



## ***2024 Annual Conference***

# **“Charging up” The New BMPTrains Software**

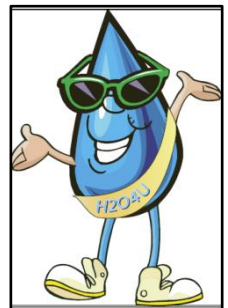
- 1. How the BMPTrains software has included some recent proposed changes and other possible inputs.**
- 2. What can be done in the future or “charging up” the software in a constantly changing environment.**

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on behalf of the research teams

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# Questions or Topics for Discussion

- **How can BMPTrains help with the new rule?**
- **What changes must be done to BMPTrains to accommodate new input?**
- **What is in the future to help with other most probable changes?**
  - **Last 20+ years of rainfall data affecting retention**
  - **Consideration of volume and peak discharges in addition to annual mass loadings or an integrated surface and groundwater analysis**
- **Discussion of future training and releases?**

What is BMPTrains?

## Software to aid in Calculations of Annual Mass Loadings and Volume Control

**BMP Trains 2020: a C# and VB based software for analysis.**

The acronym is derived for the analysis of stormwater BMPs in series. The software is used to evaluate **B**est **M**anagement **P**practice **T**reatment options based on **R**emoval using **A**nnual loadings by those **I**nterested in **N**utrients in **S**tormwater.

Note: volume control important in resiliency and sea level planning

for the January 2023 release and the **manual, download from:**  
<https://roneaglin.online/bmptrains/>

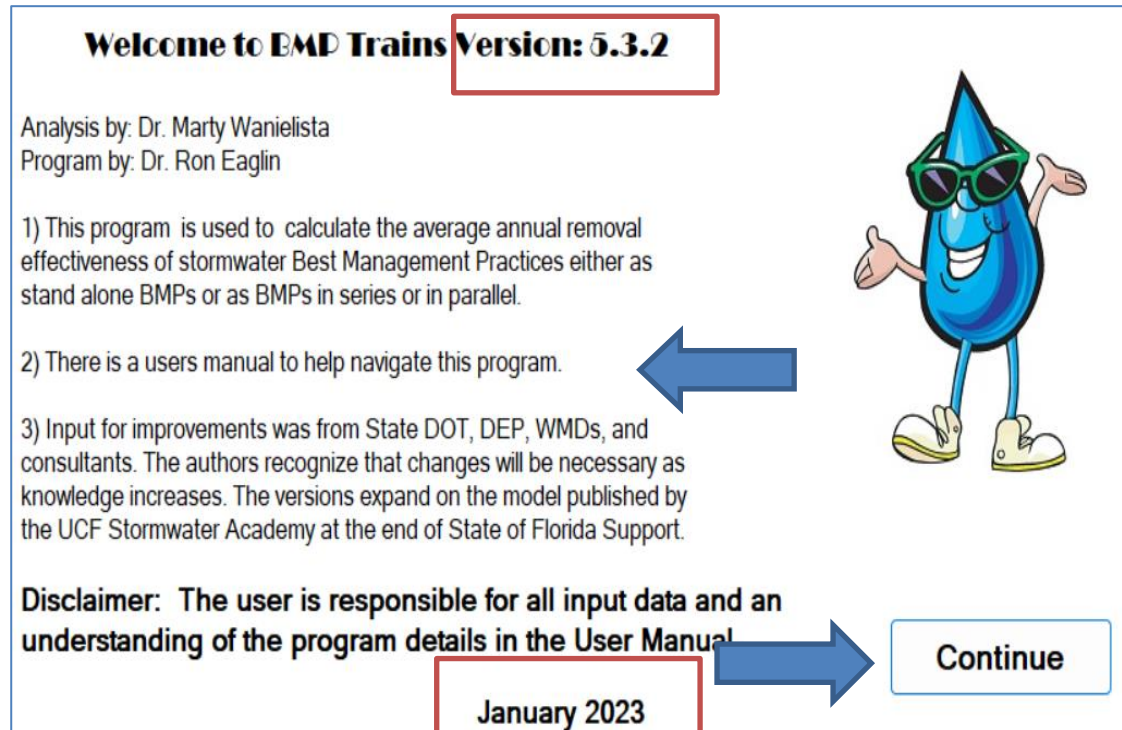
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# Screen Capture of BMPTrains

## BMPTrains 2020

Initial “splash” screen for  
the BMP Trains 2020  
software



In its present C# VB form, it was funded by FDOT until 2017 and released for general use in 2020. UCF continues making enhancements to improve the use of the software. We always welcome input for options to meet regulatory rules and local ordinances. Most say it is easy to use (see) and thus calling it a **2020** program as well as being released in 2020. We hope to get funding to incorporate changes and release another version of the software.

