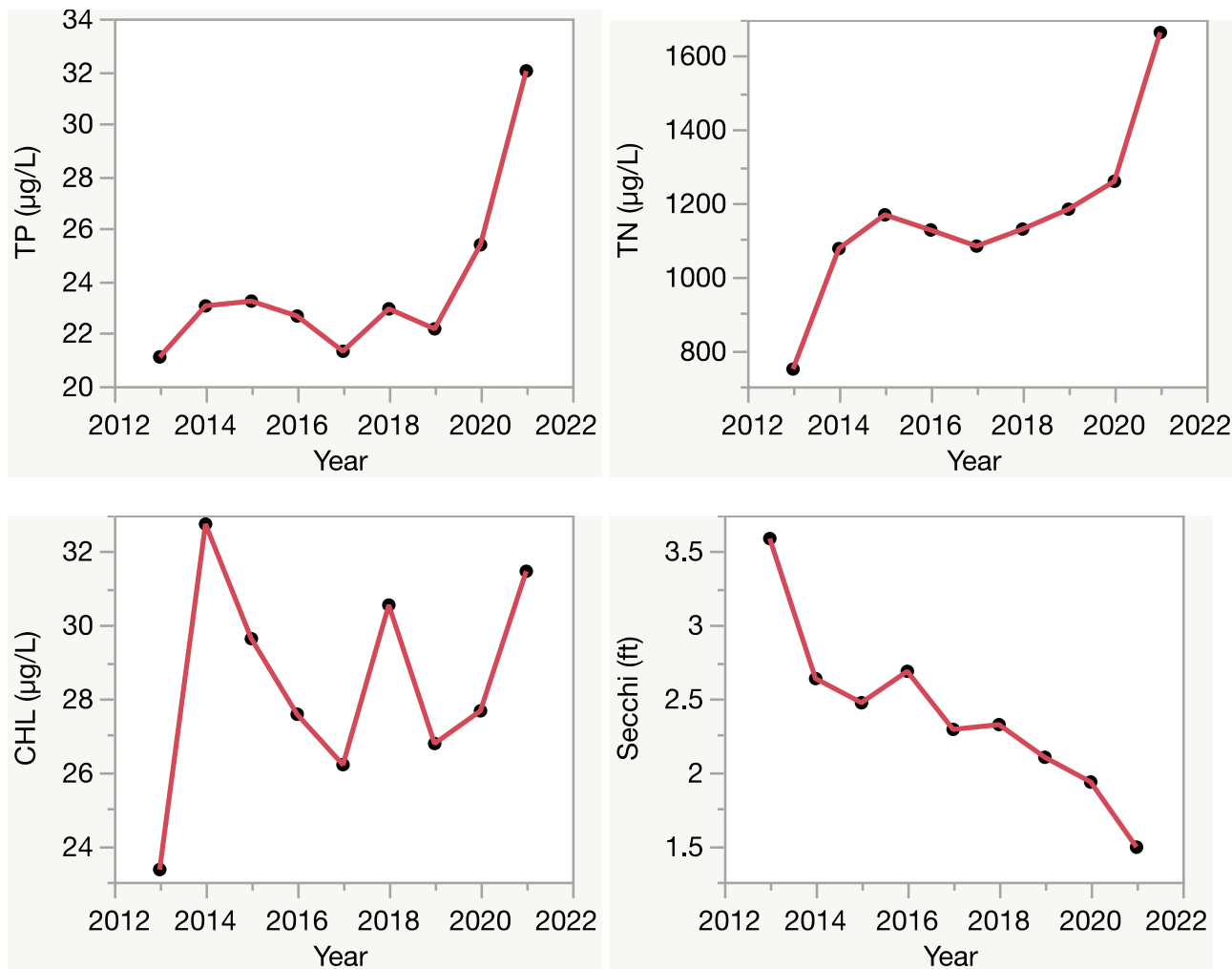
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

**Figure 2. Lake Casa de Meadows trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.45$ ,  $p = 0.05$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.67$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.05$ ,  $p = 0.56$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.83$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for L-4 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	44 - 53	<b>48 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1112 - 1409	<b>1302 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	21 - 30	<b>25 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	-	(0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	72 - 85	80 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	288 - 362	335 (3)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

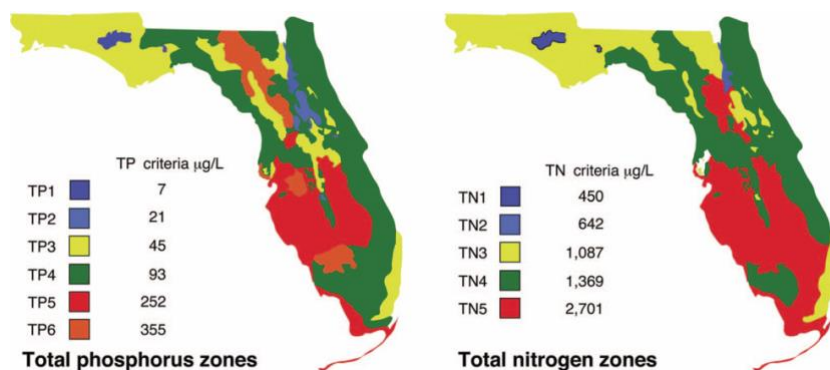
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	L-4
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9110
Longitude	-82.2653
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2020 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>48 (44 to 53)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1302 (1112 to 1409)</b>



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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for L-6 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
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- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	40 - 46	<b>43 (4)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2410 - 3352	<b>2953 (4)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	46 - 72	<b>62 (4)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.3	0.3 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	34 - 37	35 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	712 - 751	735 (3)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

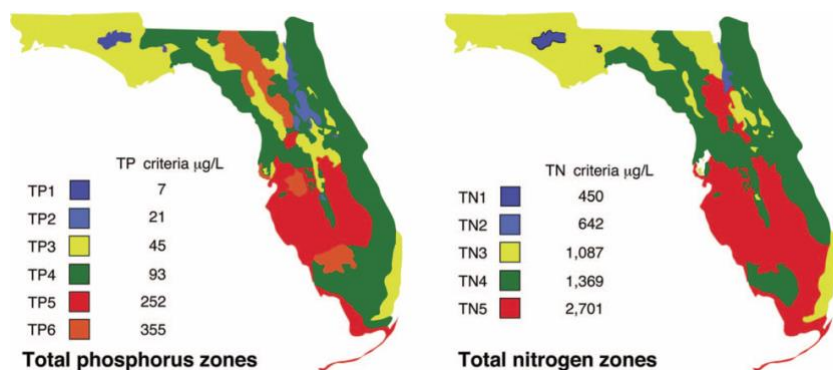
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	L-6
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9094
Longitude	-82.2646
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2018 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>43 (40 to 46)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2953 (2410 to 3352)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for L-9 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
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## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	61 - 61	<b>61 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2460 - 2460	<b>2460 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	107 - 107	<b>107 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.3	0.3 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

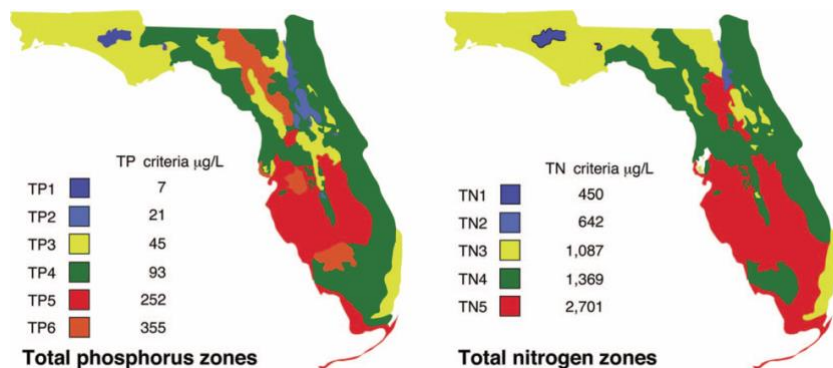
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	L-9
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9069
Longitude	-82.2653
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2018 to 2018
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>61 (61 to 61)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>2460 (2460 to 2460)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Lagoon in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	33 - 57	<b>43 (5)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1072 - 1388	<b>1220 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	20 - 30	<b>24 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.6	2.3 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	16 - 36	27 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	2734 - 7990	4833 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

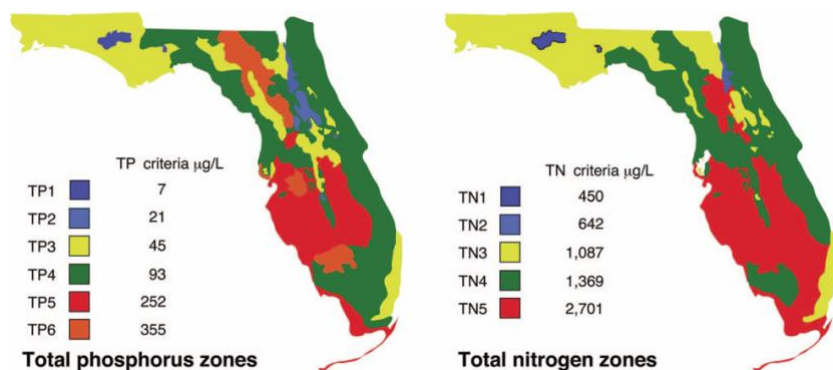
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Lagoon
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8733
Longitude	-82.1773
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>43 (33 to 57)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1220 (1072 to 1388)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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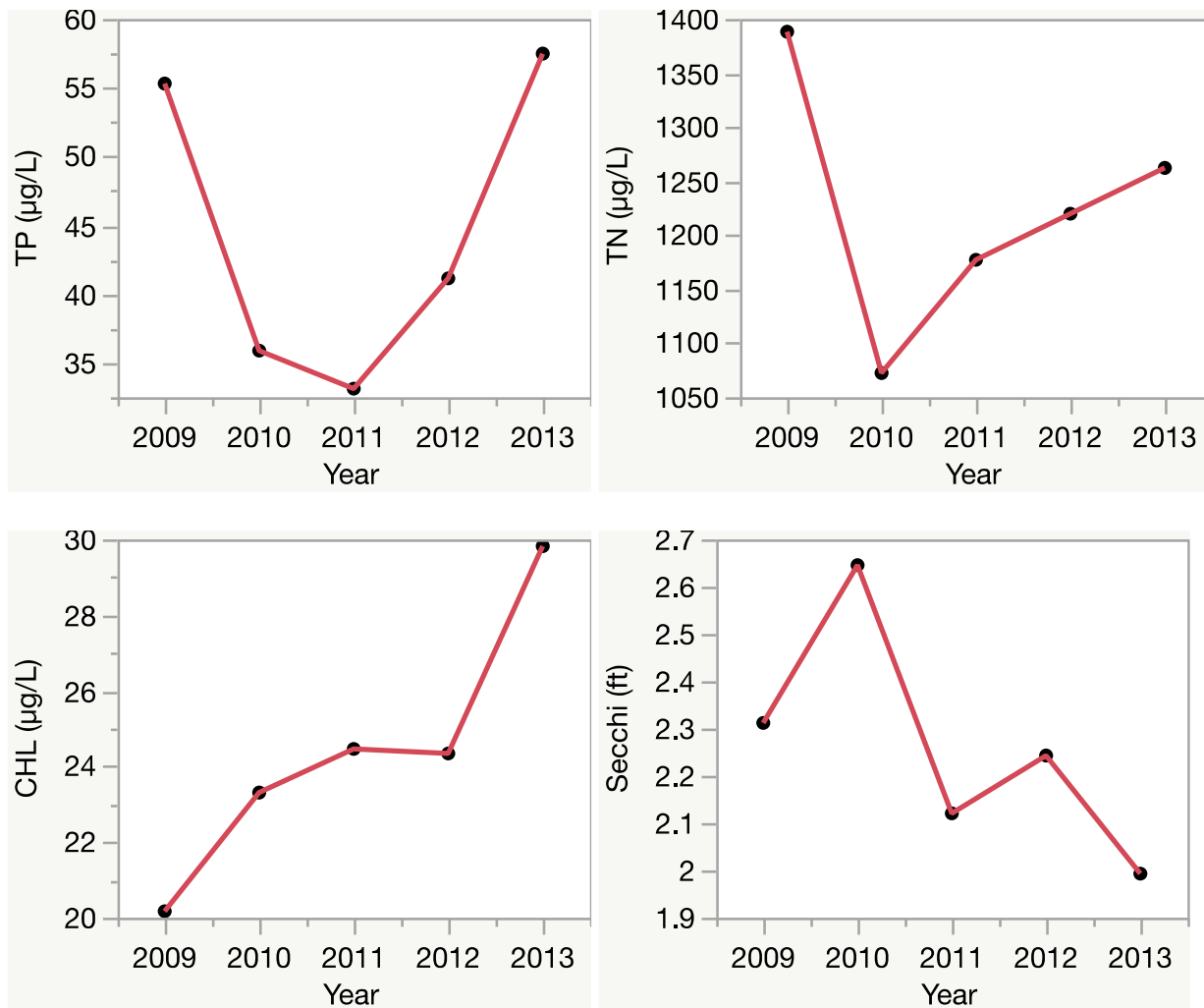
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Lock in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	48 - 87	<b>59 (5)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1007 - 1337	<b>1179 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	16 - 33	<b>21 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.3 - 3.0	2.5 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.9	0.8 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	32 - 38	35 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	4401 - 18000	9362 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

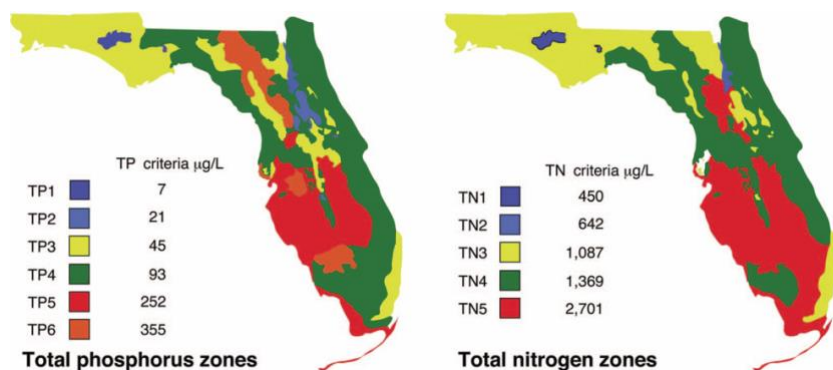
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Lock
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9406
Longitude	-82.1961
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>59 (48 to 87)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1179 (1007 to 1337)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

