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and Documentation in Support of Development of Site Specific Numeric Interpretations of the Narrative Nutrient Criteria

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## **Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Purpose of Report

This report presents the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) developed to address the nutrient impairment of Lake Bonny, which is located in the Upper Peace River Planning Unit, that is part of the larger Peace River Basin. The TMDLs will constitute the site specific numeric interpretation of the narrative nutrient criterion set forth in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), that will replace the otherwise applicable numeric nutrient criteria in subsection 62-302.531(2) for this particular water, pursuant to paragraph 62-302.531(2)(a), F.A.C.. The lake was verified as impaired for nutrients using the methodology in the Identification of Impaired Surface Waters Rule (IWR, Rule 62-303, F.A.C.), and was included on the Verified List of impaired waters for the Sarasota Bay – Peace River – Myakka River Group 3 Basin that was adopted by Secretarial Order on June 17, 2005.

The TMDL process quantifies the amount of a pollutant that can be assimilated in a waterbody, identifies the sources of the pollutant, and provides water quality targets needed to achieve compliance with applicable water quality standards based on the relationship between pollution sources and receiving waterbody water quality. The TMDLs establish the allowable loadings to Lake Bonny that would restore the waterbody so that it meets its applicable water quality criteria for nutrients.

#### 1.2 Identification of Waterbody

Lake Bonny is located inside the City of Lakeland, Polk County, Florida, (**Figure 1.1**). The lake's watershed encompasses 1.9 square miles (1,197 acres) in west central Polk County. The lake outlet is connected to Lake Parker, which flows into upper Saddle Creek that in turn drains to Lake Hancock. Lake Hancock discharges to lower Saddle Creek, which along with the Peace Creek Drainage Canal, makes up the headwaters of the Peace River. The estimated surface area of the lake is 249 acres and includes Little Lake Bonny, a small, once isolated seepage lake located along the southeastern part of the lake. The average lake volume is 1,475,940 m³ (3.9 \* 10<sup>8</sup> gallons). The average depth of the lake is 3.0 ft. (0.9 m), with a maximum depth of 11.2 ft. (3.4 m). The watershed area is within the Lakeland/Bone Valley Upland Lake Region (Region 75-30), which consists of areas covered by phosphatic sand or clayey sand (Griffith et al. 1997).

The lake's watershed includes Lake Holloway which discharges to Lake Bonny. Lake Bonny can also receive inputs from Lake Parker, via a connecting channel located on the northeastern part of the lake. A city water control structure is located in the channel between the lakes, however, there are no records of the structure operation.

Historically, Lake Bonny and Little Lake Bonny were naturally land-locked and disconnected seepage lakes. However, in the mid 1920's, Lake Bonny and Little Lake Bonny were connected to each other and Lake Parker via canals. Little Lake Bonny receives inflow from Lake Holloway via a pipe, with Lake Bonny discharging into Lake Parker. A public park and boat ramp are located on the north shore of the lake with another park located on the west shore (City of Lakeland, 2001).

The climate of the Lake Bonny and Peace River watershed area is generally subtropical with an annual average temperature of about 73 degrees. Annual rainfall in or near the Peace River drainage basin averages 50 to 56 inches, and approximately 60 percent of the rainfall occurs from June through September (SWFWMD, 2004). The long-term average annual rainfall for Polk County, based on Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) records in the period from 1915 to 2013, is about 52 inches/year.

For assessment purposes, the Department has divided the Peace River Basin into watershed assessment polygons with a unique waterbody identification (WBID) number for each watershed or surface water segment. Lake Bonny has been given the WBID number 1497E. Figure 1.2 displays the location of the lake WBID along with the major geopolitical and hydrologic features.

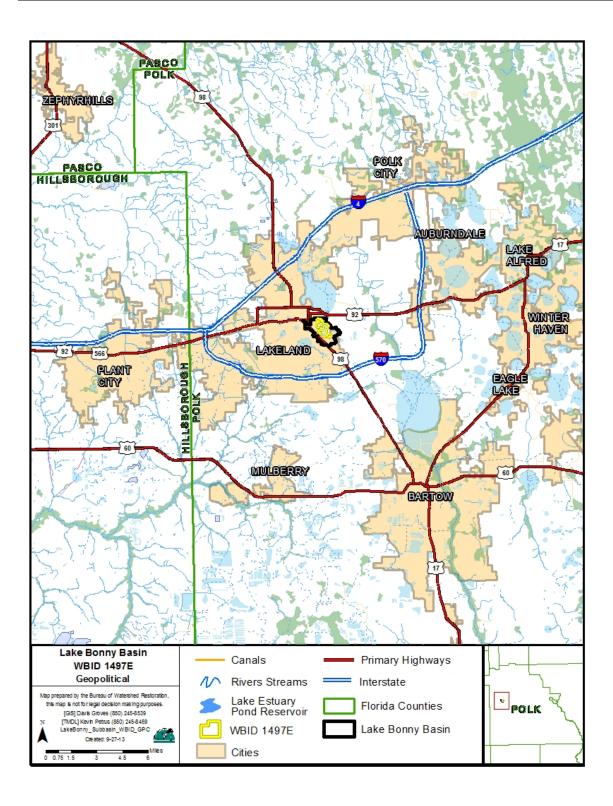


Figure 1.1 Location of the Lake Bonny Basin and Major Geopolitical Features in West Central Polk County.

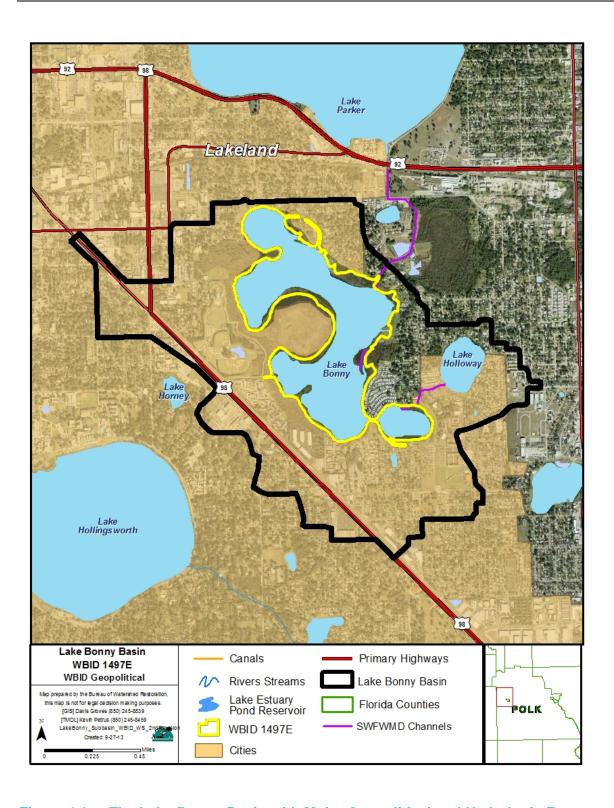


Figure 1.2 The Lake Bonny Basin with Major Geopolitical and Hydrologic Features.

#### 1.3 Background

This report was developed as part of the Department's watershed management approach for restoring and protecting state waters and addressing TMDL Program requirements. The watershed approach, which is implemented using a cyclical management process that rotates through the state's 52 river basins over a 5-year cycle, provides a framework for implementing the TMDL Program—related requirements of the 1972 federal Clean Water Act and the 1999 Florida Watershed Restoration Act (FWRA, Chapter 99-223, Laws of Florida); as amended.

A TMDL represents the maximum amount of a given pollutant that a waterbody can assimilate and still meet water quality standards, including its applicable water quality criteria and its designated uses. TMDLs are developed for waterbodies that are verified as not meeting their water quality standards. They provide important water quality restoration goals that will guide restoration activities.

This TMDL Report will be followed by the development and implementation of a restoration plan to reduce the amount of pollutants that caused the verified impairment of Lake Bonny. These activities will depend heavily on the active participation of the SWFWMD, local governments, businesses, and other stakeholders. The Department will work with these organizations and individuals to undertake or continue reductions in the discharge of pollutants and achieve the established TMDLs for the impaired waterbody.

# Chapter 2: STATEMENT OF WATER QUALITY PROBLEM

#### 2.1 Legislative and Rulemaking History

Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires states to submit to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a list of surface waters that do not meet applicable water quality standards (impaired waters) and establish a TMDL for each pollutant identified as causing the impairment of the listed waters on a schedule. The Department has developed such lists, commonly referred to as 303(d) lists, since 1992. The state's list of impaired waters, referred to as the Verified List, is required by the FWRA (Subsection 403.067[4], Florida Statutes [F.S.]). It is amended annually to include basin updates and these updates are submitted to EPA for inclusion on the state's 303(d) list.

Florida's 1998 303(d) list included 51 waterbodies in the Peace River Basin. However, the FWRA (Section 403.067, F.S.) stated that all previous Florida 303(d) lists were for planning purposes only and directed the Department to develop, and adopt by rule, a new science-based methodology to identify impaired waters. The Environmental Regulation Commission adopted the new methodology as Rule 62-303, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) (Identification of Impaired Surface Waters Rule, or IWR), in April 2001; the rule was amended in 2006, 2007, 2012, and 2013.

#### 2.2 Information on Verified Impairment

The Department used the IWR to assess water quality impairments in Lake Bonny, and the lake was verified as impaired for nutrients based on elevated annual average Trophic State Index (TSI) values during the Cycle 1 verification period (the verified period for the Group 3 basins is from January 1997 to June 2004). At the time the Cycle 1 assessment was performed, the IWR methodology used the water quality variables total nitrogen (TN), total phosphorus (TP), and chlorophyll *a* (a measure of algal mass, corrected and uncorrected) in calculating annual TSI values and in interpreting Florida's narrative nutrient threshold. The TSI is calculated based on concentrations of TP, TN, and chlorophyll *a*. Exceeding a TSI of 60 in any one year of the verified period was sufficient for identifying a lake as impaired for nutrients. All annual mean TSI values in the 1996 to 2002 period exceeded the impairment threshold of 60. In the more recent Cycle 2 verification period (January 2002 to June 2009), the annual mean TSI values continued to exceed the threshold of 60.

Florida adopted new numeric nutrient standards for lakes, spring vents, and streams in 2011, which were approved by the EPA in 2012. It is envisioned that these standards, in combination with the related bioassessment tools, will facilitate the assessment of designated use attainment for its waters and provide a better means to protect state waters from the adverse effects of nutrient over-enrichment. The new lake NNC, which are set forth in subparagraph 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., are expressed as annual geometric mean values for chlorophyll *a*, TN, and TP, which are further described in Chapter 3.

Although the Department has not formally assessed the data for Lake Bonny using the new NNC, based on an analysis of the data from 2002 to 2012 in IWR Database Run 48, the preliminary results indicate that Lake Bonny would not attain the new lake NNC for chlorophyll

a, TN, and TP for low color (< 40 PCU), high alkalinity (> 20 mg/L CaCO3) lakes, and thus remains impaired for nutrients. This time frame represents the Cycle 2 verification period and water quality in more recent years that has been reported. Under the new NNC, Lake Bonny is classified as a lake with low color (<40 PCU) and high alkalinity (>20 mg/L CaCO3), based on the long-term geometric mean values for color and alkalinity. The preliminary annual geometric mean values for chlorophyll a, TN, and TP during the 2002 to 2012 period are presented in **Table 2.1**.