# **BMPTrains 2020 has and will continue to incorporate research and regulatory decisions**

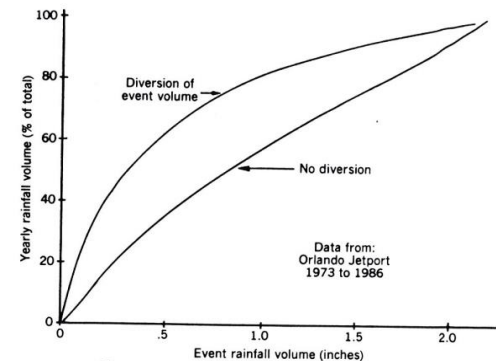
- **Uses Florida rainfall, soils, EMCs, and physical land uses.**
- **Abides by principles from Hydrology, Hydraulics, Chemistry and Biology.**
- **It is a history of research, field monitoring results, and regulatory decisions to include:**
  - Incorporation of rules, comp plans, and regulations.**
  - Follows information in the applicant's handbooks (AH Vol 1 & 2).**
  - Annual removal effectiveness for many BMPs and LIDs (GSI).**
  - Peer reviewed and "passed" administrative hearings.**
  - Acceptable to many practicing professionals, and updated by local, regional (WMD), Department of Transportation (FDOT), and FDEP regulatory and review professionals.**
- **BMPTrains 2020 provides all of the above.**

**BUT it must do more to incorporate other new regulatory and technical issues and changes.**

# Brief Comments on BMPTrains Development

- Started in the early 1970's with retention systems, refereed publications, Stormwater Management, Ann Arbor Science, 1978, pg 105.
- Expanded to wet detention (1980-2010).
- EXCEL spreadsheets programming 1980-2014 with support from the WMDs, FDEP and FDOT, named BMPTrains in 2004.
- State-wide annual effectiveness retention from Dr. Harper 2007.
- Design details and effectiveness from research, ex. harvesting, rain gardens, pervious pavements, and sorption media, 1990-present.
- C# and visual basic programming by UCF team and Dr. Eaglin with support from the FDOT 2014-2017.
- Continued expansion to add tech changes and regulatory decisions related to the ERP, TMDL and other programs by Wanielista, Eaglin, Harper, and Wang (2017-2023).

Minor difference in capture (<1%) for new 13 yr period.  
Graph used for the 1-inch rule in Orange County and in  
our State.



# What is the vision for the new “charged up” release of BMPTrains?

1. Make changes based on TAC and regulatory directives.
2. BMPs are used to achieve water quality and quantity objectives (recognize interdependency).

Some example objectives, 55% TN removal, 80% TP removal, peak discharge, flood levels, water supply, springs and estuaries concentration limits, etc.

So... We will have software that meet current TAC and regulatory practice. Also, predict and evaluate combinations of BMPs that meet many objectives. The methods must be supported by science and engineering applications and are acceptable to review agencies. Science and regulatory acceptance have been the basic premise of past BMPTrains efforts and will be continued in the future.

Let's consider first some changes for annual removal

## Specified Annual Removal % from draft rule

The screenshot displays the BMPTrains software interface for project configuration. The 'Name for Your Project' field is set to 'Virtual Workshop'. The 'Select Meteorological Zone for Project' dropdown is set to 'Florida Zone 2'. The 'Enter the Mean Annual Rainfall' field is set to '51 inches'. The 'Specify Type of Surface Discharge Analysis' dropdown is set to 'Specified Removal Efficiency'. A blue arrow points to this dropdown, which has a menu open showing options: 'Specified Removal Efficiency' (highlighted), 'Net Improvement', 'BMP Analysis', and '10% Less than Pre-Development'. The 'Conduct a Groundwater Discharge Analysis' checkbox is set to 'No'. The 'Nitrogen Removal Efficiency (%)' field is set to '45'. The 'Phosphorus Removal Efficiency (%)' field is set to '80'. A blue arrow points to the 'Nitrogen Removal Efficiency (%)' field. The interface includes buttons for 'Open Project', 'New Project', 'Save Project', and 'Exit BMPTrains'. A list of steps is visible on the right: 1. Enter Catchment, 2. Enter Treatment (highlighted), 3. Configure Catchments, 4. Summary Treatment Report, 5. Complete Report, and 6. Cost Comparisons.

Name for Your Project: Virtual Workshop

Select Meteorological Zone for Project: Florida Zone 2

Enter the Mean Annual Rainfall: 51 inches

Specify Type of Surface Discharge Analysis: Specified Removal Efficiency

Conduct a Groundwater Discharge Analysis: No

Nitrogen Removal Efficiency (%): 45

Phosphorus Removal Efficiency (%): 80

Open Project New Project

Save Project Exit BMPTrains

1. Enter Catchment

2. Enter Treatment

3. Configure Catchments

4. Summary Treatment Report

5. Complete Report

6. Cost Comparisons

Specified Removal Efficiency

Net Improvement

BMP Analysis

10% Less than Pre-Development

Note: The BMPs discharge to groundwater average annual concentration (mg/L) and recharge (inches/year) is in the current release.

Examples problems in the BMPTrains 2020 Manual and the FDOT DDG, Ch 9.3.1, 2024.