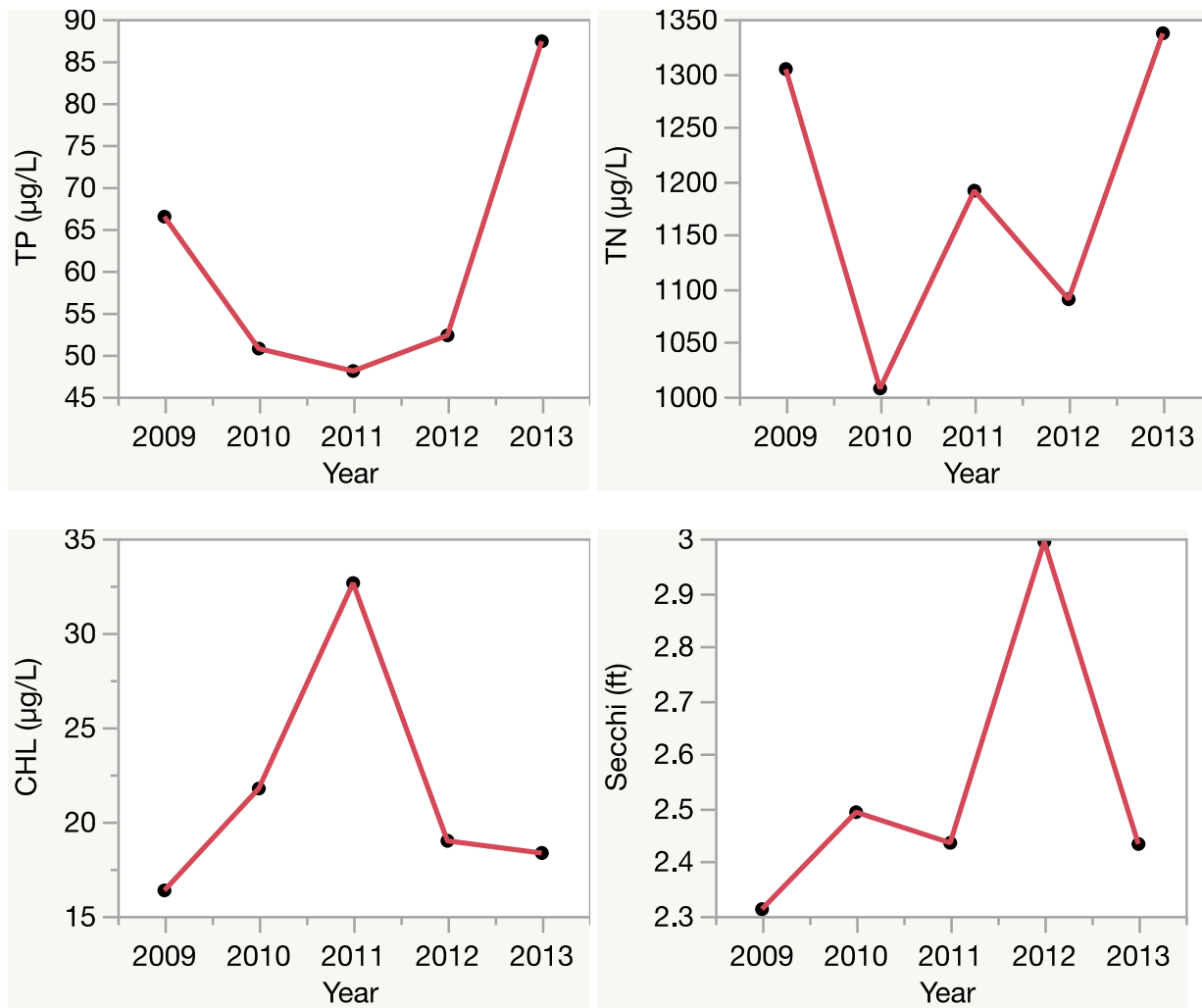
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Longmeadow River in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	38 - 50	<b>43 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	752 - 990	<b>863 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 19	<b>11 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.2 - 3.4	3.3 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	43 - 46	44 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

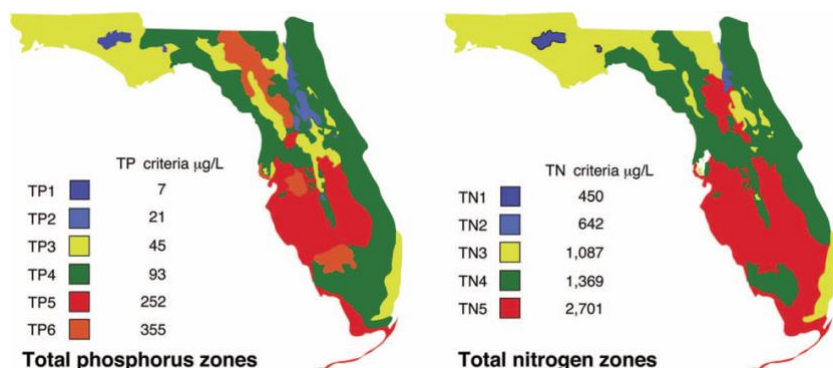
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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County	Charlotte
Name	Longmeadow River
GNIS Number	2493917
Latitude	26.9057
Longitude	-82.2533
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>43 (38 to 50)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>863 (752 to 990)</b>



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- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	91 - 91	<b>91 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1586 - 1586	<b>1586 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	28 - 28	<b>28 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.0	2.0 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.6	0.6 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	30 - 30	30 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	8000 - 8000	8000 (1)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

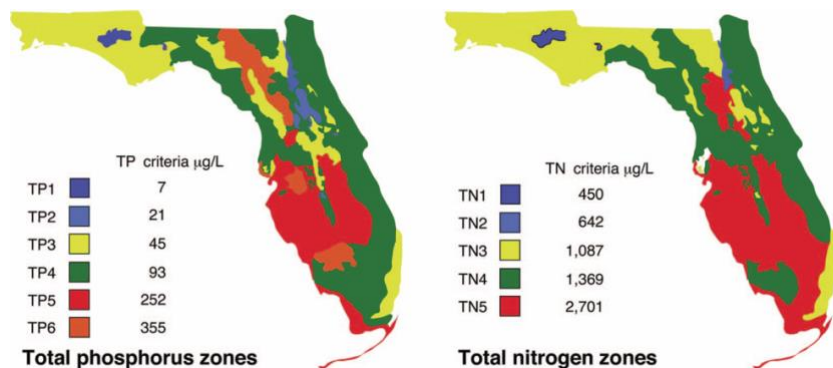
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Marina
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8720
Longitude	-82.2325
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2009
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>91 (91 to 91)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1586 (1586 to 1586)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
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  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Oakland Hills End in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
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## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	63 - 132	<b>94 (15)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1005 - 1730	<b>1162 (15)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 35	<b>13 (15)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.3	3.0 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.3	0.9 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	48 - 102	58 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	644 - 1109	756 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

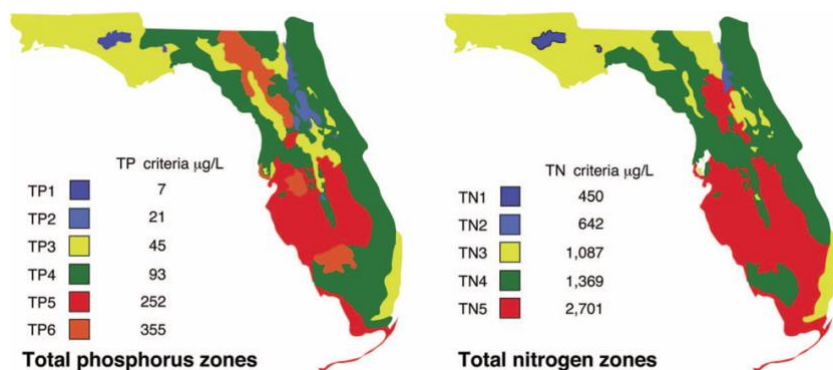
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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County	Charlotte
Name	Oakland Hills End
GNIS Number	2493922
Latitude	26.8791
Longitude	-82.2914
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>94 (63 to 132)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1162 (1005 to 1730)</b>



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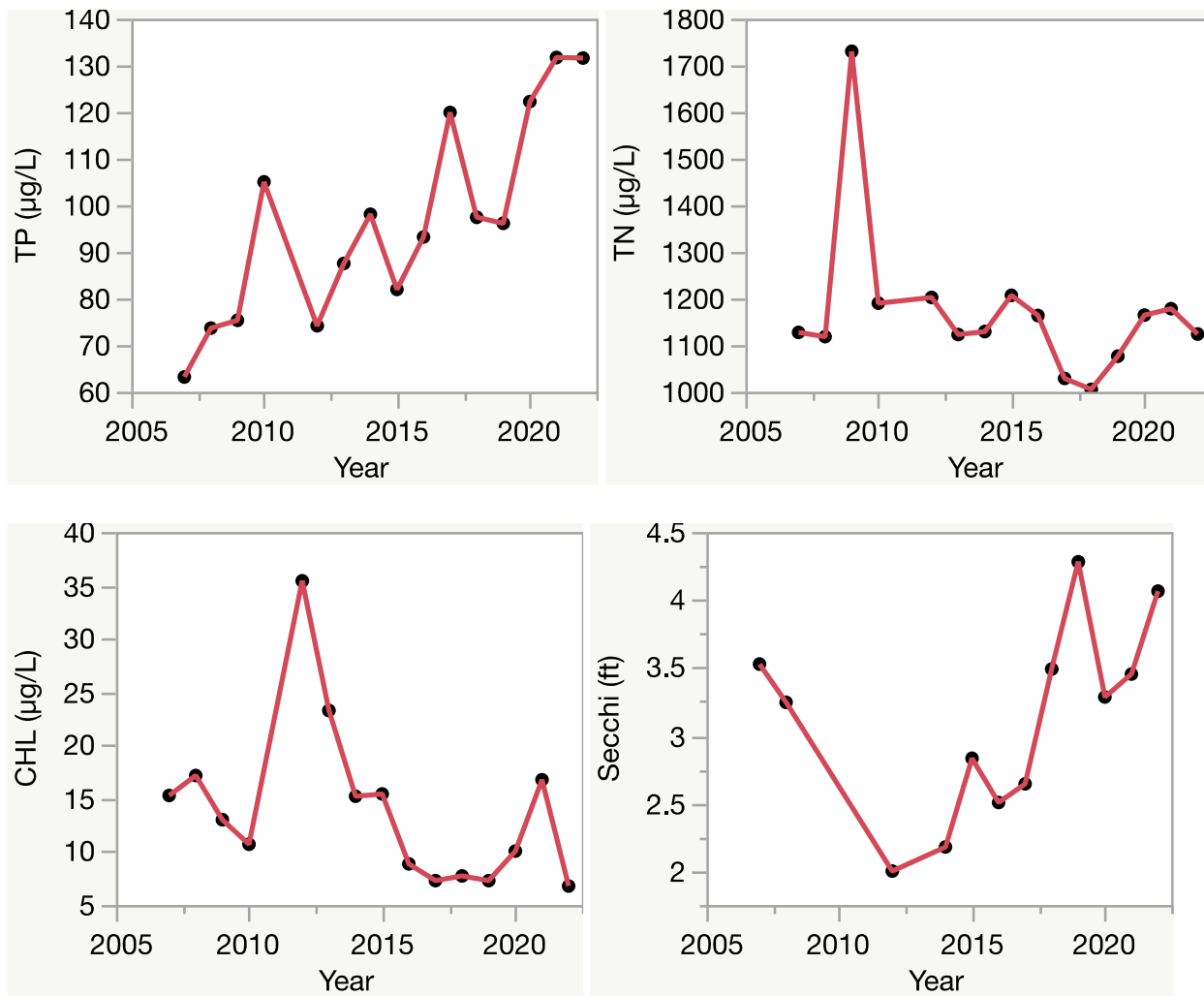
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**Figure 2. Lake Oakland Hills End trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.69$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.14$ ,  $p = 0.17$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.17$ ,  $p = 0.13$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.13$ ,  $p = 0.24$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Oakland Hills River in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	84 - 92	<b>88 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1102 - 1152	<b>1127 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	25 - 42	<b>32 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.6 - 3.1	2.9 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.0	0.9 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	54 - 58	56 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

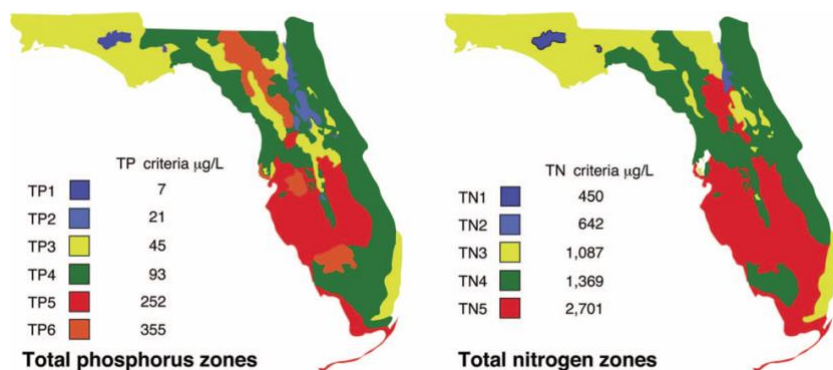
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- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Oakland Hills River
GNIS Number	2493922
Latitude	26.8807
Longitude	-82.2931
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>88 (84 to 92)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1127 (1102 to 1152)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pebble Beach Creek in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	97 - 130	<b>116 (4)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1008 - 1179	<b>1077 (4)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	19 - 40	<b>28 (4)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.6 - 4.0	3.8 (4)
Secchi (m)	1.1 - 1.2	1.2 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	43 - 55	49 (4)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	699 - 699	699 (1)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

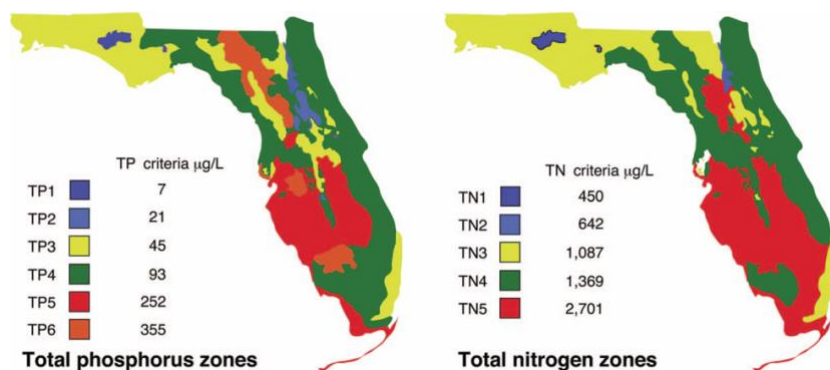
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