The sources of data for the Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 IWR assessments of WBID 1497E come from stations sampled by Polk County (21FLPOLK...), the Southwest Florida Water Management District (21FLSWFD...) and Florida LakeWatch (21FLKWAT...). The majority of the available data comes from the monitoring conducted by Polk County. The county has been sampling at the center of the lake since 1986 at station 21FLPOLKBONNY1. In 1999, the county began sampling for corrected chlorophyll a, which is the more common form of chlorophyll a used in assessing surface water quality. The other sampling organizations conduct monitoring intermittently. The sampling locations are displayed in **Figure 2.1.** The individual water quality measurements used in this analysis are available in the IWR database (Run 48), and are available upon request. Water quality results for the period of record for variables relevant to this TMDL effort, which were collected by all sampling entities, are displayed in the graphs in **Appendix B**.

Table 2.1 Lake Bonny Annual Geometric Mean Values for the 2002 to 2012 Period.

Year	Chlorophyll a (ug/L)	Total Nitrogen (mg/L)	Total Phosphorus (mg/L)
2002	86	2.6	0.1
2003	31	1.43	0.05
2004	ID	ID	ID
2005	45	1.61	ID
2006	69	2.32	ID
2007	150	4.25	0.23
2008	148	5.67	0.36
2009	ID	ID	ID
2010	ID	ID	ID
2011	68	2.59	0.1
2012	48	2.06	0.09

ID - Insufficient Data to Calculate Geometric Means per the Requirements of Rule 62-303.

Note: Values shown shaded are greater than the new NNC for lakes. Rule 62-302.531(2)(b)1., F.A.C., states that the applicable numeric interpretations for TN, TP, and chlorophyll a shall not be exceeded more than once in any consecutive three year period.

In Florida waterbodies, nitrogen and phosphorus are most often the limiting nutrients. The limiting nutrient is defined as the nutrient(s) that limit plant growth (both macrophytes and algae) when it is not available in sufficient quantities. A limiting nutrient is a chemical that is necessary for plant growth, but available in quantities smaller than those needed for algae, represented by

chlorophyll *a*, and macrophytes to grow. In the past, management activities to control lake eutrophication focused on phosphorus reduction as phosphorus was generally recognized as the limiting nutrient in freshwater systems. Recent studies, however, have supported that the reduction of both nitrogen and phosphorus is necessary to control algal growth in aquatic systems (Conley et al. 2009, Paerl 2009, Lewis et al. 2011, Paerl and Otten 2013). Furthermore, the analysis used in the development of the Florida lake NNC support this idea as statistically significant relationships were found between chlorophyll *a* values and both nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations (Florida DEP, 2012).

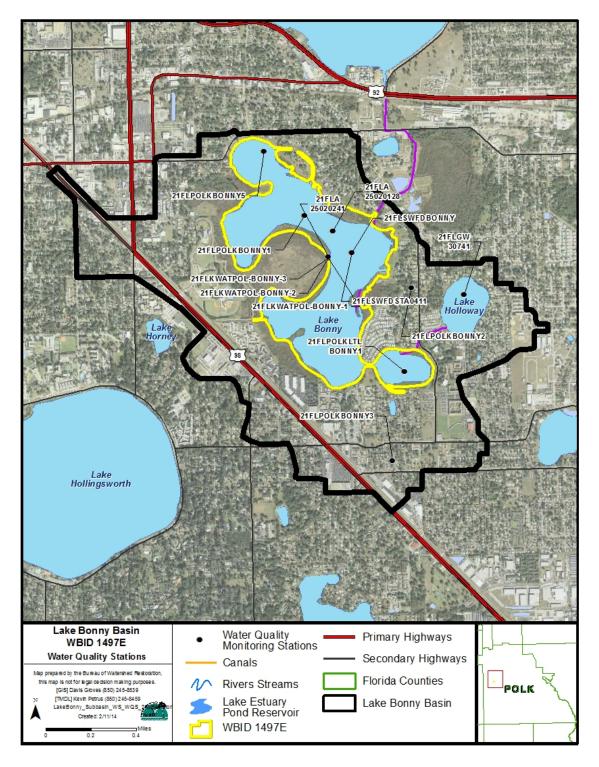


Figure 2.1 Surface Water Monitoring Locations in the Lake Bonny Watershed.

# Chapter 3. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICABLE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND TARGETS

## 3.1 Classification of the Waterbody and Criteria Applicable to the TMDL

Florida's surface water is protected for six designated use classifications, as follows:

Class I Potable water supplies

Class II Shellfish propagation or harvesting

Class III Recreation, propagation, and maintenance of a healthy, well-

balanced population of fish and wildlife

Class III-Limited Fish Consumption; Recreation or Limited Recreation; and/or

Propagation and Maintenance of a Limited Population of Fish

and Wildlife

Class IV Agricultural water supplies

Class V Navigation, utility, and industrial use (there are no state

waters currently in this class)

Lake Bonny is classified as a Class III freshwater waterbody, with a designated use of recreation, propagation and maintenance of a healthy, well-balanced population of fish and wildlife. The Class III water quality criterion applicable to the verified impairments (nutrients) for this water is the state of Florida's nutrient criterion in Paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Florida has newly adopted lake criteria in Rule 62-302.531, F.A.C., for total nitrogen, total phosphorous, and chlorophyll *a* that went into effect on October 27, 2014. The Department has not formally assessed the data for Lake Bonny using the new criteria. However, based on preliminary analysis of the available data, Lake Bonny would not attain the new NNC, and is expected to remain listed as verified impaired for nutrients under the new criteria.

The nutrient TMDLs presented in this report constitute site specific numeric interpretations of the narrative nutrient criterion set forth in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., that will replace the otherwise applicable NNC in subsection 62-302.531(2), F.A.C., for this particular water, pursuant to paragraph 62-302.531(2)(a), F.A.C. The Water Quality Standards template document in **Appendix D**, provides the relevant TMDL information, including information that the TMDL provides for the attainment and maintenance of water quality standards in downstream waters (pursuant to subsection 62-302.531(4)), to support using the TMDL nutrient targets as the site specific numeric interpretations of the narrative nutrient criterion. Targets used in TMDL development are designed to restore surface water quality to meet a waterbody's designated use. Criteria are based on scientific information used to establish specific levels of water quality constituents that protect aquatic life and human health for particular designated use classifications. As a result, TMDL targets and water quality criteria serve the same purpose as both measures are designed to protect surface water designated use.

#### 3.2 Numeric Interpretation of Narrative Nutrient Criterion

The applicable lakes NNC are dependent on the alkalinity and true color (color), based on the long-term period of record (POR) geometric means (GM), Table 3.1. Using this methodology. Lake Bonny is classified as a lake with low color (<40 PCU) and high alkalinity (>20 mg/L CaCO3). The new chlorophyll a NNC for low color, high alkalinity lakes is an annual geometric mean value of 20 µg/L, which is not to be exceeded more than once in any consecutive threeyear period. The associated TN and TP criteria for a lake can vary on an annual basis, depending on the availability of data for chlorophyll a and the concentrations of nutrients and chlorophyll a in the lake, as described below. If there are sufficient data to calculate an annual geometric mean for chlorophyll a and the mean does not exceed the chlorophyll a criterion for the lake type in **Table 3.1**, then the TN and TP numeric interpretations for that calendar year shall be the annual geometric means of lake TN and TP samples, subject to the minimum and maximum TN and TP limits in the table below. If there are insufficient data to calculate the annual geometric mean chlorophyll a for a given year, or the annual geometric mean chlorophyll a exceeds the values in **Table 3.1** for the lake type, then the applicable numeric interpretations for TN and TP shall be the minimum values in the table. The analyses supporting the criteria represent the best scientific understanding of nutrient and chlorophyll a concentrations that each lake type can support while maintaining designated uses and were used as evidence for establishing the appropriate targets for TMDL development for Lake Bonny.

The development of the lake NNC are based on an evaluation of a response variable (chlorophyll *a*) and stressor variables (nitrogen and phosphorus) to develop water quality thresholds that are protective of designated uses (Florida DEP, 2012). Based on several lines of evidence, the DEP developed a chlorophyll *a* threshold of 20 µg/L for colored lakes (above 40 PCU) and clear lakes with alkalinity above 20 mg/L CaCO3. Since the Department has demonstrated that the chlorophyll *a* threshold of 20 µg/L is protective of designated uses, this value will be used as a water quality target for TMDL development to address the nutrient impairment of Lake Bonny. Empirical equations that describe the relationships between chlorophyll *a* and nutrient concentrations in Lake Bonny were then used in the TMDL development approach, which is explained in detail in Chapter 5.

Table 3.1. State Adopted Lake Criteria

Long Term Geometric Mean Lake Color and Alkalinity	Annual Geometric Mean Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	Minimum Calculated Annual Geometric Mean Total Phosphorus NNC	Minimum	Maximum	
>40 Platinum Cobalt Units	20 μg/L	0.05 mg/L	1.27 mg/L	0.16 mg/L <sup>1</sup>	2.23 mg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and > 20 mg/L CaCO3	20 μg/L	0.03 mg/L	1.05 mg/L	0.09 mg/L	1.91 mg/L
≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units and ≤ 20 mg/L CaCO3	6 μg/L	0.01 mg/L	0.51 mg/L	0.03 mg/L	0.93 mg/L

<sup>1 -</sup> For lakes with color > 40 PCU in the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region, the maximum TP limit shall be the 0.49 mg/L TP streams threshold for the region.

#### 3.3 Water Quality Variable Definitions

#### Chlorophyll a

Chlorophyll is a green pigment found in plants and is an essential component in the process of converting light energy into chemical energy. Chlorophyll is capable of channeling the energy of sunlight into chemical energy through the process of photosynthesis. In photosynthesis, the energy absorbed by chlorophyll transforms carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) and water ( $H_2O$ ) into carbohydrates and oxygen ( $O_2$ ). The chemical energy stored by photosynthesis in carbohydrates drives biochemical reactions in nearly all living organisms. Thus, chlorophyll is at the center of the photosynthetic oxidation-reduction reaction between carbon dioxide and water.

There are several types of chlorophyll; however, the predominant form is chlorophyll *a*. The measurement of chlorophyll *a* in a water sample is a useful indicator of phytoplankton biomass, especially when used in conjunction with analysis concerning algal growth potential and species abundance. The greater the abundance of chlorophyll *a*, typically the greater the abundance of algae. Algae are the primary producers in the aquatic web, and thus are very important in characterizing the productivity of lakes and streams. As noted earlier, chlorophyll *a* measurements are also used to estimate the trophic conditions of lakes and other lentic waters.

#### Total Nitrogen as N (TN)

Total nitrogen is the sum of nitrate  $(NO_3)$ , nitrite  $(NO_2)$ , ammonia  $(NH_3)$ , and organic nitrogen found in water. Nitrogen compounds function as important nutrients to many aquatic organisms and are essential to the chemical processes that exist between land, air, and water. The most readily bioavailable forms of nitrogen are ammonia and nitrate. These compounds, in conjunction with other nutrients, serve as an important base for primary productivity.

The major sources of excessive amounts of nitrogen in surface water are the effluent from wastewater treatment plants and runoff from urban and agricultural land areas. When nutrient concentrations consistently exceed natural levels, the resulting nutrient imbalance can cause undesirable changes in a waterbody's biological community and drive an aquatic system into an accelerated rate of eutrophication. Usually, the eutrophication process is observed as a change in the structure of the algal community and includes severe algal blooms that may cover large areas for extended periods. Large algal blooms are generally followed by a depletion in dissolved oxygen concentrations as a result of algal decomposition.

