### LAKEWATCH Report for Money Bayou-1 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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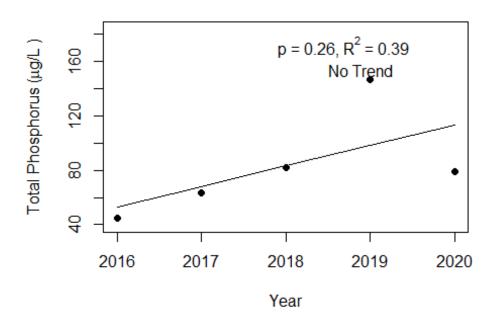
County	Gulf
Name	Money Bayou-1
GNIS Number	287060
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	5 (2016 to 2020)
Latitude	29.6946
Longitude	-85.2818

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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	800 - 1365	1082 (5)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	13 - 34	25 (5)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0.0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	60 - 241	96 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1689 - 22407	10137 (5)
Salinity (ppt)	1 - 14	6 (5)

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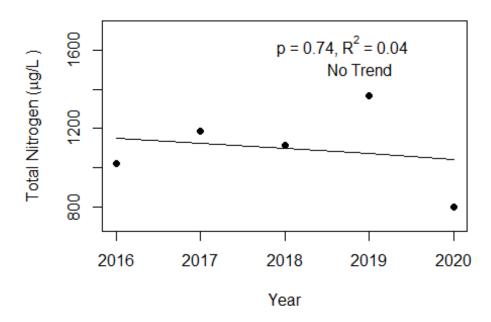
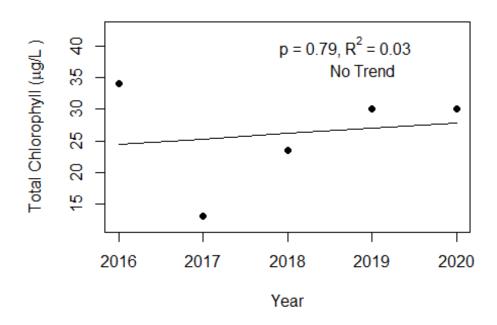
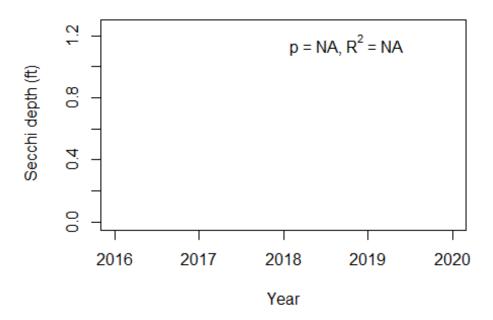


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### Money Bayou-1 (Gulf)



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County	Gulf
Name	Money Bayou-2
GNIS Number	287060
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	1 (2020 to 2020)
Latitude	29.6975
Longitude	-85.2804

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	85 - 2020	85 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	919 - 919	919 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	29 - 29	29 (1)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0.0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	29 - 29	29 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	20494 - 20494	20494 (1)
Salinity (ppt)	13 - 13	13 (1)

### LAKEWATCH Report for Simmons Bayou-1 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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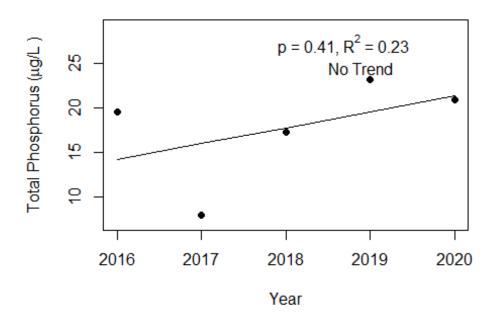
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Name	Simmons Bayou-1
GNIS Number	
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	5 (2016 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7538
Longitude	-85.3028

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	8 - 2020	17 (5)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	420 - 887	556 (5)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 17	7 (5)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0.0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 47	30 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	6647 - 14000	9590 (5)
Salinity (ppt)	3 - 8	5 (5)

