



Biological Assessment of
**Florida Cities Southgate
Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Sarasota County
NPDES #FL0032808
Sampled July and August 1996

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Results of Fifth Year Inspections

Discharger: Florida Cities Southgate WWTP
County: Sarasota
NPDES Number: FL0032808
State Permit Expiration Date: 4/15/97

Toxics Sampling Inspection (XSI)

Date Sampled: 29 July 1996
Results: No organic priority pollutants or problem levels of metals were detected in the effluent.

Compliance Biomonitoring Inspection (CBI)

Date Sampled: 29 July 1996
Results: The effluent was not acutely toxic to the water flea, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, or to the fish, *Cyprinella leedsi*.

Impact Bioassessment Inspection (IBI)

Date Sampled: 29 July 1996, 1 August 1996, and 29 August 1996
Results: Quantitative measures of macroinvertebrate community health suggested only a moderate disturbance in the vicinity of the test sites. The Stream Condition Index, however, placed the reference site in the "excellent" category, test site 1 in the "poor" category, while test site 2 was rated "good". It should be noted that there are many potential stressors operating on the system near the test sites, including suboptimal to marginal habitat and urban stormwater inputs. Based on the results of this survey and on past data, the Southgate WWTP effluent quality appears to be consistently good. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that these other factors may be more responsible for the observed biological responses than was the discharge. The phytoplankton communities at all three sites were relatively depauperate. Taxa richness and algal density were low, and chlorophyll *a* was undetected throughout Phillippi Creek. In general, there was no evidence that the facility was negatively affecting the phytoplankton.

Water Quality Inspection (WQI)

Date Sampled: 29 July 1996
Results: Total and fecal coliforms were collected only at test site 2, where they complied with Class III water quality standards. Effluent nutrient concentrations were within AWT permit limits. Total phosphorus at the reference site (0.31 mg/L) was higher than the values found in approximately 75% of other Florida streams, increasing to 0.51 mg/L at test site 1 and 0.45 mg/L at test site 2. Conversely, nitrate-nitrite at the reference site (0.14 mg/L) was higher than the values found at the test sites (both were undetected). Algal growth potential levels were above the 5 mg dry weight/L "problem threshold" at all three stations. AGP was 17.9 mg dry wt/L at the reference site, 11.9 mg dry wt/L at test site 1, and 11.1 mg dry wt/L at test site 2. There is a major tributary draining residential and commercial areas and numerous additional residential sources on Phillippi Creek between the reference and test sites. In summary, there is no direct evidence which links the effluent to nutrient enrichment in Phillippi Creek.

Introduction

The Florida Cities Southgate Wastewater Treatment Plant is located in Sarasota County (see maps in Appendix). Treatment at this 1.36 MGD advanced domestic wastewater treatment facility consists of flow equalization, activated sludge processing, nitrification and denitrification, final clarification, filtering, chlorination, and dechlorination before discharge. In the three months prior to this survey, an average of 1.17 MGD of effluent was discharged into the Class III Phillippi Creek, which flows to Roberts Bay.

Permit limits, which are consistent with Grizzle-Figg legislation, are as follows: CBOD and TSS (5 mg/L annual average, 6.25 mg/L monthly average, 7.5 mg/L weekly average, and 10 mg/L maximum), fecal coliform bacteria (25 organisms/ 100 mL annual average and non-detectable in 75% of the samples), total nitrogen (3 mg/L as an annual average), total phosphorus (1.0 mg/L as an annual average), dissolved oxygen (5.0 mg/L minimum), flow (1.36 MGD maximum), and pH (6.0 to 8.5 SU).

Effluent flow intermittently exceeds the facility's design capacity, although effluent quality has apparently not suffered (see Facility Summary in Appendix). A previous bioassessment indicated there were no receiving water problems in Phillippi Creek associated with the discharge, although degradation from residential stormwater inputs was noted (FDER 1991).

Major characteristics of community structure of control and test sites.

| | Reference Site | Test Site 1 | Test Site 2 |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Macroinvertebrate Qualitative | | | |
| Number of Taxa | 48 | 20 | 33 |
| Florida Index | 13 | 1 | 7 |
| SCI | 31 | 17 | 25 |
| EPT Index | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| % Contribution of Dominant Taxon | 27.9 | 55.9 | 66.0 |
| % Oligochaeta | 0.1 | 8.9 | 8.5 |
| % Diptera | 30.0 | 12.3 | 7.4 |
| % Ephemeroptera | 16.9 | 2.2 | 3.1 |
| % Odonata | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| % Trichoptera | 2.4 | 0 | 0.9 |
| % Gastropoda | 36.2 | 55.9 | 69.1 |
| % Coleoptera | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| % Pelecypoda | 1.1 | 12.9 | 4.0 |
| % Other | 3.1 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| % Predators | 16.5 | 11.2 | 2.1 |
| % Above Surface Deposit Feeders | 23.1 | 5.0 | 7.7 |
| % Below Surface Deposit Feeders | 0 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| % Suspension Feeders | 7.3 | 14.0 | 4.7 |
| % Scrapers | 45.3 | 58.9 | 71.4 |
| % Shredders | 5.6 | 1.4 | 4.3 |
| % Parasites | 0.3 | 0 | 0.3 |
| Macroinvertebrate Hester-Dendy | | | |
| Number of Taxa | 31 | 33 | 32 |
| Florida Index | 19 | 12 | 13 |
| Shannon-Weaver Diversity | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.9 |
| EPT Index | 8 | 3 | 6 |
| % Gastropoda | 3.2 | 8.0 | 23.7 |
| % Diptera | 19.4 | 68.0 | 66.1 |
| % Ephemeroptera | 32.2 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| % Trichoptera | 35.1 | 19.0 | 5.2 |
| % Odonata | 3.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| % Coleoptera | 6.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| % Other | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0 |
| % Predators | 9.2 | 7.9 | 4.6 |
| % Above Surface Deposit Feeders | 27.5 | 36.0 | 35.5 |
| % Plant Piercers | 11.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| % Suspension Feeders | 25.1 | 35.9 | 27.8 |
| % Scrapers | 22.6 | 9.3 | 25.7 |
| % Shredders | 3.8 | 10.8 | 6.0 |
| Phytoplankton Algae | | | |
| Number of Taxa | 14 | 8 | 10 |
| Shannon-Weaver Diversity | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Algal Density (#/sq. cm) | 745.6 | 227.4 | 331.9 |
| Chlorophyll a (ug/L) | | 1.38 U | 1.25 U |
| % Euglenophytes | 36.6 | 0 | 12.1 |
| % Blue-green | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| % Green | 46.5 | 26.1 | 15.1 |
| % Diatoms | 14.1 | 74.1 | 70.0 |
| % Other | 1.4 | 0 | 3.0 |
| Algal Growth Potential (mg dry wt/l) | 17.9 | 11.9 | 11.1 |

Methods

The focus of this investigation was to determine the discharger's effects on the receiving waters. A comparison of biological community health was made between a reference site (located approximately 1.5 miles east (and upstream) of the outfall in Phillippi Creek) and two test sites bracketing the discharge (see map in Appendix). In addition to the usual downstream test site (which receives effluent most of the time), an upstream test site was also used because it was noted that Phillippi Creek occasionally reverses flow near the discharge. A habitat assessment was performed *in situ* to establish comparability between sites. Supplemental physical/chemical data were also collected on the effluent and study sites. Acute screening toxicity bioassays, using *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and *Cyprinella leedsi* as test organisms, were performed on an effluent sample (Weber 1991). The effluent was analyzed for metals and for organic constituents (base neutral and acid extractables, and pesticide extractables). Additionally, nutrient analyses were performed on effluent, reference, and test sites. Methods used for all chemical analyses are on file at the Tallahassee DEP Chemistry Laboratory.

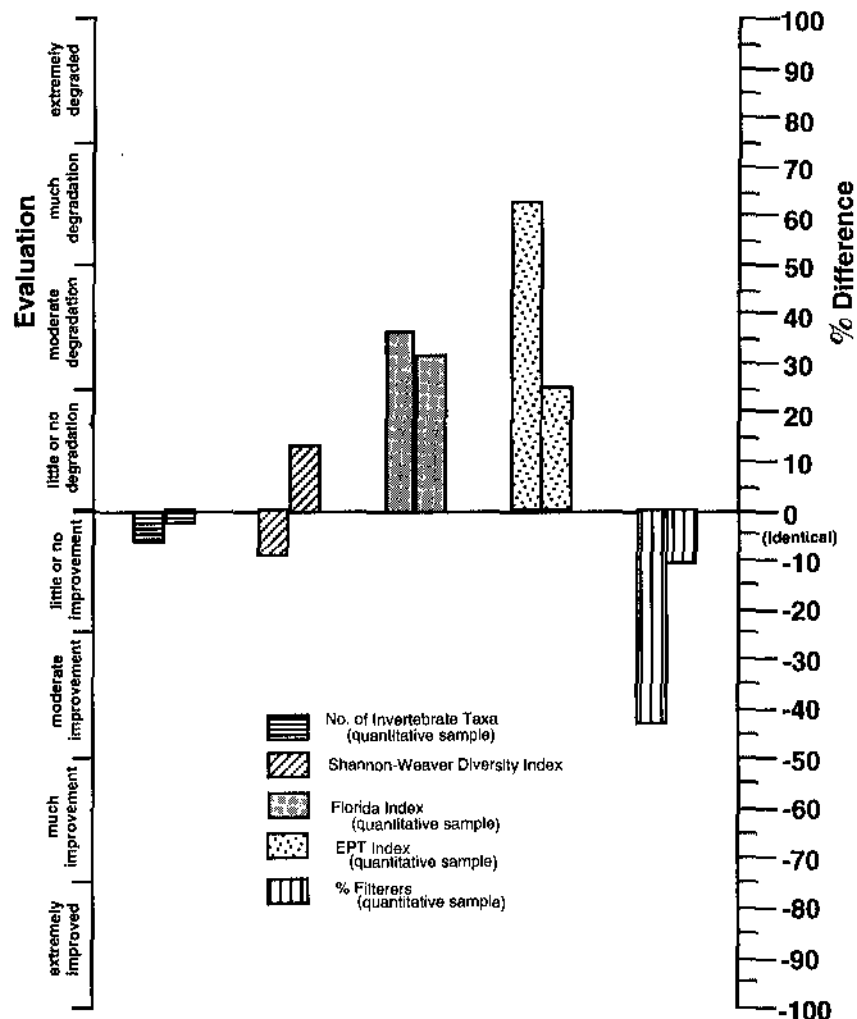
Benthic macroinvertebrate communities were evaluated at reference and test sites. Invertebrates were collected from multiple substrates (e.g., snags, leaf packs, vegetation) using discrete dip net sweeps. Additional inver-

tebrate collections were accomplished using Hester-Dendy multiplate samplers which were incubated for 28 days (Ross 1990). Periphyton was sampled at both reference and test sites by incubating glass microscope slides in a standard periphytometer for 28 days (Ross 1990). Chlorophyll *a* was also determined for periphyton communities (Ross 1990). Algal Growth Potential tests, using *Selenastrum capricornutum* as the test organism, followed Miller *et al.* (1978).

