

**Leon County  
Water Resources Committee  
2015 Annual Report**



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## **Topics for Review and Recommendations:**

### Review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Committee reviewed several proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and made the following recommendations for Board consideration:

1. Sustainable Development in Lake Protection (Cycle 2015-1, PCT150104) – The Committee voted to recommend with conditions that the Board support the staff recommendation to adopt the proposed policy amendment.
2. Commercial Uses in the Rural Future Land Use Category (Cycle 2015-1, PCT150105) – The Committee voted to recommend that the Board support the staff recommendation to adopt the proposed policy amendment.

### Presentations

1. Laura Youmans from the Leon County Attorney's Office discussed the Basin Management Action Plan process for the Upper Wakulla River and Wakulla Springs, and the process used by the Board for privately submitted text amendments.
2. Kris Barrios of the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) made a presentation on the District's Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) Program.
3. Jess Van Dyke, a retired aquatic biologist with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, presented a draft resolution to protect Porter Sink in Lake Jackson from being surrounded with a physical control structure in order to stabilize the pool levels of the lake.
4. John Kraynak of the County's Department of Development Support and Environmental Management presented information regarding techniques for nutrient removal from stormwater facilities.
5. Ryan Culpepper of the County's Development Support and Environmental Management department updated the Committee on proposed land development regulations implementing the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendment PCT150104 (Sustainable Development in Lake Protection).
6. Johnny Richardson from the County's Public Works Department presented the County's Annual Water Quality Report for 2015.

### Other Actions

1. The Committee reviewed a memo issued by the County Attorney's Office intended to provide guidance for the application of the new stormwater treatment standard in Policy 2.2.18 of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan. This treatment standard is intended to be implemented within the Lake Protection land use category and the Lake Jackson Basin. In response to several concerns expressed by the Committee, including the clarity of the memo and its applicability, Jessica Icerman of the County Attorney's

Office offered to discuss the memo with the County Attorney to see if it could be modified to address these concerns, and to bring back to the Committee a modified draft of the memo at their regular September meeting. The Committee reviewed this modified draft at this meeting, and concurred with the changes as presented.

2. The Committee discussed potential changes to the Committee's bylaws as suggested by the County Attorney's Office. These changes are intended to modernize and clarify portions of the bylaws, potentially change the meeting time of the Committee, and to address the issue of several Committee members' terms expiring at the same time. These proposed changes were accepted by the Committee at its regular meeting in February 2016.

#### Recommendations to the Board

1. Based on a request to the Committee from Leon County Public Works staff for additional guidance concerning a recommendation to the Board to update the existing Lake Iamonia Management Plan, the Committee voted to resubmit their original letter to the Board with the requested guidance. This additional clarification requested that an addendum to the existing management plan be developed by staff to reflect the accomplishments in meeting the Plan's objectives and all current physical changes to Lake Iamonia and its control structures.
2. In response to a presentation on Porter Sink in Lake Jackson, the Committee voted to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners with an attached resolution stating the Committee's objections to a proposed control structure around Porter Sink, and to recommend that the Board consider adopting a similar resolution.