Overview and Impact of Florida Senate Bill 64 on the State's Water Disposal Options

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Summary of Senate Bill 64

- Became part of Florida Statutes 403.064 and 403.892
- Intent is to decrease the volumes of domestic wastewater released to surface water; promote alternative water supplies and potable reuse
- Establishes timelines for utilities to meet

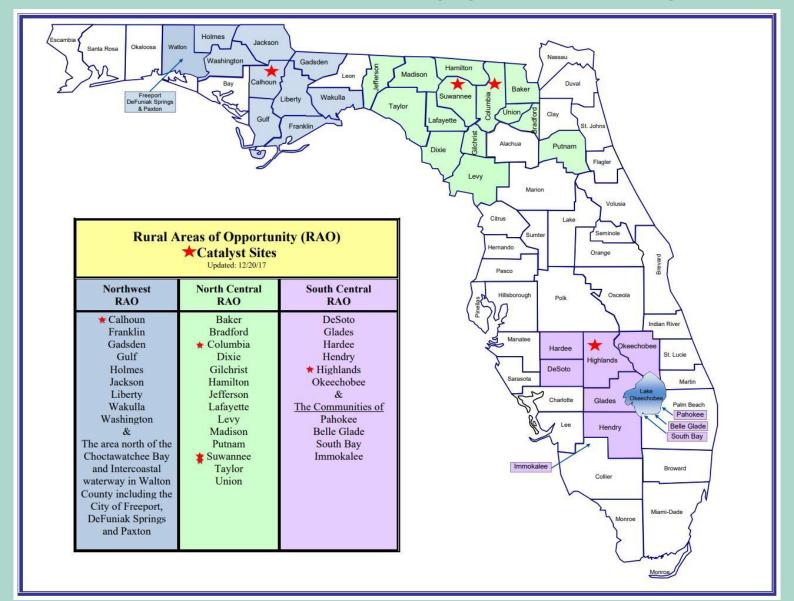


Required Dates to Meet

- November 1, 2021 Submit plan to FDEP for elimination of nonbeneficial surface water discharges
- DEP approves or denies plan 9 months after submittal
- January 1, 2028 Surface water discharge to cease if first 2 bullets not met
- January 1, 2032 Utility must fully implement plan
- December 31, 2023 MOA between FDEP and water management districts for coordinated review of indirect potable reuse projects
- Exceptions for fiscally challenged counties, low volume operations



Rural Areas of Opportunity





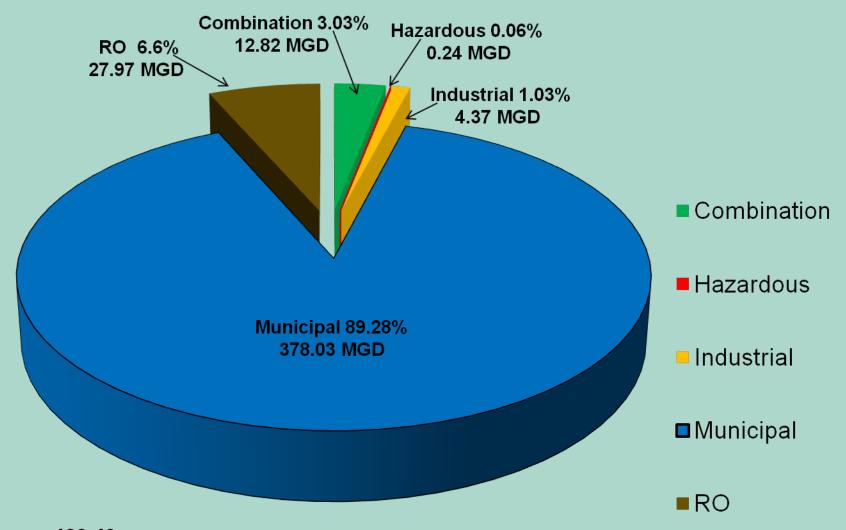
Alternatives to Surface Discharge

- Reduce flow to wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)
 - Repair / upgrade sewer transport piping (I & I)
 - Reduce stormwater input to WWTP
 - Water conservation efforts