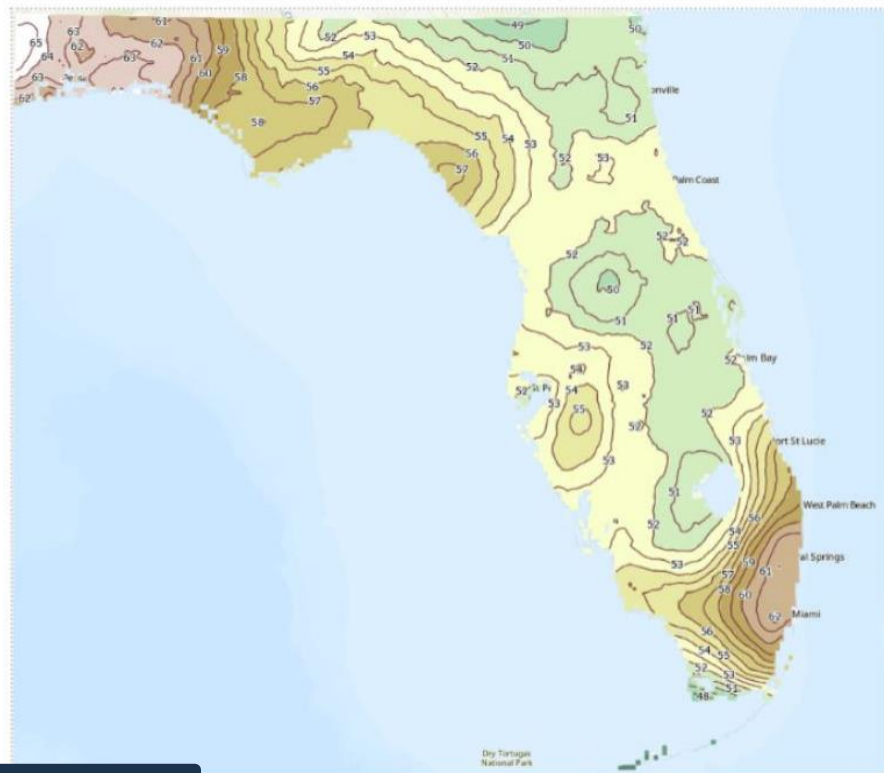


# Change to meet need for updated annual rainfall

## Annual Rainfall

From Appendix M  
Figure 2  
Draft Rule 2023

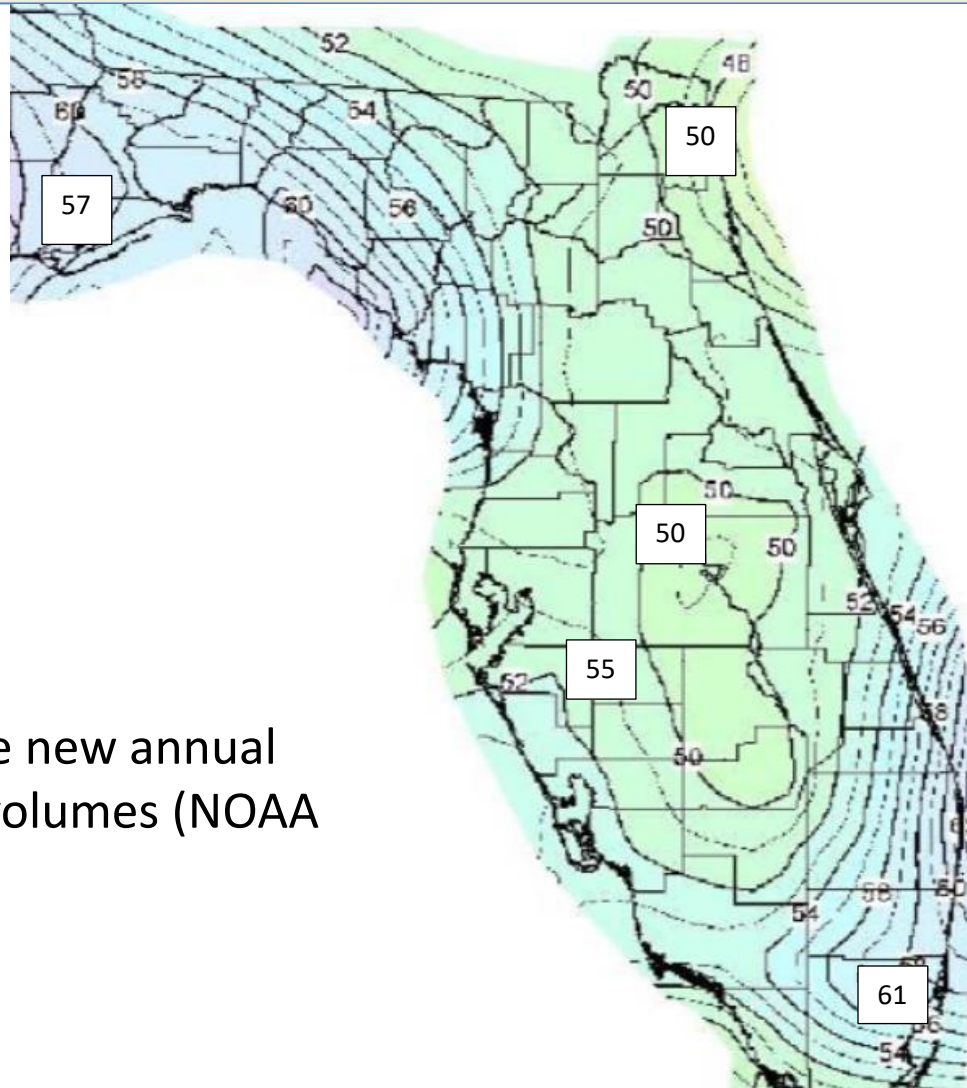
2022 NOAA Average Annual Rainfall Depths (inches)



