



# St. Johns River

## Water Management District

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April 16, 2021

The Honorable Jeff Gold, Chairman, District 3  
Marion County Commission  
601 SE 25th Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471

Dear Chairman Gold,

The St. Johns River Water Management District's (District) mission is to protect our natural resources and support Florida's growth by ensuring the sustainable use of Florida's water for the benefit of the people of the District and the state. To meet that mission statement, the District's daily work is focused on four main core missions: water quality, water supply, flood protection and natural systems.

This letter specifically addresses the goal for the natural systems core mission, which includes protecting, restoring and preserving natural systems to support their natural hydrologic and ecologic functions.

The District is providing county commissioners and other interested stakeholders an annual cumulative summary of wetland impacts and mitigation permitted by the District's Environmental Resource Permitting Program together with a summary of wetlands restored and protected by the District (see attached chart).

The results from this summary demonstrate the success of the District's programs in protecting, restoring and preserving wetlands.

We invite you to read more about our programs by visiting our website, [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com).

Sincerely,

Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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Attachment: Wetland Chart

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cc: Adam Lovejoy, Governmental Affairs Director

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**Cumulative Wetland Impacts, Restoration, and Preservation  
St. Johns River Water Management District  
Report through December 31, 2020**

<b>County<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wetlands Permanently Impacted (acres)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Wetlands Created, Enhanced, or Restored (acres)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Wetlands Preserved (acres)<sup>5</sup></b>
Alachua	387	565	10,340
Baker	37	7	2,350
Bradford <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0
Brevard	2,811	25,107	109,356
Clay	1,666	1,609	14,172
Duval	6,606	5,377	31,563
Flagler	922	981	8,861
Indian River	936	12,894	31,713
Lake	638	4,673	22,454
Marion	96	9,349	11,385
Nassau	677	1,161	6,452
Okeechobee <sup>2</sup>	27	28	28
Orange	2,195	4,645	27,567
Osceola	60	57	212
Putnam	278	233	19,970
Seminole	1,088	375	31,444
St. Johns	3,110	3,016	41,523
Volusia	3,547	3,465	53,767
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25,080</b>	<b>73,544</b>	<b>423,157</b>

Net Wetland Restoration Gained Within the District	<b>48,464</b>
Total Wetland Restoration and Preservation Gained Within the District	<b>471,621</b>

- 1 Mitigation requirements, per rule, are based on regulatory drainage basins, not county boundaries; therefore, impact acreages in one county may be offset in another county, due to basin boundary limits crossing county boundaries.
- 2 SJRWMD District Boundary includes a very small area of Bradford and Okeechobee counties.
- 3 Data for wetland impacts is from October 2000 for ERP and from 1996 for FDOT Mitigation Program.
- 4 Data for wetlands created, enhanced or restored is from October 2000 for ERP, from 1996 for FDOT Mitigation Program and from 1992 for District restoration efforts.
- 5 Data for wetlands preserved is from October 2000 for ERP, from 1996 for FDOT Mitigation Program and from 1989 for District acquisition efforts.