

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Adelaide in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
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Secchi (ft)	3.0 - 10.2	6.1 (24)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 3.1	1.9 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	22 - 78	41 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	93 - 123	110 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Adelaide
GNIS Number	277693
Latitude	27.6436
Longitude	-81.5313
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	44 ha or 109 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>15 (11 to 28)</b>
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**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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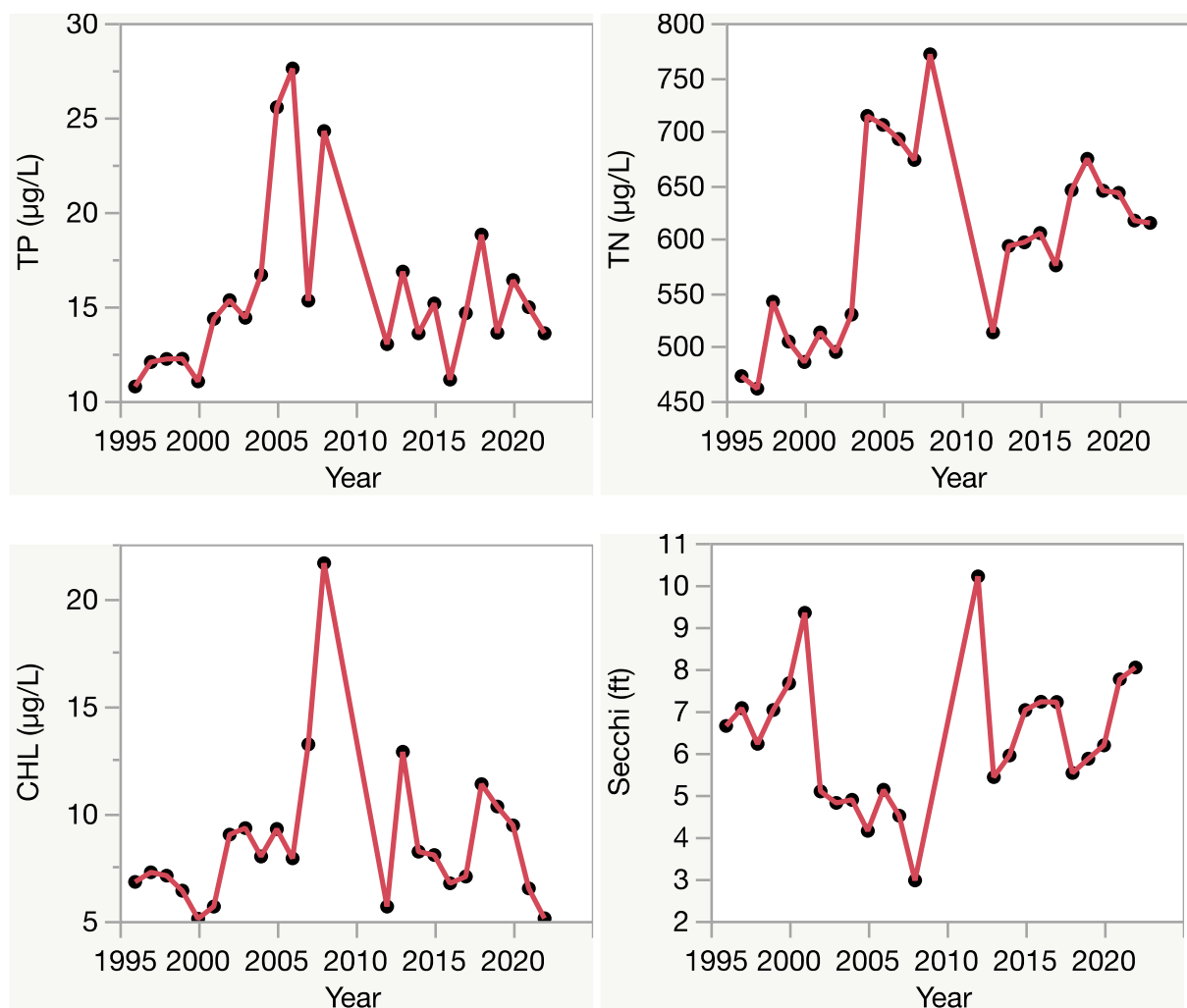
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Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped Nutrient Zones according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations listed in Table 1 found in Bachmann, R. W., Bigham D. L., Hoyer M. V., Canfield D. E, Jr. 2012. A strategy for establishing numeric nutrient criteria for Florida lakes. Lake Reservoir Management. 28:84-92.

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Lake Classification		

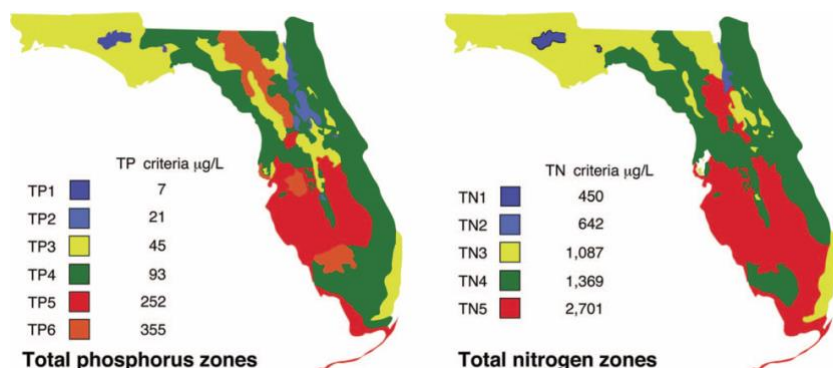
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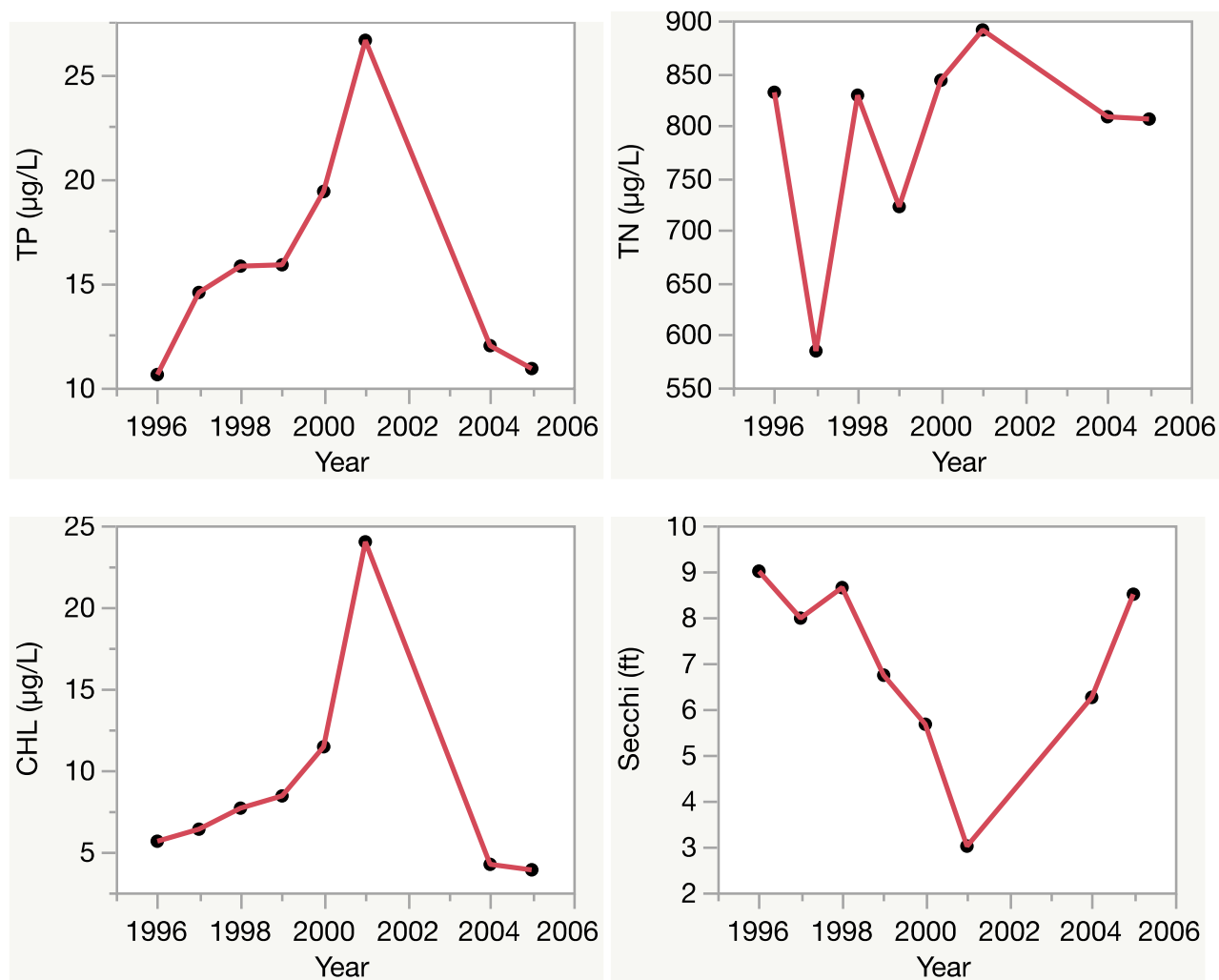
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	270 - 512	<b>374 (23)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 9	<b>4 (23)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.6 - 14.8	7.3 (23)
Secchi (m)	1.1 - 4.5	2.2 (23)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	11 - 120	39 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	21 - 41	32 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Softwater</b>	

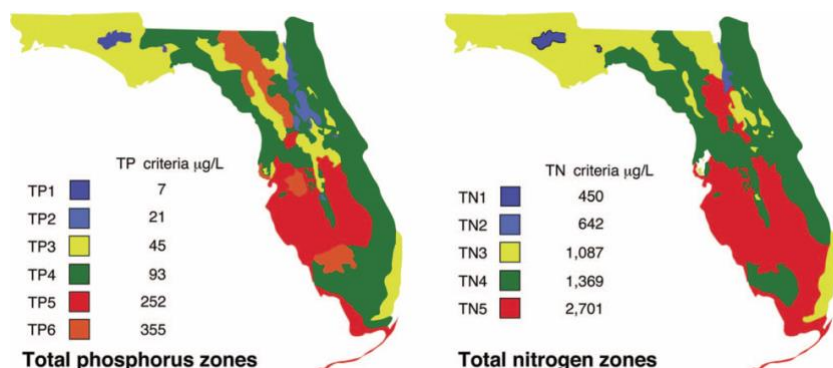
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Annie
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.2091
Longitude	-81.3489
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	35 ha or 86 acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>8 (4 to 12)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>374 (270 to 512)</b>



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

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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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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.

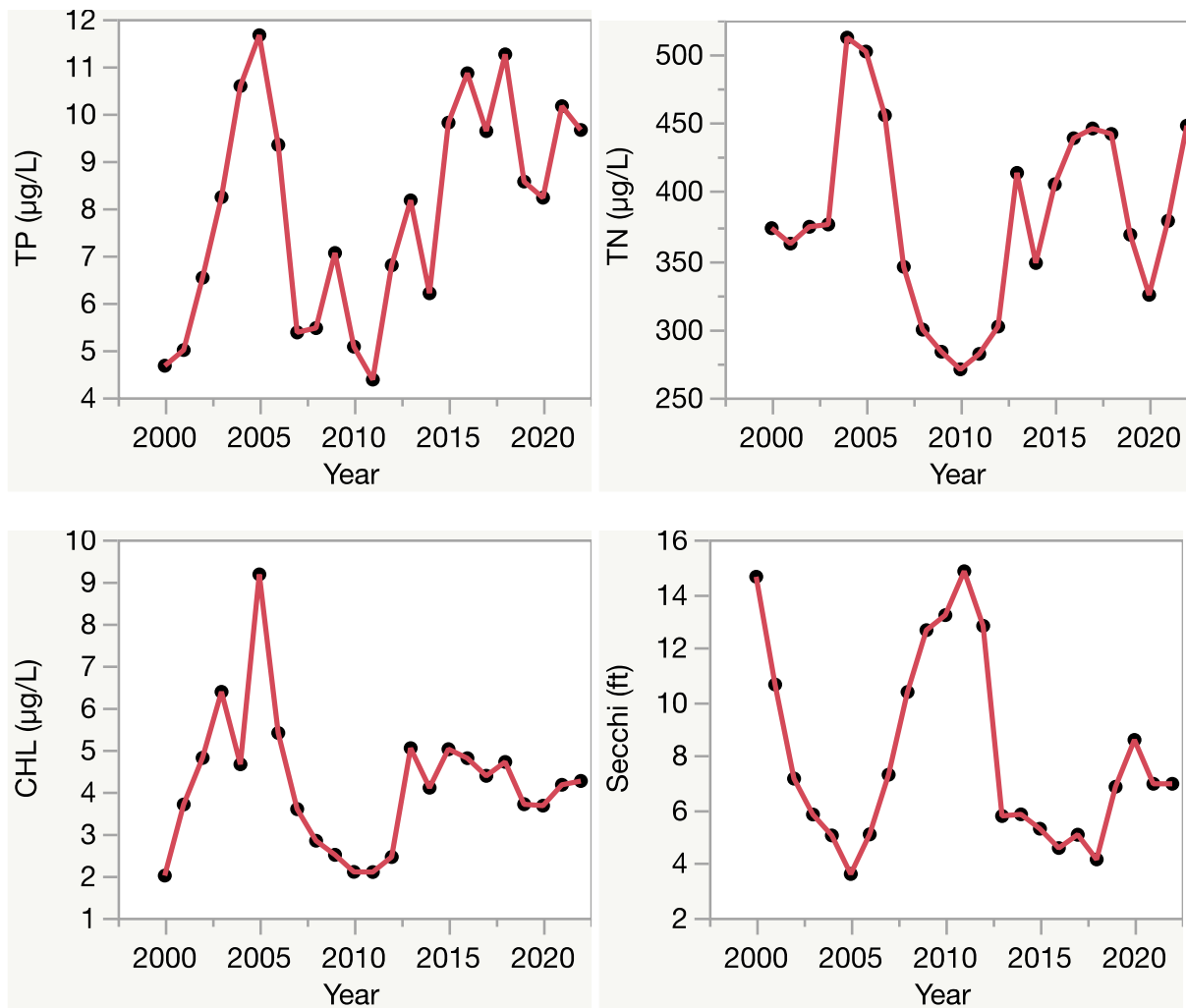
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

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

**Figure 2. Lake Annie 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,  $R^2 = 0.19$ ,  $p = 0.04$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.91$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.72$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.07$ ,  $p = 0.23$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Anoka in Highlands County

## Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

### Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	5 - 8	<b>7 (4)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	463 - 1519	<b>845 (4)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 3	<b>3 (4)</b>
Secchi (ft)	9.8 - 14.3	12.0 (4)
Secchi (m)	3.0 - 4.4	3.6 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	12 - 25	17 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Anoka
GNIS Number	277901
Latitude	27.5788
Longitude	-81.5124
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	20 ha or 50 acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>7 (5 to 8)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>845 (463 to 1519)</b>



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

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

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  - 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 Apthorpe in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	7 - 15	<b>12 (21)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	830 - 1797	<b>1260 (21)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 15	<b>9 (21)</b>
Secchi (ft)	5.4 - 11.8	6.9 (21)
Secchi (m)	1.6 - 3.6	2.1 (21)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	19 - 70	29 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	174 - 206	185 (11)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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- **Name:** Lake name that LAKEWATCH uses for the system.
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- **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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Apthorpe
GNIS Number	277926
Latitude	27.3432
Longitude	-81.3715
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	89 ha or 219 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>12 (7 to 15)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1260 (830 to 1797)</b>



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

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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
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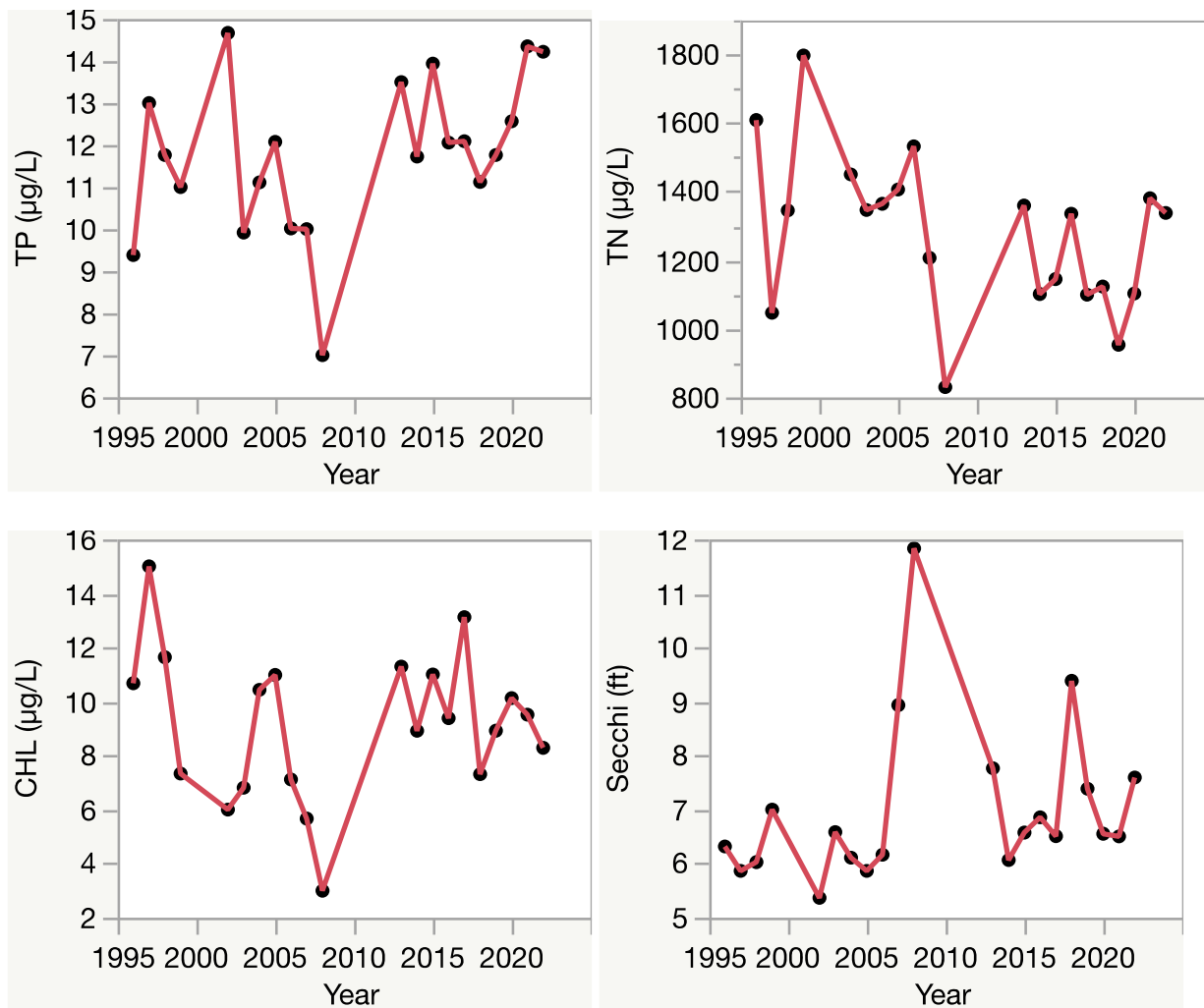
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for August in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	47 - 169	<b>81 (25)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	555 - 1752	<b>1101 (25)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 70	<b>12 (25)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.3 - 4.0	2.3 (25)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 1.2	0.7 (25)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	59 - 192	112 (20)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	71 - 126	93 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

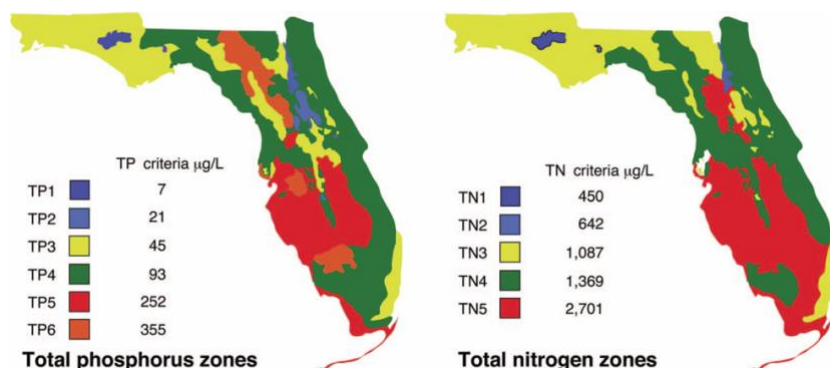
## Base File Data for Lakes: Definitions and Nutrient Zone Maps

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	August
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.2746
Longitude	-81.4153
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>81 (47 to 169)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1101 (555 to 1752)</b>



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

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

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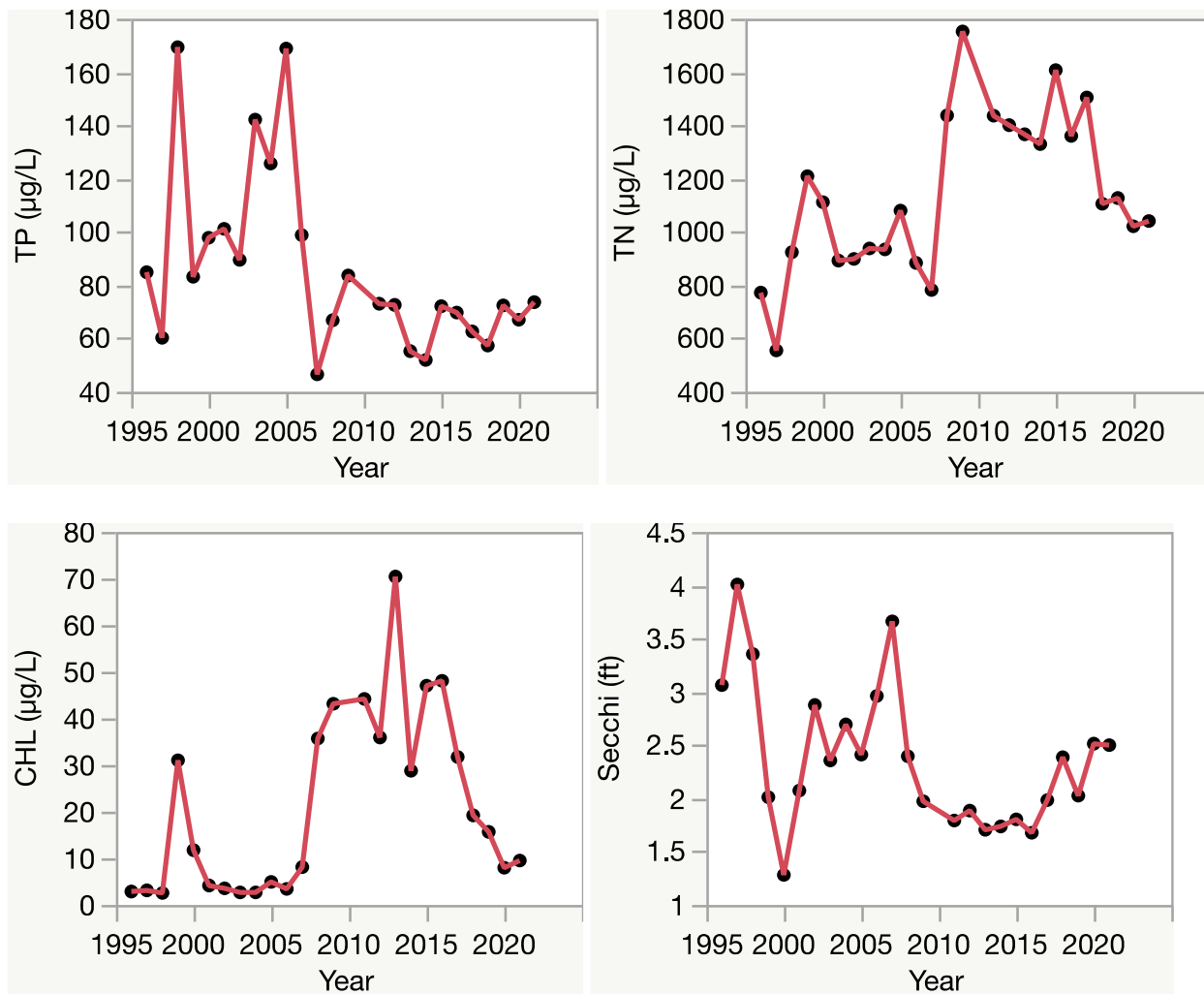
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
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**Figure 2. Lake August trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.25$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.27$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.20$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.18$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Blue in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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- **Chlorophyll-uncorrected ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ):** Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	10 - 19	<b>12 (13)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	462 - 1081	<b>609 (13)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 16	<b>5 (13)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.3 - 12.9	8.2 (13)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 3.9	2.5 (13)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 22	11 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	154 - 174	167 (3)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

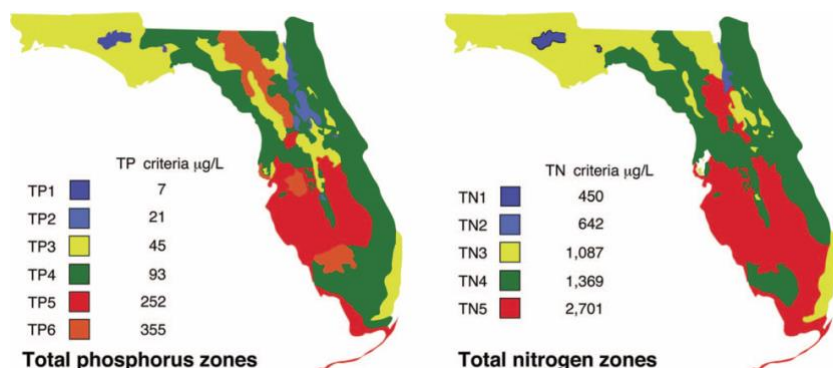
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Blue
GNIS Number	279033
Latitude	27.3153
Longitude	-81.3579
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	11 ha or 26 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2009
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>12 (10 to 19)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>609 (462 to 1081)</b>



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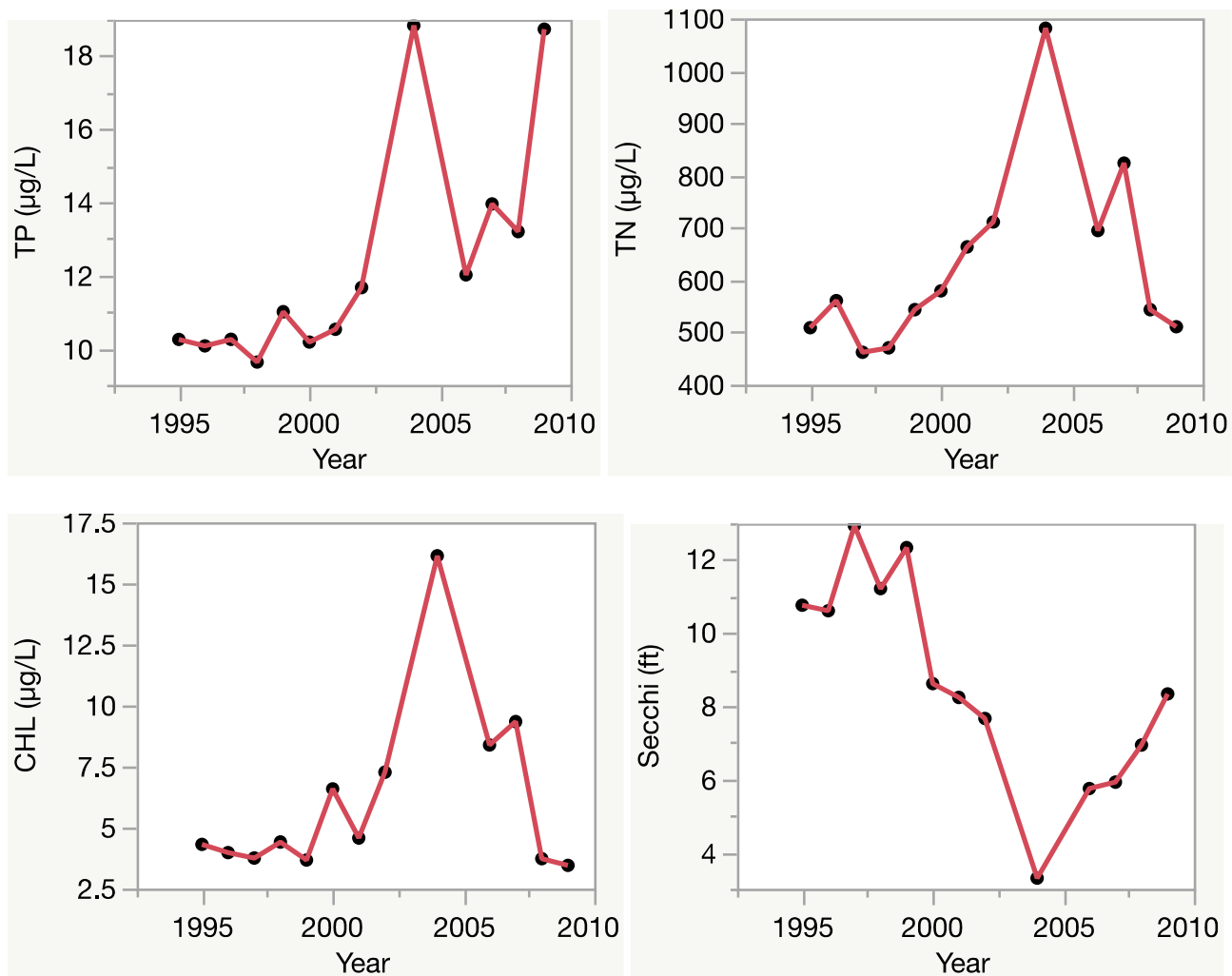
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Bonnet in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	31 - 43	<b>37 (16)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	985 - 1834	<b>1364 (16)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	33 - 70	<b>47 (16)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.6	2.3 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	13 - 28	20 (13)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	217 - 289	245 (7)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

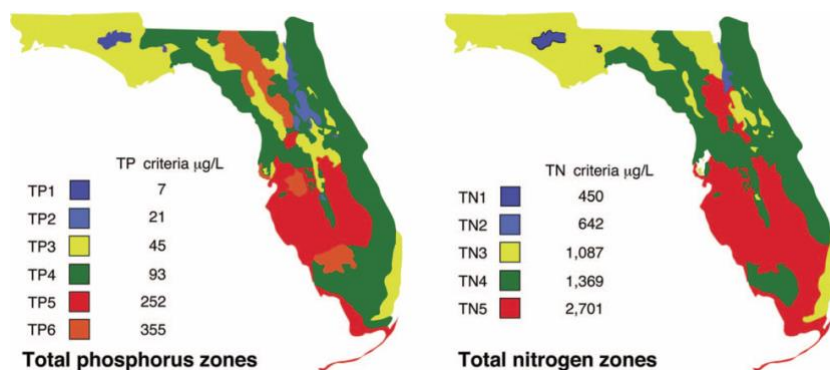
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- **Mean Depth (m and ft):** This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Bonnet
GNIS Number	279213
Latitude	27.5438
Longitude	-81.4486
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	105 ha or 260 acre
Period of Record (year)	1998 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>37 (31 to 43)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1364 (985 to 1834)</b>



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

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

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

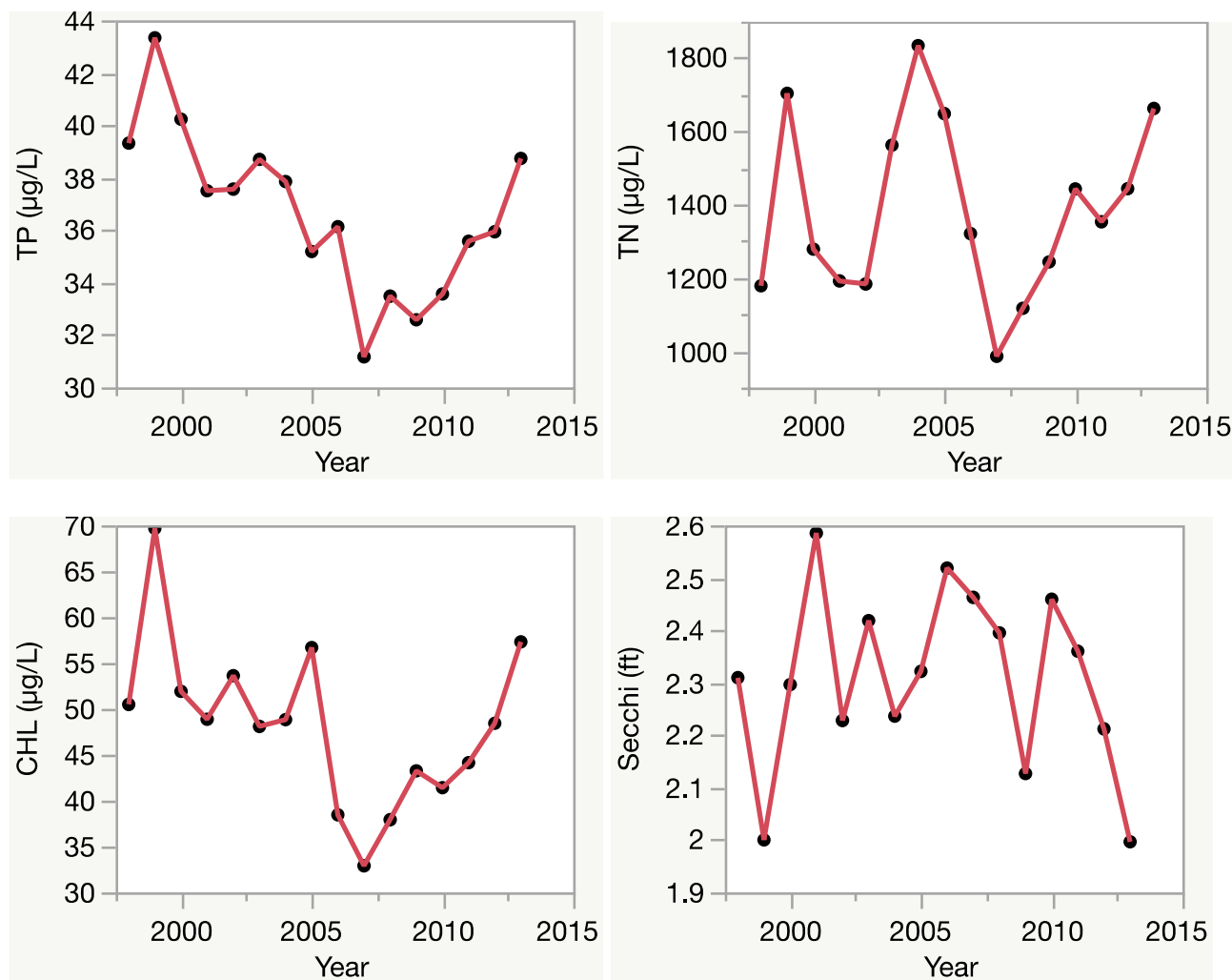
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

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

**Figure 2. Lake Bonnet trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.37$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.81$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.16$ ,  $p = 0.12$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.72$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Brentwood in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	8 - 10	<b>9 (5)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	767 - 953	<b>859 (5)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 4	<b>4 (5)</b>
Secchi (ft)	9.8 - 11.8	10.5 (5)
Secchi (m)	3.0 - 3.6	3.2 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 9	8 (4)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