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- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pebble Beach Creek
GNIS Number	2493925
Latitude	26.9062
Longitude	-82.2886
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2007
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>116 (97 to 130)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1077 (1008 to 1179)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pebble Beach River in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
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## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	80 - 90	<b>85 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	942 - 1179	<b>1054 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 23	<b>12 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.2 - 3.6	3.4 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.1	1.0 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	40 - 54	47 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

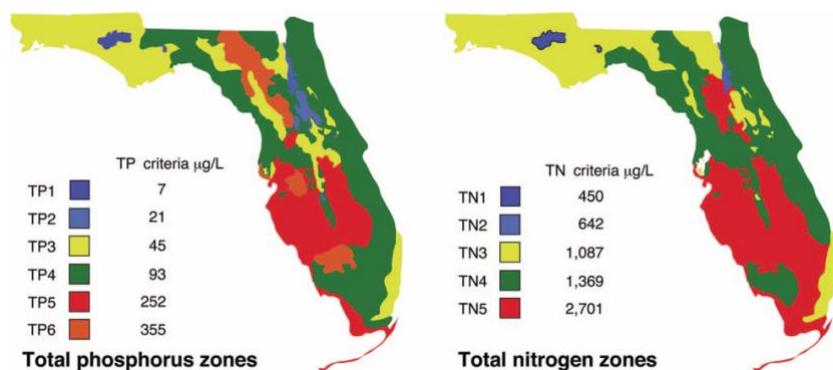
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pebble Beach River
GNIS Number	2493925
Latitude	26.8936
Longitude	-82.2966
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>85 (80 to 90)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1054 (942 to 1179)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
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3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pine Valley End in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	20 - 135	<b>47 (13)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	847 - 1427	<b>1055 (13)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 102	<b>29 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.1	2.9 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.2	0.9 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	31 - 95	42 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	708 - 2583	1220 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

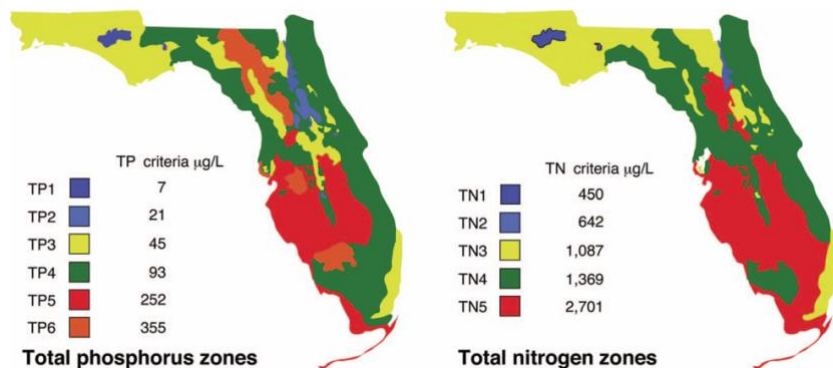
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- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pine Valley End
GNIS Number	2493927
Latitude	26.8709
Longitude	-82.2722
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>47 (20 to 135)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1055 (847 to 1427)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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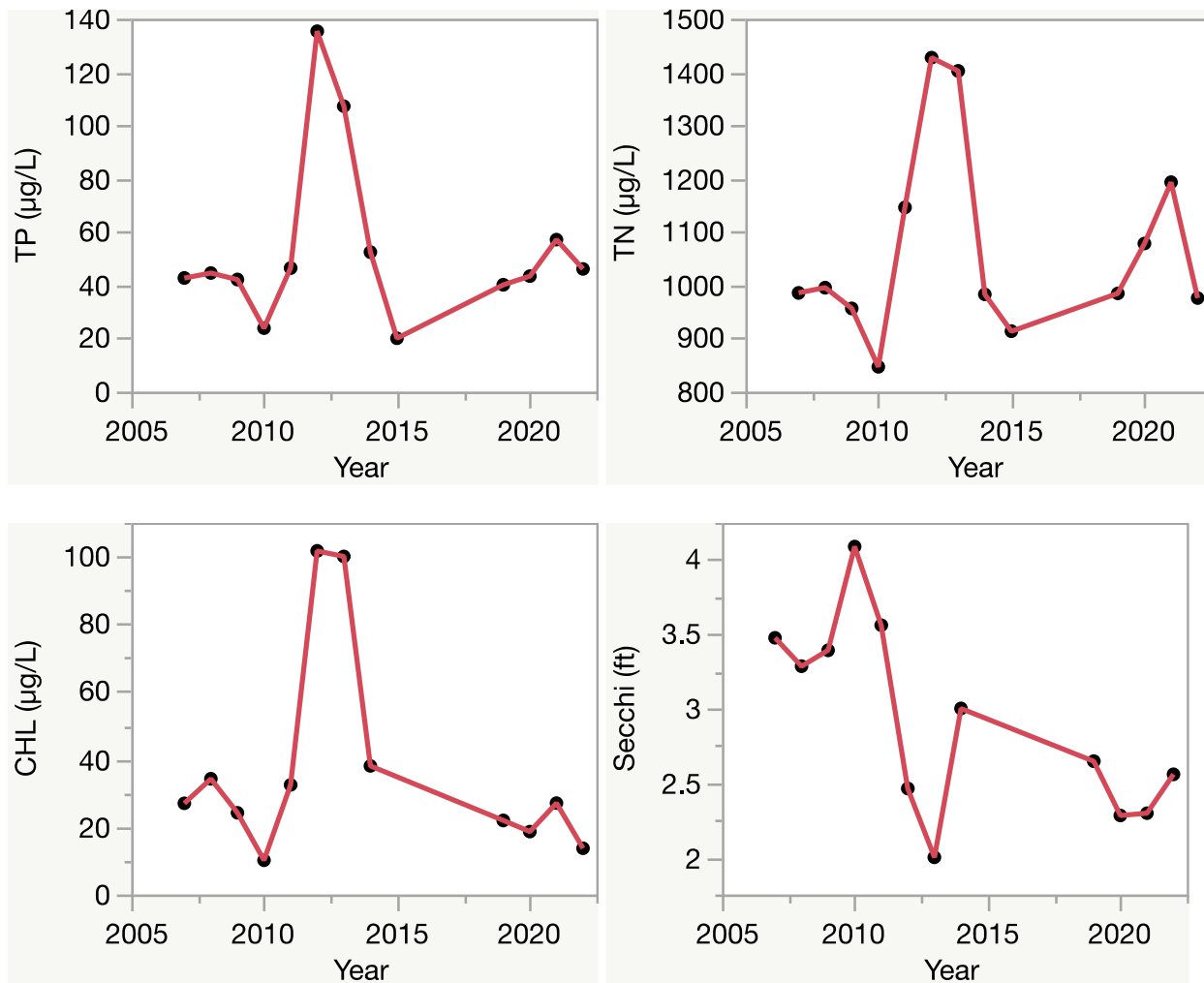
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Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

**Figure 2. Lake Pine Valley End trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.89$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.81$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.04$ ,  $p = 0.53$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.47$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ).**



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## Introduction for Lakes

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	37 - 129	<b>54 (16)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1010 - 1524	<b>1160 (16)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 41	<b>20 (16)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.5 - 4.2	3.2 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.3	1.0 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	38 - 56	48 (15)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	715 - 1767	1000 (15)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

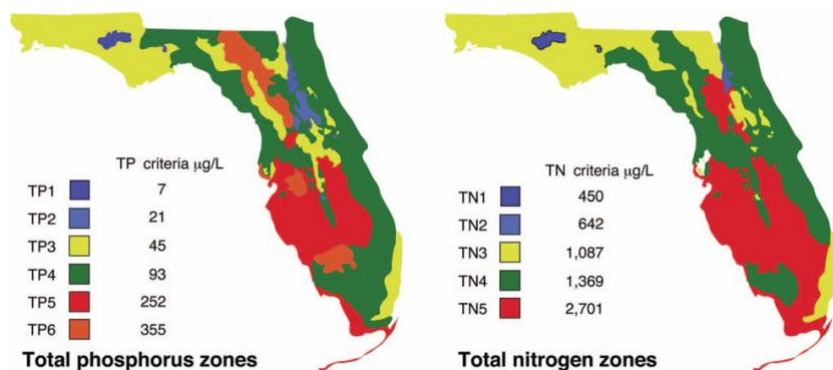
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pine Valley Weir
GNIS Number	2493927
Latitude	26.8862
Longitude	-82.2669
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>54 (37 to 129)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1160 (1010 to 1524)</b>



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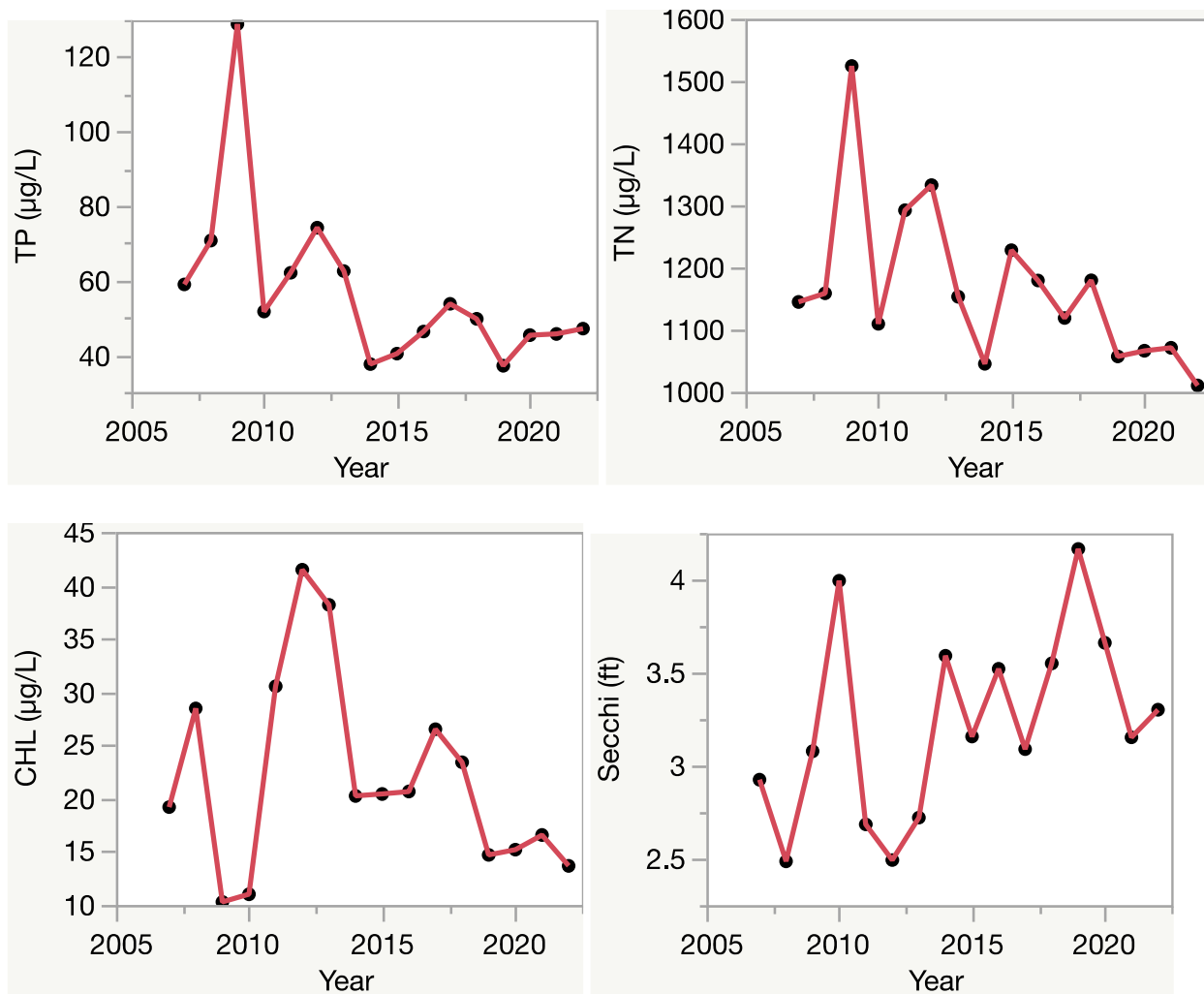
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pinehurst River in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	54 - 67	<b>60 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	771 - 1162	<b>946 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 19	<b>11 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.3 - 3.5	3.4 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.1	1.0 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	46 - 49	48 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

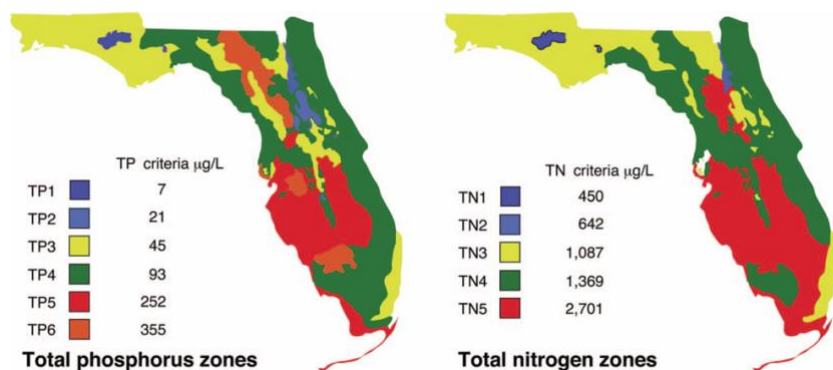
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pinehurst River
GNIS Number	2493877
Latitude	26.9098
Longitude	-82.2882
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>60 (54 to 67)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>946 (771 to 1162)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pond 1 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	89 - 171	<b>114 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1546 - 2252	<b>1847 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	72 - 126	<b>91 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 1.9	1.7 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.6	0.5 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

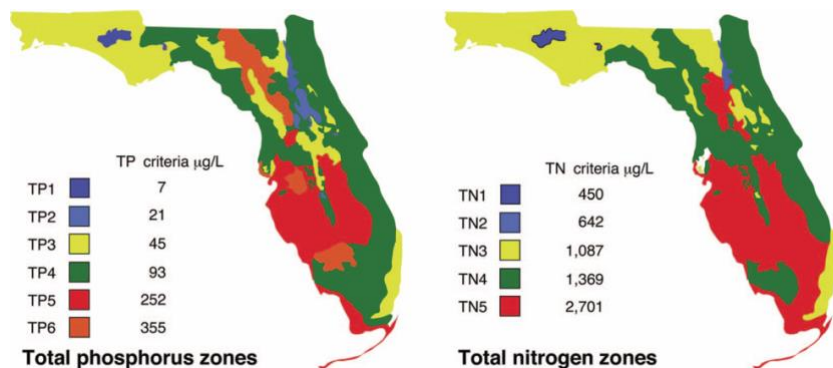
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 1
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.8879
Longitude	-82.2332
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>114 (89 to 171)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1847 (1546 to 2252)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

