

**CITY OF DUNNELLON  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

DATE: January 06, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
PLACE: City Hall  
20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:40 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance then called for a moment of silence. Marylin Welch provided the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members answered present at roll call:  
Nathan Whitt, Mayor, Seat 1  
Dennis Evans, Vice-Mayor, Seat 2  
Chuck Dillon, Councilman, Seat 3  
Walter Green, Councilman, Seat 4  
Penny Fleeger, Councilwoman, Seat 5

**STAFF PRESENT**

Eddie Esch, City Manager  
Dawn Bowne, City Clerk  
Lt. Spicher, MCSO  
Troy Slattery, Interim Fire Chief  
Jan Smith, Finance Department  
Lynn Wyland, Staff Assistant

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Andrew Hand  
Shepard, Smith & Cassady

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Mrs. Bowne announced for the record the agenda for this meeting was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on Monday, January 4, 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – BOARD REPORTS**

Hugh Lochrane, Chair of the UAB, provided his report and a copy of the preliminary agenda for the next board meeting scheduled for January 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Councilman Dillon provided his report for the 125 Anniversary Committee. He stated the next meeting will be on January 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. He said the groundbreaking ceremony for the proposed park is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – DUNNELLON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

There was none.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Penny Lofton discussed the success of the past year's events. She stated the Chamber of Commerce "Mixer" is scheduled for January 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at BubbaQues and would be a good opportunity to come out and meet the new Directors. Mrs. Lofton stated on January 29, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a ribbon cutting and tour of the new Heart of Florida Health Center, located at 19204 E. Pennsylvania Avenue. Mrs. Lofton stated the Chamber is moving forward with bringing the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Dunnellon and a \$500 donation has been received. Mrs. Lofton said the first planning meeting for Boomtown Days is scheduled for January 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – HEART OF FLORIDA HEALTH CENTER COMES TO DUNNELLO – RICH MUTARELLI**

Rich Mutarelli, CEO, provided background of the Center and stated it is a federally qualified health center. He said this Center is their eighth location in Marion County and invited all to the ribbon cutting and a tour of the facility.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PRESENTATION – VERONICA CRAW**

Veronica Crow provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council and staff regarding the Rainbow River SWIM Plan. She said in 1987, the Florida Legislature created the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Act to protect, restore and maintain Florida's highly threatened surface water bodies. The presentation is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Ms. Crow requested Council's support in the form of a resolution. She presented an example of the resolution Marion County adopted on December 1, 2015.

She explained the Plan has been approved by the management committee and the steering committee and will be going to the governing board at their March meeting for approval. She invited all to attend the March meeting which will be held in Brooksville.

Comments were received from the following:

- Vice-Mayor Evans
- Bill Vibbert

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CDBG WATERMAIN EXTENSION CONTRACTOR BID #BID2015-08 RESULTS AND AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Esch explained this watermain extension project went out to bid and several were received. The low bid was received from GWP Construction at \$458,382.60. The budgeted amount for this project is \$513,000.

Council and staff engaged in brief discussion regarding the timeline and the required documents to be provided to DEO.

Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – AGREEMENT #AGR2016-01, LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ANDREW HAND WITH SHEPARD, SMITH & CASSADY, P.A.**

Attorney Hand said in order to avoid any conflict of interest, he would not be serving as the assistant to the attorney for the duration of this discussion.

He said the contract is exactly the same as the contract provided to Attorney Cassady, with his rates substituted. He explained the following additional language inserted in Paragraph 3.9(G): “This paragraph does not prevent the Attorney, in his or her discretion, from having one-on-one contact with City Council member(s) when such contact is needed in the best interests of the City.” He said he added this language in the event of any type of emergency, when administration is not available, so he may at his discretion, contact City Council members and provide advice.

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the following paragraphs: 3.6, 3.9, 4.6 & 5.9.

Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – AGREEMENT #AGR2016-09, LIGHTING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY**

Mr. Esch explained there is no lighting on the south side of the Police Department building. He said a pole is already at this site and a light can be added. He said he is bringing this agreement before Council, not because of the costs, but because the agreement is for ten (10) years. Mr. Esch said there is a seventeen dollar (\$17) deposit required and a monthly cost of \$8.26. He said this agreement will cover electricity and maintenance.

Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – ORDINANCE #ORD2016-01, CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREA**

Mr. Esch explained the Planning Commission reviewed other local ordinances and adopted some of the contents in this ordinance from the Marion County and Maitland regulations. He said this ordinance would allow chickens to be kept in single family residences and the Planning Commission decided on the number of six (6) chickens, based on the sizes of the lots.

Councilman Green had question regarding Page 5, Line 192, of the ordinance, and said it states: “A maximum of four (4) chickens”, etc. Mr. Esch stated this number was amended to six (6) chickens.

Mr. Esch stated this ordinance was presented tonight for Council’s review only. He said this will go before the Planning Commission in January to determinate whether the ordinance is consistent with the Comp Plan. He stated the ordinance would then come back to Council for consideration.

Council and staff engaged in a brief discussion regarding the fifty dollar (\$50) permit fee. It was Council's consensus to recommend the Planning Commission review and eliminate the permit fee.

Council discussed revisiting the City's fee structure. Mr. Esch stated after the holidays he would like to have a workshop to discuss revenues, which should include the fee structures.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT #AGR2015-34 WITH MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR TEMPORARY ASSUMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Esch explained this agreement with Marion County's Sheriff's Department is basically duplicating the one we had with Lt. Spivey, with the exception of the cost reduction due to Lt. Spicher being based locally in the Rainbow Springs Office.

Councilman Dillon recommended pulling this item from the consent agenda. He proceeded to explain his reasoning for voting to appoint Public Safety Director. He said it was based on having a lieutenant in the Police Department and the Fire Department. He said if the City had both lieutenants in place, he is not sure we would be spending the money we are now. He stated after reviewing the Police Chief applications, he said there were a several applicants that could possibly serve as a Public Safety Director.

Mr. Esch stated he fully agreed with Councilman Dillon and with the concept. He said some things happened internally creating the need to go in another direction.

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the number and quality of the applicants the City received for the Police Chief position. Mr. Esch explained he is establishing a panel to review the applications. He said this panel would eliminate local influence and they would be objective.

Councilman Green asked Lt. Spicher about his observations at the Police Department.

Lt. Spicher provided Council his observations and some of the procedures and actions he would implement. He discussed the possibility of establishing a volunteer reserve unit program.

Lt. Spicher said he contacted the Marion County's Sheriff's Office IT Department they have agreed to assist Dunnellon's Police Department with their computer issues. He said the only cost would be for parts.

Mr. Esch explained IT for the Police Department is under separate contract and independent of the City's system. He said the contract is approximately \$14,400 and is up for renewal. He said this was budgeted but it will not be necessary to renew.

Council agreed to place this item on the regular agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – AGREEMENT #AGR2016-08, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MARION COUNTY**

Mayor Whitt said the City signs a mutual aide agreement with Marion County annually.

Mrs. Bowne explained the format of the agreement has changed and now requires only the Mayor's signature. She said this agreement along with the following agreements in Agenda Item No. 12 will be reoccurring agreements and will not require annual renewals unless there is a change of the Sheriff.

Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – VOLUNTARY COOPERATION/OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING: #AGR2016-02, CITY OF BELLEVIEW; AGR2016-03, CITY OF WILLISTON; #AGR2016-04, CITY OF OCALA; #AGR2016-05, LEVY CO.; #AGR2016-06, CITRUS CO. AND #AGR2016-07, MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY**

Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13– PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joan Duggins, 19867 SW 88<sup>th</sup> Loop, Rainbow Springs, commented on Item No. 10.

Kathryn Taubert, 19436 SW 101<sup>st</sup> Place Rd., Rainbow Springs, commented on the proposed Chicken Ordinance.