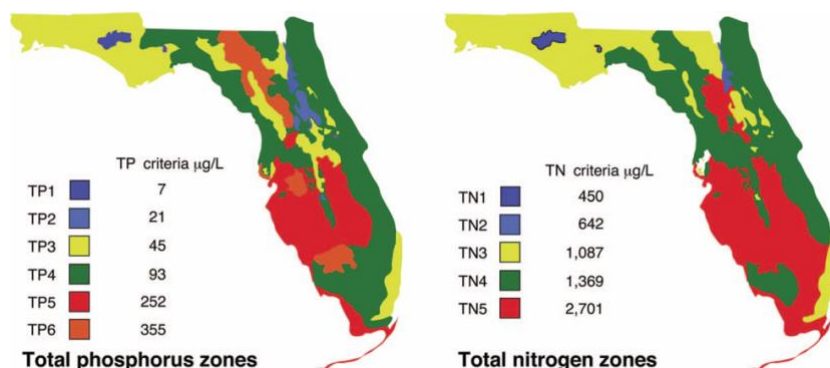
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Brentwood
GNIS Number	279364
Latitude	27.6230
Longitude	-81.5125
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	35 ha or 88 acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2007
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>9 (8 to 10)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>859 (767 to 953)</b>



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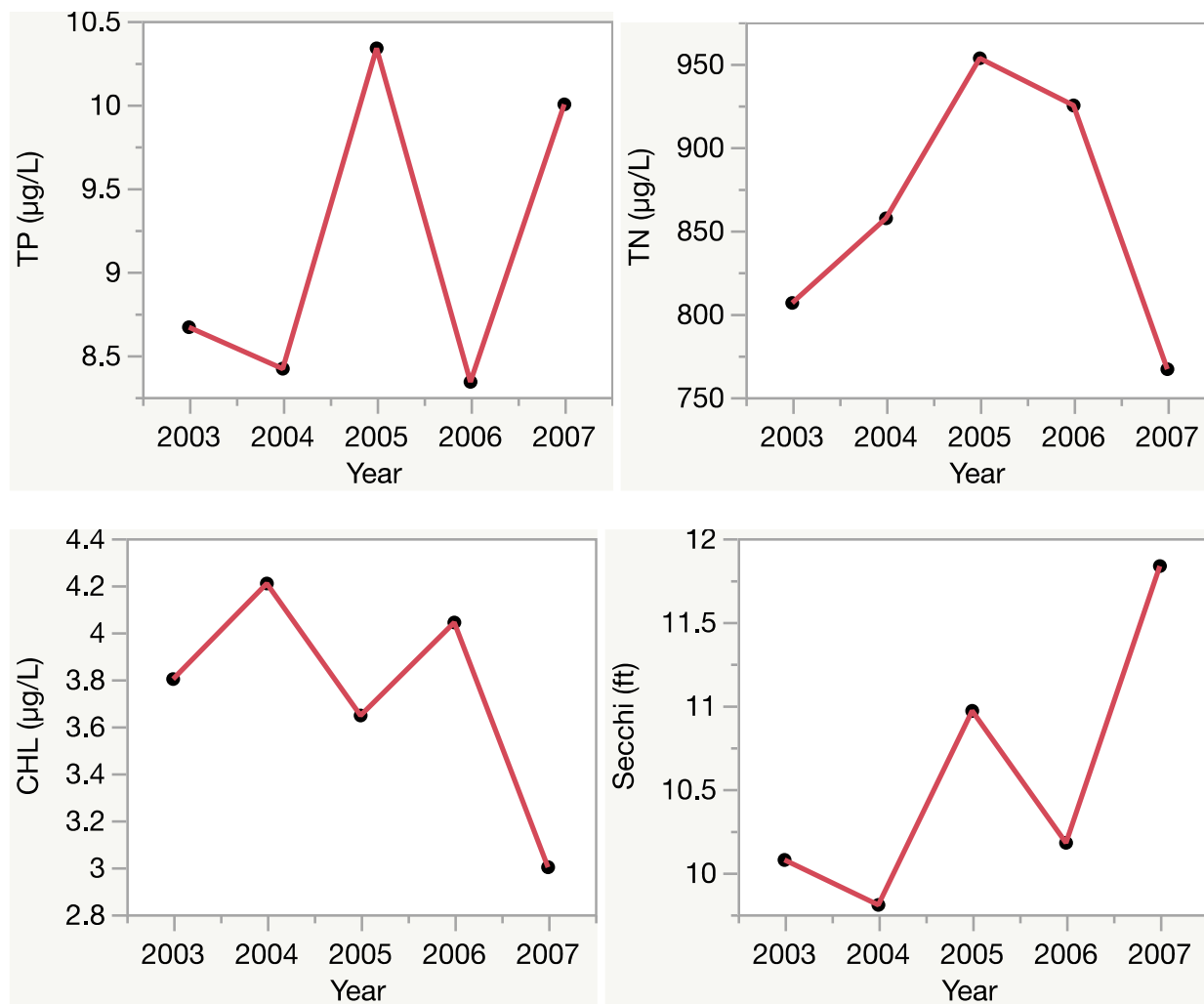
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Byrd in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	3 - 16	<b>6 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1193 - 3571	<b>2338 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 5	<b>2 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	7.6 - 18.5	14.0 (11)
Secchi (m)	2.3 - 5.6	4.3 (11)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	6 - 15	10 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	219 - 253	231 (4)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Byrd
GNIS Number	279778
Latitude	27.6198
Longitude	-81.5171
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	25 ha or 61 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2015
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>6 (3 to 16)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>2338 (1193 to 3571)</b>



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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

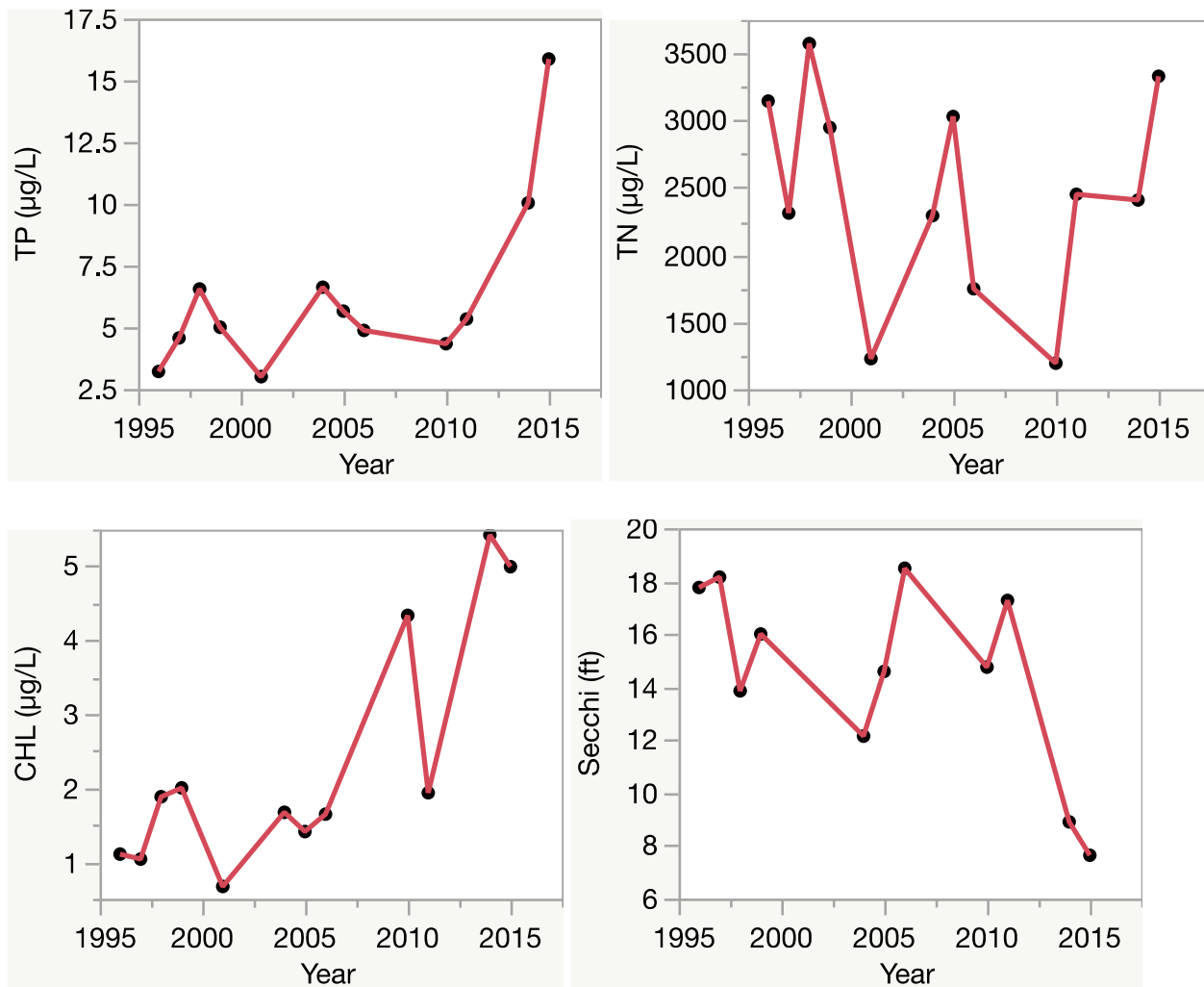
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Carrie in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	30 - 47	<b>37 (23)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	647 - 990	<b>816 (23)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 42	<b>16 (23)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 3.4	2.5 (23)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.0	0.8 (23)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	62 - 159	119 (15)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	79 - 103	96 (10)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Carrie
GNIS Number	280072
Latitude	27.3375
Longitude	-81.4293
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	26 ha or 65 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>37 (30 to 47)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>816 (647 to 990)</b>



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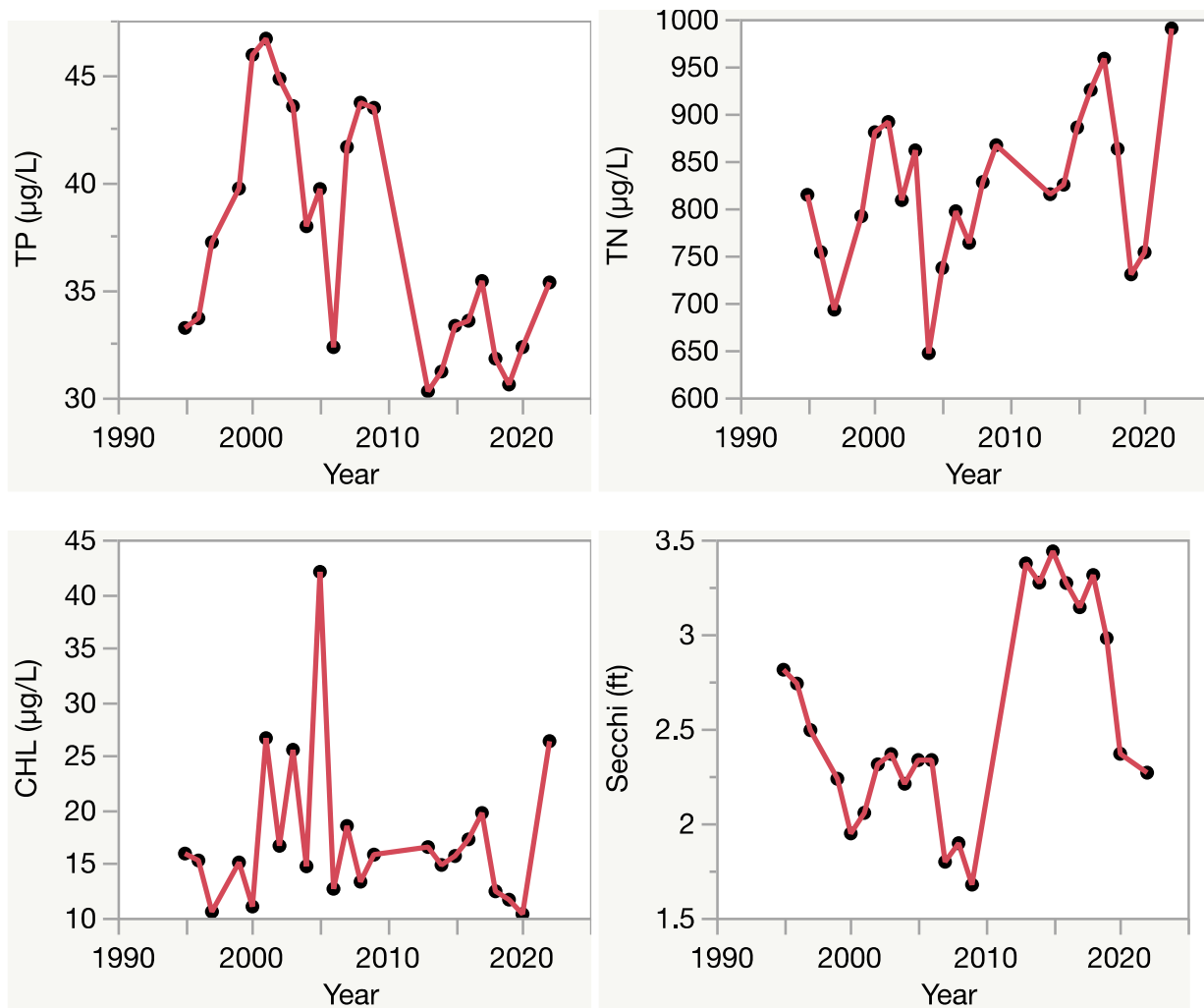
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Charlotte in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	79 - 128	<b>98 (17)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	392 - 1023	<b>647 (17)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 14	<b>10 (17)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 5.0	2.7 (17)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.5	0.8 (17)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	50 - 107	79 (11)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	72 - 86	79 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	



## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Charlotte
GNIS Number	280330
Latitude	27.4356
Longitude	-81.4506
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	127 ha or 314 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2011
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>98 (79 to 128)</b>
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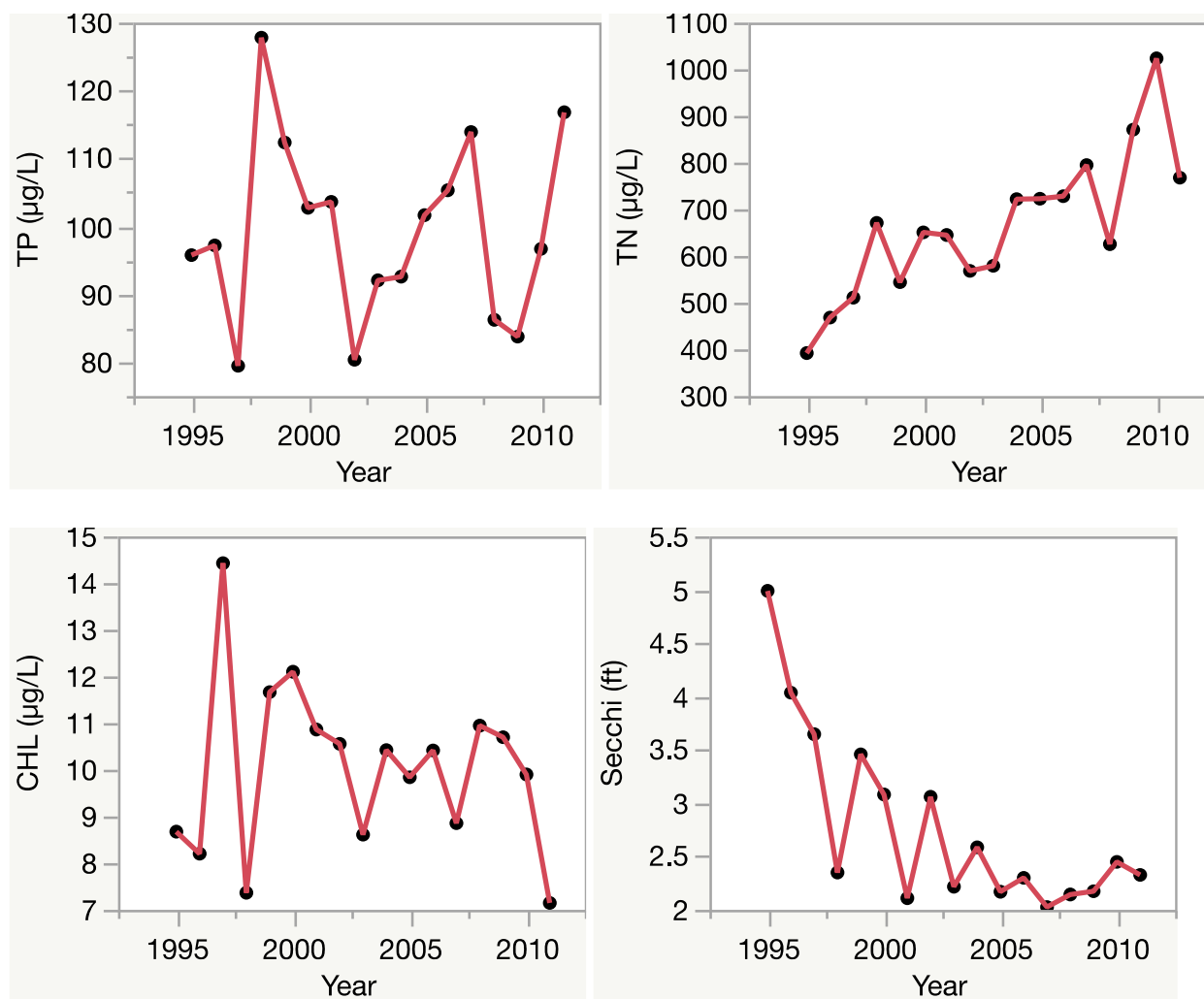
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Chilton in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	15 - 25	<b>19 (9)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	468 - 785	<b>570 (9)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 16	<b>12 (9)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.8 - 7.8	6.0 (9)
Secchi (m)	1.5 - 2.4	1.8 (9)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	8 - 32	18 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Chilton
GNIS Number	280390
Latitude	27.6321
Longitude	-81.5551
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	11 ha or 26 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2018
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>19 (15 to 25)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>570 (468 to 785)</b>



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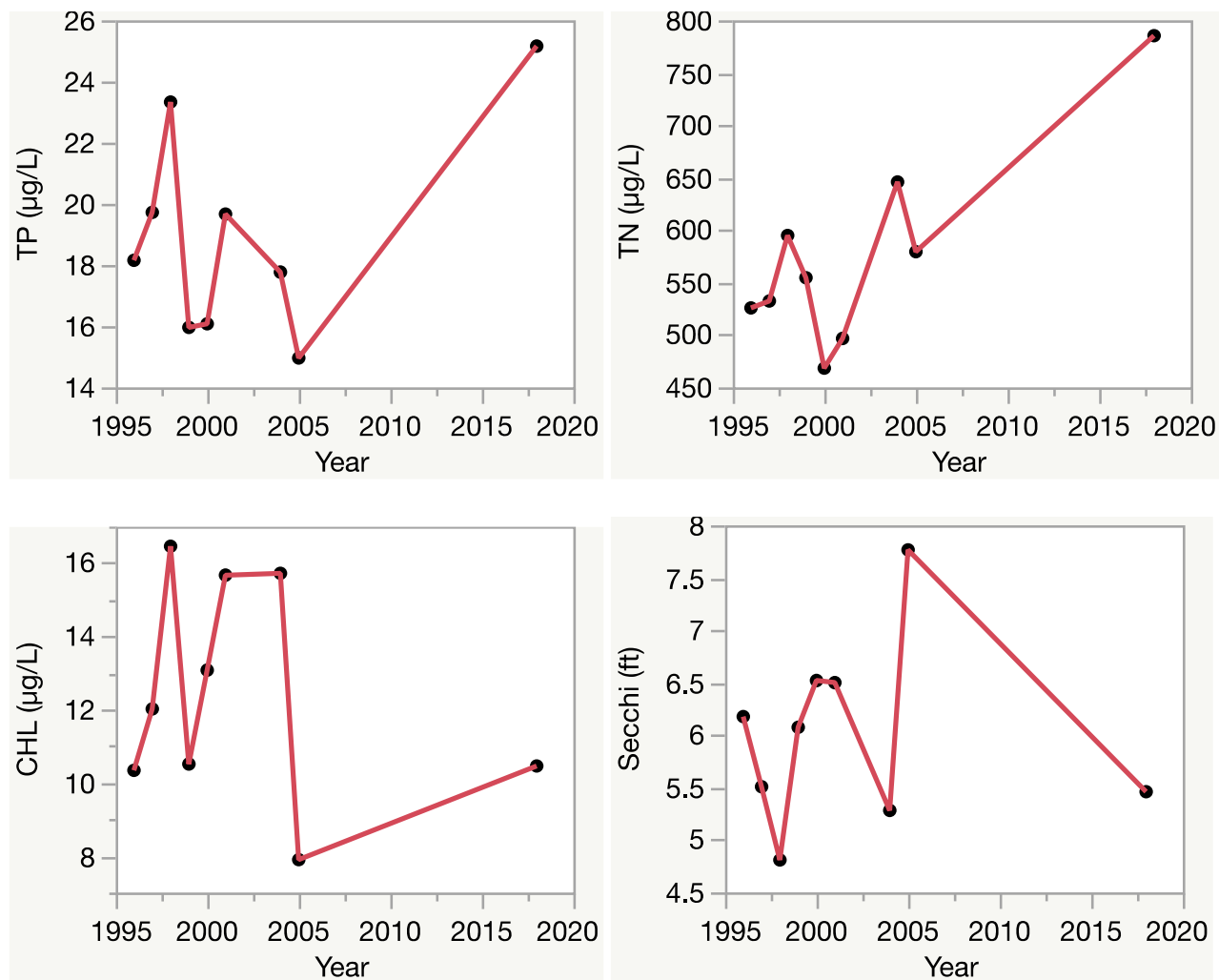
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Clay in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	428 - 1013	<b>561 (26)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 19	<b>6 (26)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.8 - 13.7	7.8 (26)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 4.2	2.4 (26)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 15	11 (19)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	146 - 182	169 (13)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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County	Highlands
Name	Clay
GNIS Number	280516
Latitude	27.3074
Longitude	-81.3501
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	202 ha or 498 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>13 (10 to 23)</b>
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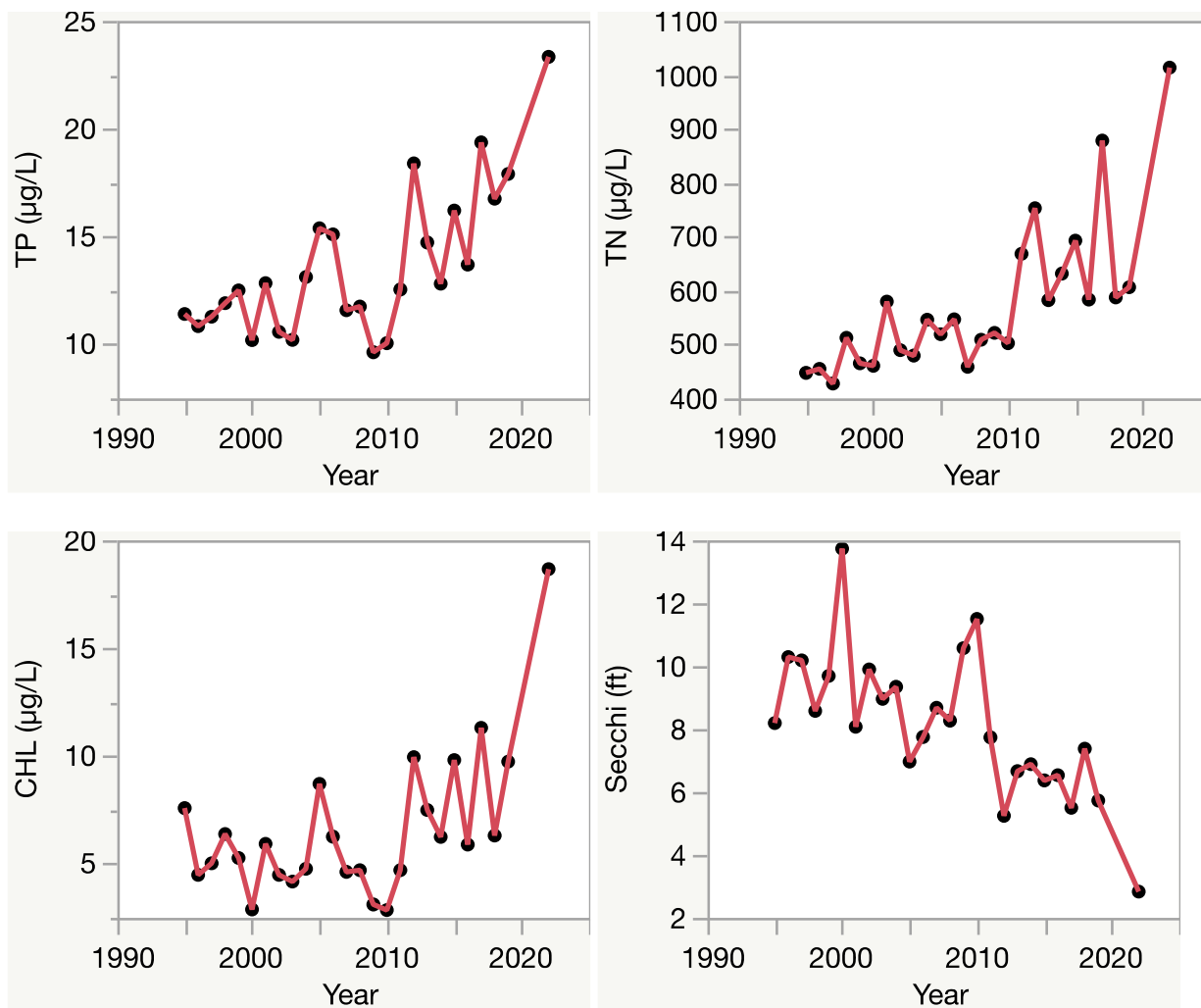
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	422 - 563	<b>479 (8)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 9	<b>6 (8)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.8 - 4.4	3.5 (8)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 1.3	1.1 (8)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	12 - 58	28 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

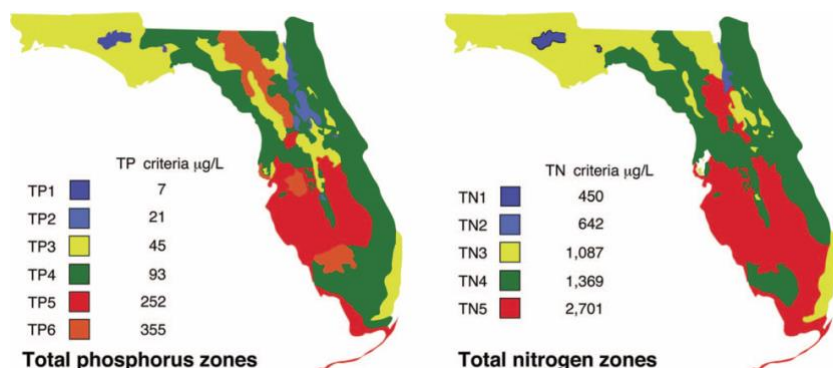
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Crews
GNIS Number	281052
Latitude	27.2983
Longitude	-81.4365
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	25 ha or 63 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2003
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>16 (13 to 20)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>479 (422 to 563)</b>



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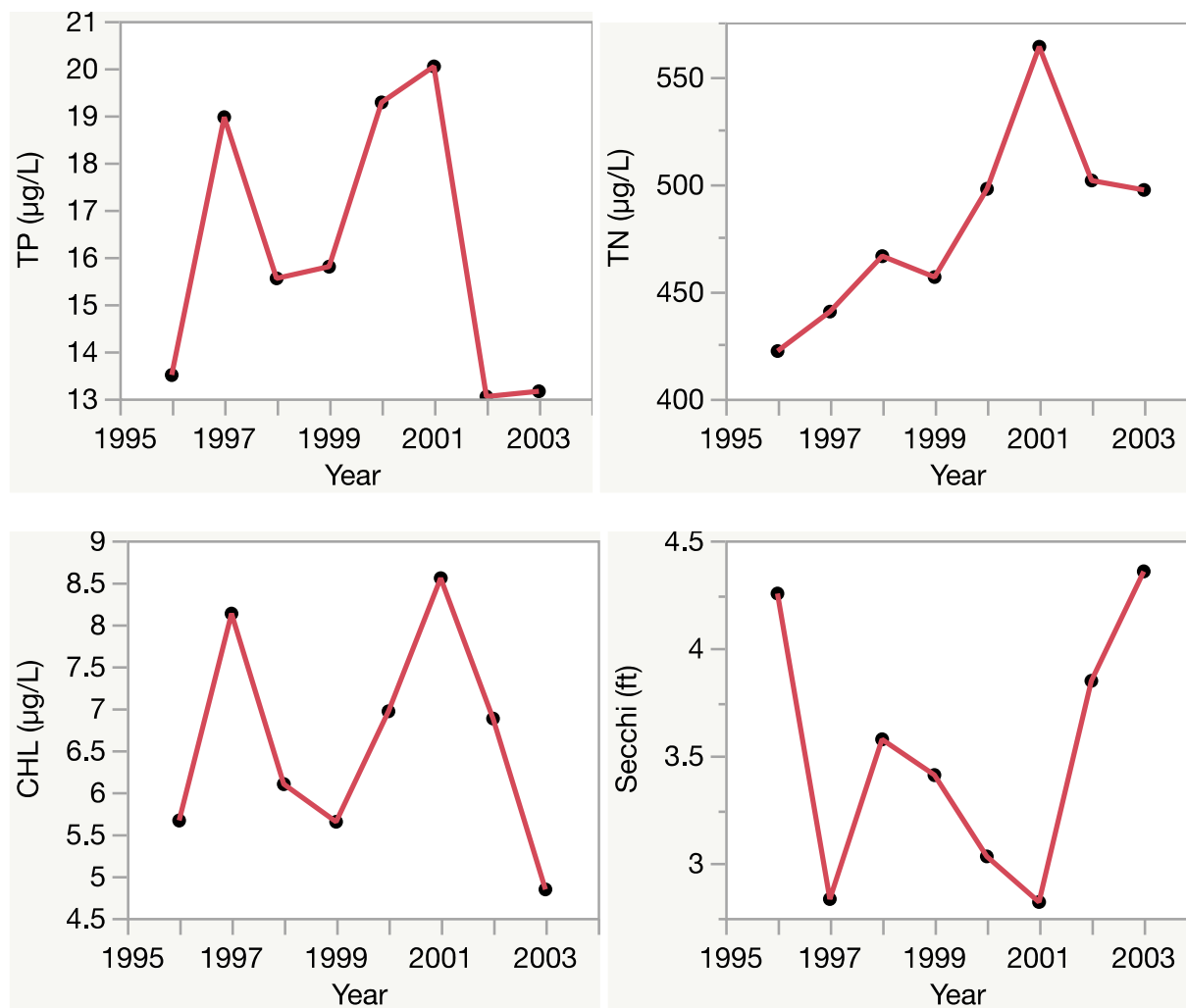
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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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 Damon in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	14 - 27	<b>17 (21)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	321 - 591	<b>435 (21)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 15	<b>6 (21)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.0 - 9.1	5.8 (21)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 2.8	1.8 (21)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 25	14 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	133 - 211	180 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

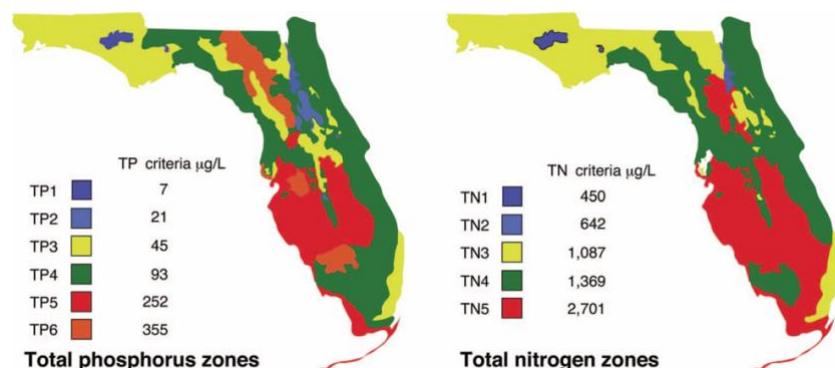
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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County	Highlands
Name	Damon
GNIS Number	281269
Latitude	27.6370
Longitude	-81.5082
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	114 ha or 282 acre
Period of Record (year)	1998 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>17 (14 to 27)</b>
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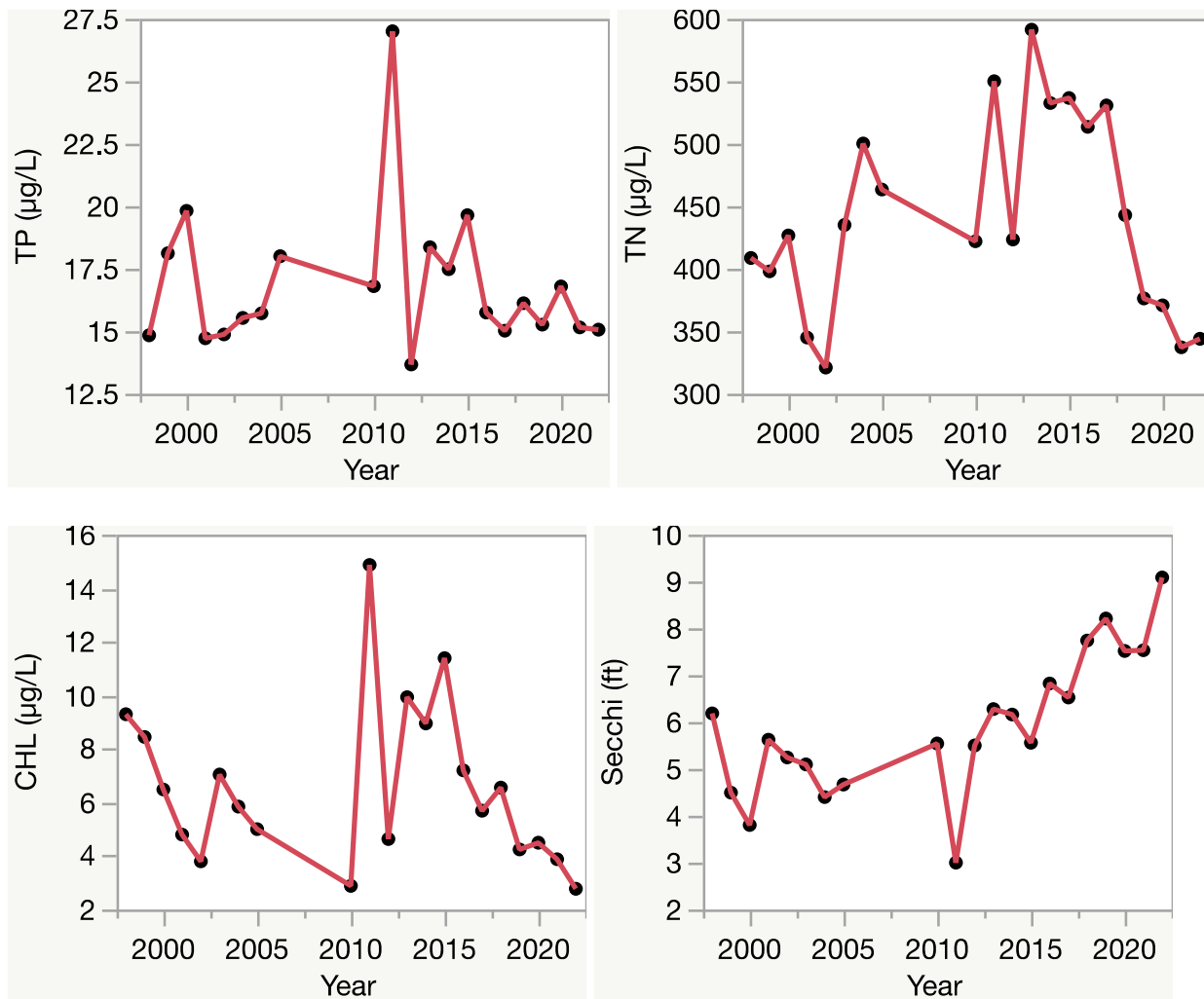
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		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	18 - 21	<b>19 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	713 - 797	<b>754 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	11 - 12	<b>11 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	6.5 - 7.0	6.7 (2)
Secchi (m)	2.0 - 2.1	2.1 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	9 - 9	9 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	171 - 171	171 (1)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Deer
GNIS Number	281446
Latitude	27.6106
Longitude	-81.4746
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	12 ha or 28 acre
Period of Record (year)	2019 to 2020
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>19 (18 to 21)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>754 (713 to 797)</b>