Explanation of Measurements of Community Health

Several different measurements of macroinvertebrate and algal community health have been employed to determine the effects of a discharge. These are briefly discussed here.

Habitat Assessment: Seven attributes known to have potential effects on the stream biota were evaluated and scored, with 20 points possible for each factor.



Effect of discharge on the benthic macroinvertebrate community.

The left bar for each parameter shows differences between the reference site and test site 1. The right bar shows differences between the reference site and test site 2.

Based on the sum of these individual scores, overall habitat quality is assigned to one of four categories: Optimal (105-140 points); Suboptimal (70-104 points); Marginal (35-69 points); and Poor (0-34 points).

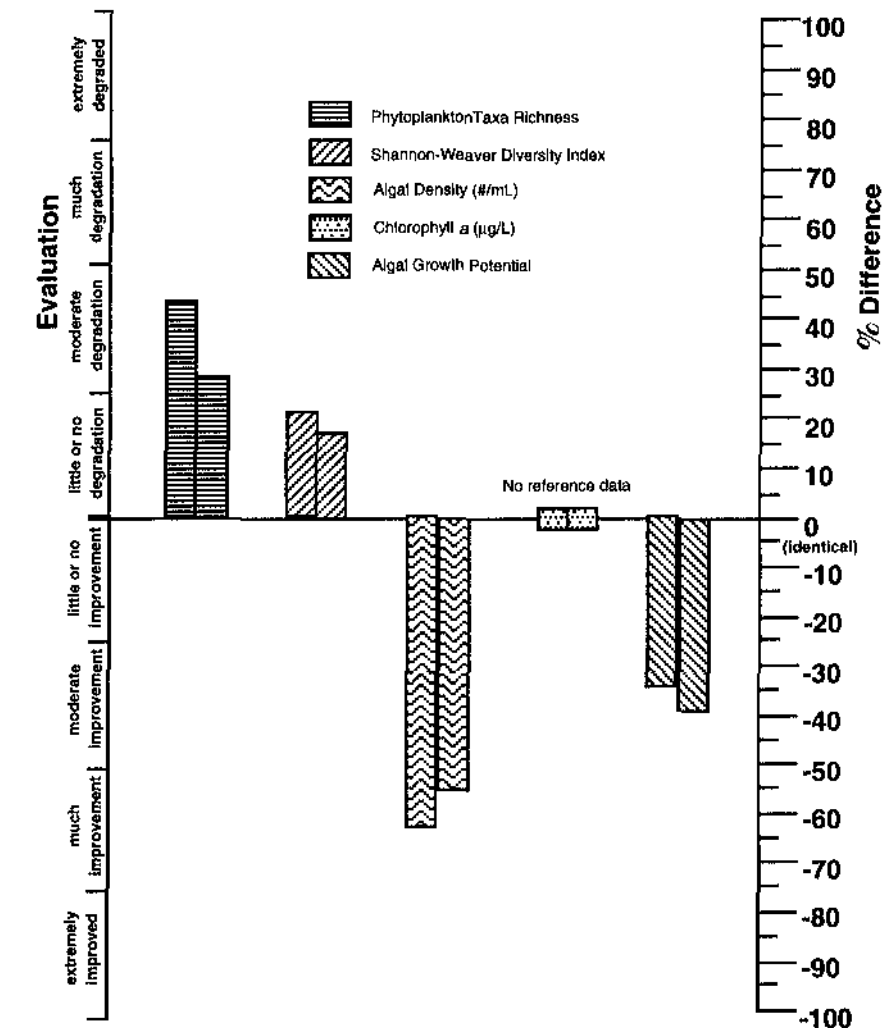
Taxa richness: Stress tends to reduce the number of different types of organisms present in a system, although moderate nutrient enrichment may sometimes be correlated with increased algal taxa richness.

Shannon-Weaver diversity: This index is specified in the Florida Administrative Code as a measure of biological integrity (Rule 62-302.530(11) FAC). Low diversity scores are undesirable. They represent conditions where only a few organisms are abundant, to the exclusion of other taxa. Excessive numerical dominance of a single type of organism (a high % contribution of the dominant taxon) is a related measure which is also associated with disturbance.

Numbers of pollution sensitive taxa: Some organisms become rare or absent as the intensity or duration of disturbance increases. For example, the Florida Index assigns points to stream-dwelling macroinvertebrates based on their sensitivity to pollution (see Ross 1990). A site with a high Florida Index score is considered healthy. Species sensitivity data from other sources, such as Hudson *et al.* (1990), Lenat (1993), and Chang *et al.* (1992) are used as appropriate.

Ephemeroptera/Plecoptera/Tri-choptera Index: This index is the sum of the number of EPT taxa present. Higher EPT values are associated with healthier systems.

Community structure: Substantial shifts in proportions of major groups of organisms, com-



Effect of discharge on the algal community

(see figure on previous page for explanation).

pared to reference conditions, may indicate degradation.

Algal biomass: High algal biomass (algal density or chlorophyll *a*) implies nutrient stress. A decreased diatom to blue-green algae ratio (calculated by dividing the number of individuals in the Bacillariophyta by the number of individuals in the Bacillariophyta + Cyanophyta) is often indicative of nutrient enriched conditions in flowing streams.

Trophic composition/feeding guilds: Disturbance can shift the feeding strategies of invertebrates. In Florida for example, pollution may be responsible for reducing the

numbers of filter-feeders (FDEP 1994) and shredders (EA Engineering 1994).

The Stream Condition Index for Florida (SCI) is a composite macroinvertebrate metric (Barbour *et al.* 1996). The SCI assigns points to a variety of parameters, depending on how closely each parameter approaches an expected reference condition (see SCI calculation table in Appendix).

For graphical purposes, the percent differences between the reference and test sites involving the number of taxa, the diversity index, the Florida Index, the EPT Index, the diatom to blue-green algae ra-

tio, and the % filter-feeders are measured as the reference site minus test site divided by the reference site. The percent differences between sites involving algal density, chlorophyll *a*, and algal growth potential are measured as the test site minus reference site divided by the reference site.

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Results and Discussion

Phillippi Creek is a sluggish (with water velocity of 0.07 m/sec or less) artificially channelized stream with stormwater inputs from predominantly residential areas. Habitat quality was suboptimal to marginal at all three sites, with 70 points at the reference site, 80 points at test site 1, and 57 points at test site 2. Specific habitat problems observed at all three stations included a lack of instream substrates, poor bank stability (resulting in erosion), and poor riparian buffer zone (see Appendix). Exotic plants, such as melaleuca, castor bean, and alligator weed,

were common throughout the study area.

Most physical/chemical parameters were comparable at all three sites. For example, temperature ranged from 29.5°C to 30.2°C, while dissolved oxygen ranged from 5.8 mg/L to 6.4 mg/L. The pH values were between 7.0 SU to 7.4 SU. The conductivity was somewhat elevated throughout the stream, with 577 μ mhos/cm at the reference site, 713 μ mhos/cm at test site 1, and 700 μ mhos/cm at test site 2. The higher specific conductance at the test sites will be discussed later.

The effluent was not acutely toxic to the fish, *Cyprinella leedsi*, or to the cladoceran, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, in 48 hour acute bioassays.

No organic priority pollutants were detected in the effluent. With the exception of iron (190 μ g/L), no metals were found above quantitation limits in the effluent. The iron value complied with Class III water quality standards.

Total and fecal coliforms were collected only at test site 2. The fecal coliforms (630 organisms/100 mL) and total coliform levels (2,400 organisms/100 mL) complied with Class III water quality standards, although it should be noted that the 6 hour sample holding time was exceeded.

Effluent nutrient concentrations were within AWT permit limits in both the flow proportionate sample and the timed composite sample. Most parameters were similar between the two sampling methods. For example, TKN was measured to be 1.6 mg/L in the timed composite sample and 1.5 mg/L in the flow proportionate sample. Ammonia was 0.056 mg/L in the timed composite and 0.077 in the flow proportionate sample. To-

tal phosphorus was 0.99 mg/L in the timed composite and 0.86 mg/L in the flow proportionate sample. Nitrate-nitrite was 0.089 mg/L in the timed composite and 0.20 mg/L in the flow proportionate sample.

Although total phosphorus levels were somewhat higher at the two test sites (0.51 mg/L and 0.45 mg/L) than at the reference site (0.31 mg/L), it would be difficult to determine whether the facility or other sources were responsible for the increase without additional sampling. Note that the reference site total phosphorus value was already higher than those found in approximately 75% of other Florida streams (see Table of Typical Water Quality Values in Appendix). There is a major tributary draining residential and commercial areas and numerous additional residential sources on Phillippi Creek between the reference and test sites. Contrary to the phosphorus results, nitrate-nitrite at the reference site (0.14 mg/L) was higher than nitrate-nitrite of the test sites (both were undetected). Ammonia was also higher at the reference site (0.078 mg/L) than at the test sites (0.057 mg/L and 0.059 mg/L). In summary, there is no direct evidence which links the effluent to nutrient enrichment in Phillippi Creek.

Algal growth potential levels were above the 5 mg dry weight/L "problem threshold" at all three stations. AGP was 17.9 mg dry wt/L at the reference site, 11.9 mg dry wt/L at test site 1, and 11.1 mg/L dry wt/L at test site 2. Again the decrease in AGP near the discharge suggests the effluent is not causing nutrient enrichment. Effluent AGP was 15.0 mg/L dry wt/L.

Quantitative measures of macroinvertebrate community

health suggested only a moderate disturbance in the vicinity of the test sites. The figure on p. 2 indicates the degree of difference between the reference and test sites. Larger differences (that is, higher percentages) correspond with greater degrees of degradation. Negative values mean that the test site is better than the reference site.