- Alternate discharge sites
 - Reclaimed water for green spaces, industrial uses, etc.
 - Recharge / ASR in USDWs
 - Deep well injection

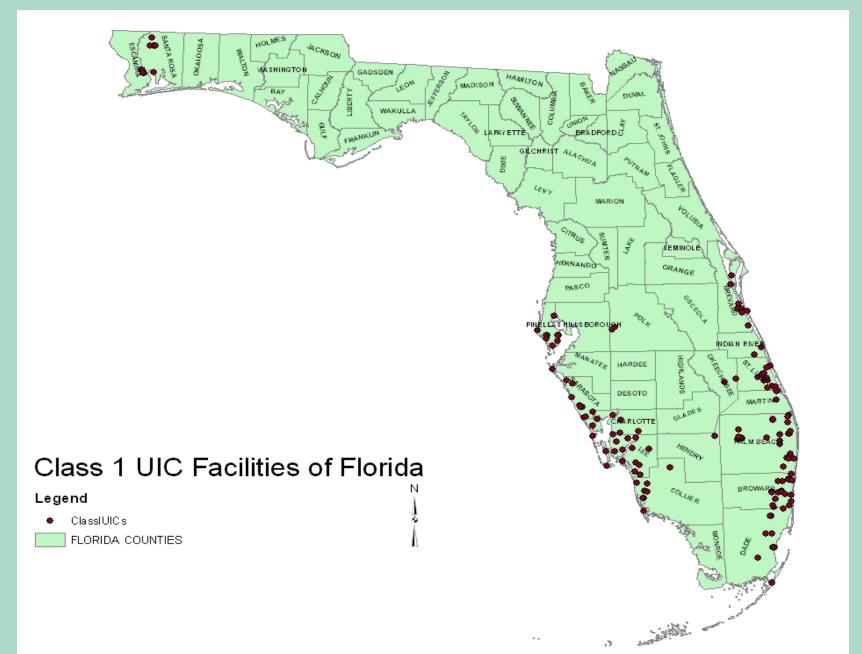


Annual Average Daily Flow to Class I Injection Wells - 2008



Total: 423.43 MGD







Funding

- Taxes
- Loans and Grants
 - FDEP
 - Water Management Districts
 - Federal

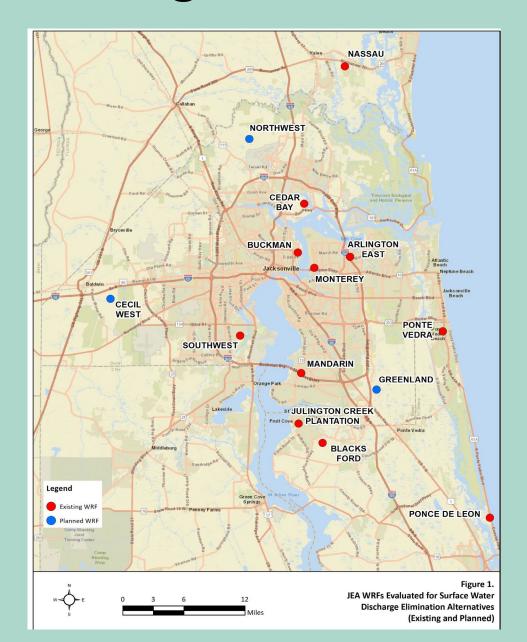


Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)

- JEA has 7 water reclamation facilities (WRFs) planning to inject or reuse water currently discharged to surface water
- Will direct 52 million gallons per day (mgd) to deep injection wells and 18.4 mgd to indirect potable reuse