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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Denton in Highlands 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)	3 - 8	<b>5 (21)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1995 - 3553	<b>2720 (21)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 2	<b>1 (21)</b>
Secchi (ft)	16.0 - 27.2	22.7 (20)
Secchi (m)	4.9 - 8.3	6.9 (20)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	1 - 5	3 (14)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	244 - 281	261 (10)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Denton
GNIS Number	281504
Latitude	27.5580
Longitude	-81.4881
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	28 ha or 69 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>5 (3 to 8)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2720 (1995 to 3553)</b>



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

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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
  - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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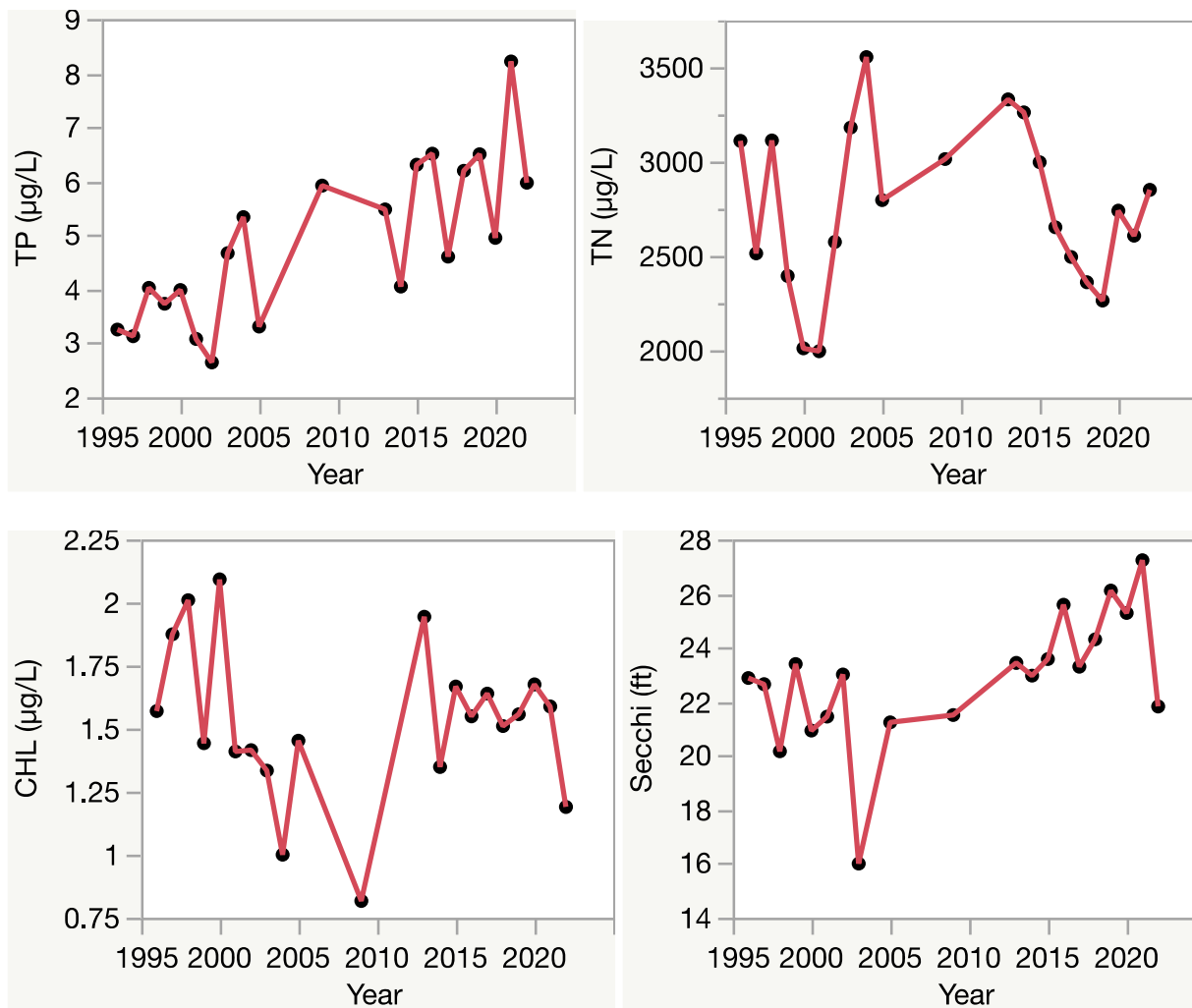
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**Figure 2. Lake Denton trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.61$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.98$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.55$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.33$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ).**





# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Diane in Highlands 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)	16 - 30	<b>22 (4)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	605 - 978	<b>769 (4)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 15	<b>9 (4)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.7 - 3.2	3.0 (4)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.0	0.9 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	112 - 187	145 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

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County	Highlands
Name	Diane
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.2418
Longitude	-81.3973
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2006
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>22 (16 to 30)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>769 (605 to 978)</b>



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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 CaCO<sub>3</sub> alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	8 - 12	<b>10 (25)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	464 - 657	<b>543 (25)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 7	<b>5 (25)</b>
Secchi (ft)	7.2 - 20.3	9.5 (25)
Secchi (m)	2.2 - 6.2	2.9 (25)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 11	7 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	148 - 190	166 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Dinner
GNIS Number	281572
Latitude	27.5120
Longitude	-81.4390
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	170 ha or 420 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>10 (8 to 12)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>543 (464 to 657)</b>



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

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

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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

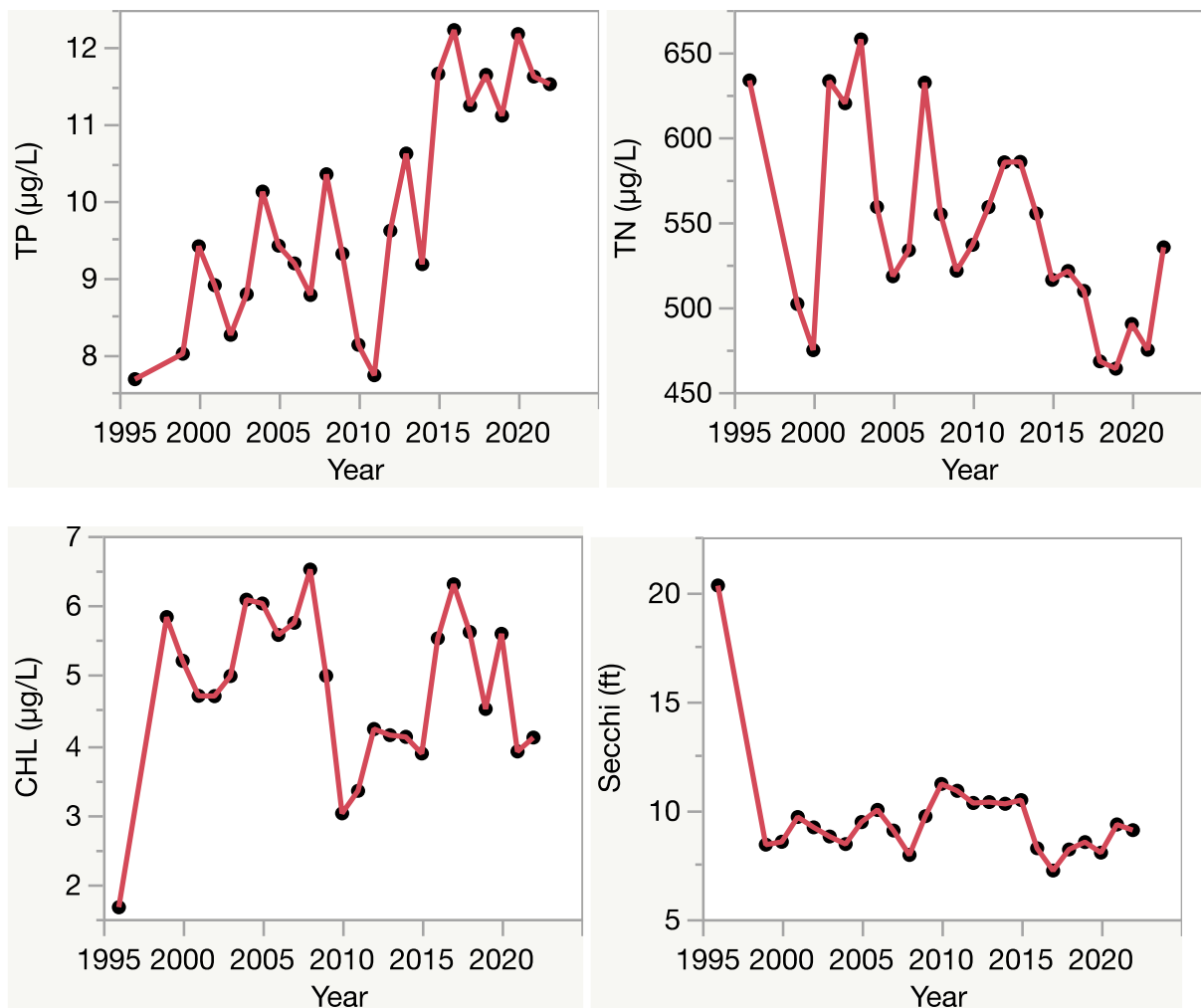
Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a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

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

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



**Figure 2. Lake Dinner 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,  $R^2 = 0.63$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.29$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.96$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.14$ ,  $p = 0.06$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Eagle Pond in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	5 - 33	<b>14 (16)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	679 - 1374	<b>966 (16)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 30	<b>10 (16)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 7.2	3.5 (14)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 2.2	1.1 (14)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 21	15 (11)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	112 - 117	114 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

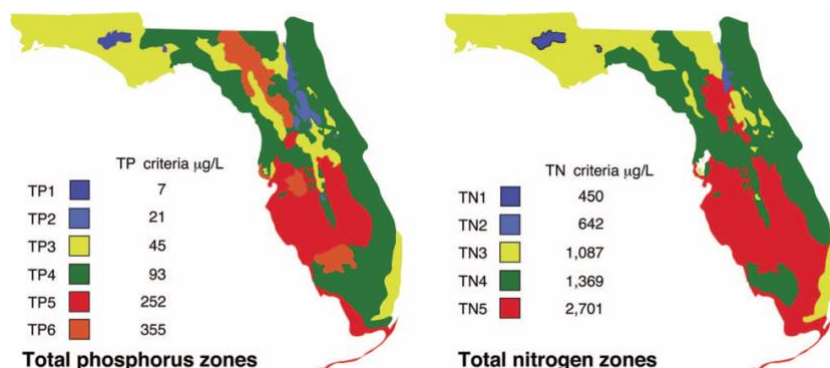
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- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
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- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Eagle Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.6273
Longitude	-81.5326
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	1 ha or 2 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2011
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>14 (5 to 33)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>966 (679 to 1374)</b>



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

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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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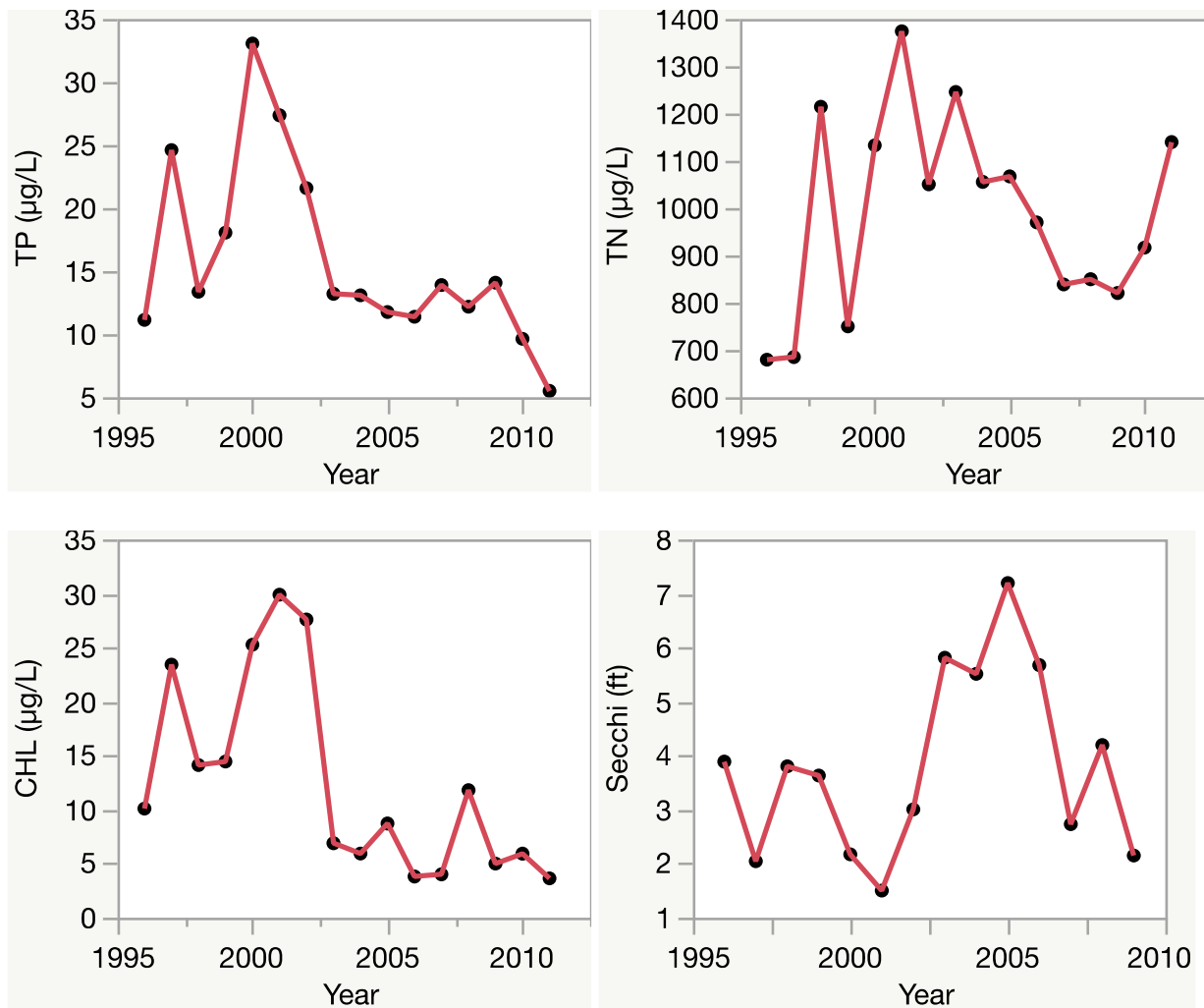
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration 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".
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

**Figure 2. Lake Eagle Pond trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.30$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.78$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.37$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.06$ ,  $p = 0.40$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Erin Park Canals in Highlands 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)

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

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

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

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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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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)	47 - 93	<b>62 (7)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	713 - 1676	<b>1045 (7)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	18 - 56	<b>32 (7)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.0	3.0 (7)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.2	0.9 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	28 - 70	41 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	103 - 180	148 (7)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	



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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Erin Park Canals
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.4659
Longitude	-81.4574
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2012 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>62 (47 to 93)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1045 (713 to 1676)</b>



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

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1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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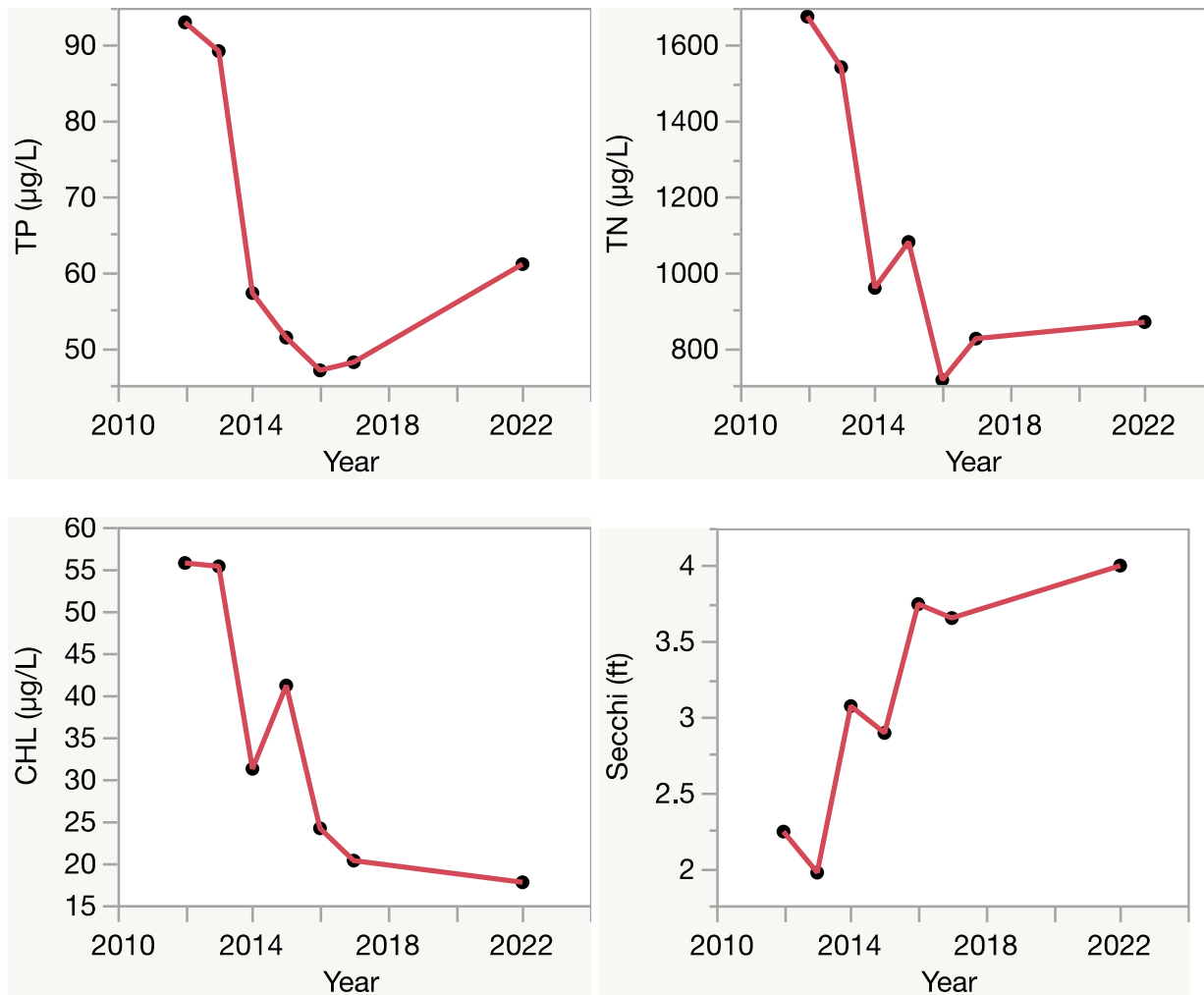
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## Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Fox in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	8 - 8	<b>8 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	687 - 687	<b>687 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 5	<b>5 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	10.5 - 10.5	10.5 (1)
Secchi (m)	3.2 - 3.2	3.2 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 10	10 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

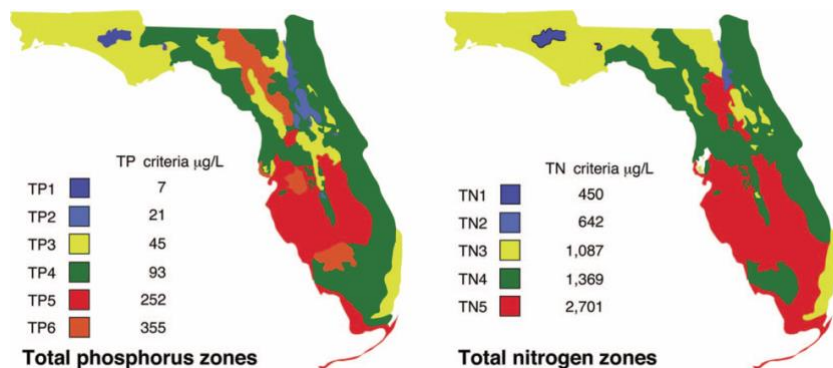
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County	Highlands
Name	Fox
GNIS Number	282767
Latitude	27.6078
Longitude	-81.4681
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	11.4 ha or 28 acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>8 (8 to 8)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>687 (687 to 687)</b>



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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Francis in Highlands 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)	11 - 22	<b>14 (26)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	408 - 712	<b>566 (26)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 18	<b>10 (26)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.2 - 9.3	6.4 (26)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 2.8	2.0 (26)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	8 - 16	12 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	149 - 179	165 (10)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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County	Highlands
Name	Francis
GNIS Number	282784
Latitude	27.3436
Longitude	-81.4010
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	239 ha or 590 acre
Period of Record (year)	1991 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>14 (11 to 22)</b>
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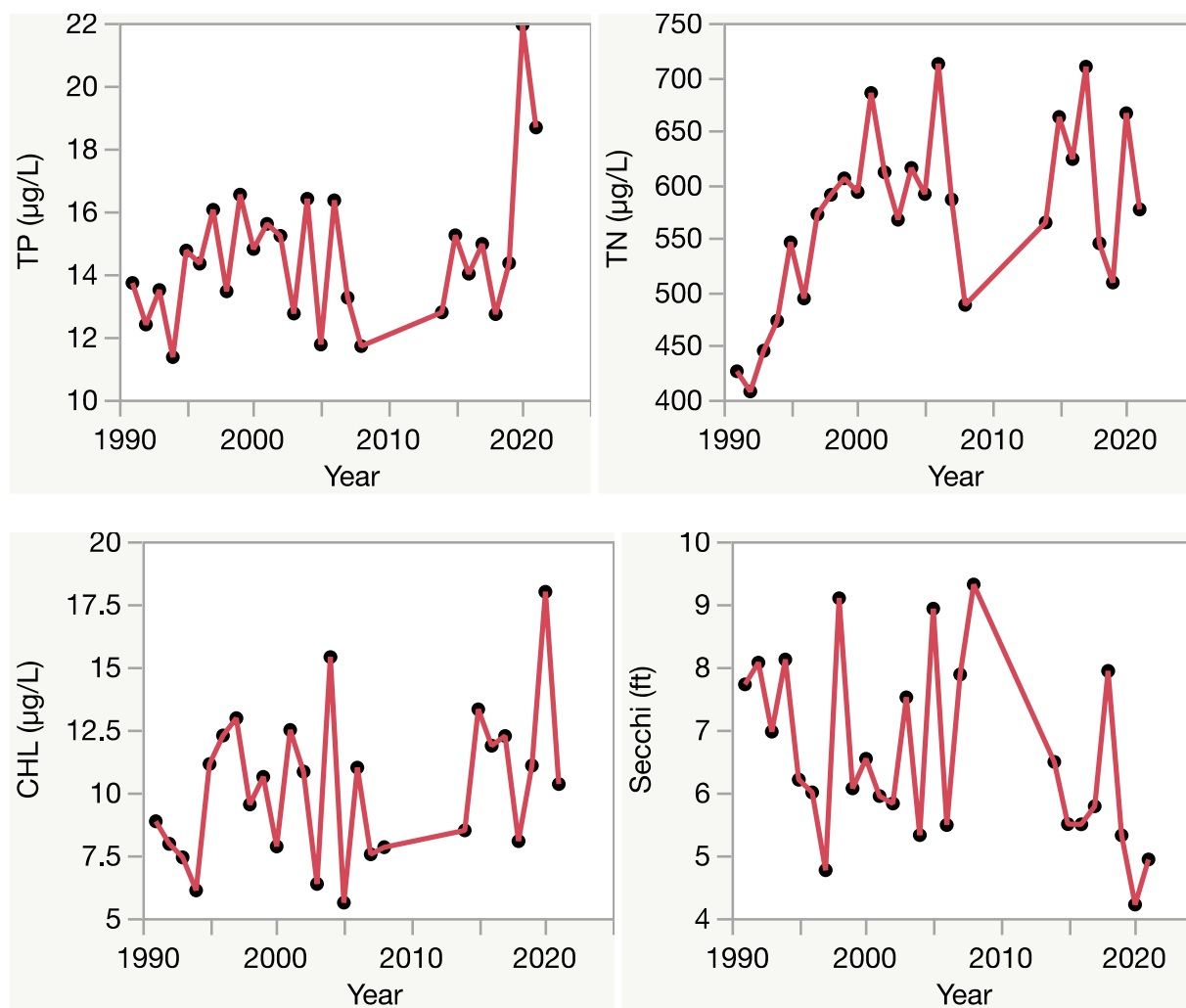
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Glenada in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	42 - 125	<b>76 (26)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1043 - 1719	<b>1432 (26)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	30 - 87	<b>59 (26)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.6 - 2.9	2.3 (26)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.9	0.7 (26)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	27 - 61	43 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	132 - 241	186 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Glenada
GNIS Number	283112
Latitude	27.5646
Longitude	-81.5106
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	72 ha or 177 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>76 (42 to 125)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1432 (1043 to 1719)</b>



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

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

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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

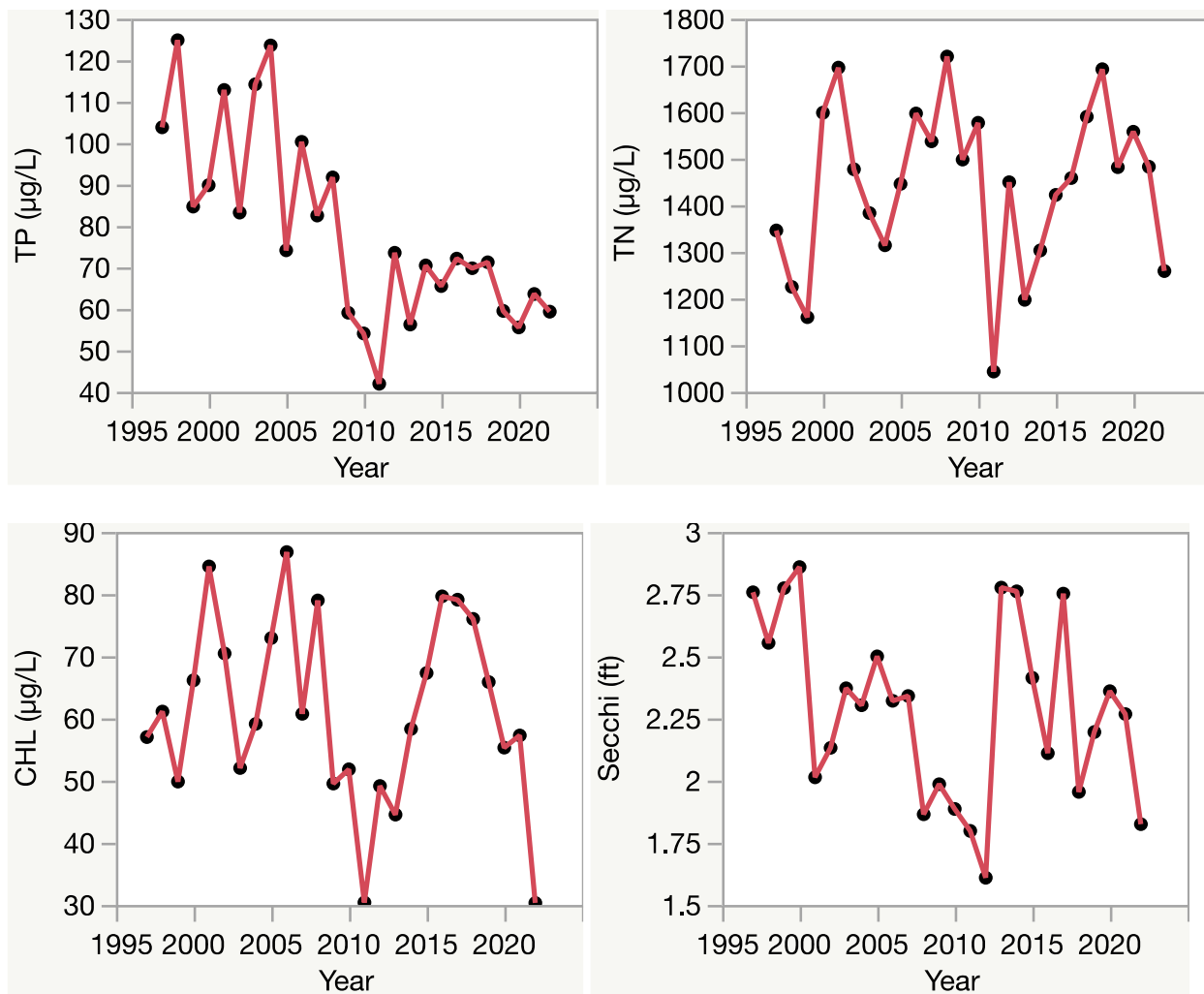
Administrative code definitions 62-302.200 (19): "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a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

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

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
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**Figure 2. Lake Glenada trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.54$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.60$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.47$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.10$ ,  $p = 0.11$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Grassy in Highlands 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.

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

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		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	7 - 15	<b>11 (23)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	574 - 864	<b>688 (23)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 14	<b>5 (23)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.0 - 13.7	8.1 (23)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 4.2	2.5 (23)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 19	13 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	117 - 221	181 (10)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Grassy
GNIS Number	283327
Latitude	27.2653
Longitude	-81.3339
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	206 ha or 508 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2019
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>11 (7 to 15)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>688 (574 to 864)</b>



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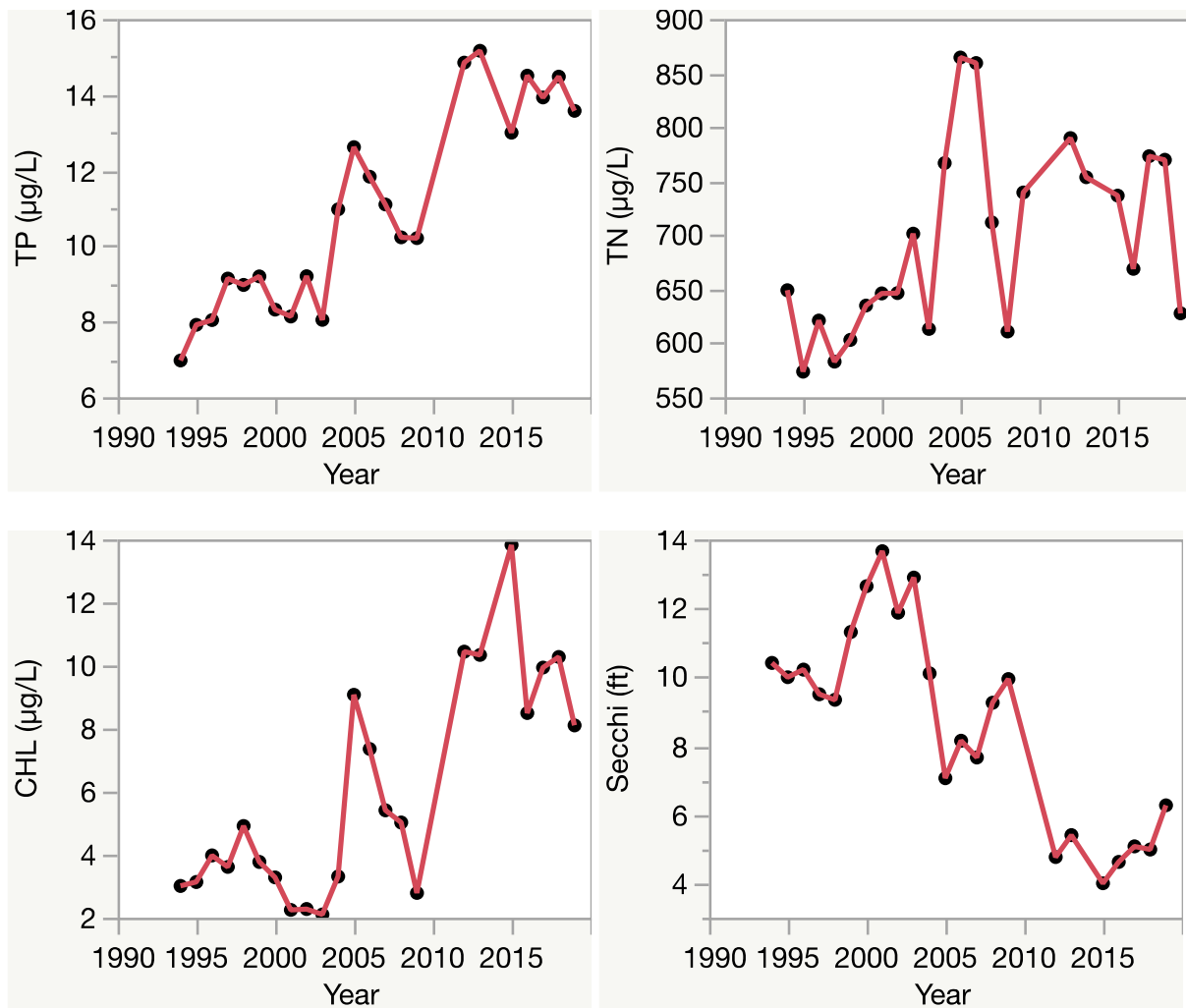
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Henry in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## 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 <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	15 - 24	<b>19 (18)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	494 - 804	<b>630 (18)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 14	<b>10 (18)</b>
Secchi (ft)	5.2 - 8.3	6.1 (18)
Secchi (m)	1.6 - 2.5	1.8 (18)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	6 - 19	14 (13)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	132 - 174	155 (7)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	



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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Henry
GNIS Number	283916
Latitude	27.3222
Longitude	-81.3813
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	26 ha or 64 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>19 (15 to 24)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>630 (494 to 804)</b>