Paul Marraffino, 19544 SW 82<sup>nd</sup> Place Rd., Rainbow Springs, thanked Mrs. Bowne for placing the Comprehensive Plan on the City's website.

Council and staff engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the Rainbow River, DEP and SWFWMD.

Bill Vibbert, 9552 SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Court Rd., Rainbow Springs, discussed the SWIM Plan and the Rainbow River.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14– COUNCIL COMMENTS**

***Responsibilities of the Mayor – Councilman Dillon***

Councilman Dillon explained there are certain issues he feels strongly about regarding the Rainbow River. He said because Mayor Whitt attends/sits on committees regarding the Rainbow River, he is informed and knows what is happening with the rivers, with the aquifer and such. Councilman Dillon asked Mayor Whitt to inform Council when he intends to make recommendations to the State or County so Council has the opportunity to provide input. Councilman Dillon said he is concerned about the capacity of tubers on the Rainbow River. He said if that's going to be discussed during those meetings, he would like the Mayor to report back to Council.

Mayor Whitt said he was asked by Jeff Sowards from DEP to serve on the Rainbow Springs Aquatic Preserve committee. He explained Mr. Sowards required a public official in order to meet protocol. He said he attended a good round table and interesting discussion. He said the capacity issue continues to come up year after year. Mayor Whitt stated he was only asked for informational purposes and no decisions were made that day. He said if there had been, he could not make a decision on behalf of Council.

Mayor Whitt discussed what the County has been doing to combat this. He said they have funded an off-duty officer at the bridge, which has removed the chaos from that area. He said they have also provided a patrol boat on the river on the weekends. He said due to manpower and financial issues the City has not been able to fund the boat patrol but he is hopeful the City will in the future. He said the bigger issue is the new state administration “yanked the guns” from DEP and their ability to actually be officers. He said now Governor Scott has now combined FWC in with DEP. He said the County keeps trying to make the right decisions and try to limit the capacity at KP Hole Park. Mayor Whitt said he would like to see a lot of that happen at the State level. He said the State is not doing that yet. He said the number is still the biggest issue on that high pressure stretch of the river during the ninety (90) days from Memorial to Labor Day. He said he agrees with Councilman Dillon and there needs to be a number.

Councilman Dillon told Mayor Whitt he heard the committee was discussing the current capacity and he would like to have some input in those discussions.

Mayor Whitt explained he didn't know there was going to be a discussion about numbers/capacity and assumed it was more about nitrogen, preservation, native plant revival and such, which he is passionate about.

Council and staff engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the DEP and the SWIM Plan.

Bill Vibbert, 9552 SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Court Road, discussed the Rainbow Springs Aquatic Preserves committee and the different elements that affect the Rainbow River.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Esch reported on the following:

- Internet/phone issues at City Hall. The City is using Comcast as back-up
- Stakeholder meetings regarding the force main project, with SWFMUD/180<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Campground/Sateke Village
- Tinsdale Oliver, progressing with the Fire Study
- Tri-City agreement between Inverness, Crystal River and Dunnellon for purchasing purposes for fire support services
- Attended a meeting organized by Inverness City Manager, Frank DiGiovanni, with representatives from Brooksville, Floral City, Inverness and Dunnellon to promote tourism
- Future CRA meeting prior to City Council meeting on January 11, 2016, to discuss the funds for bathroom facilities at Blue Run Dunnellon Park

- Discussed the procedure for amending the CRA plan for the funds for the bathroom facilities
- CRA meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Jon Kubiak, Chairman of the CRA Advisory Board, discussed his meeting with Jim Couillard, Director of Marion County Parks and Recreation regarding the bathroom facility.

Councilwoman Fleeger left meeting approximately 8:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:22 p.m.

