

Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Alex in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	231 - 231	231 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1380 - 1380	1380 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	180 - 180	180 (1)
Secchi (ft)	3.0 - 3.0	3.0 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 0.9	0.9 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	23 - 23	23 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Alex
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0368
Longitude	-80.1961
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2004
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	231 (231 to 231)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	1380 (1380 to 1380)

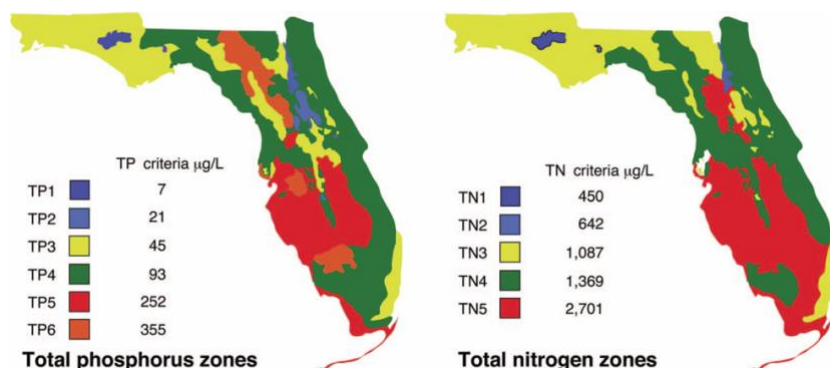


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Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 3.5	2.3 (5)
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Longitude	-80.1044
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2001 to 2007
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	59 (41 to 82)
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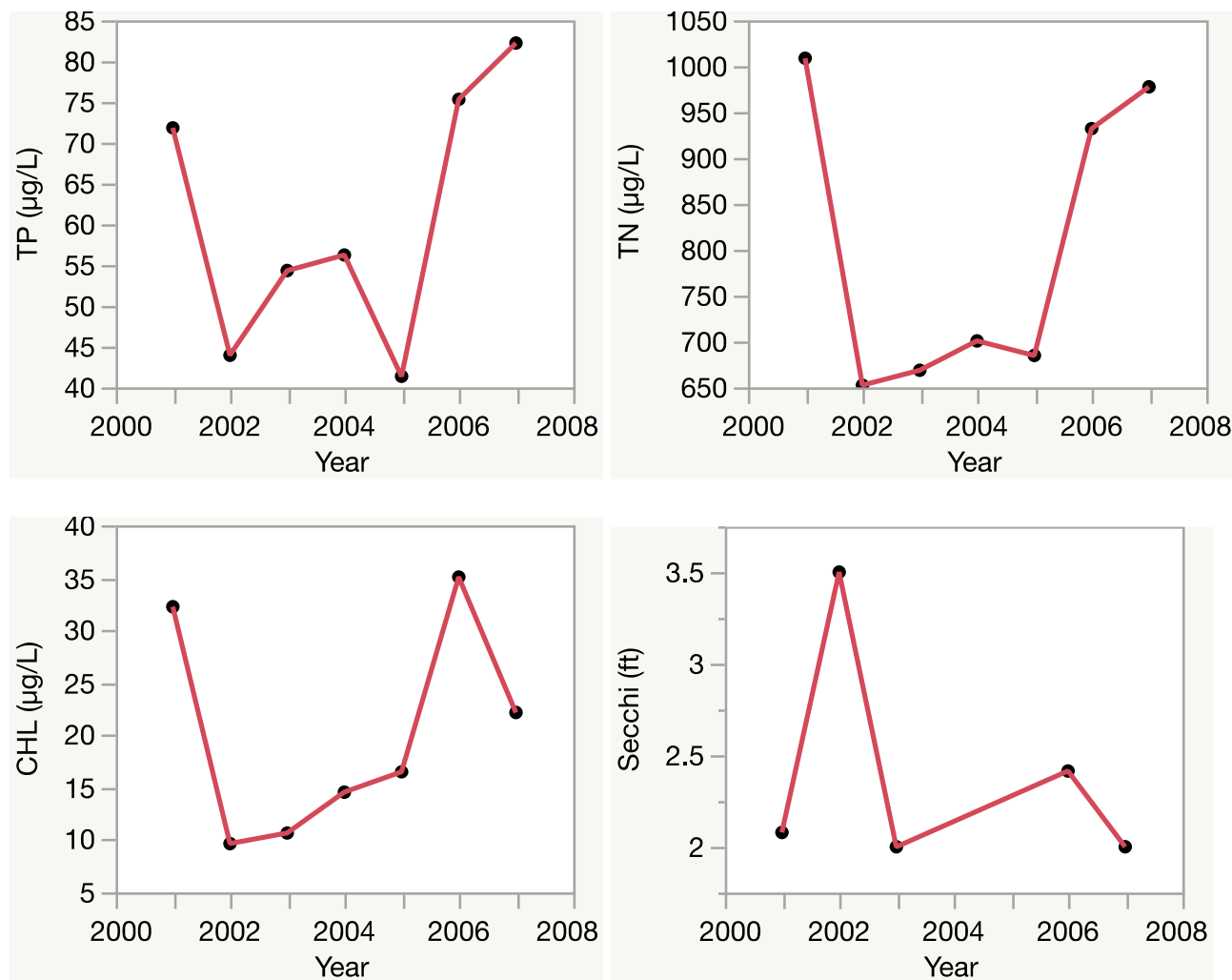
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Figure 2. Lake Bonnet Slough trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.15$, $p = 0.38$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.05$, $p = 0.62$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.04$, $p = 0.67$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.09$, $p = 0.62$).



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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	21 - 55	33 (13)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	447 - 729	604 (13)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 15	7 (13)
Secchi (ft)	3.9 - 7.2	5.6 (13)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 2.2	1.7 (13)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	16 - 25	20 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	498 - 869	623 (6)
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Name	Cliff
GNIS Number	280573
Latitude	26.1066
Longitude	-80.1310
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	2 ha or 4 acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2012
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	33 (21 to 55)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	604 (447 to 729)



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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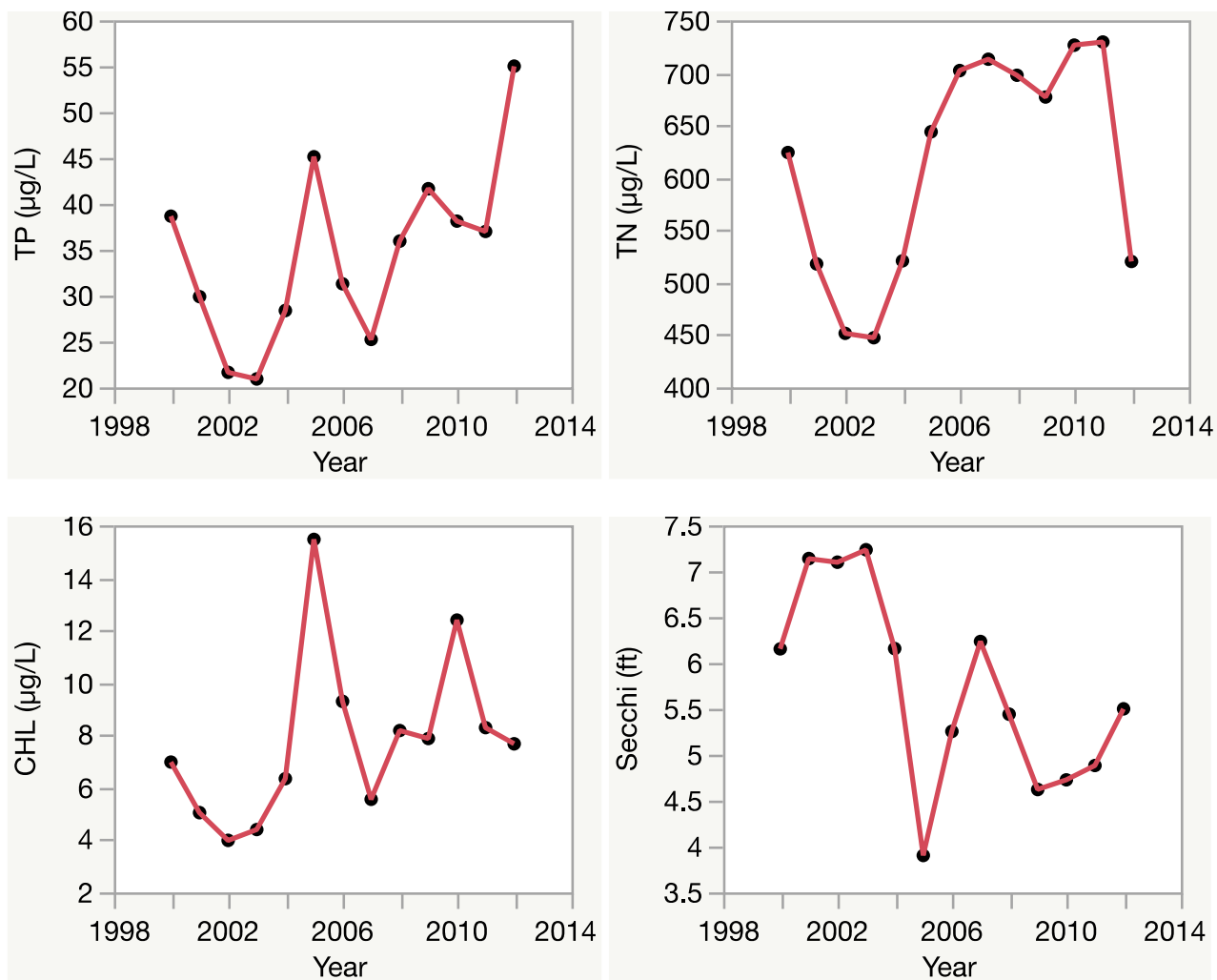
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Figure 2. Lake Cliff trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing, $R^2 = 0.32$, $p = 0.04$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.28$, $p = 0.06$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.15$, $p = 0.19$) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.41$, $p = 0.02$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Crossbow in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	9 - 9	9 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	439 - 439	439 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 3	3 (1)
Secchi (ft)	9.6 - 9.6	9.6 (1)
Secchi (m)	2.9 - 2.9	2.9 (1)
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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- **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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Crossbow
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0307
Longitude	-80.3496
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2000
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	9 (9 to 9)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	439 (439 to 439)

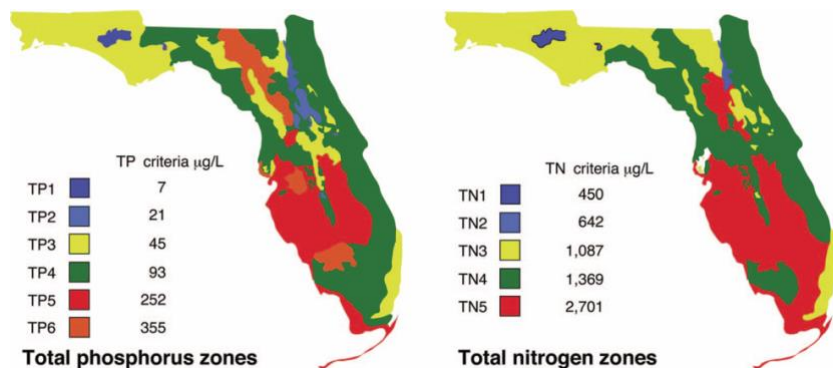


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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Delevoe in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	13 - 103	33 (19)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	417 - 1496	676 (19)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 34	14 (19)
Secchi (ft)	3.5 - 9.6	6.3 (19)
Secchi (m)	1.1 - 2.9	1.9 (19)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	8 - 14	11 (15)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	177 - 245	206 (11)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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County	Broward
Name	Delevoe
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1256
Longitude	-80.1737
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	8 ha or 21 acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	33 (13 to 103)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	676 (417 to 1496)