#### **Total Phosphorus as P (TP)**

Phosphorus is one of the primary nutrients that regulates algal and macrophyte growth in natural waters, particularly in fresh water. Phosphate, the predominant form of phosphorus found in the water column, can enter the aquatic environment in a number of ways. Natural processes transport phosphate to water through atmospheric deposition, ground water percolation, and terrestrial runoff. Municipal treatment plants, industries, agriculture, and domestic activities also contribute to phosphate loading through direct discharge and natural transport mechanisms. The very high levels of phosphorus in some of Florida's streams and estuaries are usually caused by phosphate mining and fertilizer processing activities.

High phosphorus concentrations are frequently responsible for accelerating the process of eutrophication, or accelerated aging, of a waterbody. Once phosphorus and other important nutrients enter the ecosystem, they are extremely difficult to remove. They become tied up in biomass or deposited in sediments. Nutrients, particularly phosphates, deposited in sediments generally are redistributed to the water column. This type of cycling compounds the difficulty of halting the eutrophication process.

## **Chapter 4: ASSESSMENT OF SOURCES**

#### 4.1 Types of Sources

An important part of the TMDL analysis is the identification of pollutant source categories, source subcategories, or individual sources of the pollutants of concern in the watershed and the amount of pollutant loading contributed by each of these sources. Sources are broadly classified as either "point sources" or "nonpoint sources." Historically, the term point sources has meant discharges to surface waters that typically have a continuous flow via a discernable, confined, and discrete conveyance, such as a pipe. Domestic and industrial wastewater treatment facilities (WWTFs) are examples of traditional point sources. In contrast, the term "nonpoint sources" was used to describe intermittent, rainfall driven, diffuse sources of pollution associated with everyday human activities, including runoff from urban land uses, agriculture, silviculture, and mining; discharges from failing septic systems; and atmospheric deposition.

However, the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act redefined certain nonpoint sources of pollution as point sources subject to regulation under the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. These nonpoint sources included certain urban stormwater discharges, including those from local government master drainage systems, construction sites over 5 acres, and a wide variety of industries (see **Appendix A** for background information on the federal and state stormwater programs).

To be consistent with Clean Water Act definitions, the term "point source" is used to describe traditional point sources (such as domestic and industrial wastewater discharges) and stormwater systems requiring an NPDES stormwater permit when allocating pollutant load reductions required by a TMDL. However, the methodologies used to estimate nonpoint source loads do not distinguish between NPDES stormwater discharges and non-NPDES stormwater discharges, and as such, this chapter does not make any distinction between the two types of stormwater.

#### **4.2** Point Sources

#### 4.2.1 NPDES Permitted Wastewater Facilities

There are no NPDES permitted domestic or industrial wastewater facilities that discharge within the watershed.

#### 4.2.2 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permittees

Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) may also discharge pollutants to waterbodies in response to storm events. To address stormwater discharges, the EPA developed the NPDES stormwater permitting program in two phases. Phase 1, promulgated in 1990, addresses large and medium-size MS4s located in incorporated areas and counties with populations of 100,000 or more. Phase 2 permitting began in 2003. Regulated Phase 2 MS4s are defined in Section 62-624.800, F.A.C., and typically cover urbanized areas serving jurisdictions with a population of at least 10,000 or discharging into Class I or Class II waters, or into Outstanding Florida Waters.

The stormwater collection systems in the Lake Bonny watershed, which are owned and operated by Polk County, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 1, are covered by a NPDES Phase I MS4 permit (Permit No. FLS000015). The city of Lakeland is a co-permittee in the MS4 permit and a large portion of the watershed is within the city limits.

#### **4.3 Land Uses and Nonpoint Sources**

Nutrient loading from urban areas is most often attributable to multiple sources, including stormwater runoff, leaks and overflows from sanitary sewer systems, illicit discharges of sanitary waste, runoff from improper disposal of waste materials, leaking septic systems, and domestic animals. As the Lake Bonny watershed is primarily urban and there is a negligible area of agricultural land use, the anthropogenic nutrient load in the basin originates from urban sources.

In addition to the nutrient sources associated with anthropogenic activities, birds and other wildlife can also contribute considerable amounts of nutrients to waterbodies through their feces, particularly in areas that have bird rookeries. While detailed source information is not always available for accurately quantifying the loadings from wildlife sources, land use information can be used to help identify areas where there is the potential for wildlife to congregate. Along the west shore of Lake Bonny there is an extensive area of wetlands that should be considered as a potential area for further evaluation.

#### 4.3.1 Land Uses

The spatial distribution and acreage of different land use categories were identified using the SWFWMD 2011 land use coverage contained in the Department's geographic information system (GIS) library.

Land use categories within the Lake Bonny watershed were aggregated using the Florida Land Use Code and Classification System (FLUCCS) expanded Level 1 codes (including low, medium, and high density residential) and are tabulated in **Table 4.1**. **Figure 4.1** shows the spatial distribution of the principal land uses in the watershed. Land use is predominately urban, with approximately 40 percent of the land area developed into medium and high density residential areas. Other urban areas include institutional land use (8.6 percent), the largest area being Southeastern University property, and recreational land use (4.4 percent). Surface waters and wetlands combined cover 33 percent of the watershed, with wetlands, located primarily along the west shore of the lake, representing approximately 13 percent of the area.

Table 4.1 Classification of Land Use Categories in the Lake Bonny Watershed in 2011

FLUCCs Code	Landuse	Acreage	Percent of Total
1100	Low Density Residential	7.7	0.6
1200	Medium Density Residential	261.2	21.8
1300	High Density Residential	213.3	17.8
1400	Commercial and Services	101.3	8.5
1500	Industrial	9.0	0.7
1700	Institutional	102.6	8.6
1800	Recreational	52.5	4.4
1900	Urban Open Land	5.1	0.4
2000	Agriculture	0.2	0.0
3000+4000	Rangeland + Forest/Rural Open	0.0	0.0
5000	Water	243.5	20.3
6150	Stream and Lake Swamps (bottomland)	15.5	1.3
6410	Freshwater Marshes	131.3	11.0
6000	Other Wetlands	8.0	0.7
7000	Barren Land	0.0	0.0
8000	Communication and Transportation	46.2	3.9
Total	All Combined	1,197	100.0

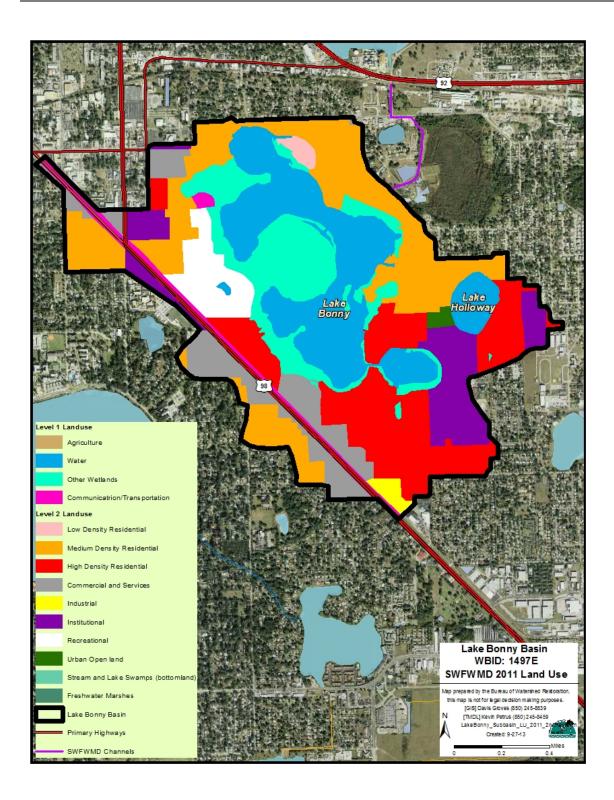


Figure 4.1 Principle Land Uses in the Lake Bonny Watershed in 2011

#### **Polk County Population**

According to the U.S Census Bureau, the population density in Polk County, in the year 2010, was 334.9 persons per square mile. The Census Bureau reports that the total population in 2010 for Polk County, which includes (but is not exclusive to) the Lake Bonny watershed, was 602,095, with 281,385 housing units. Polk County occupies an area of approximately 1,798 square miles. For all of Polk County, the housing density is 156.5 houses per square mile. (U. S. Census Bureau Web site, 2014).

#### **Polk County Septic Tanks**

Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDSs), including septic tanks, are commonly used where providing central sewer service is not cost-effective or practical. When properly sited, designed, constructed, maintained, and operated, OSTDSs are a safe means of disposing of domestic waste. The effluent from a well-functioning OSTDS is comparable to secondarily treated wastewater from a sewage treatment plant. When not functioning properly, however, OSTDSs can be a source of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), pathogens, and other pollutants to both ground water and surface water. Information on the location of septic systems was obtained from a Florida Department of Health Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems GIS coverage dated November 2012.

The septic tanks located in the Lake Bonny watershed are displayed in **Figure 4.2**. Currently the number of septic tanks in the watershed is estimated to be 93 and the largest number of septic tanks is in the eastern part of the watershed.

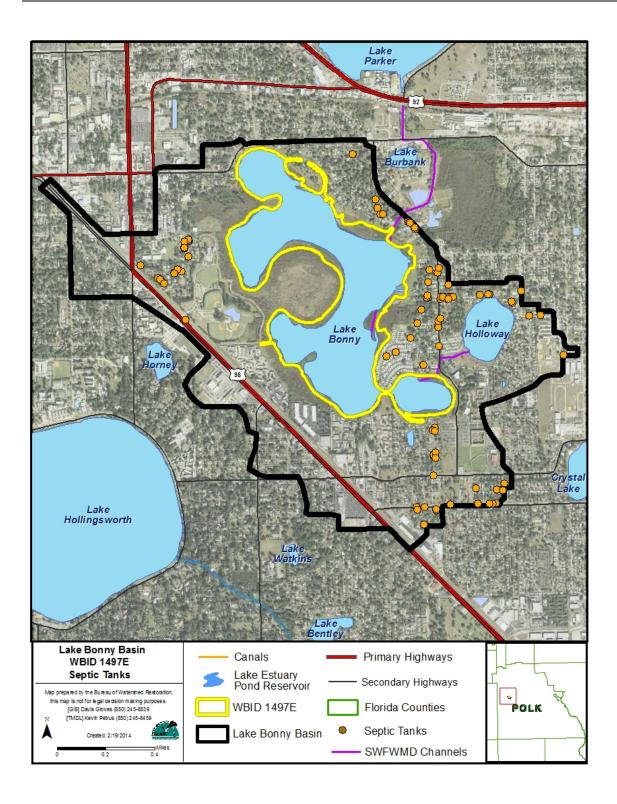


Figure 4.2 Septic Tank Locations within the Lake Bonny Watershed

## Chapter 5: DETERMINATION OF ASSIMILATIVE CAPACITY

#### 5.1 Determination of Loading Capacity

The TMDL development process identifies nutrient target concentrations and nutrient reductions for Lake Bonny in order for the waterbody to achieve the applicable nutrient water quality criteria, and maintain its function and designated use as a Class III fresh water. The methods utilized to address the nutrient impairment included the development of regression equations that relate lake nutrient concentrations to the annual geometric mean chlorophyll a levels and the evaluation of paleolimnological results to establish a water quality target for total phosphorus. For addressing nonpoint sources (both NPDES stormwater discharges and non-NPDES stormwater discharges), the TMDLs are expressed as percent reductions in the existing lake water total nitrogen and total phosphorus concentrations necessary to meet the applicable chlorophyll a target while taking into consideration the estimated pre-disturbance conditions in the lake.