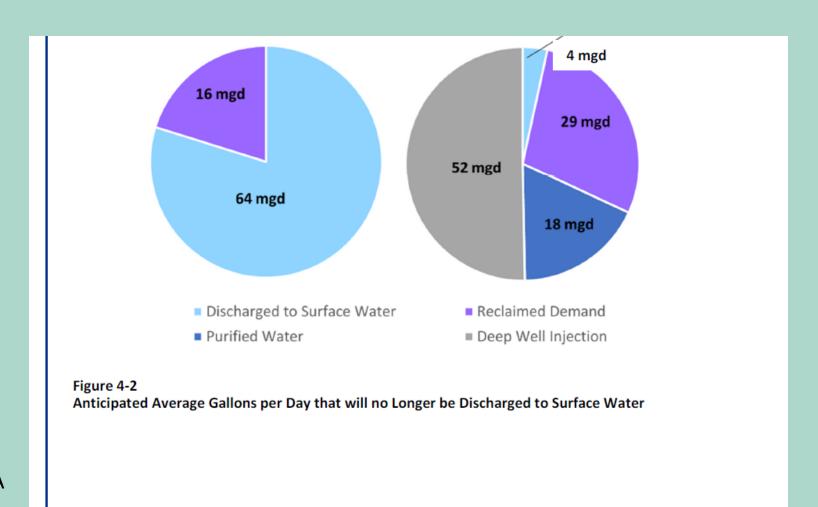
JEA, Existing and Planned WRFs





Source: CDM Smith

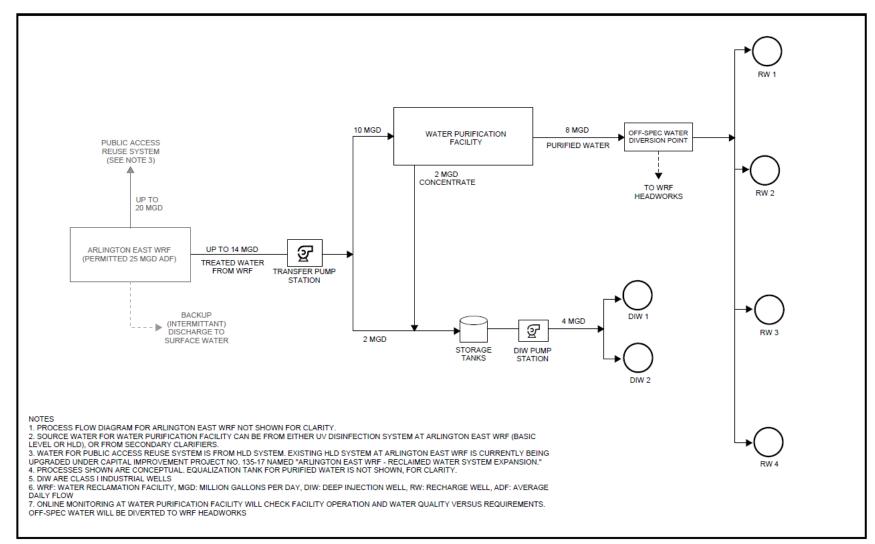
JEA, Elimination of Surface Water Discharge