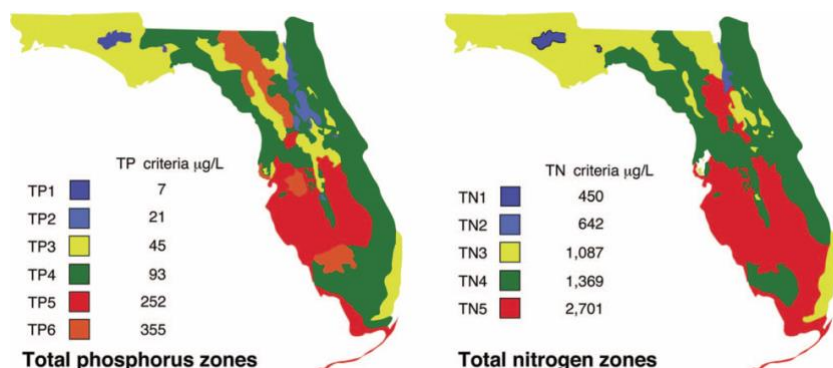


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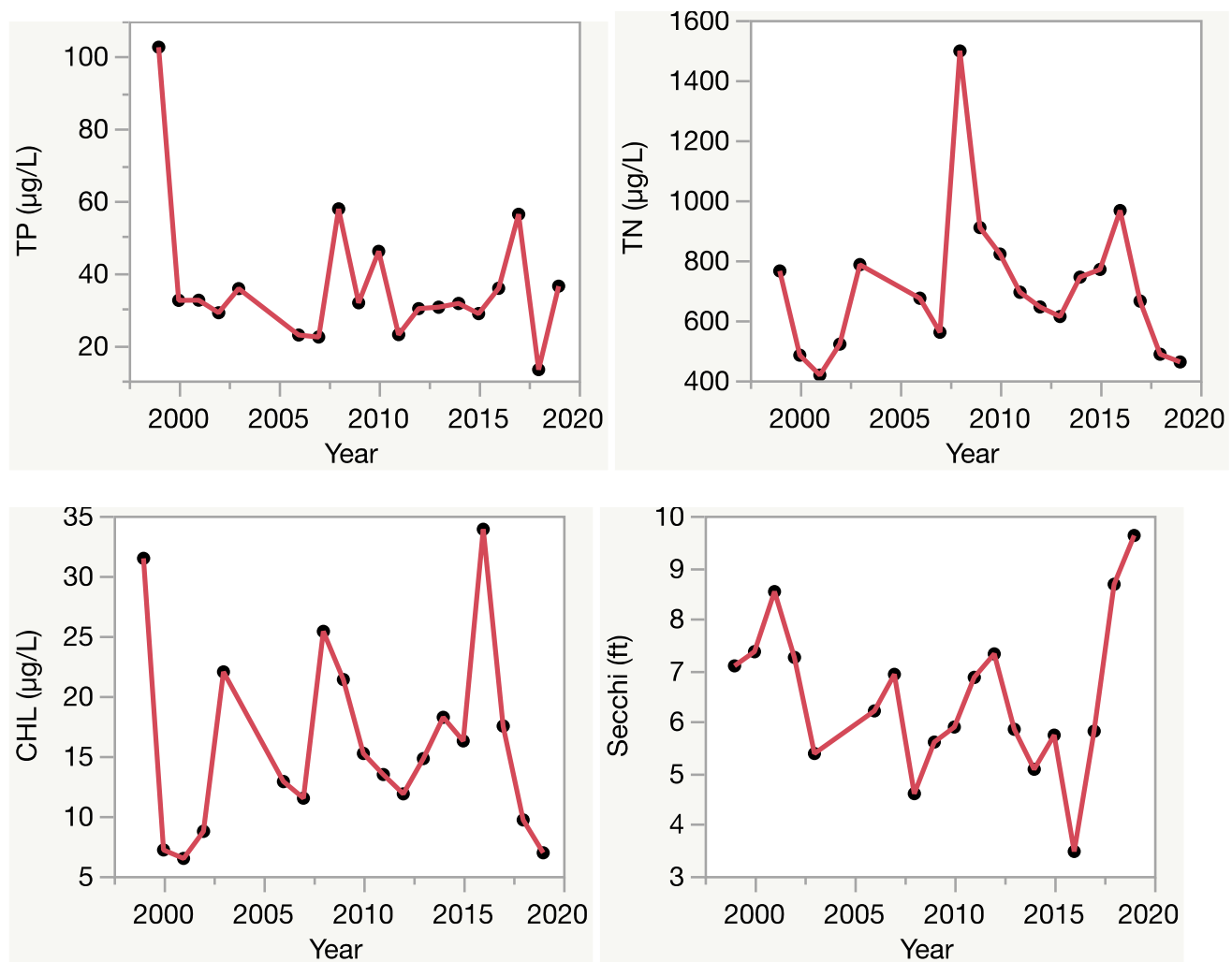
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- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	7 - 7	7 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	461 - 461	461 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 2	2 (1)
Secchi (ft)	13.9 - 13.9	13.9 (1)
Secchi (m)	4.2 - 4.2	4.2 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 7	7 (1)
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.
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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Desoto
GNIS Number	281515
Latitude	25.9753
Longitude	-80.1729
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2001 to 2001
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	7 (7 to 7)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	461 (461 to 461)



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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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.

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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)

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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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- **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.
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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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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¹ 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)	10 - 10	10 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	454 - 454	454 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 5	5 (1)
Secchi (ft)	9.1 - 9.1	9.1 (1)
Secchi (m)	2.8 - 2.8	2.8 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 5	5 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	E
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0767
Longitude	-80.2172
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2002 to 2002
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	10 (10 to 10)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	454 (454 to 454)



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* (2nd 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 East in Broward 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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- **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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	30 - 79	42 (7)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	375 - 819	581 (7)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 19	11 (7)
Secchi (ft)	6.0 - 21.5	8.3 (6)
Secchi (m)	1.8 - 6.5	2.5 (6)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	17 - 24	21 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	3678 - 18000	10544 (5)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	East
GNIS Number	281964
Latitude	26.1799
Longitude	-80.1232
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2001 to 2015
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	42 (30 to 79)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	581 (375 to 819)

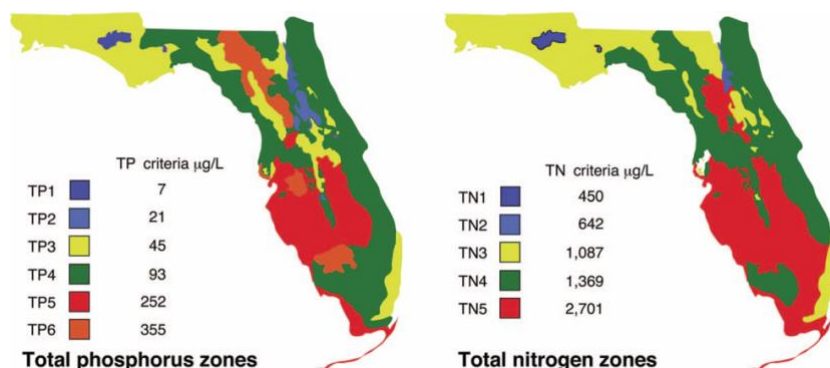


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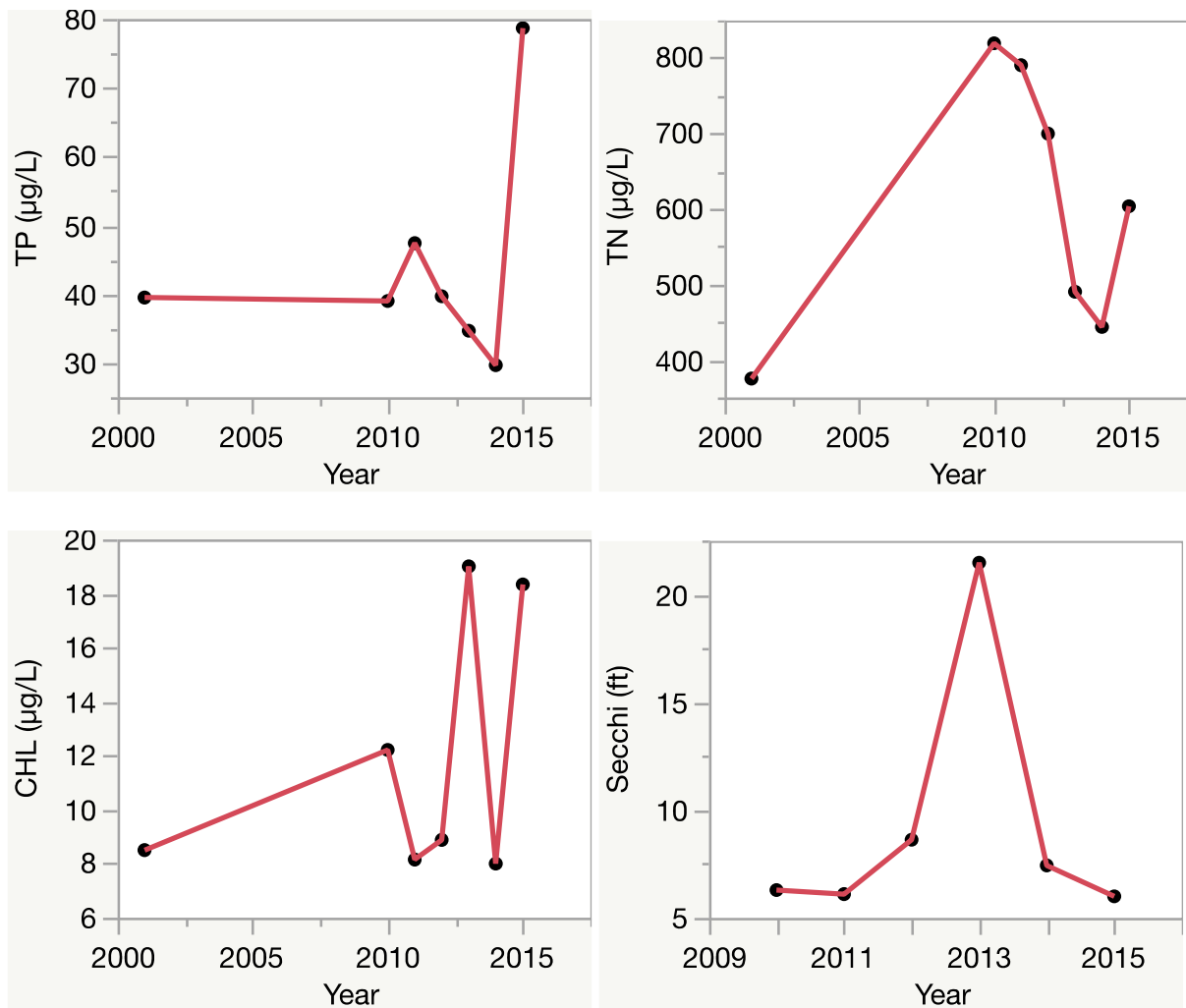
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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Estancia in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	10 - 16	14 (4)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	798 - 1010	921 (4)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 5	3 (4)
Secchi (ft)	7.5 - 8.3	7.9 (4)
Secchi (m)	2.3 - 2.5	2.4 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	18 - 27	23 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Estancia
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0009
Longitude	-80.4036
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2003
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	14 (10 to 16)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	921 (798 to 1010)



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* (2nd column) in Table 1.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	6 - 13	8 (6)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	229 - 497	325 (6)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 3	2 (5)
Secchi (ft)	16.9 - 21.5	19.6 (6)
Secchi (m)	5.1 - 6.5	6.0 (6)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 9	6 (6)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	154 - 215	193 (6)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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County	Broward
Name	Estates of Ft. Lauderdale
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0514
Longitude	-80.1854
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	8 (6 to 13)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	325 (229 to 497)

