

### **Basin Working Group**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is convening the Working Group for the Wekiva Basin Management Action Plan. This Wekiva BWG will be charged with:

#### **Mission**

The mission of the Wekiva BMAP Working Group is to make formal recommendations to the Department of Environmental Protection for implementation of the nutrient TMDLs for Wekiwa Spring, the Wekiva River, Rock Springs, Rock Springs Run, Blackwater Creek, Little Wekiva River, and Little Wekiva Canal. (WBIDs 2956C, 2956, 2956A, 2967, 2929A, 2987, and 3004) via an adoptable Basin Management Action Plan.

#### **Goals**

The Department will look to the Wekiva BWG for recommendations on the following specific topics:

- Accepted scientific understanding of the basin;
- Prioritization of unknowns relative to the BMAP;
- Nutrient load allocation approach (if appropriate);
- Nutrient load reduction project and other management action commitments;
- Monitoring program commitments; and
- Conditions that would trigger modification of the TMDL in the future.

The Wekiva BMAP Working Group (BWG) will operate “in the Sunshine”. All meetings will be noticed in the F.A.W. and additional notification will be provided via e-mail to the list of interested individuals. Sunshine Laws apply to discussions between representatives.

The following list of organizations represents the stakeholders in the basin with responsibility for water pollution control (wastewater and stormwater) and water resource protection and restoration. One representative from each organization will be recognized as the BWG member. Another representative will be recognized as the alternate. The representative will need to be able to speak for the organization on all issues (e.g., wastewater, stormwater, environmental regulations, planning, and citizens’ interests). The alternate may be a consultant to the organization.

BWG participation is being sought from the following organizations:

#### **State Organizations**

- DACS (OAWP)
- DEP - Wekiva State Park and Aquatic Preserves (combined)
- DOT
- Florida Expressway
- Florida Turnpike
- SJRWMD

### Local Organizations

- Altamonte Springs (including Altamonte Springs WWTF)
- Apopka
- Astatula
- Eustis
- Friends of the Wekiva
- Lake County
- Lake County Health Department
- Maitland (\*City boundary needs to be confirmed)
- Mount Dora
- Oakland
- Ocoee
- Orange County
- Orange County Health Department
- Orlando
- Seminole County (including Yankee Lake WWTF)
- Seminole County Health Department
- Tavares (\*City boundary needs to be confirmed)
- Utilities, Inc. (Wekiva Hunt Club)
- Winter Garden

### **Additional Technical resources**

In addition to the BWG members, other individuals from the member organization or other organizations will be relied upon as technical resources. Multiple attendees are allowed from any organization, however, if an item is brought to the group for a consensus decision, only one 'vote' will be counted from each listed organization. Although DEP will help educate and inform other organization representatives to the greatest extent possible, it is ultimately up to each organization to come to agreement on issues pertinent to the BMAP and express such via the organization's BWG representative.

Technical support will also be sought from the following organizations:

- DACS – Division of Forestry
- DCA
- DEP – Central District and Tallahassee staff and managers
- DOH – state offices in Tallahassee
- FWC
- Lake County Water Authority