

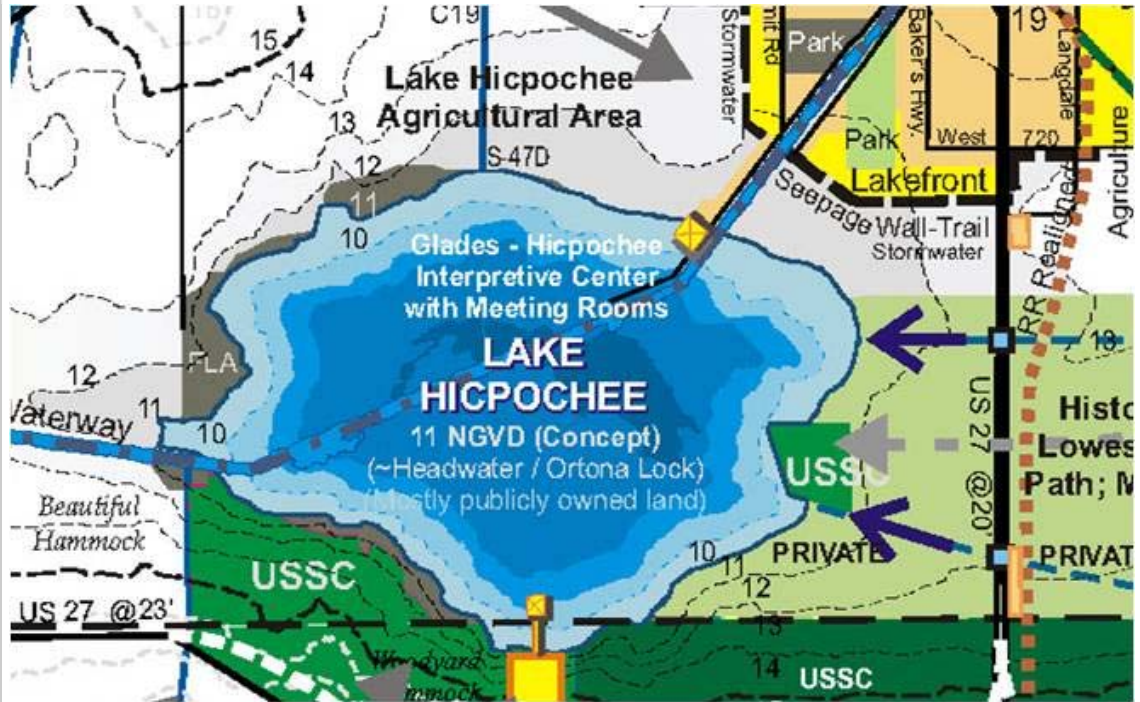
# The Flow

August 2009 Newsletter  
Annette Snapp, President

## Special Events & Meetings

- ♥ Sep 2 - CRCA Board of Directors Meeting
- ♥ Sep 9 - CHNEP Science Forum
- ♥ Sep 19 - Ocean Conservancy's 24th Annual International Coastal Cleanup
- ♥ Sep 28 - Estero Bay Watershed Symposium

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Also, you can renew your membership online



Conceptual design for a Lake Hicpochee restoration and flowway.

## \$533 Million Still Needed



The fight to control fresh water releases into our estuaries hit a snag. The C-43 construction project has not even started. Plans for a water reservoir are set to go, test cells have been built, but there is no money to move further.

[\[Details\]](#)

## Lake Hicpochee Discussion



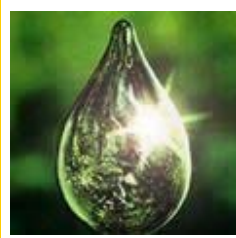
The 10 County Coalition meets Sep 25 to discuss economic development, ecotourism & natural resource based concerns for Hendry, Lee, & Glades Counties. Forest Michael will present a restoration concept for the Lake Hicpochee & Diston Island. [\[Details\]](#)

## Babcock Ranch Funds



Funds collected by the Babcock Preservation Partnership will assist Lee County with trail construction, signage and ranch management on the former Babcock lands, now called Bob Janes Preserve. [\[Article\]](#)

## Nutrient Polluting Limitation



The US EPA has agreed to limit how much nutrient pollution is allowed to foul Florida's waterways, a move likely to change everything from how suburban lawns are fertilized to how stormwater runoff and sewage are treated. [\[TampaBay.com\]](#)

## Collins Appointed...Finally



Joe Collins, engineering manager of Lykes Brothers replaces Bubba Wade on the SFWMD Governing Board. Given the long delay in appointing Joe Collins, some say Florida legislators should consider setting a deadline for the Governor to fill important vacancies such as SFWMD positions.

