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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum	calculated	Maximum	calculated
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric in	terpretation
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	20 - 31	26 (12)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	922 - 1763	1235 (12)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 13	7 (12)
Secchi (ft)	1.4 - 2.5	2.0 (11)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.8	0.6 (11)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	56 - 230	148 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	120 - 151	134 (5)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Ajay
GNIS Number	277708
Latitude	28.3373
Longitude	-81.2233
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	59.1 ha or 145 acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	26 (20 to 31)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1235 (922 to 1763)



- 1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
 - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
- 2. Identify your waterbody's Grand Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
 - a. Compare this number to the Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected (2nd column) in Table 1.
 - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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- 3. Identify your lake's Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen *Grand Geometric Mean* concentration in Table 2 and compare them to the appropriate *Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus* and *Annual Geometric Mean Total Nitrogen* values in Table 1.
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- 1. Identify your lake's TP Zone in Table 3.
 - a. Locate this TP Zone (left map) and its corresponding nutrient concentration in Figure 1.
- 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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- 4. Repeat these same steps with the TN Zone and Long-term Grand Geometric Mean TN Concentration

Figure 2. Lake Ajay 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 = 0.06), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.10$, p = 0.32), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.31$, p = 0.06) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.94).



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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	9 - 24	16 (33)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	454 - 1032	688 (33)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	2 - 6	4 (33)
Secchi (ft)	3.0 - 7.6	4.9 (33)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 2.3	1.5 (33)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	9 - 127	58 (21)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	123 - 183	143 (15)
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GNIS Number	277794
Latitude	28.2350
Longitude	-81.1995
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	1417 ha or 3501 acre
Period of Record (year)	1990 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	16 (9 to 24)
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	16 - 20	18 (4)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	443 - 598	519 (4)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 7	5 (4)	
Secchi (ft)	2.8 - 5.4	4.0 (4)	
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.6	1.2 (4)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	23 - 38	28 (3)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	157 - 170	165 (3)	
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater		

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County	Osceola
Name	Bay
GNIS Number	278208
Latitude	28.2289
Longitude	-81.1683
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	44.5 ha or 110 acre
Period of Record (year)	2017 to 2020
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	18 (16 to 20)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	519 (443 to 598)



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

Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Bellalago in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

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- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	63 - 82	72 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1081 - 1263	1168 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	28 - 53	38 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.3 - 2.5	2.4 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.8	0.7 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	31 - 31	31 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	236 - 236	236 (1)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Bellalago
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.1847
Longitude	-81.4155
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2021 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (μ g/L, min. and max.)	72 (63 to 82)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1168 (1081 to 1263)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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 - 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 Boggy Cove in Osceola 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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Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
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Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
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>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
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Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	23 - 43	35 (6)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	535 - 1113	712 (6)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 10	8 (5)
Secchi (ft)	3.0 - 5.0	3.5 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 1.5	1.1 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	50 - 202	77 (6)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	97 - 159	132 (4)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

County	Osceola
Name	Boggy Cove
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.3327
Longitude	-81.3118
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2015
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	35 (23 to 43)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	712 (535 to 1113)



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Figure 2. Lake Boggy Cove 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, $R^2 = 0.33$, p = 0.23), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.27$, p = 0.29), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.97) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.55$, p = 0.15).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Brick in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
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< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	13 - 43	20 (28)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	719 - 1740	1083 (28)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 9	5 (28)
Secchi (ft)	1.2 - 2.6	1.8 (28)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.8	0.5 (28)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	192 - 413	274 (13)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	123 - 156	142 (7)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Brick
GNIS Number	279374
Latitude	28.1747
Longitude	-81.1980
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	249 ha or 616 acre
Period of Record (year)	1991 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	20 (13 to 43)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1083 (719 to 1740)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Brick 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, $R^2 = 0.06$, p = 0.19), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.12$, p = 0.07), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.03$, p = 0.40) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.60).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Buck in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	n's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 μg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	21 - 39	29 (9)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	590 - 962	751 (9)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 14	10 (9)
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 4.3	2.3 (9)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.3	0.7 (9)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	44 - 129	77 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	105 - 202	154 (6)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Buck
GNIS Number	279574
Latitude	28.2062
Longitude	-81.1476
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	151 ha or 378 acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	29 (21 to 39)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	751 (590 to 962)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