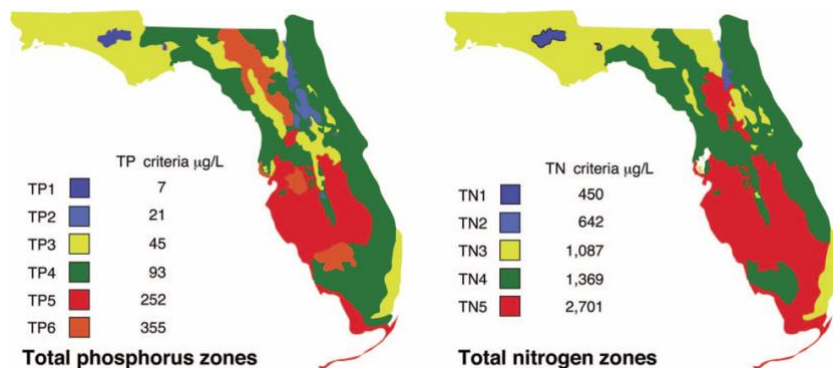


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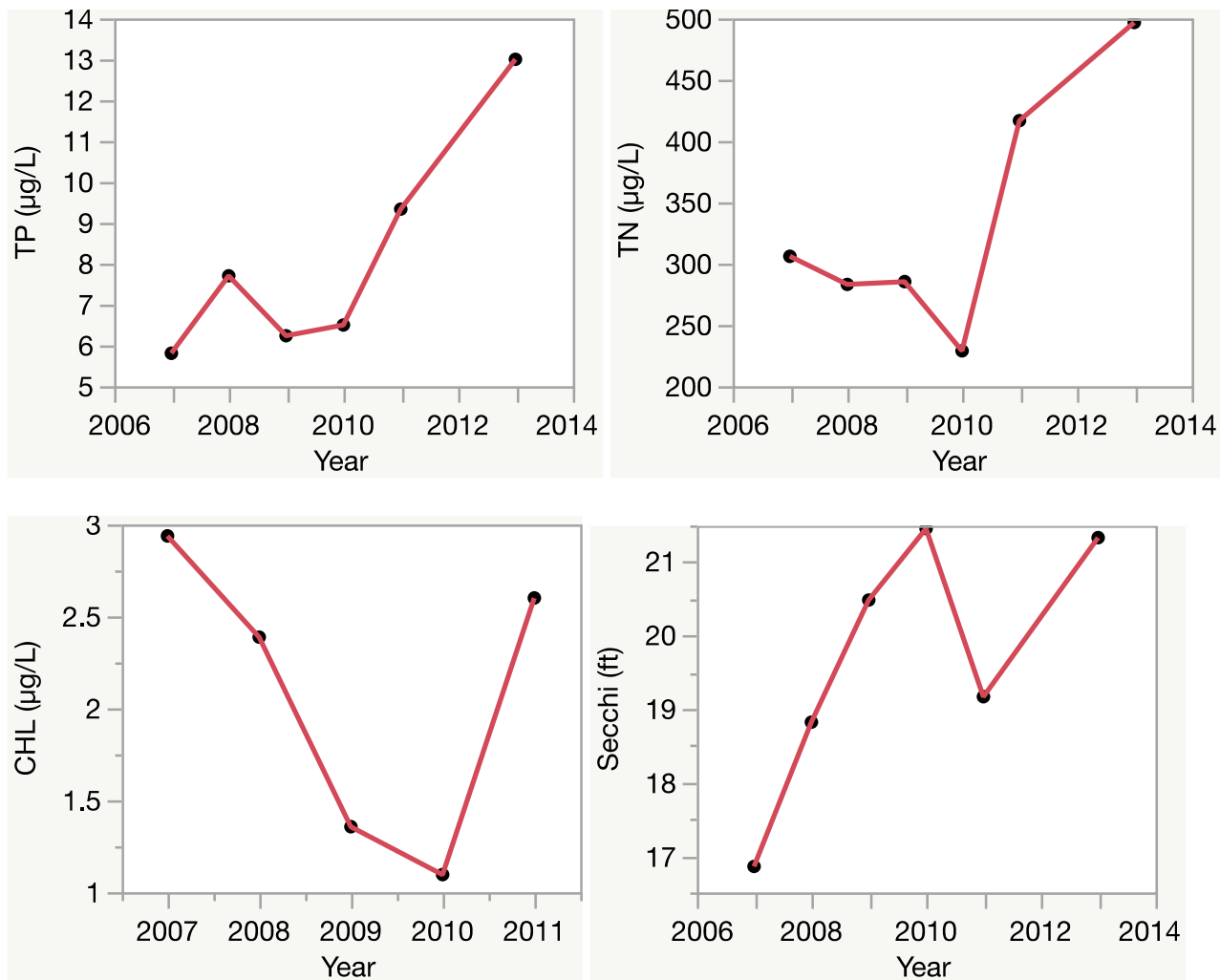
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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Everglades in Broward County

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)	14 - 17	15 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1211 - 1260	1235 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 7	5 (2)
Secchi (ft)	5.7 - 6.0	5.9 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.7 - 1.8	1.8 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	28 - 49	37 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 (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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Everglades
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0611
Longitude	-80.4452
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2004
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	15 (14 to 17)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1235 (1211 to 1260)

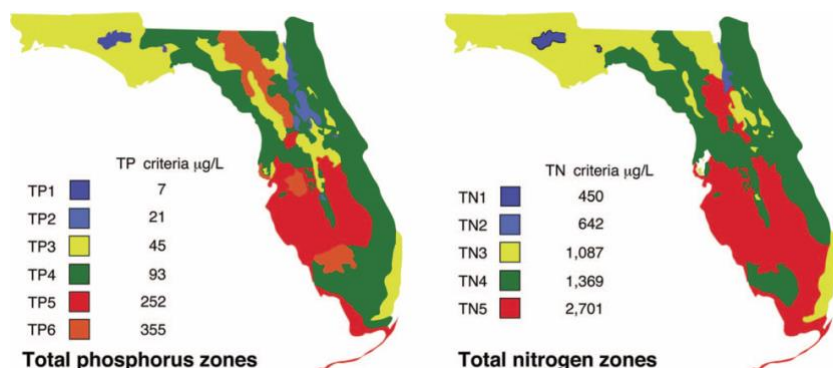


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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* (2nd 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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Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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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.
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

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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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- **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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	7 - 14	9 (6)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	455 - 646	565 (6)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 4	3 (6)
Secchi (ft)	10.1 - 14.3	12.0 (6)
Secchi (m)	3.1 - 4.4	3.7 (6)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 13	10 (4)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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County	Broward
Name	Flamingo
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0496
Longitude	-80.3035
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2004
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	9 (7 to 14)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	565 (455 to 646)



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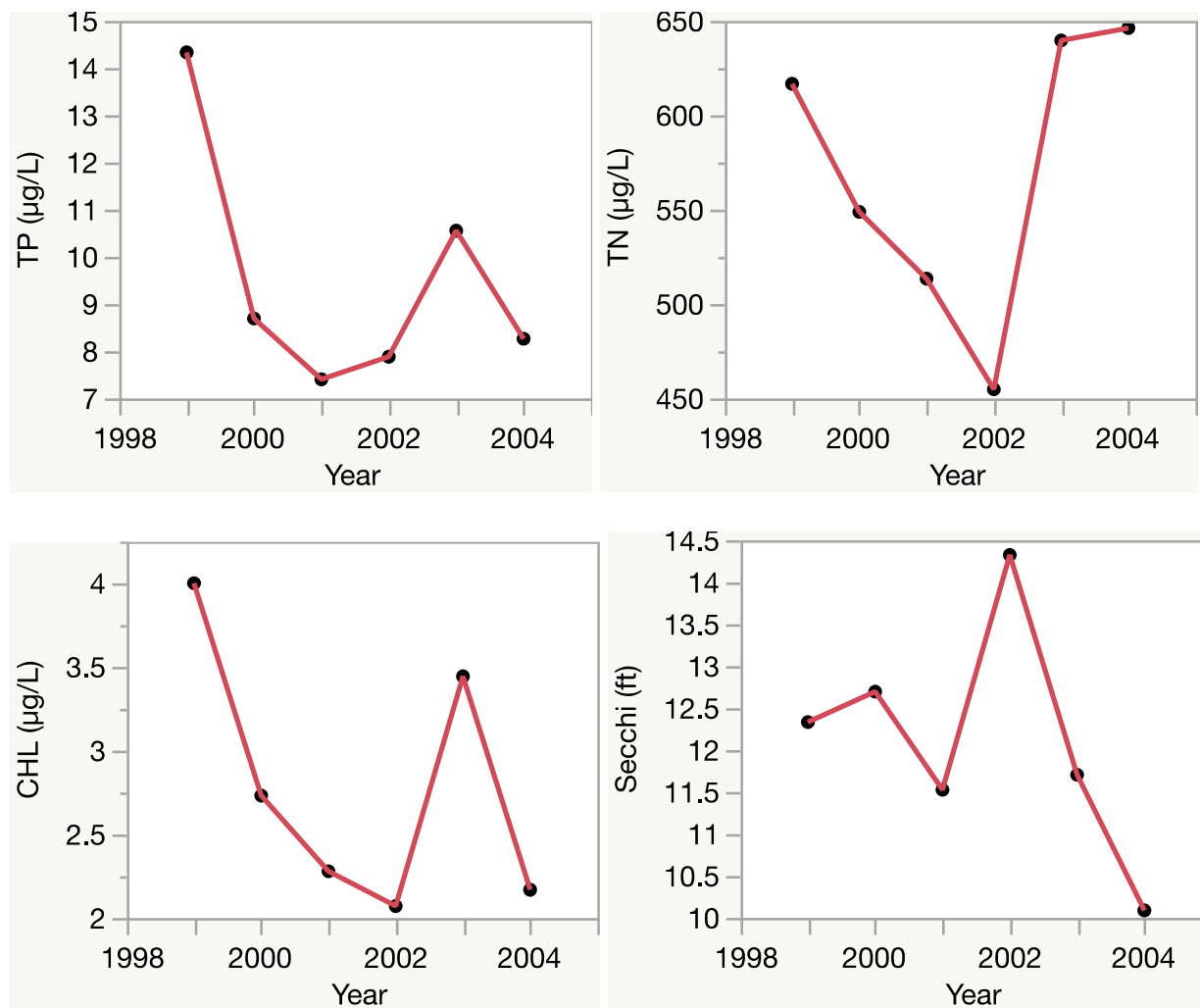
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Figure 2. Lake Flamingo trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.25$, $p = 0.31$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.06$, $p = 0.63$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.24$, $p = 0.32$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.19$, $p = 0.39$).



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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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	16 - 20	18 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	359 - 412	385 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 9	7 (2)
Secchi (ft)	7.4 - 7.7	7.5 (2)
Secchi (m)	2.2 - 2.4	2.3 (2)
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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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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County	Broward
Name	Flamingo 2
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0552
Longitude	-80.3041
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2001
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	18 (16 to 20)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	385 (359 to 412)



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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	13 - 106	27 (15)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	560 - 1980	793 (15)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 36	7 (15)
Secchi (ft)	1.6 - 4.0	2.9 (11)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.2	0.9 (11)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	24 - 52	32 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	287 - 592	378 (8)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Helen
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1402
Longitude	-80.1040
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	27 (13 to 106)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	793 (560 to 1980)