**Nutrient Zones and “Natural Background”**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): “Natural background” shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above “Natural Background”.
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within “Natural Background”.
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

## Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pond 2 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

### Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

### Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

### Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	135 - 271	<b>175 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1739 - 2863	<b>2153 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	73 - 161	<b>96 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 2.0	1.5 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.6	0.5 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

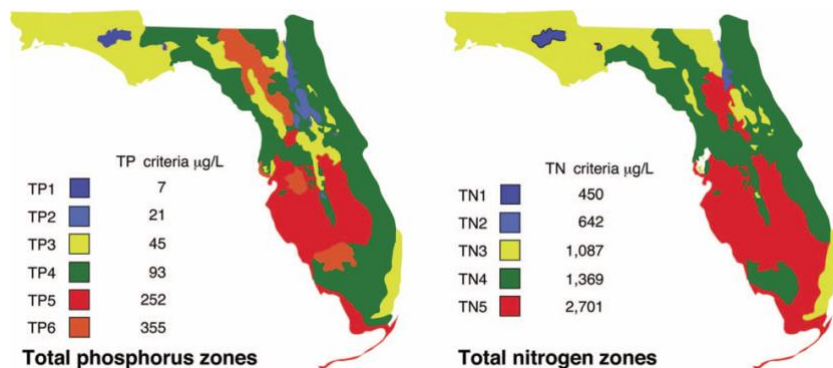
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

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- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 2
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8856
Longitude	-82.0285
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>175 (135 to 271)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2153 (1739 to 2863)</b>



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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pond 3 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	170 - 404	<b>238 (4)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1875 - 2544	<b>2173 (4)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	71 - 110	<b>85 (4)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.2 - 1.9	1.6 (4)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.6	0.5 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

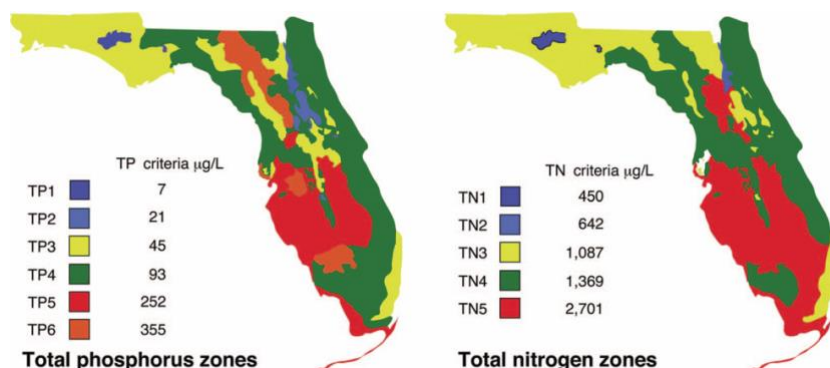
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 3
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8859
Longitude	-82.0321
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>238 (170 to 404)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2173 (1875 to 2544)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pond 4 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	132 - 168	<b>151 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1725 - 1895	<b>1799 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	52 - 106	<b>78 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.4 - 1.5	1.5 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.5	0.5 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

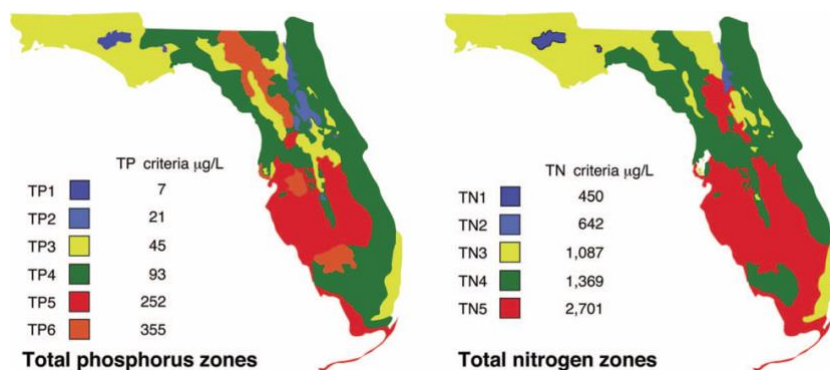
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**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 4
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8911
Longitude	-82.0367
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>151 (132 to 168)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1799 (1725 to 1895)</b>



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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	128 - 236	<b>166 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1605 - 2008	<b>1836 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	22 - 55	<b>31 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.9 - 3.3	2.4 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.0	0.7 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

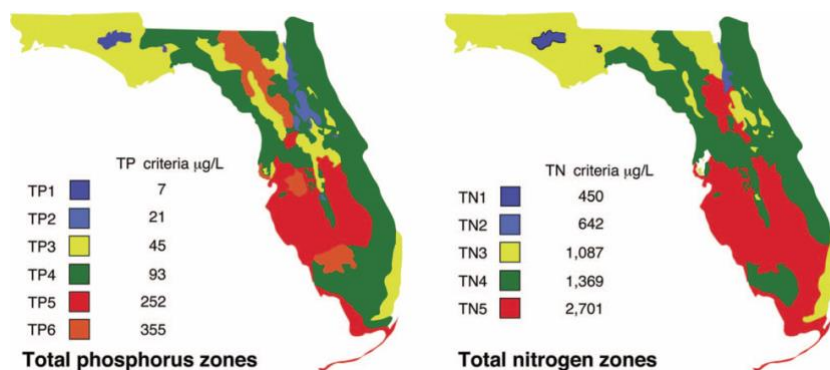
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 5
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8921
Longitude	-82.0353
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>166 (128 to 236)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1836 (1605 to 2008)</b>



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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pond 6 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	75 - 90	<b>81 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1367 - 1736	<b>1557 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	47 - 73	<b>60 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 2.1	1.9 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.7	0.6 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

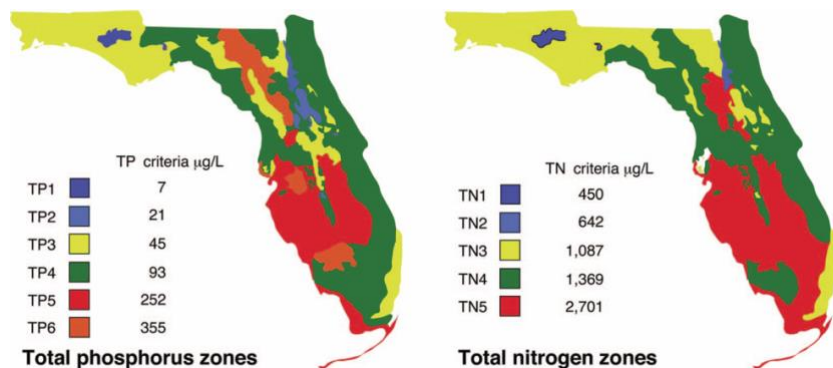
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 6
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8944
Longitude	-82.0334
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>81 (75 to 90)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1557 (1367 to 1736)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pond 7 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
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		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	66 - 93	<b>76 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1382 - 1564	<b>1474 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	33 - 62	<b>42 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 2.7	2.2 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.8	0.7 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

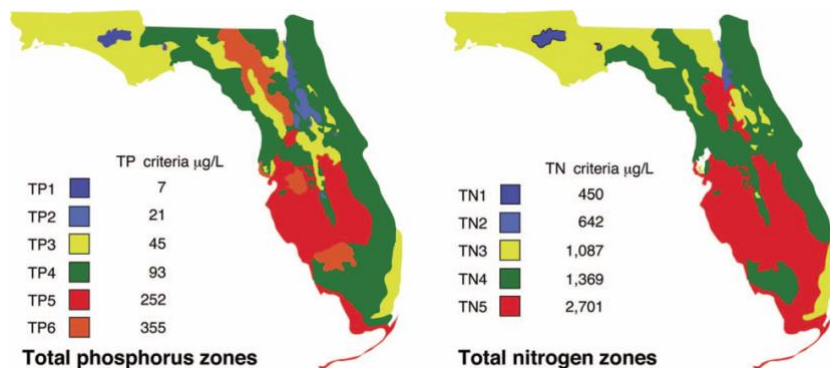
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Pond 7
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8927
Longitude	-82.0318
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1998
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>76 (66 to 93)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1474 (1382 to 1564)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

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  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Redfish in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	98 - 98	<b>98 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1370 - 1370	<b>1370 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	48 - 48	<b>48 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.9 - 2.9	2.9 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 0.9	0.9 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	26 - 26	26 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	218 - 218	218 (1)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

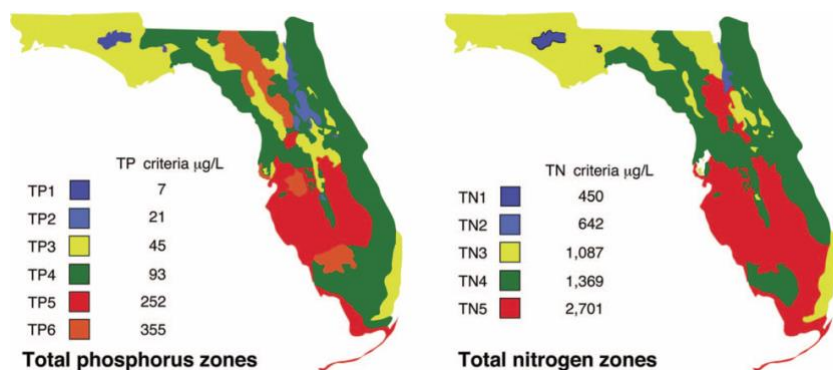
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Redfish
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9447
Longitude	-82.3171
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2022 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>98 (98 to 98)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1370 (1370 to 1370)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for South Crete in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	63 - 65	<b>64 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	381 - 585	<b>472 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 9	<b>9 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.3 - 3.3	3.3 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	9 - 23	15 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	18000 - 23958	20767 (2)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

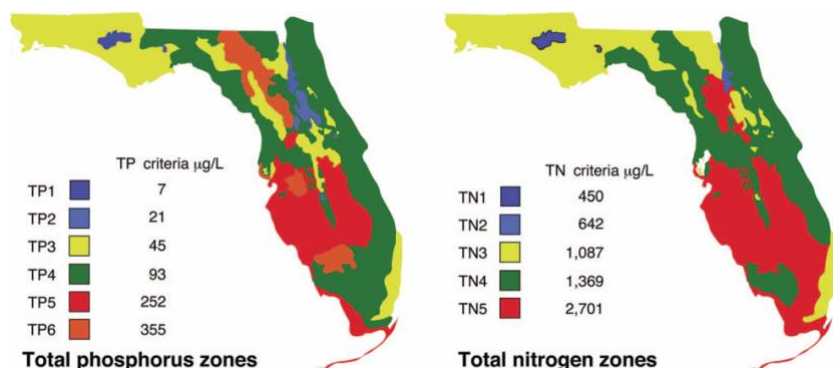
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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	South Crete
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8949
Longitude	-82.0369
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2018 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>64 (63 to 65)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>472 (381 to 585)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Spring in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	212 - 212	<b>212 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	868 - 868	<b>868 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	18 - 18	<b>18 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.2 - 4.2	4.2 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 1.3	1.3 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	74 - 74	74 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

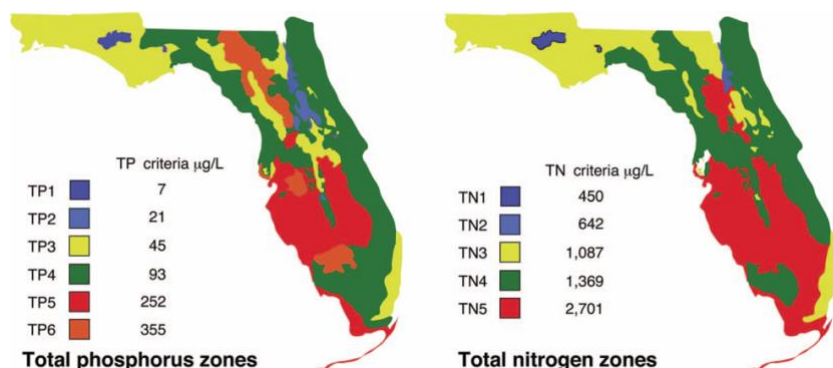
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The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

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- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Spring
GNIS Number	285581
Latitude	26.9746
Longitude	-82.1219
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>212 (212 to 212)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>868 (868 to 868)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Staunton in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	29 - 58	<b>41 (5)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	980 - 1444	<b>1247 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	18 - 31	<b>23 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 2.6	2.3 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	20 - 38	28 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	2723 - 11533	5926 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

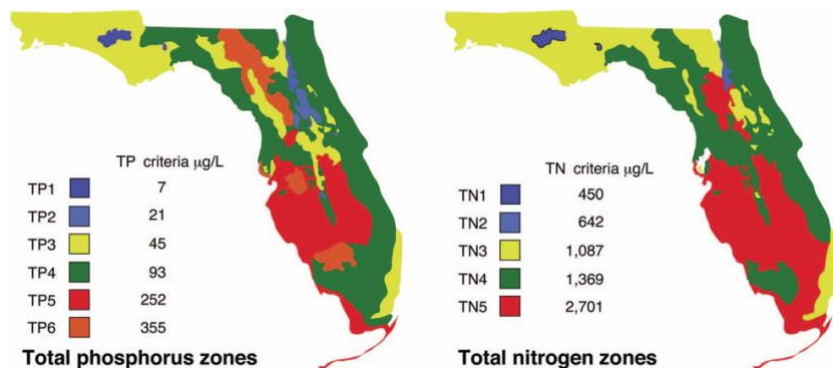
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Staunton
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8844
Longitude	-82.1876
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>41 (29 to 58)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1247 (980 to 1444)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