The primary focus in the implementation of this TMDL is to maintain the lake's annual geometric mean chlorophyll a values at or below the target concentration of 20  $\mu$ g/L through reductions in nutrient inputs to the system. Nutrient reductions are also expected to result in improvements of dissolved oxygen levels within the lake. When algae die they become part of the organic matter pool in the water column and the sediments. The decomposition of organic substrates by microbial activity exerts an oxygen demand which leads to a lowering of dissolved oxygen levels. Lower algal biomass should lower the biochemical oxygen demand levels in the water column, and sediment oxygen demand in the lake should also decrease over time as reductions in algal biomass will result in less accumulation of organic matter in the lake sediments.

#### 5.2 Analysis of Water Quality

Lake Bonny water quality monitoring in recent years has been performed by three different entities. Polk County has been routinely sampling the lake since 1986 and a large portion of the data used to assess water quality were obtained at station 21FLPOLKBONNY1, which is located near the center of the lake. The other sampling organizations (the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Florida LakeWatch), have conducted monitoring intermittently for short periods of time. The individual water quality results for variables relevant to this TMDL effort for the period of record, which were collected by all sampling organizations, are displayed in the graphs in **Appendix B**.

The results collected at the Polk County sampling location near the center of the lake were evaluated to determine if relationships exist between nutrient concentrations and chlorophyll *a* levels. The county monitoring at this location provides a consistent data set for evaluating surface water quality. In 2005, Polk County started sampling in Little Lake Bonny at station 21FLPOLKLTL BONNY1. The data set for Little Lake Bonny is much smaller compared to the data available at the county station near the center of Lake Bonny. Therefore, it would be inappropriate to include the results at this station in the analysis, as doing so would enter a bias into the analysis. Additionally, the annual geometric mean results for chlorophyll *a*, TN, and TP at the sampling locations near the center of Lake Bonny and in Little Lake Bonny (displayed in the graphs in Appendix E) exhibit similar patterns and magnitudes.

The nutrient and chlorophyll *a* annual geometric means were used in this evaluation to be consistent with the expression of the adopted NNC for lakes. In 1999, the county began sampling for corrected chlorophyll *a*, which is the more common form of chlorophyll *a* used in assessing surface water quality. For the purpose of this analysis, a minimum of two samples per year collected in different quarters of the year, were used to calculate the annual geometric means. In the 1999 to 2012 period, there were sufficient results collected in most years to calculate annual geometric mean values for corrected chlorophyll *a* and nutrients. There were insufficient results available in 2009 to calculate geometric mean values. In 2009 lake levels reached such an extreme low that much of the lake bottom became exposed and the lake was transformed into four small cells of water separated by dry lake bottom (City of Lakeland 2010).

Annual geometric mean values for total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP) results measured at the center of the lake are presented in **Figure 5.1**. During the 1999 to 2012 period, TN annual means ranged from 1.43 mg/L to 5.54 mg/L and the TP annual means ranged from 0.048 mg/L to 0.335 mg/L.

The chlorophyll a annual geometric mean values along with annual total rainfall are presented in **Figure 5.2**. The chlorophyll a annual geometric mean values in Lakes Bonny were above 20  $\mu$ g/L throughout the 1999 to 2012 period and ranged from 31  $\mu$ g/L in 2003 to 170  $\mu$ g/L in 2008. The lowest chlorophyll a annual means typically occurred in years with the highest rainfall (i.e. 2002 to 2005). Linear regression analysis comparing the annual geometric mean chlorophyll a results to annual rainfall, **Figure 5.3**, indicates that there is a significant inverse relationship between these variables (p value < 0.05). The results suggest that factors in addition to external nutrient loadings, such as lake residence time and internal cycling of nutrients, may be exhibiting a considerable influence on lake chlorophyll a levels since in years with presumably higher watershed nutrient loadings (i.e. higher rainfall years) the chlorophyll a results tend to be lower.

Information obtained from recent monitoring by the DEP Southwest District to enumerate the phytoplankton community and a previous watershed and lake modeling effort performed by the DEP suggest that other factors, in addition to watershed nutrient loadings, are having an effect on lake water quality.

Samples for phytoplankton enumeration and water quality characterization were collected near the center of the lake in June 2013. The water quality measurements are presented in **Table 5.1** and the phytoplankton community results are presented in **Appendix C**. Phytoplankton in the Phylum Cyanophycota (the blue-green algae) were the dominant group, representing 68 percent of the algal community based on cell densities. Many blue-green algae taxa are capable of fixing atmospheric nitrogen, among them are *Aphanizomenon* and *Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii*, which were observed in Lake Bonny.

The Florida DEP TMDL Program previously conducted watershed and lake water quality modeling of lakes within the Lake Hancock watershed, which included water quality simulations for Lake Bonny (Florida DEP, 2005 and US EPA, 2006). The watershed model was not delivering enough mass to match the measured in-lake TN and TP concentrations and it was necessary to utilize the lake model internal loading rate functions for both TN and TP to match the measured in-lake mass. The modeling effort provides further evidence that internal loadings (e.g. sediment nutrient fluxes and/or nitrogen fixation) are factors which may be influencing the lake nutrient budgets and the growth of phytoplankton.

The relationships between the chlorophyll *a* and TN and TP annual geometric mean concentrations are presented in **Figure 5.4** and **Figure 5.5**, respectively. Chlorophyll *a* exhibits a strong and significant positive relationship with TN (r square = 0.91, p value < 0.05) and TP (r

square = 0.89, p value < 0.05). These observations suggest that with a lowering of the in-lake nutrient concentrations the chlorophyll a concentrations will likewise decrease.

Invasive aquatic plants occur within Lake Bonny, (most notably hydrilla, water hyacinth, and water lettuce) and herbicide treatment is conducted at times to control the spread of these plants in the lake. This practice may enhance the cycling of nutrients within the lake, as the decomposition of dead plant material leads to the release of nutrients into the water column which can be a nutrient source for the phytoplankton community. Herbicide treatment information (acres treated and targeted vegetation) was obtained from the Polk County Parks and Natural Resources Office and compared to the lake chlorophyll *a* results, **Figure 5.6**. In general, since the year 2000, the herbicides have been applied to a relatively small lake area (only three of thirty-nine treatment events covered more than 10 percent of the lake surface area). There does not appear to be any strong relationship between herbicide applications and chlorophyll *a* results, however, after the July and August 2005 events, when more than 25 percent of the surface area was treated, higher chlorophyll *a* concentrations were observed.

Table 5.1 Water Quality Results at the Time of Phytoplankton Sampling on June 27, 2013.

		Qualifier
Parameter	Value	Code
Alkalinity (mg CaCO3/L)	63	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand-5 Day (mg/L)	3.5	
Chloride (mg Cl/L)	17	
Chlorophyll-a, Corrected (µg/L)	31	
Color - true (PCU)	26	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	7.98	
Fluoride (mg F/L)	0.33	
Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg N/L)	1.7	
NO2NO3-N (mg N/L)	0.006	I
O-Phosphate-P (mg P/L)	0.004	U
Organic Carbon (mg C/L)	15	
pH (SU)	8.34	
Phaeophytin-a (μg/L)	1.7	U
Sample Depth (m)	0.2	
Specific Conductance (umhos/cm)	196	
Sulfate (mg SO4/L)	5.8	
TDS (mg/L)	130	
Temperature (deg. C)	30.89	
Total-P (mg P/L)	0.031	
TSS (mg/L)	12	I
Turbidity (NTU)	5.6	

I - The reported value is greater than or equal to the laboratory method detection limit but less than the laboratory practical quantitation limit.

U - Indicates that the compound was analyzed for but not detected.

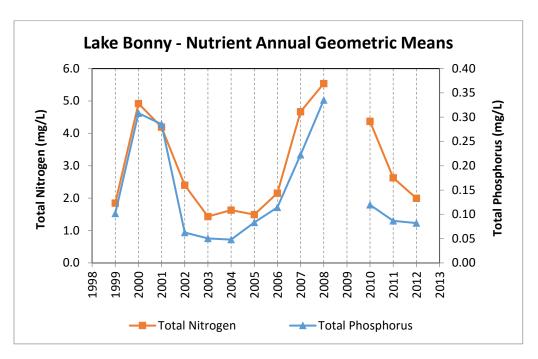


Figure 5.1 Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Annual Geometric Means in Lake Bonny.

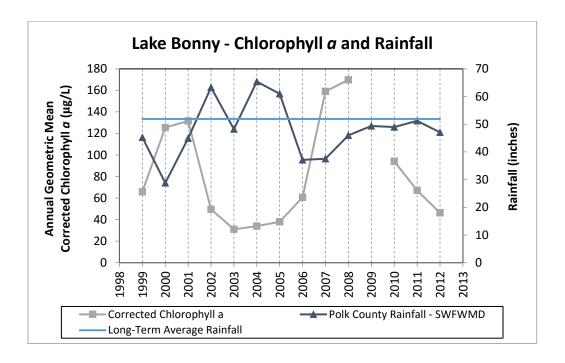


Figure 5.2 Lake Bonny Chlorophyll a Annual Geometric Means and Annual Rainfall.

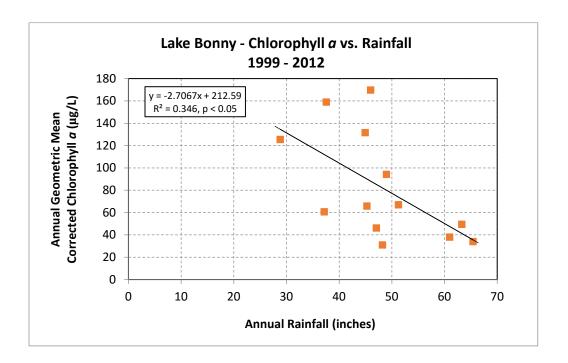


Figure 5.3 Relationship Between Lake Bonny Chlorophyll *a* Annual Geometric Means and Annual Rainfall.

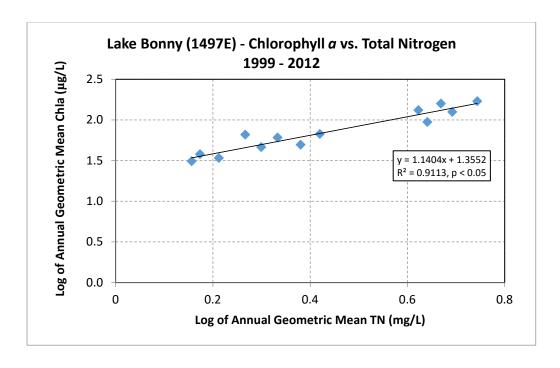


Figure 5.4 Relationship Between Annual Geometric Means of Chlorophyll *a* and Total Nitrogen in Lake Bonny.