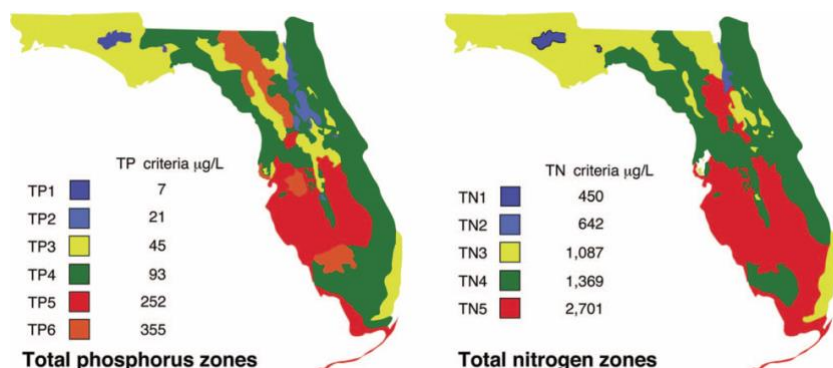


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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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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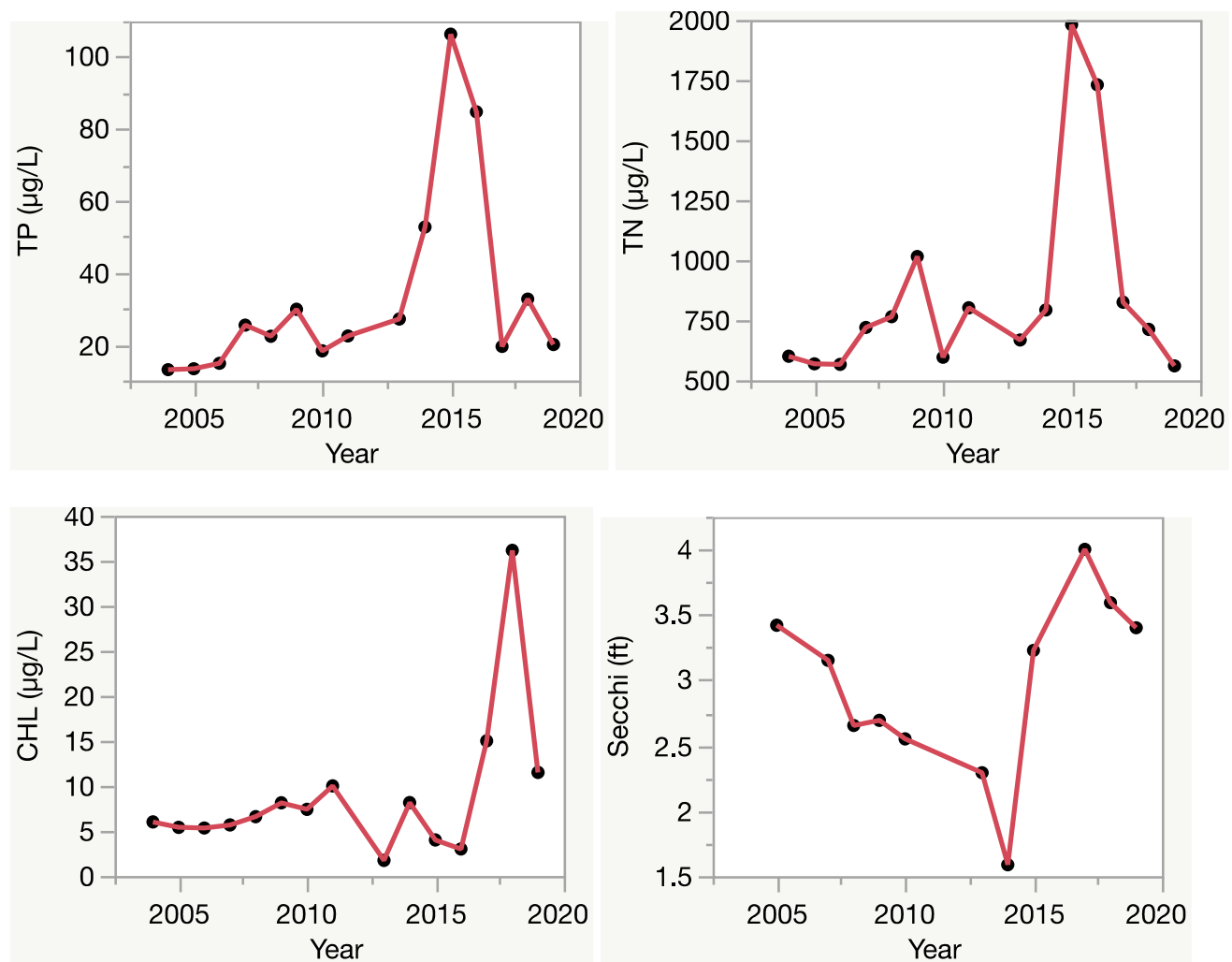
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Figure 2. Lake Helen trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.20$, $p = 0.10$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.13$, $p = 0.19$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.22$, $p = 0.08$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.06$, $p = 0.46$).



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Secchi (ft)	7.1 - 7.1	7.1 (1)
Secchi (m)	2.2 - 2.2	2.2 (1)
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GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1075
Longitude	-80.2281
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2014 to 2014
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	21 (21 to 21)
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	23 - 23	23 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2053 - 2053	2053 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	15 - 15	15 (1)
Secchi (ft)	3.3 - 3.3	3.3 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	112 - 112	112 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	562 - 562	562 (1)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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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 (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.

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County	Broward
Name	Holiday Park
GNIS Number	307537
Latitude	26.1074
Longitude	-80.6043
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2007
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP4
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	23 (23 to 23)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	2053 (2053 to 2053)



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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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	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)	14 - 14	14 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	570 - 570	570 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 4	4 (1)
Secchi (ft)	3.4 - 3.4	3.4 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (1)
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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- **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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Jacaranda 4
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1392
Longitude	-80.2729
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2016 to 2016
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	14 (14 to 14)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	570 (570 to 570)



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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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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	19 - 19	19 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	787 - 787	787 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	12 - 12	12 (1)
Secchi (ft)	2.4 - 2.4	2.4 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.7	0.7 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
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Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2016 to 2016
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
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Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	19 (19 to 19)
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	610 - 936	733 (15)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 8	3 (15)
Secchi (ft)	2.4 - 3.7	3.0 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.1	0.9 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	21 - 38	28 (13)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	266 - 678	402 (10)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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.
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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 ($\mu\text{g/L}$: 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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Long
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1416
Longitude	-80.1041
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	17 (8 to 22)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	733 (610 to 936)

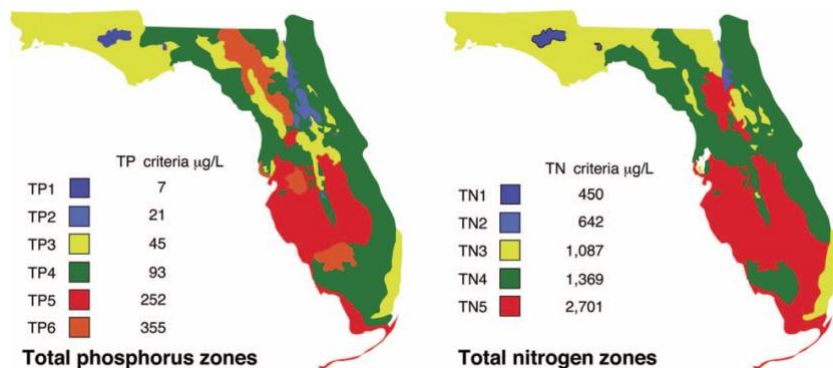


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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* (2nd 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.

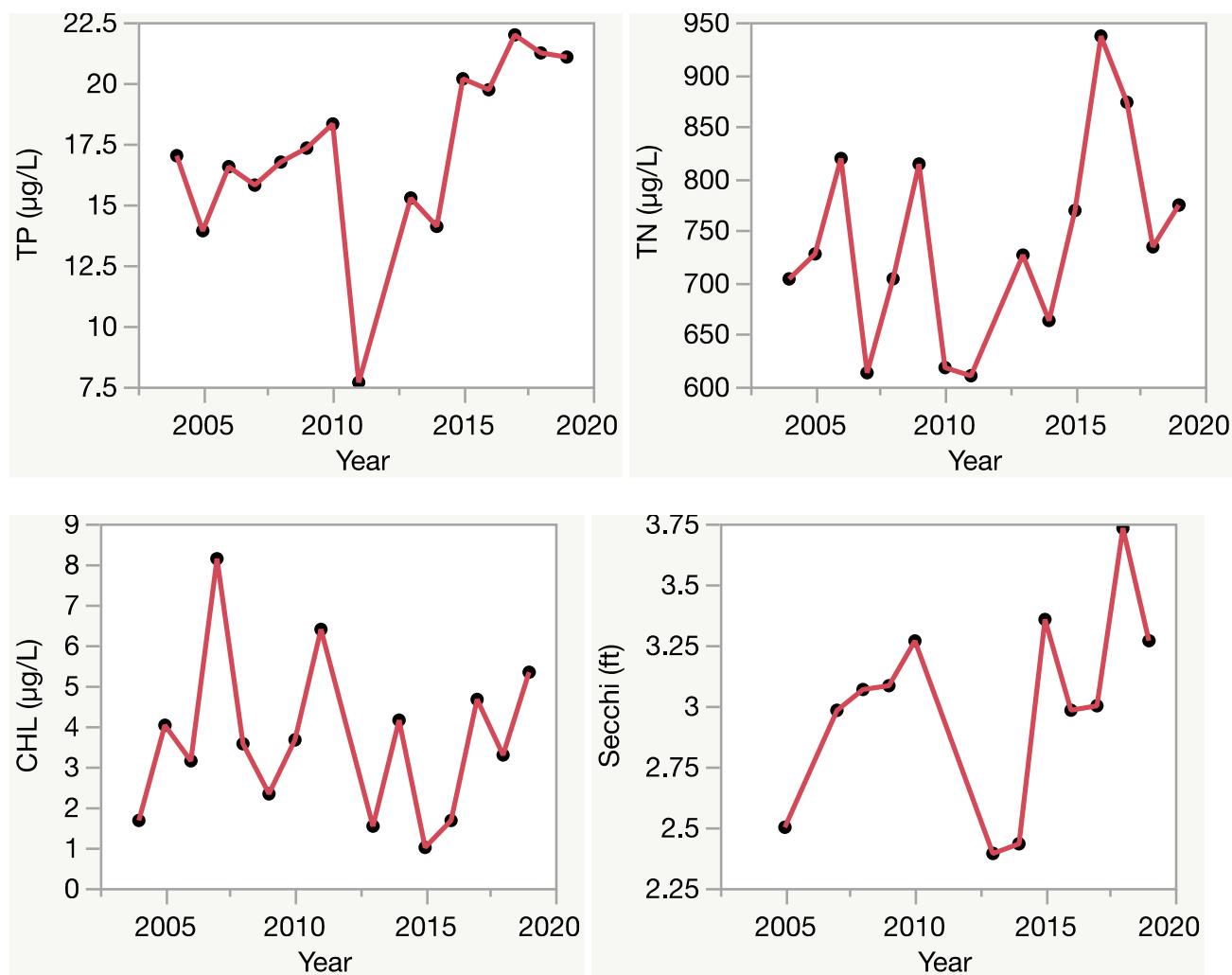
Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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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

Figure 2. Lake Long 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, $R^2 = 0.26$, $p = 0.05$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.13$, $p = 0.18$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, $p = 0.85$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.15$, $p = 0.21$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Markham in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	7 - 14	9 (16)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1180 - 1733	1382 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 14	11 (16)
Secchi (ft)	3.2 - 4.8	3.6 (16)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.5	1.1 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	14 - 23	18 (14)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	397 - 539	460 (11)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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.
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- **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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Markham
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1317
Longitude	-80.3573
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	9 (7 to 14)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	1382 (1180 to 1733)