Attest:

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Dawn Bowne, MMC  
City Clerk

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Nathan Whitt, Mayor



# Rainbow River SWIM Plan Update

Marion County Board of County  
Commissioners  
December 1, 2015

Veronica Crow



Southwest Florida  
*Water Management District*





# SWIM Program

## Surface Water Improvement & Management (SWIM)

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# **Springs Coast SWIM Priority Water Bodies**

**RAINBOW  
RIVER**



**HOMOSASSA  
RIVER**



**KINGS BAY /  
CRYSTAL RIVER**



**CHASSAHOWITZKA  
RIVER**



**WEEKI WACHEE  
RIVER**

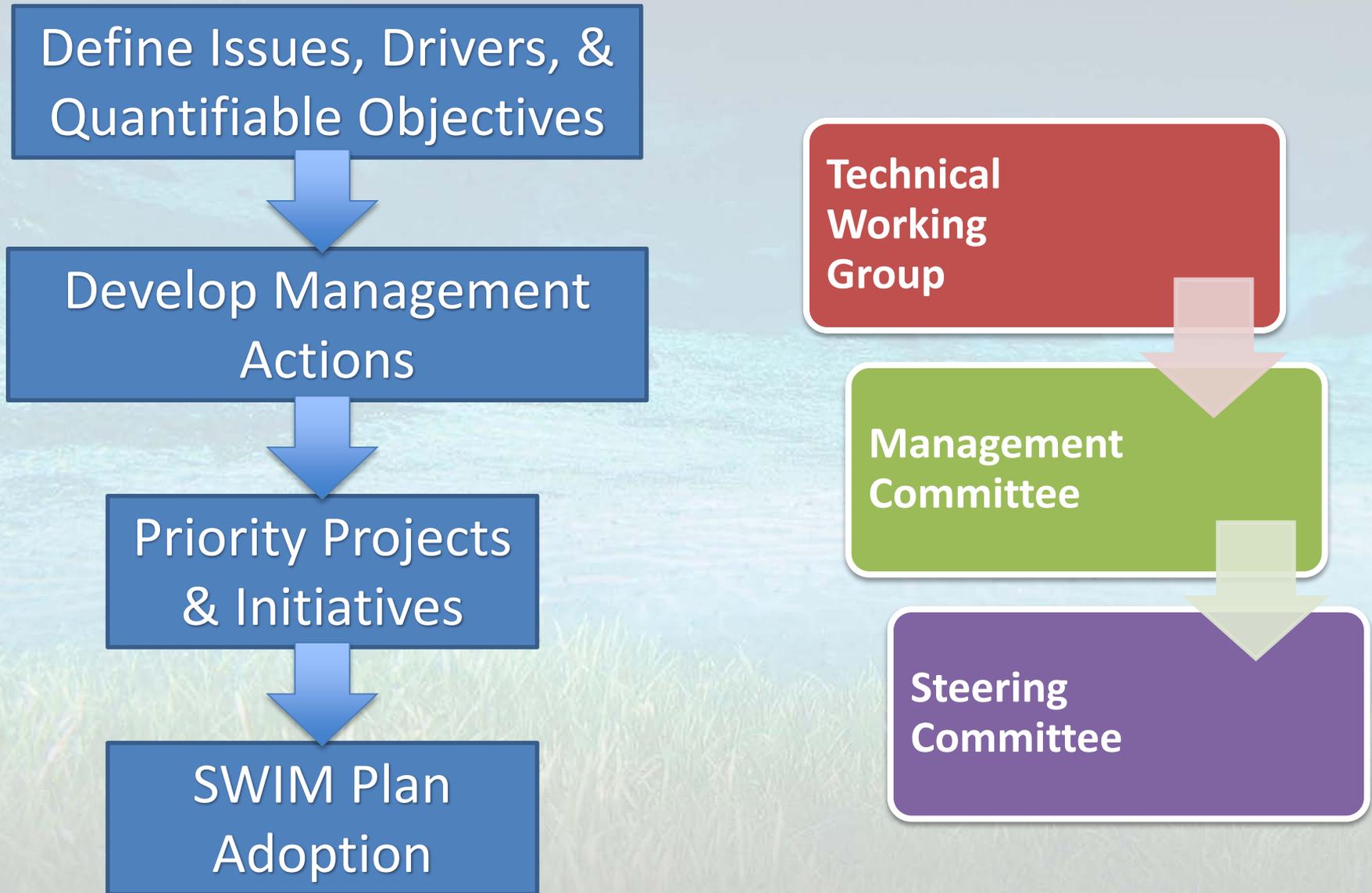


# Springs Coast Steering Committee

- **Mission:**
  - Build inter-agency partnerships to protect, manage, and restore springs
  - Develop comprehensive plans for five first-magnitude systems
- **Structure:**