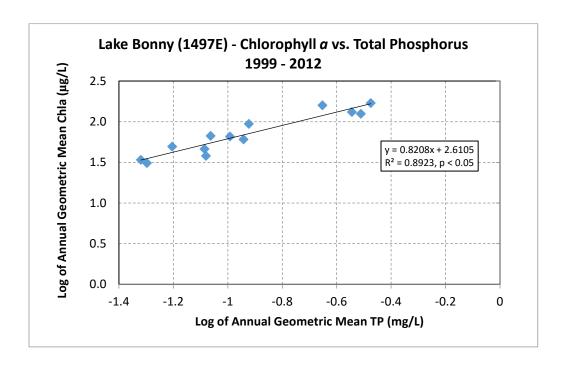


Figure 5.5 Relationship Between Annual Geometric Means of Chlorophyll *a* and Total Phosphorus in Lake Bonny.

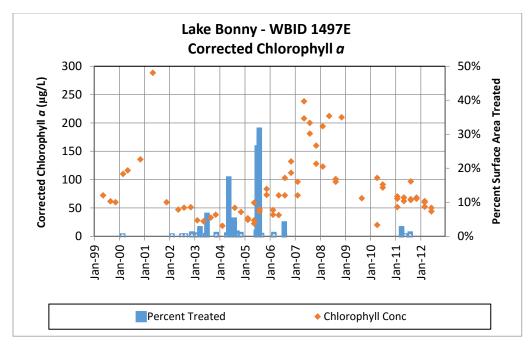


Figure 5.6 Lake Bonny Chlorophyll *a* Results and Lake Area Treated for Invasive Aquatic Plant Growth.

#### **5.3 The TMDL Development Process**

The method used for developing the nutrient TMDLs is a percent reduction approach, whereby the percent reductions in the existing lake TN and TP concentrations were calculated to meet the nutrient water quality targets. As discussed in Chapter 3, the NNC chlorophyll a threshold of 20  $\mu$ g/L, expressed as an annual geometric mean, was selected as the response variable target for TMDL development. To identify the TN water quality target, the regression equation explaining the relationship between annual geometric mean chlorophyll a and TN, **Figure 5.4**, was used to determine the TN concentration necessary to meet the chlorophyll a target of 20  $\mu$ g/L. An annual TN geometric mean of 0.89 mg/L results in a chlorophyll a annual geometric mean of 20  $\mu$ g/L.

The TP water quality target was derived in a different fashion to take into consideration the predisturbance inferred water quality from a paleolimnological study (Whitmore and Brenner, 2002). Although a significant relationship was found between annual geometric mean chlorophyll a and TP, **Figure 5.5**, the predicted TP concentration necessary to achieve the chlorophyll a target of 20  $\mu$ g/L, using the regression equation, is less than the TP results obtained from the paleolimnological study. The study estimated pre-disturbance average TP levels by applying two statistical models that are based on sedimented diatoms and calibrated using a large number of Florida lakes (Whitmore 1989, Line et al. 1994). The predicted average TP results from the maximum sediment depth analyzed, which equates to pre-disturbance conditions, were 32  $\mu$ g/L and 43  $\mu$ g/L, **Table 5.2**. The inferred water quality in the deepest sediments analyzed are believed to represent conditions at least 100 years ago. Using the regression equation, a TP concentration of 25  $\mu$ g/L results in a chlorophyll a concentration of 20  $\mu$ g/L. As FL regulations prevent the abatement of natural conditions, an alternative method is needed to identify the TP target. The higher value in the TP range from the paleolimnological results, 43  $\mu$ g/L, was selected as the TP target.

Since the pre-disturbance TP results represent an estimate of average conditions, a method was applied to relate averages to geometric means using the lake dataset applied in NNC development. Using all the state-wide lake TP data, which were applied in the development of the lake NNC thresholds, (Florida DEP, 2012), the comparison of average and geometric mean values shows that there is a strong linear relationship, **Figure 5.7**. The expression of this relationship in the form of an equation is: TP geometric mean = TP average \* 0.9373. In the case of Lake Bonny, the pre-disturbance average TP value is equivalent to a geometric mean of 40  $\mu$ g/L. For TMDL development, a TP value of 40  $\mu$ g/L expressed as a geometric mean is being applied as a water quality target.

Table 5.2 Lake Bonny Inferred Total Phosphorus
Concentrations from Sediment Collected July 19,
2001 (Whitmore and Brenner, 2002).

Depth in Sediment (cm)*	LGTROPHI Inferred P (µg/L)	LGTROPHI 95% CI (µg/L)	WACALIB Inferred P (μg/L)	Mean of Measured Total P (µg/L)
0	57	45-71	58	79 (range 59-99)
30	72	56-93	72	
60	31	26-36	68	
90	32	27-38	43	

<sup>\*</sup> Four samples, to a maximum depth of 90 cm, were analyzed in the sediment core in order to assure that predisturbance conditions were represented.

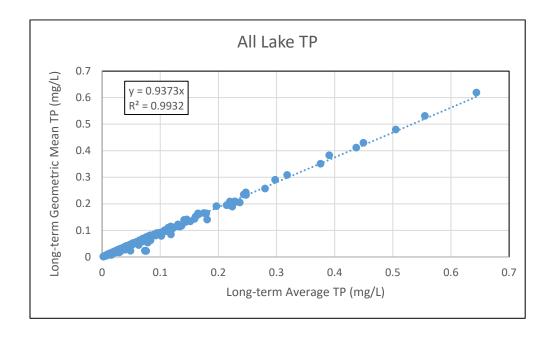


Figure 5.7 Relationship Between Total Phosphorus Annual Geometric Means and Averages (Arithmetic Means) from Lake Results Used in NNC Development.

Lake Bonny is expected to meet the applicable nutrient criteria and maintain its function and designated use as a Class III water when surface water nutrient concentrations are reduced to the target concentrations, which will address the anthropogenic contributions to the water quality impairment. The approaches used to establish the nutrient targets, address meeting the chlorophyll *a* target and take into consideration the estimated pre-disturbance conditions in the lake.

A multiple regression model, that relates TN and TP concentrations to chlorophyll *a* concentrations in Lake Bonny, provides further evidence to support that the selected nutrient

targets can achieve the chlorophyll a target of 20  $\mu$ g/L. The model was developed using log-transformed annual geometric means of corrected chlorophyll a, TN, and TP concentrations calculated from Polk County lake measurements recorded in the 1999 to 2014 period. The results of the multiple regression analyses are presented in **Appendix F**, and the resultant equation is as follows:

Log of Annual Geo Mean Chl a = 1.9 + 0.7 \* Polk Co. Sta. 1 TN Log of Annual Geo Mean + 0.4 \* Polk Co. Sta. 1 TP Log of Annual Geo Mean

Applying the TN and TP annual geometric mean TMDL targets in the equation, results in a chlorophyll a value of 20 µg/L.

Existing lake nutrient conditions used in establishing the TMDLs were the conditions measured in the 2002-2012 period. This period includes the entire Cycle 2 verified period and water quality in more recent years. The existing nutrient conditions used in the percent reduction calculation are the median values of the TN and TP annual geometric means that exceed the water quality targets. The geometric means were calculated from nutrient results available in IWR Database Run 48. All of the annual TN and TP geometric means in the 2002-2012 period exceed the water quality targets, **Table 5.3**. In this case, the use of the median of the geometric mean values is considered a conservative assumption for establishing reductions to address anthropogenic watershed runoff contributions because the lake results indicate that the chlorophyll *a* annual geometric means are inversely related to rainfall.

The equation used to calculate the percent reduction is as follows:

#### [measured exceedance – target] X 100 measured exceedance

The measured exceedances in this case are the medians of the TN and TP annual geometric mean values that exceed the water quality targets. For the existing geometric mean TN concentration of 2.46 mg/L to achieve the target concentration of 0.89 mg/L, a 64 percent reduction in the lake TN concentration is necessary. A 60 percent reduction in the existing annual geometric mean TP concentration of 0.10 mg/L is necessary to meet the target concentration of 0.04 mg/L. These nutrient TMDL values, which are expressed as annual geometric means, address the anthropogenic nutrient inputs which contribute to the exceedances of the chlorophyll *a* restoration target.

Table 5.3 Lake Bonny Nutrient Annual Geometric Means
Used to Calculate the Percent Reductions Needed
to Meet the Water Quality Targets.

Year	IWR Run 48 TN Annual Geometric Mean (mg/L)	IWR Run 48 TP Annual Geometric Mean (mg/L)
2002	2.60	0.10
2003	1.43	0.05
2004	ID	ID
2005	1.61	ID
2006	2.32	ID
2007	4.25	0.23
2008	5.67	0.36
2009	ID	ID
2010	ID	ID
2011	2.59	0.10
2012	2.06	0.09
Median	2.46	0.10

ID - Insufficient Data to Calculate Geometric Means per the Requirements of Rule 62-303.

#### **5.4 Critical Conditions**

The estimated assimilative capacity is based on annual conditions, rather than critical/seasonal conditions because (a) the methodology used to determine the assimilative capacity does not lend itself very well to short-term assessments, (b) the Department is generally more concerned with the net change in overall primary productivity in the segment, which is better addressed on an annual basis, and (c) the methodology used to determine impairment is based on annual conditions (annual geometric means or arithmetic means).

## **Chapter 6: DETERMINATION OF THE TMDL**

#### 6.1 Expression and Allocation of the TMDL

A TMDL can be expressed as the sum of all point source loads (wasteload allocations or WLAs), nonpoint source loads (load allocations or LAs), and an appropriate margin of safety (MOS) that takes into account any uncertainty about the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality:

As mentioned previously, the WLA is broken out into separate subcategories for wastewater discharges and stormwater discharges regulated under the NPDES Program:

TMDL 
$$\cong \sum \square WLAs_{wastewater} + \sum \square WLAs_{NPDES \ Stormwater} + \sum \square LAs + MOS$$

It should be noted that the various components of the TMDL equation may not sum up to the value of the TMDL because a) the WLA for NPDES stormwater is typically based on the percent reduction needed for nonpoint sources and is accounted for within the LA, and b) TMDL components can be expressed in different terms [for example, the WLA for stormwater is typically expressed as a percent reduction and the WLA for wastewater is typically expressed as a mass per day].

WLAs for stormwater discharges are typically expressed as "percent reduction" because it is very difficult to quantify the loads from MS4s (given the numerous discharge points) and to distinguish loads from MS4s from other nonpoint sources (given the nature of stormwater transport). The permitting of stormwater discharges is also different than the permitting of most wastewater point sources. Because stormwater discharges cannot be centrally collected, monitored and treated, they are not subject to the same types of effluent limitations as wastewater facilities, and instead are required to meet a performance standard of providing treatment to the "maximum extent practical" through the implementation of Best Management Practices.

This approach is consistent with federal regulations [40 CFR § 130.2(I)], which state that TMDLs can be expressed in terms of mass per time (e.g. pounds per day), toxicity, or **other appropriate measure**. The TMDLs for Lake Bonny are expressed in terms of nutrient concentration targets and the percent reductions for nonpoint sources necessary to meet the targets, **Table 6.1**, and represent the maximum lake nutrient concentrations the surface water can assimilate to meet the applicable nutrient criteria. The TMDLs will constitute the site specific numeric interpretation of the narrative nutrient criterion set forth in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), that will replace the otherwise applicable numeric nutrient criteria in subsection 62-302.531(2) for this particular water, pursuant to paragraph 62-302.531(2)(a) F.A.C.