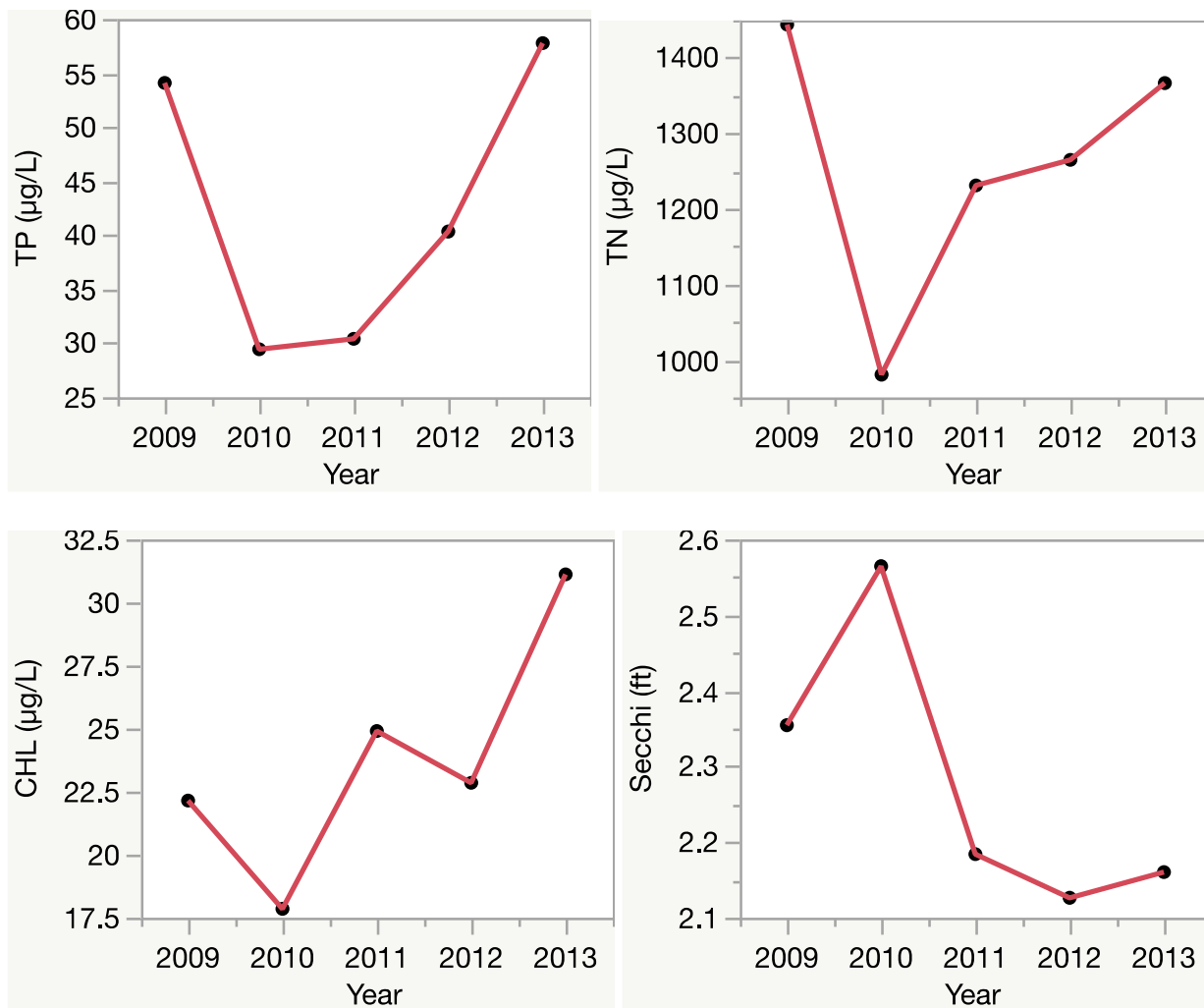
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**Figure 2. Lake Staunton trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.05$ ,  $p = 0.72$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.85$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.56$ ,  $p = 0.14$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.51$ ,  $p = 0.17$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Sturgeon in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	62 - 62	<b>62 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1283 - 1283	<b>1283 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	44 - 44	<b>44 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.5 - 2.5	2.5 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 0.8	0.8 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	26 - 26	26 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	240 - 240	240 (1)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

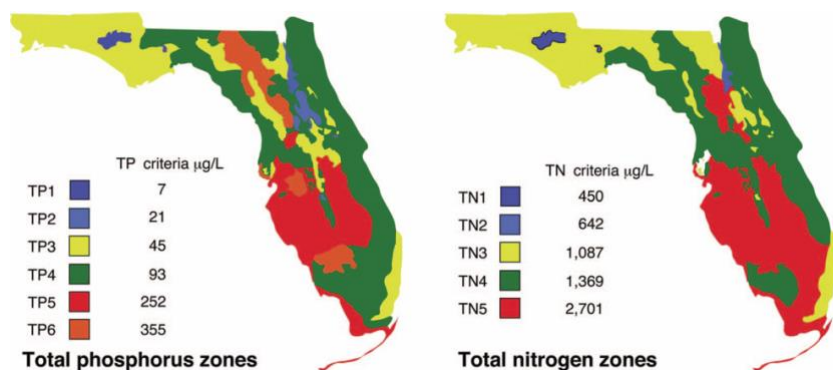
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Sturgeon
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9381
Longitude	-82.3124
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2022 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>62 (62 to 62)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1283 (1283 to 1283)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Sunapee in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	198 - 198	<b>198 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2390 - 2390	<b>2390 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	122 - 122	<b>122 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.4 - 1.4	1.4 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.4	0.4 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	32 - 32	32 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	209 - 209	209 (1)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

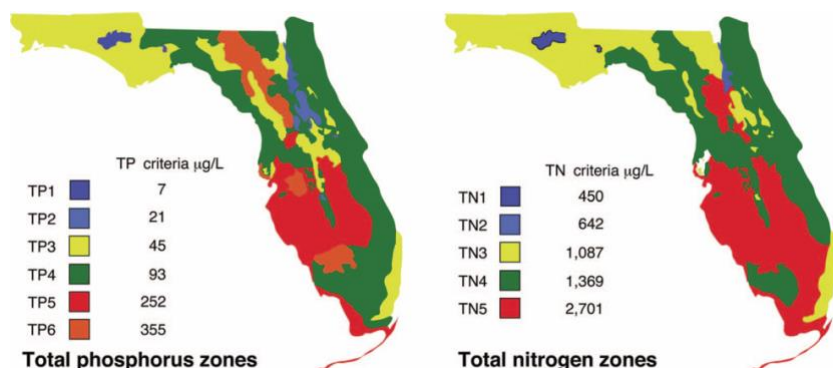
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- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	Sunapee
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9436
Longitude	-82.3136
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2022 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>198 (198 to 198)</b>
TN Zone	
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2390 (2390 to 2390)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
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  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for WF-1 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
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- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	160 - 1761	<b>397 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2371 - 9941	<b>4025 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	39 - 225	<b>95 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	0.9 - 1.6	1.2 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.5	0.4 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	68 - 215	130 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	532 - 805	641 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

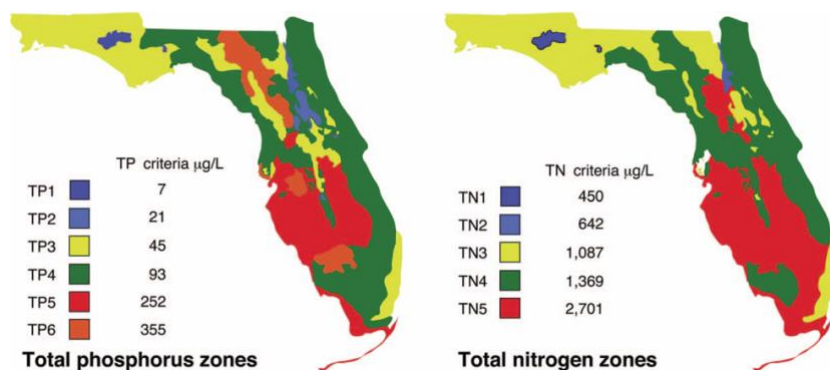
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	WF-1
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8772
Longitude	-82.3034
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2011 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>397 (160 to 1761)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>4025 (2371 to 9941)</b>



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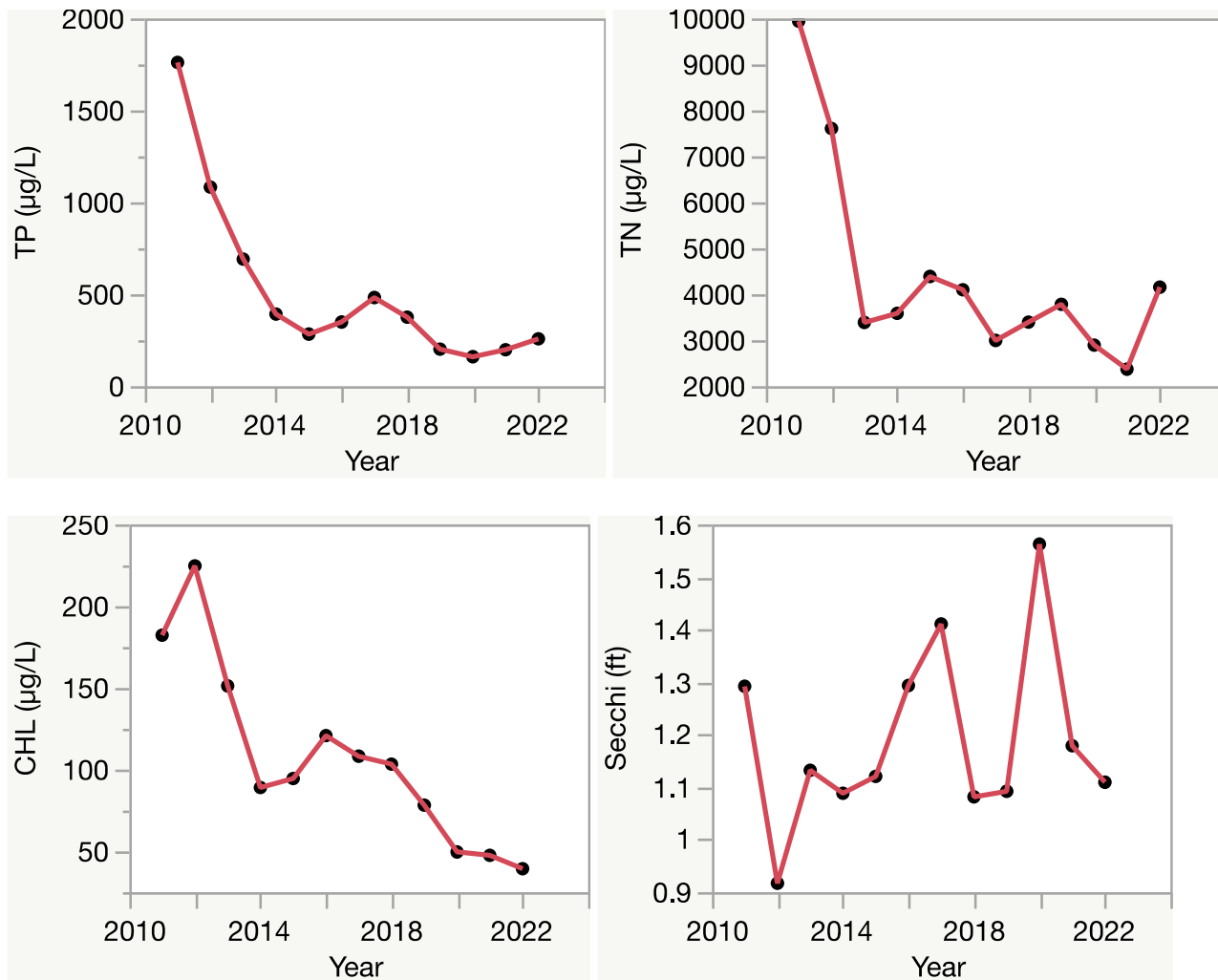
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**Figure 2. Lake WF-1 trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.60$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.46$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.78$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.06$ ,  $p = 0.44$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for WF-2 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	153 - 735	<b>257 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1681 - 3835	<b>2058 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	48 - 158	<b>73 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 2.0	1.6 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.6	0.5 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	54 - 165	89 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	612 - 1022	785 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

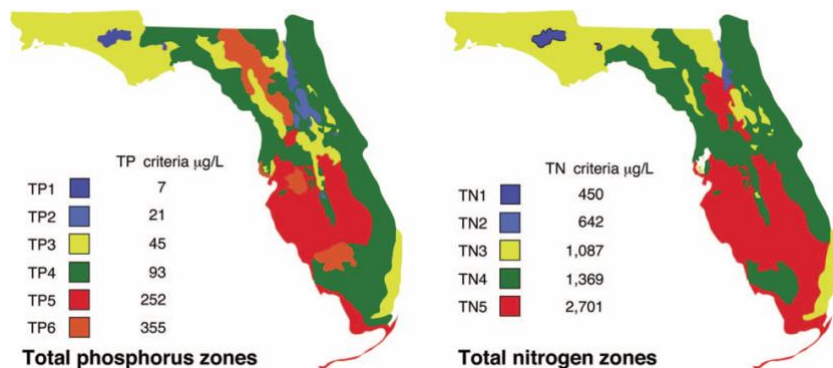
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	WF-2
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8790
Longitude	-82.3041
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2011 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>257 (153 to 735)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>2058 (1681 to 3835)</b>



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2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
  - c. If your lake's *Chlorophyll-uncorrected* concentration is less than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Maximum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