Figure 2. Lake Buck 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, $R^2 = 0.19$, p = 0.24), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.12$, p = 0.35), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.17$, p = 0.27) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.42$, p = 0.06).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Cat in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	20 - 30	26 (9)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	793 - 1156	934 (9)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	6 - 17	10 (9)	
Secchi (ft)	1.1 - 2.9	2.0 (9)	
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.9	0.6 (9)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	74 - 173	114 (8)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	68 - 90	80 (6)	
Lake Classification	Colored		

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

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Cat
GNIS Number	280133
Latitude	28.2025
Longitude	-81.1257
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	829 ha or 2080 acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	26 (20 to 30)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	934 (793 to 1156)


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

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

Figure 2. Lake Cat 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 = 0.44), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.16$, p = 0.28), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.31$, p = 0.12) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.11$, p = 0.37).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Cecile in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	12 - 15	13 (4)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	427 - 565	493 (4)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 8	3 (3)
Secchi (ft)	6.4 - 9.0	7.5 (3)
Secchi (m)	2.0 - 2.7	2.3 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	17 - 19	18 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	128 - 135	132 (2)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Cecile
GNIS Number	280175
Latitude	28.3283
Longitude	-81.4748
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	47 ha or 117 acre
Period of Record (year)	1990 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	13 (12 to 15)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	493 (427 to 565)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Center in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	27 - 90	49 (33)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	871 - 2225	1530 (33)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 11	7 (33)
Secchi (ft)	0.6 - 1.6	1.2 (33)
Secchi (m)	0.2 - 0.5	0.4 (33)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	105 - 500	271 (21)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	82 - 156	122 (15)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Center
GNIS Number	280245
Latitude	28.2831
Longitude	-81.1902
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	120 ha or 298 acre
Period of Record (year)	1990 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	49 (27 to 90)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1530 (871 to 2225)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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- 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 Center 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, $R^2 = 0.19$, p = 0.01), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.21$, p = 0.01), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.10$, p = 0.07) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.07$, p = 0.13).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Civic Center Pond in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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

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

a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.

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- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	65 - 65	65 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	804 - 804	804 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	28 - 28	28 (1)
Secchi (ft)	3.4 - 3.4	3.4 (1)
Secchi (m)	1.0 - 1.0	1.0 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	25 - 25	25 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	167 - 167	167 (1)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Civic Center Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2929
Longitude	-81.4020
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2014 to 2014
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	65 (65 to 65)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	804 (804 to 804)



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

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Introduction for Lakes

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

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

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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/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 (µS/cm@25°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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
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Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
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Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	21 - 43	31 (33)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	798 - 1890	1188 (33)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 18	7 (33)
Secchi (ft)	1.4 - 2.7	1.8 (33)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 0.8	0.6 (33)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	42 - 292	161 (21)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	95 - 147	122 (15)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Coon
GNIS Number	280767
Latitude	28.2690
Longitude	-81.1828
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	51 ha or 126 acre
Period of Record (year)	1990 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	31 (21 to 43)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1188 (798 to 1890)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Coon 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, $R^2 = 0.20$, p = 0.01), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.20$, p = 0.01), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.28$, p = 0.00) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.52).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Cypress in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	38 - 136	<u>69 (9)</u>
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1004 - 2167	1549 (9)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	26 - 81	47 (9)
Secchi (ft)	1.0 - 2.6	1.6 (8)
Secchi (m)	0.3 - 0.8	0.5 (8)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	28 - 204	63 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	180 - 217	195 (5)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Cypress
GNIS Number	281219
Latitude	28.0818
Longitude	-81.3086
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	1658 ha or 4097 acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	69 (38 to 136)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1549 (1004 to 2167)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Cypress 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, $R^2 = 0.06$, p = 0.53), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.03$, p = 0.65), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.82) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.66$, p = 0.01).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Cypress East in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	130 - 130	130 (1)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2175 - 2175	2175 (1)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	51 - 51	51 (1)	
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 2.1	2.1 (1)	
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.6	0.6 (1)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	55 - 55	55 (1)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)	
Lake Classification	Colored		