### Simmons Bayou-1 (Gulf)



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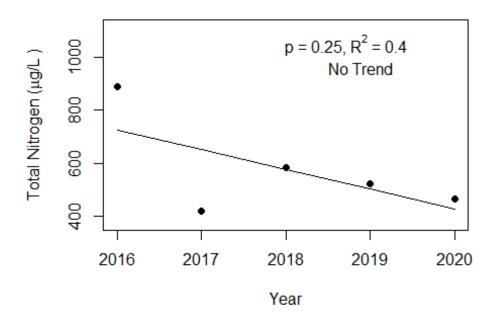
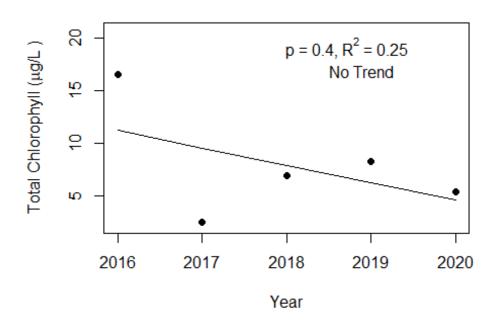
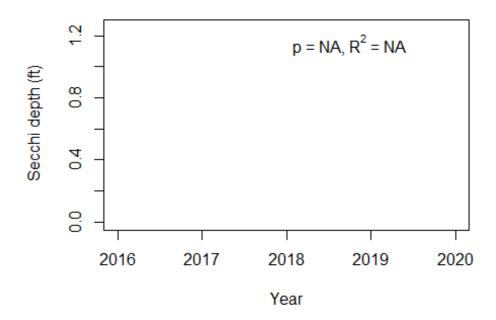


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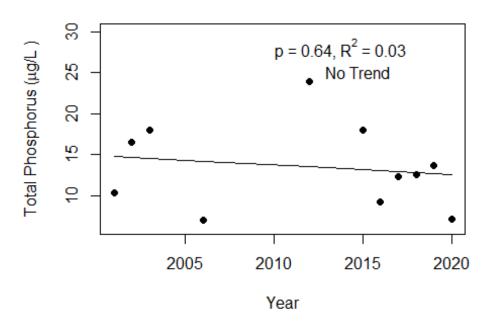
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-1
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	11 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.6932
Longitude	-85.3205

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Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 4	1 (10)
Secchi (ft)	2.5 - 3.0	2.8 (2.0)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 0.9	0.8 (2.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 14	8 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	31401 - 49000	40629 (9)
Salinity (ppt)	19 - 31	25 (9)

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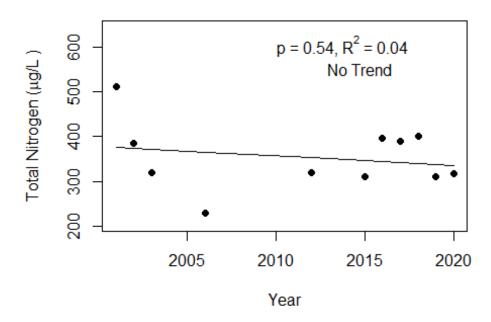
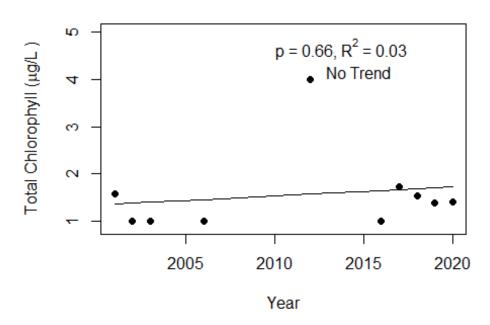
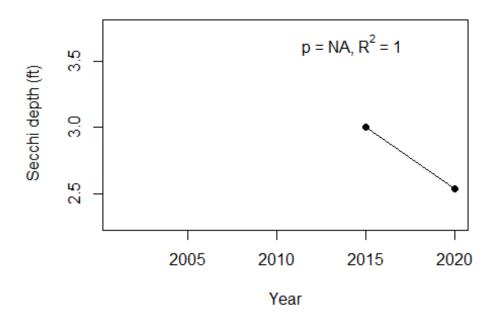


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### St. Joseph Bay-1 (Gulf)



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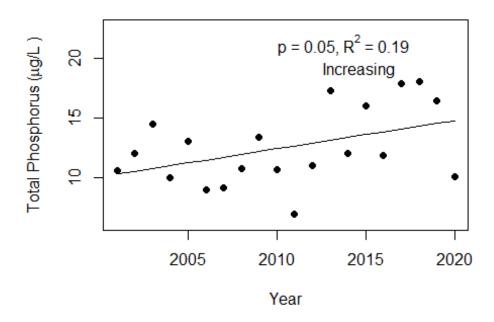
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-2
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	20 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7190
Longitude	-85.3327

