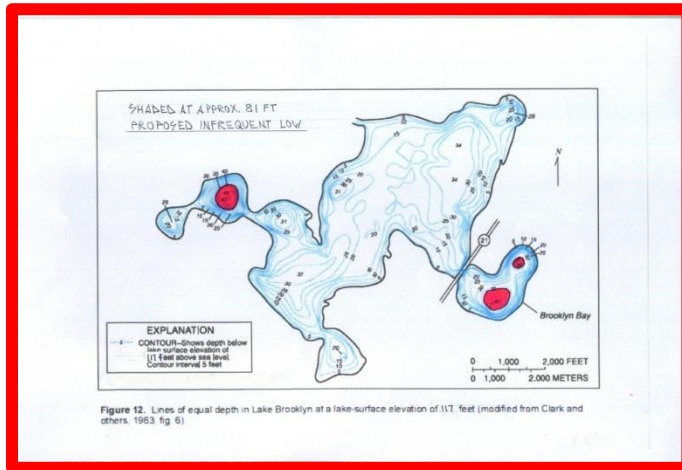


SAVE OUR LAKES



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COMING SOON - *NEW* MFLs FOR BROOKLYN AND GENEVA!



LAKE BROOKLYN GRAPH

WHAT DO THOSE PINK DOTS REPRESENT?

MORE ON PAGE 2!

MFL CONTROVERSY/BATTLE...*NOT SO NEW!!!*

This process actually started in December 2010! That's right...2010! We received a phone call advising that Lake Geneva's MFL was actually an agenda item on the SJRWMD's Governing Board meeting for December 2010. That phone call came in less than 48 hours before that Governing Board meeting. The Mayor of Keystone was not aware nor was the SOLO Board informed of the impending agenda item.

The Mayor of Keystone Heights and President of SOLO attended that December 2010 meeting and spoke to the Governing Board regarding our concerns. The SJRWMD staff was ready to present the TSR (Technical Staff Report) to the Governing Board. The TSR is usually presented very close to the time for final approval by the Governing Board. Fortunately, one of the Governing Board members was also unhappy with the lack of communication by the SJRWMD staff with the very community that would feel the impact of the MFL changes being proposed! Lake Brooklyn's MFL was up next for review. Read on...

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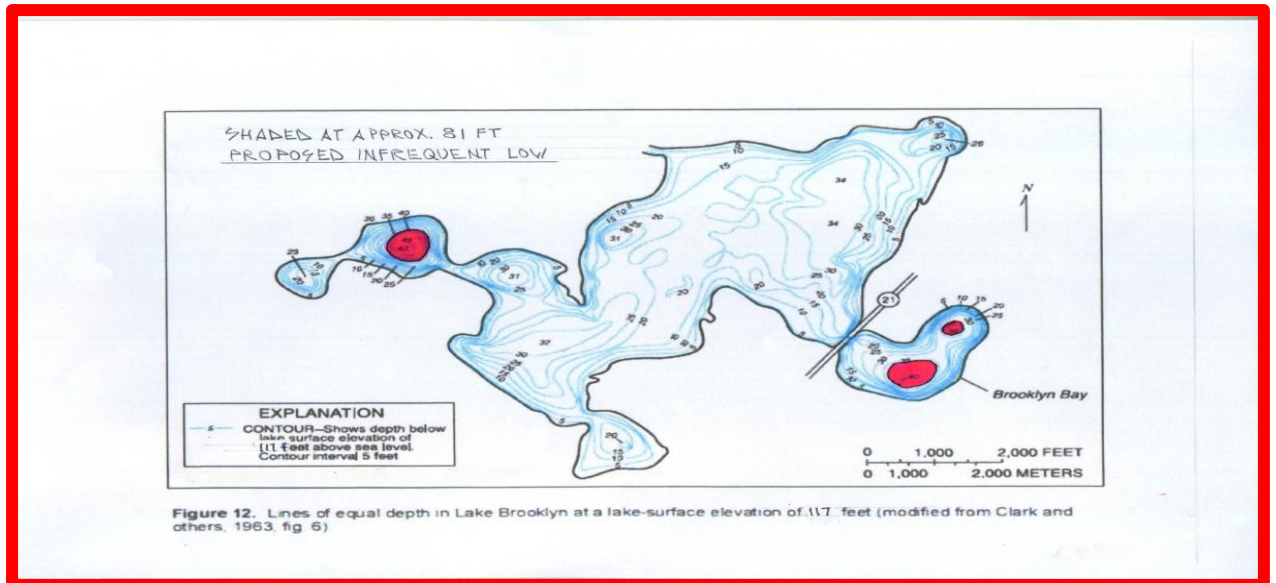
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WHY SHOULD WE STAY ALERT???



DEPICTION OF LAKE BROOKLYN AT 81ft

We started talking about MFLs in our January and February newsletters for a good reason. The elevation at which the MFLs are set for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva are extremely important to our Keystone Heights lake community!

In the early days of this controversy/battle, the SJRWMD staff actually proposed and "justified" setting Lake Brooklyn's MFL at approximately 81ft, a drop of 20ft from the previously set (1994) MFL! The above picture is a depiction of what Lake Brooklyn's water level would look like at 81ft elevation. The pink "dots" represent the water left at 81ft! Their scientists suggested that a "trophy fish" could survive at this level...and that seemed to be okay! The remainder of the lake bed would be dry. Lake Geneva's MFL was going to be approximately 15ft lower, allowing even more devastation.

SOLO has been paying close attention to the SJRWMD MFL Review Calendars since 2010 and, in general, keeping a close eye on this situation. The SJRWMD Governing Board approved the 2018 MFL review calendar at the end of 2017. Lake Brooklyn and Geneva were officially set for review and possible change. The MFL review process is officially underway.

On February 23, 2018 four SOLO Board members met with the SJRWMD staff responsible for reviewing and setting "new" MFLs for Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva. We have requested documents for review and will be combing through their data over the next few weeks. These MFLs for Lake Brooklyn and Geneva may actually go to the SJRWMD Governing Board for approval as early as July of this year!

The SOLO Board will be doing its' job during this MFL review process. It's very important that we, as a MEMBERSHIP, also be very focused at this time on this MFL issue. We will do our best to keep you informed. If we send out a RED SHIRT ALERT, please do your utmost to be available to attend an important meeting. We are as strong as our Membership. Thanks to each of you!

WATER FLOW!



GET INVOLVED IN 2018!!
MARCH 2018 - Calendar

Please join us in our efforts to Save Our Lakes - Save The Aquifer!

- *SJRWMD BOARD MEETING-MARCH 13th, 11am -District Headquarters,Palatka
- *CLAY COUNTY COM. MTG-MARCH 13th - 4pm (time change) - Green Cove Springs
- *S.O.L.O. MEETING- MARCH 13th, 7pm- 1st Baptist Church of K.H

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NEXT SOLO MEETING: MARCH 13th-7p.m. -FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF K.H.

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