Table 6.1. TMDL Components for Lake Bonny

WBID	Parameter	TMDL (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	WLA Wastewater (Ibs/year)	WLA NPDES Stormwater (% Reduction) <sup>2</sup>	LA (% Reduction) <sup>2</sup>	MOS
1497E	Total Nitrogen	0.89	NA	64%	64%	Implicit
1497E	Total Phosphorus	0.04	NA	60%	60%	Implicit

<sup>1</sup> Represents the annual geometric mean lake value that is not to be exceeded.

### 6.2 Load Allocation (LA)

A total nitrogen reduction of 64 percent and a total phosphorus reduction of 60 percent is required from nonpoint sources. It should be noted that the load allocation includes loading from stormwater discharges that are not part of the NPDES Stormwater Program.

### 6.3 Wasteload Allocation (WLA)

#### **6.3.1 NPDES Wastewater Discharges**

There are no NPDES wastewater facilities that discharge directly to Lake Bonny or its watershed. As such, a WLA for wastewater discharges is not applicable.

#### **6.3.2 NPDES Stormwater Discharges**

Polk County and Co- Permittees (FDOT District 1 and the City of Lakeland) are covered by a Phase I NPDES municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit (FLS000015) and areas within their jurisdiction in the Lake Bonny watershed may be responsible for a 64 percent total nitrogen reduction and a 60 percent total phosphorus reduction in current anthropogenic loading. It should be noted that any MS4 permittee is only responsible for reducing the anthropogenic loads associated with stormwater outfalls that it owns or otherwise has responsible control over, and it is not responsible for reducing other nonpoint source loads in its jurisdiction.

#### 6.4 Margin of Safety (MOS)

TMDLs must address uncertainty issues by incorporating a MOS into the analysis. The MOS is a required component of a TMDL and accounts for the uncertainty about the relationship between pollutant loads and the quality of the receiving waterbody [Clean Water Act, Section 303(d)(1)(c)]. Considerable uncertainty is usually inherent in estimating nutrient loading from nonpoint sources, as well as predicting water quality response. The effectiveness of

<sup>2</sup> As the TMDL represents a percent reduction, it also complies with EPA requirements to express the TMDL on a daily basis.

NA - Not Applicable

management activities (e.g., stormwater management plans) in reducing loading is also subject to uncertainty.

The MOS can either be implicitly accounted for by choosing conservative assumptions about loading or water quality response, or explicitly accounted for during the allocation of loadings. Consistent with the recommendations of the Allocation Technical Advisory Committee (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, February 2001), an implicit margin of safety (MOS) was used in the development of these TMDLs because of the conservative assumptions that were applied. The TMDLs were developed using water quality results from both high and low rainfall years during a period when lake chlorophyll *a* concentrations tended to be inversely related to rainfall.

# Chapter 7: NEXT STEPS: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND BEYOND

#### 7.1 Implementation Mechanisms

Following the adoption of a TMDL, implementation takes place through various measures. Implementation of TMDLs may occur through specific requirements in NPDES wastewater and municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) permits, and, as appropriate, through local or regional water quality initiatives or Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs).

Facilities with NPDES permits that discharge to the TMDL waterbody must respond to the permit conditions that reflect target concentrations, reductions, or wasteload allocations identified in the TMDL. NPDES permits are required for Phase I and Phase II MS4s as well as domestic and industrial wastewater facilities. MS4 Phase I permits require that the permit holder prioritize and take action to address a TMDL unless their management actions are already defined in a BMAP. MS4 Phase II permit holders must also implement responsibilities defined in a BMAP.

### 7.2 Basin Management Action Plans

BMAPs are discretionary and are not initiated for all TMDLs. A BMAP is a TMDL implementation tool that integrates the appropriate management strategies applicable through the existing water quality protection programs. The Department or a local entity may develop a BMAP that addresses some or all of the contributing areas to the TMDL waterbody.

Section 403.067, Florida Statutes, called the "Florida Watershed Restoration Act" provides for the development and implementation of BMAPs. BMAPs are adopted by the Secretary of the Department and are legally enforceable.

BMAPs describe the management strategies that will be implemented as well as funding strategies, project tracking mechanisms, water quality monitoring, as well as fair and equitable allocations of pollution reduction responsibilities to the sources in the watershed. BMAPs also identify mechanisms to address potential pollutant loading from future growth and development. The most important component of a BMAP is the list of management strategies to reduce the pollution sources, as these are the activities needed to implement the TMDL. The local entities that will conduct these management strategies are identified and their responsibilities are enforceable. Management strategies may include wastewater treatment upgrades, stormwater improvements, and agricultural best management practices.

Additional information about BMAPs is available at the following Department web site: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/bmap.htm

### 7.3 Implementation Considerations for Lake Bonny

In addition to addressing reductions in watershed pollutant contributions to impaired waters during the implementation phase, it may also be necessary to consider the impacts of internal sources (e.g., sediment nutrient fluxes or the presence of nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria) and the results of any associated remediation projects on surface water quality. In the case of Lake Bonny, the previous watershed and waterbody modeling effort and the recent phytoplankton monitoring suggest that other factors besides external loading inputs, such as sediment nutrient fluxes and/or nitrogen fixation, are also influencing the lake nutrient budgets and the growth of phytoplankton. Approaches for addressing these other factors should be included in a comprehensive management plan for the lake.

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# **Appendix A: Background Information on Federal and State Stormwater Programs**

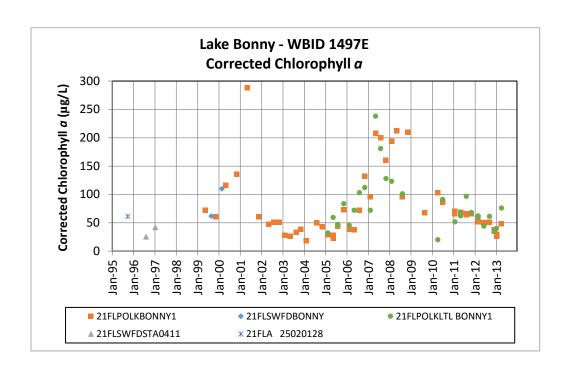
In 1982, Florida became the first state in the country to implement statewide regulations to address the issue of nonpoint source pollution by requiring new development and redevelopment to treat stormwater before it is discharged. The Stormwater Rule, as authorized in Chapter 403, F.S., was established as a technology-based program that relies on the implementation of BMPs that are designed to achieve a specific level of treatment (i.e., performance standards) as set forth in Chapter 62-40, F.A.C.

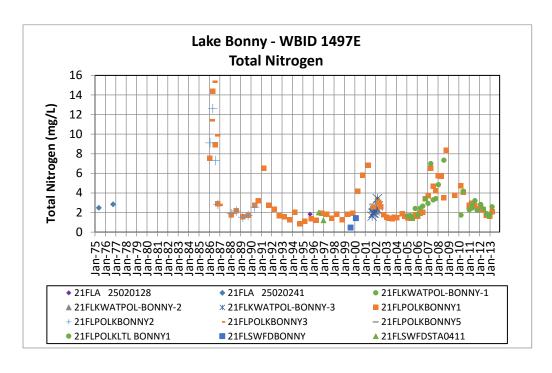
The rule requires the state's water management districts (WMDs) to establish stormwater pollutant load reduction goals (PLRGs) and adopt them as part of a SWIM plan, other watershed plan, or rule. Stormwater PLRGs are a major component of the load allocation part of a TMDL. To date, stormwater PLRGs have been established for Tampa Bay, Lake Thonotosassa, the Winter Haven Chain of Lakes, the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and Lake Apopka.

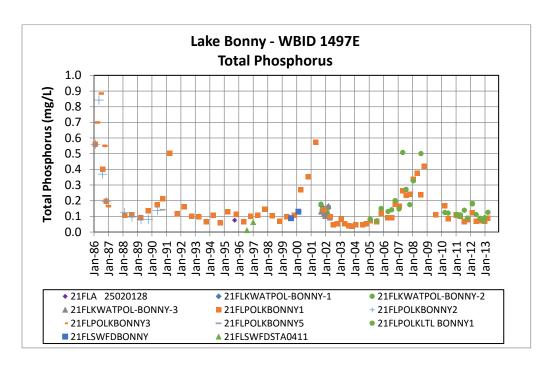
In 1987, the U.S. Congress established Section 402(p) as part of the federal Clean Water Act Reauthorization. This section of the law amended the scope of the federal NPDES stormwater permitting program to designate certain stormwater discharges as "point sources" of pollution. These stormwater discharges include certain discharges that are associated with industrial activities designated by specific Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes, construction sites disturbing five or more acres of land, and master drainage systems of local governments with a population above 100,000, which are better known as municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). However, because the master drainage systems of most local governments in Florida are interconnected, the EPA has implemented Phase 1 of the MS4 permitting program on a countywide basis, which brings in all cities (incorporated areas), Chapter 298 urban water control districts, and the Florida Department of Transportation throughout the fifteen counties meeting the population criteria.

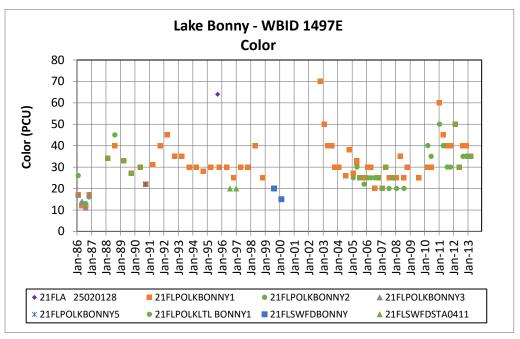
An important difference between the federal and state stormwater permitting programs is that the federal program covers both new and existing discharges, while the state program focuses on new discharges. Additionally, Phase 2 of the NPDES Program will expand the need for these permits to construction sites between one and five acres, and to local governments with as few as 10,000 people. These revised rules require that these additional activities obtain permits by 2003. While these urban stormwater discharges are now technically referred to as "point sources" for the purpose of regulation, they are still diffuse sources of pollution that cannot be easily collected and treated by a central treatment facility similar to other point sources of pollution, such as domestic and industrial wastewater discharges. The Department recently accepted delegation from the EPA for the stormwater part of the NPDES Program. It should be noted that most MS4 permits issued in Florida include a re-opener clause that allows permit revisions to implement TMDLs once they are formally adopted by rule.