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Secchi (m)	1.5 - 3.4	2.7 (9.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	2 - 11	6 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	25690 - 46979	37974 (18)
Salinity (ppt)	16 - 29	24 (18)

## St. Joseph Bay-2 (Gulf)



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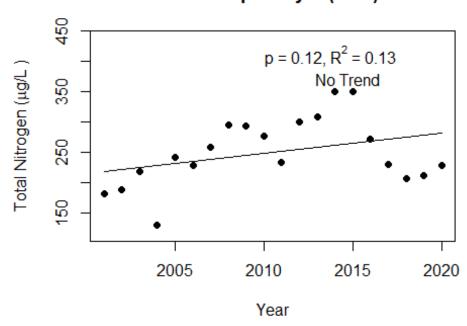
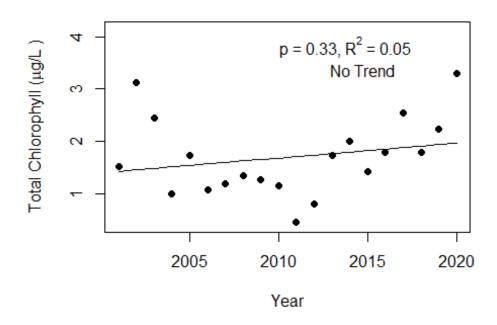
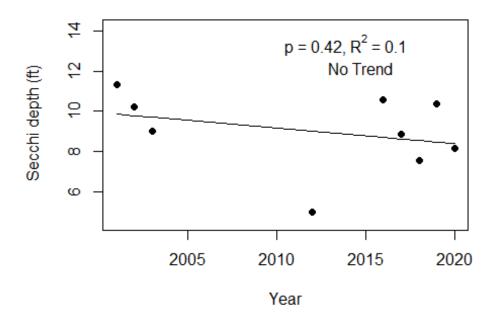


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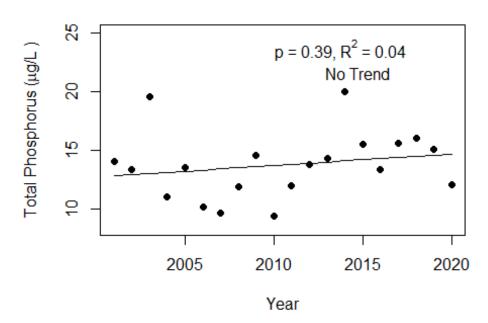
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-3
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	20 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.6994
Longitude	-85.3632

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Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	9 - 2020	13 (20)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	170 - 316	248 (20)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	0 - 4	2 (20)
Secchi (ft)	5.0 - 10.8	7.4 (10.0)
Secchi (m)	1.5 - 3.3	2.3 (10.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 8	6 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	24495 - 47476	39657 (18)
Salinity (ppt)	15 - 30	25 (18)

### St. Joseph Bay-3 (Gulf)



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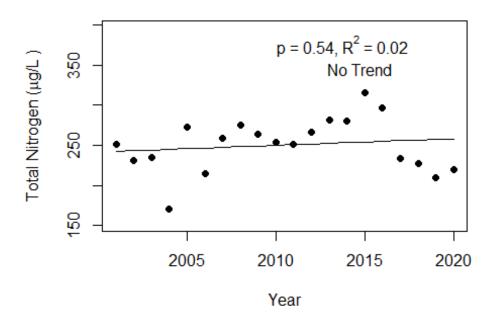
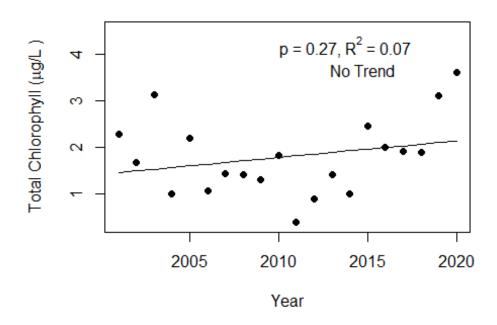
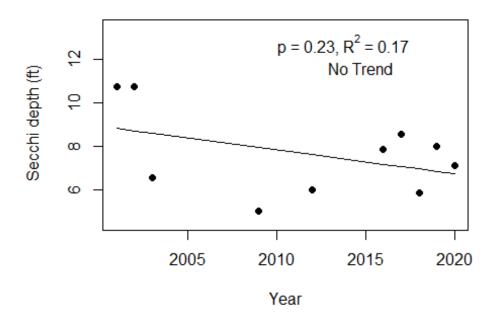