In the Hester-Dendy samples, taxa richness (with 31 taxa at the reference site, 33 taxa at test site 1, and 32 taxa at test site 2) was very similar between stations. Following this same trend, Shannon-Weaver diversity values (3.3 at the reference site, 3.6 at test site 1, and 2.9 at test site 2) were comparable at all three sites. The Florida Index, however, was somewhat higher at the reference site (19), than at test site 1 (12), or test site 2 (13). The EPT Index was also higher at the reference site (8), than at either test site (3 at test site 1, and 6 at test site 2). The percent filter feeder metric was higher at test site 1 (35.9%) and test site 2 (27.8%) than at the reference site (25.1%). It should be noted that there are many potential stressors operating on the system near the test sites (e.g., suboptimal to marginal habitat, urban stormwater inputs). Based on the results of this survey and on past data, the Southgate WWTP effluent quality appears to be consistently good. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that other factors (stormwater, habitat) may be more responsible for the observed biological responses than was the discharge.

The dip net samples were mostly analogous to the Hester-Dendy results, except that test site 1 (upstream of the discharge) appeared to be more degraded than test site 2 (downstream of the discharge).

The Stream Condition Index at the reference site (31) placed this station in the "excellent" category, while test site 1 (with an SCI score of 17) fell into the "poor" category and test site 2 (with an SCI of 25) was rated "good" (Appendix). As stated earlier, the lower SCI scores at the test sites could be due to a number of factors. There is an increase in urban stormwater inputs between the reference and test sites. While leaf packs, an important and productive substrate, were available at the reference site, they were absent from the test sites.

Because periphyton racks were not recovered at the reference site, the phytoplankton populations will be addressed instead. The figure on p. 3 represents changes in the phytoplankton algal community. As was noted with the macroinvertebrates, larger differences (that is, higher percentages) correspond with greater degrees of degradation. The phytoplankton communities at all three sites were relatively depauperate. Taxa richness ranged from 14 taxa at the reference site to 8 taxa at test site 1. Chlorophyll *a* was undetected at the test sites, and not sampled at the reference site. Algal density ranged from a high of 746 cells/mL at the reference site to a low of 227 cells/mL at test site 1. Algal Shannon-Weaver diversity was 3.0 at the reference site, 2.4 at test site 1, and 2.5 at test site 2. Chlorophytes were the most abundant algal group at the reference site (46.5%), followed by euglenophytes (36.6%), while diatoms were most abundant at the test sites (70.0% to 74.1% of the total populations). In general, there was no evidence that the facility was negatively affecting the phytoplankton.

Conclusions

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Quantitative measures of macroinvertebrate community health suggested only a moderate disturbance in the vicinity of the test sites. There were no major differences between the reference and test sites regarding taxa richness or diversity, while the % filter feeders showed an improvement at the

test sites. The test sites fared worse than the reference site on the Florida Index and EPT Index. The Stream Condition Index placed the reference site in the "excellent" category, test site 1 in the "poor" category while test site 2 in rated "good". It should be noted that there are many potential stressors operating on the system near the test sites, including suboptimal to marginal habitat and urban stormwater inputs. Based on the results of this survey and on past data, the Southgate WWTP effluent quality

appears to be consistently good. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that these other factors may be more responsible for the observed biological responses than was the discharge.

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**Chemistry Summary Table
for Florida Cities
Southgate WWTP.**

**Effluent
(Flow
Proportionate)**

**Effluent
(Timed
Composite)**

**Effluent
(Grab)**

**Reference
Site**

**Test Site
1**

**Test Site
2**

| Organic Constituents (ug/L) | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| None Detected | | | None Detected | | | |
| Metals (ug/L) | | | | | | |
| Aluminum | | | 100 U | | | |
| Arsenic | | | 20 U | | | |
| Cadmium | | | 0.05 U | | | |
| Copper | | | 5 U | | | |
| Chromium | | | 5 U | | | |
| Iron | | | 190 | | | |
| Lead | | | 10 U | | | |
| Nickel | | | 4 U | | | |
| Selenium | | | 30 U | | | |
| Silver | | | 0.04 U | | | |
| Zinc | | | 5 I | | | |
| Nutrients (mg/L) | | | | | | |
| Ortho-phosphate | 0.63 A | | | 0.17 A | 0.38 A | 0.35 |
| Total phosphorus | 0.86 A | 0.99 | | 0.31 | 0.51 | 0.45 |
| Ammonia | 0.077 A | 0.056 | 0.066 A | 0.078 A | 0.059 | 0.057 |
| Nitrate+Nitrite | 0.089 | 0.20 | | 0.14 | 0.020 U | 0.020 U |
| Unionized Ammonia | | | 0.00 | | | |
| TKN | 1.6 A | 1.5 | | 0.91 | 0.76 | 0.81 |
| General Phys-Chem Parameters | | | | | | |
| Habitat Assessment | | | | 70 | 80 | 57 |
| Dissolved oxygen (mg/L) | | | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| pH (SU) | | | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.4 |
| Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm) | | | 527 | 577 | 713 | 700 |
| Temperature (°C) | | | 31.9 | 30.2 | 29.8 | 29.5 |
| Hardness (mg CaCO ₃) | | | 200.0 | | | |
| Algal Growth Potential (mg dry wt/L) | | | 15.0 | 17.9 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| Toxicity | | | | | | |
| Bioassay Fish-Dechlorinated | | | No mortality | | | |
| Bioassay Invertebrate-Dechlorinated | | | No mortality | | | |
| Microbiological Communities (org/100 mL) | | | | | | |
| Fecal Coliform | | | | | | 630 Q |
| Total Coliform | | | | | | 2400 Q |

A - Value reported is the mean of two or more determinations

I - Value reported is less than the minimum quantitation limit, and greater than or equal to the minimum detection limit

Q - Sample held beyond normal holding time

U - Material analyzed for but not detected; value reported is the minimum detection limit

Typical Values for Selected Parameters in Florida Waters

Adapted from Joe Hand, FDER, personal communication, 1991

(data was collected between 1980 and 1989)

Percentile Distribution

| Parameter | 5% | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 95% |
|-----------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|-----------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

STREAMS

(1617 stations)

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i> | 0.22 | 0.52 | 0.94 | 1.60 | 3.02 | 4.63 | 6.72 | 9.87 | 14.68 | 27.35 | 48.70 |
| Periphyton Chlorophyll <i>a</i> | 0.31 | 0.43 | 0.77 | 1.04 | 2.16 | 2.94 | 6.45 | 10.51 | 17.00 | 39.51 | 60.85 |
| H-D Diversity | 0.84 | 2.12 | 2.48 | 2.74 | 2.88 | 3.09 | 3.25 | 3.40 | 3.52 | 3.76 | 3.90 |
| Qualitative Taxa Richness | 9.00 | 12.00 | 17.00 | 20.00 | 22.00 | 24.50 | 26.00 | 28.00 | 31.00 | 37.00 | 53.00 |
| H-D Taxa Richness | 6.00 | 6.50 | 9.00 | 11.50 | 13.00 | 15.00 | 17.00 | 21.50 | 26.00 | 29.00 | 32.00 |
| TKN | 0.30 | 0.39 | 0.56 | 0.73 | 0.87 | 1.00 | 1.11 | 1.26 | 1.49 | 1.93 | 2.80 |
| Ammonia | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.34 | 0.60 |
| NO ₂ -NO ₃ | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.32 | 0.64 | 1.05 |
| Total Phosphorus | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.39 | 0.74 | 1.51 |
| Ortho Phosphorus | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.17 | 0.27 | 0.59 | 1.37 |
| Turbidity | 0.60 | 0.90 | 1.20 | 1.45 | 2.10 | 2.80 | 3.60 | 4.50 | 6.65 | 10.45 | 16.30 |

LAKES

(477 stations)

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|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i> | 0.80 | 1.71 | 2.88 | 4.28 | 10.06 | 13.40 | 20.00 | 30.10 | 47.20 | 65.44 | 113.90 |
| Dredge Diversity | 0.71 | 0.97 | 1.43 | 1.74 | 1.98 | 2.12 | 2.21 | 2.59 | 2.85 | 3.15 | 3.17 |
| Dredge Taxa Richness | 3.00 | 5.00 | 6.50 | 7.00 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 11.00 | 13.00 | 15.00 | 17.00 | 21.00 |
| TKN | 0.36 | 0.49 | 0.67 | 0.83 | 1.08 | 1.26 | 1.40 | 1.51 | 1.68 | 2.11 | 3.46 |
| NH ₃ +NH ₄ | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.28 |
| NO ₂ -NO ₃ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.23 |
| Total Phosphorus | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.23 | 0.42 |
| Ortho-Phosphorus | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.32 |
| Turbidity | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.55 | 2.05 | 2.75 | 4.50 | 6.45 | 9.60 | 14.10 | 26.00 | 40.00 |