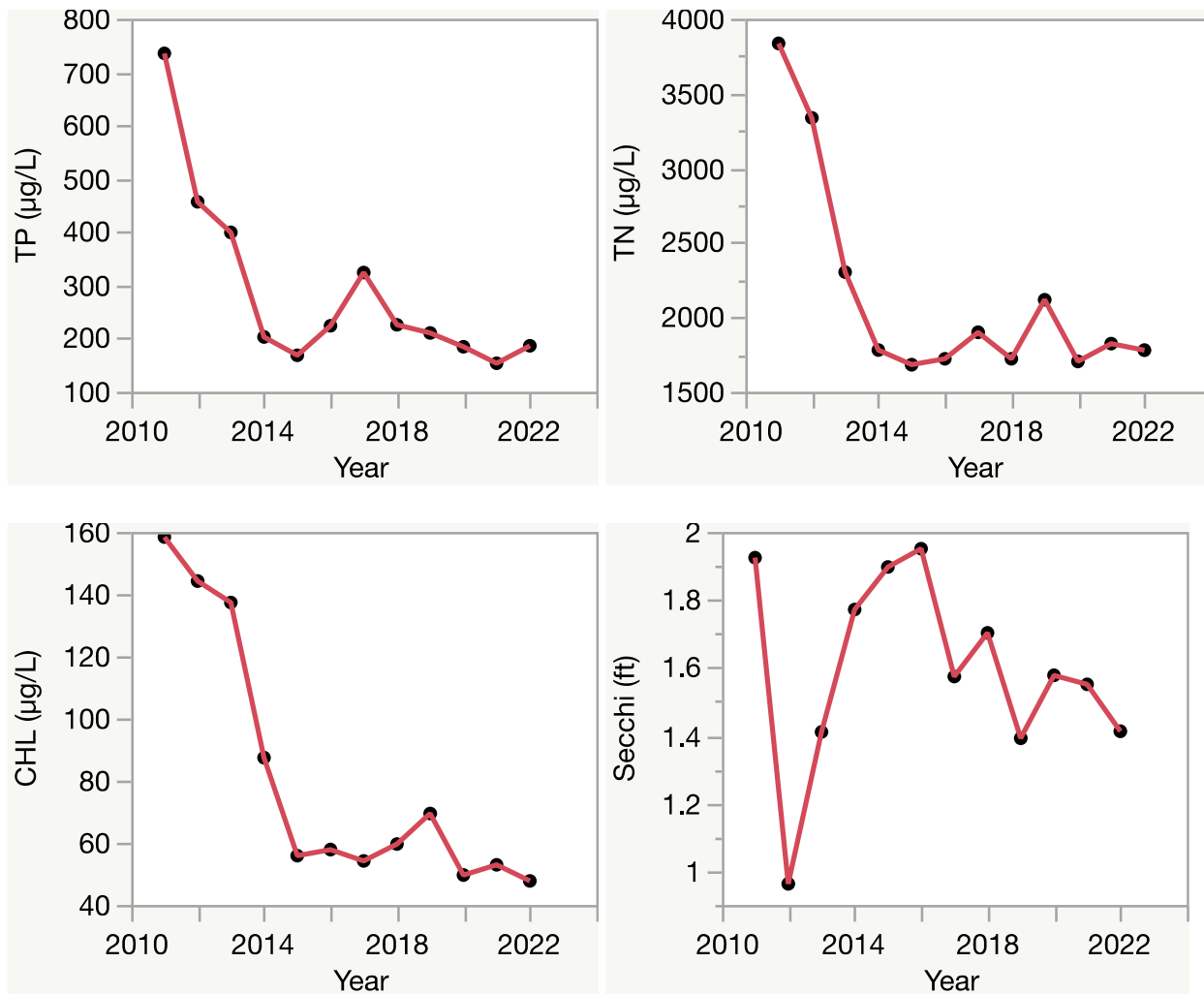
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

**Figure 2. Lake WF-2 trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.55$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.47$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.70$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.78$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for WF-3 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. Part one allows the comparison of data with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. Part two allows a comparison of the long-term mean nutrient concentrations with nutrient zone concentrations published by LAKEWATCH staff (Bachmann et al. 2012; <https://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/bibliography/>). Finally, this report examines data for long-term trends that may be occurring in individual systems but only for systems with **five or more years of data**. Step by step instructions on how to use the data tables are provided on page 4 of this report.

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nutrient Criteria for Lakes (Table 1)

For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

- a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.
- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- **Total Nitrogen ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- **Secchi (ft), Secchi (m):** Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or < 100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Soft Water Lakes</b>	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

For the purpose of subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., color shall be assessed as true color and shall be free from turbidity. Lake color and alkalinity shall be the long-term geometric mean, based on a minimum of ten data points over at least three years with at least one data point in each year. If insufficient alkalinity data are available, long-term geometric mean specific conductance values shall be used, with a value of <100 µS/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	126 - 529	<b>222 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1507 - 3358	<b>2057 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	29 - 222	<b>62 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 2.5	1.7 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.7	0.5 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	54 - 141	84 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	495 - 656	586 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

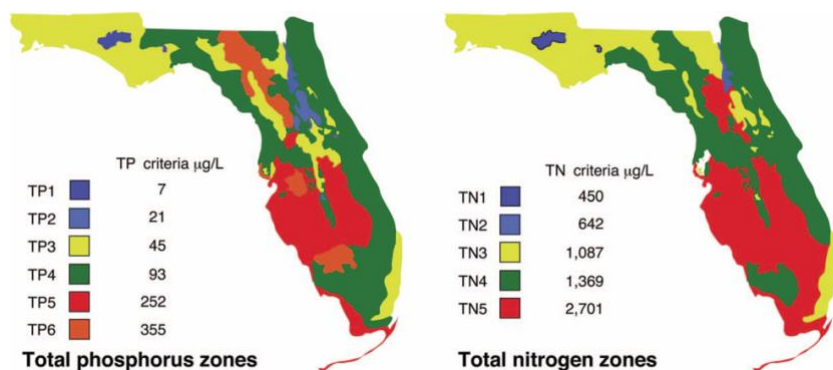
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	WF-3
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8804
Longitude	-82.3055
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2011 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>222 (126 to 529)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2057 (1507 to 3358)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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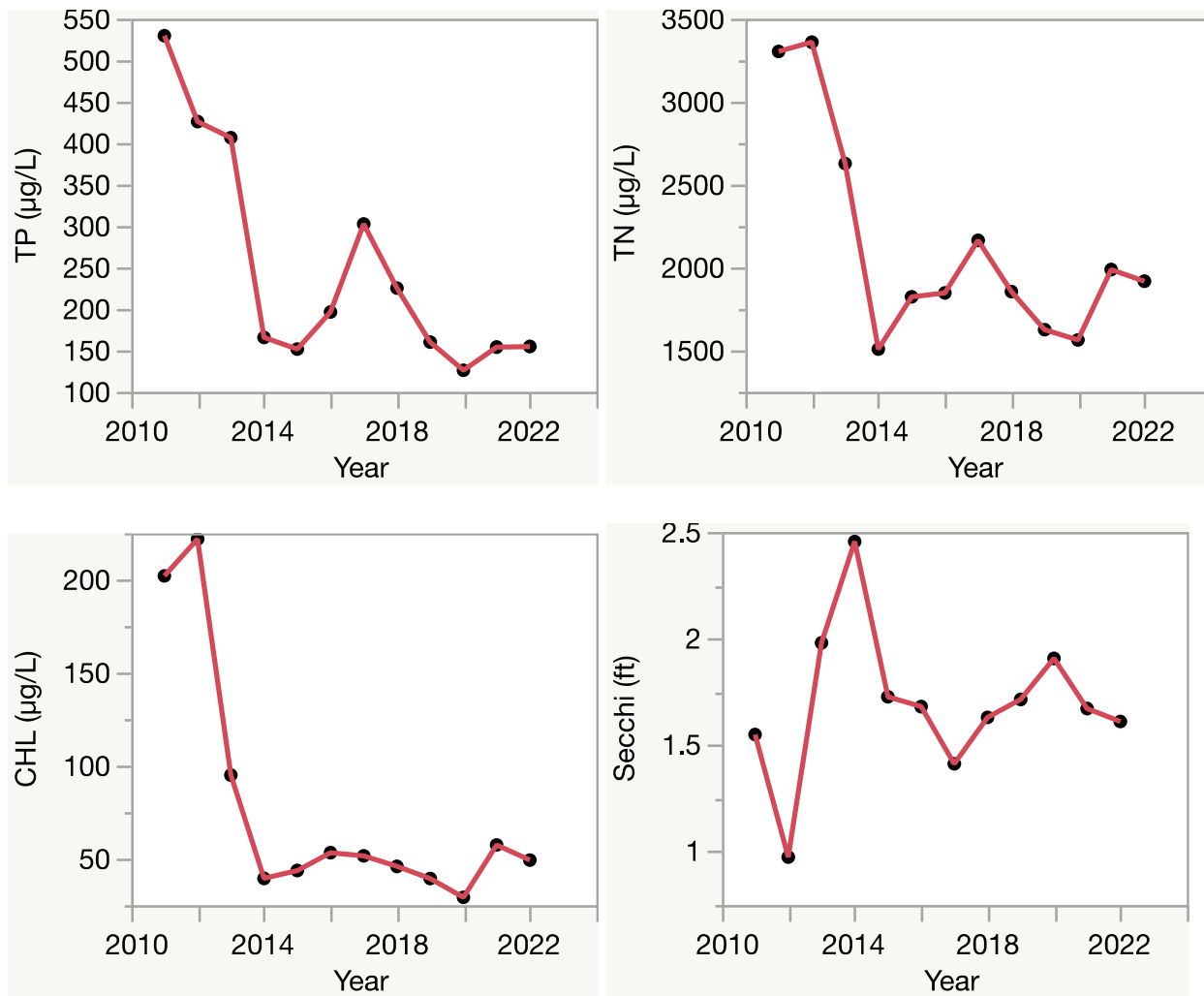
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  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
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**Figure 2. Lake WF-3 trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.60$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.46$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.49$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.81$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for WF-4 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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## Long-Term Data Summary for Lakes (Table 2): Definitions

- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	51 - 102	<b>70 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1335 - 2114	<b>1706 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	16 - 51	<b>25 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.4 - 5.1	3.2 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.5	1.0 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	40 - 55	47 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	692 - 862	741 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

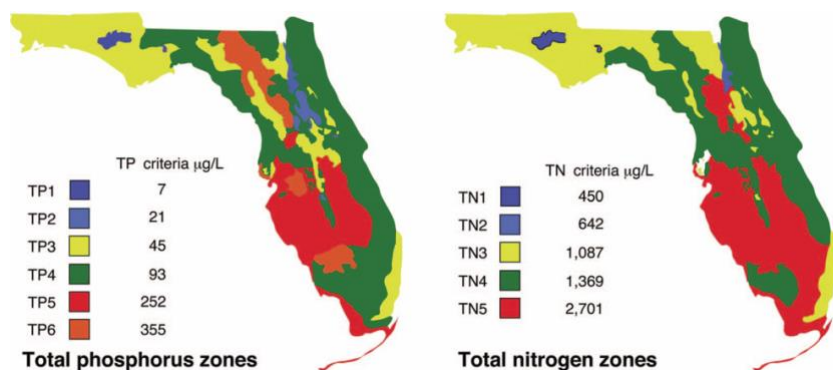
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	WF-4
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8798
Longitude	-82.3059
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2011 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>70 (51 to 102)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1706 (1335 to 2114)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

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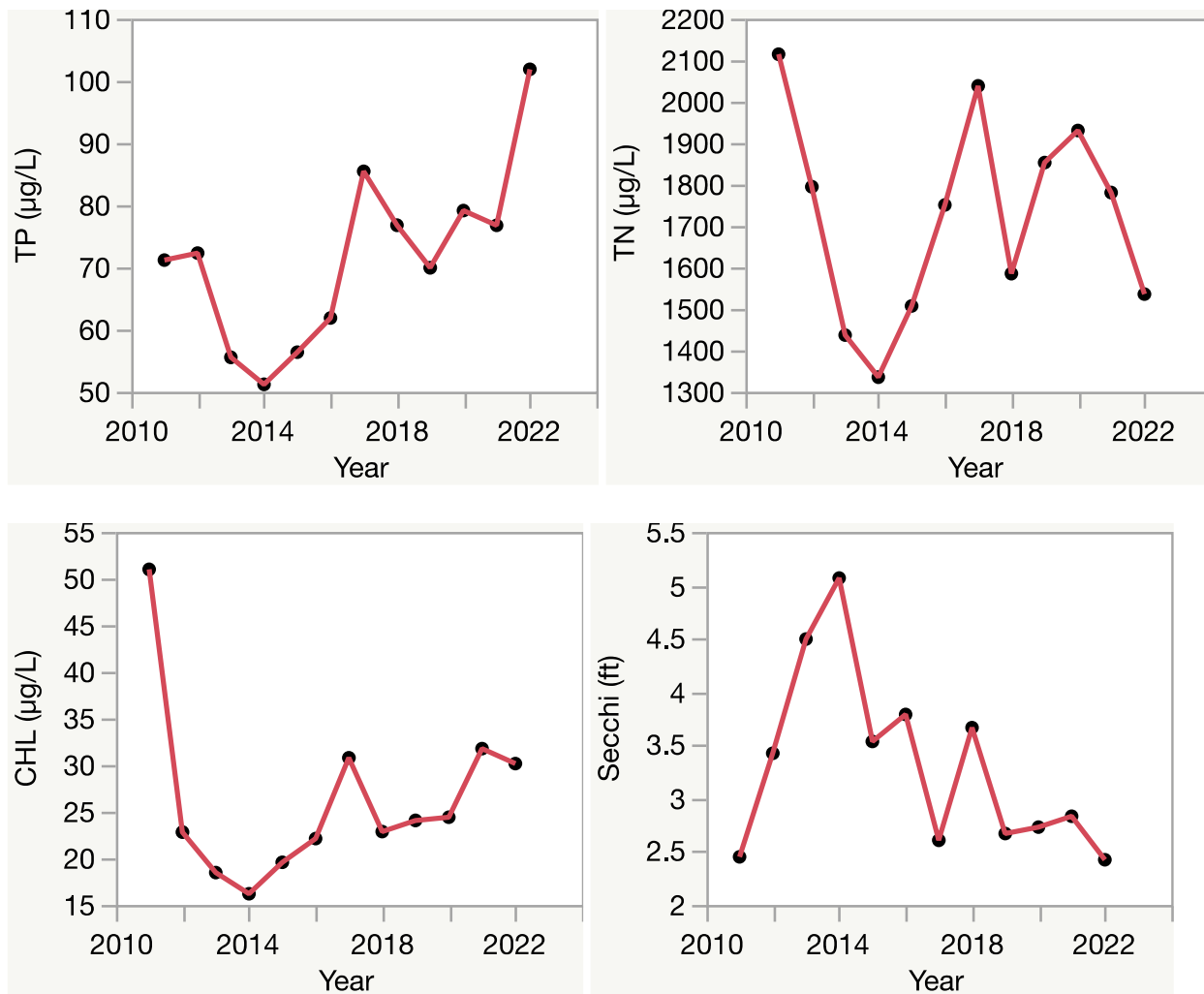
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

**Figure 2. Lake WF-4 trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.41$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.99$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.84$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.21$ ,  $p = 0.13$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for WF-5 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	45 - 72	<b>54 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	899 - 1429	<b>1077 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	14 - 55	<b>23 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.6 - 5.1	3.4 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.6	1.0 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	53 - 77	66 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	215 - 358	259 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

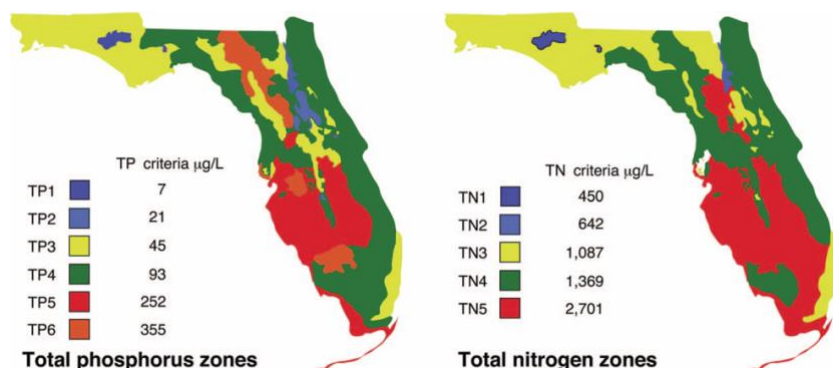
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	WF-5
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8813
Longitude	-82.3042
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2011 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>54 (45 to 72)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1077 (899 to 1429)</b>



**Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.**

**Interpreting FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): These are instructions for using Table 1 and 2 to determine impairment status based on FDEP's NNC.**

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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4. If your lake's concentrations from Table 2 are greater than FDEP's NNC values from Table 1, your lake may be considered impaired. If they are below, it may be considered unimpaired.