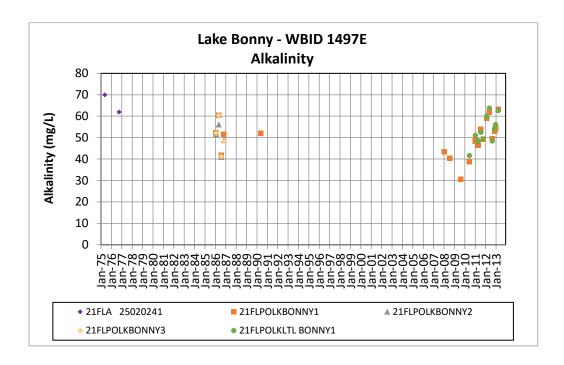
## **Appendix B: Graphs of Surface Water Quality Results**











# Appendix C: Lake Bonny Phytoplankton Results – Collected June 27, 2013

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Taxon Name	(# counted)	(# per mL)	Phylum (%)
Bacillariophyta	Bacillariophyta	Bacillariophyta	Bacillariophyta	Bacillariophyta	Bacillariophyta	16	5,869	5.3
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Chlorococcaceae	Chlorococcum	Chlorococcum humicola	1	367	0.0
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Zygnematales	Desmidiaceae	Closterium	Closterium gracile	1	367	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Crucigenia	Crucigenia tetrapedia	1	367	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Scenedesmus	Scenedesmus abundans	1	367	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Chlorococcaceae	Schroederia	Schroederia judayi	1	367	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Chlorococcaceae	Tetraedron	Tetraedron caudatum	1	367	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Volvocales	Chlamydomonadac eae	Chlamydomonas	Chlamydomonas	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Zygnematales	Desmidiaceae	Cosmarium	Cosmarium emarginatum	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Hydrodictyaceae	Pediastrum	Pediastrum obtusum	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Scenedesmus	Scenedesmus arcuatus	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Scenedesmus	Scenedesmus bijuga	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Scenedesmus	Scenedesmus dimorphus	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Zygnematales	Desmidiaceae	Staurastrum	Staurastrum	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Chlorococcaceae	Tetraedron	Tetraedron trigonum	2	734	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Actinastrum	Actinastrum gracilimum	3	1,101	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Oocystaceae	Ankistrodesmus	Ankistrodesmus falcatus	3	1,101	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Dictyosphaeriaceae	Botryococcus	Botryococcus braunii	3	1,101	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Oocystaceae	Oocystis	Oocystis	4	1,467	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Selenastrum	Selenastrum	4	1,467	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Chlorococcaceae	Tetraedron	Tetraedron regulare	4	1,467	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Chlorococcaceae	Tetraedron	Tetraedron minimum	5	1,834	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Scenedesmus	Scenedesmus quadricauda	7	2,568	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Oocystaceae	Chlorella	Chlorella	10	3,668	
Chlorophycota	Chlorophyceae	Chlorococcales	Scenedesmaceae	Crucigenia	Crucigenia rectangularis	10	3,668	24.9

						(#	(# per	Phylum
Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Taxon Name	counted)	mL)	(%)
Cryptophycophyt		Cryptomonadale						
а	Cryptophyceae	S	Cryptomonadaceae	Cryptomonas	Cryptomonas	2	734	0.7
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Merismopediaceae	Aphanocapsa	Aphanocapsa elachista	2	734	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Merismopediaceae	Aphanocapsa	Aphanocapsa planctonica	2	734	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Merismopediaceae	Merismopedia	Merismopedia tenuissima	3	1,101	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Oscillatoriales	Pseudanabaenace ae	Romeria	Romeria leopoliensis	3	1,101	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Microcystaceae	Microcystis	Microcystis aeruginosa	4	1,467	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Microcystaceae	Microcystis	Microcystis wesenbergii	5	1,834	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Nostocales	Nostocaceae	Aphanizomenon	Aphanizomenon	7	2,568	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Merismopediaceae	Merismopedia	Merismopedia warmingiana	8	2,935	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Synechococcaceae	Rhabdogloea	Rhabdogloea	15	5,503	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Oscillatoriales	Pseudanabaenace ae	Planktolyngbya	Planktolyngbya limnetica	18	6,603	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Nostocales	Nostocaceae	Cylindrospermopsi s	Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii	20	7,337	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Oscillatoriales	Pseudanabaenace ae	Planktolyngbya	Planktolyngbya contorta	20	7,337	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Oscillatoriales	Pseudanabaenace ae	Jaaginema	Jaaginema gracile	21	7,704	
Cyanophycota	Cyanophyceae	Chroococcales	Chroococcaceae	Synechocystis	Synechocystis	77	28,247	68.1
Pyrrophycophyta	Dinophyceae	Peridiniales	Glenodiniaceae	Glenodinium	Glenodinium	3	1,101	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Total	301	110,425	100

# **Appendix D: Water Quality Standards Template Document**

Table D-1. Spatial Extent of the Numeric Interpretation of the Narrative Nutrient Criterion: Documentation of location and descriptive information

Waterbody Location Information	<b>Description of Waterbody Location Information</b>
Waterbody Name	Lake Bonny
Waterbody Type(s)	Lake
Water Body ID (WBID)	WBID 1497E (See Figure 1)
Description	Lake Bonny is located inside the City of Lakeland, Polk County, Florida. The surface area of the lake is 249 acres and includes Little Lake Bonny, a small, once isolated seepage lake located along the southeastern part of the lake. The lake's watershed encompasses 1,197 acres. The average lake volume is 3.9 * 10 <sup>8</sup> gallons. The average depth of the lake is 3.0 ft., with a maximum depth of 11.2 ft. The lake outlet is connected to Lake Parker, which flows into upper Saddle Creek that in turn drains to Lake Hancock. Lake Hancock discharges to lower Saddle Creek, which along with the Peace Creek Drainage Canal, makes up the headwaters of the Peace River.
Specific Location (Latitude/ Longitude or	The center of Lake Bonny is located at N: 28 <sup>o</sup> 2'20"/ W: -81 <sup>o</sup>
River Miles)	55'30". The site specific criteria apply as a spatial average for the lake, as defined by WBID 1497E.
Мар	The general location of Lake Bonny and its watershed are shown in Figure 1, and the land uses of the watershed are shown in Figure 2 (provided at the end of this document). Land use is predominately urban, with approximately 40 percent of the land area developed into medium and high density residential areas. Other urban land uses include institutional land use (8.6 percent) and recreational land use (4.4 percent). Surface waters and wetlands combined cover 33 percent of the watershed, with wetlands, located primarily along the west shore of the lake, representing approximately 13 percent of the area.
Classification(s)	Class III Freshwater
Basin Name (HUC 8)	Peace River Basin (03100101)

Table D-2. Description of the Numeric Interpretation of the Narrative Nutrient Criterion: Provides specific list of parameters/constituents for which state numeric nutrient criteria are adopted, site specific numeric interpretation are proposed; Provides sufficient detail on magnitude, duration, and frequency to ensure criteria can be used to verify impairment or delisting in the future; Indicates how criteria developed are spatially and temporally representative of the waterbody or critical condition

<b>Numeric Interpretation of Narrative</b>	Parameter Information Related to Numeric Interpretation of
<b>Nutrient Criterion</b>	the Narrative Nutrient Criterion
Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC)	Lake Bonny is low color (≤ 40 Platinum Cobalt Units) and high
Summary: Default Nutrient Watershed	alkalinity (> 20 mg/L CaCO3), and the default NNC, which are
Region or Lake Classification (if	expressed as Annual Geometric Mean (AGM) concentrations not
applicable) and corresponding numeric	to be exceeded more than once in any three year period, are
nutrient criteria	Chlorophyll a (Chla) of 20 µg/L, total nitrogen (TN) of 1.05
	mg/L – 1.91 mg/L, and total phosphorus (TP) of 0.03 mg/L –
	0.09 mg/L.
Proposed TN, TP, chlorophyll a, and/or	Numeric Interpretations of the Narrative Nutrient Criterion:
nitrate+nitrite (Magnitude, Duration, and	TN = 0.89  mg/L, expressed as an annual geometric mean lake
Frequency)	concentration not to be exceeded in any year.
	TP = 0.04 mg/L, expressed as an annual geometric mean lake
	concentration not to be exceeded in any year.
	Establishing the frequency as not to be exceeded in any year
	ensures that the chlorophyll a NNC, which is protective of the
	designated use, is achieved.
Period of Record Used to Develop the	The TN criterion is based on application of an empirical model
Numeric Interpretations of the Narrative	developed using data from the 1999-2012 period. The primary
Nutrient Criterion for TN and TP Criteria	dataset for this period is the IWR Run 48 database.
	The results of a paleolimnological study of Lake Bonny were
	used to derive a TP concentration target because the empirical
	model relating chlorophyll a to TP resulted in a TP
	concentration less than background conditions. The
	paleolimnological results are presented in the following
	document:
	Whitmore, T.J., and M. Brenner. 2002. Paleolimnological Characterization of Pre-disturbance Water Quality Conditions in
	EPA-Defined Florida Lake Regions. Final Report to the Florida
	Department of Environmental Protection. Gainesville, Florida:
	University of Florida, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic
	Sciences.

### **Numeric Interpretation of Narrative Nutrient Criterion**

Indicate how criteria developed are spatially and temporally representative of the waterbody or critical condition

Are the stations used representative of the entire extent of the WBID and where the criteria area apply? In addition, for older TMDLs, an explanation of the representativeness of the data period is needed (e.g., has data or information become available since the TMDL analysis?). These details are critical to demonstrate why the resulting criteria will be protective as opposed to the otherwise applicable criteria (in cases where a numeric criterion is otherwise in effect unlike this case).

# Parameter Information Related to Numeric Interpretation of the Narrative Nutrient Criterion

The water quality results applied in the analysis spanned the 1999 - 2012 period, which included both wet and dry years. The annual average rainfall for 1999-2012 was 48.2 inches/year. The years 2000, 2006, and 2007 were dry years, 2009 to 2011 were average years, and 2002, 2004, and 2005 were wet years.

Figure 3 (below) shows the sampling stations in Lake Bonny. The Polk County data collected near the center of the lake at station 21FLPOLKBONNY1 were used to develop the regression equations relating nutrient concentrations to chlorophyll *a* levels. The majority of data were collected at this Polk County monitoring station; results collected at other lake sampling locations were similar to the results observed there.

Water quality data for variables relevant to TMDL development are presented in graphs in the Appendix of the Lake Bonny TMDL report.

Table D-3. Designated Use, Verified Impairment, and Approach to Establish Protective Restoration Targets: Summary of how the designated use(s) are demonstrated to be protected by the criteria; Summarizes the review associated with the more recent data collected since the development of the TMDL, and evaluates the current relevance of assumptions made in the TMDL development (most likely applicable for existing TMDLs that are subsequently submitted as changes to WQS); Contains sufficient data to establish and support the TMDL target concentrations or resulting loads

<b>Designated Use Requirements</b>	Information Related to Designated Use Requirements
History of assessment of designated use support.	Lake Bonny was initially verified as impaired during the Cycle 1 assessment (the verified period was January 1, 1997, to June 30, 2004) due to excessive nutrients because the Trophic State Index (TSI) threshold of 60 was exceeded using the methodology in the Identification of Impaired Surface Waters Rule (IWR) (Chapter 62-303, F.A.C.). As a result, the lake was included on the Cycle 1 Verified List of impaired waters for the Sarasota Bay-Peace River-Myakka River Basin that was adopted by Secretarial Order on June 17, 2005. During the Cycle 2 assessment (verified period of January 1, 2002, to June 30, 2009), the impairment for nutrients was documented as continuing, as the TSI threshold of 60 was exceeded.
	Based on an analysis of the data from 2002 to 2012 in IWR Database Run 48, the results indicate that Lake Bonny would not attain the default lake NNC for chlorophyll <i>a</i> , TN, and TP for low color, high alkalinity lakes, and thus remains impaired for nutrients.
Quantitative indicator(s) of use support	A Chla value of 20 µg/L was selected as the response variable target for use in establishing the nutrient TMDLs. This target is based on information in the Department's 2012 document titled, Technical Support Document: Development of Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Florida Lakes, Spring Vents and Streams, which demonstrates a Chla threshold of 20 µg/L is protective of designated uses for low color, high alkalinity lakes.
Summarize Approach Used to Develop Criteria and How it Protects Uses	The methods utilized to address the nutrient impairment included a) the development of regression equations that relate the lake TN and TP concentrations to the annual geometric mean chlorophyll <i>a</i> levels, and b) the evaluation of paleolimnological results to refine the water quality target for total phosphorus consistent with pre-disturbance conditions.
	The criteria are expressed as maximum annual geometric mean concentrations not to be exceeded in any year. Establishing the frequency as not to be exceeded in any year ensures that the chlorophyll <i>a</i> NNC, which is protective of the designated use, is achieved.