ESTUARIES

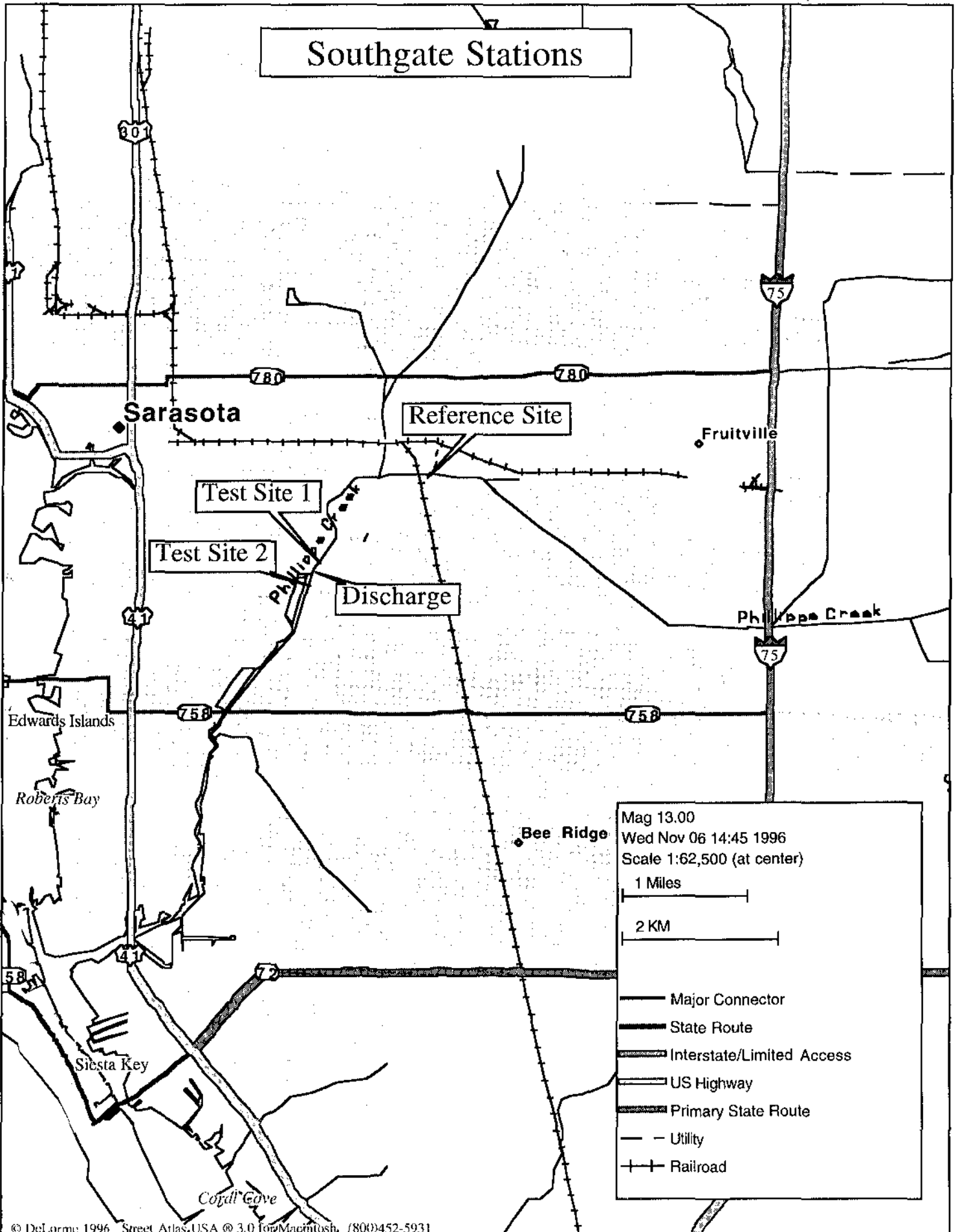
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|------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i> | 2.14 | 3.28 | 4.49 | 5.13 | 6.00 | 6.93 | 7.94 | 9.60 | 12.40 | 17.60 | 22.20 |
| Dredge Diversity | 1.34 | 1.53 | 1.91 | 2.28 | 2.56 | 2.90 | 3.15 | 3.59 | 4.01 | 4.53 | 4.98 |
| Dredge Taxa Richness | 4.00 | 6.00 | 9.00 | 11.00 | 15.00 | 18.50 | 25.00 | 35.00 | 41.00 | 62.00 | 90.00 |
| TKN | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.42 | 0.50 | 0.59 | 0.69 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.95 | 1.30 | 1.49 |
| NH ₃ +NH ₄ | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.22 | 0.28 |
| NO ₂ -NO ₃ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.23 |
| Total Phosphorus | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.43 | 0.59 |
| Ortho-Phosphorus | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.21 | 0.44 |
| Turbidity | 3.50 | 4.00 | 4.50 | 5.05 | 5.40 | 5.60 | 6.30 | 6.80 | 8.00 | 11.40 | 11.75 |

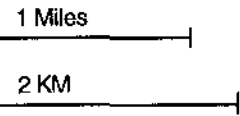
Units:

Phytoplankton Chlorophyll *a* (ug/L), Periphyton Chlorophyll *a* (mg/m²), Nutrients (mg/L), Turbidity (NTU), Taxa richness and diversity values are for macroinvertebrates

Southgate Stations



Mag 13.00
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Scale 1:62,500 (at center)



- Major Connector
- State Route
- Interstate/Limited Access
- US Highway
- Primary State Route
- Utility
- Railroad

From
Sarasota
Quad
Map.



Philippe Creek
Outfall

pipe line (1000ft)

Roberts
Bay

ROBERTS BAY

Philippe

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FACILITY SUMMARY

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| Facility Name: <u>Florida Cities South Gate</u> | | Date Summary Prepared: <u>6/26/96</u> |
| Location (attach detailed map): <u>See back pages</u> | County: <u>Sarasota</u> | District: <u>SW District</u> |
| Federal Permit # <u>FL0032808</u> and expiration date: <u>4/30/97</u> | State GMS # and <u>4058 P01626</u> State expiration date: | Facility Type: Industrial <u>Municipal</u> Federal Agricultural Other (list): <u>PRIVATE DOMESTIC</u> |

Function of facility: AWT for a residential community

Description of treatment process: This is an AWT process starting with preliminary treatment and flow equalization, continuing with an activated sludge process then to rotating biological contactors, denitrification basins and filtration. Effluent is chlorinated, then dechlorinated prior to discharge.

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| Receiving waters: <u>Phillippi Creek → Roberts Bay</u> | Classification: I II <u>III</u> |
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| Design Flow: <u>1.36</u> | Mean Flow: <u>1.17 3month ADF</u> | Flow during survey: |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|

Discharge is: Continuous Intermittent Seasonal Rainfall dependent
Other (describe)
therefore, the best time to sample is:

If facility has a mixing zone, give details (size, parameters affected, etc.): None

| Parameter | Limit (units) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|--|---------|--------|------------|
| Parameter | Unit | Min-imum | Maximum | Type | Sample | Frequency |
| Permitted Capacity (flow) | mgd | .000 | 1.36 annual avg. | ***fnt | | |
| pH | STD UN | 6.00 | 8.50 | | | Continuous |
| CBOD5* & Total Suspended Solids* | mg/L | 0 | 5 annual 6.25 monthly 7.5 weekly | ****fpc | | Weekly |
| Total Nitrogen (as N) | mg/L | 0 | 10 any one sample 3 annual avg. | grab | | Weekly |
| Dissolved Oxygen | mg/L | 5.0 | - | grab | | Daily |
| CL2 | mg/L | 0 | 0.01 | grab | | Daily |
| Fecal coliform | #/100 | 0 | **25 | grab | | 4 Days/Wk |
| Total Phosphorus (as P) | mg/L | 0 | 1 annual avg. | ****fpc | | Weekly |

List effluent limits (if necessary, attach relevant paperwork):

Describe special permit conditions and permit modifications:

*Influent shall be monitored and reported monthly.
[Rule 17-601.300(1), F.A.C.]
**Non-detectable in at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the samples collected during the monthly reporting period.
***Flow meter and totalizer
****Flow proportional composite (16 hour)

Florida Cities - South Gate

(Facility)

Description of permitted outfall(s): The effluent is discharged from the WWTP in a pipeline which runs underground and discharges the effluent from an outfall located in the bank side of the Phillippi Creek. The pipeline is 1000 ft long.

List permit violations (from MOR data or other source) and plant upsets that occurred within past year:

Flow over design capacity intermittently, but does not appear to impact effluent quality.

Describe previous impact bioassessments, WQBEL's, and previous or current enforcement actions:

An FYI-5 was conducted on this facility on July 23, 1991. I have enclosed the summary sheet (draft) of this FYI-5 within this submittal.

Discuss comparability of MOR results to past DER results and whether there are trends (improving, declining) in the data set:

no data to compare

Additional information:

There are 2 salinity barriers located along the Phillippi Creek. They are found between the WWTP outfall and Roberts Bay.

Staff contributing to this review (signature):

Candrea H. Granger (Biologist)

Joe Guiterman (Inspector)

(Engineer)

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FRESHWATER BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET (v2)

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| SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ | STORET STATION NUMBER _____ | DATE (MO/Y): 8/1/96 | RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Phillippi Creek (Sarasota Bay) |
| SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____ | | | |

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|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| REMARKS: _____ | LOCATION: Florida Citrus - Santa Fe | FIELD ID/NAME: Reference Site |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|

| Habitat Parameter | Optimal | Suboptimal | Marginal | Poor |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Bottom Substrate/ Available Cover <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">8</div> | Greater than 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs (partially decayed), undercut banks, rubble, or other stable habitat. 20 19 18 17 16 | 20% to 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Adequate habitat. Some substrates may be new fall (fresh leaves or snags). 15 14 13 12 11 | 5% to 20% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Less than desirable habitat, frequently disturbed or removed. 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 5% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Lack of habitat is obvious, substrates unstable. 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Water Velocity <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">8</div> | Max. observed: >0.25 m/sec. but < 2 m/sec 20 19 18 17 16 | Max. observed; 0.1 to 0.25 m/sec 15 14 13 12 11 | Max. observed; 0.05 to 0.1 m/sec 10 9 8 7 6 | Max. observed; <0.05 m/sec, or spate occurring; > 2 m/sec 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Artificial Channelization <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">13</div> | No artificial channelization or dredging. Stream with normal, sinuous pattern 20 19 18 17 16 | May have been channelized in the past (>20 yrs), but mostly recovered, fairly good sinuous pattern 15 14 13 12 11 | Channelized, somewhat recovered, but > 80% of area affected 10 9 8 7 6 | Artificially channelized, box-cut banks, straight, instream habitat highly altered 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Deposition <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">14</div> | Less than 20% of habitats affected by sand or silt accumulation 20 19 18 17 16 | 20%-50% of habitats affected by sand or silt accumulation 15 14 13 12 11 | Smothering of 50%-80% of habitats with sand or silt, pools shallow, frequent sediment movement 10 9 8 7 6 | Smothering of >80% of habitats with sand or silt, a severe problem, pools absent 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Bank Stability <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">6</div> | Stable. No evidence of erosion or bank failure. Little potential for future problems. 20 19 18 17 16 | Moderately stable. Infrequent or small areas of erosion, mostly healed over. 15 14 13 12 11 | Moderately unstable. Moderate areas of erosion, high erosion potential during floods. 10 9 8 7 6 | Unstable. Many (60%-80%) raw, eroded areas. Obvious bank sloughing. 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Riparian Buffer Zone Width <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">3</div> | Width of native vegetation (least buffered side) greater than 18 m 20 19 18 17 16 | Width of native vegetation (least buffered side) 12 m to 18 m 15 14 13 12 11 | Width of native vegetation 6 to 12 m, human activities still close to system 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 6 m of native buffer zone due to intensive human activities 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Riparian Zone Vegetation Quality <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 20px;">13</div> | Over 80% of riparian surfaces consist of native plants, including trees, understory shrubs, or non-woody macrophytes. Normal, expected plant community for given sunlight & habitat conditions. 20 19 18 17 16 | 50% to 80% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one class of plants normally expected for the sunlight & habitat conditions is not represented. Some disruption in community evident. 15 14 13 12 11 | 25% to 50% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one or two expected classes of plants are not represented. Patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation, disruption obvious. 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 25% of streambank surfaces are vegetated. Poor plant community (e.g. grass monoculture or exotics) present. Vegetation removed to stubble height of 2 inches or less. 5 4 3 2 1 |

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 Add 5 points if cross-sectional area of flow is estimated to be > one square meter during periods of normal flow.