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Cypress East
GNIS Number	281219
Latitude	
Longitude	
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	1658 ha or 4097 acre
Period of Record (year)	2002 to 2002
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (μ g/L, min. and max.)	130 (130 to 130)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	2175 (2175 to 2175)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Fells Cove in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 μg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	17 - 34	25 (11)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	732 - 1420	1128 (11)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	3 - 9	6 (12)
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 6.1	2.8 (12)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.9	0.8 (12)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	38 - 257	114 (9)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	125 - 172	145 (6)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Fells Cove
GNIS Number	282413
Latitude	28.3331
Longitude	-81.2503
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (μ g/L, min. and max.)	25 (17 to 34)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1128 (732 to 1420)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Fells Cove 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 = 0.82), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.99), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.80) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.87).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Fish in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	n's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	28 - 59	43 (19)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	824 - 1578	1247 (19)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	11 - 55	30 (18)	
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 6.0	3.0 (19)	
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.8	0.9 (19)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	30 - 73	47 (18)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	167 - 255	196 (16)	
Lake Classification	Colored		
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- **County:** Name of county in which the lake resides.
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- GNIS Number: Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.
- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- Surface Area (ha and acre): LAKEWATCH lists the surface area of a lake if it is available.
- Mean Depth (m and ft): This mean depth is calculated from multiple depth finder transects across a lake that LAKEWATCH uses for estimating plant abundances.
- **Period of Record (year):** Years a lake has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- **TP Zone and TN Zone:** Nutrient zones defined by Bachmann et al (2012).
- Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu g/L$: min and max): Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ($\mu g/L$) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- Lake Trophic Status (CHL): Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Osceola
Name	Fish
GNIS Number	282485
Latitude	28.2645
Longitude	-81.3393
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	725 ha or 1791 acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	43 (28 to 59)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1247 (824 to 1578)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Fish 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, $R^2 = 0.67$, p = 0.00), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.45$, p = 0.00), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.78$, p = 0.00) and Secchi depth (Secchi Increasing, $R^2 = 0.55$, p = 0.00).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Gentry in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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

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

a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.

b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	12 - 30	20 (16)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	525 - 1071	771 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 6	4 (17)
Secchi (ft)	3.1 - 6.4	3.9 (14)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 2.0	1.2 (14)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	44 - 109	86 (11)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	132 - 192	161 (9)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Gentry
GNIS Number	283023
Latitude	28.1488
Longitude	-81.2304
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	725 ha or 1791 acre
Period of Record (year)	1993 to 2016
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	20 (12 to 30)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	771 (525 to 1071)



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

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

Figure 2. Lake Gentry 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, $R^2 = 0.43$, p = 0.01), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.32$, p = 0.02), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing, $R^2 = 0.26$, p = 0.04) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.48$, p = 0.01).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Harmony Estates-Retention Pond in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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

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

a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.

b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	92 - 263	159 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	828 - 1210	999 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	14 - 48	27 (3)
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 4.4	3.4 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.3	1.0 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	37 - 65	49 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	361 - 405	382 (2)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Harmony Estates-Retention
	Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2034
Longitude	-81.1453
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2012 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	159 (92 to 263)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	999 (828 to 1210)



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

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

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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Hatchineha in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	33 - 77	47 (10)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1089 - 1844	1364 (10)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 41	20 (10)
Secchi (ft)	1.9 - 3.3	2.4 (9)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.0	0.7 (9)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	51 - 332	104 (6)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	171 - 207	192 (5)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Hatchineha
GNIS Number	294032
Latitude	28.0067
Longitude	-81.3872
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	2697 ha or 6665 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	47 (33 to 77)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1364 (1089 to 1844)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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- 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 Hatchineha trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing, $R^2 = 0.45$, p = 0.03), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.37$, p = 0.06), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing, $R^2 = 0.76$, p = 0.00) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.24$, p = 0.18).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Hinden in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
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> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
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>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	13 - 17	15 (8)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	308 - 410	358 (8)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 7	5 (8)
Secchi (ft)	5.2 - 6.5	5.7 (7)
Secchi (m)	1.6 - 2.0	1.7 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 15	10 (7)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	87 - 146	130 (7)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Hinden
GNIS Number	284046
Latitude	28.3225
Longitude	-81.2300
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2009 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	15 (13 to 17)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	358 (308 to 410)