Source: CDM Smith, JEA



JEA Arlington East WRF Proposed Process Flow Diagram

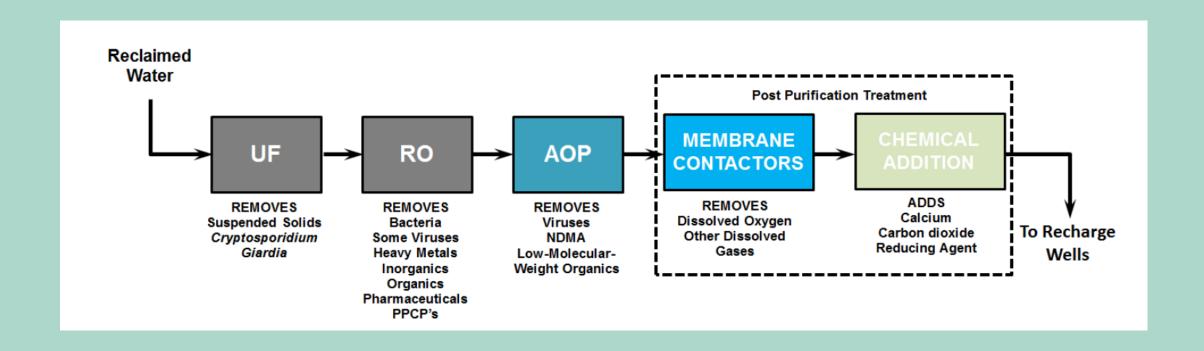








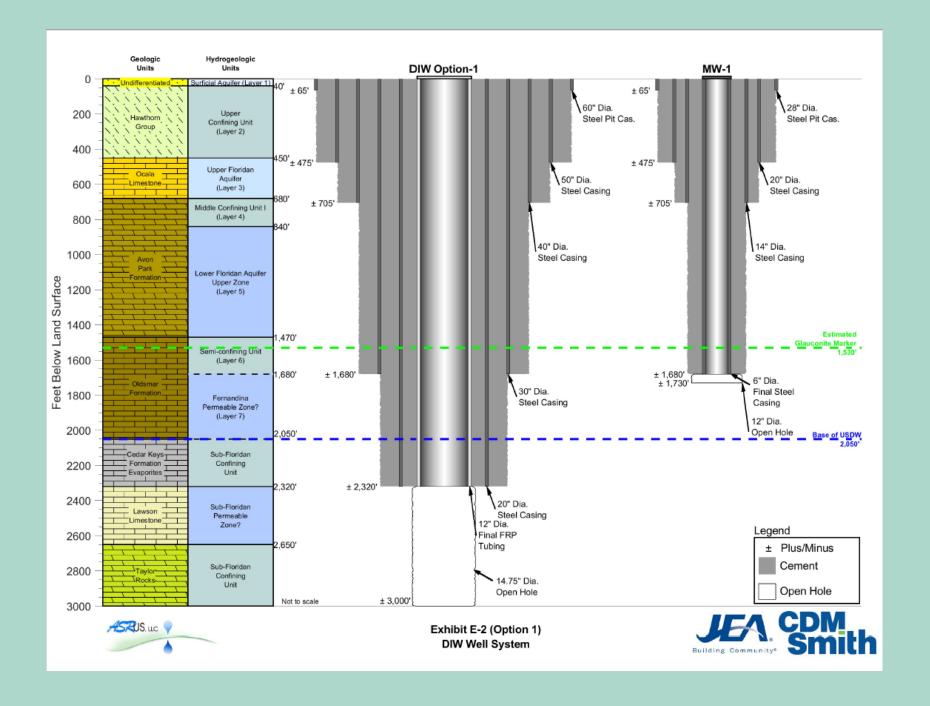
Water Purification Process



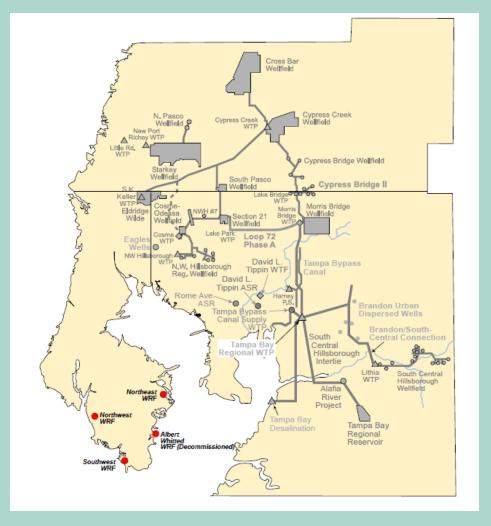


Source: Tetra Tech

Planned Well Completion, JEA



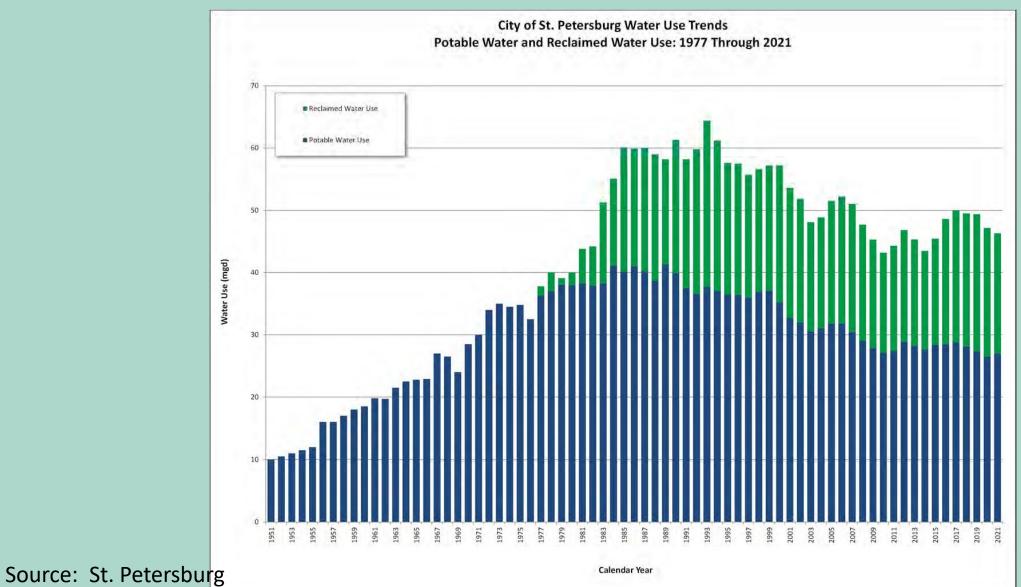
St. Petersburg WRFs and Injection Wells



Source: Tampa Bay Water and CH2M

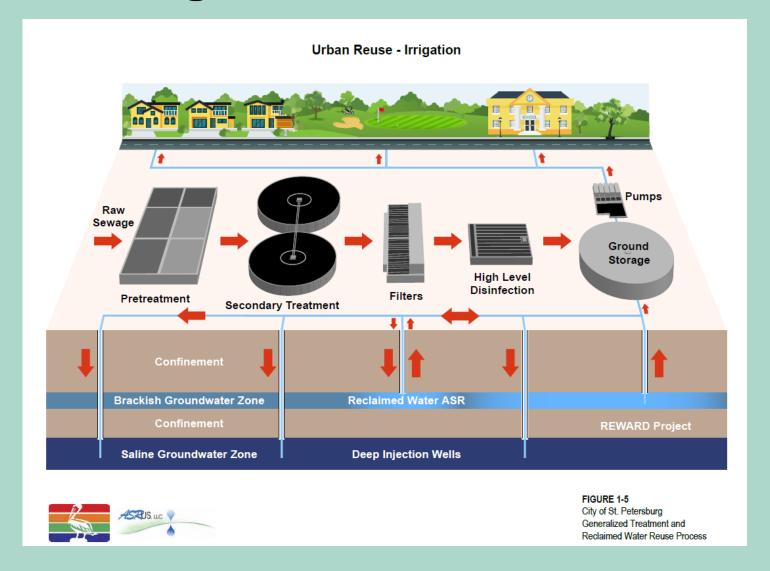