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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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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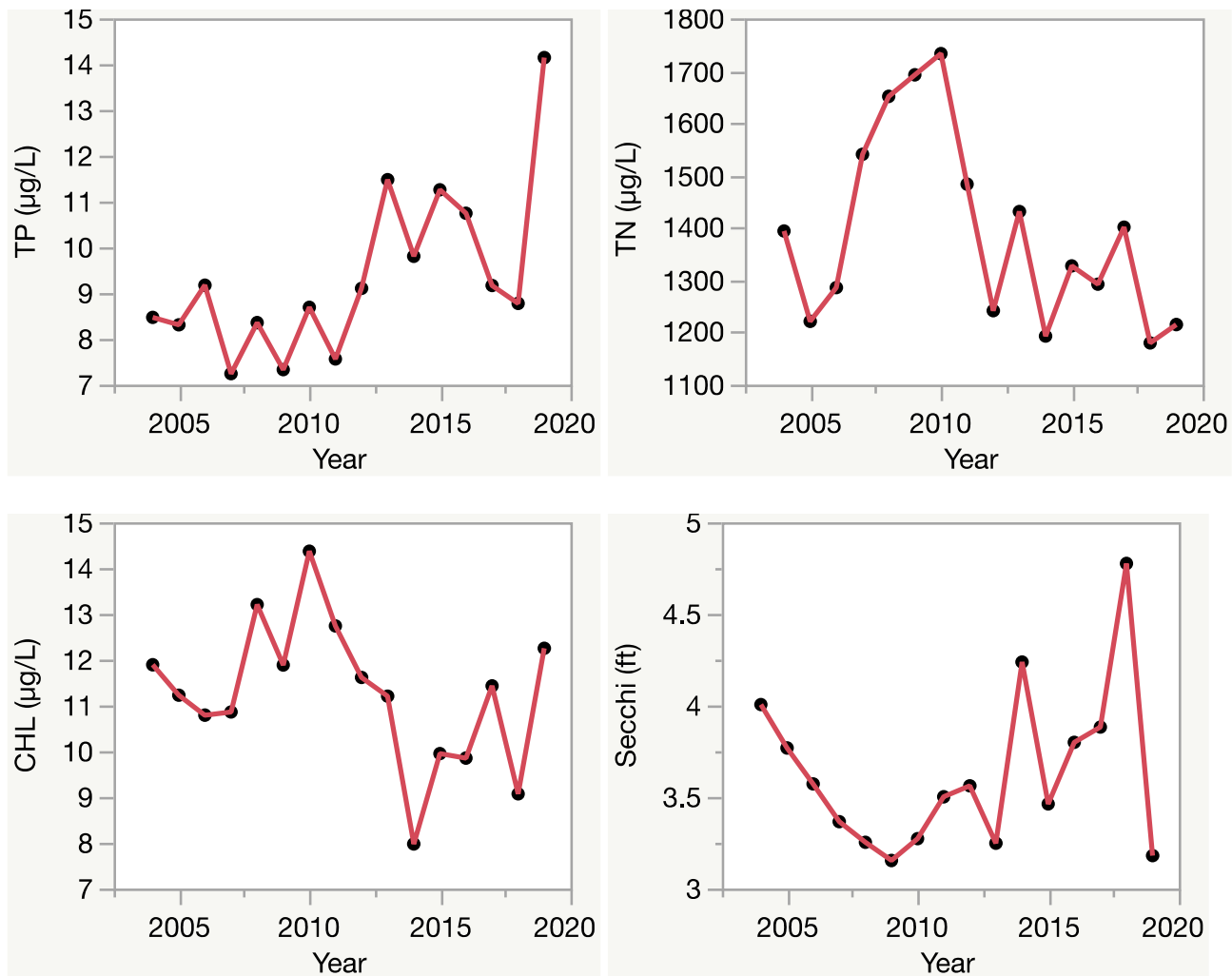
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Figure 2. Lake Markham trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing, $R^2 = 0.41$, $p = 0.01$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.15$, $p = 0.14$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.12$, $p = 0.19$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.06$, $p = 0.38$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Melva in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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- 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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- **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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	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)	31 - 31	31 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	883 - 883	883 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 10	10 (1)
Secchi (ft)	6.4 - 6.4	6.4 (1)
Secchi (m)	2.0 - 2.0	2.0 (1)
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.
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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Melva
GNIS Number	286697
Latitude	26.1448
Longitude	-80.1215
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 1997
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP4
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	31 (31 to 31)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	883 (883 to 883)

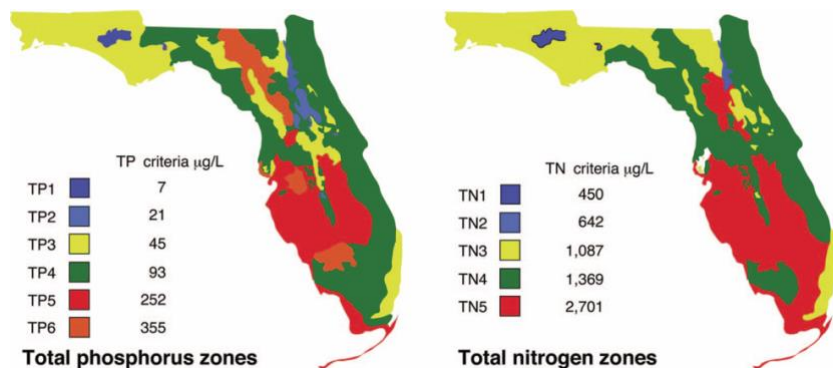


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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* (2nd 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 North in Broward 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)	16 - 97	36 (15)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	624 - 1714	965 (15)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 21	8 (14)
Secchi (ft)	1.2 - 3.2	1.9 (11)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 1.0	0.6 (11)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	22 - 51	31 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	294 - 549	373 (8)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	North
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1406
Longitude	-80.1040
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	0.8 ha or 2 acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	36 (16 to 97)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	965 (624 to 1714)

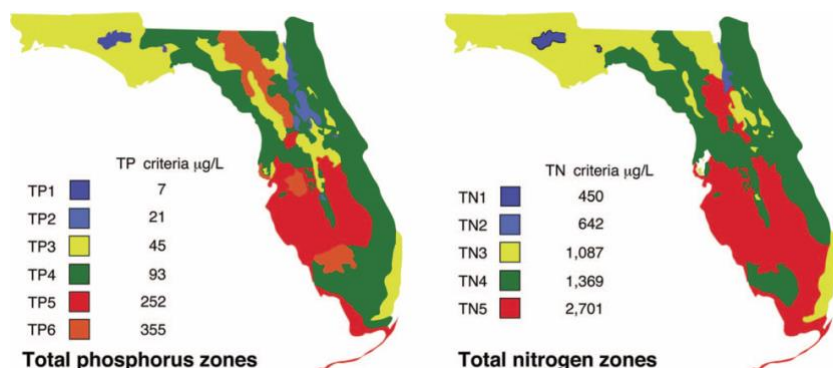


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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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3. 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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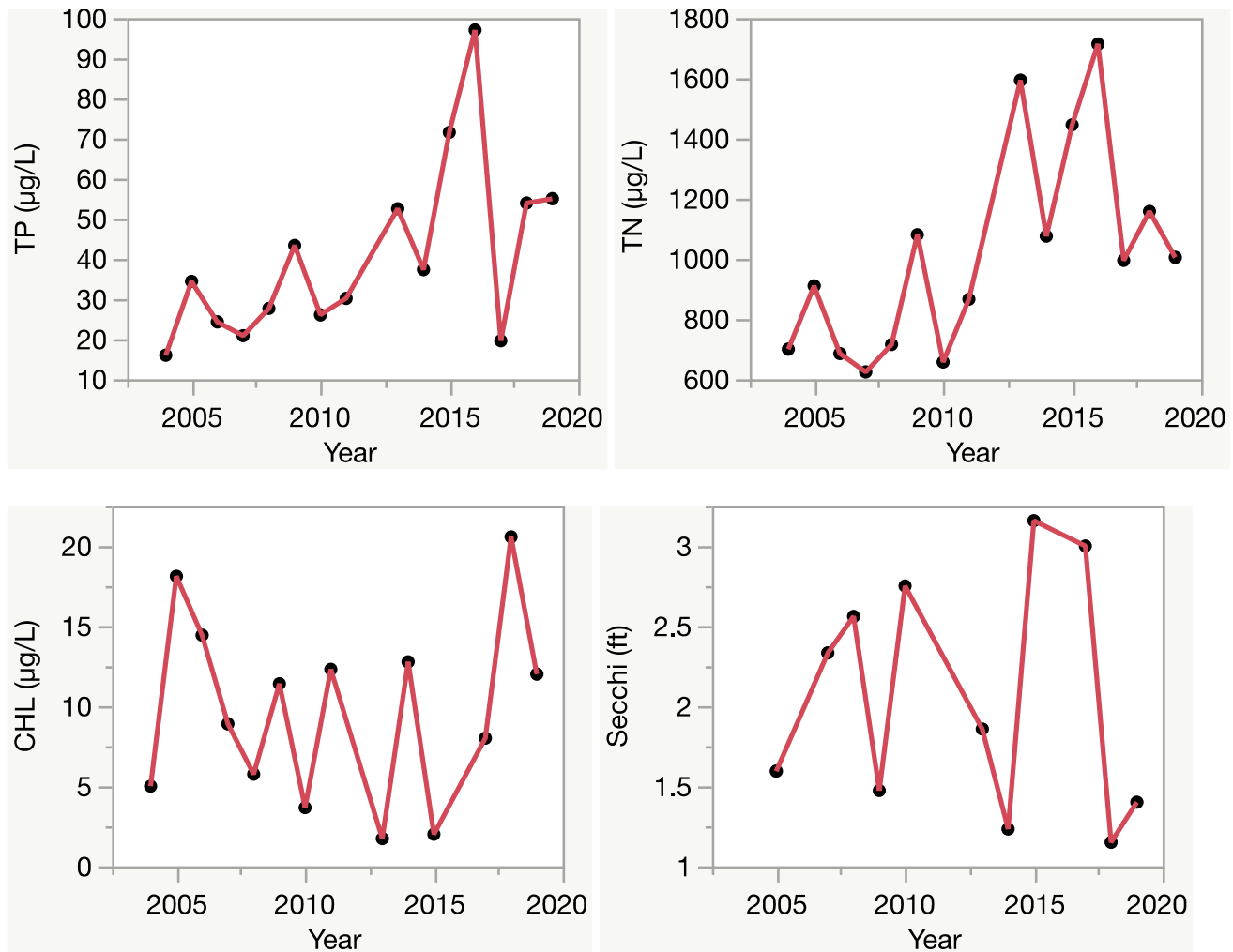
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Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.

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.
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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 North 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, $R^2 = 0.36$, $p = 0.02$), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.38$, $p = 0.01$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, $p = 0.83$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, $p = 0.76$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pembroke Isles in Broward County

Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	23 - 23	23 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1013 - 1013	1013 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	9 - 9	9 (1)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
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Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2020 to 2020
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	23 (23 to 23)
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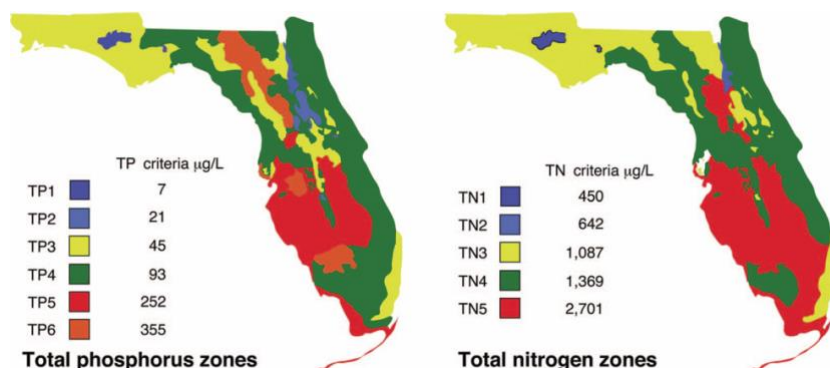


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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	9 - 9	9 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	730 - 730	730 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 1	1 (1)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	9 - 9	9 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	216 - 216	216 (1)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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County	Broward
Name	Quiet Waters
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.3067
Longitude	-80.1601
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2013 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	9 (9 to 9)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	730 (730 to 730)



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* (2nd 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 Riley in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	15 - 15	15 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	675 - 675	675 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 6	6 (1)
Secchi (ft)	5.5 - 5.5	5.5 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.7 - 1.7	1.7 (1)
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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Riley
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1015
Longitude	-80.3605
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2000
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	15 (15 to 15)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	675 (675 to 675)

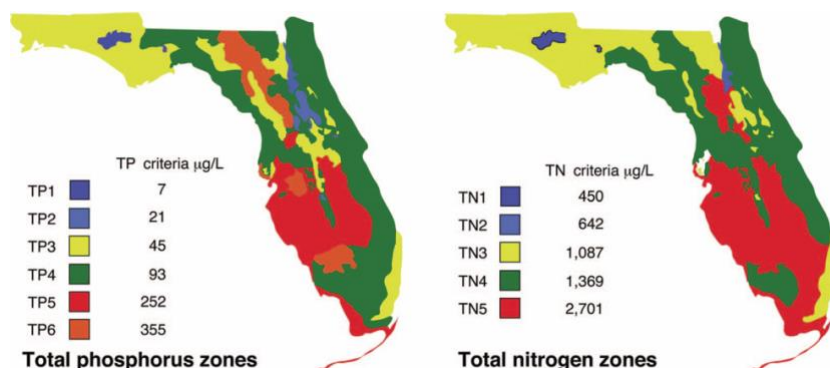


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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* (2nd 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 Rock Creek in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	9 - 18	13 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	345 - 496	394 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 5	4 (3)
Secchi (ft)	8.4 - 11.9	10.1 (3)
Secchi (m)	2.6 - 3.6	3.1 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	9 - 12	10 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	207 - 228	217 (2)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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 ($\mu\text{g/L}$: 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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Rock Creek
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0410
Longitude	-80.3030
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2014
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	13 (9 to 18)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	394 (345 to 496)