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

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

Figure 2. Lake Hinden 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 = 0.24), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.02$, p = 0.72), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.66$, p = 0.01) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.06$, p = 0.60).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Hole #2 Pond in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	25 - 203	55 (7)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	720 - 2030	1226 (7)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 81	28 (7)
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 4.5	2.4 (7)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.4	0.7 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	41 - 59	48 (4)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	340 - 367	349 (3)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Hole #2 Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2000
Longitude	-81.1560
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	55 (25 to 203)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1226 (720 to 2030)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Hole #2 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 No Trend, $R^2 = 0.33$, p = 0.18), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.85$, p = 0.00), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.39$, p = 0.14) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.22$, p = 0.29).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for House of Dreams in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	18 - 81	29 (7)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	485 - 778	672 (7)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 15	7 (7)
Secchi (ft)	4.0 - 6.2	4.8 (7)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 1.9	1.5 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	48 - 65	55 (4)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	225 - 301	270 (3)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	House of Dreams
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2037
Longitude	-81.1511
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2003 to 2021
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (μ g/L, min. and max.)	29 (18 to 81)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	672 (485 to 778)



- 1. Identify your lake's *Lake Classification* in Table 2 (Colored, Clear Hard Water, or Clear Soft Water) (if no classification is listed then there is not enough data available to classify your lake).
 - a. The *Lake Classification* tells you which row to use in Table 1.
- 2. Identify your waterbody's Grand Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-uncorrected in Table 2.
 - a. Compare this number to the Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected (2nd column) in Table 1.
 - b. If your lake's Chlorophyll-uncorrected concentration is greater than the *Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll-corrected* concentration use the *Minimum calculated numeric interpretation* columns.
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- 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.
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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

Figure 2. Lake House of Dreams 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, $R^2 = 0.30$, p = 0.20), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.43$, p = 0.11), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.95) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.13$, p = 0.42).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Jackson in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
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Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
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Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	71 - 124	90 (4)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	1313 - 2280	1725 (4)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	23 - 46	34 (4)
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.7	2.4 (4)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (4)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	63 - 137	86 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	125 - 162	138 (3)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Jackson
GNIS Number	284691
Latitude	27.9155
Longitude	-81.1552
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	413 ha or 1020 acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	90 (71 to 124)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1725 (1313 to 2280)


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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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- 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 Kissimmee in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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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.

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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 (µS/cm@25°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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	36 - 74	50 (19)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	995 - 1676	1306 (19)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	13 - 58	31 (19)
Secchi (ft)	1.9 - 4.3	2.6 (19)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.3	0.8 (19)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	29 - 132	66 (13)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	140 - 192	167 (7)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Kissimmee
GNIS Number	295796
Latitude	27.9441
Longitude	-81.3097
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	19808 ha or 48945 acre
Period of Record (year)	1995 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	50 (36 to 74)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1306 (995 to 1676)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

Figure 2. Lake Kissimmee 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, $R^2 = 0.06$, p = 0.32), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.14$, p = 0.11), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.12$, p = 0.15) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.17$, p = 0.08).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Laurel in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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

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- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
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- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department	of Environm	iental Protec	tion's Nun	ieric Nutrie	nt Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	18 - 18	18 (1)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	797 - 797	797 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 7	7 (1)
Secchi (ft)	-	(0)
Secchi (m)	-	(0)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	-	(0)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

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

County	Osceola
Name	Laurel
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.1788
Longitude	-81.4814
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2006 to 2006
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	18 (18 to 18)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	797 (797 to 797)



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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Live Oak in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
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and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
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>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
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or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	12 - 15	13 (4)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	381 - 569	494 (4)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 4	3 (4)	
Secchi (ft)	4.0 - 8.2	5.6 (3)	
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 2.5	1.7 (3)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	15 - 25	19 (2)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	182 - 188	185 (2)	
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater		

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Live Oak
GNIS Number	285874
Latitude	28.2341
Longitude	-81.2407
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	152 ha or 375 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Oligotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	13 (12 to 15)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	494 (381 to 569)



