

LAKE ASSESSMENT REPORT

OAK FOREST LAKE

7 /3 /2002

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

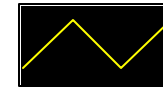
Surface Area (acres):	8
Mean Depth (feet):	3.4
Maximum Depth (feet):	8.5
Volume (gallons):	8,858,269



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).

Oak Forest Lake

Section - Township - Range
12-21-30



Contour Lines
Expressed in
1-Foot Intervals



Estimated Lake
Perimeter

EXPLANATION:

Assessment Date: July 3, 2002.

Lake water level was 48.26 feet above sea level when the lake was assessed.

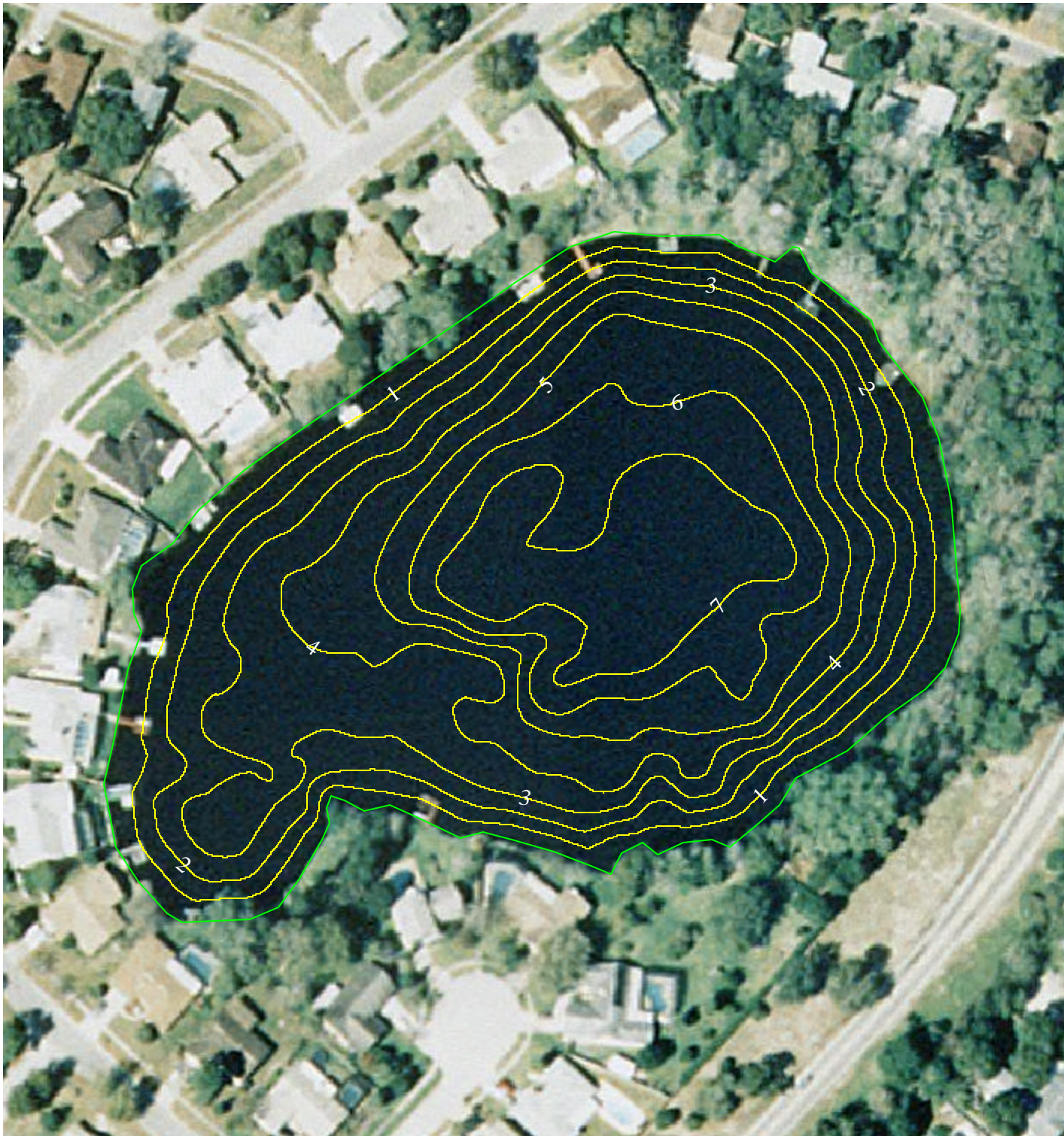
Contours are expressed in absolute depth below this level and may not exclude the presence of submersed aquatic vegetation.

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.



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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> OAK FOREST LAKE	<u>Watershed</u> Little Lake Howell
	(Average)	
Number of Taxa:	17	26
Percent Exotic Plants:	18%	10%

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.	100%	Floating	Unknown	Unknow
Spattdock, Yellow Pondlily	Nuphar lutea	83%	Floating	Native	NL
Torpedo Grass	Panicum repens	83%	Emergent	Exotic	I
Alligator Weed	Alternanthera philoxeroides	67%	Emergent	Exotic	II
Creeping Primrosewillow, Red Ludwigia	Ludwigia repens	50%	Emergent	Native	NL
Yerba De Tajo	Eclipta alba	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Baldwin's Spikerush, Roadgrass	Eleocharis baldwinii	33%	Submersed	Native	NL
Manyflower Marshpennywort, Water Penny	Hydrocotyl umbellata	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Dahoon Holly	Ilex cassine	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Maidencane	Panicum hemitomon	33%	Emergent	Native	NL
Asian Pennywort, Coinwort	Centella asiatica	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Duckweed	Lemna spp.	17%	Floating	Native	NL
Peruvian Primrosewillow	Ludwigia peruviana	17%	Emergent	Exotic	NL
Manatee Mudflower, Baby's Tears	Micranthemum glomeratum	17%	Submersed	Native	NL
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	17%	Emergent	Native	NL
Marsh St. John's Wort	Triadenum virginicum	17%	Emergent	Native	NL