70

TOTAL SCORE

Comments
 North side of bank is probably spoil site for previous dredging of area

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| ANALYSIS DATE: 8/1/96 | ANALYST: Andrea Grainger | SIGNATURE: <i>Andrea Grainger</i> |
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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (5-10-96)

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------|--|
| SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ | STORE STATION NUMBER: _____ | DATE (M/D/Y): 8/1/96 | TIME: 1330 | RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <i>Phillippi Creek (Sarasota Bay)</i> |
| SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____ | | | | |

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|---|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| REMARKS: <i>Site is located 1 1/2 miles east of outfall</i> | COUNTY: <i>Sarasota</i> | LOCATION: <i>Florida Citrus - South Gate</i> | FIELD ID/NAME: <i>Reference Site</i> |
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RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES

Predominant Land-Use in Watershed (specify relative percent in each category):

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Forest/Natural | Silviculture | Field/Pasture | Agricultural | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Other (Specify) |
| [] | [] | 50% | [] | 50% | [] | [] | [] |

Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None Slight Moderate Heavy

Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence Slight Moderate potential Obvious sources

Width of riparian vegetation (m) on least buffered side: _____ List & map dominant vegetation on back _____

Artificially Channelized no recent, severe some recovery mostly recovered more sinuous

Artificially Impounded yes no

High Water Mark: 0.5 (m above present water level) + 1 (present depth in m) = 1.5 (m above bed)

Typical Width (m)/Depth (m)/Velocity (m/sec) Transect: *17 m wide*, *0.06 m/s*, *0.07 m/s*, *0.06 m/s*, *0.5 m deep*, *1 m deep*, *0.5 m deep*

Canopy Cover %: Open: Lightly Shaded (11-45%): Moderately Shaded (46-80%): Heavily Shaded:

SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE

Sediment Odors: Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Anaerobic: Other:

Sediment Oils: Absent: Slight: Moderate: Profuse:

Sediment Deposition: Sludge: Sand smothering: (none slight, moderate severe) Silt smothering: (none slight, moderate severe) Other:

| Substrate Types | % coverage | # times sampled | method | Substrate Types | % coverage | # times sampled | method |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|--|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Woody Debris (Snags) | 5 | 5 | | Sand | 60 | 3 | |
| Leaf Packs or Mats | 10 | 5 | | Mud/Muck/Silt | 10 | 2 | |
| Aquatic Vegetation | 15 | 5 | | Other: | | | |
| Rock or Shell Rubble | - | | | Other: | | | |
| Undercut banks/Roots | - | | | Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m section | | | |

| WATER QUALITY | Depth (m): | Temp. (°C): | pH (SU): | D.O. (mg/l): | Cond. (µmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt): | Conductivity | Secchi (m): |
|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Top | 0.3 | 30-15 | 7.05 | 5.81 | 0.3 | 0.577 | VOB |
| Mid-depth | | | | | | | |
| Bottom | | | | | | | |

System Type: Stream: (1st - 2nd order, 3rd - 4th order, 5th - 6th order, 7th order or greater) Lake: Wetland: Estuary: Other:

Water Odors (check box): Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Other:

Water Surface Oils (check box): None: Sheen: Globbs: Slick:

Clarity (check box): Clear: Slightly turbid: Turbid: Opaque:

Color (check box): Tannic: Green (algae): Clear: Other:

Weather Conditions/Notes: *Hot, sunny, few clouds*

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| Abundance: | Absent | Rare | Common | Abundant |
| Periphyton | [] | [] | [x] | [] |
| Fish | [] | [] | [x] | [] |
| Aquatic Macrophytes | [] | [] | [x] | [] |
| Iron/sulfur Bacteria | [x] | [] | [] | [] |

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| SAMPLING TEAM: <i>Andrea Granger</i> | SIGNATURE: <i>Andrea Granger</i> | DATE: 8/6/96 |
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FRESHWATER BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET (V2)

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ | STORET STATION NUMBER: _____ | DATE (MM/YY): <u>7/29/96</u> | RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <u>Phillippi Creek</u> |
| SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____ | | | |

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| REMARKS: <u>Upstream site was downstream</u> | LOCATION: <u>Florida Aias/Soulegate</u> | FIELD ID: <u>TR-1 SITE 1</u> |
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| Habitat Parameter | Optimal | Suboptimal | Marginal | Poor |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Bottom Substrate/ Available Cover <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">9</div> | Greater than 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs (partially decayed), undercut banks, rubble, or other stable habitat. 20 19 18 17 16 | 20% to 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Adequate habitat. Some substrates may be new fall (fresh leaves or snags). 15 14 13 12 11 | 5% to 20% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Less than desirable habitat, frequently disturbed or removed. 10 <u>9</u> 8 7 6 | Less than 5% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Lack of habitat is obvious, substrates unstable. 5 4 3 2 1 |
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| Riparian Buffer Zone Width <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">5</div> | Width of native vegetation (least buffered side) greater than 18 m 20 19 18 17 16 | Width of native vegetation (least buffered side) 12 m to 18 m 15 14 13 12 11 | Width of native vegetation 6 to 12 m, human activities still close to system 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 6 m of native buffer zone due to intensive human activities <u>5</u> 4 3 2 1 |
| Riparian Zone Vegetation Quality <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">13</div> | Over 80% of streambank surfaces consist of native plants, including trees understory shrubs, or non-woody macrophytes. Plants growing naturally. 20 19 18 17 16 | 50% to 80% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one class of plants is not represented. Some disruption in community evident. 15 14 <u>13</u> 12 11 | 25% to 50% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one or two classes of plants are not represented. Patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation, disruption obvious. 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 25% of streambank surfaces are vegetated. Poor plant community (e.g. grass monoculture or exotics) present. Vegetation removed to stubble height of 2 inches or less. 5 4 3 2 1 |

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 Add 5 points if cross-sectional area of flow is estimated to be > one square meter during periods of normal flow.

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TOTAL SCORE

Comments

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| ANALYSIS DATE: <u>7/29/96</u> | ANALYST: <u>Andrea Granger</u> | SIGNATURE: <u>Charles [unclear]</u> |
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (5-10-96)

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ STOREY STATION NUMBER: _____ DATE (MO/Y): 7/29/96 TIME: 1130 RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Phillippi Creek
 SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____

REMARKS: Upstream site was actually downstream COUNTY: Sarasota LOCATION: Florida Lakes - Southgale FIELD ID/NAME: Test 1 TEST SITE 1

RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES

Predominant Land-Use in Watershed (specify relative percent in each category):
 Forest/Natural: Silviculture: Field/Pasture: Agricultural: Residential: 100% Commercial: Industrial: Other (Specify):

Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None Slight Moderate Heavy

Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence Slight Moderate potential Obvious sources

Width of riparian vegetation (m) on least buffered side: 3 List & map dominant vegetation on back Typical Width (m)/Depth (m)/Velocity (m/sec) Transect: 27 m wide
 Artificially Channelized no recent, severe some recovery mostly recovered more sinuous
 Artificially Impounded yes
 High Water Mark: 1 (m above present water level) + 1.5 (present depth in m) = 2.5 (m above bed)
 Canopy Cover %: Open: Lightly Shaded (11-45%): Moderately Shaded (46-80%): Heavily Shaded:

SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE

Sediment Odors: Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Anaerobic: Other:

Sediment Oils: Absent: Slight: Moderate: Profuse:

Sediment Deposition: Sludge: Sand smothering: none slight moderate severe Silt smothering: none slight moderate severe Other:

| Substrate Types | % coverage | # times sampled | method | Substrate Types | % coverage | # times sampled | method |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|--|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Woody Debris (Snags) | 20 | 5 | net | Sand | 55 | 3 | net |
| Leaf Packs or Mats | - | - | - | Mud/Muck/Silt | 10 | 2 | net |
| Aquatic Vegetation | 5 | 5 | net | Other: | - | - | - |
| Rock or Shell Rubble | - | - | - | Other: | - | - | - |
| Undercut banks/Roots | 10 | 5 | net | Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m section | | | |

| WATER QUALITY | Depth (m): | Temp. (°C): | pH (SU): | D.O. (mg/l): | Cond. (µmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt): | Secchi (m): |
|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Top | 0.5 | 29.82 | 7.34 | 5.94 | 0.713 | 0.9 |
| Mid-depth | | | | | | |
| Bottom | | | | | | |

System Type: Stream: 4 (1st - 2nd order / 3rd - 4th order / 5th - 6th order / 7th order or greater) Lake: Wetland: Estuary: Other:

Water Odors (check box): Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Other:

Water Surface Oils (check box): None: Sheen: Globbs: Slick:

Clarity (check box): Clear: Slightly turbid: Turbid: Opaque:

Color (check box): Tannic: Green (algae): Clear: Other:

Weather Conditions/Notes: Sunny, a few clouds, winds from the west.

| Abundance: | Absent | Rare | Common | Abundant |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Periphyton | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aquatic Macrophytes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Iron/sulfur Bacteria | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SAMPLING TEAM: Andrea Granger / Joe Squibber / Andrea Granger / Joe Squibber SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: 7/31/96

