



## **Overview of the 2020 Legislative Session Webinar**

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*Pasco County Stormwater  
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*City of Anna Maria  
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*Hillsborough County Flood  
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*Pinellas County Green  
Infrastructure Standards*

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## Today's Overview

1. General Background for 2020 Session
2. Primary water and water-related Legislation of interest to local stormwater programs
3. What to look for in 2021



## **General Background for 2020 Session**

1. Florida's Fiscal Condition
2. Significant interest in water quality
3. Mix of "defense" and "offense"
4. Preemption philosophy still growing



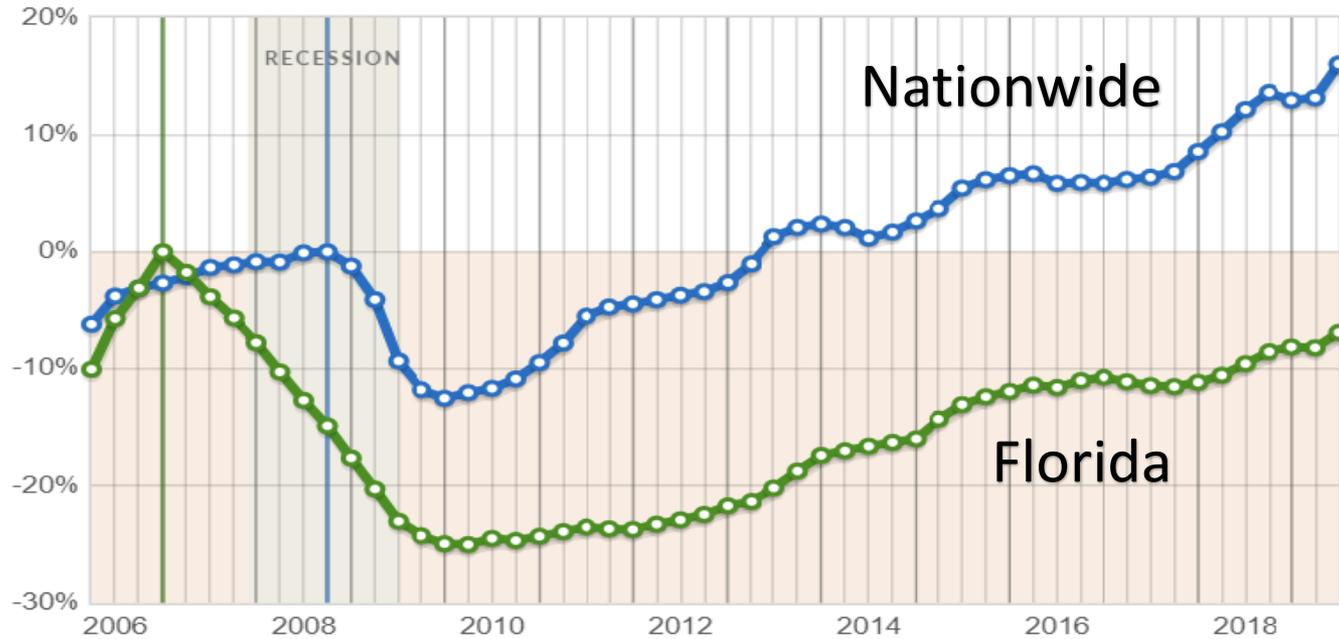
## General Background for 2020 Session

### *1. Florida's Fiscal Condition*

- Generally stable, especially when compared to other states
- But...a long ways off from pre-recession in terms of tax revenues