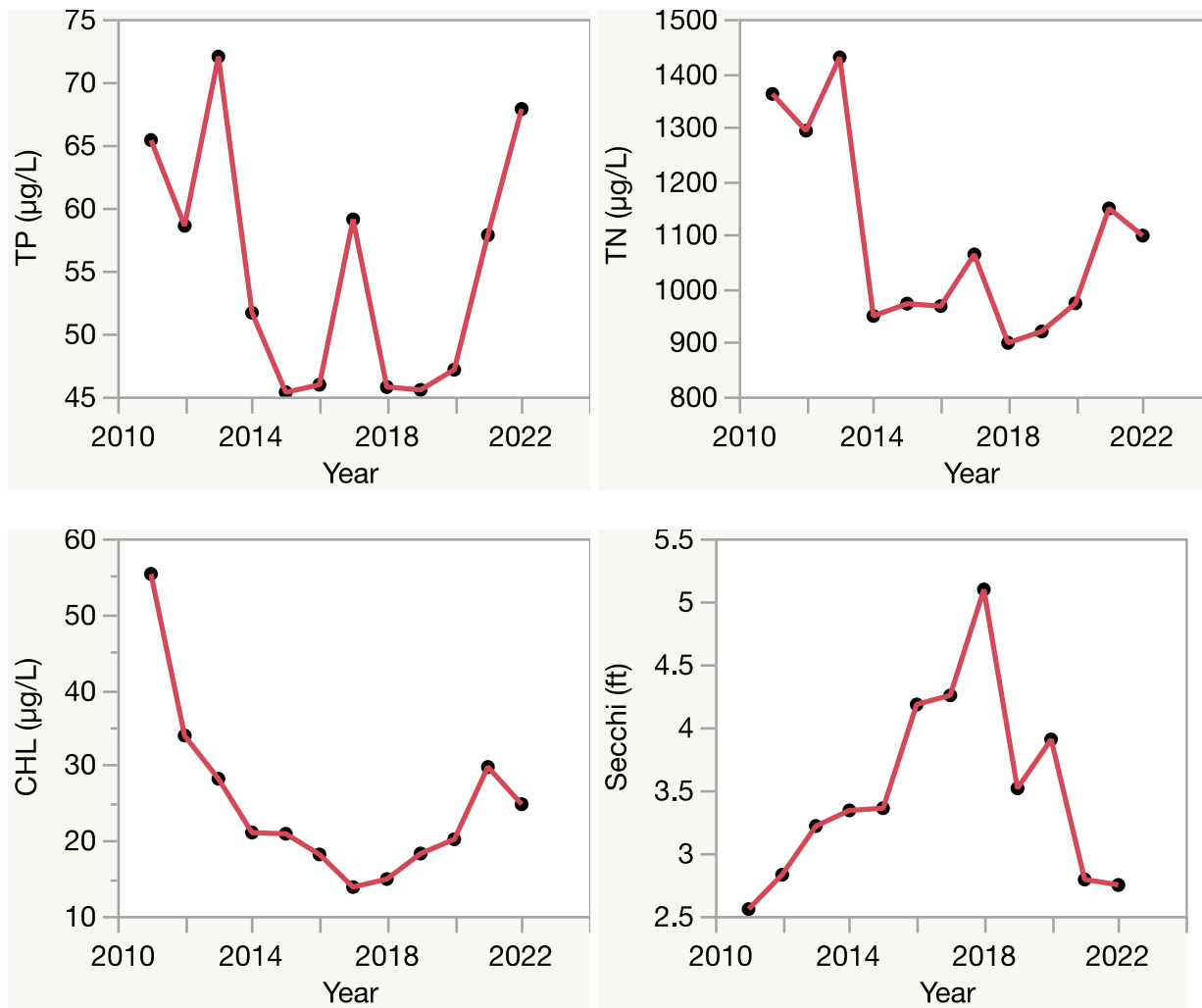
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for WF-6 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	109 - 246	<b>158 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1084 - 1759	<b>1397 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	29 - 47	<b>36 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 2.5	1.9 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.8	0.6 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	63 - 123	85 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	480 - 1123	730 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

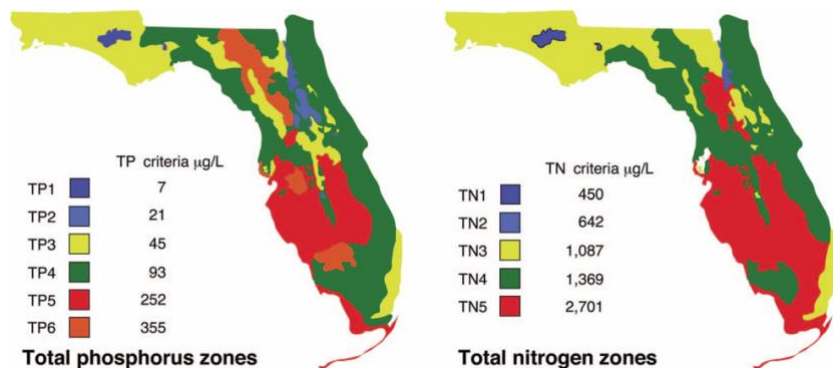
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	WF-6
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.8772
Longitude	-82.3034
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2011 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>158 (109 to 246)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1397 (1084 to 1759)</b>



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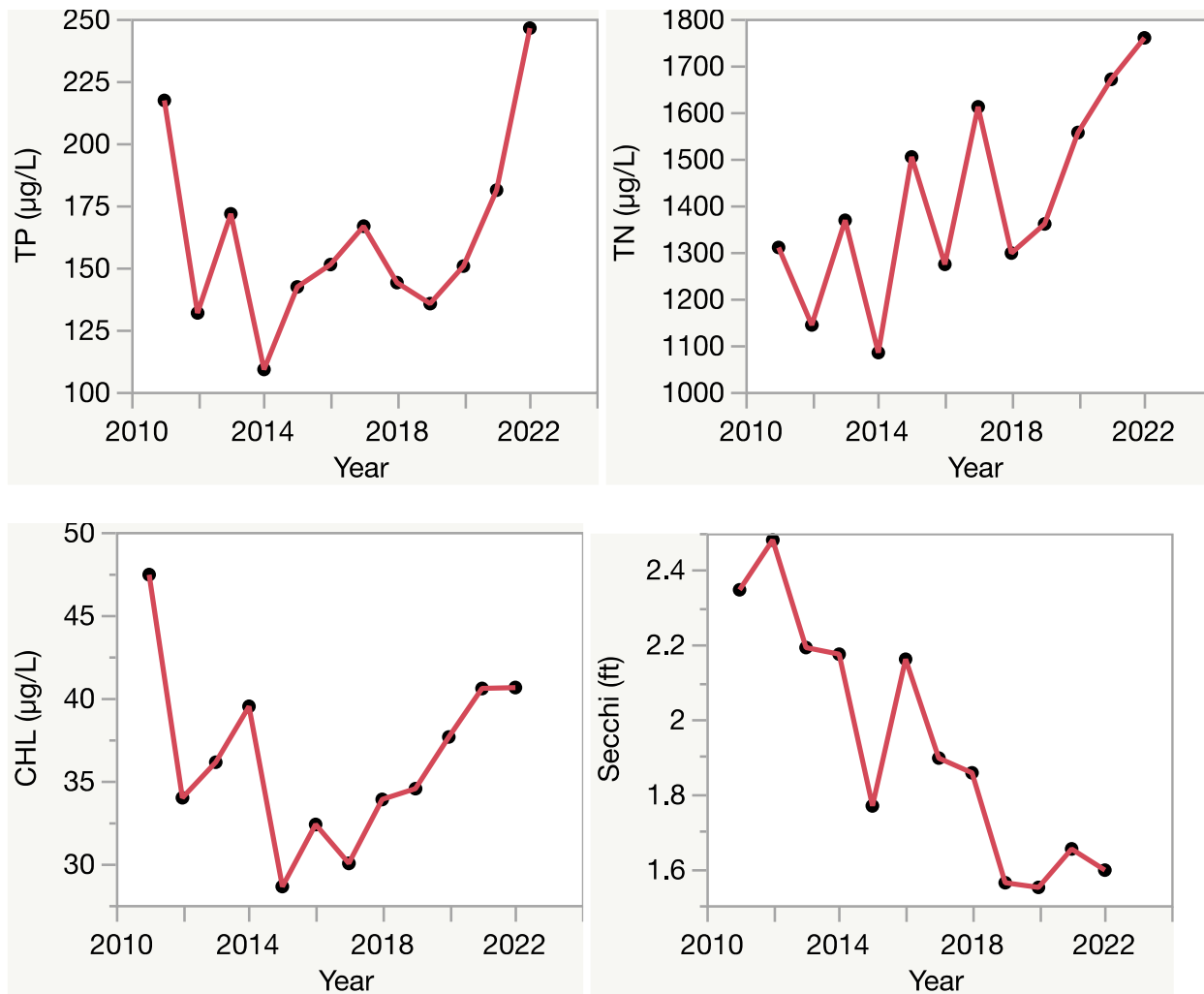
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for White Marsh in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	26 - 35	<b>30 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	660 - 880	<b>762 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	11 - 24	<b>17 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.4 - 3.9	3.7 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.2	1.1 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	52 - 57	55 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

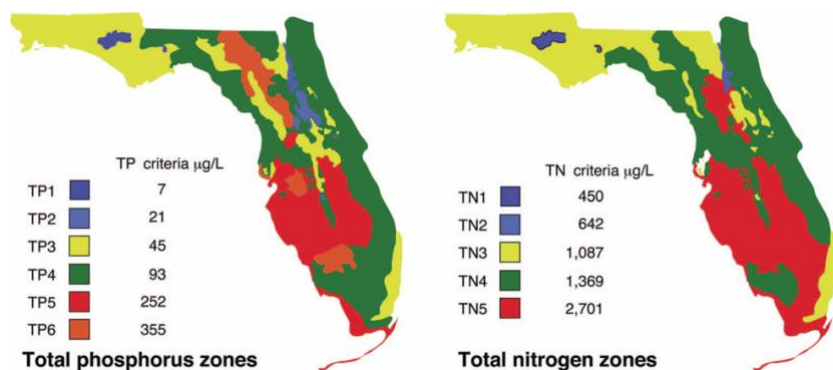
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
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County	Charlotte
Name	White Marsh
GNIS Number	2493887
Latitude	26.8884
Longitude	-82.2486
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>30 (26 to 35)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>762 (660 to 880)</b>



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  - b. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is lower than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is within "Natural Background".
4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for White Marsh Inflow in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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- **Total Phosphorus ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- **Specific Conductance ( $\mu\text{S/cm@25}^\circ\text{C}$ ):** Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.
- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	20 - 62	<b>30 (16)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	661 - 1079	<b>852 (16)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 23	<b>12 (16)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.1 - 5.0	4.1 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 1.5	1.2 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	31 - 74	43 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	518 - 1077	817 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

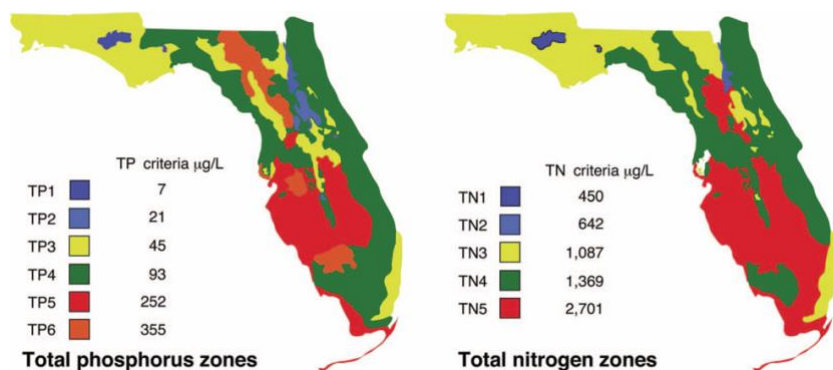
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County	Charlotte
Name	White Marsh Inflow
GNIS Number	2493887
Latitude	26.8887
Longitude	-82.2485
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>30 (20 to 62)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>852 (661 to 1079)</b>