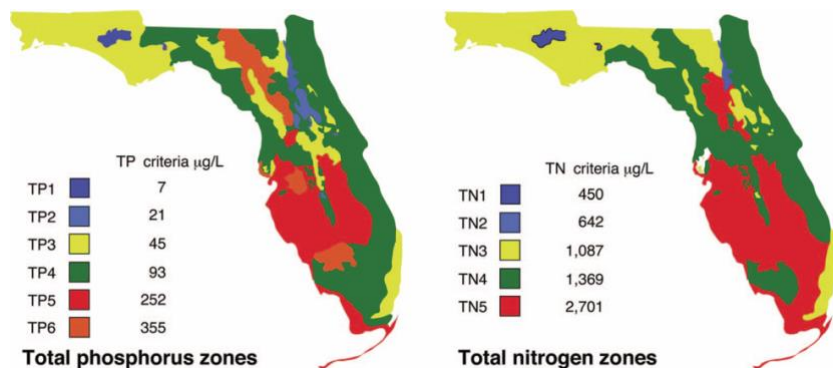


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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
 - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which 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* (2nd 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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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 Royal Palm in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	8 - 13	11 (8)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	663 - 1053	870 (8)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 10	6 (8)
Secchi (ft)	5.5 - 10.0	7.7 (7)
Secchi (m)	1.7 - 3.0	2.3 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	17 - 38	22 (8)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	316 - 462	383 (6)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Royal Palm
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1082
Longitude	-81.2448
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2012
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	11 (8 to 13)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	870 (663 to 1053)

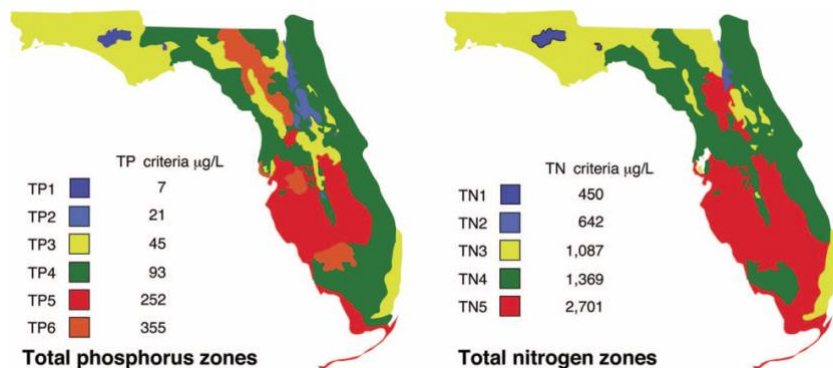


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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* (2nd 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.

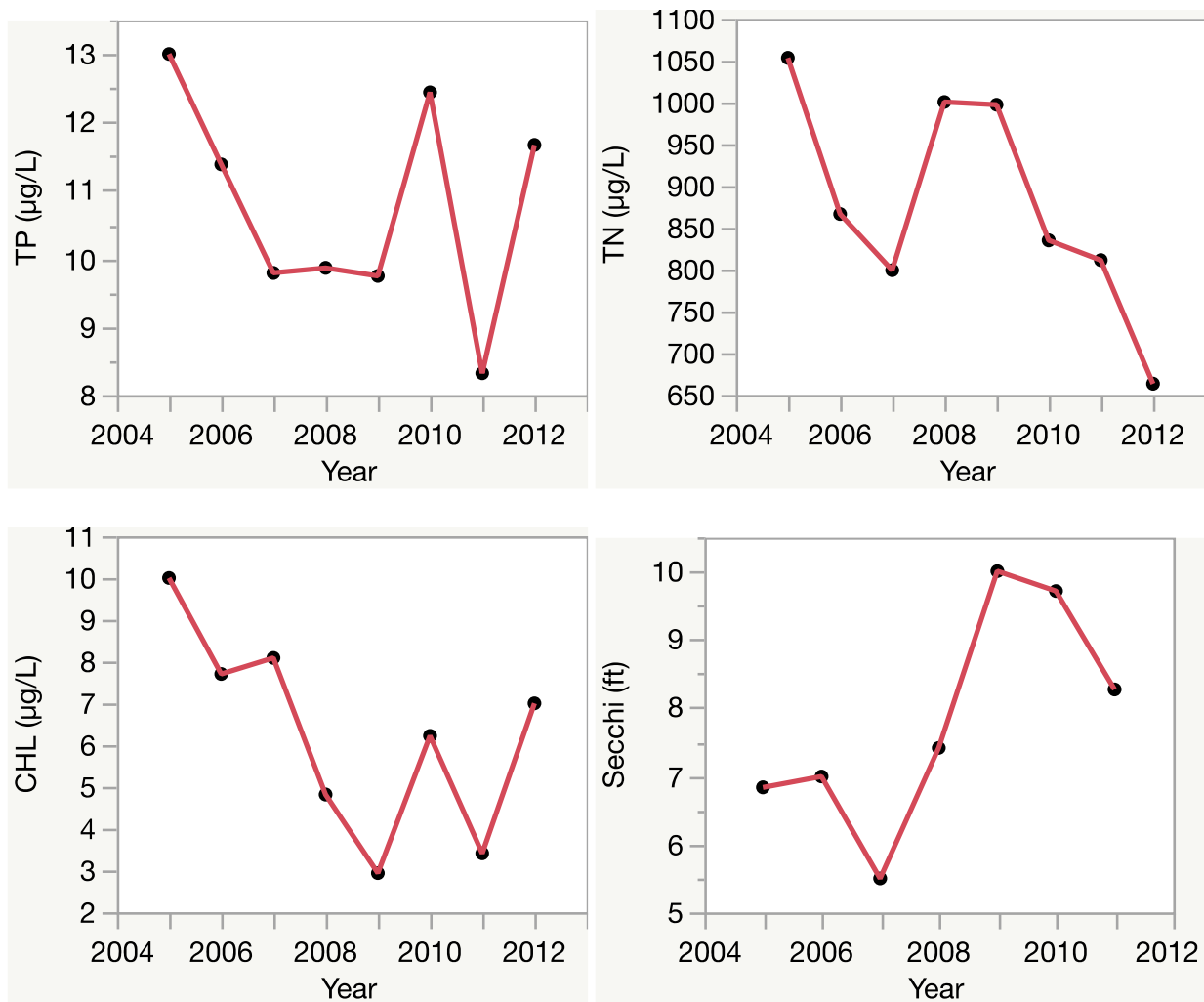
Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

Figure 2. Lake Royal Palm 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, $R^2 = 0.09$, $p = 0.46$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.42$, $p = 0.08$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.36$, $p = 0.12$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.46$, $p = 0.09$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Seneca in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	25 - 25	25 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	611 - 611	611 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	13 - 13	13 (1)
Secchi (ft)	4.3 - 4.3	4.3 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 1.3	1.3 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 10	10 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1070 - 1070	1070 (1)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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- **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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Seneca
GNIS Number	290855
Latitude	26.2033
Longitude	-80.0986
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2018 to 2018
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	25 (25 to 25)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	611 (611 to 611)

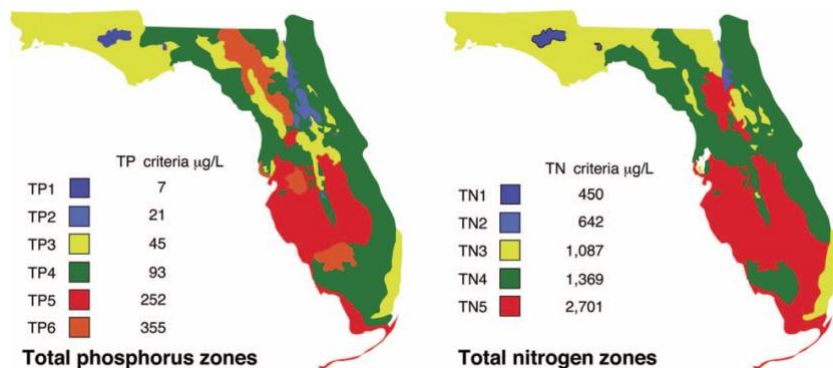


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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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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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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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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Silver in Broward 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.
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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.
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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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

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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 CaCO₃ 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)	7 - 17	11 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	617 - 721	667 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 14	8 (2)
Secchi (ft)	4.5 - 10.5	6.9 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.4 - 3.2	2.1 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 12	11 (2)
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.
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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Silver
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0255
Longitude	-80.3786
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2004
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	11 (7 to 17)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	667 (617 to 721)



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* (2nd 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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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 Silver 3 in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	10 - 10	10 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	742 - 742	742 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 2	2 (1)
Secchi (ft)	14.4 - 14.4	14.4 (1)
Secchi (m)	4.4 - 4.4	4.4 (1)
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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Silver 3
GNIS Number	
Latitude	25.9833
Longitude	-80.3787
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	4 ha or 10 acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2000
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	10 (10 to 10)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	742 (742 to 742)



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* (2nd 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 in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	18 - 147	32 (15)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	512 - 2176	808 (15)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 53	7 (15)
Secchi (ft)	1.2 - 4.6	2.7 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 1.4	0.8 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	29 - 106	37 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	285 - 1000	468 (8)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	South
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1390
Longitude	-80.1040
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	0.8 ha or 2 acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	32 (18 to 147)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	808 (512 to 2176)



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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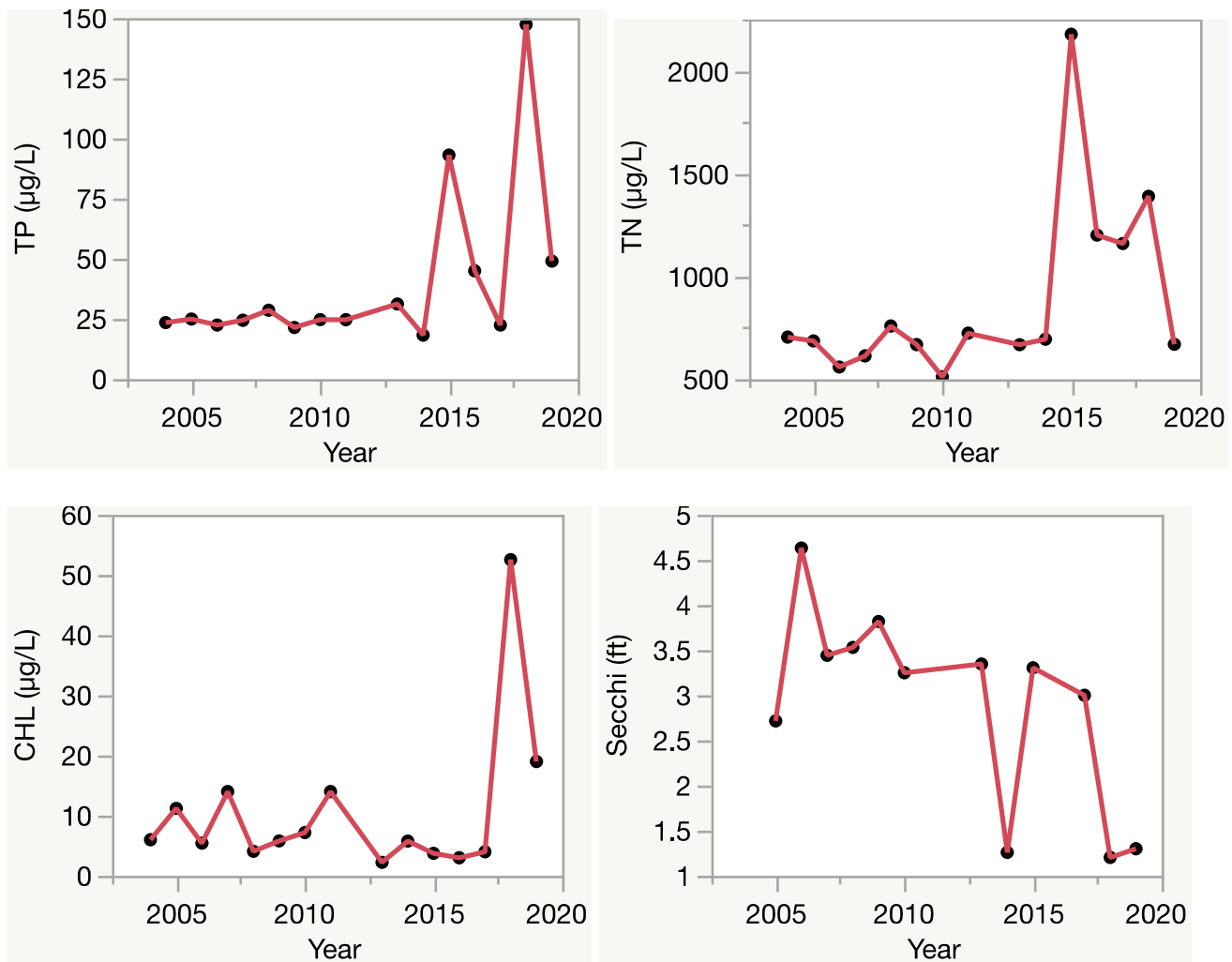
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration 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