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

Introduction for Lakes

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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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
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Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	10 - 24	18 (31)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	545 - 1375	846 (31)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 7	4 (32)
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 5.6	3.4 (32)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.7	1.0 (32)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	10 - 280	80 (19)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	89 - 141	124 (14)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Lizzie
GNIS Number	285895
Latitude	28.2515
Longitude	-81.1871
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	348 ha or 861 acre
Period of Record (year)	1990 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	18 (10 to 24)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	846 (545 to 1375)



- 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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Figure 2. Lake Lizzie 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, $R^2 = 0.04$, p = 0.26), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.19$, p = 0.01), chlorophyll (CHL Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.14$, p = 0.04) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.07$, p = 0.14).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Marian in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
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Clear Hard Water Lakes					
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and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
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Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	114 - 139	123 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	2245 - 2563	2368 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	88 - 124	104 (4)
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 1.9	1.7 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.6	0.5 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	33 - 78	53 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	125 - 149	139 (3)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

County	Osceola
Name	Marian
GNIS Number	286420
Latitude	27.8824
Longitude	-81.1117
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	2323 ha or 5739 acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2017
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	123 (114 to 139)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	2368 (2245 to 2563)



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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for OHP-CVB in Osceola 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)	60 - 185	99 (7)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	763 - 1309	1066 (7)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	28 - 117	58 (7)
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.9	2.7 (7)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.5	0.8 (7)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	35 - 60	43 (6)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	95 - 112	105 (4)
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- Long-Term TP and TN Geometric Mean Concentration ($\mu g/L$: min and max): Grand Geometric Means of all annual geometric means ($\mu g/L$) with minimum and maximum annual geometric means.
- Lake Trophic Status (CHL): Tropic state classification using the long-term chlorophyll average.

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

County	Osceola
Name	OHP-CVB
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2950
Longitude	-81.3638
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (μ g/L, min. and max.)	99 (60 to 185)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1066 (763 to 1309)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 OHP-CVB 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, $R^2 = 0.27$, p = 0.24), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.87), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.50$, p = 0.07) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.13$, p = 0.43).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for OHP-Entrance Pond in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	n's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 μg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	43 - 99	71 (7)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	965 - 1226	1047 (7)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	33 - 76	51 (7)	
Secchi (ft)	2.2 - 3.5	2.7 (7)	
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.1	0.8 (7)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	30 - 49	40 (5)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	90 - 126	105 (3)	
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater		

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

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	OHP-Entrance Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2959
Longitude	-81.3624
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Hypereutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	71 (43 to 99)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1047 (965 to 1226)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 OHP-Entrance Pond trend plots of year by average. The R² value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R² the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, R² = 0.00, p = 0.98), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, R² = 0.34, p = 0.17), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, R² = 0.14, p = 0.41) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, R² = 0.01, p = 0.83).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for OHP-Mary Beth in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	30 - 50	39 (6)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	533 - 829	645 (6)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	12 - 47	25 (6)
Secchi (ft)	2.6 - 4.9	3.2 (6)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.5	1.0 (6)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	13 - 15	14 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	107 - 152	126 (3)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	OHP-Mary Beth
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.3004
Longitude	-81.3719
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	39 (30 to 50)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	645 (533 to 829)


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

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

Figure 2. Lake OHP-Mary Beth 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, $R^2 = 0.62$, p = 0.06), total nitrogen (TN Increasing, $R^2 = 0.91$, p = 0.00), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.51$, p = 0.11) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.35$, p = 0.22).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for OHP-Stadium Pond in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	33 - 51	40 (6)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	773 - 1128	1009 (6)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	29 - 50	37 (6)
Secchi (ft)	2.3 - 4.7	3.0 (6)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.4	0.9 (6)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	24 - 30	27 (5)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	117 - 199	140 (3)
Lake Classification	Clear Hardwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	OHP-Stadium Pond
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.2982
Longitude	-81.3626
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2005 to 2013
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	40 (33 to 51)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1009 (773 to 1128)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 OHP-Stadium 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 No Trend, $R^2 = 0.13$, p = 0.48), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.05$, p = 0.67), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.66$, p = 0.05) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.05$, p = 0.67).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Runnymeade in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 μg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	28 - 50	37 (6)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	762 - 1180	946 (6)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	6 - 21	12 (6)
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 4.3	2.8 (5)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.3	0.9 (5)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	41 - 121	57 (6)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	186 - 231	204 (6)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Runnymeade
GNIS Number	290057
Latitude	28.2614
Longitude	-81.2551
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	121.4 ha or 300 acre
Period of Record (year)	2007 to 2012
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	37 (28 to 50)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	946 (762 to 1180)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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 - 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 Runnymeade 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, $R^2 = 0.38$, p = 0.19), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.11$, p = 0.51), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.27$, p = 0.29) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.70$, p = 0.08).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Tohopekaliga in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 µg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	40 - 54	48 (7)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	950 - 1260	1059 (7)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	16 - 39	23 (6)
Secchi (ft)	1.8 - 3.9	2.6 (6)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.2	0.8 (6)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	36 - 36	36 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	-	(0)
Lake Classification		