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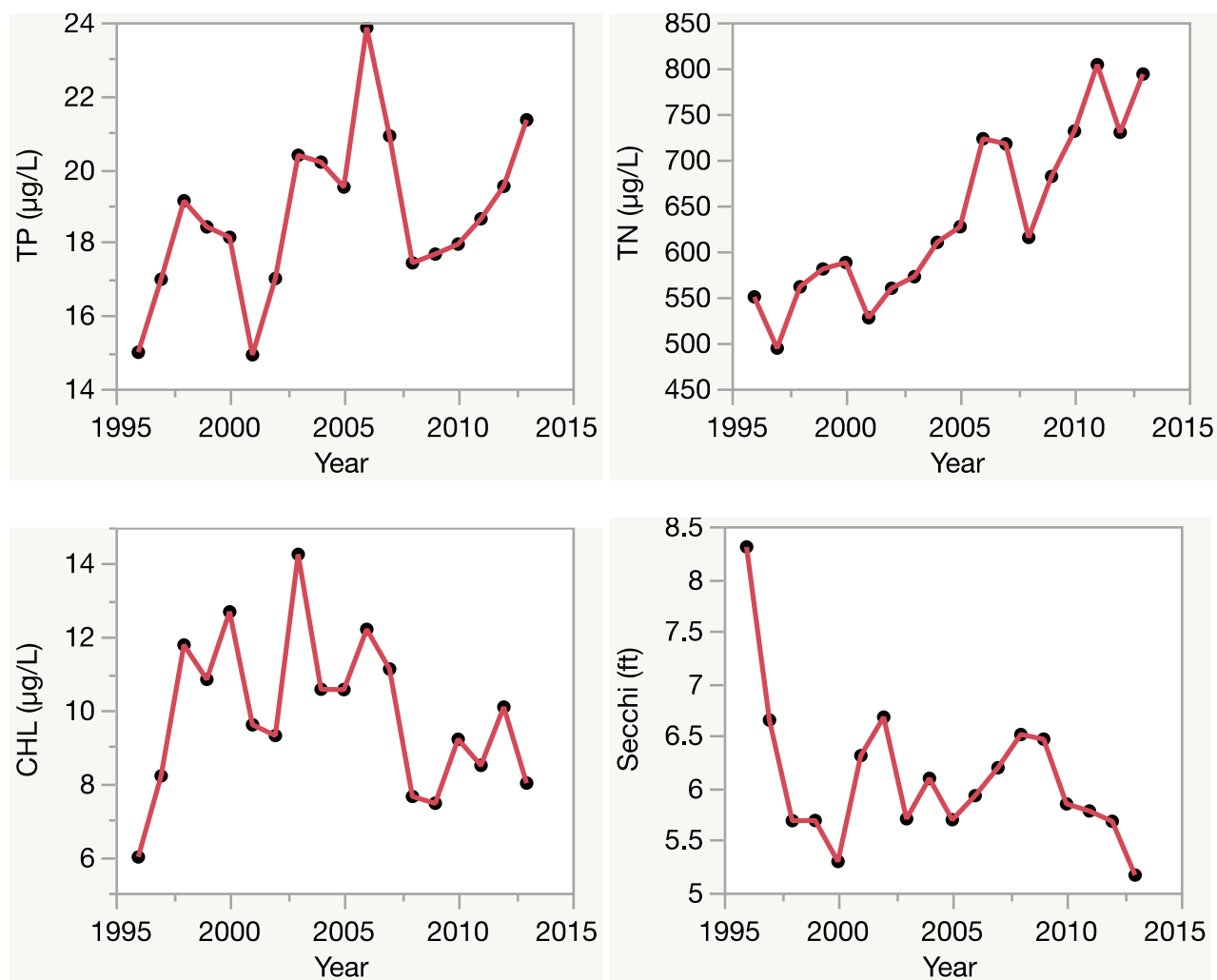
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Hill in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	6 - 14	<b>9 (9)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	284 - 520	<b>374 (9)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 7	<b>4 (9)</b>
Secchi (ft)	5.7 - 8.4	6.7 (9)
Secchi (m)	1.7 - 2.6	2.0 (9)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	20 - 20	20 (1)
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 (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Hill
GNIS Number	284025
Latitude	27.3480
Longitude	-81.4382
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	30 ha or 74 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2003
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>9 (6 to 14)</b>
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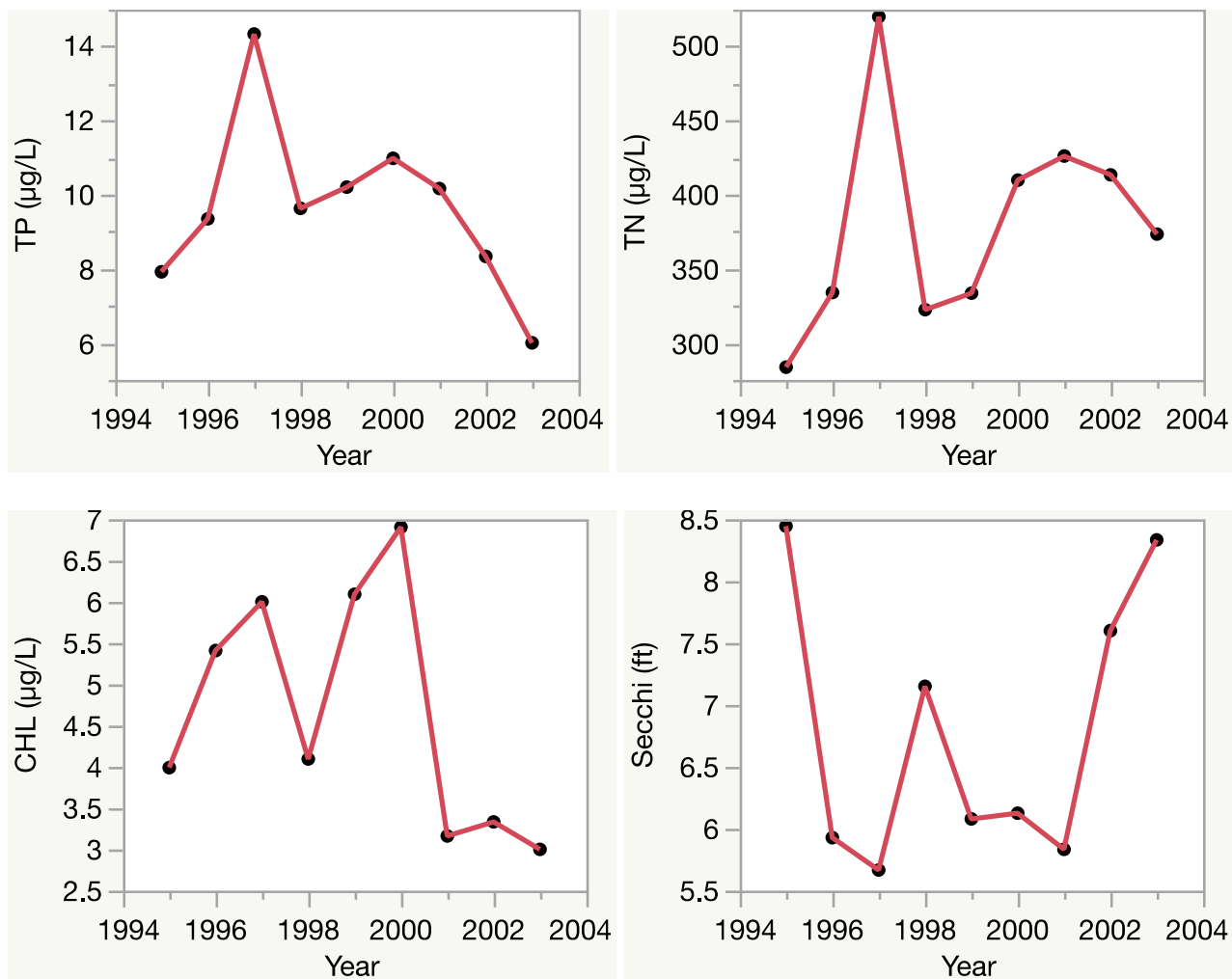
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Huckleberry in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	66 - 236	<b>120 (16)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	837 - 1719	<b>1312 (16)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	9 - 74	<b>34 (16)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.9	3.0 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.5	0.9 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	46 - 95	68 (12)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	121 - 152	134 (6)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Huckleberry
GNIS Number	284367
Latitude	27.4508
Longitude	-81.4655
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	48 ha or 119 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2012
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>120 (66 to 236)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1312 (837 to 1719)</b>



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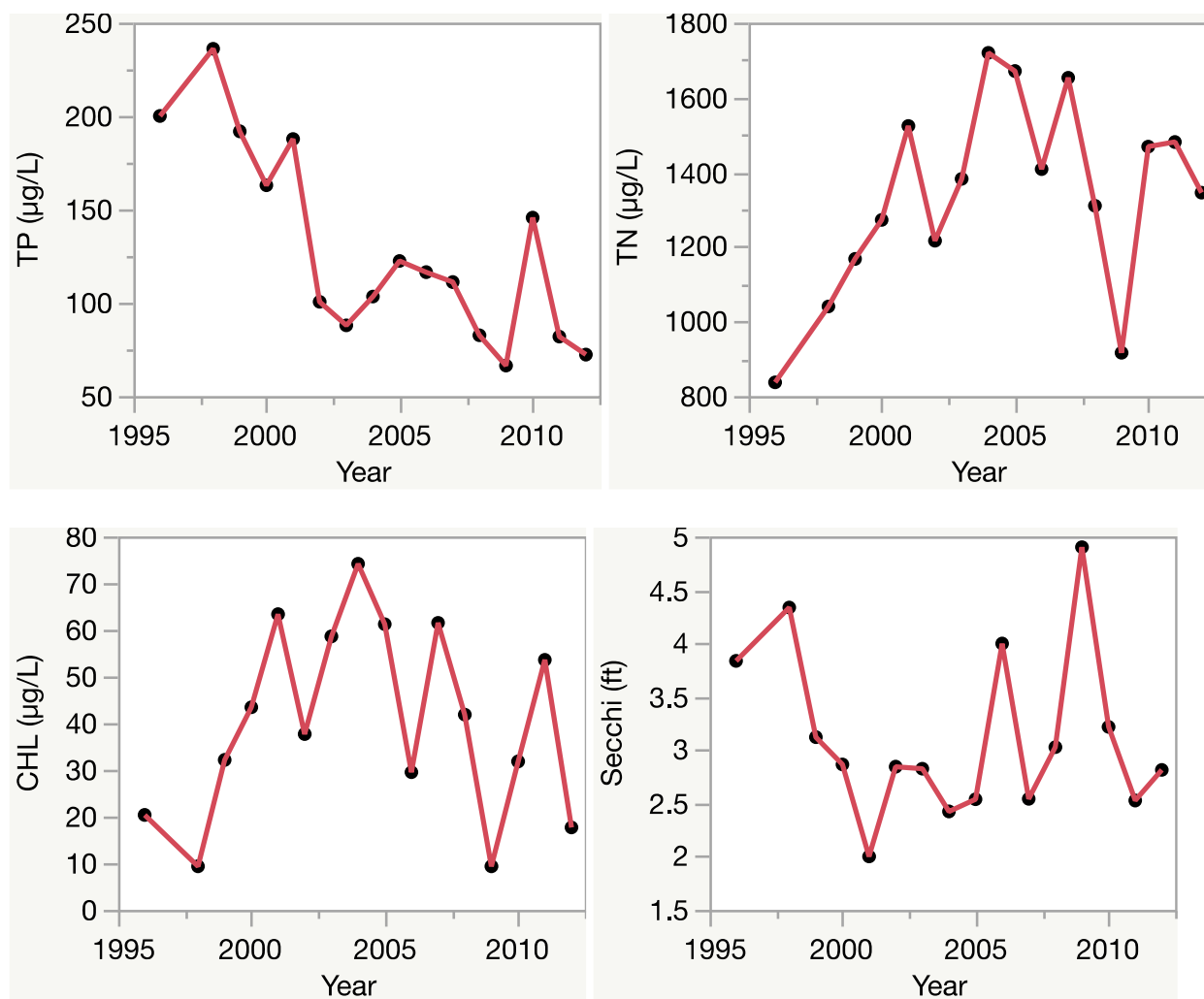
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Huntley in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	373 - 703	<b>536 (25)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 9	<b>5 (25)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.2 - 8.7	6.5 (24)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 2.6	2.0 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 21	14 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	143 - 188	158 (10)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

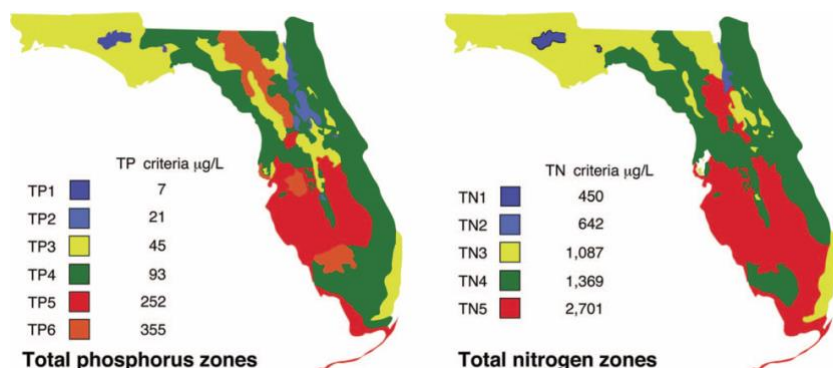
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Huntley
GNIS Number	284412
Latitude	27.2942
Longitude	-81.3422
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	275 ha or 680 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>17 (11 to 21)</b>
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**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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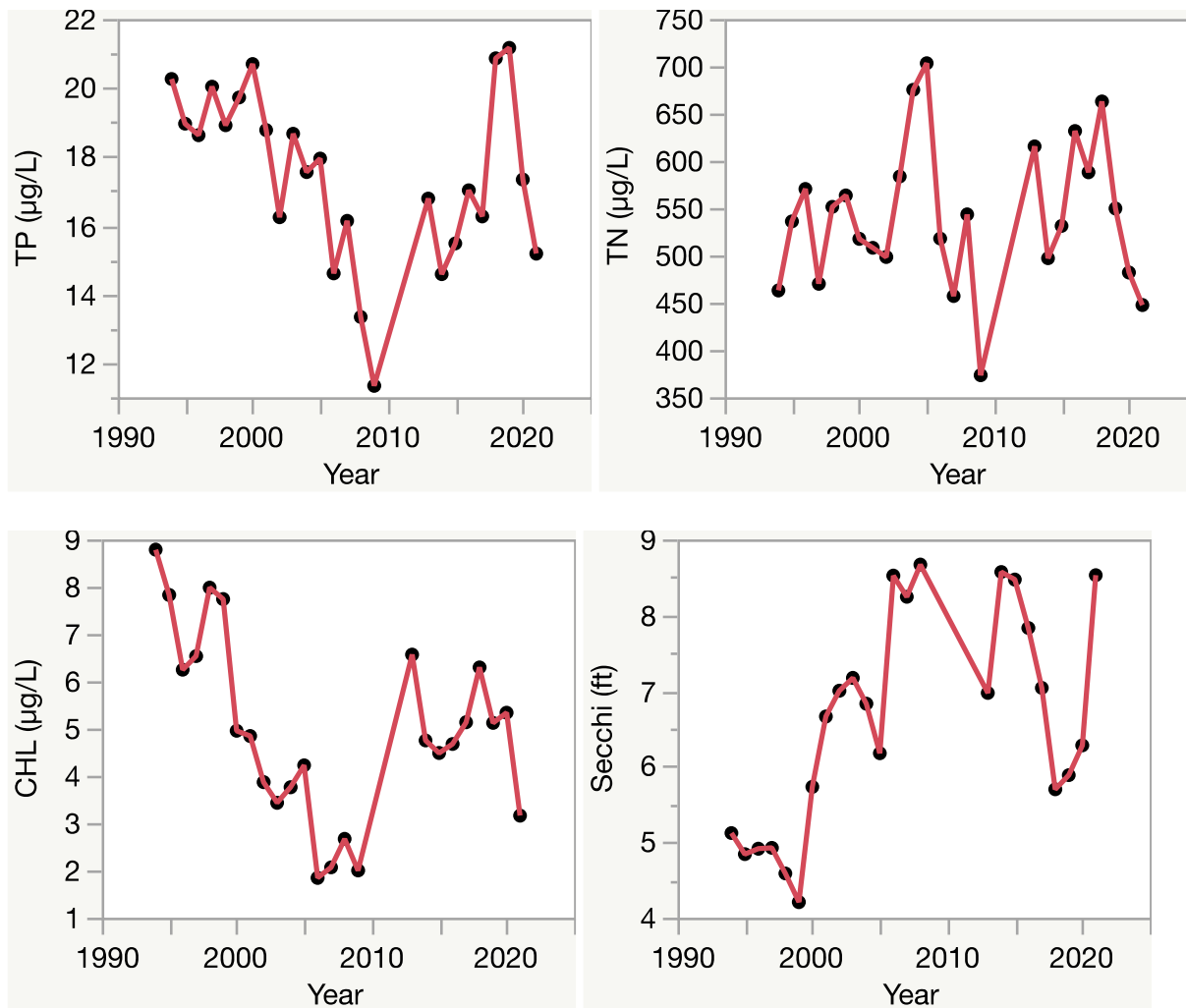
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Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 2	<b>2 (10)</b>
Secchi (ft)	16.1 - 25.5	21.4 (10)
Secchi (m)	4.9 - 7.8	6.5 (10)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	1 - 5	3 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	147 - 162	156 (3)
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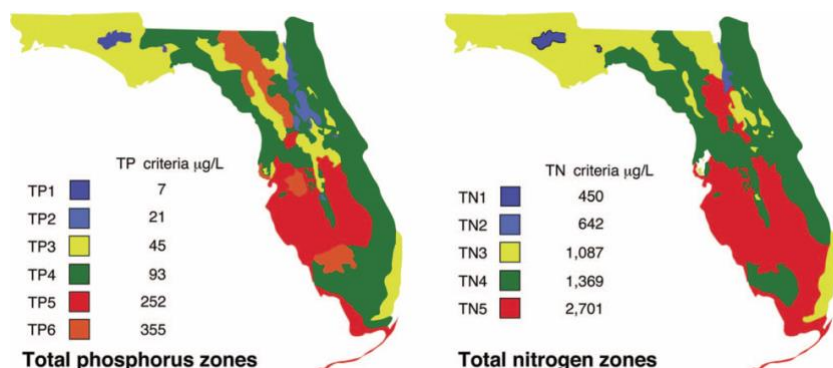
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County	Highlands
Name	Isis
GNIS Number	284605
Latitude	27.6123
Longitude	-81.5118
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	21 ha or 53 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>5 (4 to 7)</b>
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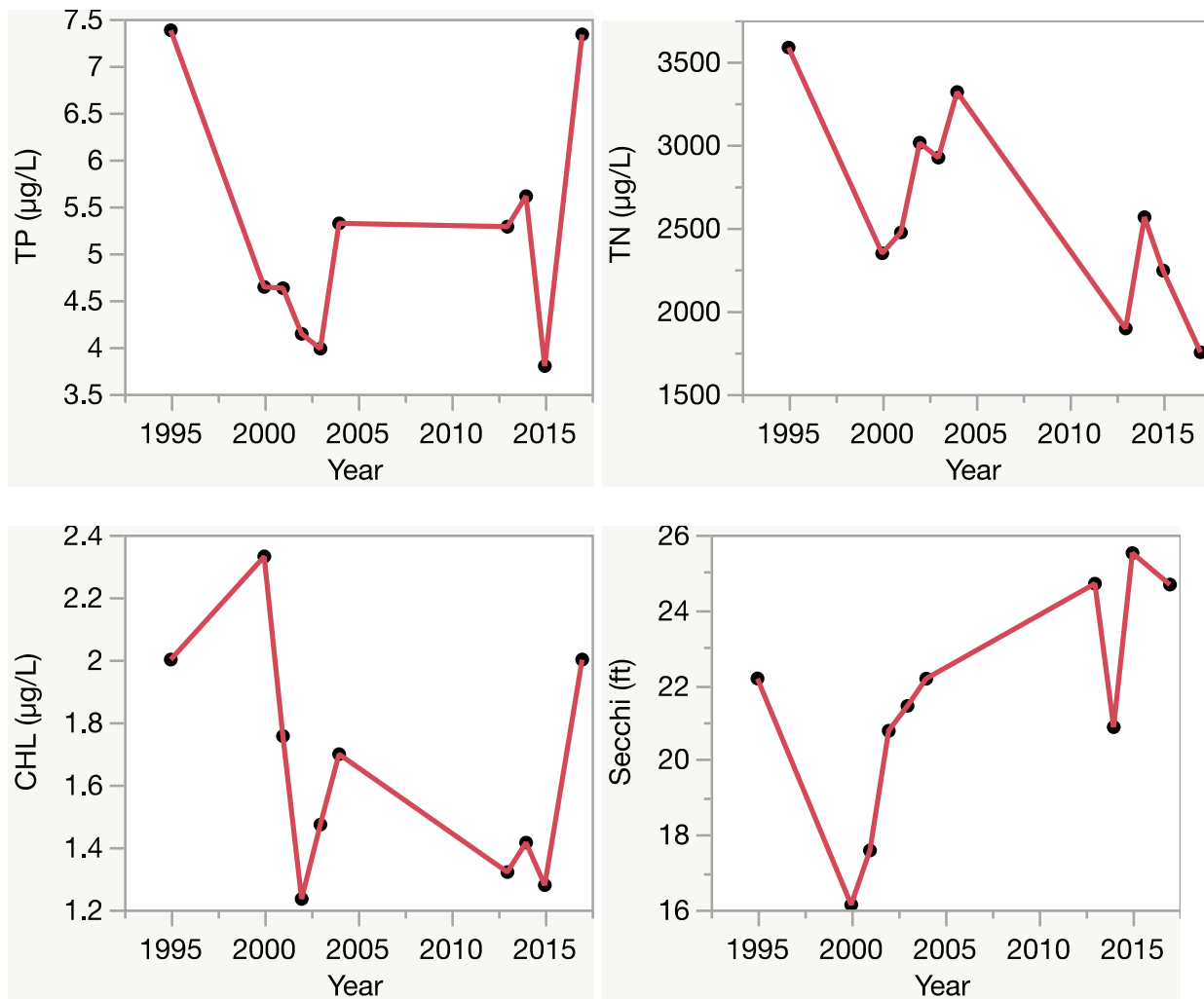
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**Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and classification variables color and specific conductance (collected quarterly). Values in bold can be used with Table 1 to evaluate compliance with nutrient criteria.**

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	33 - 101	<b>57 (23)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	976 - 2020	<b>1393 (23)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	20 - 67	<b>39 (23)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 4.3	2.2 (23)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.3	0.7 (23)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	35 - 108	67 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	100 - 192	145 (11)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Istokpoga
GNIS Number	284635
Latitude	27.3428
Longitude	-81.3073
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	12188 ha or 30116.54 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>57 (33 to 101)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1393 (976 to 2020)</b>



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

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

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

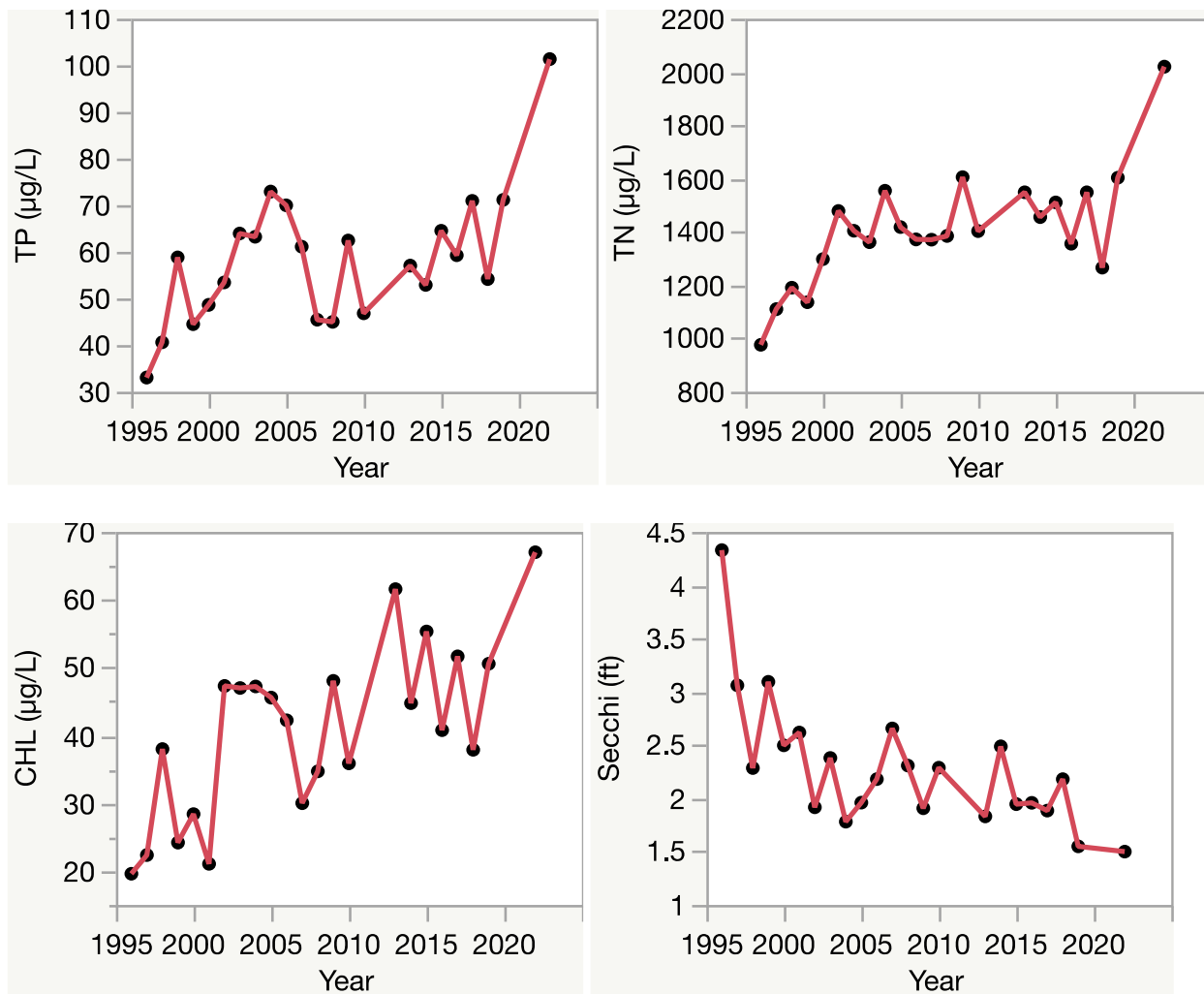
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

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

**Figure 2. Lake Istokpoga 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,  $R^2 = 0.33$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.50$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.50$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.45$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Istokpoga North in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	51 - 85	<b>65 (26)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	970 - 1690	<b>1344 (26)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 61	<b>39 (26)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 3.1	2.0 (26)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.9	0.6 (26)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	45 - 165	82 (20)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	109 - 194	152 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

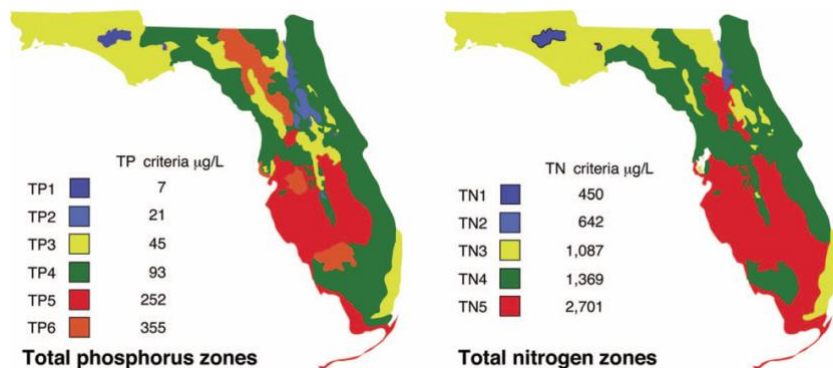
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The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Istokpoga North
GNIS Number	284635
Latitude	27.4010
Longitude	-81.3332
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	12188 ha or 30116.54 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP5</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>65 (51 to 85)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN5</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1344 (970 to 1690)</b>



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

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

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

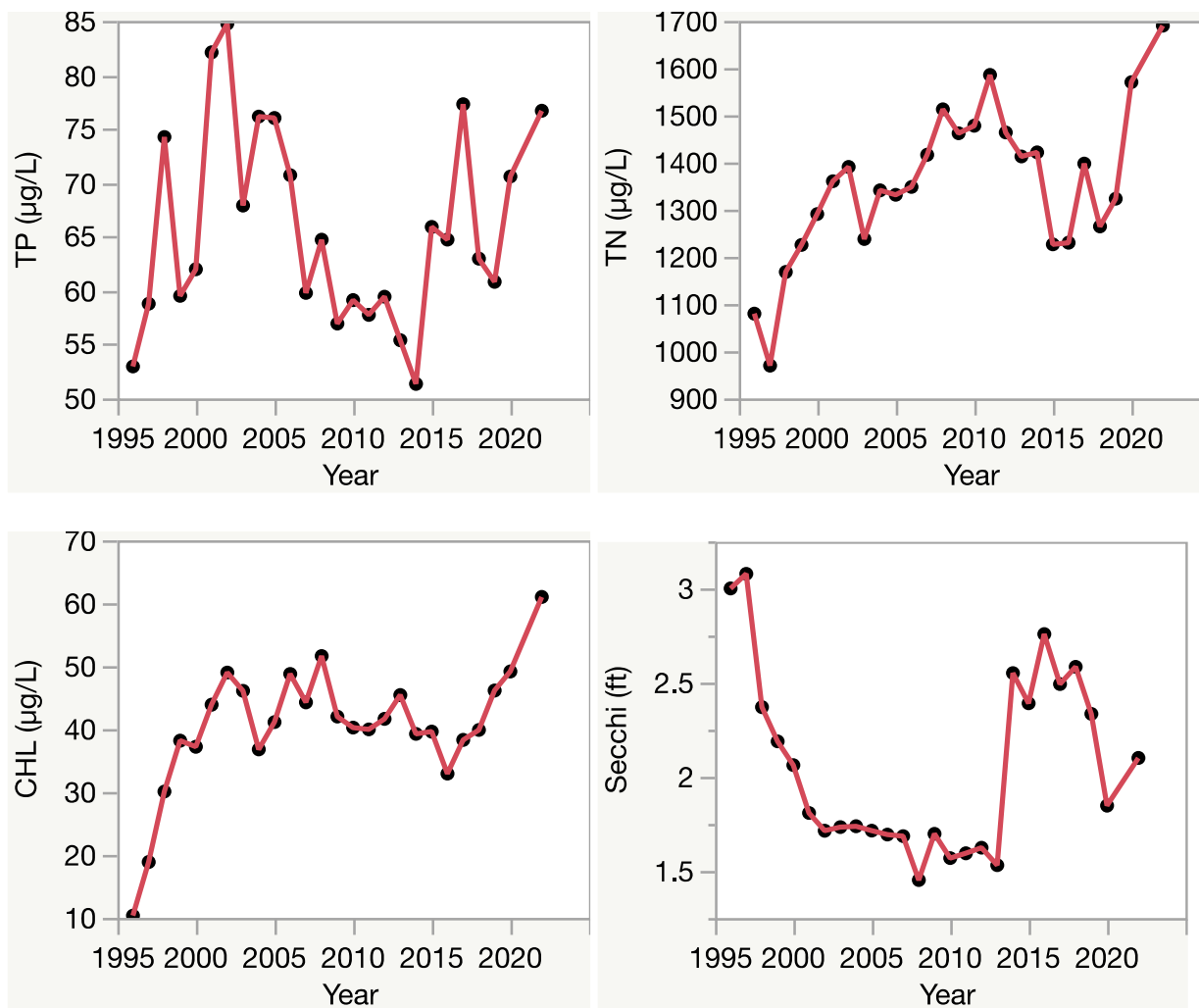
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

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



**Figure 2. Lake Istokpoga 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 No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.85$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.36$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.29$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.84$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Jackson in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	10 - 20	<b>14 (29)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	291 - 477	<b>389 (29)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 9	<b>4 (29)</b>
Secchi (ft)	6.0 - 12.0	9.5 (29)
Secchi (m)	1.8 - 3.7	2.9 (29)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 15	12 (20)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	93 - 175	137 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Jackson
GNIS Number	284682
Latitude	27.4820
Longitude	-81.4598
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	1381 ha or 3412 acre
Period of Record (year)	1991 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>14 (10 to 20)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>389 (291 to 477)</b>



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

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

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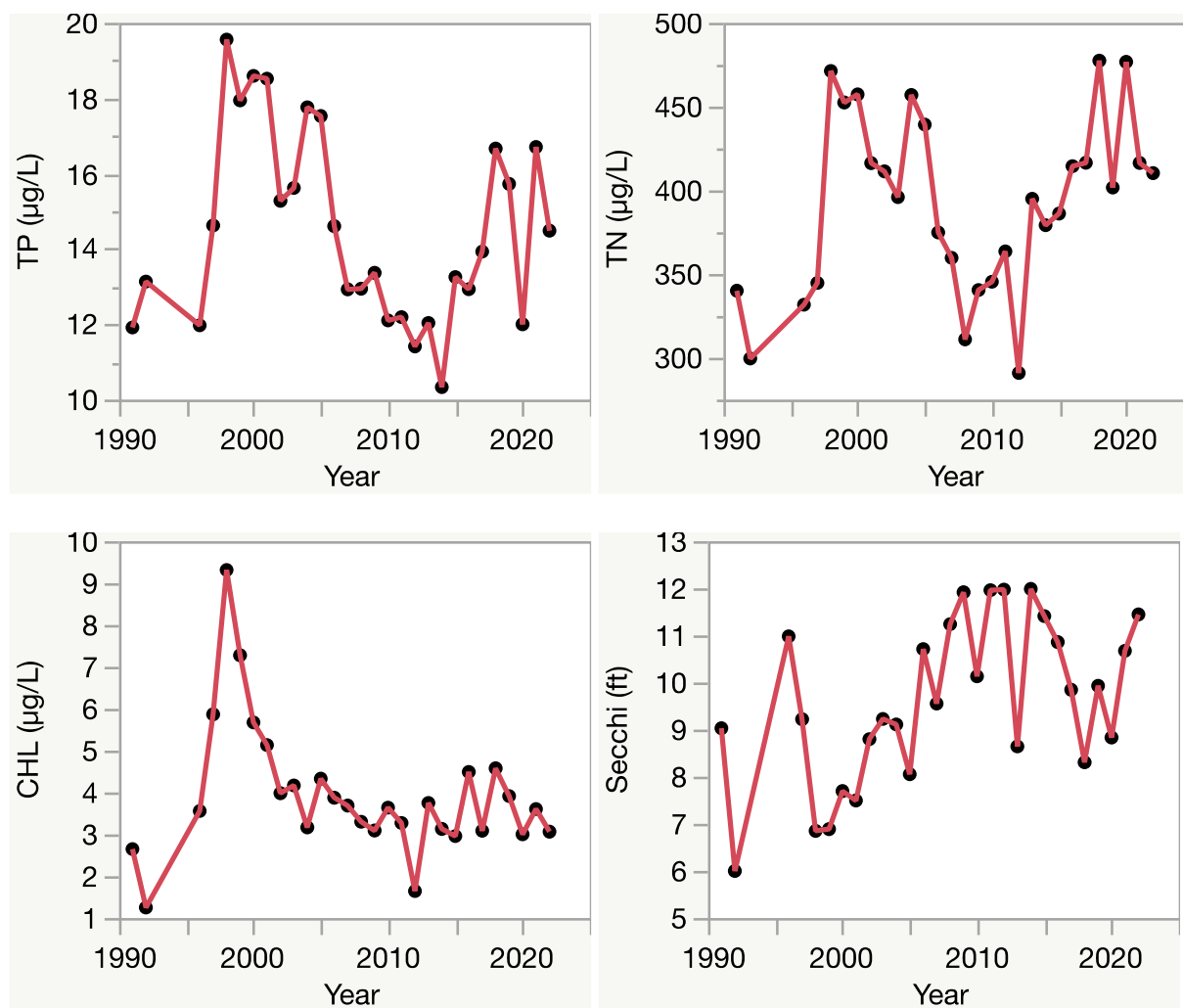
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Josephine Center in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	46 - 83	<b>63 (27)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	906 - 1238	<b>1057 (27)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	15 - 30	<b>21 (27)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 2.4	1.7 (27)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.7	0.5 (27)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	54 - 240	126 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	49 - 111	79 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	