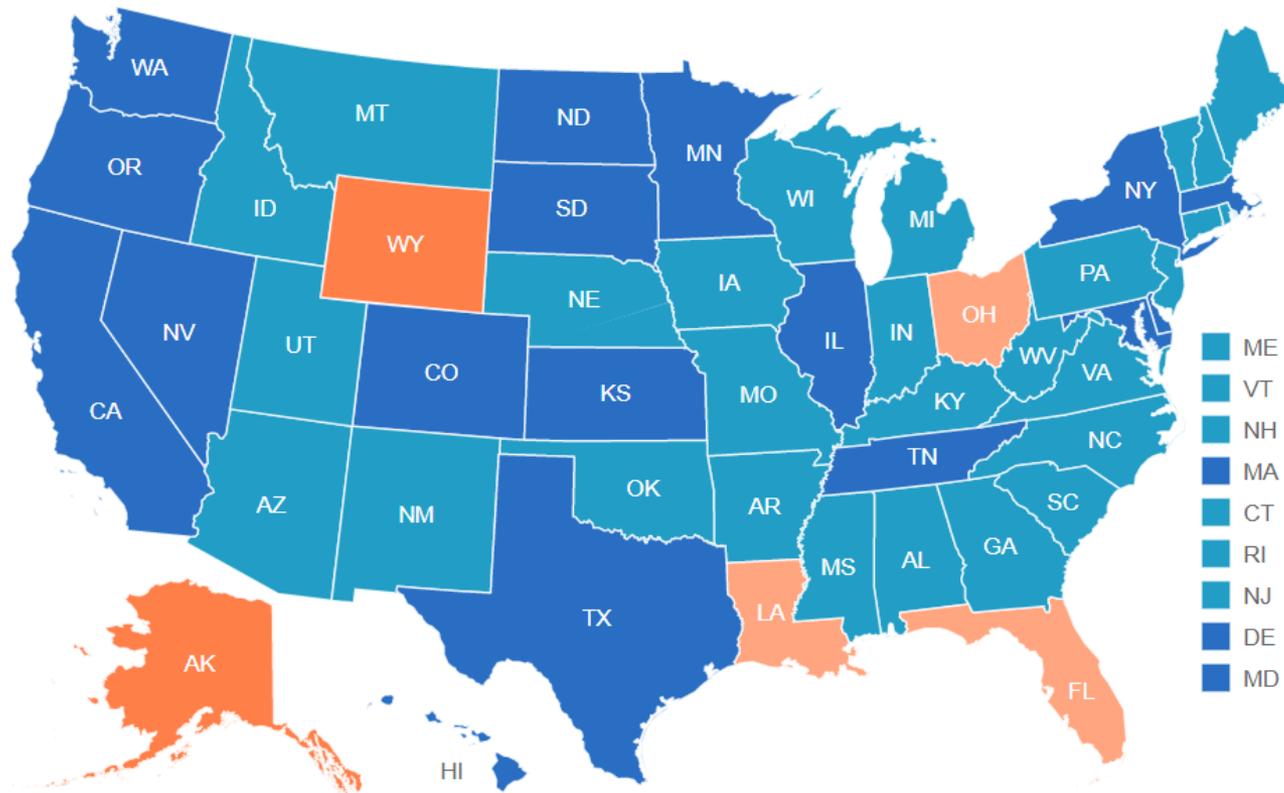
## Change in Tax Revenue from State's Peak Quarter, Adjusted for Inflation





## Tax Revenue in Q2 2019 Compared With State's Peak, Adjusted for Inflation

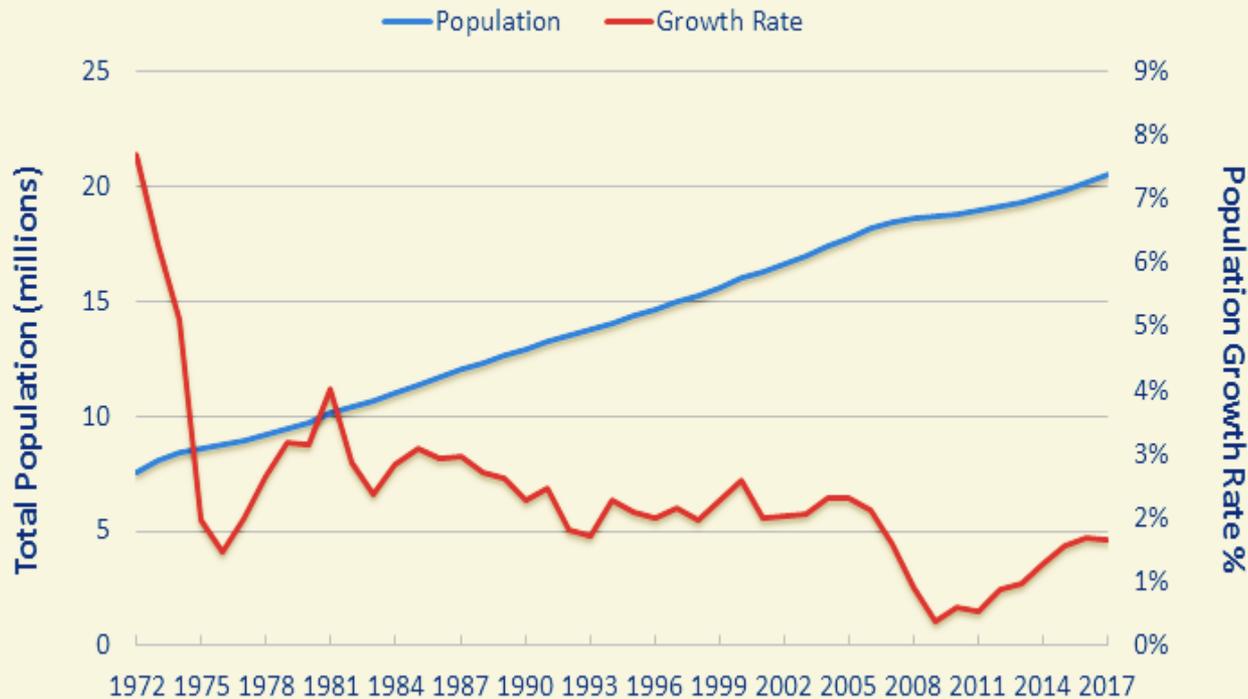
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## FLORIDA POPULATION AND GROWTH RATE