St. Petersburg, Use and Reuse of Water





St. Petersburg WRF Treatment and Reuse



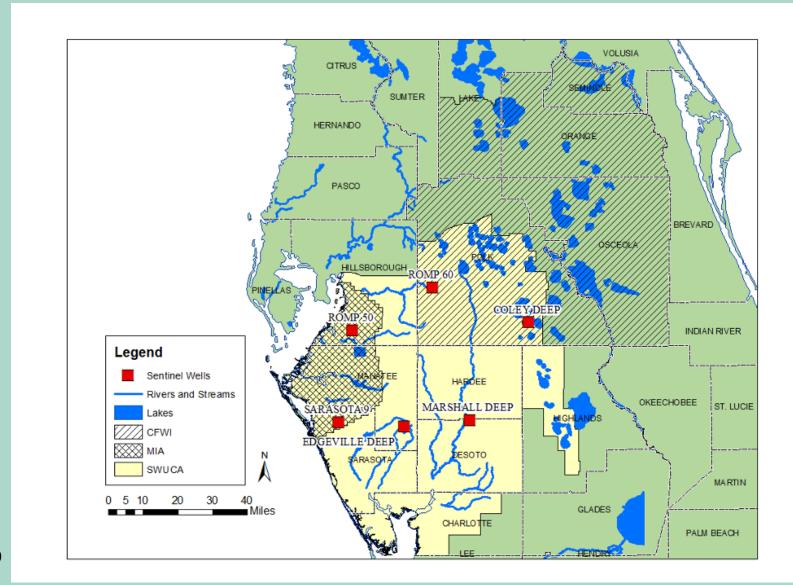


South Hillsborough Aquifer Recharge Program (SHARP)

- Hillsborough County, Saltwater Barrier System
- Six recharge wells located in the Most Impacted Area (MIA) of the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) in the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)