Range: 41.60 to 65.70

Keys to the Northwest Pan Handle

# Comparison 2000 and 2022 annual rain (inches)



## Legend

Boxes are new annual  
Rainfall volumes (NOAA  
2022)

Continuing with changes to meet technical advisory inputs

# Catchment Data: Land Use and EMCs

Add Catchment **Catchment 1 Workshop**

Current Catchment Number : 1 Workshop

Land Use Catchment Name: **Workshop**

Pre: User Defined Values

Post: Low-Intensity Commercial: TN=1.13 TP=0.188

Total Pre-Development Catchment Area (ac): 9.20

Concentrations used in Analysis

Pre: Post:

EMC(N) mg/l 1.000 1.130

EMC(P) mg/l 0.284 0.188


| LAND USE CATEGORY           |                     | TN    | TP    |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Agricultural - Citrus       | TN =2.11 TP=0.180   | 2.24  | 0.183 |
| Agricultural - General      | TN= 2.55 TP= 0.450  | 2.8   | 0.487 |
| Agricultural - Pasture      | TN= 3.03 TP=0.593   | 3.51  | 0.686 |
| Agricultural - Row Crop     | TN= 2.50 TP = 0.577 | 2.65  | 0.593 |
| Conventional Roofs:         | TN=1.050 TP=0.120   | 1.05  | 0.12  |
| High-Intensity Commercial:  | TN=2.40 TP=0.345    | 2.4   | 0.345 |
| Highway:                    | TN=1.520 TP=0.200   | 1.52  | 0.2   |
| Light Industrial:           | TN=1.200 TP=0.260   | 1.2   | 0.26  |
| Low-Density Residential:    | TN=1.645 TP= 0.27   | 1.645 | 0.27  |
| Low-Intensity Commercial:   | TN=1.13 TP=0.188    | 1.13  | 0.188 |
| Mining / Extractive:        | TN=1.180 TP=0.150   | 1.18  | 0.15  |
| Multi-Family:               | TN=2.320 TP=0.520   | 2.32  | 0.52  |
| Single-Family:              | TN=2.070 TP=0.327   | 2.07  | 0.327 |
| Undeveloped - Dry Prairie:  | TN=2.025 TP=0.184   | 2.025 | 0.184 |
| Undeveloped - Marl Prairie: | TN=0.684 TP=0.012   | 0.684 | 0.012 |
|                             |                     | 0.43  |       |

If an EMC not in the "Pull-Down" list, there are others listed in the Manual and User Defined is suggested.  
New rural EMCs are being considered for the pull-down menu.

# BMP Treatment Effectiveness

Three magnifying glass icons are displayed at the top left.

Name for Your Project:

Select Meteorological Zone for Project:  

Enter the Mean Annual Rainfall:  inches

Specify Type of Surface Discharge Analysis:

Conduct a Groundwater Discharge Analysis:

Nitrogen Removal Efficiency (%):

Phosphorus Removal Efficiency (%):

Buttons: Open Project, New Project, Save Project, Exit BMPTrains

Sequence of steps:

1. Enter Catchment
2. Enter Treatment
3. Configure Catchments
4. Summary Treatment Report
5. Complete Report
6. Cost Comparisons

A blue arrow points to step 2, "Enter Treatment".

Input from consultants and review agencies must continue to ID more BMPs

# There are BMPs in the software, others will be added

## 14 Treatment BMP Options

Select Treatment Options for individual performance, not in series or in multiple catchments. Analysis: Specified Removal Efficiency Required Removal N: 80%

Catchment 1 SWFWMD

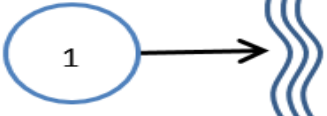
**Treatment Options**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Retention Basin          | Greenroof              |
| Wet Detention            | Rainwater Harvesting   |
| Exfiltration Trench      | Vegetated Buffer       |
| Permeable Pavement       | Vegetated Filter Strip |
| Stormwater Harvesting    | Rain Garden            |
| Surface Discharge Filter | Tree Well              |
| Swale                    | User Defined           |
| BMPs in Series           |                        |

For 13 BMPs: Design Information is in User Manual

For a design other than the 13 listed, enter removal efficiencies as User Defined

A



All BMPs (GSIs) must have a design manual with service dates and data retrieval. BMPTrains user manual can help.

Tools Reset All

Catchments Cost report Back

For more than one BMP in the same catchment (no additional runoff between BMPs)