Source: BEBR Population Estimates

Current Data as of 2/09/2018

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## General Background for 2020 Session

### *2. Significant interest in water quality*

- Priority issue for Governor DeSantis
- Biosolids TAC
- Blue-Green Algae Task Force



## General Background for 2020 Session

### *Blue-Green Algae Task Force Initial Recommendations*

[protectingfloridatogether.gov/state-action/blue-green-algae-task-force](http://protectingfloridatogether.gov/state-action/blue-green-algae-task-force)

- BMAPs
- Ag BMPs
- OSTDS
- SSOs
- SW Design Criteria
- HABs

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## General Background for 2020 Session

### *3. Combination of defense and offense*

- SB 712 – Water Resources
- HB 3 – Preemption of Local Licensing
- SB 410 – Local Land Use Ordinances



## General Background for 2020 Session

### 4. *Preemption Philosophy*

- “Government closest to The People governs best” ...
- ...replaced by significant and growing anti-regulatory and anti-local government philosophy



## General Background for 2020 Session

### 4. *Preemption Philosophy*

Primary “Non-Water” Preemption Bills

- Vacation Rentals
- Recreational Vehicle Parks
- Home-Based Businesses
- Local Government Lobbying Fees
- Puppy Mill Stores



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### 2020 Bills Being Tracked

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Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
<a href="#">HB 0003</a>	Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing	Grant (M)	02-27-2020
<a href="#">SB 0050</a>	Beverage Container Deposits	Rader	08-16-2019



## White Papers and Short Bill Summaries

- [Short Summary - HB 3/SB 1336 \(2020\)](#)
- [Short Summary - SB 712 Amendments \(2020\)](#)
- [Short Summary - HB 3/SB 1748 \(2019\)](#)
- [Nutrient Removal Cost Comparison \(2017\)](#)
- [Reclaimed Water \(2016\)](#)
- [Septic Tanks \(2015\)](#)
- [10/2 General Permits \(2015\)](#)
- [Wetlands \(2014\)](#)



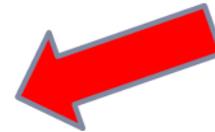
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[Florida House moves landmark environmental legislation to DeSantis' desk](#)

The Center Square - 3/11/2020

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## Primary Issues of Concern – “*Priority Issues*”

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### 1. Biosolids

- ✓ July 1, 2020 new sites must have unsaturated soil depth of 2 feet and seasonal high-water table must be at least 6 inches unless monitoring and nutrient management plan approved by FDEP.
- ✓ All sites to comply new policy within one year after adoption of FDEP rules.



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### 2. SW Design Criteria

- ✓ FDEP/WMDs to initiate rulemaking by January 1, 2021 to update ERP Applicants Handbook
- ✓ Consider LID, increase nutrient removal, consistent application of net improvement, significant reduction of pollutant loadings to waterbodies



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### 3. 10/2 General Permit

- ✓ FDEP to review/evaluate permits and inspection data for compliance with WQ quality standards and provide Legislature with recommendations



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### 4. OSTDS

- ✓ December 31, 2020 - FDEP and FDOH to submit recommendations on transfer of OSTDS program to FDEP. FDEP and FDOH to enter into agreement to transfer program effective July 21, 2021.
- ✓ FDEP to adopt rules relating to the location of OSTDS to prevent groundwater and surface water contamination by July 1, 2022.
- ✓ Use of enhanced OSTDS encouraged
- ✓ “Springshead-like” BMAP plan required for areas where OSTDS is more than 20% of nutrient pollution



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### 5. Ag BMPs

- ✓ DACS to inspect each agricultural producer that enrolls in BMP program at least every two years for compliance with NOI
- ✓ Cooperative Ag regional WQ improvement element permitted if Ag contributes to at least 20% of nutrient pollution after implementation of DACS BMPs



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6. Bottled Water Study – Submitted by June 30, 2021
7. Potable Reuse Rule Revisions – Initiated by December 31, 2020
8. WWT permits required to include inspection of pipe integrity
9. SSOs – Annual reports of facilities experiencing overflows
10. Local regulations recognizing “rights of nature” prohibited



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- ✓ **SB 178** – Public Financing of Construction Projects. Prohibits state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal building zone without submittal of a sea level impact projection study to FDEP. *Passed.*
- ✓ **HB 1091** – Environmental Accountability. Encourages local governments to establish inspection and notification programs for sanitary sewer lateral lines. Increases fines/penalties for violations of statutes protecting water quality by 50% for each violation. (WWT violations = each day cause of violation is unresolved constitutes a separate violation.) *Passed.*