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Tohopekaliga
GNIS Number	292327
Latitude	28.2710
Longitude	-81.3968
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	7612 ha or 18810 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2003
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	48 (40 to 54)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1059 (950 to 1260)



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

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

Figure 2. Lake Tohopekaliga 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, $R^2 = 0.10$, p = 0.48), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.02$, p = 0.76), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.35$, p = 0.22) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.03$, p = 0.76).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Tohopekaliga East in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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

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

a. If annual geometric mean chlorophyll does not exceed the chlorophyll value for one of three lake classification groups listed in the table below, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of the maximum calculated numeric interpretation in Table 1.

b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	15 - 25	19 (25)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	577 - 877	678 (25)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (μ g/L)	1 - 8	4 (25)
Secchi (ft)	4.2 - 9.4	5.6 (24)
Secchi (m)	1.3 - 2.9	1.7 (24)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	19 - 88	44 (19)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	105 - 161	136 (13)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Tohopekaliga East
GNIS Number	2082902
Latitude	28.2673
Longitude	-81.2913
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	5541 ha or 13691 acre
Period of Record (year)	1997 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	19 (15 to 25)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	678 (577 to 877)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Tohopekaliga East 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, $R^2 = 0.07$, p = 0.19), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.02$, p = 0.51), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.80) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.84).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Tohopekaliga-Middle in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean	
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	22 - 74	36 (20)	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	812 - 1377	1079 (20)	
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	12 - 40	22 (20)	
Secchi (ft)	2.3 - 4.0	2.9 (20)	
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.2	0.9 (20)	
Color (Pt-Co Units)	32 - 121	58 (17)	
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	149 - 199	170 (13)	
Lake Classification	Colored		

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Tohopekaliga-Middle
GNIS Number	292327
Latitude	28.1761
Longitude	-81.3791
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2020
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	36 (22 to 74)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1079 (812 to 1377)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Tohopekaliga-Middle 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, $R^2 = 0.34$, p = 0.01), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.21$, p = 0.04), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.94) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.04$, p = 0.42).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Tohopekaliga-North in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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.

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	ı's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated	
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 µg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	33 - 73	52 (20)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	699 - 1256	981 (20)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	9 - 37	20 (20)
Secchi (ft)	2.2 - 4.7	3.0 (20)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.4	0.9 (20)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	41 - 114	63 (17)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	132 - 196	168 (13)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Tohopekaliga-North
GNIS Number	292327
Latitude	28.2906
Longitude	-81.3967
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2020
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP5
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	52 (33 to 73)
TN Zone	TN5
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	981 (699 to 1256)



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Tohopekaliga-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 Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.59$, p = 0.00), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.39$, p = 0.00), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.18$, p = 0.06) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.04$, p = 0.42).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Tohopekaliga-South in Osceola County Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Lakes

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

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- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Table 1.	Florida	Department of	of Environmen	tal Protection	n's Numeric	Nutrient	Criteria	for lakes.
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Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum calculated		Maximum calculated		
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation		
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen	
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L	
Colored Lakes						
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units						
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L	
or						
>100 µS/cm@25 C						
Clear Hard Water Lakes						
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units						
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L	
or			μg/L			
< 100 µS/cm@25 C						
Clear Soft Water Lakes						