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### St. Joseph Bay-3 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-3 (Gulf)



### LAKEWATCH Report for St. Joseph Bay-4 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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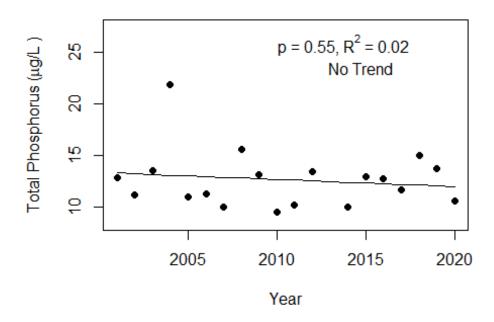
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-4
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	19 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7698
Longitude	-85.4021

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	10 - 2020	12 (19)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	169 - 292	220 (19)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 4	2 (17)
Secchi (ft)	4.0 - 8.0	5.9 (7.0)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 2.4	1.8 (7.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	2 - 10	5 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	27982 - 48980	39197 (17)
Salinity (ppt)	17 - 31	24 (17)

### St. Joseph Bay-4 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-4 (Gulf)

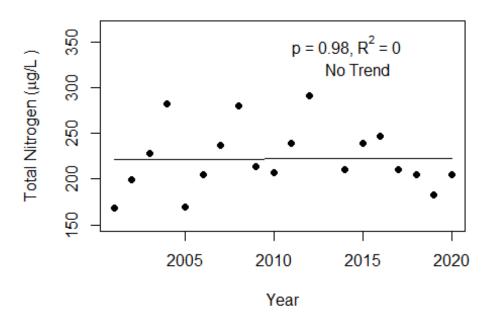
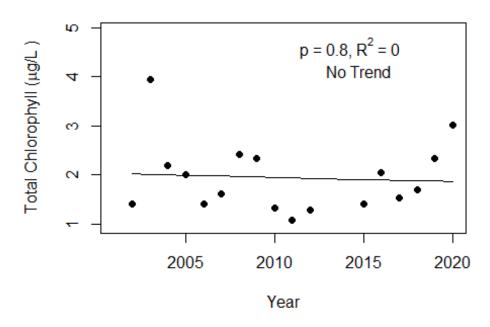
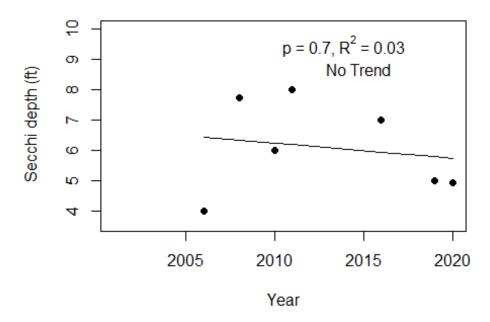


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## St. Joseph Bay-4 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-4 (Gulf)



### LAKEWATCH Report for St. Joseph Bay-5 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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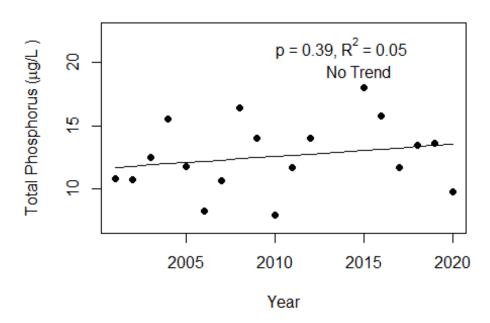
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-5
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	18 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7585
Longitude	-85.3844

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	8 - 2020	12 (18)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	146 - 300	203 (18)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 4	2 (18)
Secchi (ft)	3.3 - 7.0	5.3 (8.0)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 2.1	1.6 (8.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 7	5 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	25324 - 45116	37998 (18)
Salinity (ppt)	16 - 28	24 (18)

