



**Interoffice Memorandum**

Date September 9, 2020

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
and Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJ: Gotha Lakes Watershed Management Plan Work Session**

During the summer of 2019, a number of lakes in the Gotha area of Orange County became elevated and created concerns for adjoining property owners. These owners presented their concerns to the Board in November 2019 and the Mayor directed staff to conduct a study of the area to investigate the high lake elevations.

The County contracted with CDM Smith and its teaming partner Pegasus Engineering to prepare a Watershed Management Plan for the five landlocked lakes in the area. These lakes, which are privately owned and not maintained by the County include: Lake Nally, Mills Pond, Gotha Pond, Fischer Lake, and Lake Hugh.

The Gotha Lakes Watershed Management Plan has recently been completed. The report analyzed the flooding of properties adjacent to the subject five lakes, along with identifying factors that affect the lake levels. The report also pinpoints lake level management strategies with conceptual costs for implementation.

Staff and our consultant team will present an overview of the findings of the Management Plan. A full copy of the report has been provided to the Board.

This item has been scheduled for information only and requires no Board action.

JCK/wn