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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	23 - 60	37 (14)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	887 - 1509	1201 (14)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	17 - 53	27 (14)
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.1	2.9 (14)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.2	0.9 (14)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	24 - 98	46 (10)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	148 - 202	171 (9)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

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

County	Osceola	
Name	Tohopekaliga-South	
GNIS Number	292327	
Latitude	28.1634	
Longitude	-81.3692	
Water Body Type	Lake	
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre	
Period of Record (year)	2000 to 2017	
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic	
TP Zone	TP5	
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	37 (23 to 60)	
TN Zone	TN5	
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	1201 (887 to 1509)	



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

Nutrient Zones and "Natural Background"

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

- 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 Tohopekaliga-South trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.51$, p = 0.00), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.76), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.69) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.00$, p = 0.95).



Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Trout in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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 (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum	calculated	Maximum	calculated
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

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

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	10 - 24	16 (31)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	638 - 1549	970 (31)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 8	4 (31)
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 4.0	2.6 (31)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.2	0.8 (31)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	40 - 321	103 (19)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	72 - 166	124 (14)
Lake Classification	Colored	

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

County	Osceola
Name	Trout
GNIS Number	292474
Latitude	28.2614
Longitude	-81.1725
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	117 ha or 290 acre
Period of Record (year)	1990 to 2022
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Mesotrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	16 (10 to 24)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	970 (638 to 1549)



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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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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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Valencia Big in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **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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b. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll for a given year or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll exceeds the values in Table 1 for the correct lake classification group, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in Table 1.

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

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- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum	calculated	Maximum	calculated
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric int	erpretation	numeric in	terpretation
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

¹ For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 μ g/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)	27 - 48	33 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	706 - 1160	833 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	16 - 40	22 (3)
Secchi (ft)	2.9 - 5.9	4.6 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.9 - 1.8	1.4 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	17 - 26	21 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	76 - 111	94 (3)
Lake Classification	Clear Softwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Valencia Big
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.3069
Longitude	-81.3840
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2013 to 2015
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	33 (27 to 48)
TN Zone	TN4
Grand TN Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	833 (706 to 1160)



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Florida LAKEWATCH Report for Valencia Small in Osceola 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 <u>five or more</u> **vears 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 (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (µg/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- **Color (Pt-Co Units):** LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C): 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 CaCO₃ or specific conductance less than or equal to 100 µs/cm @25 C), and clear hard water lakes (color less than 40 Pt-Co units and alkalinity greater than 20 mg/L as CaCO₃ or specific conductance greater 100 µS/cm @ 25 C).

Long Term Geometric	Annual	Minimum	calculated	Maximum	calculated
Mean Lake Color and Long-	Geometric	numeric interpretation		numeric interpretation	
Term Geometric Mean	Mean	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Color, Alkalinity and	Chlorophyll-	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric	Geometric
Specific Conductance	corrected	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total	Mean Total
		Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen
> 40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 µg/L	50 μg/L	1270 μg/L	160 μg/L ¹	2230 µg/L
Colored Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $> 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	20 µg/L	30 µg/L	1050 μg/L	90 μg/L	1910 µg/L
or					
>100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Hard Water Lakes					
\leq 40 Platinum Cobalt Units					
and $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L CaCO}_3$	6 µg/L	10 µg/L	510	30 µg/L	930 μg/L
or			μg/L		
< 100 µS/cm@25 C					
Clear Soft Water Lakes					

¹ For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 490 μ g/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 μ S/cm@25 C used to estimate the mg/L CaCO₃ alkalinity concentration until such time that alkalinity data are available.

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

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	40 - 49	44 (3)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	490 - 1087	705 (3)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	11 - 42	19 (3)
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 4.4	3.4 (3)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 1.3	1.0 (3)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	17 - 26	22 (3)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	61 - 118	92 (3)
Lake Classification	Clear Softwater	

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

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

County	Osceola
Name	Valencia Small
GNIS Number	
Latitude	28.3051
Longitude	-81.3825
Water Body Type	Lake
Surface Area (ha and acre)	. ha or . acre
Period of Record (year)	2013 to 2015
Lake Trophic Status (CHL)	Eutrophic
TP Zone	TP3
Grand TP Geometric Mean Concentration (µg/L, min. and max.)	44 (40 to 49)
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