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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Josephine Center
GNIS Number	284942
Latitude	27.3962
Longitude	-81.4424
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>63 (46 to 83)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>1057 (906 to 1238)</b>



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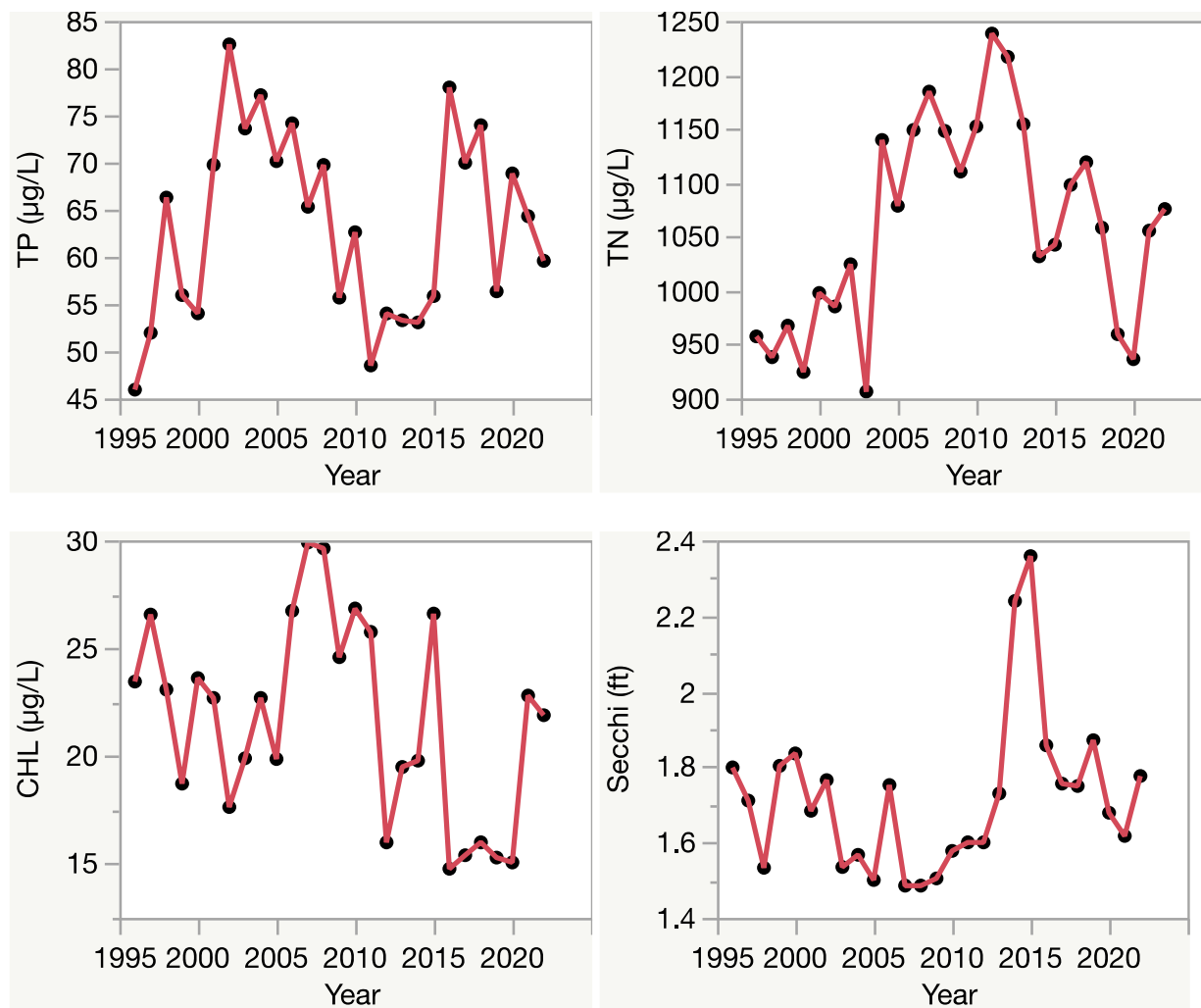
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Josephine East in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	35 - 58	<b>46 (28)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	800 - 1139	<b>968 (28)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	17 - 40	<b>28 (28)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.6 - 2.9	2.0 (28)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.9	0.6 (28)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	40 - 166	79 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	79 - 113	94 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

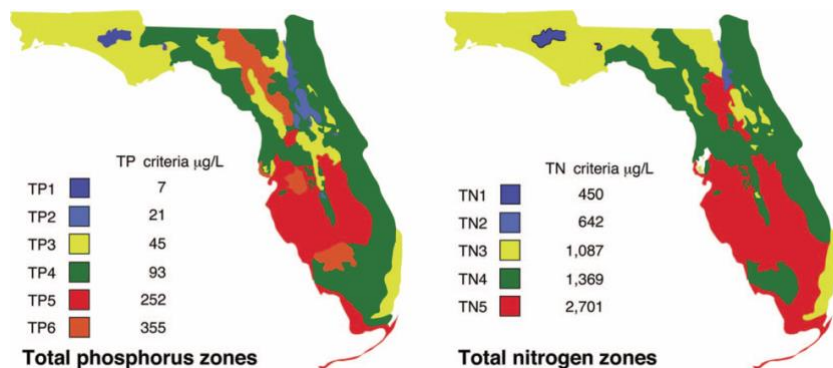
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Josephine East
GNIS Number	284942
Latitude	27.4010
Longitude	-81.4229
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>46 (35 to 58)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>968 (800 to 1139)</b>



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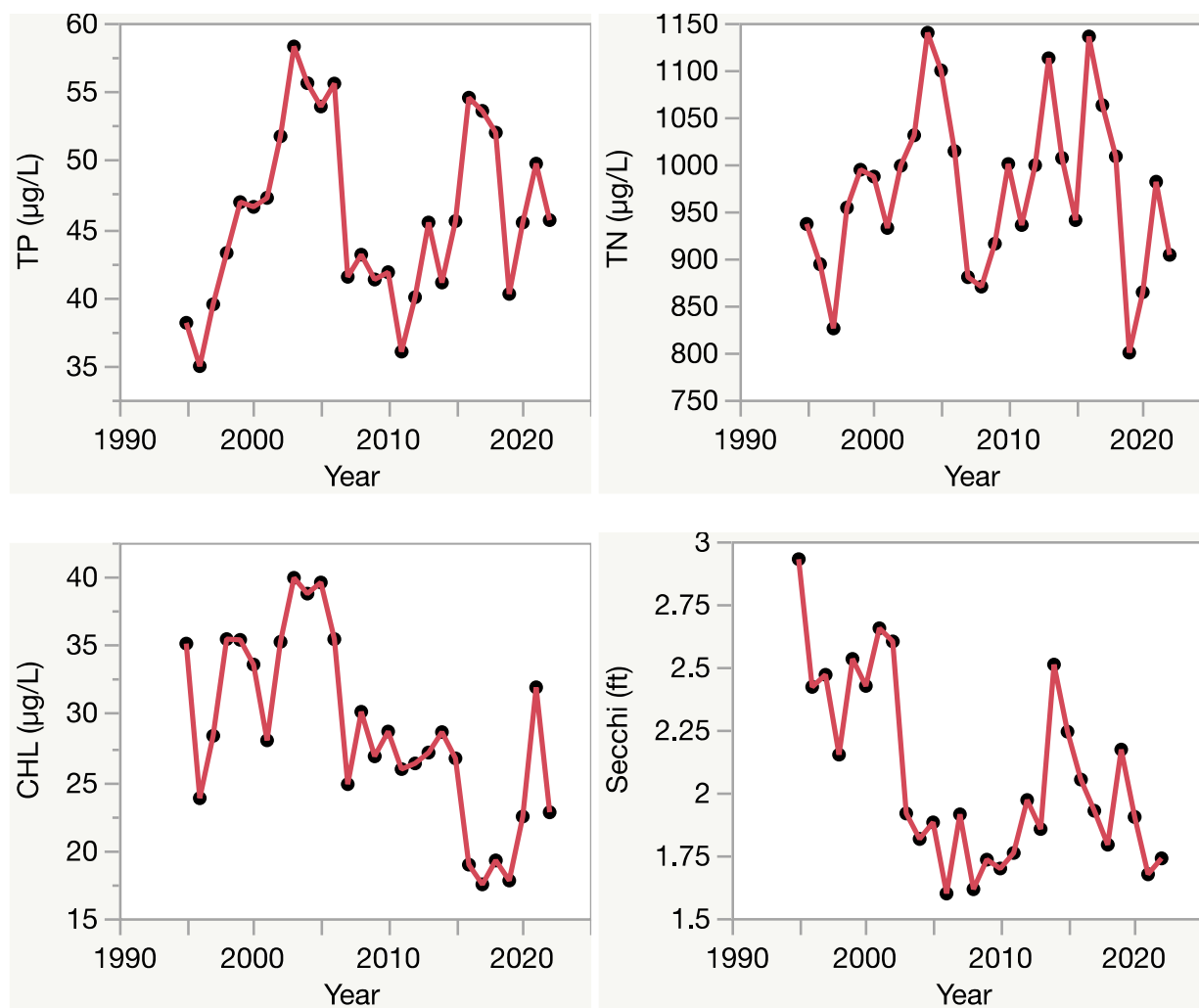
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Josephine West in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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

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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	65 - 125	<b>94 (27)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	924 - 1410	<b>1102 (27)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 33	<b>19 (27)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.3 - 2.3	1.5 (27)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.7	0.5 (27)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	59 - 260	146 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	60 - 103	82 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Josephine West
GNIS Number	284942
Latitude	27.4069
Longitude	-81.4535
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>94 (65 to 125)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1102 (924 to 1410)</b>



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

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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.

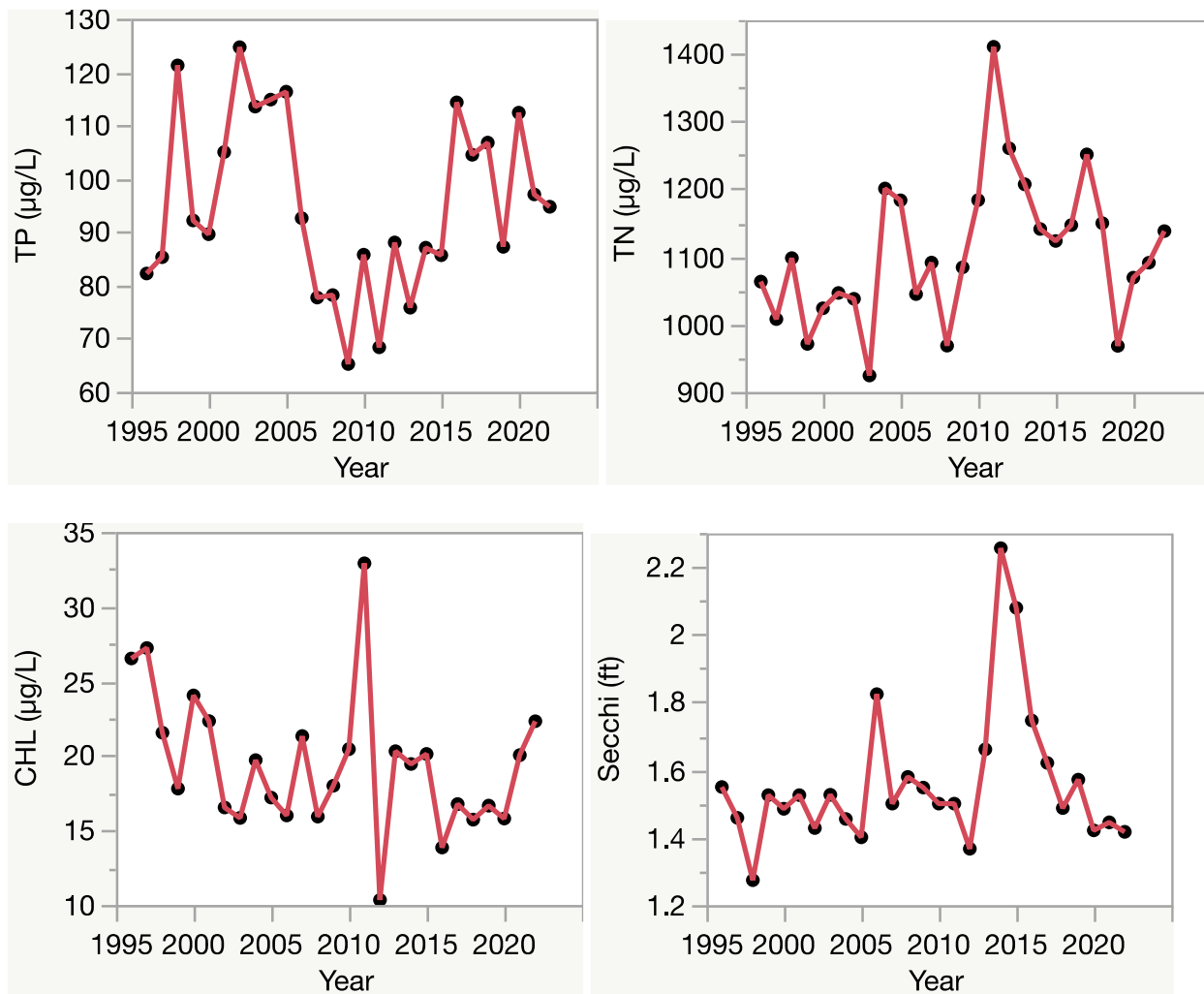
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1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
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**Figure 2. Lake Josephine 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,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.70$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.12$ ,  $p = 0.08$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.10$ ,  $p = 0.10$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.05$ ,  $p = 0.24$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for June in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	435 - 739	<b>583 (29)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 17	<b>10 (29)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.1 - 8.8	5.9 (29)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 2.7	1.8 (29)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 19	13 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	115 - 178	152 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

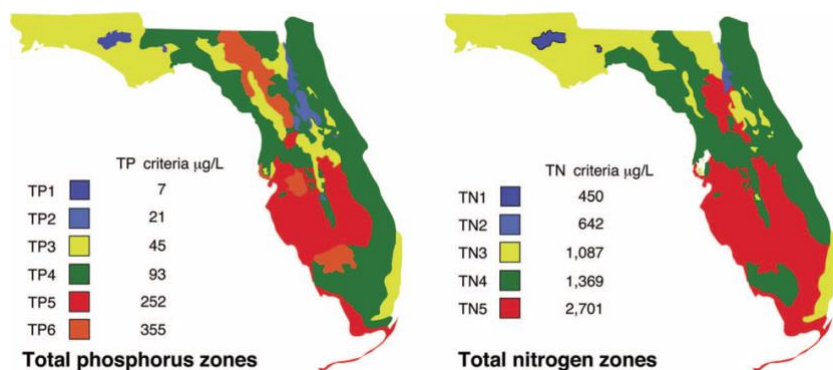
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	June
GNIS Number	284976
Latitude	27.2952
Longitude	-81.4164
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	2317 ha or 5724 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>14 (8 to 20)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>583 (435 to 739)</b>



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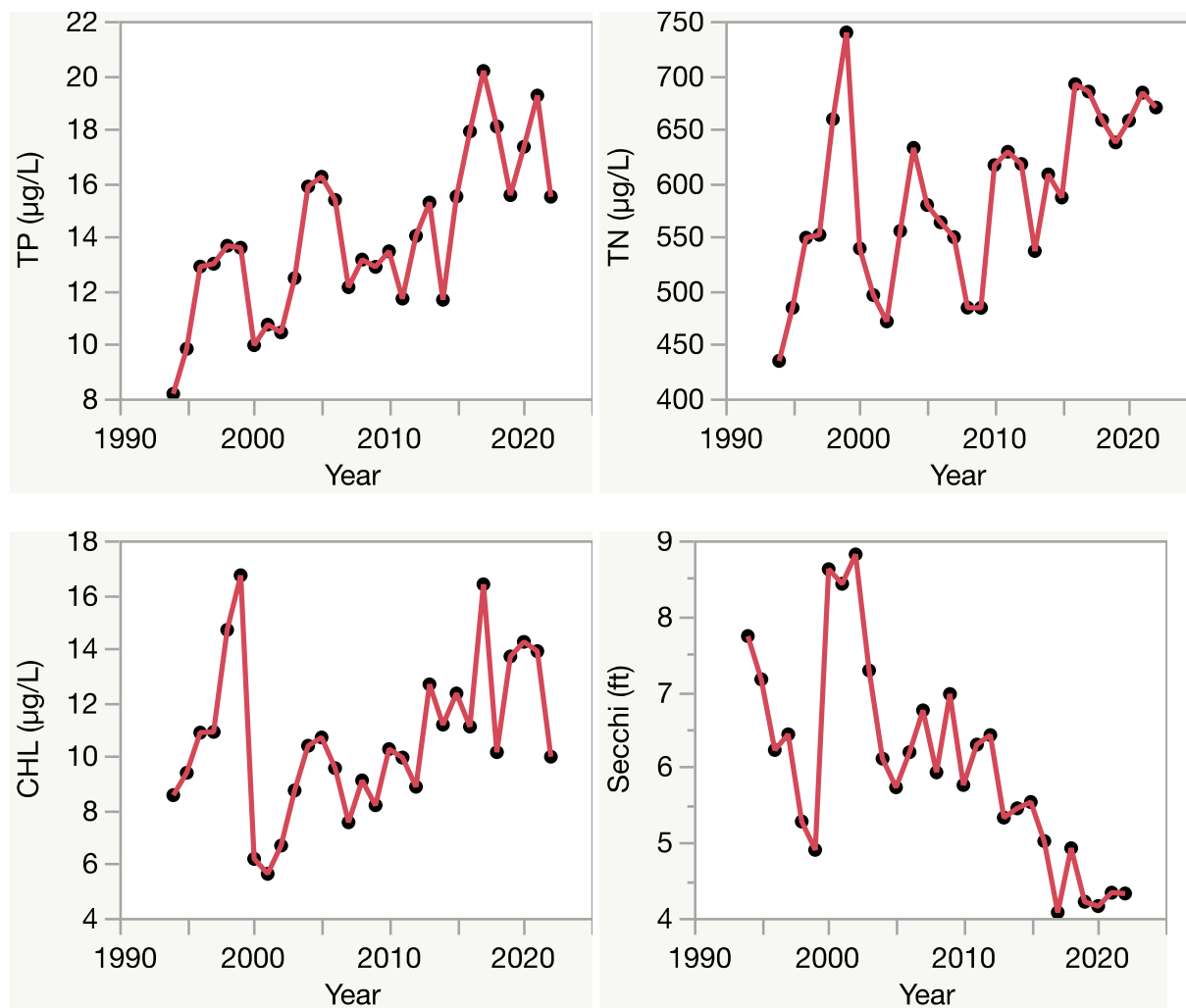
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Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	10 - 16	<b>13 (10)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.1 - 5.5	4.7 (10)
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Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 20	15 (10)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	146 - 171	160 (10)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

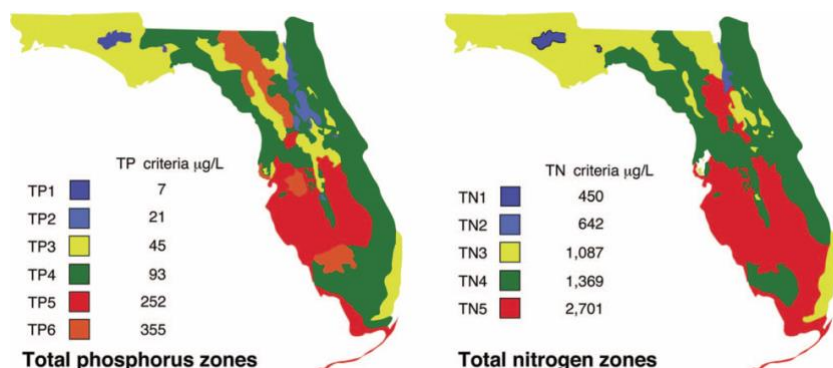
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- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
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- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- **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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	June North
GNIS Number	284976
Latitude	27.3109
Longitude	-81.3709
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	2317 ha or 5724 acre
Period of Record (year)	2013 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>17 (12 to 19)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>679 (617 to 730)</b>



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

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

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

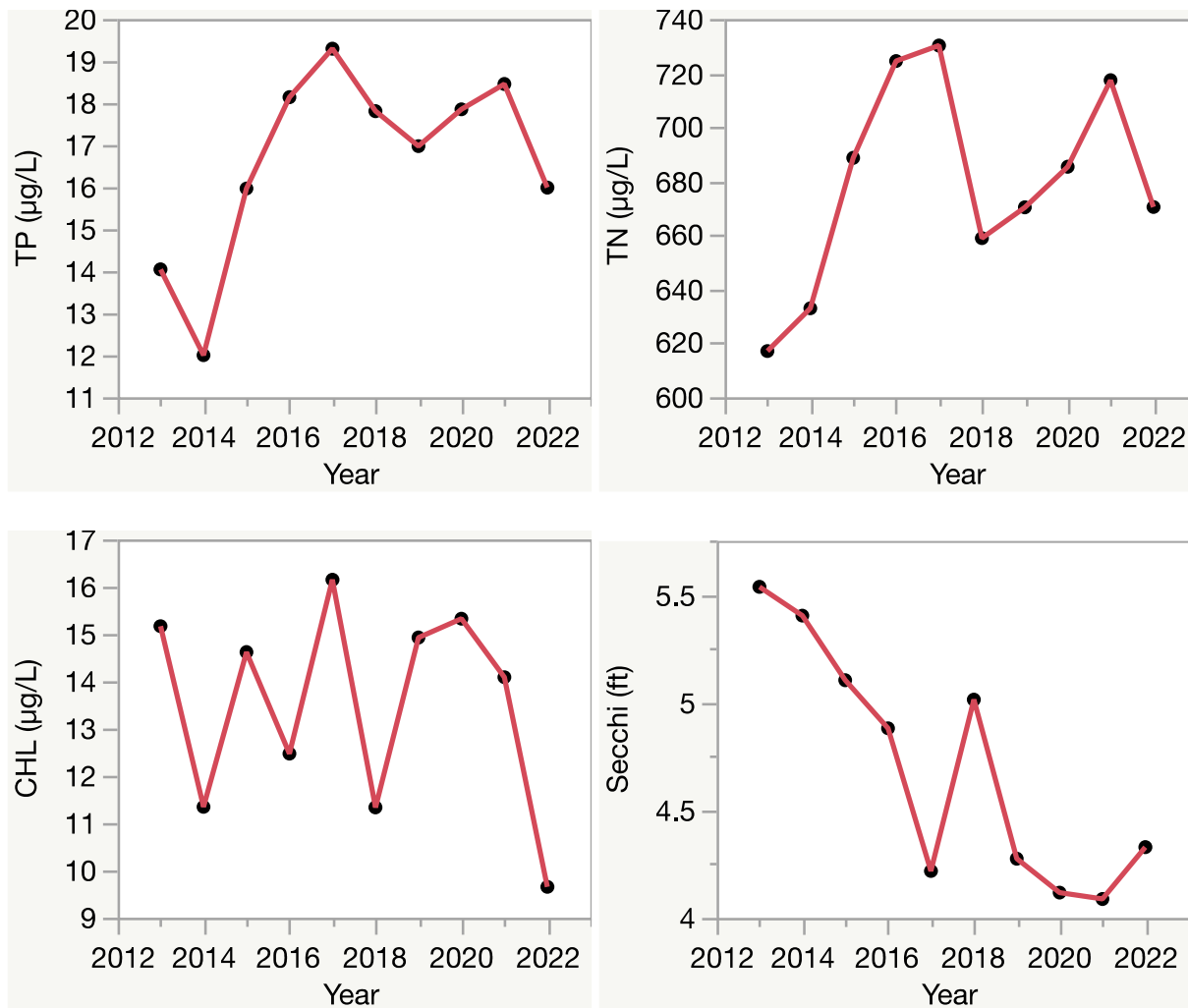
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

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 June 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 No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.31$ ,  $p = 0.10$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.16$ ,  $p = 0.25$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.04$ ,  $p = 0.57$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.75$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Lelia in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	9 - 21	<b>14 (21)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	478 - 1362	<b>802 (21)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 37	<b>17 (21)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.2 - 9.8	4.9 (21)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 3.0	1.5 (21)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	6 - 41	15 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	53 - 164	137 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
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- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Lelia
GNIS Number	285451
Latitude	27.5737
Longitude	-81.5014
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	67 ha or 165 acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>14 (9 to 21)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>802 (478 to 1362)</b>



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

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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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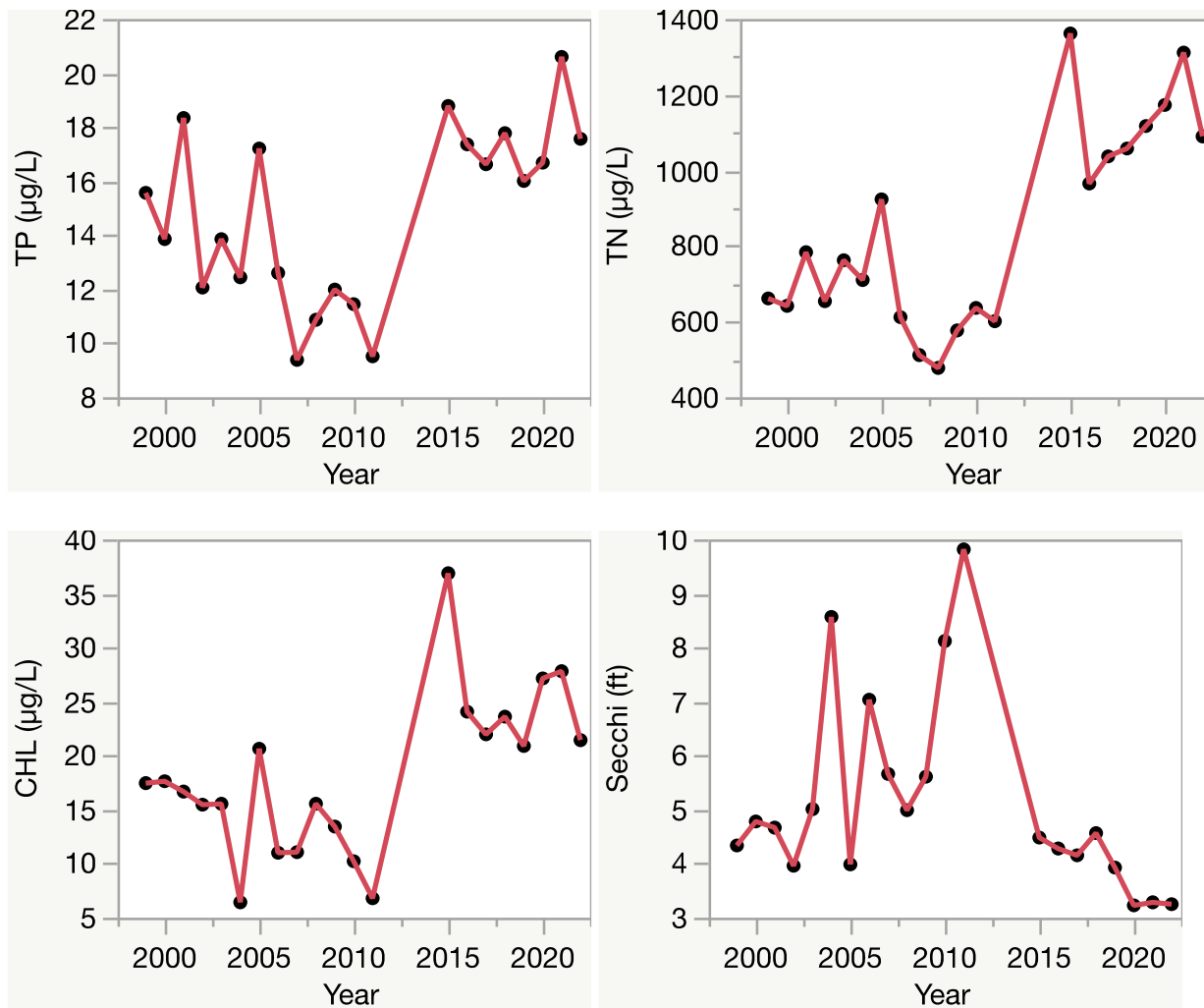
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**Figure 2. Lake Lelia trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.22$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.55$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.32$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.10$ ,  $p = 0.16$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Letta in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
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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)	15 - 29	<b>19 (19)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	286 - 873	<b>421 (19)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 8	<b>5 (19)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.1 - 8.2	5.1 (19)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 2.5	1.6 (19)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 14	8 (14)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	153 - 250	180 (8)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

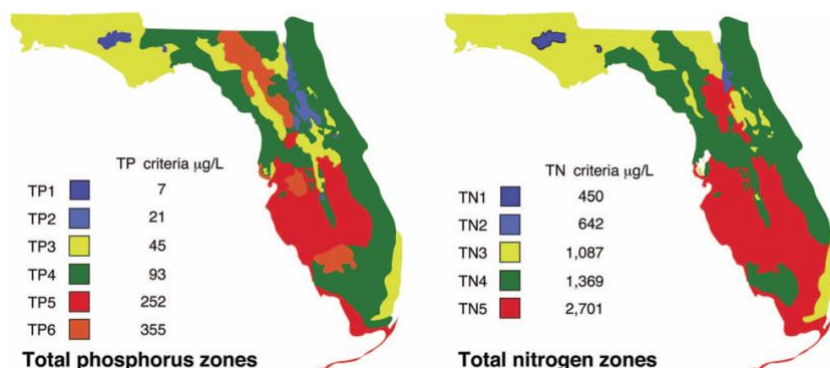
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Letta
GNIS Number	285472
Latitude	27.5658
Longitude	-81.4616
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	193 ha or 478 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>19 (15 to 29)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>421 (286 to 873)</b>



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

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

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

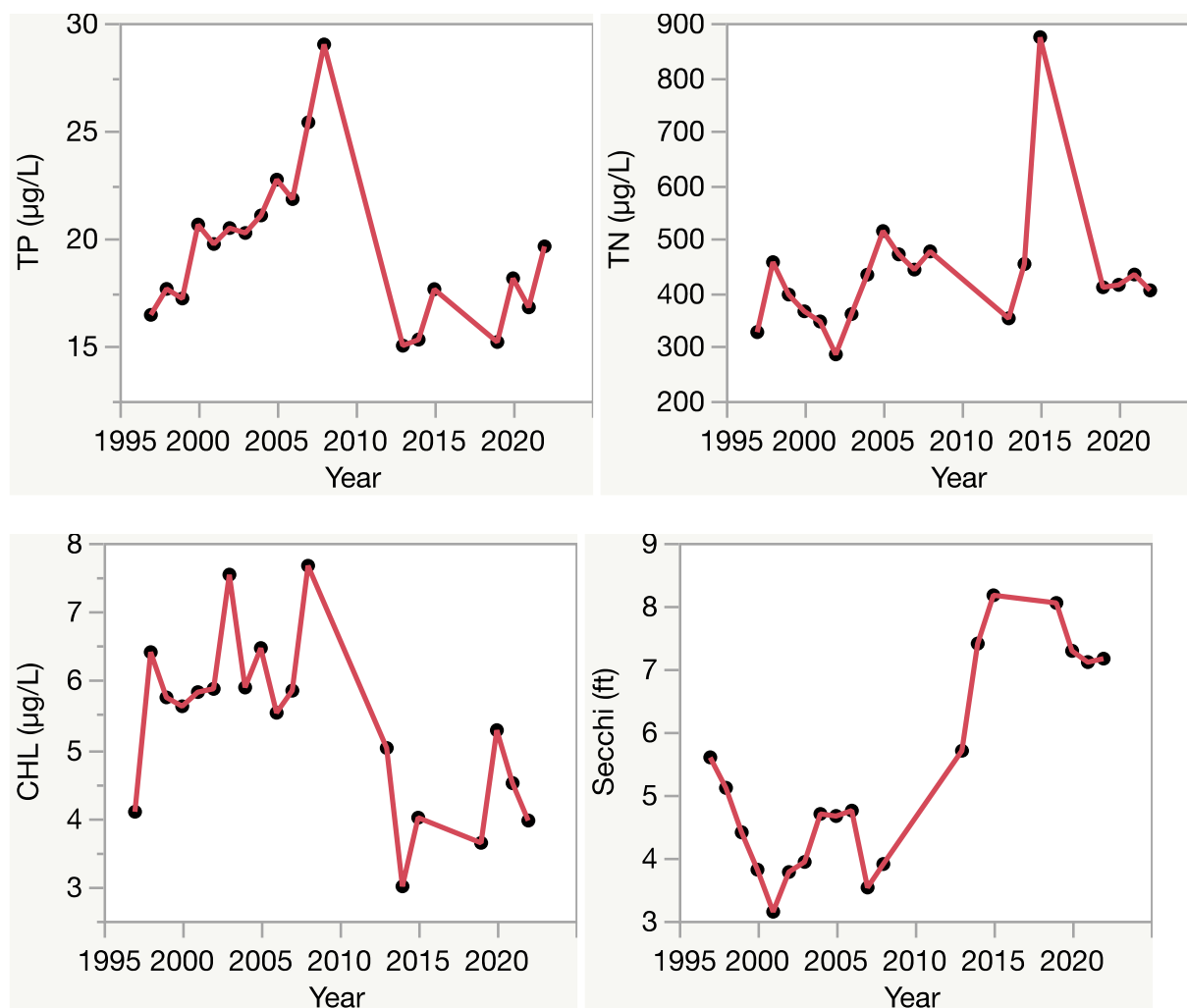
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Lillian in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## 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.
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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	5 - 16	<b>10 (29)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	447 - 1255	<b>777 (29)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 14	<b>6 (29)</b>
Secchi (ft)	5.6 - 12.1	9.3 (29)
Secchi (m)	1.7 - 3.7	2.8 (29)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 19	8 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	127 - 144	135 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
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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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Lillian
GNIS Number	285515
Latitude	27.6315
Longitude	-81.5186
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	13 ha or 32 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>10 (5 to 16)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>777 (447 to 1255)</b>