Calculating tools helpful for design or discovery

# Using the many Charts for Retention in Draft Rule

## Retention Tables, set for 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, .. Up to 4"

From Appendix O: 80 Figures Draft Rule 2023

Your design is for .33 inch

Retention Efficiency

Use BMPTains and enter data

Rainfall Zone: Florida Zone 2

Retention Depth (> 0.25): 0.33

NDCIA CN 64.0

Find

DCIA % 27.0

Find

Efficiency: 64.5

Find

### Efficiency at Retention Depth: 0.33 (in) for Rainfall Florida Zone 2

#### Percent DCIA

|               | 5.0   | 10.0  | 15.0  | 20.0  | 25.0  | 30.0  | 35.0  | 40.0  | 45.0  | 50.0  | 55.0  | 60.0  | 65.0  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 30.0          | 95.23 | 92.42 | 86.78 | 80.41 | 74.37 | 68.91 | 63.99 | 59.65 | 55.85 | 52.42 | 49.42 | 46.66 | 44.30 |
| 35.0          | 92.89 | 90.94 | 85.78 | 79.75 | 73.90 | 68.51 | 63.73 | 59.42 | 55.65 | 52.32 | 49.29 | 46.66 | 44.20 |
| 40.0          | 89.70 | 88.97 | 84.41 | 78.75 | 73.17 | 68.01 | 63.33 | 59.19 | 55.42 | 52.16 | 49.19 | 46.53 | 44.17 |
| 45.0          | 85.92 | 86.39 | 82.60 | 77.52 | 72.31 | 67.28 | 62.83 | 58.82 | 55.19 | 51.92 | 49.03 | 46.40 | 44.07 |
| 50.0          | 81.33 | 83.22 | 80.40 | 75.92 | 71.08 | 66.42 | 62.17 | 58.26 | 54.72 | 51.59 | 48.80 | 46.20 | 43.87 |
| NDCIA CN 55.0 | 76.24 | 79.50 | 77.70 | 73.88 | 69.61 | 65.32 | 61.30 | 57.60 | 54.26 | 51.23 | 48.46 | 45.97 | 43.71 |
| 60.0          | 70.95 | 75.26 | 74.42 | 71.48 | 67.75 | 63.92 | 60.21 | 56.80 | 53.60 | 50.66 | 48.03 | 45.70 | 43.48 |
| 65.0          | 65.50 | 70.51 | 70.62 | 68.55 | 65.45 | 62.13 | 58.81 | 55.67 | 52.70 | 50.07 | 47.54 | 45.24 | 43.14 |

Lw = H/S

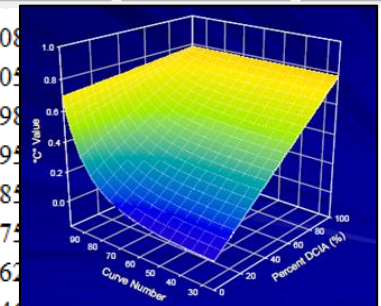
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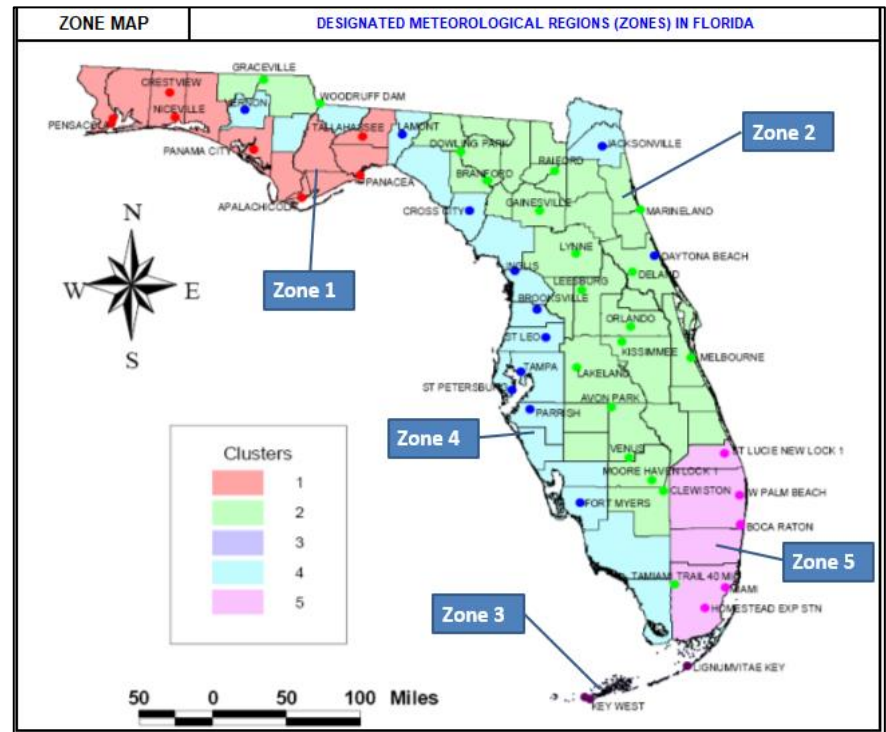
Retention depth (in) = treatment volume (Ac-in) / catchment area (Ac)

More changes being considered but will take significantly more time

Do rainfall inter events over the past 20+ years affect the met zone boundaries and annual mass removal of retention systems?

**Within the current release of BMPTrains**

- Volume captured for the same design depth can be assigned to a meteorological zone.
- Based on recent rainfall patterns, is volume captured the same?



Source: Harper, 2007.



# Integration of Water Quality and Quantity Objectives

This is the “one water” or “water is water” concept.