<b>Designated Use Requirements</b>	Information Related to Designated Use Requirements		
Discuss how the TMDL will	The method indicated that the Chla concentration target for the		
ensure that nutrient related parameters are	lake will be attained at the TMDL in-lake TN concentration,		
attained to demonstrate that the TMDL	frequency and duration, while taking into consideration the		
will not negatively impact other water	estimated pre-disturbance phosphorus condition in the lake. The		
quality criteria. These parameters must be	Department notes that there were no impairments for nutrient-		
analyzed with the appropriate frequency	related parameters (such as DO or unionized ammonia). The		
and duration. If compliance with 47(a) is	proposed reductions in nutrient inputs will result in further		
not indicated within the TMDL, it should	improvements in water quality.		
be clear that further reductions may be			
required in the future.			

Table D-4. Documentation of the Means to Attain and Maintain WQS of Downstream Waters

Downstream Waters Protection and	Information Related to Downstream Waters Protection and
Monitoring Requirements	Monitoring Requirements
Identification of Downstream Waters: List receiving waters and identify technical justification for concluding downstream waters are protected.	Lake Parker and Saddle Creek are the nearest downstream waters to Lake Bonny. The Lake Bonny watershed comprises only 8 percent of the Lake Parker basin area. The existing Lake Bonny watershed TN and TP loads are only 9 percent and 7 percent, respectively, of the Lake Parker basin total nutrient loadings.
	The Lake Bonny nutrient concentration targets of 0.89 mg/L for TN and 0.04 mg/L for TP are less than the West Central Nutrient Watershed Region thresholds of 1.65 mg/L for TN and 0.49 mg/L for TP that are applicable to Saddle Creek. The West Central Nutrient Watershed Region stream thresholds, expressed as annual geometric means, may be exceeded once in a three year period and are higher than the annual geometric mean lake TMDL nutrient targets. Since the TMDL nutrient targets are lower than the stream nutrient thresholds for the area and are expressed as a frequency of "not to be exceeded in any year" the TMDL targets are clearly protective of the applicable stream thresholds.
	The reductions in nutrient concentrations prescribed in the TMDL are not expected to cause nutrient impairments downstream and will actually result in water quality improvements to downstream waters.
Provide summary of existing monitoring and assessment related to implementation of rule 62-302.531(4) and trends tests within Chapter 62-303, F.A.C.	Polk County conducts routine monitoring of Lake Parker, approximately four times per year. Future monitoring results from waters downstream of Lake Bonny, and from Lake Bonny itself, will be used to assess the effect of the established site specific numeric interpretation of the narrative nutrient criterion on the lake.

Table D-5. Documentation to Demonstrate Administrative Requirements Are Met

Administrative Requirements	Information for Administrative Requirements
Notice and comment notifications	A public workshop was conducted by the Department on March 26, 2014 in Bartow, Florida to obtain comments on the draft nutrient TMDLs for four lakes in the Peace River Basin, including Lake Bonny. The workshop notice indicated that these nutrient TMDLs, if adopted, constitute site specific numeric interpretations of the narrative nutrient criterion set forth in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., that would replace the otherwise applicable numeric nutrient criteria in subsection 62-302.531(2) for these particular waters, upon paragraph 62-302.531(2)(a), F.A.C., becoming effective.  No formal public comments were received at the workshop. In addition, a 30 day comment period was provided to allow opportunity for the general public to submit written comments to the Department. No formal comments were received related to the establishment of the TMDLs as the site specific interpretation of the narrative nutrient criteria or on the TMDLs themselves.
Hearing requirements and adoption format used; Responsiveness summary	The Notice of Proposed Rule for this TMDL was published in the Florida Administrative Register on November 26, 2014. No requests for a hearing were received during the 21-day challenge period. The rule for this TMDL, subsection 62-304.625(13), F.A.C., became effective on February 19, 2015.
Official submittal to EPA for review and GC Certification	The TMDLs were officially submitted to EPA on June 30, 2015.

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Figure 1. Location of the Lake Bonny Watershed in West Central Polk County, Florida

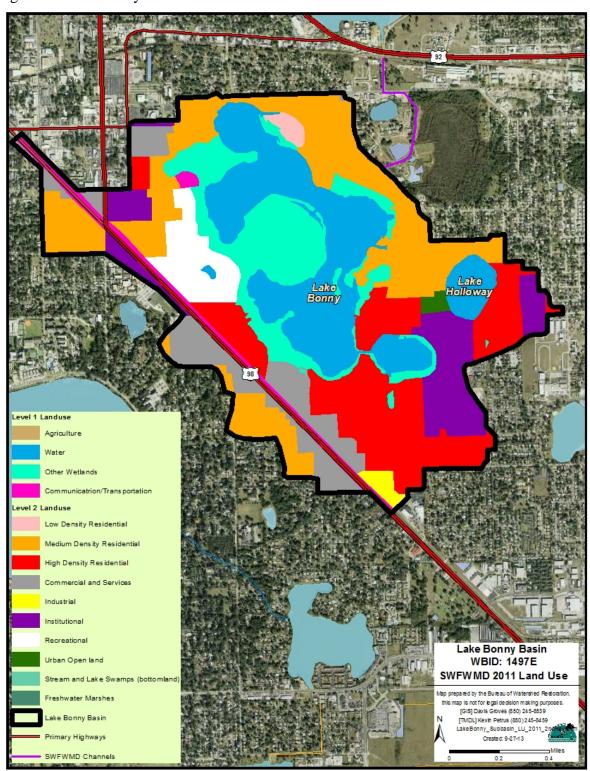
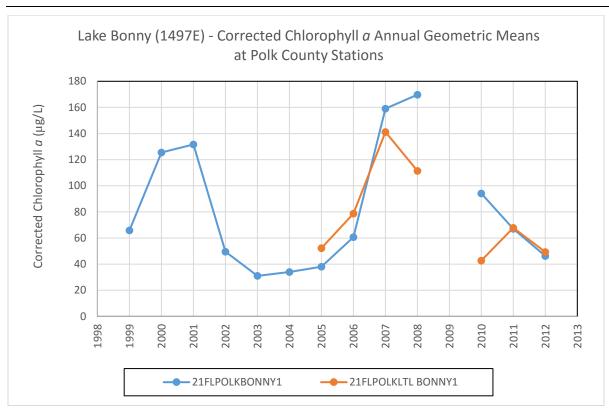


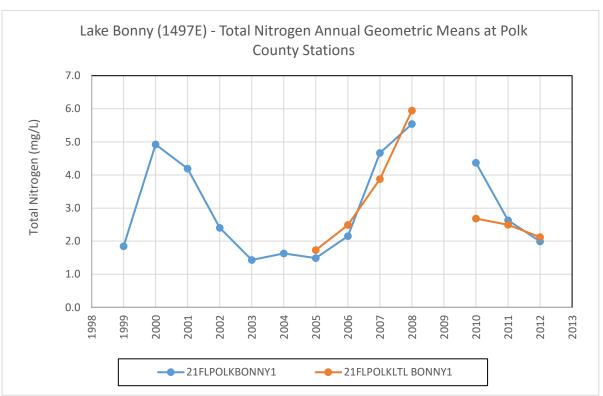
Figure 2. Lake Bonny Watershed Land Use

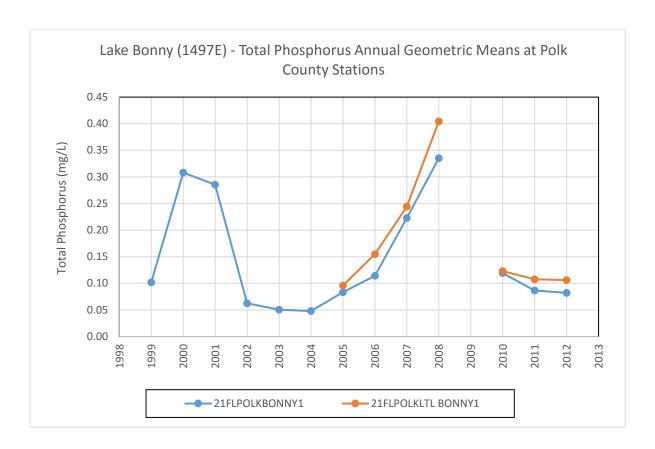
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Figure 3. Lake Bonny Sampling Stations.

## **Appendix E: Polk County Stations Annual Geometric Means**



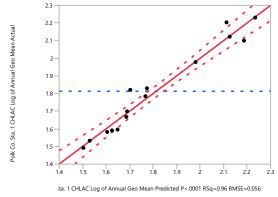




## **Appendix F: Lake Bonny Multiple Regression Model Results**

Response Polk County Station 1 CHLAC Log of Annual Geometric Mean: Lake Bonny 1999-2014 Results Whole Model





### **Summary of Fit**

RSquare	0.958172
RSquare Adj	0.9512
Root Mean Square Error	0.055978
Mean of Response	1.812925
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	15

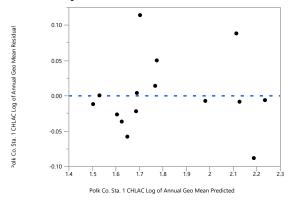
### **Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of	Mean Square	F Ratio
		Squares	•	
Model	2	0.86135569	0.430678	137.4433
Error	12	0.03760195	0.003133	Prob > F
C. Total	14	0.89895764		<.0001*

#### **Parameter Estimates**

Term	Estimate	Std Error	t Ratio	Prob> t	VIF
Intercept	1.9449335	0.16715	11.64	<.0001*	
Polk Co. Sta. 1 TN Log of Annual Geo Mean	0.6601247	0.155471	4.25	0.0011*	4.5549467
Polk Co. Sta. 1 TP Log of Annual Geo Mean	0.4192488	0.111551	3.76	0.0027*	4.5549467

### **Residual by Predicted Plot**



### **Prediction Expression**

1.9 + 0.7 \* Polk Co. Sta. 1 TN Log of Annual Geo Mean + 0.4 \* Polk Co. Sta. 1 TP Log of Annual Geo Mean

### Lake Bonny Annual Geometric Means Used in the Multiple Regression Model

Year	Polk County Sta. 1 CHLAC Annual Geometric Mean (µg/L)	Polk County Sta. 1 TN Annual Geometric Mean (mg/L)	Polk County Sta. 1 TP Annual Geometric Mean (mg/L)
1999	65.8	1.85	0.102
2000	125.4	4.92	0.308
2001	131.6	4.19	0.285
2002	49.5	2.40	0.062
2003	31.0	1.43	0.050
2004	34.0	1.63	0.048
2005	38.0	1.49	0.083
2006	60.7	2.15	0.114
2007	159.0	4.67	0.223
2008	169.7	5.54	0.335
2009			
2010	94.2	4.37	0.119
2011	67.1	2.63	0.086
2012	46.3	1.99	0.082
2013	39.0	1.82	0.077
2014	38.8	1.98	0.059