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

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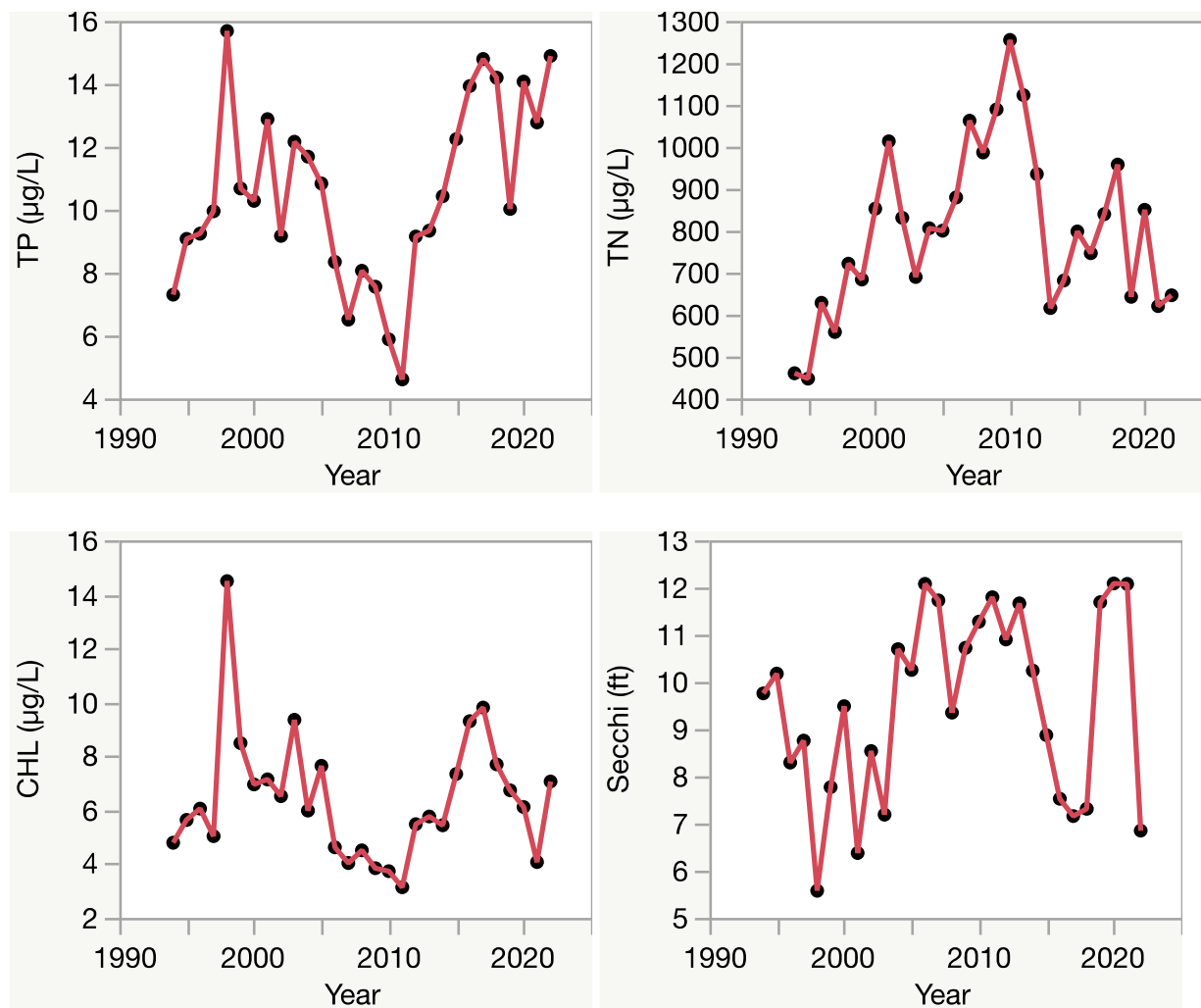
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Little Bonnet in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	15 - 37	<b>24 (20)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1159 - 2652	<b>1726 (20)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	19 - 67	<b>36 (20)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 4.9	2.1 (20)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 1.5	0.6 (20)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	13 - 50	22 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	171 - 292	217 (13)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	



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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Little Bonnet
GNIS Number	285620
Latitude	27.5616
Longitude	-81.4758
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	34 ha or 84 acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>24 (15 to 37)</b>
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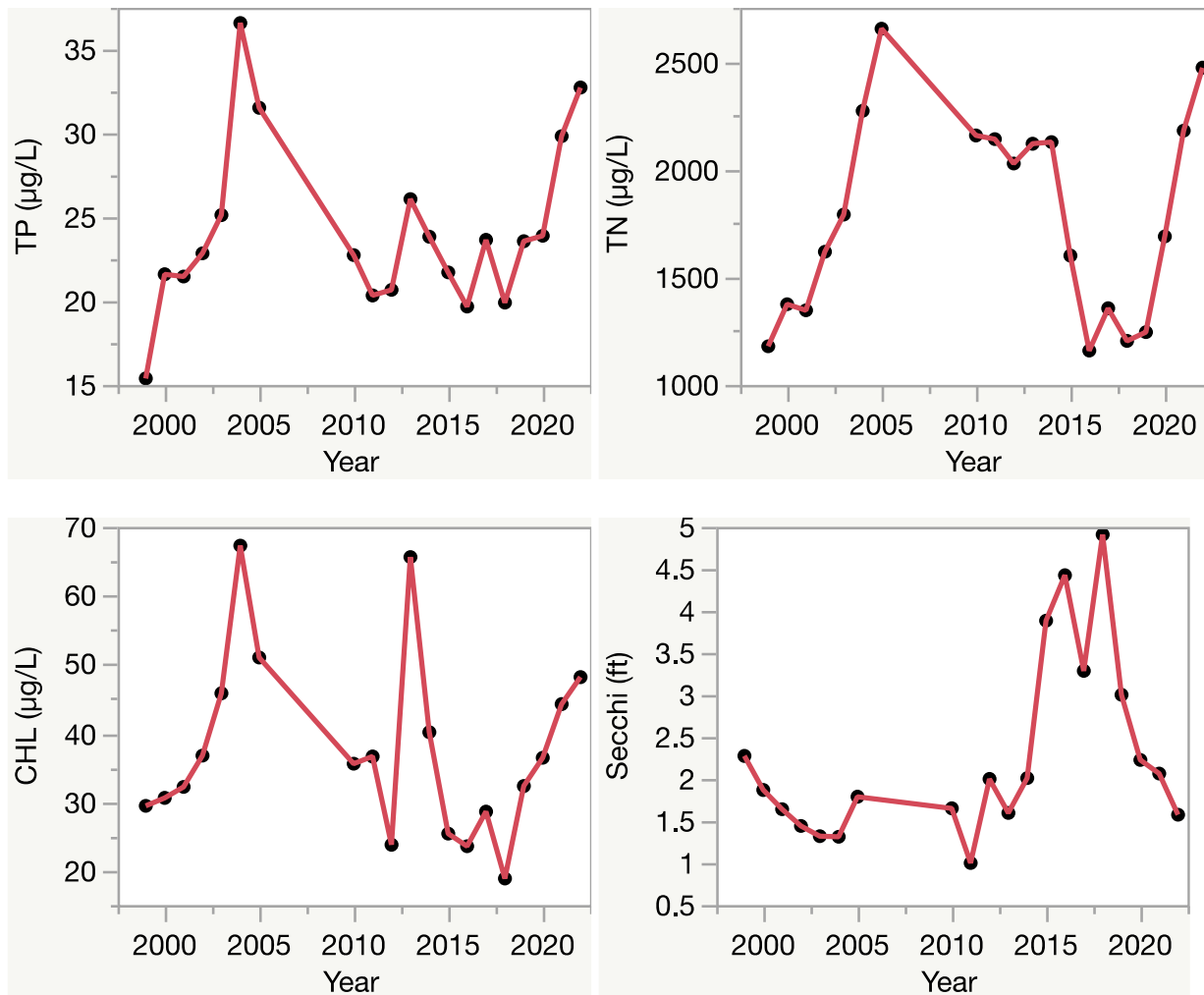
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Little Grassy in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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

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

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	6 - 8	<b>7 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	484 - 890	<b>657 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 4	<b>3 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	12.4 - 14.0	13.2 (2)
Secchi (m)	3.8 - 4.3	4.0 (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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- **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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Little Grassy
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.2519
Longitude	-81.3417
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 1999
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>7 (6 to 8)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>657 (484 to 890)</b>



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

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

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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Little Jackson in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	28 - 64	<b>45 (27)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	620 - 1542	<b>1003 (27)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 94	<b>34 (27)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 6.9	2.9 (27)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 2.1	0.9 (27)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	21 - 38	28 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	136 - 196	169 (11)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Little Jackson
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.4693
Longitude	-81.4652
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	55 ha or 137 acre
Period of Record (year)	1991 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>45 (28 to 64)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1003 (620 to 1542)</b>



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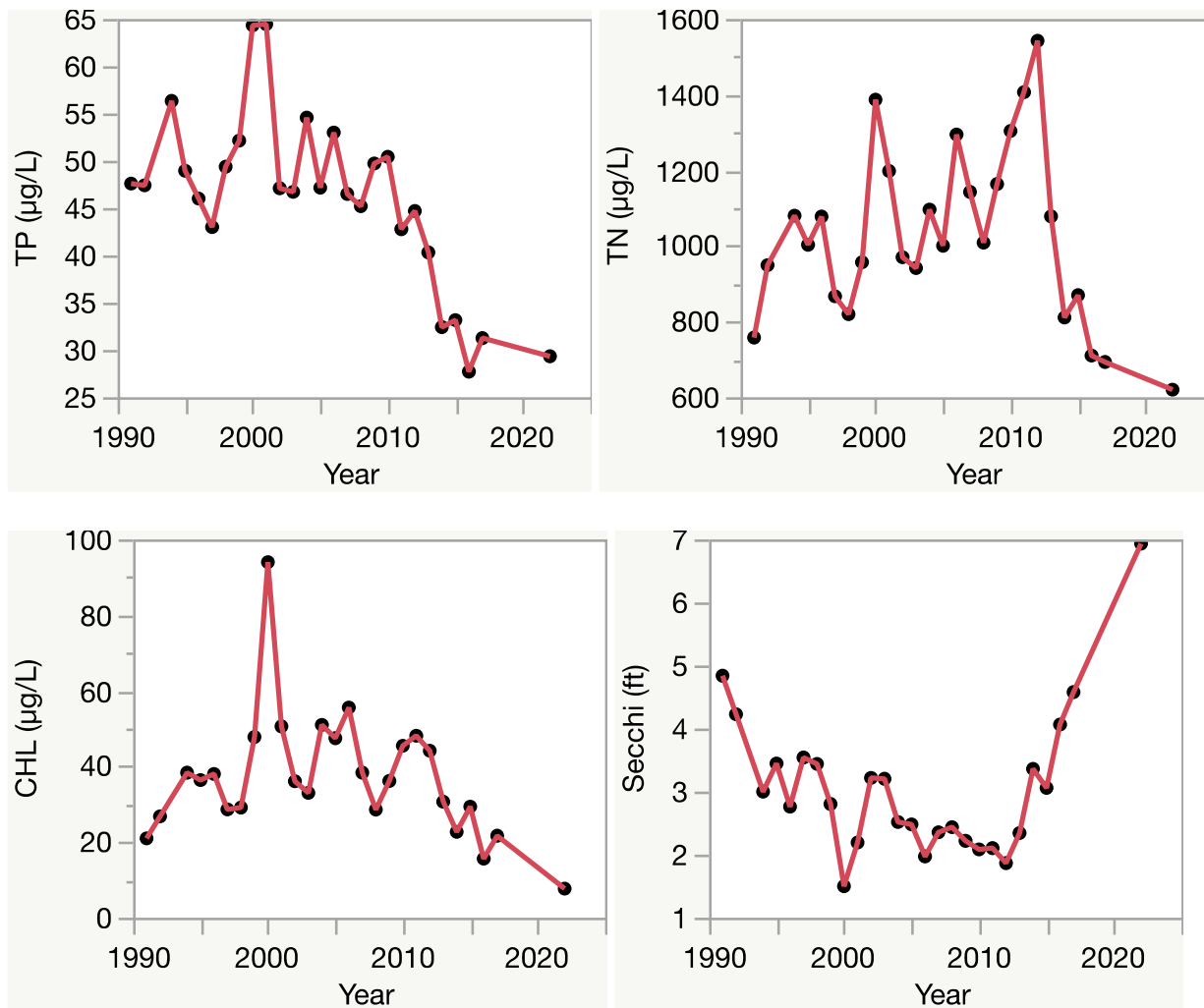
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**Figure 2. Lake Little Jackson trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.44$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.67$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.08$ ,  $p = 0.17$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.54$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Little Redwater in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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**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 - 41	<b>25 (24)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	496 - 806	<b>628 (24)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 24	<b>10 (24)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.7 - 6.7	4.0 (24)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 2.0	1.2 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	19 - 60	37 (19)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	88 - 125	101 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Little Redwater
GNIS Number	285771
Latitude	27.5458
Longitude	-81.4791
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	133 ha or 329 acre
Period of Record (year)	1991 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>25 (18 to 41)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>628 (496 to 806)</b>



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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

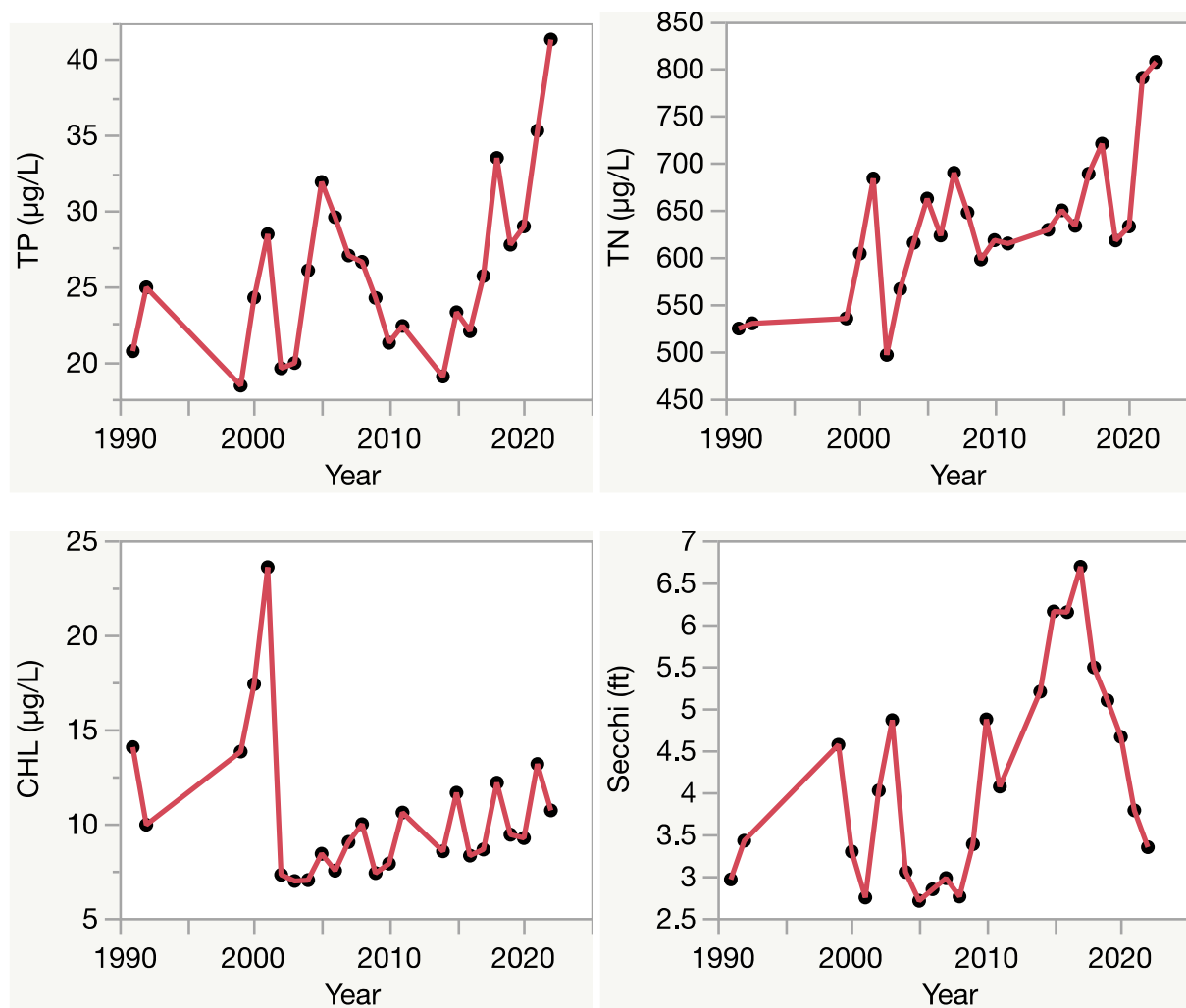
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	589 - 967	<b>791 (13)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 39	<b>17 (13)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.0 - 6.7	4.9 (13)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 2.0	1.5 (13)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	18 - 25	21 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	159 - 181	171 (6)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

County	Highlands
Name	Little Redwater 2
GNIS Number	285770
Latitude	27.3498
Longitude	-81.3912
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	8 ha or 20 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>19 (12 to 27)</b>
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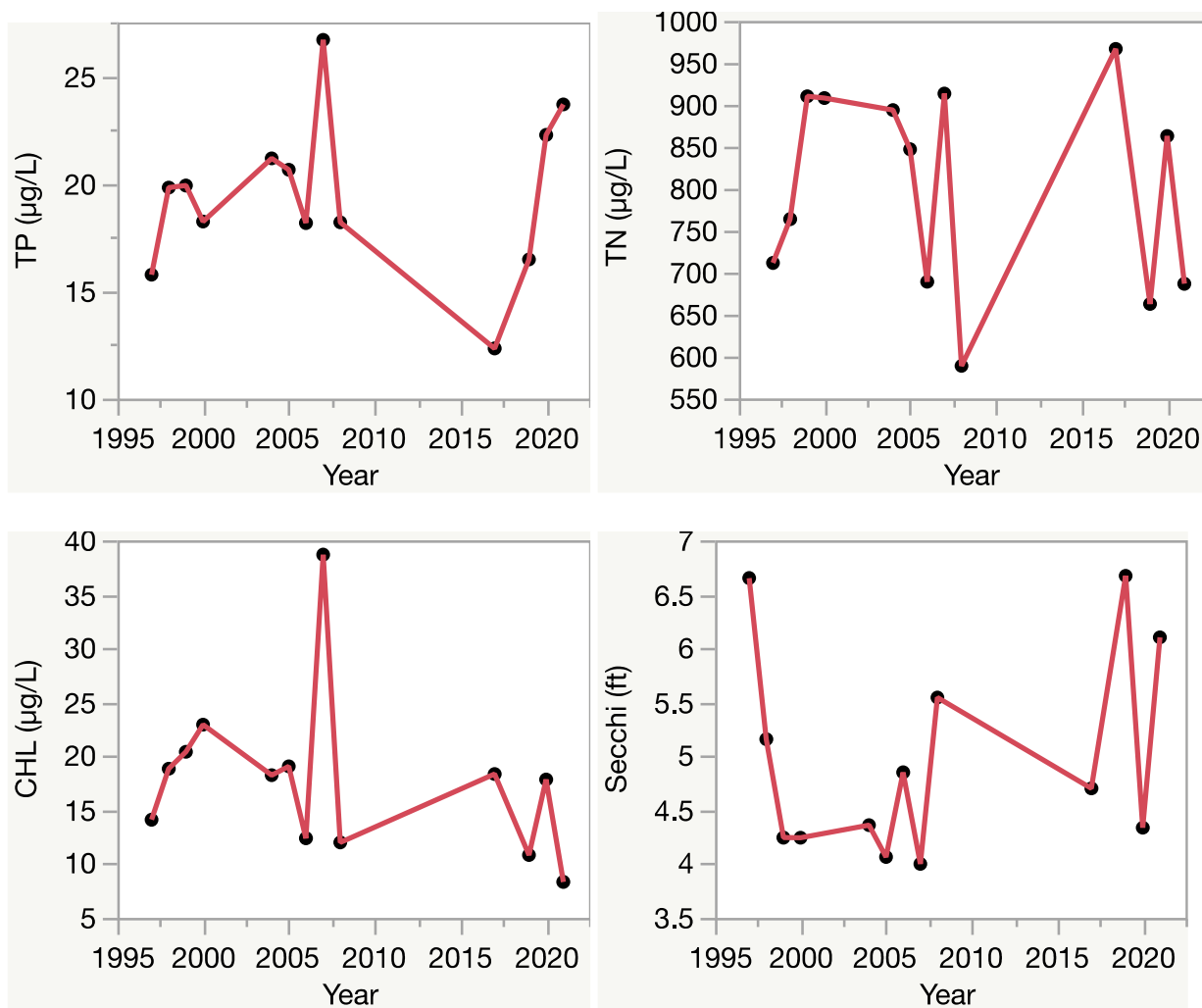
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County	Highlands
Name	Lotela
GNIS Number	286124
Latitude	27.5714
Longitude	-81.4812
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	279 ha or 690 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>13 (11 to 19)</b>
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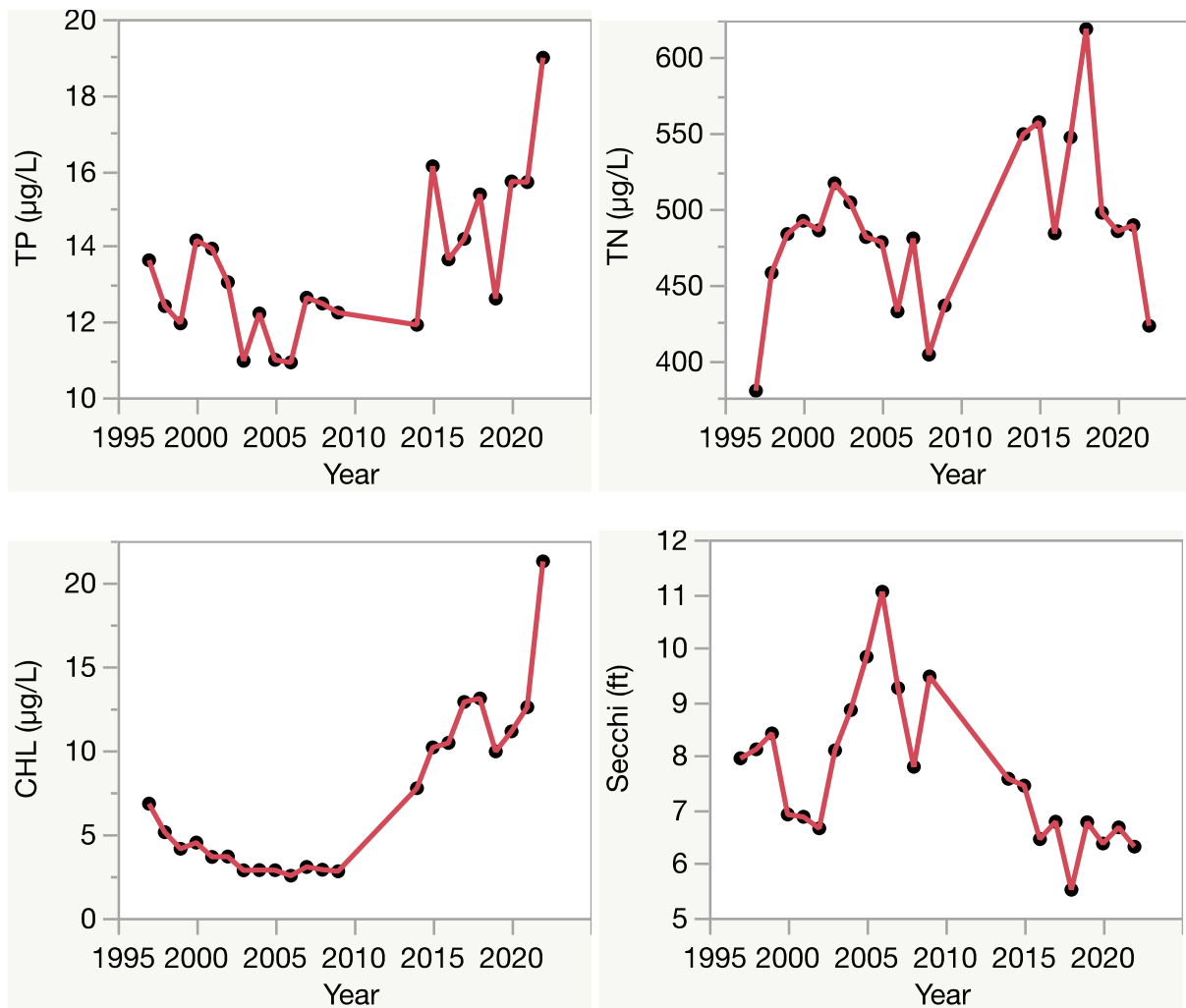
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- **Lake Classification:** Numeric nutrient criteria for Florida require that lakes must first be classified into one of three group based on color and alkalinity or specific conductance; **colored lakes** (color greater than 40 Pt-Co units), **clear soft water lakes** (color less than or equal to 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity less than or equal to 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	4 - 10	<b>6 (21)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1480 - 4003	<b>2353 (21)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 5	<b>4 (21)</b>
Secchi (ft)	7.5 - 16.2	12.5 (21)
Secchi (m)	2.3 - 5.0	3.8 (21)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 6	4 (21)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	296 - 361	327 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Lynn
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.3957
Longitude	-81.3973
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2002 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>6 (4 to 10)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>2353 (1480 to 4003)</b>



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

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

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

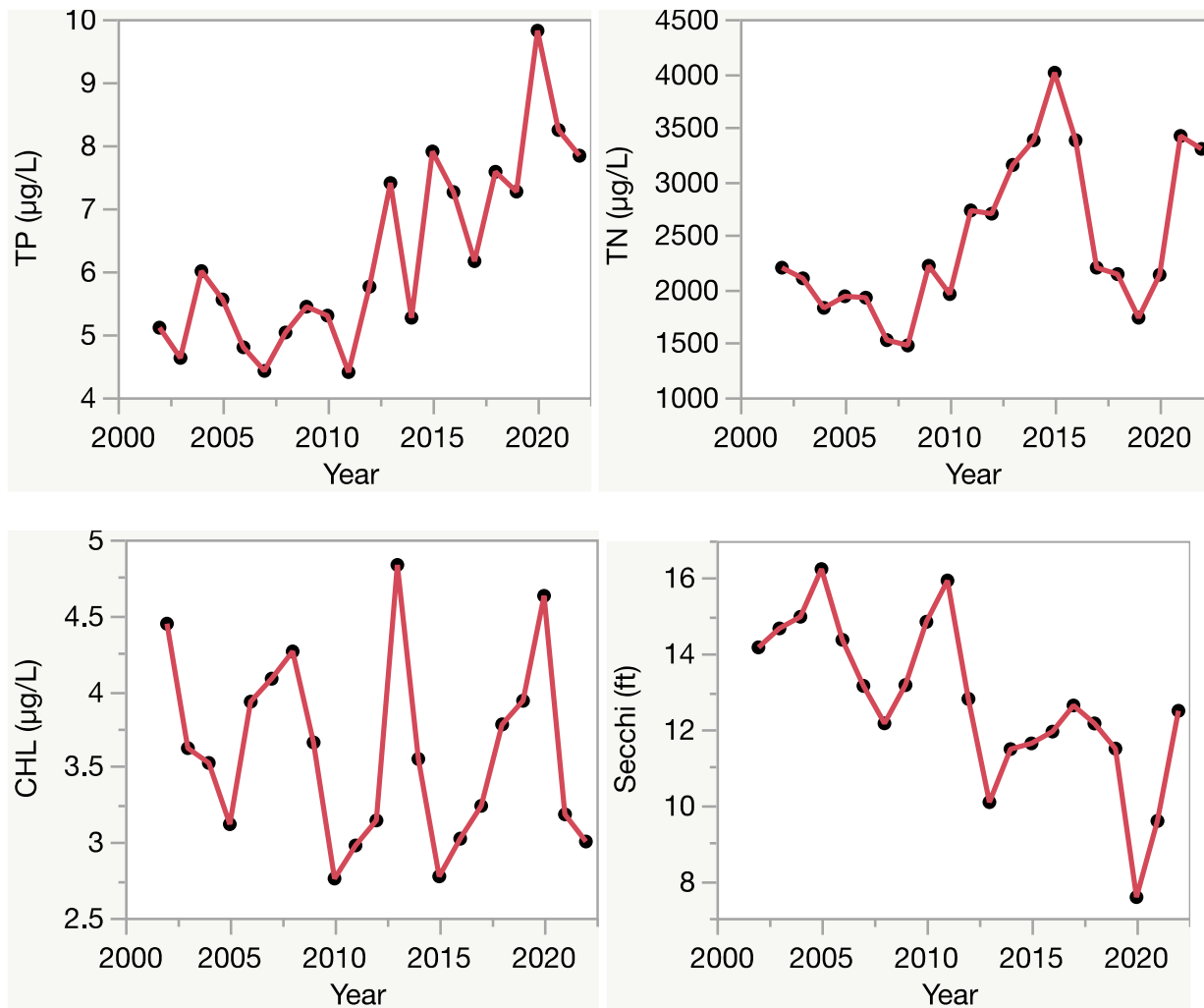
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

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

**Figure 2. Lake Lynn 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,  $R^2 = 0.63$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.25$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.03$ ,  $p = 0.45$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.51$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ).**





# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Mary Jane in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	17 - 27	<b>21 (3)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	759 - 1117	<b>960 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 8	<b>7 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.5 - 6.1	5.2 (3)
Secchi (m)	1.4 - 1.8	1.6 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	44 - 62	52 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Mary Jane
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.5429
Longitude	-81.5026
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>21 (17 to 27)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>960 (759 to 1117)</b>



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

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2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for McCoy in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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<sup>1</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 µg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	3 - 5	<b>4 (10)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	561 - 1203	<b>932 (10)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 2	<b>2 (10)</b>
Secchi (ft)	12.5 - 24.6	17.4 (10)
Secchi (m)	3.8 - 7.5	5.3 (10)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	2 - 4	3 (4)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	McCoy
GNIS Number	286590
Latitude	27.2828
Longitude	-81.3537
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	16 ha or 40 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2005
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>4 (3 to 5)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>932 (561 to 1203)</b>



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

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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
  - a. Compare this number to the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* (2<sup>nd</sup> column) in Table 1.
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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

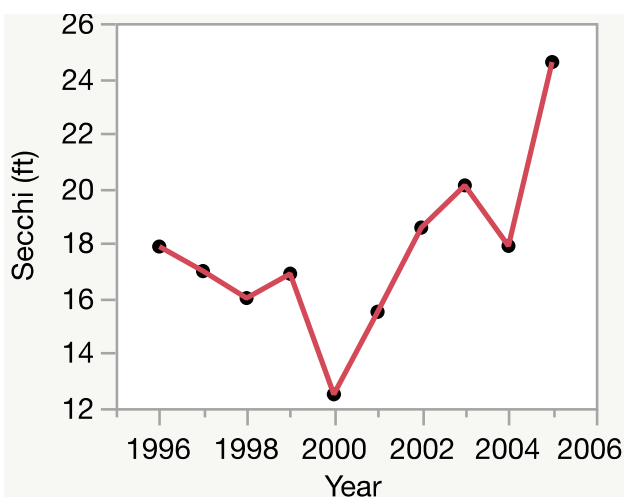
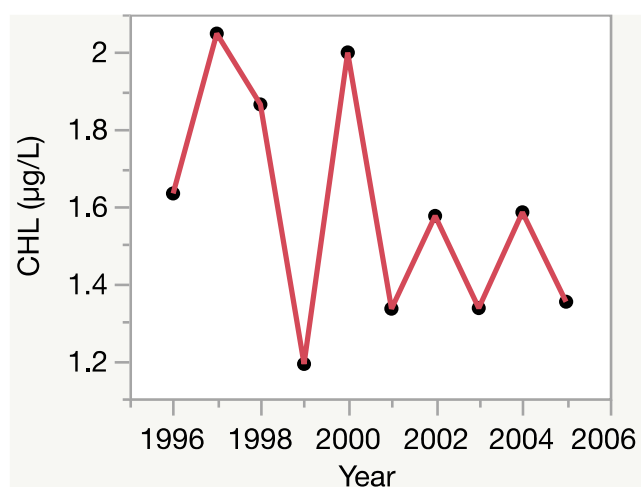
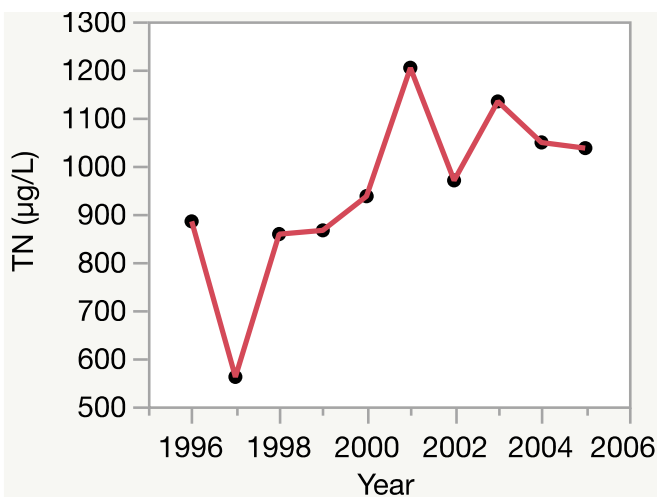
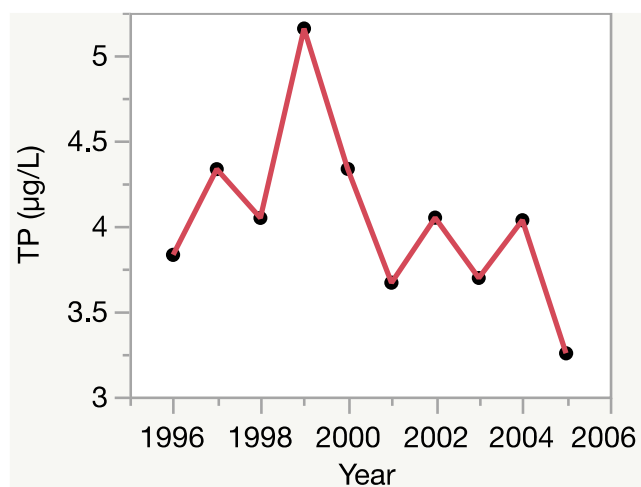
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration



**Figure 2. Lake McCoy 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,  $R^2 = 0.22$ ,  $p = 0.17$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.48$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.24$ ,  $p = 0.15$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.31$ ,  $p = 0.10$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Million in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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## 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  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ), and **clear hard water lakes** (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  or specific conductance greater 100  $\mu\text{S/cm @ 25 C}$ ).

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	91 - 91	<b>91 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	947 - 947	<b>947 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	94 - 94	<b>94 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.0	2.0 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.6	0.6 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	64 - 64	64 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

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

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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
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- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
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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 (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Million
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.4277
Longitude	-81.4915
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2003
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>91 (91 to 91)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>947 (947 to 947)</b>



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

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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
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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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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration.

