



Little Sarasota Bay Water Quality Management Plan

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The Little Sarasota Bay WQMP discusses factors that affect water quality in the bays and tributaries, and the consequences of degraded water quality on natural resources. Specific activities completed in developing the WQMP included:

- Summarizing existing water quality characteristics of Little Sarasota Bay, Blackburn Bay, and their tributaries.
- Comparing existing water quality (nutrients and dissolved oxygen [DO]) to regulatory criteria and management targets.
- Estimating current and projected future pollutant loading levels to the bay and identifying “hot spots” in the bay and tributaries.
- Establishing water quality Levels of Service (LOS) standards for the bay and tributary tidal creeks.
- Presenting potential projects for the improvement and protection of water quality in the bay and tributaries.

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