  - **Steering Committee**
    - Quarterly meetings
  - **Management Committee**
    - Bi-monthly meetings
  - **Technical Working Group**
    - Meets as needed



# SWIM Plan Process



# Rainbow River SWIM Plan

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Issues and Drivers
- Management Actions
- Projects and Initiatives
- References
- Appendices

## Rainbow River SWIM PLAN FINAL DRAFT

*A Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan*



Date: 10/23/2015

Version 226

# Introduction

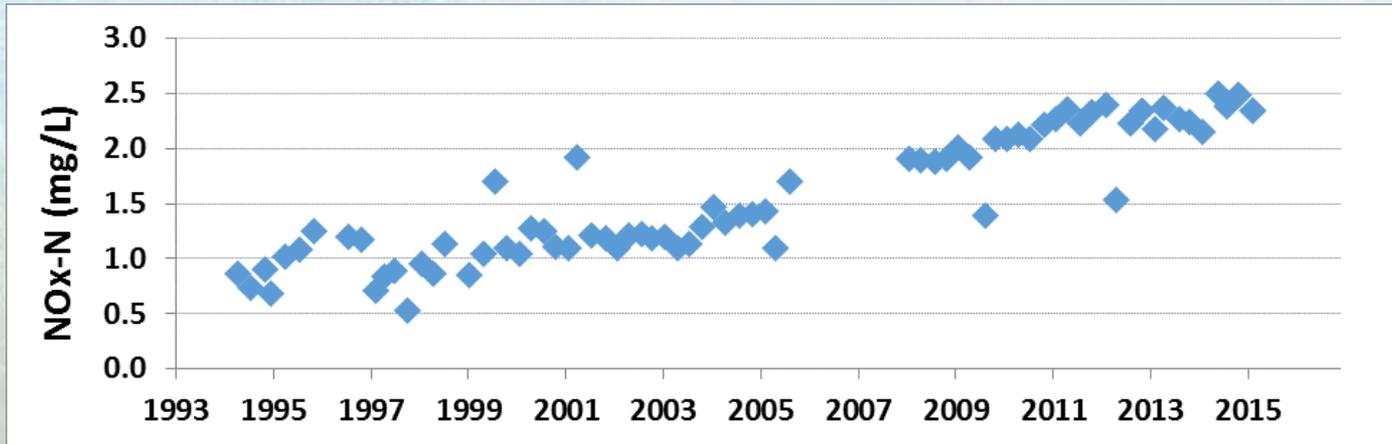
- The Springs Coast
- Steering Committee
- The SWIM Act & SWIM Priority Water Bodies
- What Makes a Healthy Spring?
- System Description
- Historical Context
- Land Use



# Issues and Drivers

## Primary Issues:

- Elevated Nitrate Concentrations
- Reduced Water Clarity
- Long-term Stream Flow Reduction
- Altered Aquatic Vegetation Community