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FRESHWATER BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET (v2)

| | | | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____ | STORET STATION NUMBER: _____ | DATE (M/D/Y): <u>7/29/96</u> | RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <u>Phillippi Creek</u> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| REMARKS: <u>Down stream site was actually upstream of POD today</u> | LOCATION: <u>Florida Cites/Southern</u> | FIELD ID NAME: <u>Test 2 TEST SITE Z</u> |
|---|---|--|

| Habitat Parameter | Optimal | Suboptimal | Marginal | Poor |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Bottom Substrate/ Available Cover <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">6</div> | Greater than 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs (partially decayed), undercut banks, rubble, or other stable habitat. 20 19 18 17 16 | 20% to 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Adequate habitat. Some substrates may be new fall (fresh leaves or snags). 15 14 13 12 11 | 5% to 20% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Less than desirable habitat, frequently disturbed or removed. 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 5% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Lack of habitat is obvious, substrates unstable. 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Water Velocity <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">4</div> | Max. observed: >0.25 m/sec. but < 2 m/sec 20 19 18 17 16 | Max. observed; 0.1 to 0.25 m/sec 15 14 13 12 11 | Max. observed; 0.05 to 0.1 m/sec 10 9 8 7 6 | Max. observed; <0.05 m/sec, or spate occurring; > 2 m/sec 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Artificial Channelization <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">10</div> | No artificial channelization or dredging. Stream with normal, sinuous pattern 20 19 18 17 16 | May have been channelized in the past (>20 yrs), but mostly recovered, fairly good sinuous pattern 15 14 13 12 11 | Channelized, somewhat recovered, but > 80% of area affected 10 9 8 7 6 | Artificially channelized, box-cut banks, straight, instream habitat highly altered 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Deposition <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">16</div> | Less than 20% of habitats affected by sand or silt accumulation 20 19 18 17 16 | 20%-50% of habitats affected by sand or silt accumulation 15 14 13 12 11 | Smothering of 50%-80% of habitats with sand or silt, pools shallow, frequent sediment movement 10 9 8 7 6 | Smothering of >80% of habitats with sand or silt, a severe problem, pools absent 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Bank Stability <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">10</div> | Stable. No evidence of erosion or bank failure. Little potential for future problems. 20 19 18 17 16 | Moderately stable. Infrequent or small areas of erosion, mostly healed over. 15 14 13 12 11 | Moderately unstable. Moderate areas of erosion, high erosion potential during floods 10 9 8 7 6 | Unstable. Many (60%-80%) raw, eroded areas. Obvious bank sloughing. 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Riparian Buffer Zone Width <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">3</div> | Width of native vegetation (least buffered side) greater than 18 m 20 19 18 17 16 | Width of native vegetation (least buffered side) 12 m to 18 m 15 14 13 12 11 | Width of native vegetation 6 to 12 m, human activities still close to system 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 6 m of native buffer zone due to intensive human activities 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Riparian Zone Vegetation Quality <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">8</div> | Over 80% of streambank surfaces consist of native plants, including trees understory shrubs, or non-woody macrophytes. Plants growing naturally. 20 19 18 17 16 | 50% to 80% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one class of plants is not represented. Some disruption in community evident. 15 14 13 12 11 | 25% to 50% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one or two classes of plants are not represented. Patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation, disruption obvious. 10 9 8 7 6 | Less than 25% of streambank surfaces are vegetated. Poor plant community (e.g. grass monoculture or exotics) present. Vegetation removed to stubble height of 2 inches or less. 5 4 3 2 1 |

50 Add 5 points if cross-sectional area of flow is estimated to be > one square meter during periods of normal flow.

5762 TOTAL SCORE

Comments

| | | |
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| ANALYSIS DATE: <u>7/29/96</u> | ANALYST: <u>Andrea Granger</u> | SIGNATURE: <u>Andrea Granger</u> |
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (5-10-00)

storm water runoff
Septic tanks

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ STORET STATION NUMBER: _____ DATE (M/O/Y): 7/29/96 TIME: 1000 RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Phillipps Creek
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____

REMARKS: The downstream site was actually upstream today. COUNTY: Sarasota LOCATION: Florida Cities - Sevillegate FIELD ID/NAME: Test 2 TRIT SITE 2

RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES

Predominant Land-Use in Watershed (specify relative percent in each category):
Forest/Natural: Silviculture: Field/Pasture: Agricultural: Residential: 100% Commercial: Industrial: Other (Specify):

Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None Slight Moderate Heavy

Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence Slight Moderate potential Obvious sources

Width of riparian vegetation (m) on least buffered side: 1 1/2 List & map dominant vegetation on back: _____ Typical Width (m)/Depth (m)/Velocity (m/sec) Transect: 28 m wide
Artificially Channelized no recent, severe some recovery mostly recovered more sinuous
Artificially Impounded yes no
High Water Mark: 1 (m above present water level) + 0.5 (present depth in m) = 1.5 (m above bed)
Canopy Cover %: Open: Lightly Shaded (11-45%): Moderately Shaded (46-80%): Heavily Shaded:

SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE

Sediment Odors: Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Anaerobic: Other:

Sediment Oils: Absent: Slight: Moderate: Profuse:

Sediment Deposition: Sludge: Sand smothering: none slight moderate severe Silt smothering: none slight moderate severe Other:

| Substrate Types | % coverage | # times sampled | method | Substrate Types | % coverage | # times sampled | method |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|--|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Woody Debris (Snags) | 5 | 5 | net | Sand | 60 | 3 | net |
| Leaf Packs or Mats | - | - | - | Mud/Muck (Silt) | 20 | 2 | net |
| Aquatic Vegetation | 10 | 5 | net | Other: | | | |
| Rock or Shell Rubble | - | - | - | Other: | | | |
| Undercut banks/Roots | 5 | 5 | net | Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m section | | | |

| WATER QUALITY | Depth (m): | Temp. (°C): | pH (SU): | D.O. (mg/l): | Cond. (µmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt): | Secchi (m): |
|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Top | 0.3 | 29.40 | 7.44 | 6.44 | 0.700 | VOB |
| Mid-depth | | | | | | |
| Bottom | | | | | | |

System Type: Stream: 4 (1st-2nd order, 3rd-4th order, 5th-6th order, 7th order or greater) Lake: Wetland: Estuary: Other:

Water Odors (check box): Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Other:

Water Surface Oils (check box): None: Sheen: Globbs: Slick:

Clarity (check box): Clear: Slightly turbid: Turbid: Opaque:

Color (check box): Tannic: Green (algae): Clear: Other:

Weather Conditions/Notes: Sunny, a few clouds, winds from the west

| Abundance: | Absent | Rare | Common | Abundant |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Periphyton | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aquatic Macrophytes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Iron/sulfur Bacteria | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SAMPLING TEAM: Andrea Crangor/Michelle Hennessy SIGNATURE: Andrea Crangor/Michelle Hennessy DATE: 7/31/96

FDEP Biology Section — Acute Bioassay Bench Sheet

Sample Source: Florida Citrus
County: Sarasota
Contact / District: Kent Edwards / SWD
NPDES Permit #: FL00 3208
LIMS Sample #: 147098 **LIMS Job #:** 96-Jul-30-24

Sample Collection: Date 7/29/96 Time 1440
Test Beginning: Date 7/30/96 Time 1400
Test Ending: Date 8-2-96 Time 1420
Organism Batch #: 56 **Diluent Batch #:** well
Organism Age: 11 days

Test Type: Screening | Definitive
 Static | Static Renewal | Flow-through

Instrument
Calibrations: pH meter # 7851 Temperature °C 90H018262 D.O. mg/L 90H018262 Conductivity μmhos/cm G9005749

Test Number: 2 of 2

Remarks:

24 hr Conductivity Calibrations
 102.7 @ 101.5
 101.1 @ 100.6 @ 25.1°C

24 hr 7.0 @ 7.0 25.1 @ 25.1 8.2 @ 24.8°C 100.6 @ 100.8 @ 25.1°C
 9.0 @ 9.0
 48 hr 7.0 @ 7.0 8 @ 24.4 8.4 @ 23.8°C 103.4 @ 101.5
 24.3 @ 24.4 9.0 @ 9.0
 * D.O. Reading DN

incorrect cal. for 7/27/96
 B-9270 @ 9989 @ 24.4°C
 1004 @ 1006 @ 24.4°C
 9850 @ 9859

| Conc. | Chamber # | Number Live | | | pH | | | Temperature (°C) | | | D.O. (mg/L) | | | UNCORRECTED Cond. (mmhos/cm) | | |
|--------|-----------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|------------------------------|------|------|
| | | 0 hr | 24 h | 48 h | 0 hr | 24 h | 48 h | 0 hr | 24 h | 48 h | 0 hr | 24 h | 48 h | 0 hr | 24 h | 48 h |
| Ctrl A | B1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 24.5 | 23.5 | 23.6 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Ctrl B | B2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 24.6 | 23.5 | 23.5 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Ctrl C | B3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 24.6 | 23.6 | 23.5 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Ctrl D | B4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 24.5 | 23.7 | 23.6 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| 100% A | B5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 24.9 | 23.5 | 23.6 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 750 | 740 | 750 |
| 100% B | B6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 24.9 | 23.5 | 23.5 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 755 | 740 | 750 |
| 100% C | B7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 24.9 | 23.6 | 23.5 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 755 | 740 | 740 |
| 100% D | B8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 24.8 | 23.6 | 23.3 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 755 | 740 | 745 |

Measured/Loaded by: MF TM TM OB DN DN OB DN DN PB DN PN DB DN DN
Recorded by: TM DW TM LM LM PD LM LM ND LM LM ND LM LM ND

Investigators' Signatures: Deanna Nicholas
Wanda
David
Tina Mikulajic
Marshall Fanchett
Harriet Wolfe

Water Quality Parameters

| Field Total Residual Cl2 (mg/L): | Well Water | 20% Min Water | Sample | Method | Measured by |
|--|------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| | | | Not Measured | | |
| Lab Total Residual Cl2 (mg/L): | 20.03 | — | <0.03 | DR-100 | TM/DN |
| Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃): | 130 | — | 100 | HACH | DN/PB |
| Hardness (mg/L as CaCO ₃): | 130 | — | 200 | HACH | DN/PB |
| Total ammonia (mg/L as N): | <0.07 | — | <0.07 | Orion | LM/ND |

Ammonia Control
 Ammonia Control: 0 ppt
 Meter #98136 Meter Slope: -57.7 Blank: <0.07 Salinity: 0 ppt