[\[Palm Beach Post\]](#) [\[Sun Sentinel\]](#)

## Florida DEP Workshops



The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently initiated measures to improve the system for establishing water quality standards. To inform interested people about the complex issue, DEP also started a series of workshops.

[\[Detailed Information\]](#)

## New Waterways Grass



Luziola subintegra, an aggressive aquatic grass from Mexico, Central and S. America and Caribbean, was discovered in Lake O in 2007 and then in the Caloosahatchee River in Aug 2009. Is this the start of a new infestation? [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[News Press 2\]](#)

## HAB Committee Nomination



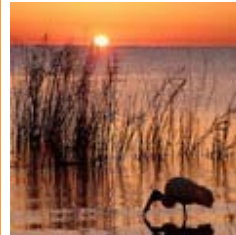
START is pleased to announce Dr. Michael Parsons, Associate Professor at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) in Ft. Myers and member of the START Bonita Springs/Ft. Myers Beach chapter, has been elected to serve on the National HAB Committee. [\[Details\]](#)

## Major Hurdle Cleared



Gov. Charlie Crist's controversial land deal with U.S. Sugar cleared a major legal hurdle Wednesday -- but with a spending cap that could make it difficult for water managers to buy more sugar fields in the future. [\[Details\]](#)

## Lake O Condition Improved



Lake Okeechobee may be at its best in the last 10 years. In the NW shallows, population of different species of animals and plants grows and algae forms the base of a complex food chain. A good Lake O is a step toward a better Caloosahatchee. [\[News-Press\]](#)

## Hickey Creek Programs



The Sep program at Hickey's Creek offers several opportunities to spend time outside. During guided walks for example, exotic wildlife which make Florida so unique can be discovered. There is also an Astronomy program for hobby astronomers. [\[Lee Co Parks & Rec\]](#)

## Smart Angler!



The Newsletter of the Snook Foundation provides necessary information to shape the future of many inshore species and maintain their habitats. Awareness of declining populations are of extraordinary importance. [\[The Snook Foundation\]](#) [\[What you can do\]](#)

## UF Master Naturalist Class



In its Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) UF-IFAS offers an education program for adults interested in increasing their knowledge on several subjects on Environmental Interpretation and Conservation Science. [\[Details and Registration\]](#)

## Lake Okeechobee Pollution



In a guest opinion delivered to News Press, Sam Poole informs the readers about the pollution of Lake Okeechobee and the main sources of that problem which is not the backpumping of water from fields in the south but pollution from northern basins. [\[News-Press\]](#)

## No for Cape Coral Utility



After a series of public meetings in regards of Cape Corals utility expansion, July 20th was the final of them. The session finalized with two of the three supportive council members voting NO on the \$281 million utility project. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Wink News\]](#)

## Watershed Council Meeting



Dr. George J. Hochmuth, UF/IFAS Assoc. Dean spoke at the Aug SWF Watershed Council meeting. He described lawn health and nutrition. He showed research demonstrating how fertilizer blackout periods can create unintended water quality problems. [\[Details\]](#) [\[Dr. Hochmuth\]](#)

## NS-EMA Group Meeting



Facilitators have been working on reflecting the stakeholders' conclusions and putting together recommendations to deal with the Cape Coral Spreader Canal and Ceitus Boat Lift removal issue. [\[Cape Coral Mitigation\]](#) [\[Meeting Notice\]](#) [\[Information\]](#)

NS-EMA MEETINGS

## Bill on Waterfront Property



The Florida House of Representatives filed HB 73 - Working Waterfront Property, specifying the various different requirements for this kind of property. Because of its effect on coastal areas, waterfront tax exemption has been of interest to many. [\[Original Filed Version\]](#)