One software so that the input data is the same when multiple objectives are addressed at the same time. Some objectives are:

1. Pollution control
2. Peak discharge
3. Flood control
4. Groundwater table levels
5. Base flow in flowing waters and lake levels
6. Water supply and pumping rates
7. Springs discharge
8. Community or regional specifications, affecting locations

Now for an example of an integrated surface and groundwater software



# An Integrated Surface Water and Groundwater Study



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Assessment of Landuse Change on Water Resources  
Using the Integrated Northern Tampa Bay Model**

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**Sponsored by and Prepared for  
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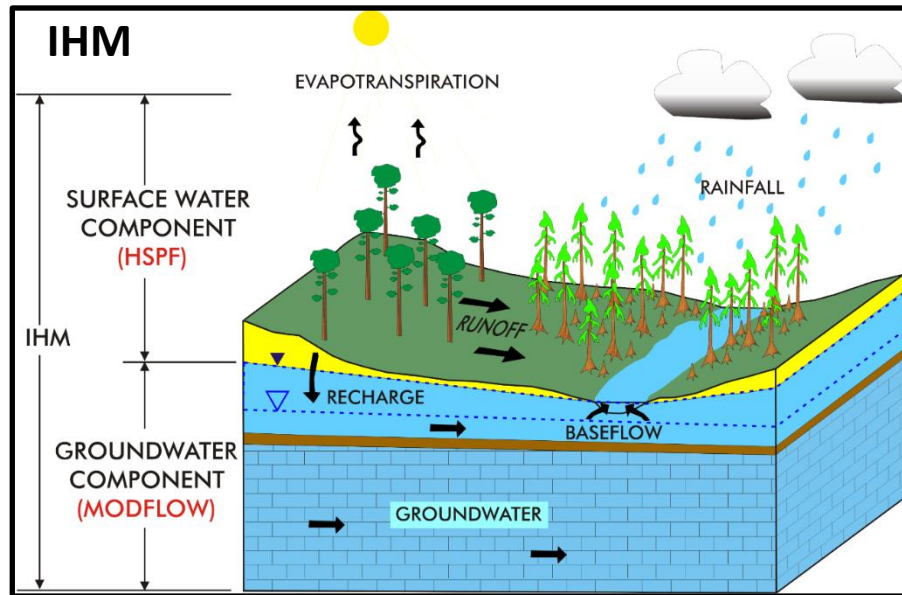
# **An Integrated Surface Water and Groundwater Study**

Project objectives:

1. Identify and quantify transition patterns in landuse change;
2. Assess hydrologic responses due to landuse change and well pumping distribution differences;
3. Assess effectiveness of the integrated model to evaluate influence of landuse change on hydrologic responses.

# Integration of Surface Water and Groundwater Models

## Integrated Hydrologic Model (IHM)

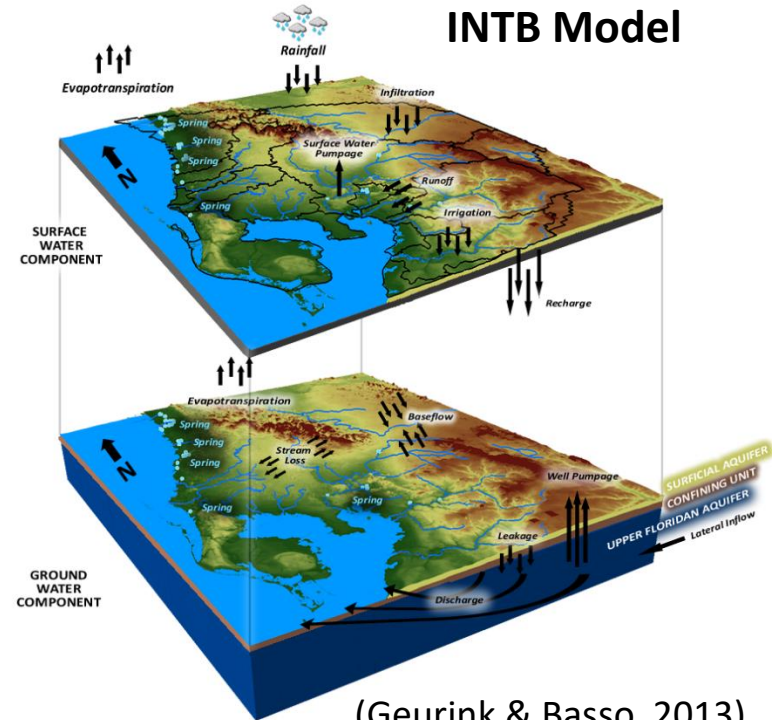


(Geurink et al., 2018)

[IntegratedHydrologicModel.org](http://IntegratedHydrologicModel.org)

- The Integrated Hydrologic Model (IHM) dynamically integrates two models, HSPF and MODFLOW

## INTB Model



(Geurink & Basso, 2013)

- The Integrated Northern Tampa Bay (INTB) model (Geurink & Basso, 2013) is a calibrated application of the IHM which is developed cooperatively by Tampa Bay Water and the Southwest Florida Water Management District

