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Lake County Water Atlas unveils comprehensive list of springs

TAVARES – The Lake County Department of Environmental Utilities, Water Quality Services Division, unveiled last week a comprehensive listing of springs located in Lake County on the Lake County Water Atlas, www.lake.wateratlas.usf.edu.

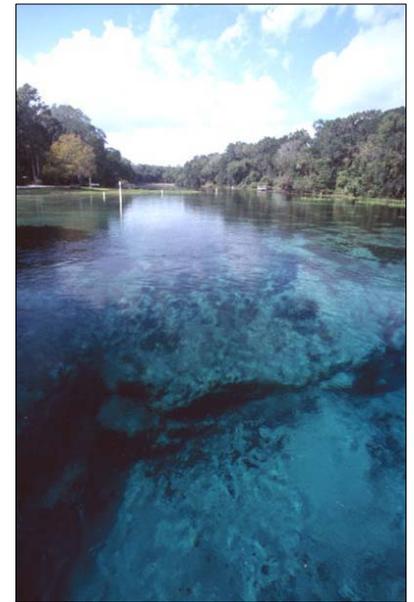
“After many years of planning, the Lake County Water Atlas now contains information on more than 30 springs in Lake County,” said Walter Wood, Senior Hydrologist with the Lake County Water Quality Services Division.

For an overview of the springs located in Lake County, log on to the Water Atlas Web page at www.lake.wateratlas.usf.edu/ResourceOverview.aspx?wb=spring. The atlas includes spring locations, photographs, descriptions and utilizations. If the spring is available for public use, contact information is provided. However, for the springs located on private property, contact information is not provided in order to discourage trespassing. All available sampling results, including discharge (flow) measurements and water quality analysis, are also available for viewing or download.

“Both historic and recent photographs are provided,” Wood said. “We also solicit citizen photos of local springs.”

Other new features of the redesigned Water Atlas include upcoming event listings, such as lake cleanups and fishing tournaments; a searchable digital library that catalogs documents, links and data under specific topics; real-time weather information; stormwater infrastructure mapping; and seamless connectivity with surrounding counties that have atlases, including Orange, Polk, Seminole and Volusia.

Lake County partnered with the Lake County Water Authority to improve the Lake County Water Resource Atlas. It is a "one-stop" site for all of Lake County's water resource-related data. The University of South Florida's Center for Design and Research developed the site, which provides citizens and environmental professionals with current and historical water quality data. Other information provided on the atlas includes maps of Lake County lakes, rivers and parks; historical aerial photography; water quality and levels for many lakes and streams and flow for many streams; educational information about water quality; and volunteer opportunities, such as the Lake County Department of Environmental Utilities' Adopt-a-Lake Program.



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