

# Alachua County Stormwater Assessment

Joint Water Policy Committee February 24, 2020

## \$40 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)

• 1 ERU equals 4,011 square feet of impervious area.

Most Residential properties assessed in tiers based on roof area.

Very large homes and all other properties assessed by measuring onsite

impervious area.

**SMALL HOME** \$ 20.40 per year

0.51 ERU
Up to 1,500 Sq. Ft.

MEDIUM HOME

\$ 40.00 per year

1.0 ERU 1,501 - 3,000 Sq. Ft. LARGE HOME

\$ 66.40 per year

1.66 ERU

3.001 - 6,000 Sq. Ft.

### Allocation of Assessment Funds

- Board Policy is 50/50 split between:
  - Water Quality (EPD)
  - Drainage System Maintenance (Public Works)

• Estimated revenue: \$1,889,715 total (\$944,858 split)

## Water Quality Examples

- Pollutant Source and Transport Studies
  - Lochloosa Lake Initiative Nutrient Source Analysis
  - Residential Nitrogen Leaching Study

- Water Quality Improvement Projects
  - Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead Improvement Project

Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis

#### Lochloosa Lake Initiative

 Lake is impaired for nutrients. Recently included in the Orange Creek Basin Management Action Plan.

Load reduction allocations from FDEP in 2019.

 Project goal is to identify sources of nutrients in the watershed and locations for potential nutrient reduction projects.

## Residential Nitrogen Leaching Study

 Study being conducted through UF to estimate nitrogen input to groundwater from residential landscapes.

Field study conducted on actual residential properties.

Initial work will be completed in the spring.

 Potential "Phase 2" will look at top dressing with compost and impacts of reclaimed water.



#### **Sweetwater Preserve**

- Project goals:
  - Address erosion from stormwater
  - Improve parking for Preserve
  - Reduce nutrient load from stormwater
  - Performance monitoring of LIDs
  - Stormwater education
- Coordination between:
  - County
  - GRU
  - Wild Spaces Public Places