Reference

| Summer Index Period: Stream Condition Index for Florida (SCI) (April 1996) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|-------|
| Macroinvertebrate Dip Net (20 sweeps of most productive substrates) | Value | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | Northeast | | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | | | |
| Total Number of Taxa | 48 | ≥ 31 | 30-16 | <16 | | ≥ 26 | 25-14 | <14 | 5 | ≥ 22 | 21-12 | <12 | | | | |
| EPT Index | 6 | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | ≥ 4 | 3-2 | <2 | 5 | - | ≥ 2 | <2 | | | | |
| # Chironomid Taxa | 13 | ≥ 9 | 8-5 | <5 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | 5 | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | | | |
| % Contribution of Dominant Taxon | 27.9 | ≤ 22 | 23-61 | >61 | | ≤ 29 | 30-64 | >64 | 5 | ≤ 31 | 32-66 | >66 | | | | |
| % Diptera | 30.0 | - | ≤ 50 | >50 | | - | ≤ 37 | >37 | 3 | - | ≤ 47 | >47 | | | | |
| Florida Index | 13 | ≥ 16 | 15-8 | <8 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | 5 | ≥ 8 | 7-4 | <5 | | | | |
| % Suspension feeders/Filterers | 17.3 | ≥ 12 | 11-6 | <6 | | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | 3 | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | | | | |
| Total Score | | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | 31 | Northeast | | | | | |
| Interpretation of Score | | Excellent | | | | 27-33 | Excellent | | | | 26-32 | Excellent | | | | 25-29 |
| | | Good | | | | 21-26 | Good | | | | 20-25 | Good | | | | 19-24 |
| | | Poor | | | | 14-20 | Poor | | | | 13-19 | Poor | | | | 13-18 |
| | | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-13 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 |

Test 1

| Summer Index Period: Stream Condition Index for Florida (SCI) (April 1996) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|-------|
| Macroinvertebrate Dip Net (20 sweeps of most productive substrates) | Value | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | Northeast | | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | | | |
| Total Number of Taxa | 20 | ≥ 31 | 30-16 | <16 | | ≥ 26 | 25-14 | <14 | 3 | ≥ 22 | 21-12 | <12 | | | | |
| EPT Index | 1 | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | ≥ 4 | 3-2 | <2 | 1 | - | ≥ 2 | <2 | | | | |
| # Chironomid Taxa | 6 | ≥ 9 | 8-5 | <5 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | 3 | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | | | |
| % Contribution of Dominant Taxon | 55.9 | ≤ 22 | 23-61 | >61 | | ≤ 29 | 30-64 | >64 | 3 | ≤ 31 | 32-66 | >66 | | | | |
| % Diptera | 12.3 | - | ≤ 50 | >50 | | - | ≤ 37 | >37 | 3 | - | ≤ 47 | >47 | | | | |
| Florida Index | 1 | ≥ 16 | 15-8 | <8 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | 1 | ≥ 8 | 7-4 | <5 | | | | |
| % Suspension feeders/Filterers | 14.0 | ≥ 12 | 11-6 | <6 | | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | 3 | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | | | | |
| Total Score | | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | 17 | Northeast | | | | | |
| Interpretation of Score | | Excellent | | | | 27-33 | Excellent | | | | 26-32 | Excellent | | | | 25-29 |
| | | Good | | | | 21-26 | Good | | | | 20-25 | Good | | | | 19-24 |
| | | Poor | | | | 14-20 | Poor | | | | 13-19 | Poor | | | | 13-18 |
| | | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-13 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 |

Test 2

| Summer Index Period: Stream Condition Index for Florida (SCI) (April 1996) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|-------|
| Macroinvertebrate Dip Net (20 sweeps of most productive substrates) | Value | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | Northeast | | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | | | |
| Total Number of Taxa | 33 | ≥ 31 | 30-16 | <16 | | ≥ 26 | 25-14 | <14 | 5 | ≥ 22 | 21-12 | <12 | | | | |
| EPT Index | 4 | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | ≥ 4 | 3-2 | <2 | 5 | - | ≥ 2 | <2 | | | | |
| # Chironomid Taxa | 7 | ≥ 9 | 8-5 | <5 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | 5 | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | | | |
| % Contribution of Dominant Taxon | 66.0 | ≤ 22 | 23-61 | >61 | | ≤ 29 | 30-64 | >64 | 1 | ≤ 31 | 32-66 | >66 | | | | |
| % Diptera | 7.4 | - | ≤ 50 | >50 | | - | ≤ 37 | >37 | 3 | - | ≤ 47 | >47 | | | | |
| Florida Index | 7 | ≥ 16 | 15-8 | <8 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | 5 | ≥ 8 | 7-4 | <5 | | | | |
| % Suspension feeders/Filterers | 4.7 | ≥ 12 | 11-6 | <6 | | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | 1 | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | | | | |
| Total Score | | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | 25 | Northeast | | | | | |
| Interpretation of Score | | Excellent | | | | 27-33 | Excellent | | | | 26-32 | Excellent | | | | 25-29 |
| | | Good | | | | 21-26 | Good | | | | 20-25 | Good | | | | 19-24 |
| | | Poor | | | | 14-20 | Poor | | | | 13-19 | Poor | | | | 13-18 |
| | | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-13 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 |

| Summer Index Period: Stream Condition Index for Florida (SCI) (April 1996) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|-------|
| Macroinvertebrate Dip Net (20 sweeps of most productive substrates) | Value | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | Northeast | | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | 5 | 3 | 1 | Score | | | |
| Total Number of Taxa | | ≥ 31 | 30-16 | <16 | | ≥ 26 | 25-14 | <14 | | ≥ 22 | 21-12 | <12 | | | | |
| EPT Index | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | ≥ 4 | 3-2 | <2 | | - | ≥ 2 | <2 | | | | |
| # Chironomid Taxa | | ≥ 9 | 8-5 | <5 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | | | |
| % Contribution of Dominant Taxon | | ≤ 22 | 23-61 | >61 | | ≤ 29 | 30-64 | >64 | | ≤ 31 | 32-66 | >66 | | | | |
| % Diptera | | - | ≤ 50 | >50 | | - | ≤ 37 | >37 | | - | ≤ 47 | >47 | | | | |
| Florida Index | | ≥ 16 | 15-8 | <8 | | ≥ 7 | 6-4 | <4 | | ≥ 8 | 7-4 | <5 | | | | |
| % Suspension feeders/Filterers | | ≥ 12 | 11-6 | <6 | | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | | - | ≥ 7 | <7 | | | | |
| Total Score | | Panhandle | | | | Peninsula | | | | | Northeast | | | | | |
| Interpretation of Score | | Excellent | | | | 27-33 | Excellent | | | | 26-32 | Excellent | | | | 25-29 |
| | | Good | | | | 21-26 | Good | | | | 20-25 | Good | | | | 19-24 |
| | | Poor | | | | 14-20 | Poor | | | | 13-19 | Poor | | | | 13-18 |
| | | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-13 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 | Severely Degraded | | | | 7-12 |

Benthic macroinvertebrate taxa list for Florida Cities South Gate WWTP, collected via 20 discrete dip net sweeps in Phillippi Creek, on 01 August, 1996.

| | Reference Site | Test Site 1 | Test Site 2 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Acarina | | | |
| <i>Arrenurus</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Limnesia</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| Amphipoda | | | |
| <i>Hyaella azteca</i> | 20 | 1 | 9 |
| Coleoptera | | | |
| <i>Agasicles hygrophila</i> | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Agasicles</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| Chrysomelidae | 10 | — | — |
| <i>Dubiraphia</i> sp. | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>Hydrovatus</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Microcylloepus pusillus</i> | — | 2 | — |
| <i>Paracymus</i> sp. | 3 | — | — |
| <i>Peltodytes dietrichi</i> | — | 1 | — |
| <i>Peltodytes</i> sp. | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| <i>Stenelmis</i> sp. | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Diptera | | | |
| <i>Atrichopogon</i> sp. | 1 | — | — |
| Chironomidae | 16 | — | 2 |
| <i>Cladotanytarsus</i> sp. | — | 1 | — |
| <i>Clinotanypus</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Coelotanypus</i> sp. | — | 8 | — |
| <i>Cryptochironomus</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Cryptotendipes</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Dicrotendipes modestus</i> | 104 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Dicrotendipes neomodestus</i> | 4 | — | — |
| <i>Dicrotendipes</i> sp. | 2 | — | 1 |
| Dolichopodidae | — | 1 | — |
| <i>Glyptotendipes</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Larsia berneri</i> | 6 | — | — |
| <i>Larsia decolorata</i> | 35 | — | — |
| <i>Odontomyia</i> sp. | 21 | — | 1 |
| <i>Palpomyia/bezzia</i> grp. | 29 | — | 2 |
| <i>Parachironomus carinatus</i> | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Polypedilum halterale</i> grp. | — | — | 2 |
| <i>Polypedilum illinoense</i> grp. | 39 | — | — |
| <i>Polypedilum scalaenum</i> grp. | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| <i>Polypedilum</i> sp. | — | — | 2 |
| <i>Procladius</i> sp. | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. | 2 | 1 | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. C Epler | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. G Epler | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. R Epler | — | — | 1 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>Xenochironomus xenolabis</i> | 2 | — | — |
| Ephemeroptera | | | |
| <i>Caenis</i> sp. | 158 | 4 | 10 |
| <i>Callibaetis</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Procloeon</i> sp. | 1 | — | — |
| Gastropoda | | | |
| <i>Ferrissia</i> sp. | — | — | 4 |
| <i>Gyraulus parvus</i> | 30 | — | — |
| <i>Hebetancylus excentricus</i> | 23 | — | — |
| <i>Melanoides</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Melanoides tuberculata</i> | 6 | — | — |
| <i>Physella</i> sp. | 17 | — | 5 |
| Planorbidae | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Pseudosuccinea columella</i> | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Pyrogophorus platyrachis</i> | 263 | 100 | 233 |
| Hemiptera | | | |
| <i>Belostoma</i> sp. | 1 | — | — |
| Belostomatidae | — | 1 | — |
| Hemiptera | — | 2 | — |
| <i>Merragata</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Mesovelgia</i> sp. | 6 | — | — |
| <i>Pelocoris</i> sp. | 1 | — | — |
| Hirudinea | | | |
| <i>Gloiobdella elongata</i> | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Helobdella fusca</i> | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Helobdella triserialis</i> | 2 | — | — |
| Lepidoptera | | | |
| <i>Parapoynx</i> sp. | 1 | — | — |
| Odonata | | | |
| <i>Argia</i> sp. | 29 | — | 1 |
| <i>Enallagma</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| <i>Epithea</i> sp. | — | 1 | — |
| <i>Gomphus minutus</i> | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Ischnura</i> sp. | 12 | — | — |
| Oligochaeta | | | |
| <i>Aulodrilus pigueti</i> | — | 4 | 6 |
| <i>Eclipidrilus</i> sp. | — | — | 3 |
| Enchytraeidae | — | — | 4 |
| <i>Haber speciosus</i> | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri</i> | — | 12 | 16 |
| Oligochaeta | 1 | — | — |
| Pelecypoda | | | |
| <i>Corbicula fluminea</i> | 10 | 18 | 13 |
| Pisidiidae | — | 5 | 1 |
| Trichoptera | | | |
| <i>Cheumatopsyche</i> sp. | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Hydroptila</i> sp. | 14 | — | — |
| <i>Oecetis</i> sp. | 5 | — | 1 |
| <i>Oxyethira</i> sp. | 2 | — | 2 |