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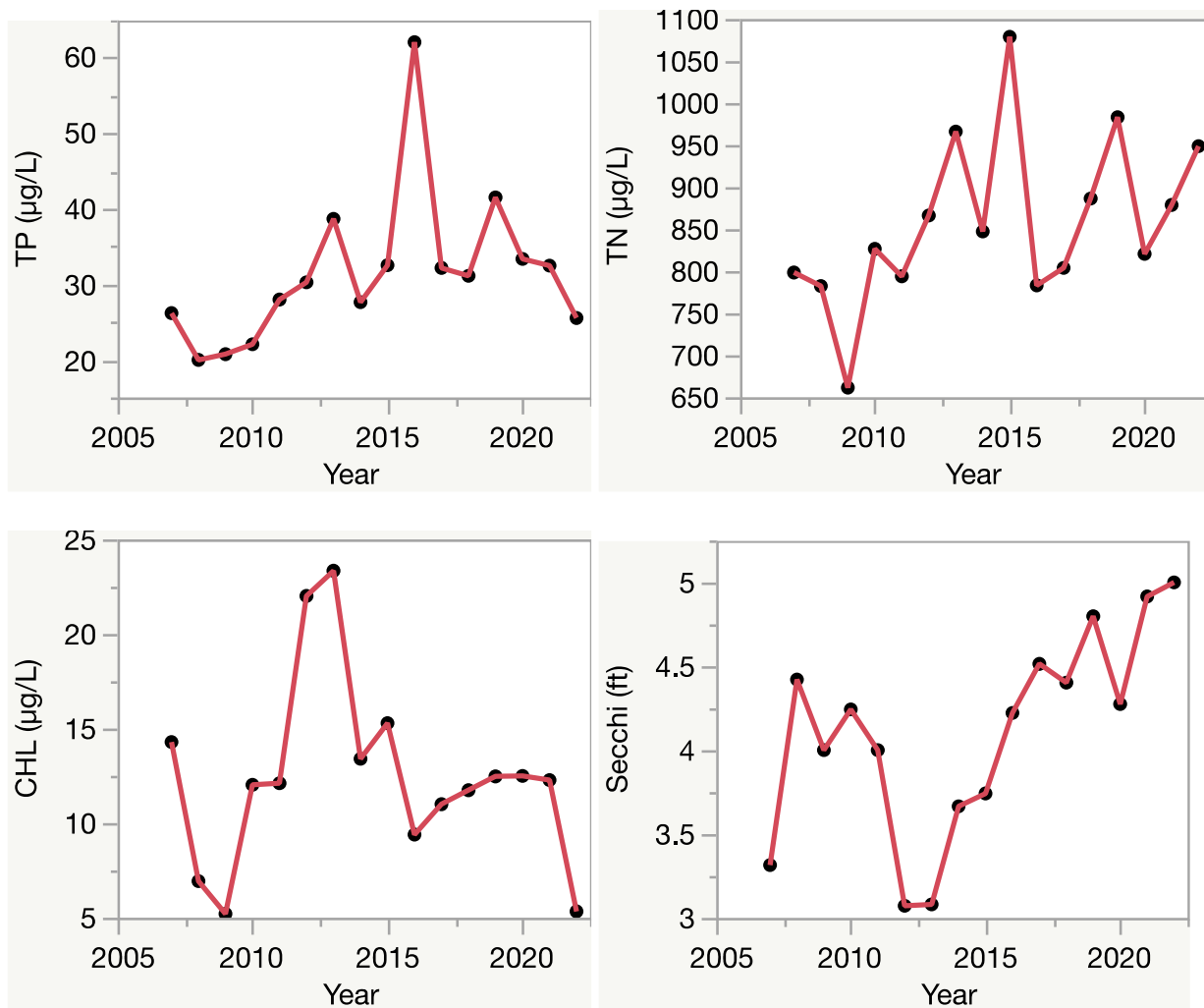
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**Figure 2. Lake White Marsh Inflow trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.16$ ,  $p = 0.13$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.22$ ,  $p = 0.07$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.68$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.38$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for White Marsh Pond 7 in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	61 - 111	<b>77 (5)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1130 - 1551	<b>1307 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	19 - 63	<b>38 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 3.3	2.0 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.0	0.6 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

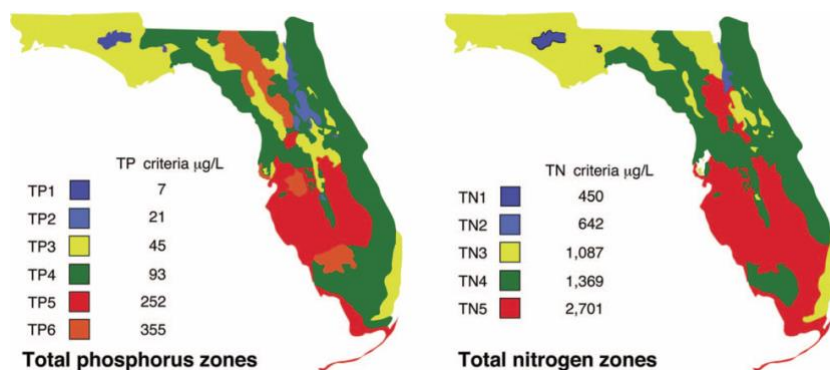
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	White Marsh Pond 7
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9067
Longitude	-82.2627
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2012 to 2016
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>77 (61 to 111)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1307 (1130 to 1551)</b>



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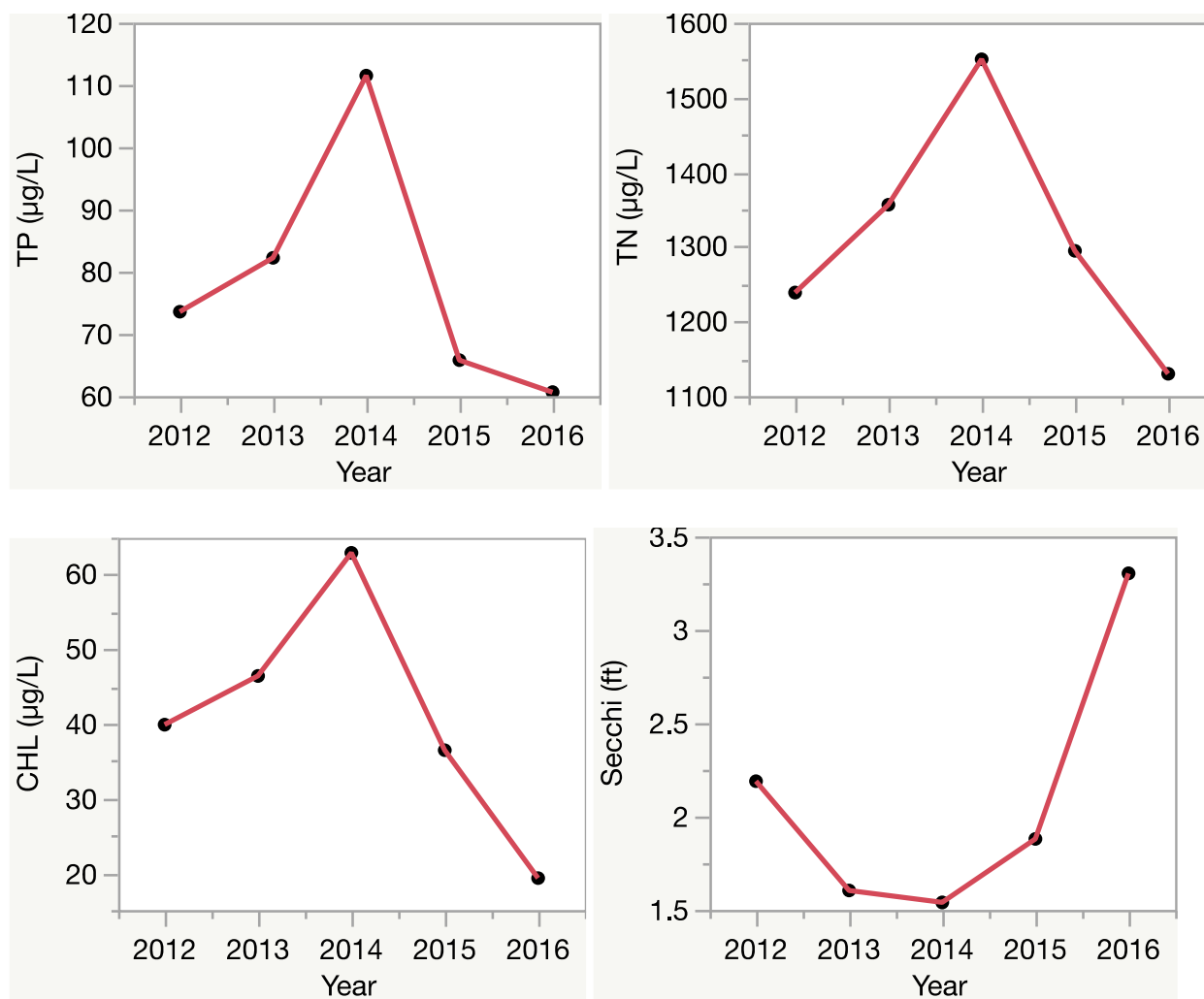
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for White Marsh Weir in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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For lakes, the numeric interpretations of the nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., based on chlorophyll are shown in Table 1. The applicable interpretations for TN and TP will vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability and concentration of chlorophyll data for the lake. The numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

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- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	27 - 62	<b>46 (14)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	725 - 1113	<b>960 (14)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 43	<b>16 (14)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.6 - 4.4	3.3 (14)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.4	1.0 (14)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	45 - 100	61 (14)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	511 - 1093	721 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

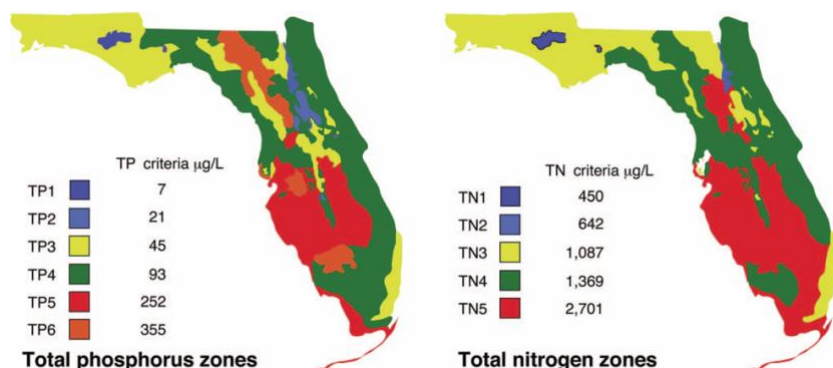
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Charlotte
Name	White Marsh Weir
GNIS Number	2493887
Latitude	26.8871
Longitude	-82.2647
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>46 (27 to 62)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>960 (725 to 1113)</b>



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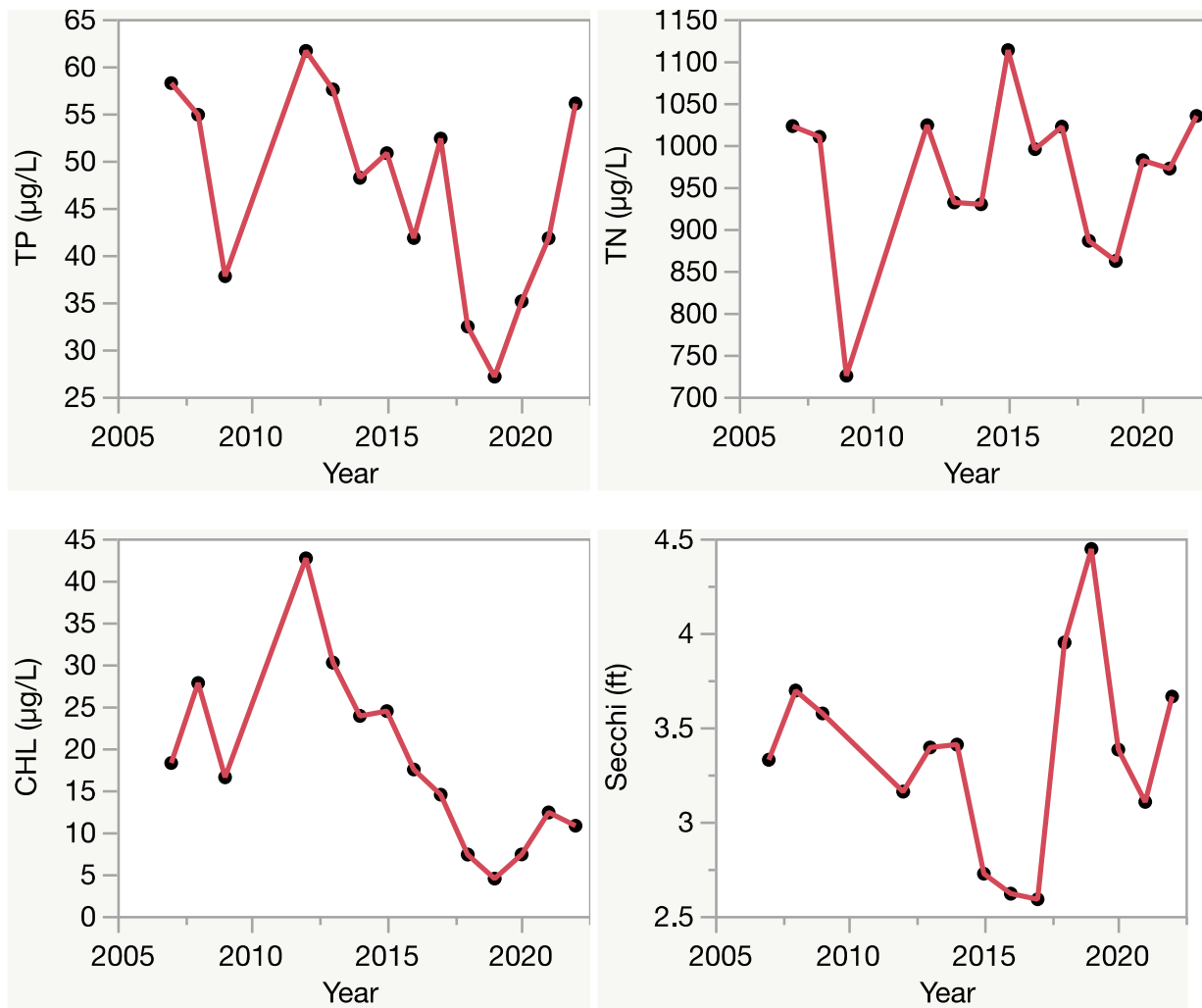
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Zephyr in Charlotte County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	906 - 1150	<b>1038 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	27 - 34	<b>30 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.4 - 3.0	2.6 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.9	0.8 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	38 - 64	44 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1553 - 4910	2784 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

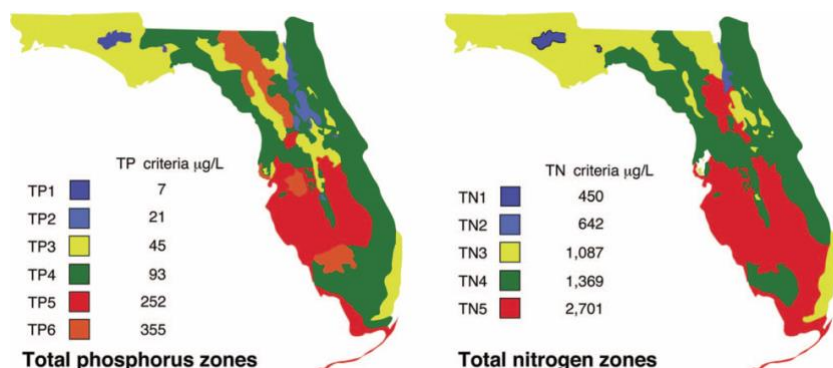
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County	Charlotte
Name	Zephyr
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.9035
Longitude	-82.2197
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>63 (46 to 78)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1038 (906 to 1150)</b>



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