

SAVE OUR LAKES



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RED SHIRTS SUPPORT THE BLACK CREEK PROJECT!



This show of hands tells the story!

The SJRWMD has been busy informing our community about the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project. Over the last few weeks, the Project Manager (Rob Zammataro) has made presentations to the Rotary Club, Keystone Airport Authority, Keystone Heights Business Association and at the May 14th SOLO meeting. Planning is in the works for presentations to be made at the Keystone Heights City Council and Clay County Commission in the near future.

The Project is currently in the permitting stage. That process includes informing our community about some of the specifics. Mr. Zammataro made a very informative Black Creek Project presentation at our May meeting. There was a good flow of questions and answers. At the end of the presentation, I asked for a show of hands for those opposed and those in favor. There were 67 in attendance. There were 5 opposed...what you see in the picture above are those in favor! The responses that I have heard and received continue to be overwhelmingly positive. *However....*

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BLACK CREEK PROJECT (Continued...)

...An email from a member and other "postings" seem to indicate the need for a better understanding of the Black Creek Project. While it's not possible for everyone to go to all meetings and study volumes of data, the SOLO Board members have put in a great deal of time (years), effort and energy to stay informed when it comes to issues and projects effecting our lakes. We have given the Black Creek Project our full attention and want our members and friends to have a good understanding of the Project:

The Black Creek Water Resource Development Project

The **water color and quality** - over time, the color of the water in Lake Brooklyn will be more like weak tea (tannin). There is NO issue with the quality. Tannin color is a safe, natural phenomenon caused by decaying plant life. The water going into Lake Brooklyn will be the same excess water that would otherwise be flowing into Black Creek...excellent quality water.

The Black Creek Project will be reviewed and must be approved by The US Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The **water level** - after the Project is completed and water flow is stabilized, the water level in Lake Brooklyn will fluctuate within a range of approximately 105 ft to 114 ft elevation. This will be similar to the fluctuations seen in past decades (50s and 60s). Area lakes also will benefit from the higher water levels in Lake Brooklyn.

The **recreation level** - All the lobes in Lake Brooklyn will be connected...better recreational (fishing, skiing, kayaking...) opportunities.

The **Keystone Community** - Higher lake levels will bring more recreational opportunities, more business opportunities, more jobs, higher property values and so much more.

The **regional effects** - One very important aspect of this Project is "recharge". Our Keystone lakes act as a major recharge for our Floridan Aquifer. This Aquifer provides the drinking water for our region as well as the water needed for industry and agriculture.

I hope this helps clear up any confusion or misconception about a very worthwhile project.

PLEASE SEND (ATTACH) YOUR LETTER OF SUPPORT TO ROBERT ZAMMATARO, SJRWMD BUREAU CHIEF AT: rzammataro@sjrwmd.com

Vivian Katz James, President

2019 SAVE OUR LAKES MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!

It's pretty simple...The Save Our Lakes Organization has a strong voice because we have a strong membership. Your membership is very important in keeping our voice strong. Please join/renew today. Thank you! *Vivian*

JUNE/JULY 2019



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLEASE ATTEND THESE:

JUNE 11, 4p.m., Clay County Commission Mtg. - Green Cove Springs

JULY 4th - KEYSTONE HEIGHTS PARADE - Grand Marshall (SOLO BOARD)

JULY 9th - SAVE OUR LAKES MEETING-7pm-1st Baptist Church K.H.

*****IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR SOLO MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019!*****



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SOLO/SJRWMD BLACK CREEK MEETING: JULY 9th, 7p.m. - 1st BAPTIST CHURCH OF K.H.

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