Elevated Nitrate Concentrations in the Rainbow River

# Quantifiable Objectives

<b>Water Quality</b>	<b>Target</b>
Water clarity in the river	>100 feet <sup>1</sup>
Nitrate concentration in the springs and river	<0.35 mg/L <sup>2</sup>
<b>Water Quantity</b>	<b>Target</b>
Minimum flows for the springs and river system	TBD in 2016 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Natural Systems</b>	<b>Target</b>
Coverage of desirable submerged aquatic vegetation in the river	>65% <sup>4</sup>
Coverage of invasive aquatic vegetation (hydrilla/filamentous algae) in the river	<10% <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on Anastasiou 2006 and average river-wide data presented in Table 3

<sup>2</sup> FDEP 2013 – Nutrient TMDL for Rainbow Springs Group and Rainbow Springs Group Run

<sup>3</sup> SWFWMD 2015 Minimum Flows and Levels Priority List and Schedule

<sup>4</sup> Based on 2011 Rainbow River Vegetation Evaluation (Atkins and DCWI 2012) and data presented in Table 4

# Management Actions

WATER QUALITY



WATER QUANTITY



NATURAL SYSTEMS



# Management Actions

WATER QUALITY



Monitoring & Research
Agricultural Operations
Septic Tanks
Urban/Residential Fertilizer
Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Stormwater
Septic/Sewage Solids Disposal (Septage)
Atmospheric Deposition

“The SCSC recognizes that Agricultural Operations and Septic Tanks are the priority water quality management action categories for the Rainbow River.”  
pages ES-4 & 40

# Management Actions

WATER QUANTITY		Monitoring & Research
	Conservation - Public & Self Supply	
	Conservation - Agriculture	
	Conservation - Industry/Commercial	
	Conservation - Golf Courses	
	Alternative Water Supply - Reclaimed Water	
	Alternative Water Supply - Surface Water/Desalination	
	Alternative Water Supply - Lower Floridan Aquifer	
	Alternative Water Supply – Stormwater	
	Regional Water Supply Planning	
	Regulatory	
	Minimum Flows and Levels	

“The SCSC recognizes that Water Conservation and Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) adoption are the priority water quantity management action categories for the Rainbow River.”  
 pages ES-5 and 42

# Management Actions

NATURAL SYSTEMS	Monitoring & Research
	Habitat Conservation
	Habitat Restoration – Revegetation
	Habitat Restoration – Living Shorelines
	Habitat Restoration – Woody Material
	Habitat Restoration – Sediment/Muck Management
	Habitat Restoration – Reforestation
	Invasive Species Management
	Recreation Management

“The SCSC recognizes that Invasive Species Management and Recreation Management are the priority natural systems management action categories for the Rainbow River.”  
pages ES-6 and 44

# Projects and Initiatives (71 total)

## WATER QUALITY

Ongoing: 26  
Priority Proposed: 7  
Potential: 4

## WATER QUANTITY

Ongoing: 19  
Priority Proposed: 2  
Potential: 1

## NATURAL SYSTEMS

Ongoing: 8  
Priority Proposed: 2  
Potential: 2

# Websites

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Home Page → Springs → Springs Coast Steering and Management Committees

Springs Intro Learn About Springs Threats to Springs Protecting Springs Springs Experts Events Springs Resources



## Springs Coast Steering, Management and Technical Committees

There are more than 200 documented springs throughout the District. However, most individual springs cluster around 16 groups of springs, five of which are classified as first-magnitude groups based on the amount of water they discharge.

While recognizing the need to manage all springs, the District places a priority on the five first-magnitude spring groups: Rainbow, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa, Chassahowitzka, and Weeki Wachee. These spring groups, located in or discharging to an area known as the Springs Coast, collectively discharge more than one billion gallons per day.

Each spring system in the Springs Coast region is a unique, complex system with different sets of challenges, so each one will require different management techniques. To address these issues, the District invited local, regional and state agencies to form the Springs Coast Steering Committee (SCSC). The first goal of the SCSC is to develop management plans tailored for each spring system to identify issues, solutions, costs and responsibilities.

To assist in the effort, the SCSC has created the Springs Coast Management Committee (SCMC) to review technical data and make recommendations to the SCSC. The SCMC is composed of representatives from the founding organizations of the SCSC, along with other involved stakeholder groups. (See list below.)