## St. Joseph Bay-5 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-5 (Gulf)

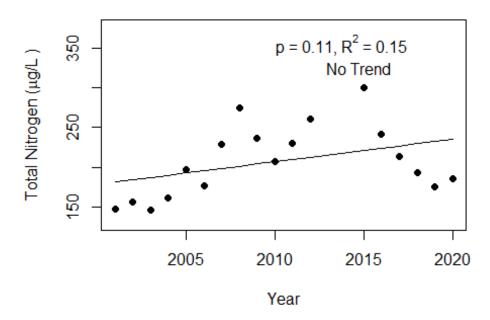
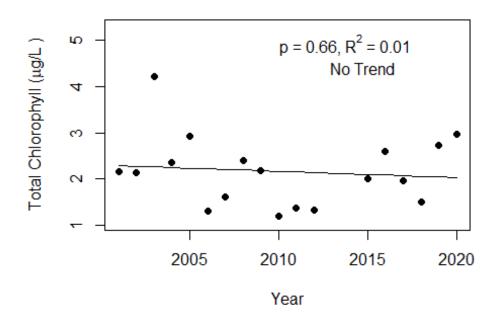
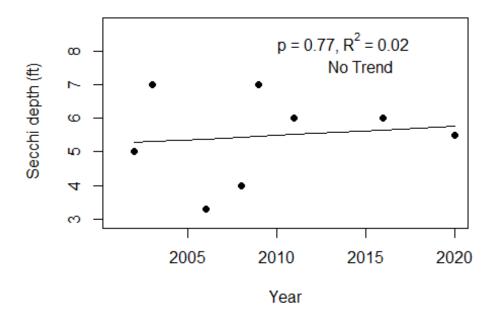


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### St. Joseph Bay-5 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-5 (Gulf)



### LAKEWATCH Report for St. Joseph Bay-6 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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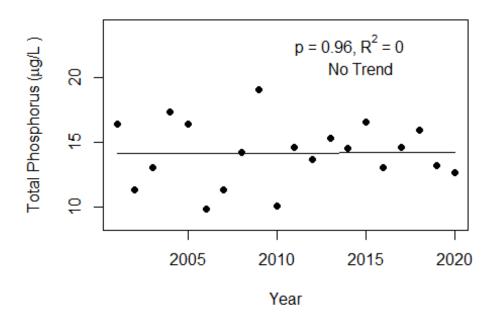
County	Gulf
Name	St. Joseph Bay-6
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	20 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7984
Longitude	-85.3047

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	10 - 2020	14 (20)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	153 - 348	229 (20)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 5	3 (20)
Secchi (ft)	3.5 - 8.0	4.5 (9.0)
Secchi (m)	1.1 - 2.4	1.4 (9.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 20	7 (20)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	11997 - 48000	35041 (20)
Salinity (ppt)	16 - 30	23 (20)

### St. Joseph Bay-6 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-6 (Gulf)

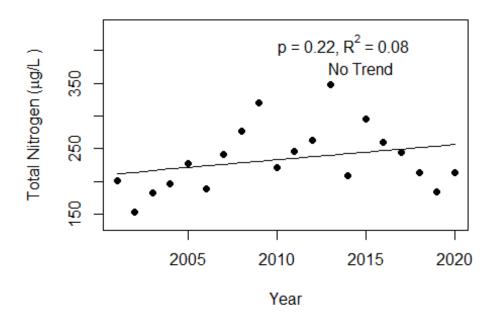
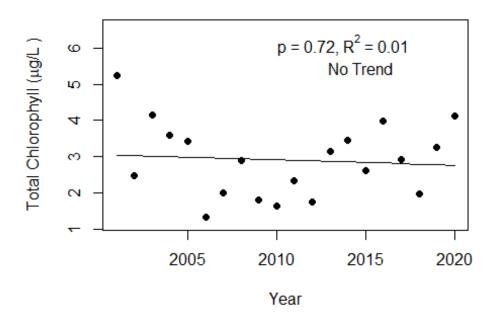
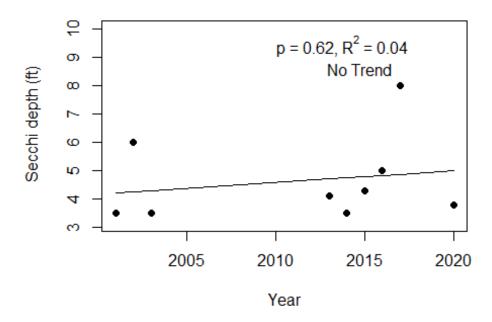