Benthic macroinvertebrate taxa list for Florida Cities South Gate WWTP, collected via Hester-Dendy artificial substrates in Phillippi Creek. Samples were collected from test sites on 29 July, 1996 and from the reference site on 29 August, 1996. Densities, in number/m², represent the sum of four replicates.

| | Reference Site | Test Site 1 | Test Site 2 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amphipoda | | | |
| <i>Hyaella azteca</i> | 7 | 11 | 1 |
| Coleoptera | | | |
| <i>Dubiraphia</i> sp. | — | 4 | 2 |
| <i>Dubiraphia vittata</i> | — | — | 4 |
| <i>Microcylloepus pusillus</i> | 4 | — | — |
| <i>Microcylloepus</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Peltodytes</i> sp. | — | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Stenelmis hungerfordi</i> | 25 | — | 1 |
| <i>Stenelmis</i> sp. | 67 | 7 | 9 |
| Decapoda | | | |
| Cambaridae | — | — | 1 |
| Diptera | | | |
| <i>Ablabesmyia rhamphe</i> grp. | — | 2 | — |
| <i>Asheum beckae</i> | — | 14 | 44 |
| <i>Beardius truncatus</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Chironomidae | 33 | 36 | 35 |
| <i>Cladotanytarsus</i> sp. | — | 1 | — |
| <i>Cricotopus bicinctus</i> | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Dicrotendipes modestus</i> | 72 | 211 | 491 |
| <i>Dicrotendipes neomodestus</i> | 11 | 28 | 61 |
| <i>Dicrotendipes simpsoni</i> | 3 | 22 | — |
| <i>Dicrotendipes</i> sp. | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| <i>Glyptotendipes</i> sp. | — | 7 | 10 |
| <i>Goeldichironomus carus</i> | — | 2 | — |
| <i>Goeldichironomus</i> sp. | — | 3 | — |
| <i>Labrundinia neopilosella</i> | — | 5 | 2 |
| <i>Labrundinia pilosella</i> | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Larsia decolorata</i> | — | 2 | — |
| <i>Palpomyia/bezzia</i> grp. | — | 41 | 11 |
| <i>Parachironomus directus</i> | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Parachironomus hirtalatus</i> | — | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Pentaneura inconspicua</i> | 44 | 1 | 3 |
| <i>Polypedilum halterale</i> grp. | — | 3 | — |
| <i>Polypedilum illinoense</i> grp. | 7 | — | 4 |
| <i>Polypedilum scalaenum</i> grp. | — | 67 | 54 |
| <i>Polypedilum</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Procladius</i> sp. | — | 3 | — |
| <i>Rheotanytarsus exiguus</i> | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Stenochironomus</i> sp. | 96 | 92 | 76 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. | — | 5 | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. A Epler | — | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. C Epler | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. D Epler | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. G Epler | — | 1 | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. K Epler | — | 6 | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. L Epler | — | 3 | — |
| <i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. T Epler | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Thienemanniella</i> sp. | 5 | — | — |
| <i>Tribelos fuscicornis</i> | — | 6 | 4 |
| <i>Xenochironomus xenolabis</i> | 2 | — | — |
| Ephemeroptera | | | |
| Baetidae | 3 | 1 | — |
| <i>Caenis</i> sp. | 463 | 9 | 31 |
| <i>Callibaetis floridanus</i> | — | 5 | 1 |
| <i>Callibaetis</i> sp. | — | 2 | — |
| <i>Labiobaetis</i> sp. | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Procloeon viridocularis</i> | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Stenacron</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| Gastropoda | | | |
| Ancylidae | 6 | — | 3 |
| <i>Ferrissia hendersoni</i> | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Ferrissia</i> sp. | 3 | — | — |
| <i>Hebetancylus excentricus</i> | 2 | — | — |
| <i>Melanoides tuberculata</i> | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Physella</i> sp. | 5 | 3 | — |
| <i>Pyrogophorus platyrachis</i> | 29 | 63 | 287 |
| Odonata | | | |
| <i>Argia sedula</i> | 22 | — | 3 |
| <i>Argia</i> sp. | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Coenagrionidae | 1 | — | — |
| <i>Enallagma cardenium</i> | 12 | — | 1 |
| <i>Enallagma</i> sp. | — | — | 1 |
| <i>Ischnura</i> sp. | 8 | — | — |
| Zygoptera | — | 1 | — |
| Trichoptera | | | |
| <i>Cheumatopsyche</i> sp. | 208 | — | — |
| <i>Cyrnellus fraternus</i> | 60 | 159 | 56 |
| <i>Hydropsyche</i> sp. | 9 | — | — |
| Hydropsychidae | 36 | — | — |
| <i>Hydroptila</i> sp. | 87 | — | 4 |
| Hydroptilidae | 94 | — | — |
| <i>Ochrotrichia</i> sp. | 4 | — | — |
| <i>Oxyethira</i> sp. | 7 | — | — |
| Polycentropodidae | 3 | — | 1 |
| Trichoptera | — | — | 3 |

Phytoplankton taxa list and densities (#/mL) for Florida Cities South Gate WWTP, collected via subsurface grabs in Phillippi Creek, on 01 August, 1996.

| | Reference Site | Test Site 1 | Test Site 2 |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bacillariophyceae | | | |
| <i>Cyclotella</i> sp. | — | 10 | 10 |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. | — | 10 | — |
| <i>Gomphonema</i> sp. | — | — | 10 |
| <i>Navicula</i> sp. | 42 | 123 | 121 |
| <i>Nitzschia</i> sp. | 63 | 62 | 40 |
| Pennales | — | — | 50 |
| Chlorophyceae | | | |
| <i>Carteria</i> sp. | 21 | — | — |
| <i>Chlamydomonas</i> sp. | 168 | 10 | — |
| <i>Chodatella</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| <i>Crucigenia</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| <i>Pandorina</i> sp. | — | 21 | 10 |
| <i>Scenedesmus</i> sp. | 21 | 21 | 30 |
| <i>Spermatozoopsis</i> sp. | 95 | 21 | 10 |
| <i>Tetraedron</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| <i>Tetrastrum</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| Chrysophyceae | | | |
| <i>Mallomonas</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| Cyanophyceae | | | |
| <i>Oscillatoria</i> sp. | 11 | — | — |
| Dinophyceae | | | |
| <i>Peridinium</i> sp. | — | — | 10 |
| Euglenophyceae | | | |
| <i>Euglena</i> sp. | 42 | — | 30 |
| <i>Lepocinclis</i> sp. | — | — | 10 |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. | 231 | — | — |

Periphyton taxa list and densities (#/mm²) for Florida Cities South Gate WWTP, collected via glass microscope slides in Phillippi Creek, on 29 July, 1996.

| | Test Site 1 | Test Site 2 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bacillariophyceae | | |
| <i>Achnanthes curvirostrum</i> | — | 400 |
| <i>Achnanthes exigua</i> | 21747 | 62045 |
| <i>Achnanthes flexella</i> | — | 1201 |
| <i>Achnanthes lanceolata</i> | 4272 | 10007 |
| <i>Achnanthes pinnata</i> | — | 400 |
| <i>Bacillaria paxillifer</i> | 15922 | 17212 |
| <i>Capartogramma crucicula</i> | — | 1201 |
| <i>Cocconeis placentula</i> | 10874 | 16812 |
| <i>Cyclotella meneghiniana</i> | 1165 | 400 |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. | 777 | — |
| <i>Gomphonema parvulum</i> | 4272 | — |
| <i>Gyrosigma</i> sp. | 3107 | 4803 |
| <i>Hantzschia amphioxys</i> | 1165 | 400 |
| <i>Navicula capitata</i> | — | 400 |
| <i>Navicula confervacea</i> | 29902 | 10408 |
| <i>Navicula decussis</i> | 3883 | 4803 |
| <i>Navicula minima</i> | 48931 | 17613 |
| <i>Navicula placenta</i> | 777 | — |
| <i>Navicula radiosa</i> | 1165 | 801 |
| <i>Navicula viridula</i> | 3883 | 6805 |
| <i>Nitzschia amphibia</i> | 1942 | 400 |
| <i>Nitzschia constricta</i> | — | 400 |
| <i>Nitzschia fonticola</i> | 5048 | 1201 |
| <i>Nitzschia longissima</i> | 777 | — |
| <i>Nitzschia microcephala</i> | 10874 | 1601 |
| <i>Nitzschia palea</i> | 17864 | 4003 |
| <i>Nitzschia</i> sp. | 777 | — |
| <i>Opephora</i> sp. | 2718 | 801 |
| Pennales | 56309 | 6805 |
| <i>Rhopalodia</i> sp. | 1165 | — |
| <i>Surirella ovata</i> | — | 400 |
| <i>Synedra ulna</i> | 4272 | 1201 |
| Chlorophyceae | | |
| <i>Actinastrum</i> sp. | 388 | 400 |
| <i>Characium</i> sp. | 16310 | 42431 |
| <i>Oedogonium</i> sp. | 22912 | — |
| <i>Scenedesmus</i> sp. | 777 | 2402 |
| <i>Stigeoclonium</i> sp. | 1942 | 2001 |
| <i>Tetraedron</i> sp. | — | 400 |

Cyanophyceae

| | | |
|-------------------------|------|-------|
| <i>Anabaena</i> sp. | 4272 | — |
| <i>Chamaesiphon</i> sp. | — | 2402 |
| <i>Chroococcus</i> sp. | — | 1601 |
| <i>Lyngbya</i> sp. | 777 | — |
| <i>Merismopedia</i> sp. | — | 1601 |
| <i>Oscillatoria</i> sp. | 9709 | 10408 |