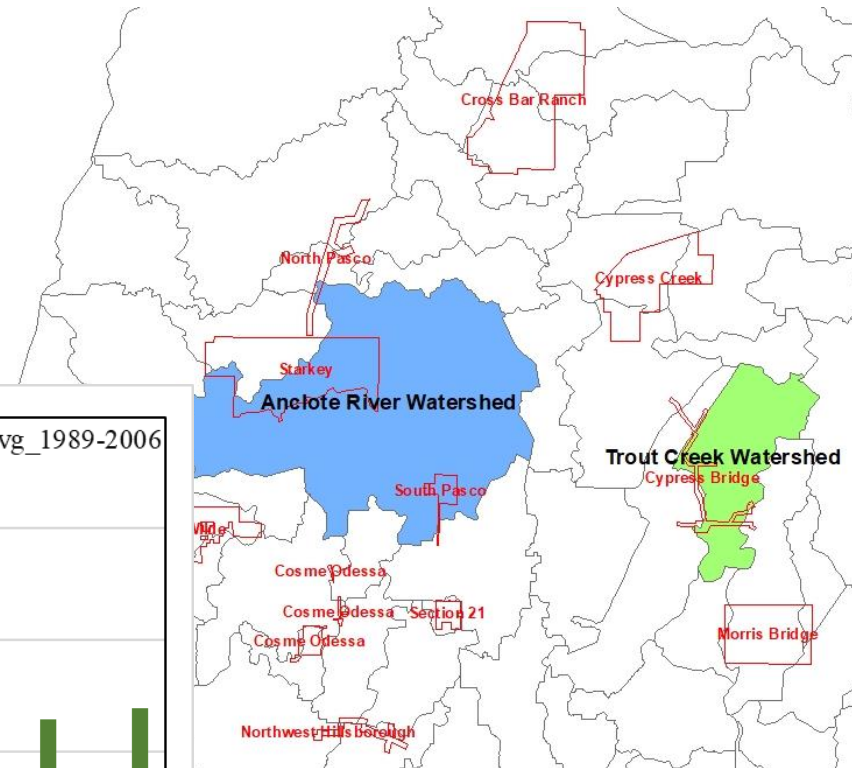
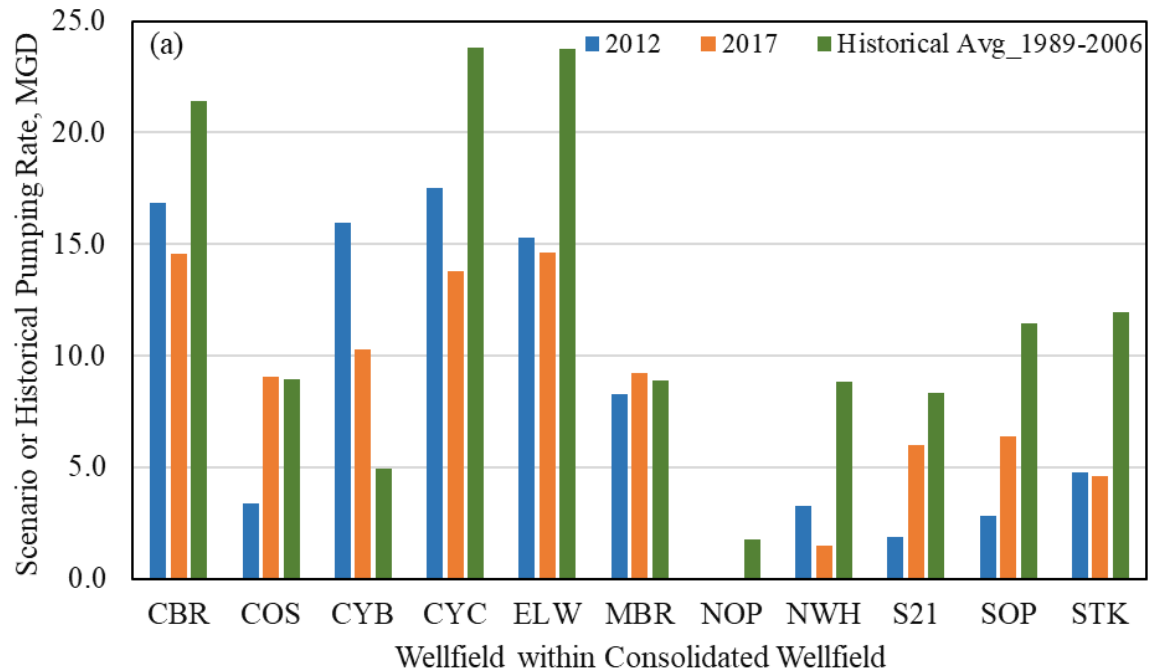
# Landuse Change

## Normalized Land Area Change from 1995 to 2010

| Landuse         | Trout Creek basin                                     | Anclothe River basin                                  |
|-----------------|---|---|
|                 | $\frac{\text{LU10} - \text{LU95}}{\text{Basin Area}}$ | $\frac{\text{LU10} - \text{LU95}}{\text{Basin Area}}$ |
|                 | %   | %   |
| Forested        | -6.9  | 0.4   |
| Grass/Pasture   | -18.1   | -10.0   |
| Agric/Irrigated | 0.2   | -1.0  |
| Mining/Other    | -0.1  | -0.5  |
| Pervious Urban  | 12.8  | 6.0   |
| Pervious        | -12.1   | -5.2  |
| Reach           | 2.3   | 1.6   |
| Impervious      | 9.9   | 3.6   |

“Pervious” category includes pervious land from all five upland landuse categories including pervious urban

# Consolidated Wellfield Pumping Scenarios



# Simulation Scenarios

| <b>Simulation Scenario</b>              | <b>Landuse Scenario</b> | <b>Consolidated Wellfield Pumping Scenario</b> |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Scenario 1: 2010 landuse + 2017 pumping | 2010                    | 2017   |
| Scenario 2: 1995 landuse + 2017 pumping | 1995                    | 2017   |
| Scenario 3: 2010 landuse + 2012 pumping | 2010                    | 2012   |