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### St. Joseph Bay-6 (Gulf)



## St. Joseph Bay-6 (Gulf)



### LAKEWATCH Report for St. Joseph Bay-7 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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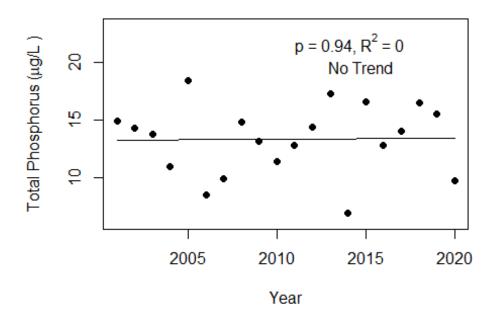
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-7
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	20 (2001 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7436
Longitude	-85.3274

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	7 - 2020	13 (20)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	160 - 296	217 (20)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 7	2 (20)
Secchi (ft)	5.5 - 10.8	8.8 (18.0)
Secchi (m)	1.7 - 3.3	2.7 (18.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	2 - 8	6 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	26981 - 47727	39152 (17)
Salinity (ppt)	17 - 30	24 (17)

## St. Joseph Bay-7 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-7 (Gulf)

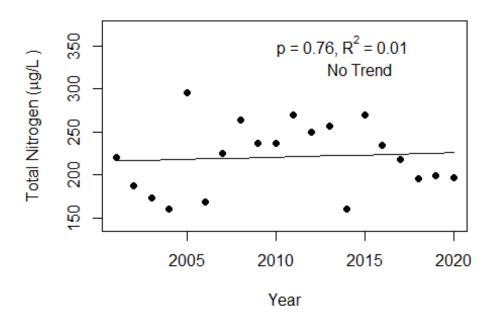
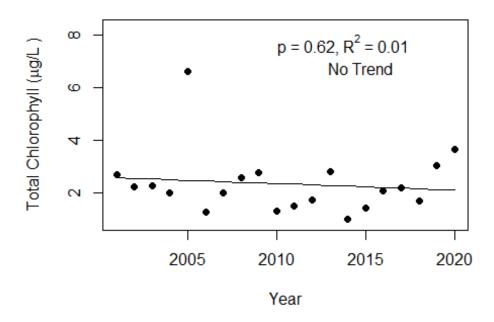
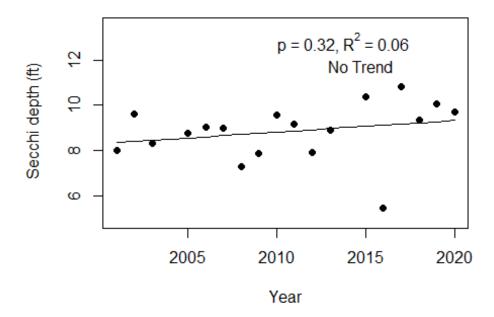


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### St. Joseph Bay-7 (Gulf)



# St. Joseph Bay-7 (Gulf)



### LAKEWATCH Report for St. Joseph Bay-8 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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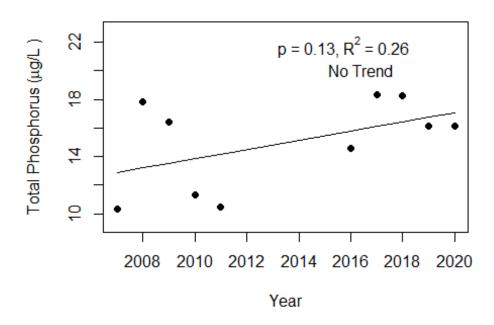
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-8
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	10 (2007 to 2020)
Latitude	29.8285
Longitude	-85.3287

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	10 - 2020	15 (10)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	223 - 292	254 (10)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 4	2 (10)
Secchi (ft)	6.6 - 11.2	9.0 (10.0)
Secchi (m)	2.0 - 3.4	2.7 (10.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 22	9 (10)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	19065 - 43689	29483 (10)
Salinity (ppt)	12 - 27	18 (10)