Figure 2. Lake South 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, $R^2 = 0.29$, $p = 0.04$), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.26$, $p = 0.05$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.12$, $p = 0.21$) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.47$, $p = 0.01$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Stirling in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	4 - 6	5 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	540 - 596	567 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 2	1 (2)
Secchi (ft)	13.8 - 16.3	15.0 (2)
Secchi (m)	4.2 - 5.0	4.6 (2)
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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Stirling
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0490
Longitude	-80.2804
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	4 ha or 10 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1997
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	5 (4 to 6)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	567 (540 to 596)



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* (2nd 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 Tarpon in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	12 - 21	15 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	653 - 785	716 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 17	14 (3)
Secchi (ft)	4.5 - 4.8	4.6 (3)
Secchi (m)	1.4 - 1.5	1.4 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 13	12 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	4034 - 5000	4491 (2)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Tarpon
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0288
Longitude	-80.1296
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2006 to 2008
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	15 (12 to 21)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	716 (653 to 785)



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* (2nd 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 Tree Tops in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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 CaCO₃ 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)	8 - 8	8 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	637 - 702	669 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 2	2 (2)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	18 - 21	19 (2)
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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Tree Tops
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0666
Longitude	-80.2774
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2004
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	8 (8 to 8)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	669 (637 to 702)



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* (2nd 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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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.
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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 Tyrano in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	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)	16 - 18	17 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	528 - 638	581 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 9	7 (3)
Secchi (ft)	6.1 - 9.5	7.7 (3)
Secchi (m)	1.9 - 2.9	2.3 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	11 - 11	11 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Tyrano
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0956
Longitude	-80.2235
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2002
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	17 (16 to 18)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	581 (528 to 638)

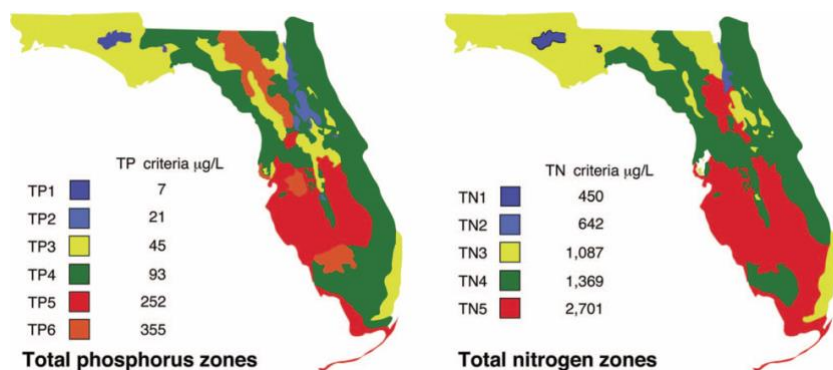


Figure 1. Maps showing Florida phosphorus and nitrogen zones and the nutrient concentrations of the upper 90% of lakes within each zone (Bachmann et al. 2012). Explanation on how to interpret the Nutrient Zones on page 4.

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"

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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.
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 WCA-3 in Broward 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.
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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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or >100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Hard Water Lakes	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO ₃ or < 100 µS/cm@25 C Clear Soft Water Lakes	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510 µg/L	30 µg/L	930 µg/L

¹ 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)	8 - 54	12 (13)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1222 - 2741	1632 (13)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 5	3 (13)
Secchi (ft)	5.0 - 9.9	7.1 (13)
Secchi (m)	1.5 - 3.0	2.2 (13)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	41 - 102	58 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	469 - 671	578 (12)
Lake Classification	Colored	

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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.

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County	Broward
Name	WCA-3
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0254
Longitude	-80.5002
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP4
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	12 (8 to 54)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	1632 (1222 to 2741)



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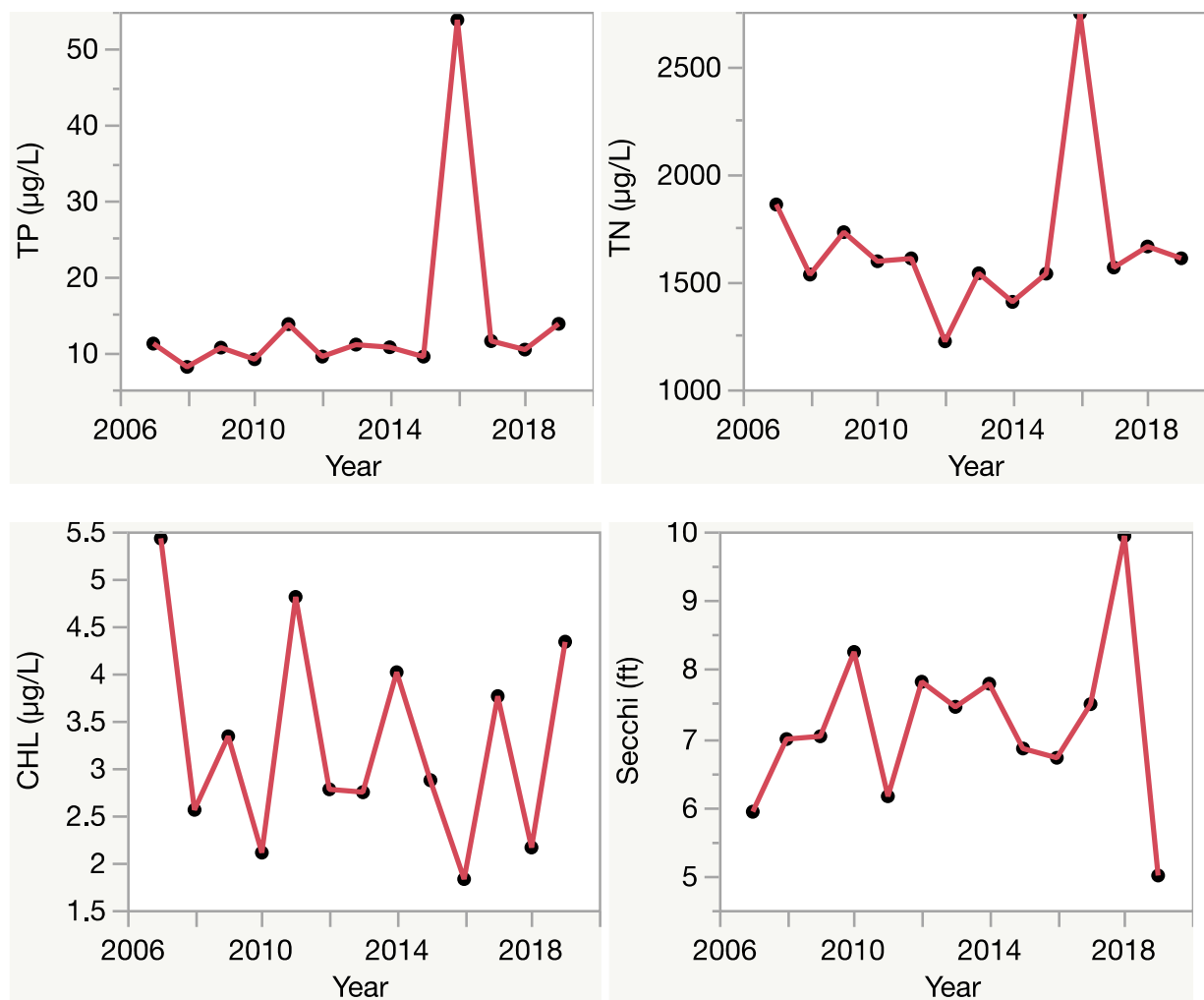
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Figure 2. Lake WCA-3 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.08$, $p = 0.36$), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, $p = 0.70$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.04$, $p = 0.51$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.02$, $p = 0.65$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for West in Broward 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 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 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 Colored Lakes	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	20 - 54	37 (7)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	357 - 715	468 (7)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 16	9 (7)
Secchi (ft)	6.1 - 9.6	7.2 (7)
Secchi (m)	1.9 - 2.9	2.2 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	12 - 27	20 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1324 - 18220	5838 (7)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 (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.

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County	Broward
Name	West
GNIS Number	281964
Latitude	26.1785
Longitude	-80.1265
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2010 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	37 (20 to 54)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	468 (357 to 715)