[View Springs Coast Steering Committee Meeting Info »](#)  
[View Springs Coast Steering Committee Members »](#)

[View Springs Coast Management Committee Meeting Info »](#)  
[View Springs Coast Management Committee Members »](#)

[View Springs Coast Technical Work Group Meeting Info »](#)  
[View Technical Work Group Participants \(Invited\) »](#)

**Springs Dashboards**  
View at-a-glance data on the first magnitude springs:

- [Weeki Wachee Springs](#)
- [Chassahowitzka Springs](#)
- [Kings Bay Springs](#)
- [Rainbow Springs](#)
- [Homosassa Springs](#)

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<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/springs/springs-coast/>

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Home Page → Projects & Programs → SWIM



## SWIM Program

Surface Water Improvement & Management (SWIM)

### About SWIM

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### The District's SWIM Program

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Surface Water Improvement and Management Program is administered through the Natural Systems & Restoration Bureau, which is responsible for many of the District's water quality and natural systems



### SWIM Navigation

[About SWIM »](#)

**Priority Water Bodies**

- [Tampa Bay »](#)
- [Rainbow River »](#)
- [Crystal River/Kings Bay »](#)
- [Lake Panasoffkee »](#)
- [Charlotte Harbor »](#)
- [Lake Tarpon »](#)
- [Lake Thonotosassa »](#)
- [Winter Haven Chain of Lakes »](#)
- [Sarasota Bay »](#)
- [Weeki Wachee River »](#)
- [Chassahowitzka River »](#)
- [Homosassa River »](#)

### Related Documents

- [Rainbow River SWIM Plan - Draft 3, August 2015](#)
- [Annual Report - 2014](#)
- [Rainbow River Fact Sheet - 2009](#)
- [Rainbow River Project Timeline - 2009](#)
- [Charlotte Harbor - SWIM Plan - 2000](#)
- [Crystal River/Kings Bay - SWIM Plan - 2000](#)
- [Crystal River/Kings Bay - Fact Sheet - November 2004](#)
- [Crystal River/Kings Bay - Time Line - November 2004](#)
- [Lake Panasoffkee - SWIM Plan - 2000](#)