### St. Joseph Bay-8 (Gulf)



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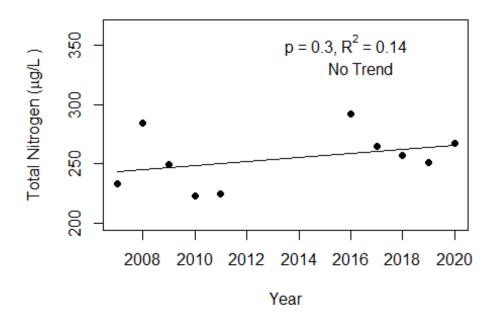
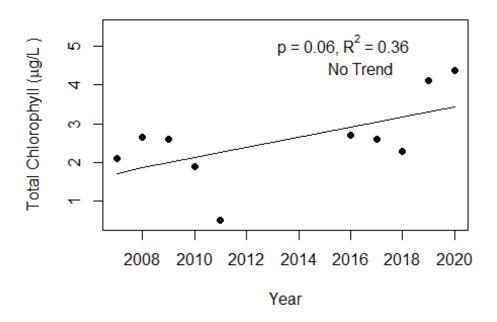
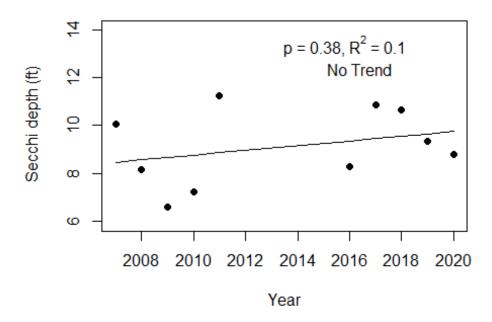


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## St. Joseph Bay-8 (Gulf)



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### LAKEWATCH Report for St. Joseph Bay-9 in Gulf County Estuary and Estuary Segment: St. Joseph Bay St. Joseph Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2020

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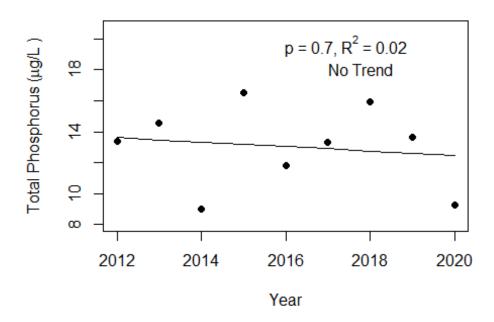
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Name	St. Joseph Bay-9
GNIS Number	308428
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	9 (2012 to 2020)
Latitude	29.7357
Longitude	-85.3849

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/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 (µg/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 (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	9 - 2020	13 (9)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	178 - 316	235 (9)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 3	1 (9)
Secchi (ft)	4.4 - 8.0	5.8 (3.0)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 2.4	1.8 (3.0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 9	6 (8)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	36701 - 47664	42228 (8)
Salinity (ppt)	23 - 30	26 (8)

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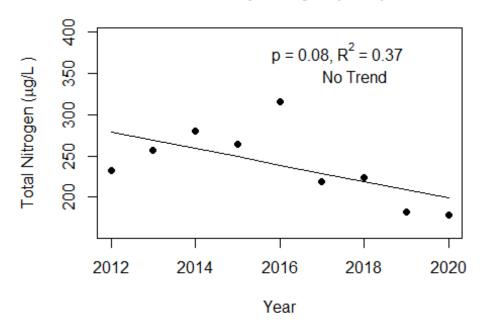
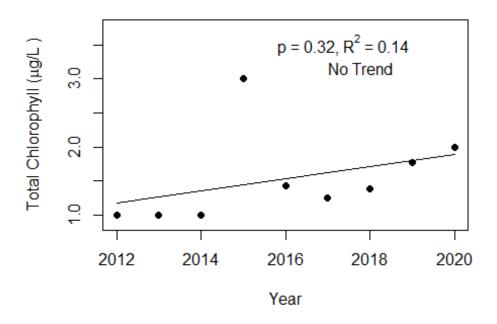


Figure 3 and Figure 4. Trend plots of annual average chlorophyll and annual average Secchi versus year. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relations and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Trend status are reported on plots.

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