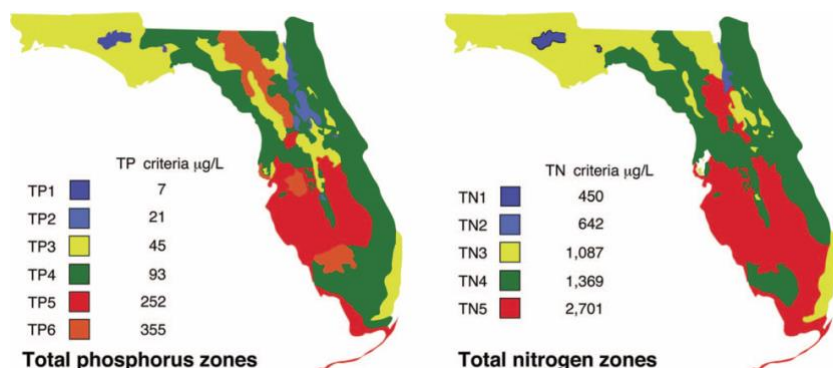


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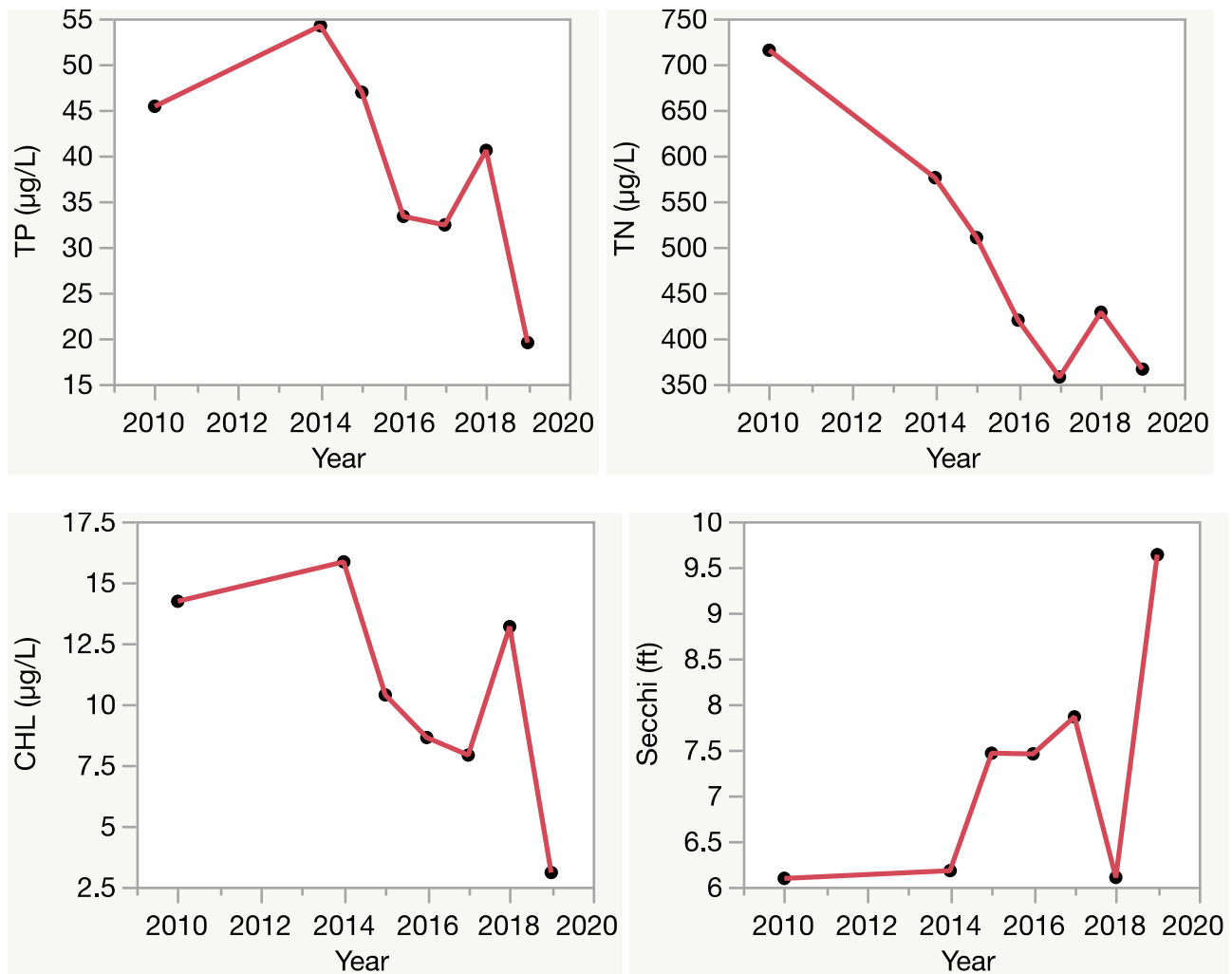
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Figure 2. Lake West trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ($p < 0.05$ is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.45$, $p = 0.10$), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.90$, $p = 0.00$), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.45$, $p = 0.10$) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.39$, $p = 0.14$).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Westport 1 in Broward County

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Introduction for Lakes

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	14 - 62	19 (10)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	783 - 1993	1106 (10)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 15	9 (10)
Secchi (ft)	5.0 - 7.1	5.6 (4)
Secchi (m)	1.5 - 2.2	1.7 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	23 - 28	25 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	402 - 419	410 (2)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Westport 1
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1256
Longitude	-80.2959
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	19 (14 to 62)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	1106 (783 to 1993)

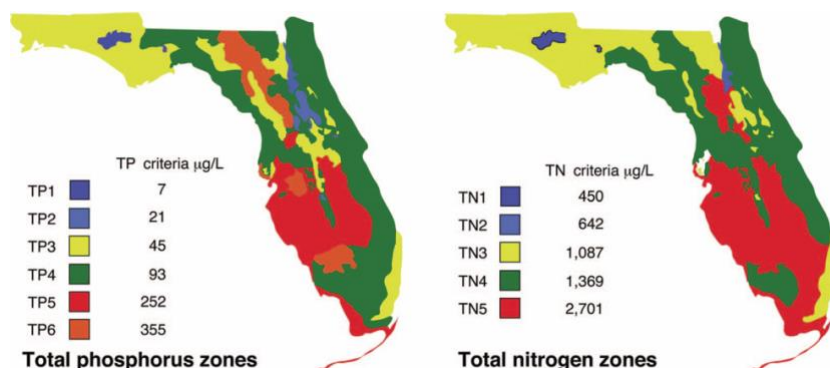


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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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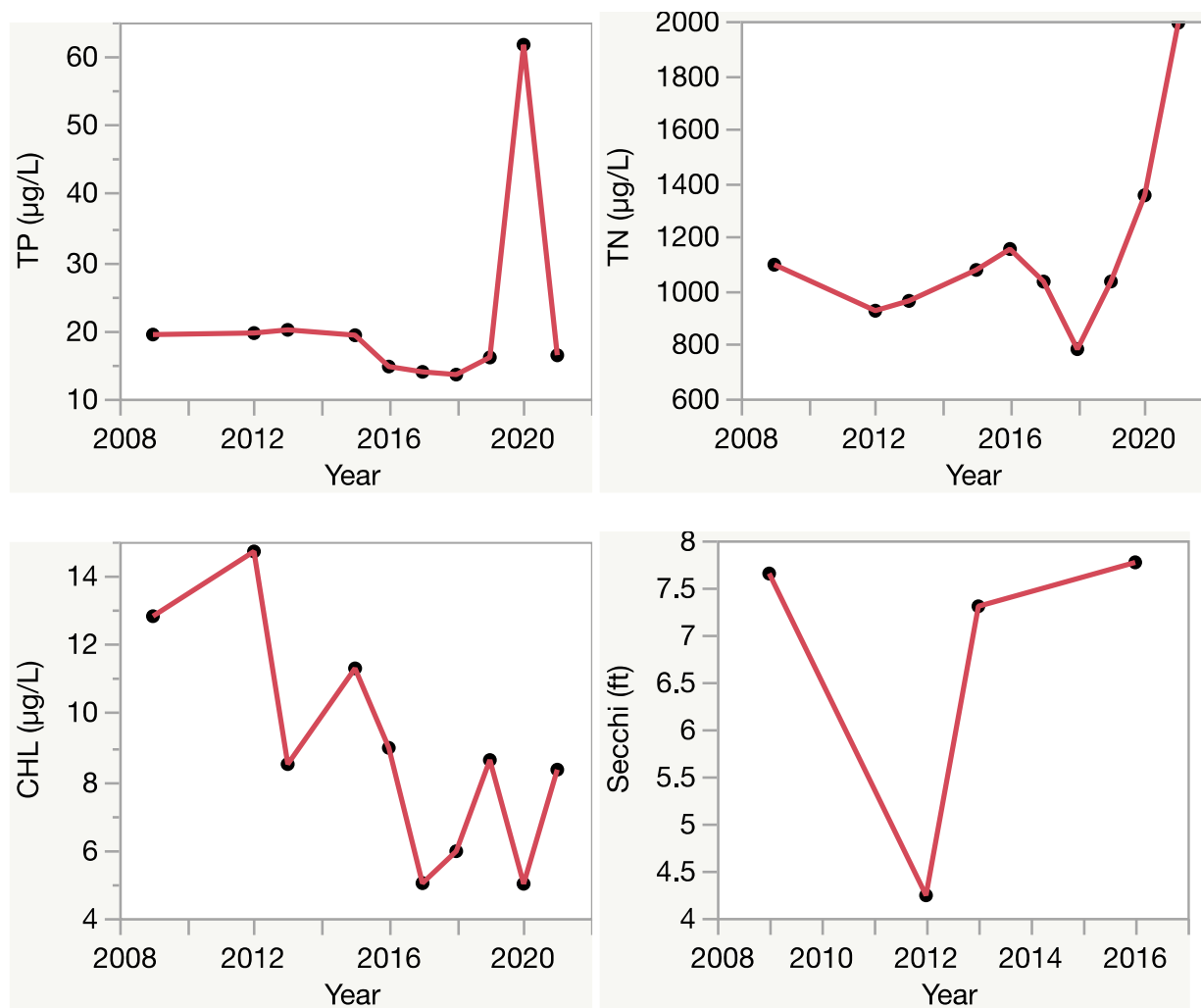
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
 - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
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 - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration 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 Westport 2 in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	11 - 25	16 (10)
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Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 15	8 (10)
Secchi (ft)	4.2 - 7.8	6.5 (4)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 2.4	2.0 (4)
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Name	Westport 2
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.1295
Longitude	-80.2943
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
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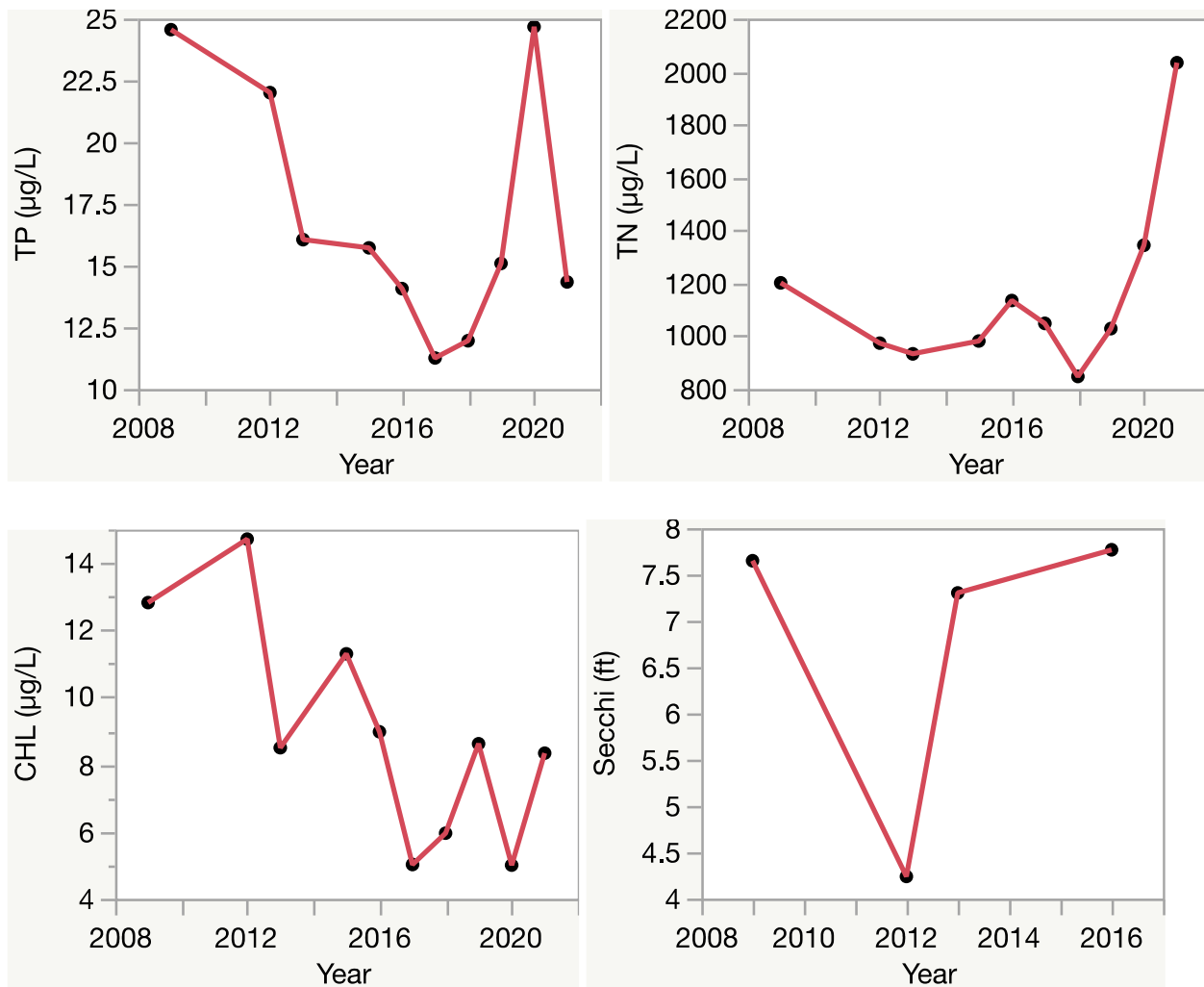
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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Windermere in Broward County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	6 - 7	7 (4)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	254 - 335	278 (4)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 2	2 (4)
Secchi (ft)	11.6 - 14.9	13.5 (4)
Secchi (m)	3.6 - 4.6	4.1 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 6	4 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	163 - 163	163 (1)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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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 90th percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.

County	Broward
Name	Windermere
GNIS Number	
Latitude	26.0528
Longitude	-80.1740
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2004 to 2007
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	7 (6 to 7)
TN Zone	TN3
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g/L}$, min. and max.)	278 (254 to 335)



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* (2nd 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.