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- ✓ **HB 279** – Local Government Public Construction. Revising disclosure and reporting requirements for bidding documents/RFPs issued by a local governmental entity. Revises reporting requirements by local governments for projects of greater than \$300,000. ***Passed.***
- ✓ **HB 1161 / SB 890** – Portability of Local Licenses. Provided that individuals who hold valid, active local licenses may work within the scope of such licenses in any local government jurisdiction without meeting additional licensing requirements. ***Failed.***



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- ✓ **HB 3 / SB 1336** – Local Licensing Programs. Similar to legislation filed in 2019. Preempted all local licensing programs unless they were specifically authorized by general law. FSA’s concern: Local licensure programs paired with regulatory programs unique to city or county government. Examples: Well-drilling; landscape management; inspections of private WWT lift stations. ***Failed.***



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- ✓ **SB 410** – Land Use Ordinances. Originally drafted as a property rights bill. Amended late in Session to prohibit counties from adopting a comprehensive plan or any land development regulation that effects municipalities. Targeted primarily to address Alachua County’s countywide LID ordinance. ***Passed*** but veto requests have been sent to Governor by FSA, FAC and certain counties.



<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Vetoed</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Governor</b>
2003-2004	\$21,169,517	\$53,502,561,910	Jeb Bush
2004-2005	\$349,344,689	\$58,036,663,978	Jeb Bush
2005-2006	\$179,572,268	\$63,076,088,492	Jeb Bush
2006-2007	\$447,907,053	\$71,326,284,400	Jeb Bush
2007-2008	\$459,167,584	\$71,953,311,480	Charlie Christ
2008-2009	\$251,140,000	\$65,024,050,364	Charlie Christ
2009-2010	\$6,000,000	\$66,536,360,098	Charlie Christ
2010-2011	\$171,573,068	\$70,377,423,887	Charlie Christ
2011-2012	\$615,347,550	\$69,676,639,159	Rick Scott
2012-2013	\$142,752,177	\$70,036,652,091	Rick Scott
2013-2014	\$367,950,394	\$74,298,188,334	Rick Scott
2014-2015	\$68,850,121	\$77,081,082,124	Rick Scott
2015-2016	\$461,387,164	\$78,697,999,841	Rick Scott
2016-2017	\$256,144,027	\$82,348,890,492	Rick Scott
2017-2018	\$11,900,000,000	\$82,418,458,905	Rick Scott
2018-2019	\$64,050,000	\$88,700,000,000	Rick Scott
2019-2020	\$131,281,341	\$91,106,375,235	Ron DeSantis
2020-2021	TBD	\$93,200,000,000	Ron DeSantis



<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Gen. Bills Filed</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>% Passed</b>
2003	Jeb Bush	James King	Johnnie Byrd	2,553	412	16%
2004	Jeb Bush	James King	Johnnie Byrd	2,691	497	18%
2005	Jeb Bush	Tom Lee	Allan Bense	2,483	393	16%
2006	Jeb Bush	Tom Lee	Allan Bense	2,482	386	16%
2007	Charlie Crist	Ken Pruitt	Marco Rubio	2,545	345	14%
2008	Charlie Crist	Ken Pruitt	Marco Rubio	2,504	313	13%
2009	Charlie Crist	Jeff Atwater	Ray Sansom	2,371	271	11%
2010	Charlie Crist	Jeff Atwater	Larry Cretul	2,478	301	12%
2011	Rick Scott	Mike Haridopoplos	Dean Cannon	2,186	295	13%
2012	Rick Scott	Mike Haridopoplos	Dean Cannon	2,052	292	14%
2013	Rick Scott	Don Gaetz	Will Weatherford	1,848	286	15%
2014	Rick Scott	Don Gaetz	Will Weatherford	1,817	264	15%
2015	Rick Scott	Andy Gardiner	Steve Crisafulli	1,754	232	13%
2016	Rick Scott	Andy Gardner	Steve Crisafulli	1,814	279	15%
2017	Rick Scott	Joe Negron	Rick Corcoran	1,676	241	14%
2018	Rick Scott	Joe Negron	Rick Corcoran	1,654	200	12%
2019	Ron DeSantis	Bill Galvano	Jose Oliva	1,675	197	12%
2020	Ron DeSantis	Bill Galvano	Jose Oliva	1,699	207	12%



## **What to Anticipate next Session – March 2021**

### *Possible Issues*

#### 1. Water

- ✓ Biosolids rule ratification
- ✓ OSTDS transfer
- ✓ SW Design Criteria
- ✓ 10/2 Report
- ✓ Reclaimed water



## **What to Anticipate next Session – March 2021**

### *Possible Issues*

2. Regulatory “Reform” – Pre-Emption of local regulatory authority
3. Redistricting



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