# Groundwater Pumping Impact

**Long-Term Average Change with Uncertainty in Hydrologic Response  
Due to Landuse Change or Wellfield Pumping Rate Distribution  
Differences for Ensemble Rainfall and Rainfall Uncertainty**

| Hydrologic Term              | Trout Creek Basin |             | Anclote River Basin |             |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|                              | LUΔ<br>S1-S2      | QΔ<br>S1-S3 | LUΔ<br>S1-S2        | QΔ<br>S1-S3 |
| Streamflow (cfs)             | 2.5 ± 0.15        | 2.0 ± 0.12  | 1.3 ± 0.11          | -2.1 ± 0.09 |
| Streamflow (in/yr)           | 1.9 ± 0.12        | 1.6 ± 0.10  | 0.3 ± 0.02          | -0.4 ± 0.02 |
| Total ET (in/yr)             | -1.6 ± 0.11       | 0.9 ± 0.02  | -0.1 ± 0.03         | -0.3 ± 0.02 |
| Groundwater ET (in/yr)       | -1.0 ± 0.06       | 1.0 ± 0.01  | -0.3 ± 0.02         | -0.3 ± 0.01 |
| Groundwater Recharge (in/yr) | -1.7 ± 0.04       | -0.3 ± 0.04 | -0.8 ± 0.01         | 0.1 ± 0.01  |

Values shown represent response change with uncertainty due to rainfall uncertainty as mean ± 1 standard deviation.

# Hydrologic Responses to Landuse Change and Groundwater Pumping Rate

| Hydrologic Term                     | Hydrologic Response Change Due to Landuse Change   | Hydrologic Response Change Due to Well Pumping Distribution Difference  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Basin-Scale Hydrologic Response     |  |   |
| Streamflow                          | Increase   | Inverse of pumping change   |
| Total ET                            | Decrease   | Inverse of pumping change   |
| Groundwater ET                      | Decrease   | Inverse of pumping change   |
| Recharge                            | Decrease   | Direct change with pumping change   |
| Baseflow Index                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase for river with small BFI</li> <li>• Decrease for river with moderate BFI</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inverse of pumping change for river with small BFI</li> <li>• Inverse of pumping change for river with moderate BFI, except direct change with pumping change in Spring</li> </ul> |
| Grid-Cell Scale Hydrologic Response |  |   |
| SAS Head                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease for change to urban, grass to forest, grass to wetland, wetland to forest</li> <li>• Increase for forest to grass</li> </ul> | Inverse of pumping change   |
| UFA Head                            | Same as SAS but smaller magnitude. Can be absent if very small in SAS. If SAS magnitude large enough, UFA areal coverage can be larger than SAS areal coverage.                | Inverse of pumping change   |



# Expected Initial Integration into BMPTrains

1. Storms with different return periods (e.g., 1-year, 10-year, 25-year, 50-year). Typical guidelines are found in the FDOT DDG publication.
  - a) Runoff volume
  - b) Peak discharge
2. Seasonality
  - a) Monthly runoff, mass loading and concentration
3. Annual mass loading and concentration of groundwater recharge and baseflow. This expands on the stormwater recharge and annual concentration now part of BMPTrains.

# Error Checks and AI

1. Input parameter; ex. % vs fraction,  $CN > 100$  etc.
2. Compound value; ex. Non DCIA area + DCIA area = Total Area.
3. New: Introduction of statistical comparisons; ex. Identification of results outside of 2-SD of the mean (95%) to raise additional justification needed or to discover valuable information.
4. New: Consistency of input data; ex. EMCs used for an ERP vs TMDLs, volume of BMPs use for flood control vs ERP mass loadings, land use delineations for peak discharge vs ERP land use data.
5. New: For output results; ex. Inventory of water in BMPs plus groundwater infiltration, pumping, and discharge equal to the input from a rain event, Loadings. Stream loadings include base flow.

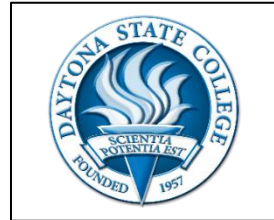
The first two are simple error catches already used and more are expected at each release. The other 3 are expected to be added as time passes and will add to a greater understanding and ease of satisfying permits applications.

We hope formal steering committee and regulatory input on what is needed will guide our work.

# Software Oversight and Training Course Considerations (talking points)

1. A steering committee will oversee development.
2. How to address quality and quantity objectives.
3. Hold training courses on-line at least “X” # of times a year.  
Option for face-to-face training “Y” # of times a year.
4. A competency test at the end of each training session to receive a certificate of completion. Need training (complex & time saving).
5. Certified professionals have on-line access to all publications, manuals and new releases, with expansion of existing library.
6. Release updated software once a year with new regulatory decisions and technical data.
7. BMPTrains 2020 is a copyright of UCF from 2004-2024. Thus, assignment or license or continuation with sponsor funding for future releases are all possible.

# Potential Steering Committee Representation



- Florida Stormwater Association
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection & WMDs
- WMDs
- ERD and other consultants
- Ron Eaglin, Daytona State College
- Dingbao Wang, University of Central Florida
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Vendor Organizations, Ferguson Waterworks, Oldcastle Infrastructure.





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# **Questions, Input and Discussion**

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