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Mills Pond in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	7 - 12	<b>9 (2)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	401 - 479	<b>438 (2)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 8	<b>5 (2)</b>
Secchi (ft)	7.9 - 9.1	8.5 (2)
Secchi (m)	2.4 - 2.8	2.6 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	19 - 26	22 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

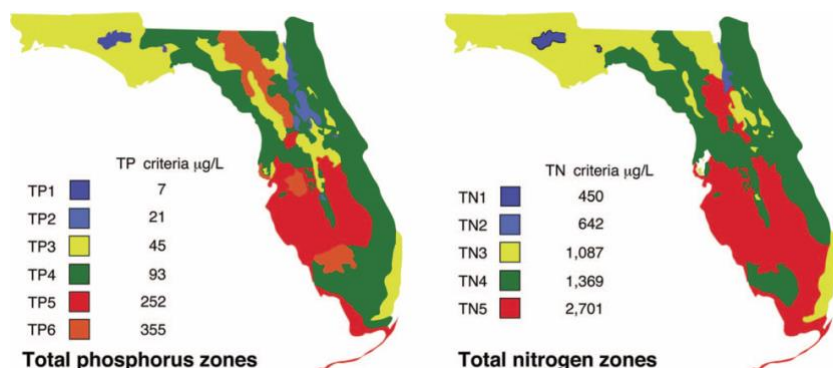
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Mills Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	27.4848
Longitude	-81.5102
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2006
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>9 (7 to 12)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>438 (401 to 479)</b>



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



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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Mirror in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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- 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	7 - 7	<b>7 (1)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	400 - 400	<b>400 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 2	<b>2 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	18.8 - 18.8	18.8 (1)
Secchi (m)	5.7 - 5.7	5.7 (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.
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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 (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Mirror
GNIS Number	286978
Latitude	27.2775
Longitude	-81.3582
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	41 ha or 101 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1996
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>7 (7 to 7)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>400 (400 to 400)</b>



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

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

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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	8 - 15	<b>12 (27)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	418 - 701	<b>545 (27)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 15	<b>7 (27)</b>
Secchi (ft)	6.2 - 12.6	8.2 (27)
Secchi (m)	1.9 - 3.8	2.5 (27)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	7 - 21	13 (19)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	81 - 125	112 (13)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

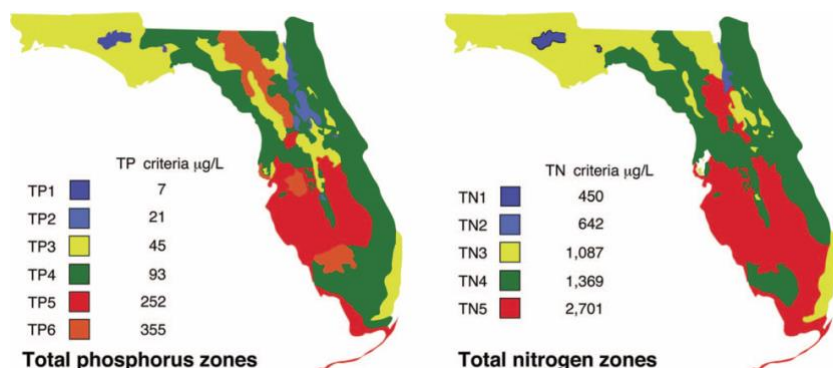
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- **GNIS Number:** Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries,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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Olivia
GNIS Number	288149
Latitude	27.6316
Longitude	-81.5491
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	36 ha or 89 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>12 (8 to 15)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>545 (418 to 701)</b>



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



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

1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
  - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
2. Identify your waterbody's *Grand Geometric Mean* Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
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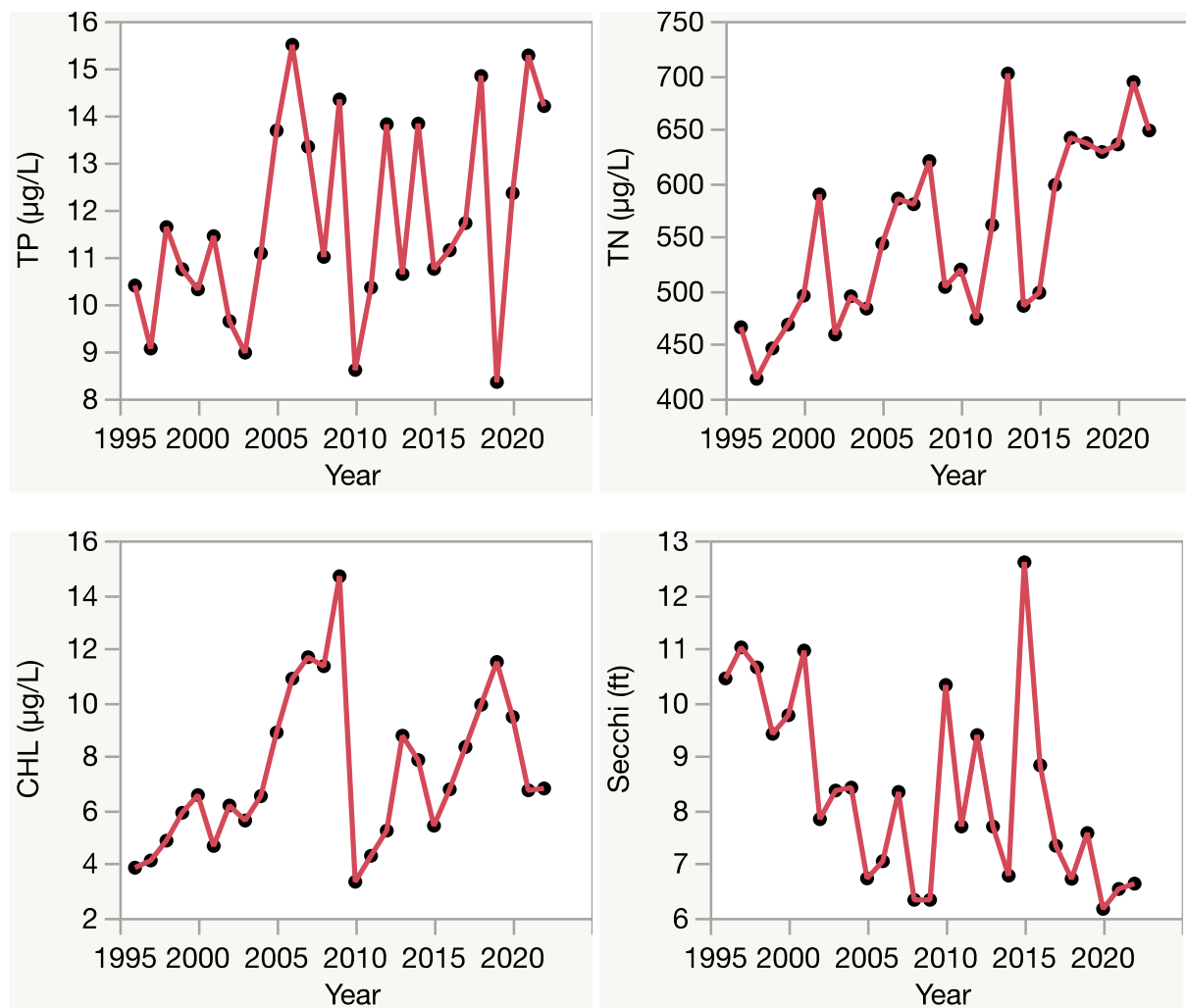
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**Interpreting Florida LAKEWATCH's Nutrient Zones: These are instructions for using Table 3 and Figure 1 to determine nutrient status based on Nutrient Zones.**

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
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4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

**Figure 2. Lake Olivia 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,  $R^2 = 0.14$ ,  $p = 0.06$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.54$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.12$ ,  $p = 0.08$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.27$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pearl in Highlands 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)

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

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

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

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

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> or >100 µS/cm@25 C <b>Clear Hard Water Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 µg/L	90 µg/L	1910 µg/L
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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)	3 - 14	<b>7 (22)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	286 - 752	<b>431 (22)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 4	<b>2 (22)</b>
Secchi (ft)	12.0 - 21.6	15.1 (22)
Secchi (m)	3.6 - 6.6	4.6 (22)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 15	9 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	102 - 129	116 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

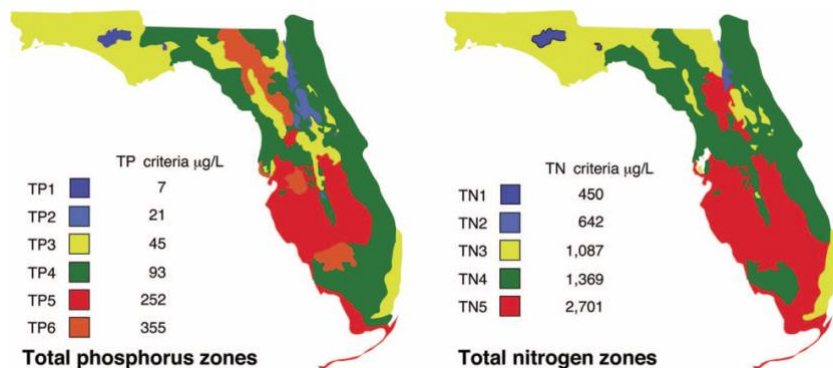
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The long-term data summary will include the following parameters listed with a definition after each one:

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- **Water Body Type:** Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Surface Area (ha and acre):** LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
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- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Pearl
GNIS Number	288639
Latitude	27.2853
Longitude	-81.3620
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	27 ha or 66 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>7 (3 to 14)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>431 (286 to 752)</b>



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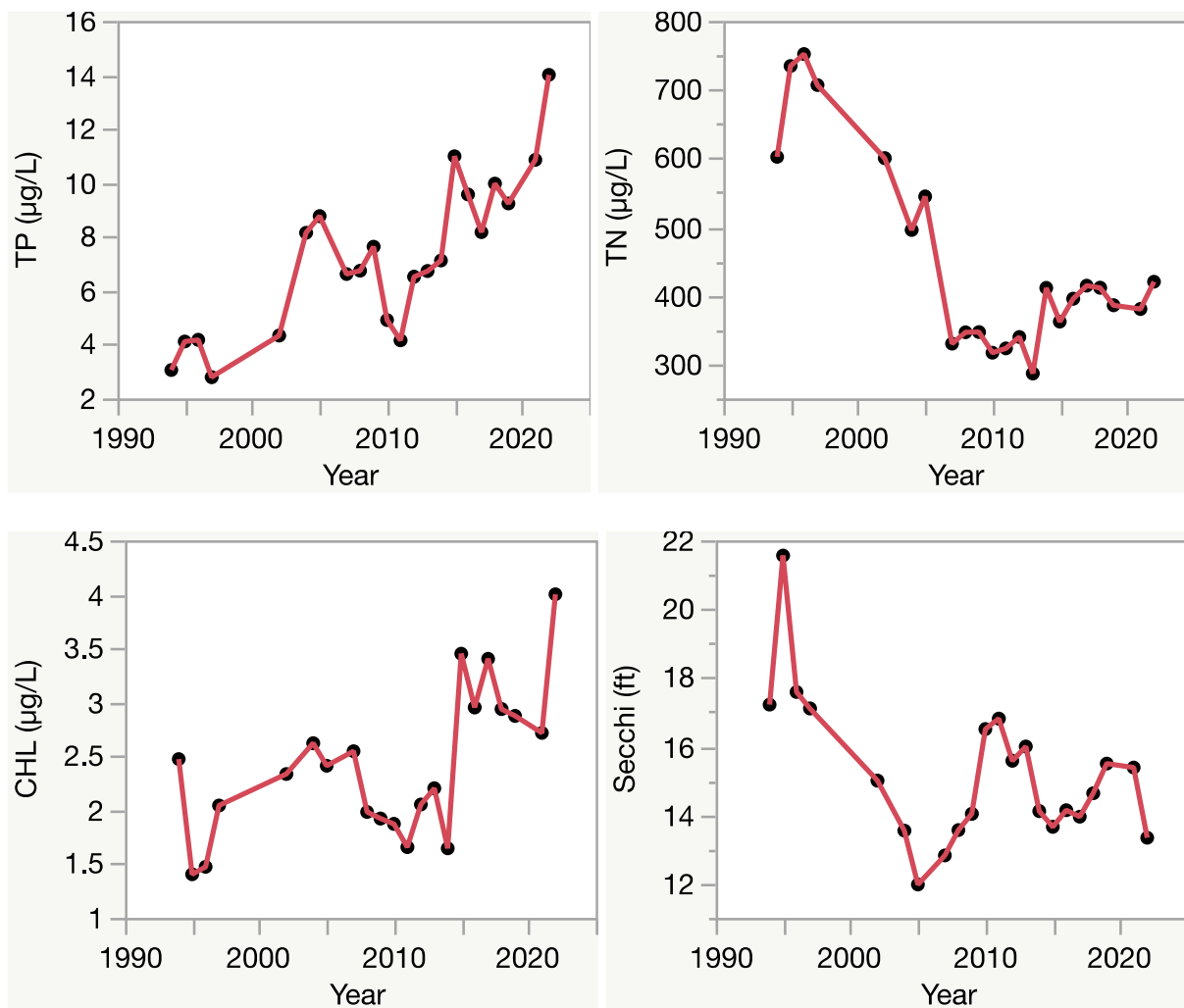
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Persimmon in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## 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.
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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	19 - 39	<b>28 (29)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1781 - 3532	<b>2807 (29)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	36 - 96	<b>60 (29)</b>
Secchi (ft)	0.9 - 2.1	1.3 (29)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.6	0.4 (29)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	17 - 34	22 (20)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	232 - 347	274 (14)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Persimmon
GNIS Number	288729
Latitude	27.3538
Longitude	-81.4051
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	18 ha or 44 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>28 (19 to 39)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
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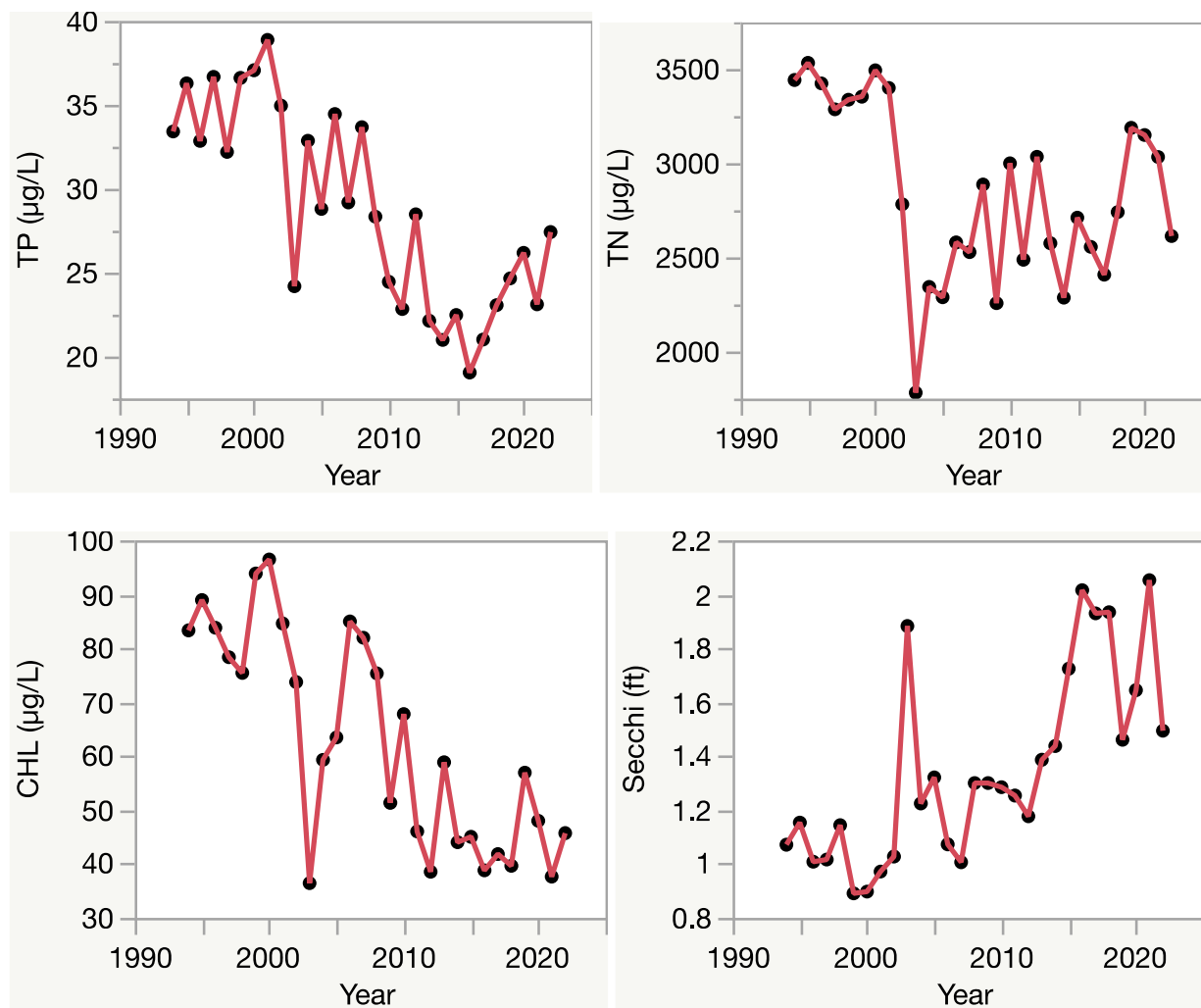
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pioneer in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	190 - 723	<b>551 (24)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 10	<b>5 (24)</b>
Secchi (ft)	6.9 - 14.2	9.4 (24)
Secchi (m)	2.1 - 4.3	2.9 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 10	7 (21)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	186 - 249	220 (15)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Pioneer
GNIS Number	288982
Latitude	27.6247
Longitude	-81.4941
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	34 ha or 85 acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>10 (5 to 14)</b>
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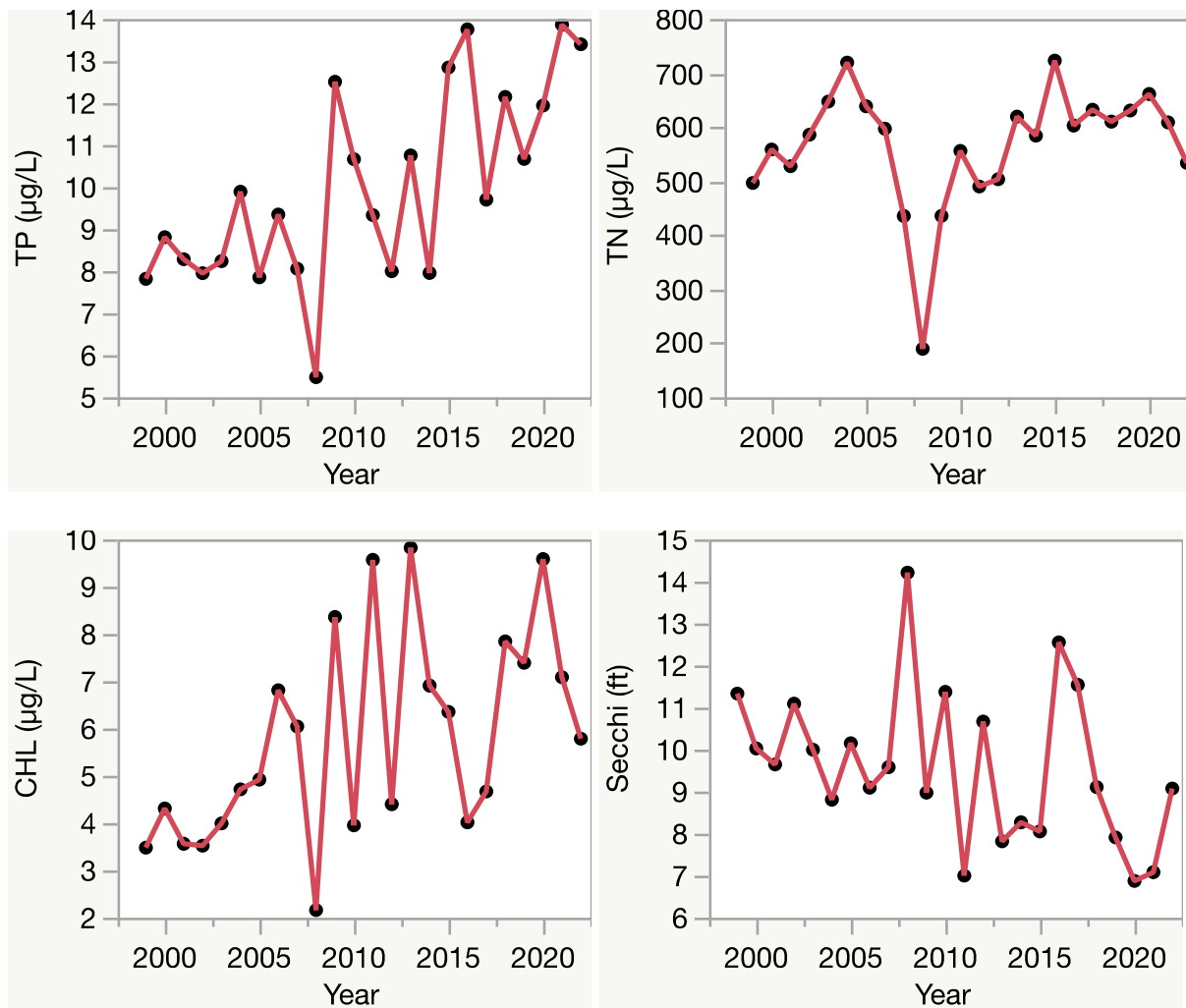
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Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	11 - 21	<b>15 (29)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	320 - 742	<b>473 (29)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 24	<b>10 (29)</b>
Secchi (ft)	3.9 - 11.3	6.7 (29)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 3.4	2.0 (29)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	8 - 22	13 (22)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	107 - 135	120 (16)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Placid
GNIS Number	289014
Latitude	27.2298
Longitude	-81.3702
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	1299 ha or 3209 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>15 (11 to 21)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>473 (320 to 742)</b>



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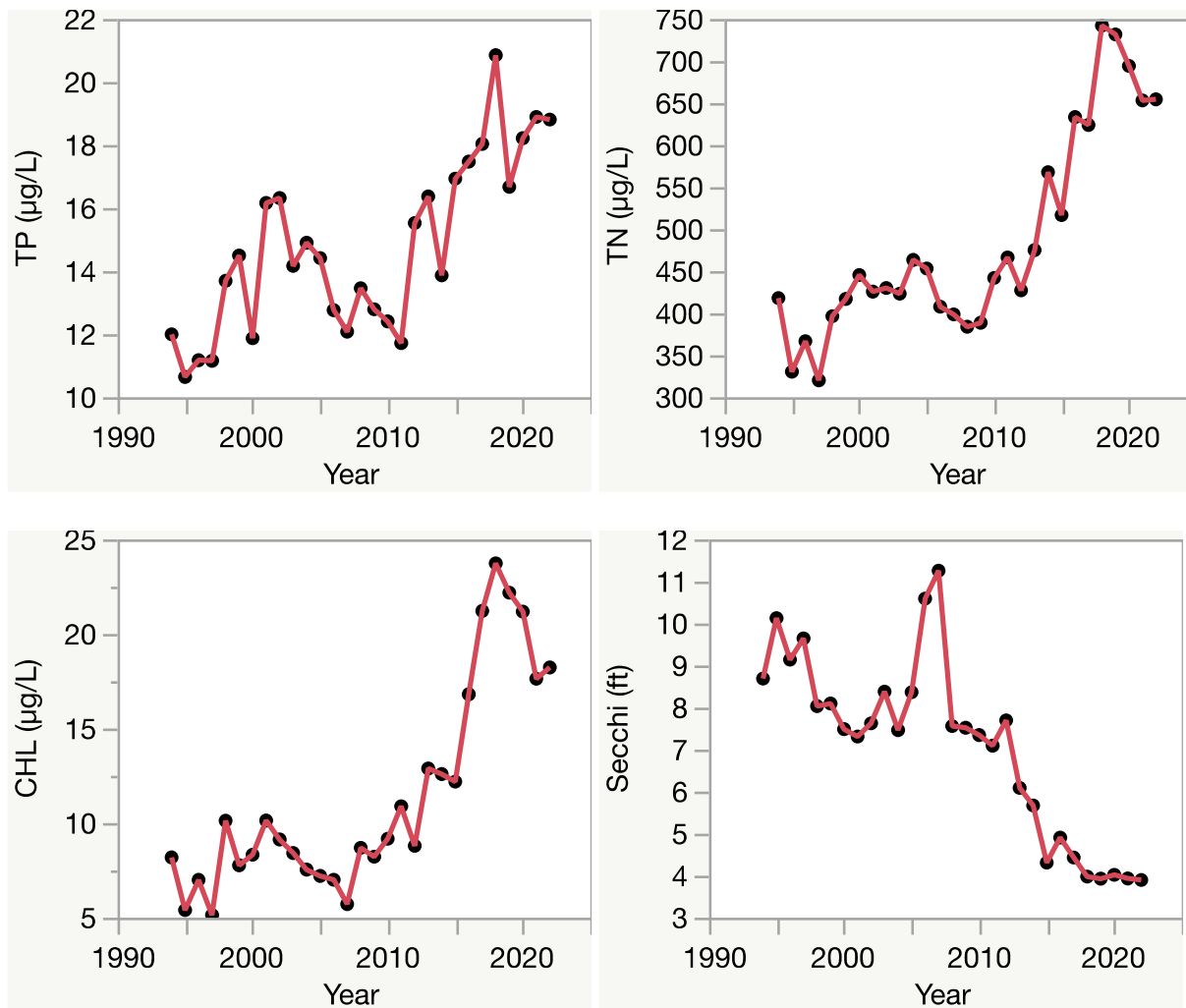
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**Figure 2. Lake Placid trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.57$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.72$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.66$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.68$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Pythias in Highlands 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)
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	380 - 453	<b>423 (3)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 5	<b>5 (3)</b>
Secchi (ft)	5.0 - 5.6	5.4 (3)
Secchi (m)	1.5 - 1.7	1.6 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	9 - 11	10 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	164 - 180	172 (2)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	



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County	Highlands
Name	Pythias
GNIS Number	289393
Latitude	27.6387
Longitude	-81.4964
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	130 ha or 318 acre
Period of Record (year)	2020 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>17 (15 to 20)</b>
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	487 - 487	<b>487 (1)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	12 - 12	<b>12 (1)</b>
Secchi (ft)	4.0 - 4.0	4.0 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 1.2	1.2 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

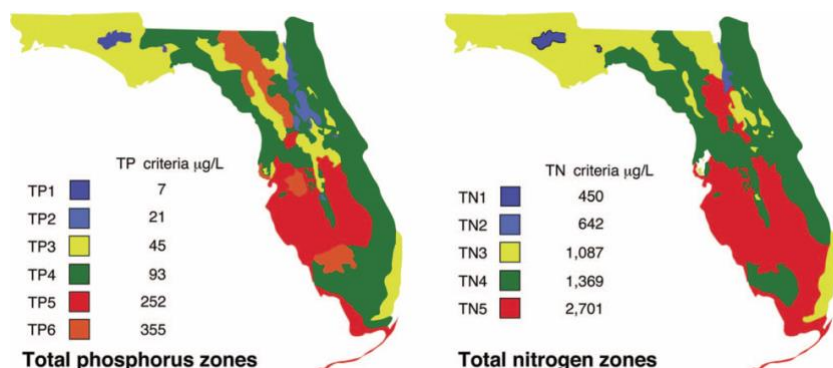
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L: min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means (µg/L) with minimum and maximum annual geometric 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Rachard
GNIS Number	294418
Latitude	27.3031
Longitude	-81.3692
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	6 ha or 15 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 1996
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>23 (23 to 23)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>487 (487 to 487)</b>



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

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

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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Red Beach in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	11 - 20	<b>16 (25)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	560 - 1246	<b>864 (25)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 15	<b>8 (25)</b>
Secchi (ft)	2.5 - 4.8	3.5 (25)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.5	1.1 (25)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	23 - 78	47 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	83 - 117	104 (11)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	



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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Red Beach
GNIS Number	289535
Latitude	27.4297
Longitude	-81.4088
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	136 ha or 336 acre
Period of Record (year)	1993 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>16 (11 to 20)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	<b>864 (560 to 1246)</b>



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**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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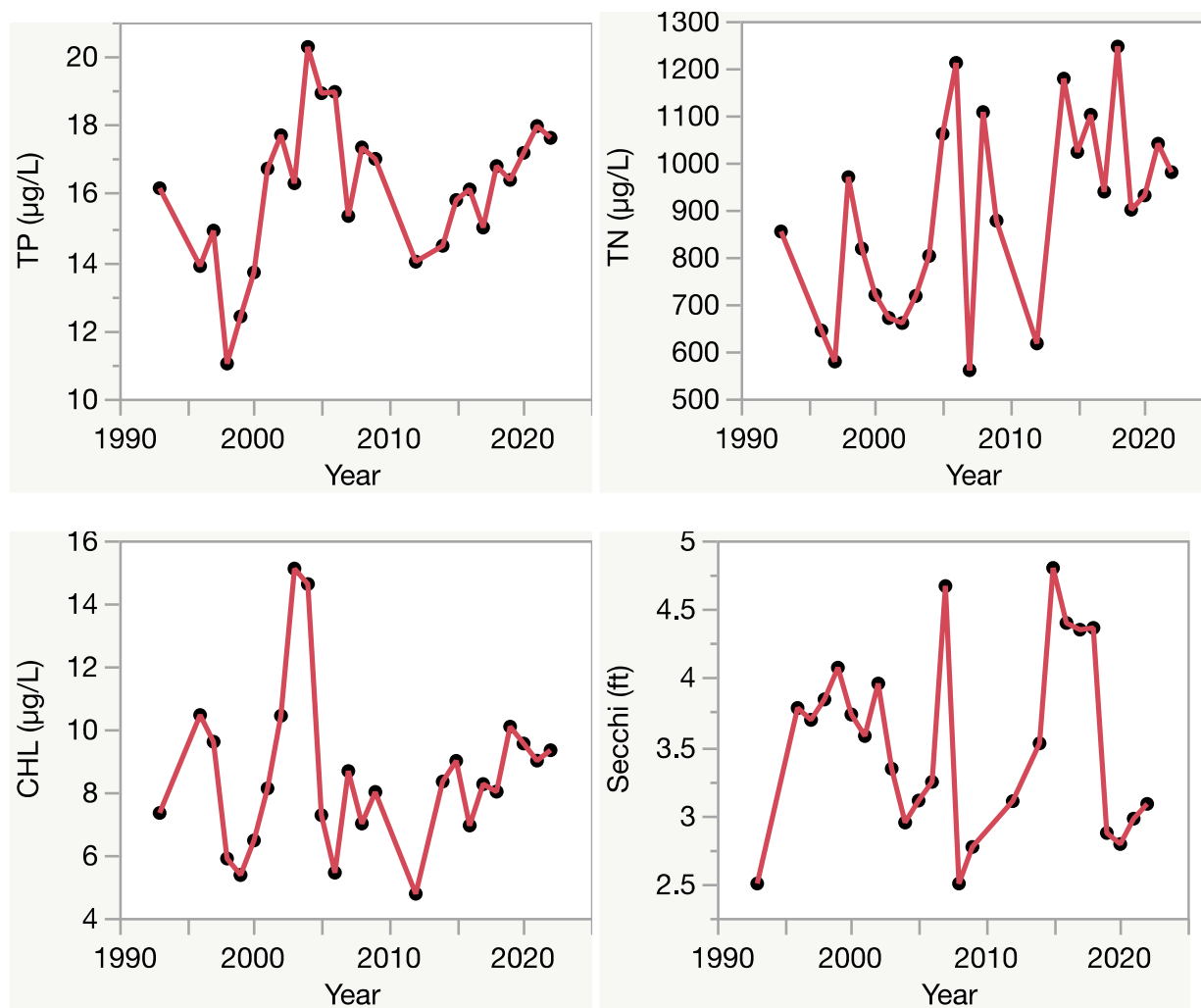
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**Figure 2. Lake Red Beach trend plots of year by average. The  $R^2$  value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the  $R^2$  the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant ( $p < 0.05$  is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.09$ ,  $p = 0.13$ ), total nitrogen (TN Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.27$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.92$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.96$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Redwater in Highlands 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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## 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).
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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.
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**Table 1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Numeric Nutrient Criteria for lakes.**

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	14 - 29	<b>19 (24)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	650 - 2083	<b>985 (24)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	13 - 51	<b>23 (24)</b>
Secchi (ft)	1.9 - 5.9	3.7 (24)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.8	1.1 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	15 - 38	22 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	142 - 202	178 (11)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Redwater
GNIS Number	289555
Latitude	27.3487
Longitude	-81.3960
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	30 ha or 73 acre
Period of Record (year)	1991 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>19 (14 to 29)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>985 (650 to 2083)</b>



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

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

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

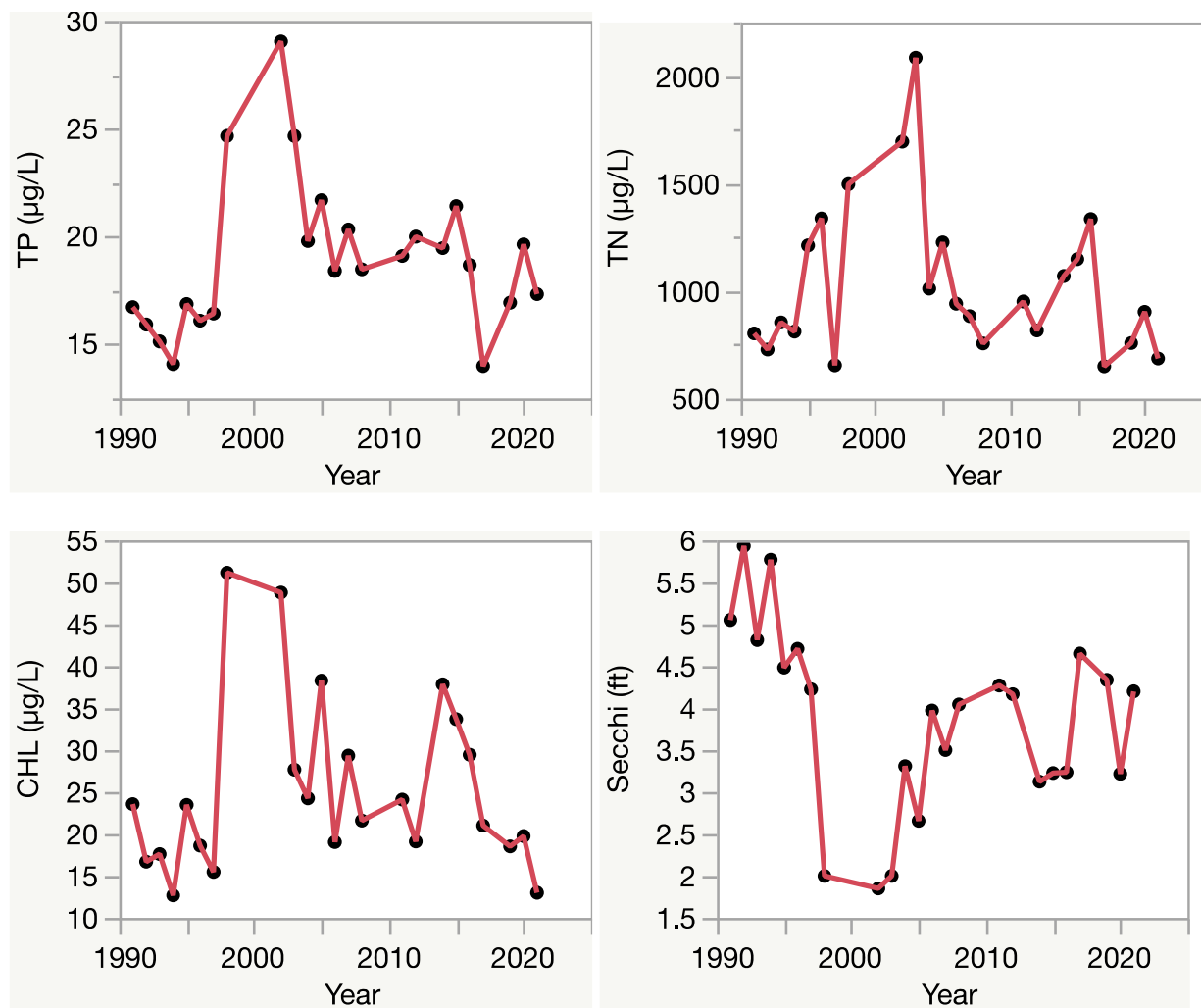
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2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
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**Figure 2. Lake Redwater 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,  $R^2 = 0.01$ ,  $p = 0.61$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.50$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 0.96$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.09$ ,  $p = 0.15$ ).**





# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Saddlebags in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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Secchi (ft)	10.1 - 15.4	12.1 (5)
Secchi (m)	3.1 - 4.7	3.7 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	6 - 6	6 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

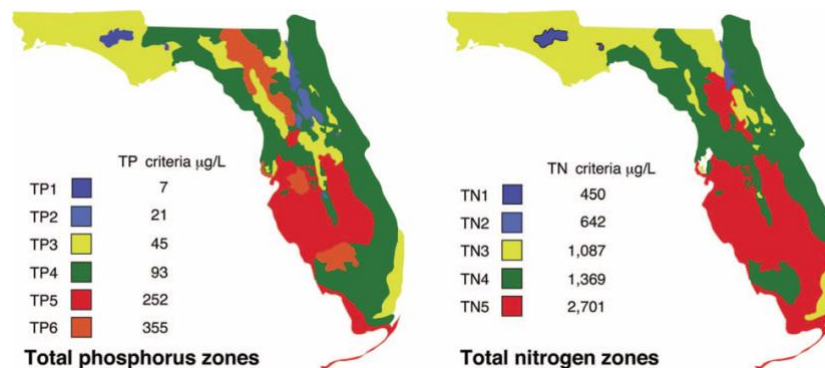
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**Table 3. Base File Data, long-term nutrient grand geometric means and Nutrient Zone classification listing the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Saddlebags
GNIS Number	290120
Latitude	27.2932
Longitude	-81.3537
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	9 ha or 23 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2006
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>7 (6 to 9)</b>
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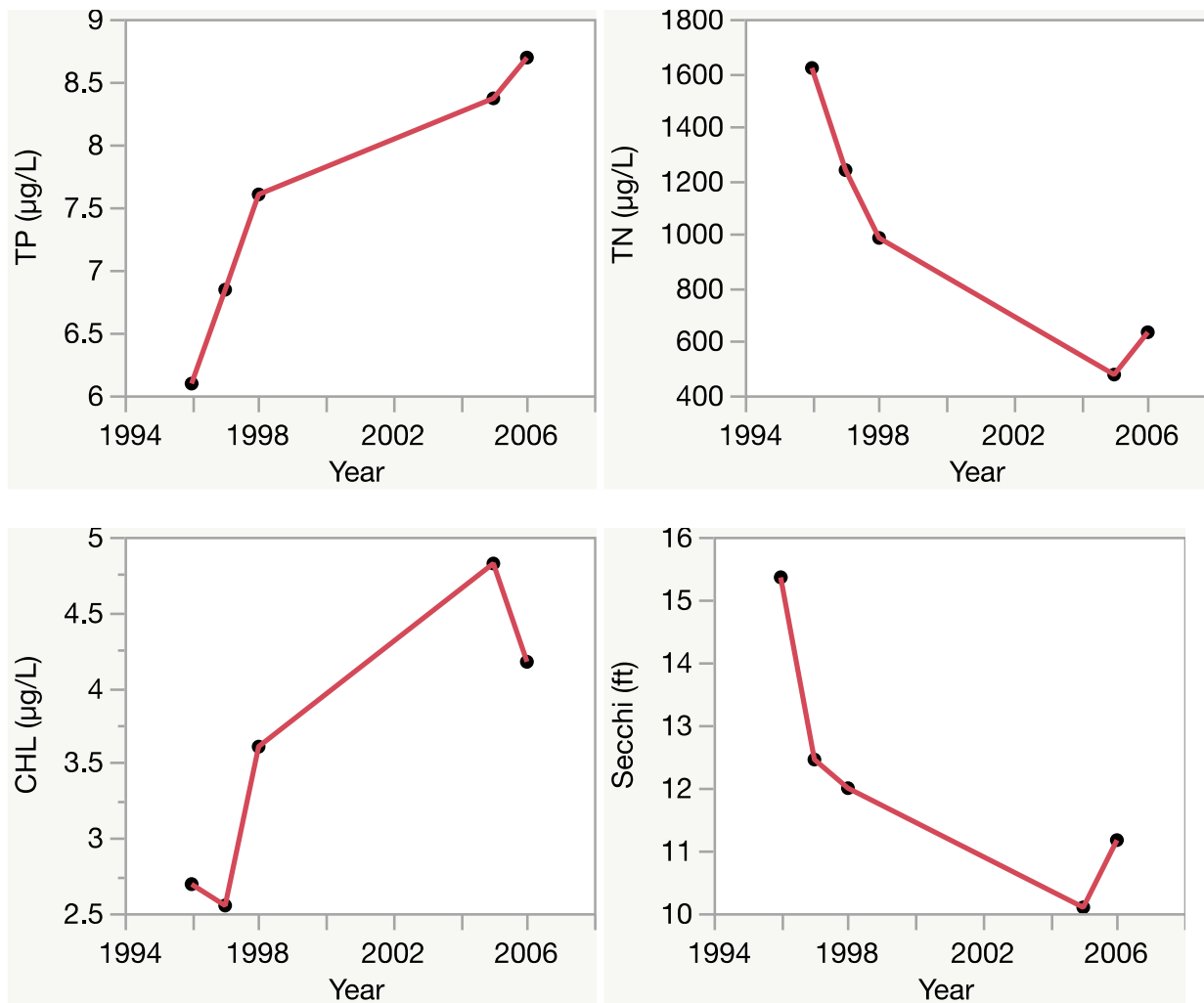
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Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.3	0.9 (27)
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Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	99 - 138	120 (14)
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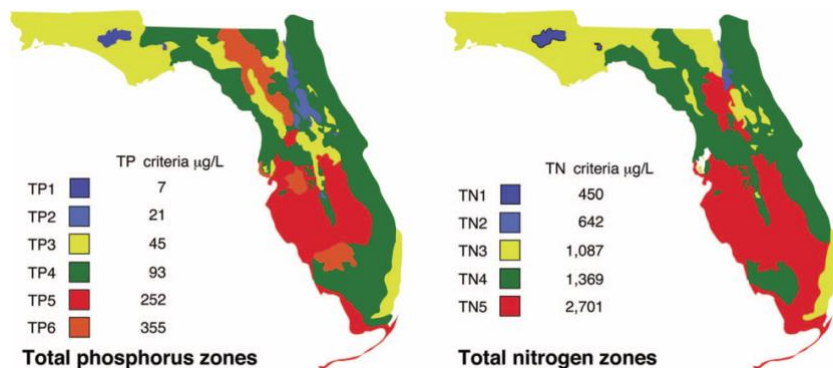
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Water Body Type	Lake
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Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
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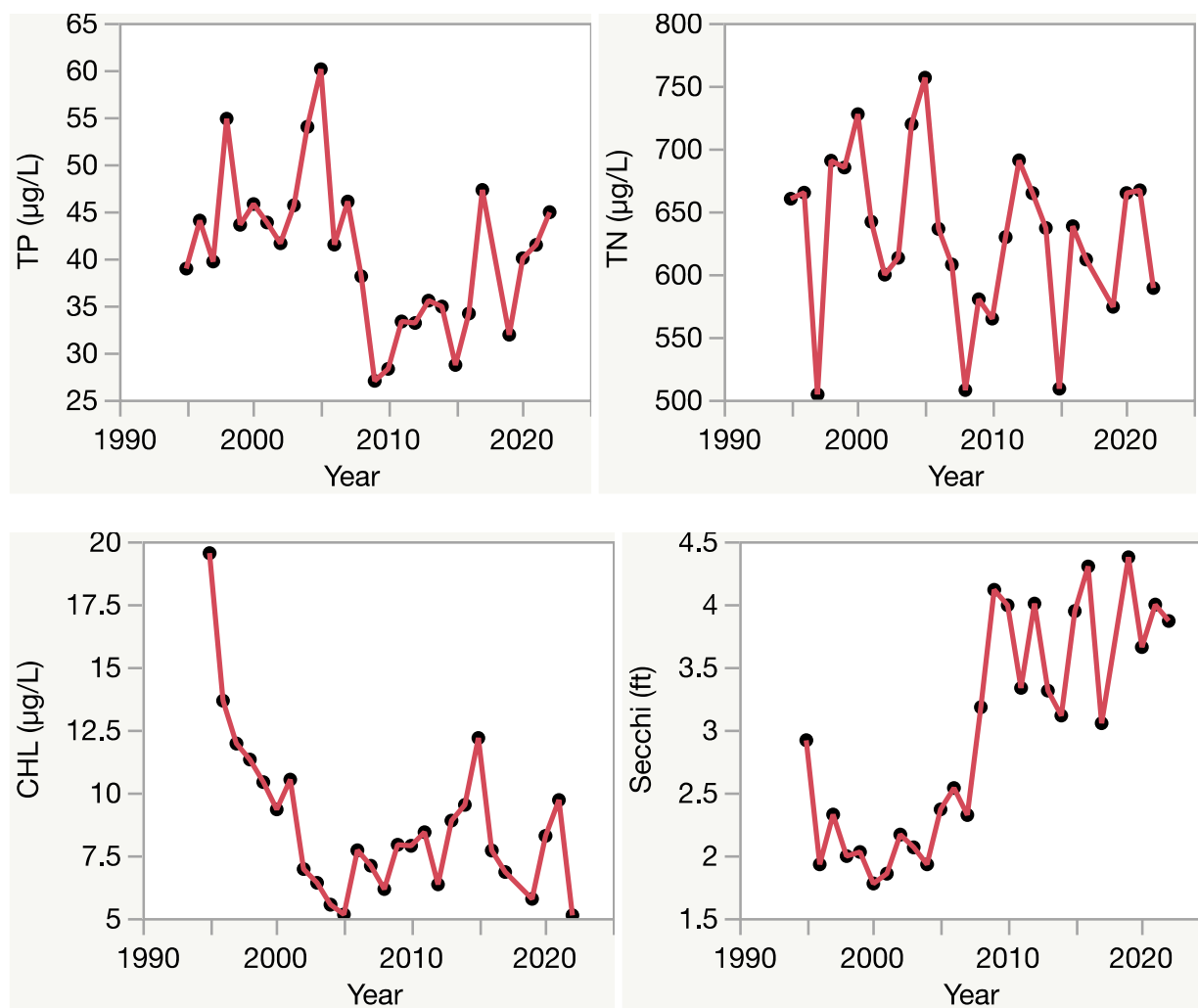
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	4 - 9	<b>6 (19)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	310 - 514	<b>422 (19)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 5	<b>3 (19)</b>
Secchi (ft)	0.5 - 19.9	11.5 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.2 - 6.1	3.5 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 7	6 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	114 - 161	141 (5)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

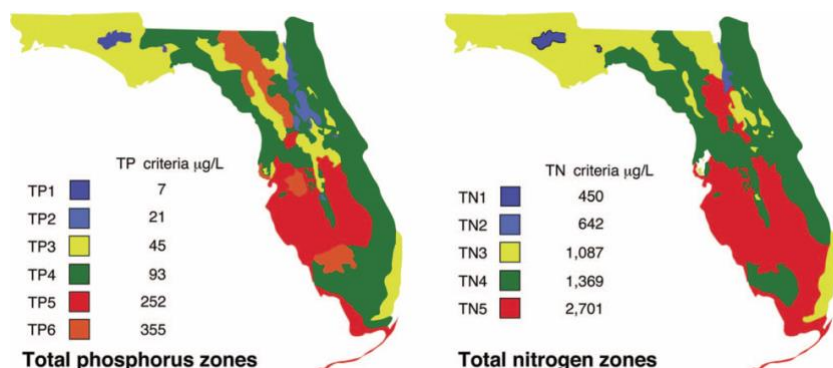
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- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- **Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ : min and max):** Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) with minimum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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Sirena
GNIS Number	291173
Latitude	27.2882
Longitude	-81.3700
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	62 ha or 153 acre
Period of Record (year)	1994 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>6 (4 to 9)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>422 (310 to 514)</b>



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

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

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

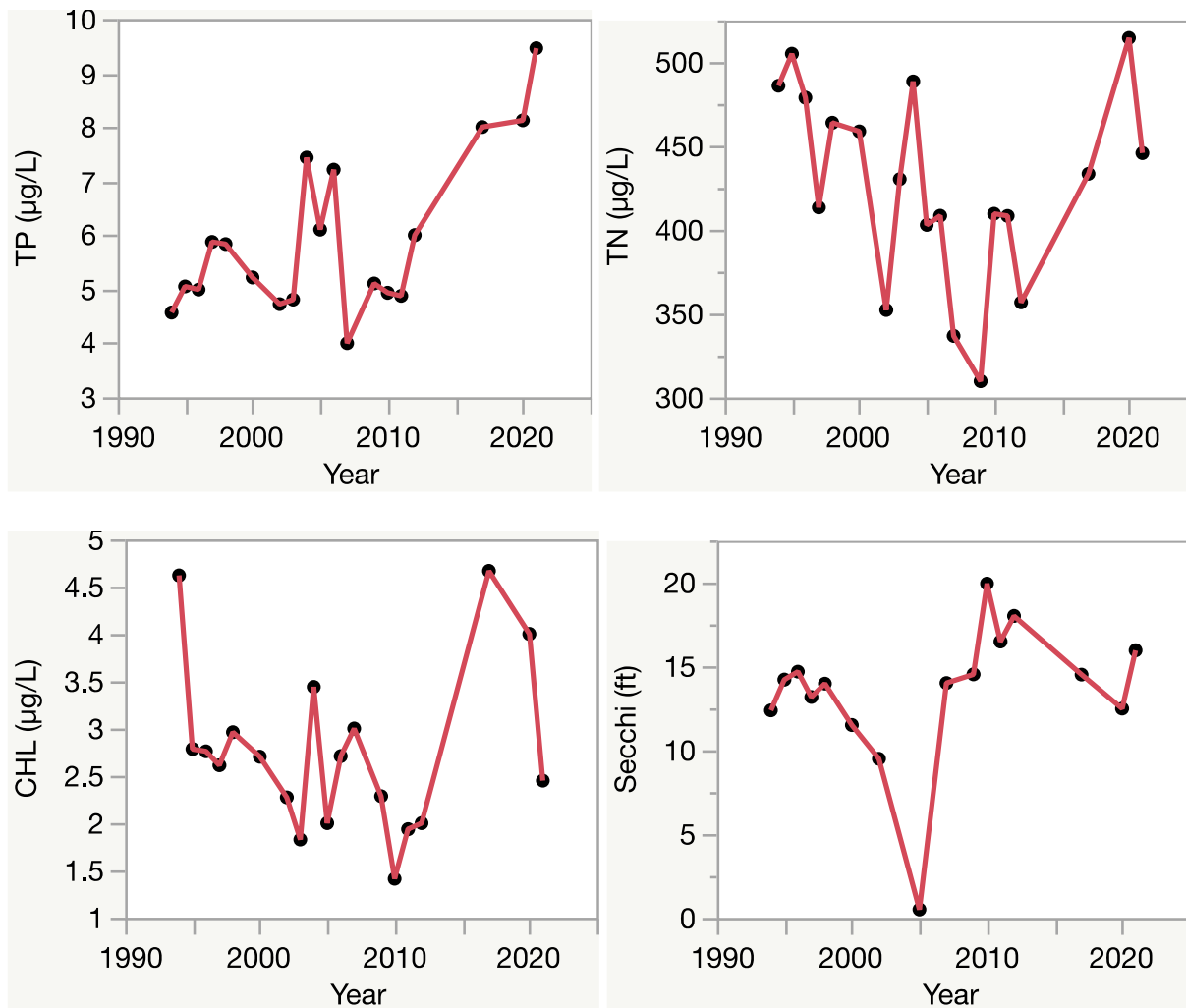
**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
  - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
2. Locate your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration value in Table 3.
3. Compare your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration from Table 3 to the appropriate TP Zone nutrient concentration from Figure 1.
  - a. If your lake's Long-Term Grand Geometric Mean TP Concentration number is higher than the TP zone nutrient concentration, your lake's nutrient concentration is above "Natural Background".
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**Figure 2. Lake Sirena 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,  $R^2 = 0.41$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.04$ ,  $p = 0.41$ ), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.00$ ,  $p = 1.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.06$ ,  $p = 0.36$ ).**



# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Trout in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

## Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	13 - 28	<b>17 (12)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	373 - 591	<b>459 (12)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 15	<b>7 (12)</b>
Secchi (ft)	6.6 - 11.7	8.6 (12)
Secchi (m)	2.0 - 3.6	2.6 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 16	8 (6)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	145 - 158	150 (3)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

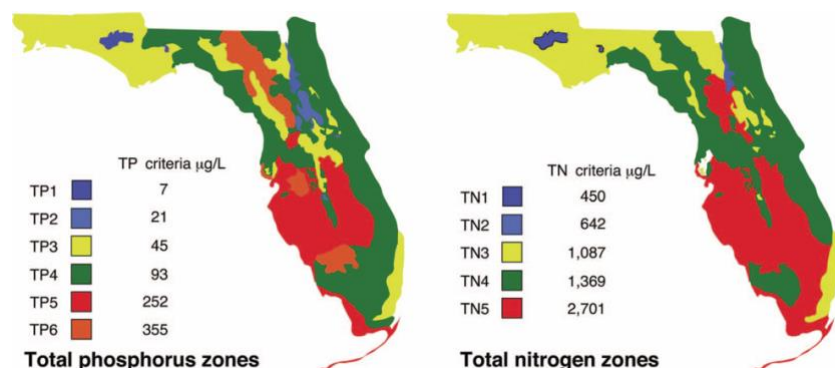
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- **Lake Trophic Status (CHL):** Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Highlands
Name	Trout
GNIS Number	292473
Latitude	27.6473
Longitude	-81.5088
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	55 ha or 137 acre
Period of Record (year)	1996 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>17 (13 to 28)</b>
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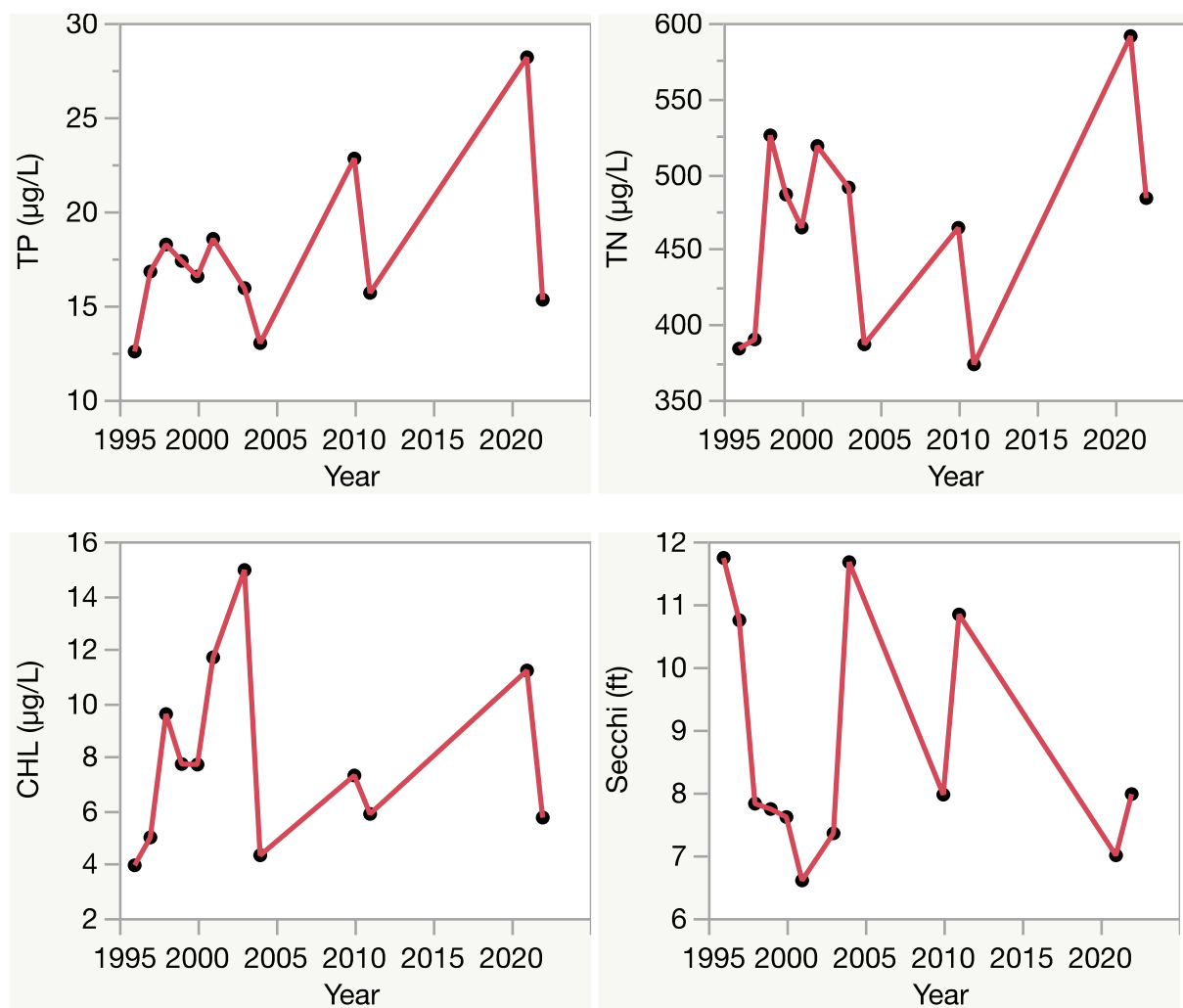
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Tulane in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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

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		Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen	Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus	Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units <b>Colored Lakes</b>	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 µg/L	160 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	2230 µg/L
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	3 - 11	<b>7 (22)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	340 - 657	<b>447 (22)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 7	<b>3 (22)</b>
Secchi (ft)	12.7 - 29.3	16.8 (22)
Secchi (m)	3.9 - 8.9	5.1 (22)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 16	5 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	101 - 123	111 (11)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Hardwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Tulane
GNIS Number	292502
Latitude	27.5846
Longitude	-81.5037
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	36 ha or 89 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>7 (3 to 11)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN3</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>447 (340 to 657)</b>



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**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

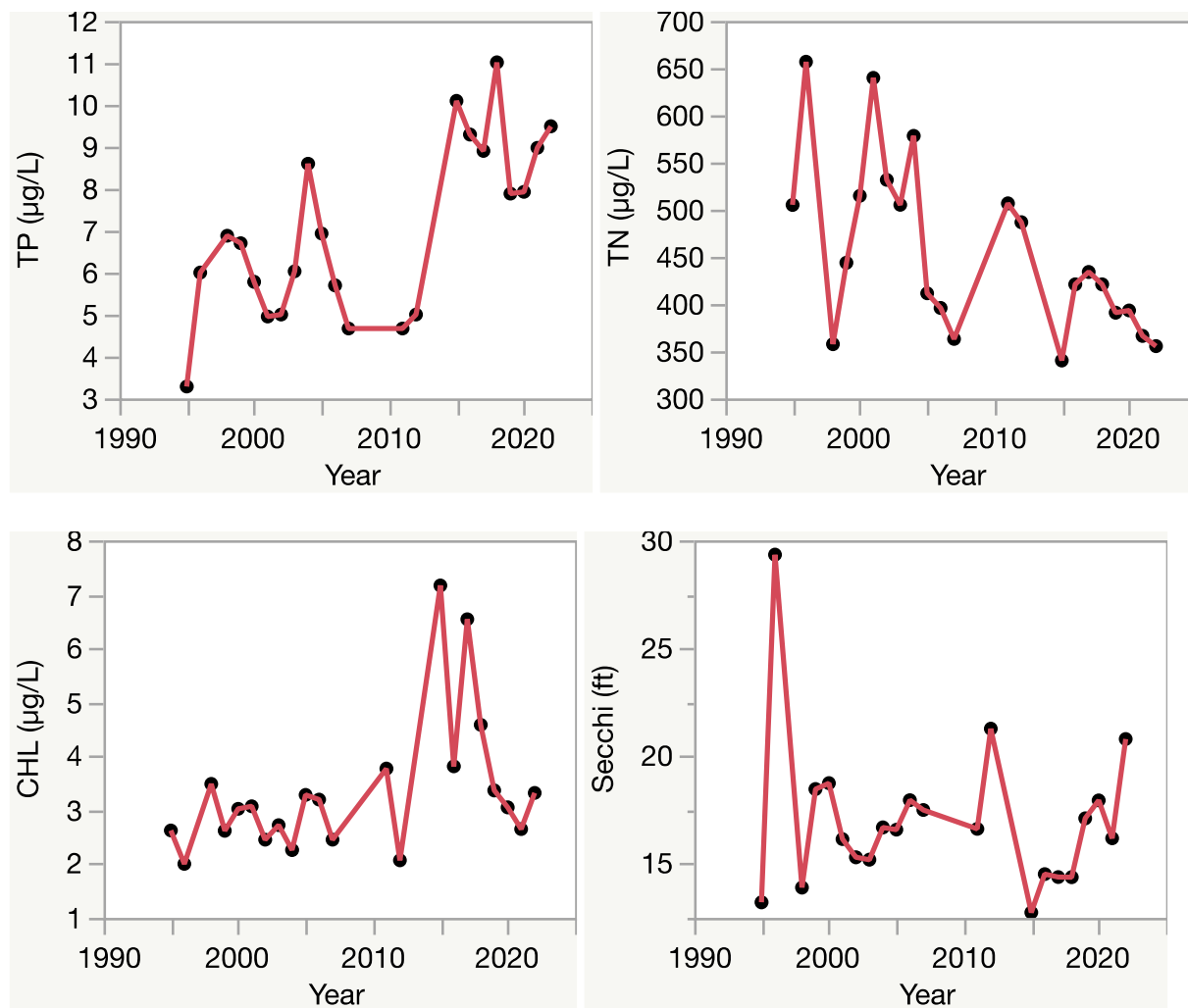
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Verona in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Long-Term Geometric Mean Color, Alkalinity and Specific Conductance	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected	Minimum calculated numeric interpretation		Maximum calculated numeric interpretation	
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
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Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	240 - 897	<b>421 (24)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 35	<b>7 (24)</b>
Secchi (ft)	7.3 - 18.3	12.7 (24)
Secchi (m)	2.2 - 5.6	3.9 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 13	8 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	86 - 111	99 (12)
Lake Classification	<b>Clear Softwater</b>	

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations in Figure 1. Values in bold can be used for Nutrient Zone comparisons.**

County	Highlands
Name	Verona
GNIS Number	292761
Latitude	27.5993
Longitude	-81.4971
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	17 ha or 41 acre
Period of Record (year)	1998 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>13 (9 to 25)</b>
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Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>421 (240 to 897)</b>



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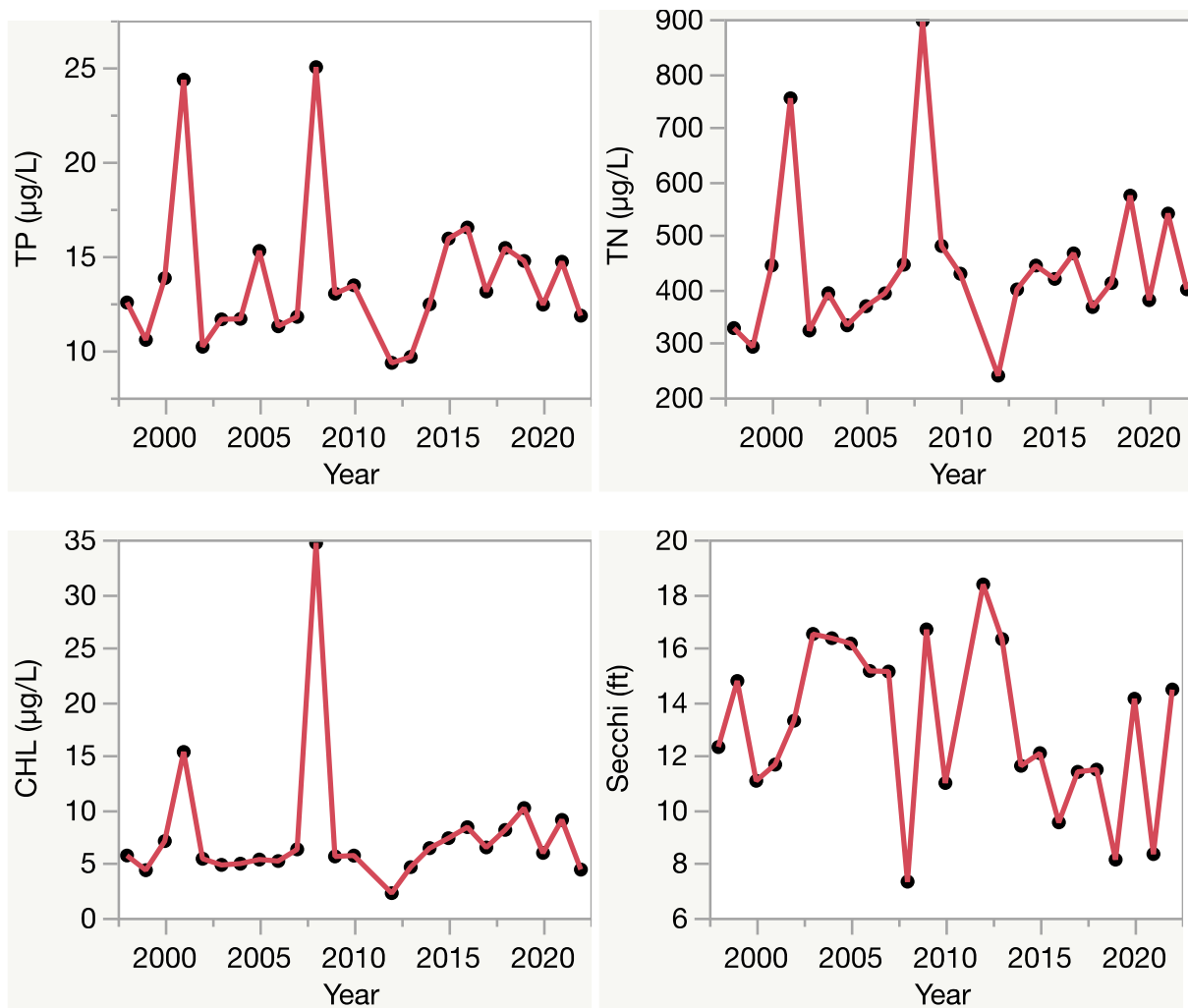
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# Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Viola in Highlands County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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Secchi (ft)	3.7 - 16.0	8.4 (19)
Secchi (m)	1.1 - 4.9	2.6 (19)
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County	Highlands
Name	Viola
GNIS Number	292777
Latitude	27.6149
Longitude	-81.4944
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP2</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>10 (6 to 16)</b>
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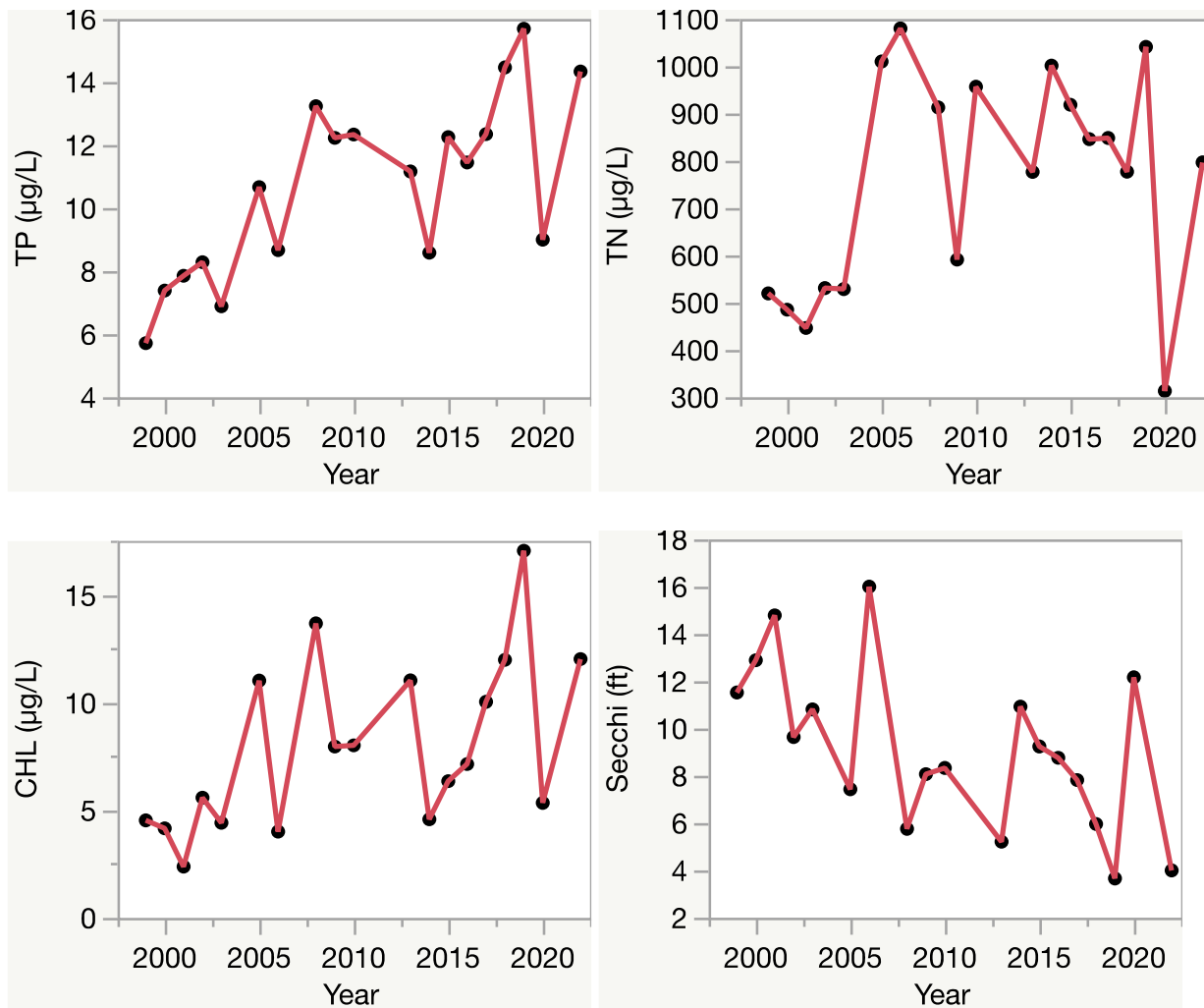
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- b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	138 - 254	<b>190 (22)</b>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	822 - 1898	<b>1399 (22)</b>
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 23	<b>11 (22)</b>
Secchi (ft)	0.5 - 1.7	1.1 (21)
Secchi (m)	0.2 - 0.5	0.3 (21)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	175 - 320	264 (18)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	78 - 124	99 (13)
Lake Classification	<b>Colored</b>	

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

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

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

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

County	Highlands
Name	Wolf
GNIS Number	293465
Latitude	27.4214
Longitude	-81.4715
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	49 ha or 122 acre
Period of Record (year)	1999 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	<b>TP4</b>
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>190 (138 to 254)</b>
TN Zone	<b>TN4</b>
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ , min. and max.)	<b>1399 (822 to 1898)</b>



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

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

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

**Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"**

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

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

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

**Figure 2. Lake Wolf 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,  $R^2 = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.50$ ), total nitrogen (TN No Trend,  $R^2 = 0.13$ ,  $p = 0.09$ ), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing,  $R^2 = 0.37$ ,  $p = 0.00$ ) and Secchi depth (Secchi Increasing,  $R^2 = 0.28$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ).**