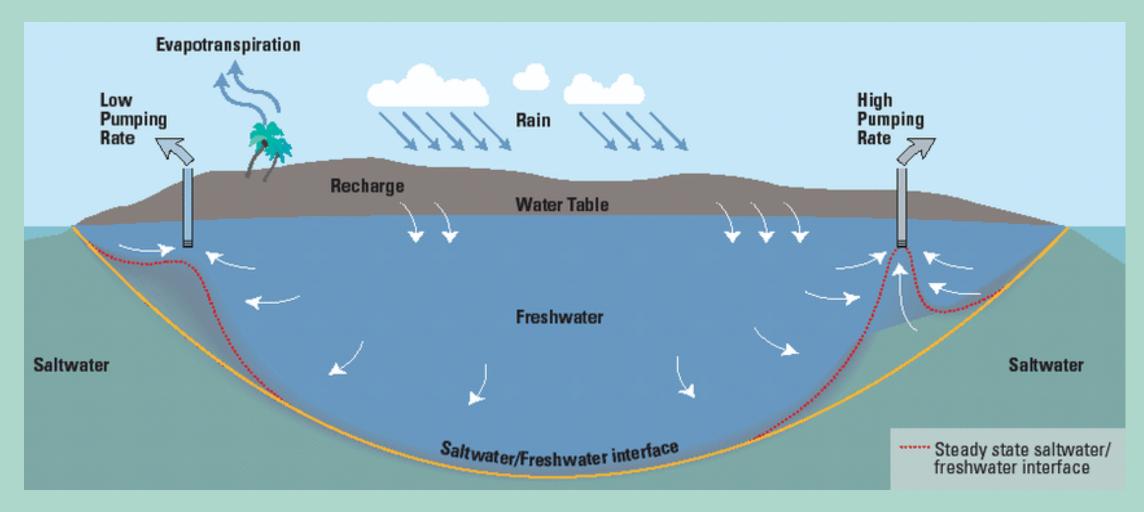
SWFWMD Impacted Areas





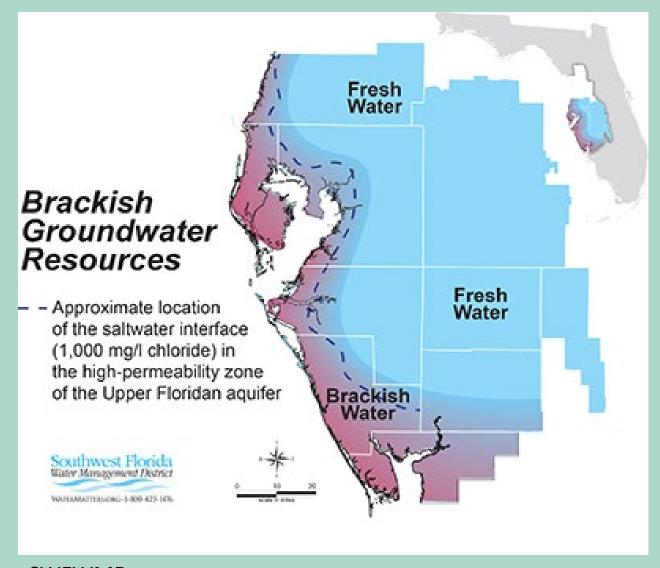
Source: SWFWMD

Peninsular Florida, General Setting





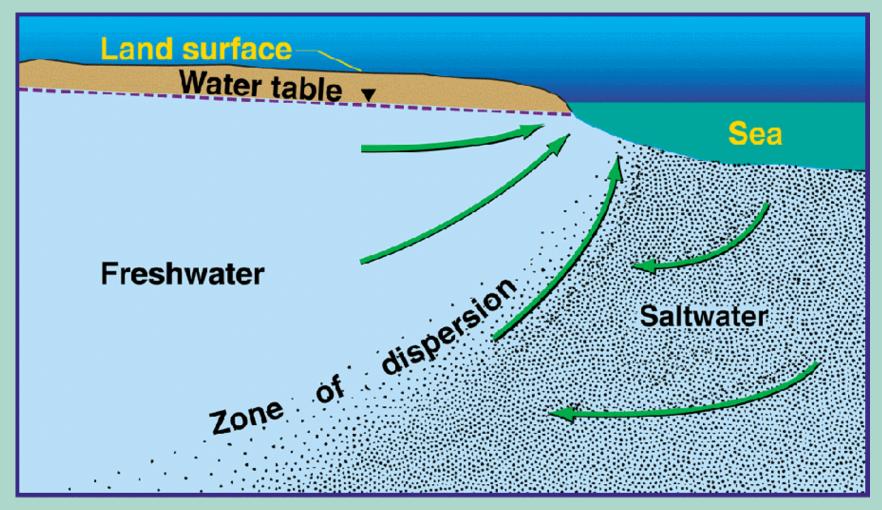
SW Florida Saltwater Intrusion





Source: SWFWMD

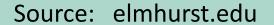
Coastal Fresh / Salt Water Interface



Source: U.S. Geological Survey

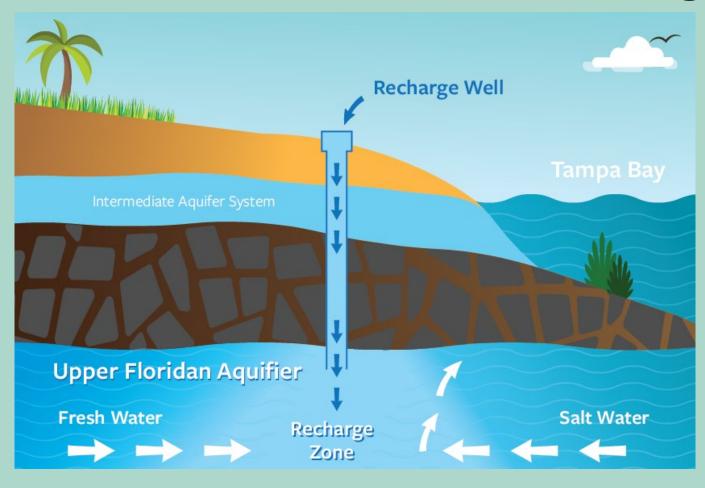


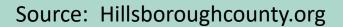
Salt Water Intrusion in Coastal Areas Excess pumping Well of fresh contaminated water with salt water <u>.original</u> water table <u>lowered</u> water table Fresh graundwater aquifer Salt Water orignal salt salt water water intrusion interface C. Ophardt c.1997