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/projects/swim/>



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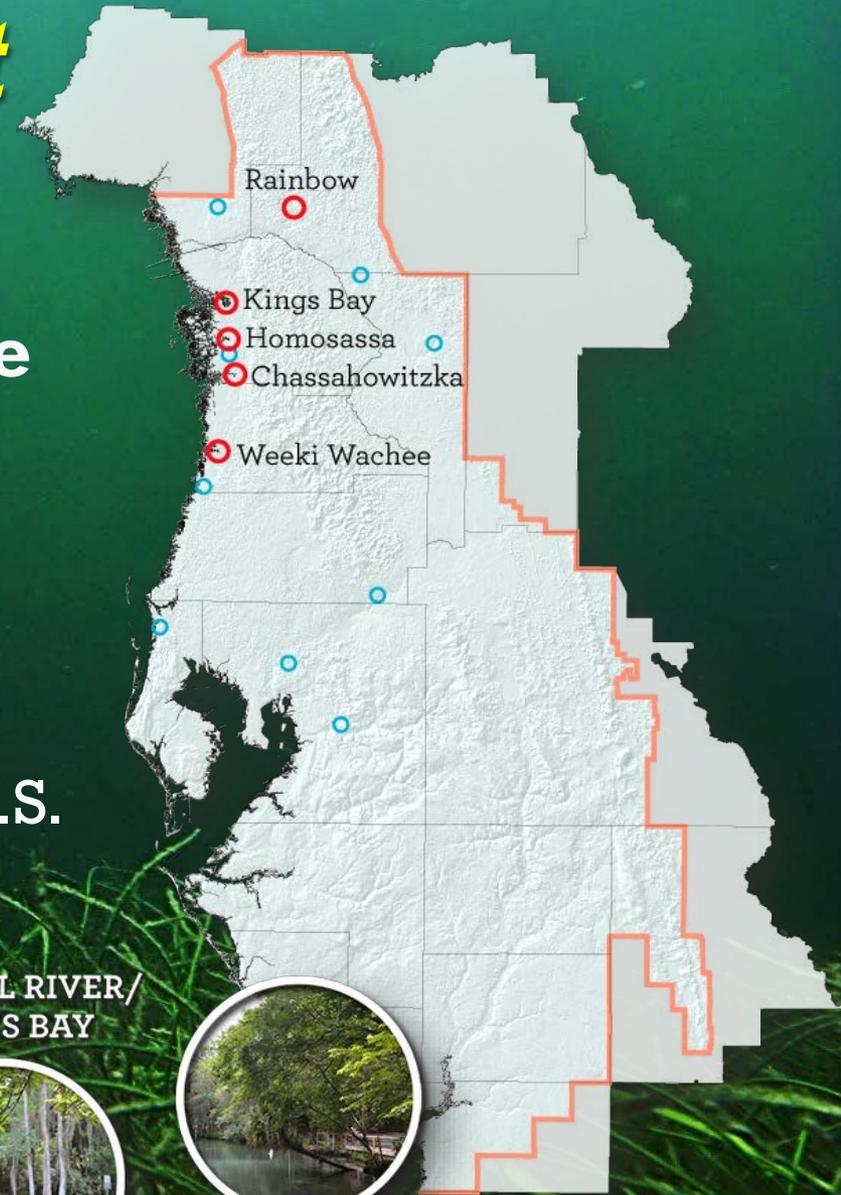


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# *The Springs Coast*

- **>150 springs District-wide**
- **16 Spring Groups**
- **5 First-magnitude groups**
  - ~ 1 billion gallons/day
  - 2nd largest seagrass area in U.S.



**WEEKI WACHEE  
SPRINGS**

**CHASSAHOWITZKA  
SPRINGS**



**RAINBOW  
SPRINGS**

**CRYSTAL RIVER/  
KINGS BAY**



**HOMOSASSA  
SPRINGS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RAINBOW RIVER SWIM PLAN PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Rainbow River in southwestern Marion County is a first-magnitude spring system with clear waters and an abundance of fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the river contains numerous spring vents and represents the fourth largest spring system in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, because of its natural beauty and aesthetics, the Rainbow River was designated an Aquatic Preserve in 1986 and an Outstanding Florida Waterway in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the need to place additional emphasis on restoration, protection, and management of the surface water resources of the State, the Florida Legislature, through the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Act of 1987, directed the State's water management districts to "design and implement plans and programs for the improvement and management of surface water"; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan is considered an update of the 2004 Rainbow River SWIM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County participated within the framework of the Springs Coast Steering Committee (SCSC) Springs Coast Management Committee (SCMC) and Technical Working Group (TWG); and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that one entity alone cannot do it all, the most important element of this plan is the consensus and partnerships that came together to ensure that this plan takes a much broader approach by identifying management actions and projects from a wide variety of stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan is a living document with adaptive management at its core and as such, this plan will be revised periodically to assess overall progress in meeting the quantifiable objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of this SWIM plan is to identify and implement management actions and projects that will address the major issues the system faces and that will restore, maintain, and preserve the ecological balance of the Rainbow River.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida that;

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida hereby supports the **RAINBOW RIVER SWIM PLAN**, a stakeholder developed, comprehensive plan for the restoration, protection, and management of the ecological balance of the Rainbow River.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners commends the diverse teams of the Springs Coast Steering Committee, Springs Coast Management Committee, and the Technical Working Group for development of the **RAINBOW RIVER SWIM PLAN** and their commitment to the preservation of this natural treasure.

**DULY RESOLVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **DECEMBER, 2015**.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK

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KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN