

LAKE ASSESSMENT REPORT

ISLAND HEATHROW

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Lake assessments are being conducted to contribute physical and ecological data to the Atlas as a collaborative effort between project partners. The goal is to rapidly assess many of the lakes in the county and thus provide stakeholders a better understanding of the character of the lake, its shore, and the aquatic plants present there. These data are intended to assist in the future management of the lake and its watershed.

The first section of the report provides the results of the bottom mapping effort: a contour (bathymetric) map of the lake, area, volume and depth statistics, and the water level at the time of assessment (if available).

The second section provides the results of the ecological (vegetation) assessment conducted on the lake. These results can be used to better manage vegetation in the lake. A list is provided with the different plant species found at various sites around the lake. Potentially invasive, exotic (non-native) species are identified in a plant list and the percent of exotics is presented in a summary table. The results of this study are compared with other lakes in the watershed.

The intent of the assessment is to provide a starting point from which to track changes in the lake. These data can provide the information needed to determine changes and to monitor trends in physical condition and ecological health of the lake.

I. Physical Data – Area, Depth, Volume, & Bottom Contours

The bottom of the lake was mapped using a Global Positioning System (GPS) to determine the boat's position, and a depth-finder to provide depth associated with that measured position. The result is an estimate of the lake's area, mean and maximum depths, and volume (Table 1) and the creation of a bottom contour map. *NOTE: This map is for recreational purposes only.*

Table 1. Physical Characteristics of the Lake

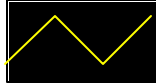

Surface Area (acres):	13
Mean Depth (feet):	3.9
Maximum Depth (feet):	9.2
Volume (gallons):	16,133,375



The lake assessments are created in partnership with Seminole County and the Florida Center for Community Design and Research. If you have any questions, please use the "Contact Us" form on the Seminole Atlas Website (www.seminole.wateratlas.org).

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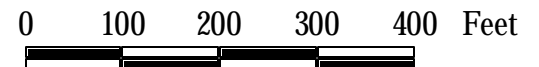
-  Contour Lines
Expressed in
2-Foot Intervals
-  Estimated Lake
Perimeter

EXPLANATION:

Assessment Date: August 15, 2002
Lake water level was 41.25 feet
above sea level when the lake was
assessed. Contours are expressed in
absolute depth below this level and may
not exclude the presence of submersed
aquatic vegetation.

DATA SOURCES:

Seminole County 1999 color aerials
provided by Seminole County Public
Works. All contours generated by
Florida Center for Community Design
and Research based on GPS/Sonar
data provided by the Seminole County
Stormwater Division.



II. Ecological Data - Aquatic Plant Survey

Approximately equispaced sites (typically ten or more) are mapped around the lake and the aquatic plants at each site are surveyed. The total number of species from all sites is used to approximate the total diversity of aquatic plants and the percent of invasive-exotic plants on the lake and in the watershed (Table 2). Many of these plants are considered ecologically harmful, as they tend to out-compete beneficial native species. Such “nuisance” plants can also make boating and other recreational activities difficult or impossible. The common and scientific names of plant species found on your lake are listed in Table 3.

Table 2. Comparison of species diversity between the lake and other assessed lakes located within the same watershed

	<u>Lake</u> ISLAND HEATHROW (Average)	<u>Watershed</u> Soldiers Creek
Number of Taxa:	26	24
Percent Exotic Plants:	12%	16%

Table 3. Botanical and common names of the most commonly found plants on the lake. Percent frequency (of occurrence), habit (location where found), status (native or exotic), and EPPC status are provided

Common Name	Scientific Name	Frequency	Habit	Status	EPPC
Algal Mats, Floating	Algal spp.	83%	Floating	Unknown	Unknown
American White Water Lily, Fragrant Water	Nymphaea odorata	83%	Floating	Native	NL
Yellow-eyed Grass	Xyris spp.	83%	Emergent	Native	NL
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	67%	Emergent	Native	NL
Carolina Redroot	Lachnanthes caroliniana	67%	Emergent	Native	NL
Peruvian Primrosewillow	Ludwigia peruviana	67%	Emergent	Exotic	NL
Torpedo Grass	Panicum repens	67%	Emergent	Exotic	I
Maidencane	Panicum hemitomon	50%	Emergent	Native	NL
Pickereel Weed	Pontederia cordata	50%	Emergent	Native	NL
Carolina Willow	Salix caroliniana	50%	Emergent	Native	NL
Fragrant Flatsedge	Cyperus odoratus	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Baldwin's Spikerush, Roadgrass	Eleocharis baldwinii	33%	Submersed	Native	NL
Southern Umbrellasedge	Fuirena scirpoidea	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Cattails	Typha spp.	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Asian Pennywort, Coinwort	Centella asiatica	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Buttonweed	Diodia virginiana	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Manyflower Marshpennywort, Water Penny	Hydrocotyl umbellata	17%	Emergent	Native	NL

Creeping Primrosewillow, Red Ludwigia	Ludwigia repens	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Banana Lily, Big Floatingheart	Nymphoides aquatica	17%	Floating	Native	NL
Pine Tree	Pinus spp.	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Beaksedge, Beakrush	Rhynchospora spp.	17%	Emergent	Unknown	NL
Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Para Grass	Urochloa mutica	17%	Emergent	Exotic	I