Hillsborough County General Groundwater Setting







Water Levels in the SWUCA

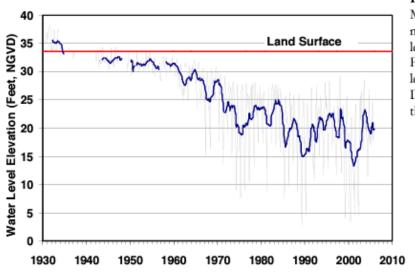


Figure 2-6.
Monthly and 12-month
moving average water
levels in the Upper
Floridan aquifer water
levels in the Sarasota 9
Deep well located east of
the city of Sarasota.

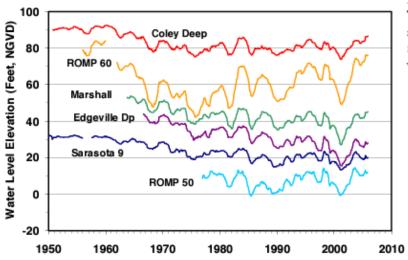
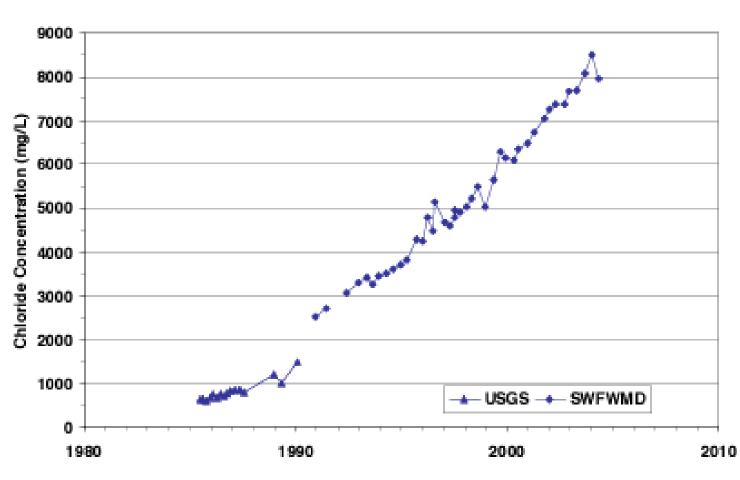




Figure 2-7.

Twelve-month moving average water levels from long-term monitor wells in the SWUCA.

Chloride Concentration in Affected Monitor Well Floridan Aquifer, SWUCA



Chloride concentration versus time in the ROMP TR 9-3 observation well, which monitors water quality changes in the highly productive Avon Park Formation of the Floridan aquifer system (well location shown in Figure 9).



Locations of Hillsborough County Recharge Projects





Source: Hillsborough County, Highlighted CIP Projects, Aquifer Recharge Projects

SHARP Recharge Well Locations

Source: Hillsborough County Recharge Well Application 2017





The Florida Ocean Outfall Statute

- Adopted in 2008
- Eliminates most domestic wastewater discharge to marine waters in SE Florida
- Requires 60% of the annual average discharges to be reused (irrigation, aquifer recharge, etc.)
- The remainder must be disposed of; deep injection wells



Remaining Ocean Outfall Locations





Number of Class I Injection Wells Source: USEPA 2021 State Inventory

- Total Florida Class I wells 294 (all non-hazardous)
- Other States TX 163, WY 93, KS 63, CA 54, MI 43, LA 34
- Total Nationally 743 Non-hazardous, 136 hazardous
- Florida has 40% of non-hazardous wells, 33% of all wells
- Florida's % of all Class I wells expected to increase



Injection Well Drilling Costs

- Variables
 - Drilling Contractor difficulty getting
 - Well Location
 - Site Conditions
 - Material Costs (may change quickly)
 - Number of Qualified Contractors
 - Well Depth, Number and Depths of Casings
 - Well Testing
 - Regulations (State, Local)



Class I Injection Well, Manatee County





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