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### SouthWood Lakes & Ponds



# Common Sense Reforms to Improve Water Quality and Save Money





# Algae Outbreak: "Catfish Pond"





#### Stormwater Pond Management at Southwood - - Two Case Studies

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Idealized portrayal of the pond at the Verandas-at-Southwood.

#### **Van Dyke Environmental Services**



#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sole Proprietor- Van Dyke Environmental Services, 2008 to Present

Provides innovative, environmentally sensitive solutions to problems related to aquatic ecosystems with an emphasis on the control of invasive, exotic species.

*Environmental Specialist III* - Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Aquatic Plant Management, Tallahassee, Florida, 1982 to 2008.

> Conducted annual surveys of aquatic plant communities in the public waterbodies of Northwest Florida; Supervised and monitored aquatic plant control work performed by private contractors; Provided education, extension, and permitting services; Investigated violations; Participated on lake management committees and wrote lake management plans.

*Biological Scientist III* - Florida Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Aquatic Plant Research and Control, Tallahassee, Florida, 1974 to 1982.

Conducted research on the biological control of aquatic plants; duties included study design, data collection and analysis, and report writing; Major thrust of research was the impact of grass carp on aquatic plants, invertebrates, fisheries, and water quality.

#### "Catfish Pond"





- Heavy Nutrient Load
  (Source: Lake Doctors)
- Ammonia Nitrate = .4ppm
- Phosphorus = 0.2ppm
- pH = 9.2 Very High

#### **Stormwater Pond: WD090N**









SouthWood Ponds are treated aggressively and pre-emptively, on a monthly basis, with aquatic herbicides.

#### AQUATIC HERBICIDES APPLIED TO SOUTHWOOD'S STORMWATER PONDS IN 2015

AQUA STAR (53.8% glyphosate)	2.19 gal.
ARGOS (27.9% chelated copper)	20.5 gal.
COPPER SULFATE (100% CuSO4)	32 lbs.
CLIPPER (51% flumioxazin)	7.5 lbs.
ECOMAZAPYR (27.8% imazapyr)	2 gal.
KOMEEN (22.9% chelated copper)	2.75 gal.
NAVIGATE GRANULES (27.6% 2,4-D)	51 lbs.
ROUND UP CUSTOM (53.8% Glyphosate)	0.5 gal.
TRIBUNE (37.3% diquat)	15 gal.
SONAR AS (41.7% fluridone)	44 oz.

DATE	HERBICIDE	AMOUNT	POND TREATED	WEEDS TREATED
1/27/2015	KOMEEN (22.9% chelated copper)	2.5GAL	PERIMETER TREATMENT ON ALL PONDS	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
2/18/2015	COPPER SULFATE CRYSTALS	20LBS	PERIMTER TREATMENT ON ALL PONDS	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
2/18/2015	CLIPPER (51% flumioxazin)	.5LB	MIXED WITH COPPER SULFATE	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
3/31/2015	TRIBUNE (37.3% diquat)	2GAL	PERIMETER TREATMENT ON ALL PONDS	BLADDERWORT, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH, AND FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
3/31/2015	CLIPPER (51% flumioxazin)	1LB	MIXED WITH TRIBUNE	BLADDERWORT, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH, AND FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
4/22/2015	AQUA STAR (53.8% glyphosate)	1GAL	SHORELINE OF EACH POND	TORPEDO GRASS, CATTAILS
4/22/2015	ECOMAZAPYR (27.8% imazapyr)	1GAL	SHORELINE OF EACH POND	BROADLEAF
4/22/2015	GROUNDED	.5GAL	SURFACTANT	
5/27/2015	ARGOS (27.9% chelated copper)	2GAL	PERIMETER TREATMENT ON ALL PONDS	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
5/27/2015	AQUASTICKER	10LB	SURFACTANT	
5/27/2015	AQUA STAR (53.8% glyphosate)	.5GAL	SPOT TREAT ALL SHORELINES	TORPEDO GRASS, CATTAILS, VARIOUS OTHER GRASSES
5/27/2015	ECOMAZAPYR (27.8% imazapyr)	.5GAL	SPOT TREAT ALL SHORELINES	BROADLEAF
5/27/2015	GROUNDED	.25GAL	SURFACTANT	
5/27/2015	CLIPPER (51% flumioxazin)	1.5LB	WD090S, WD090N, TR230	SOUTHERN NAIAD, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
6/24/2015	ROUND UP CUSTOM (53.8% Glyphosate)	.5GAL	LOW WATER LINES OF ALL PONDS	VARIOUS GRASSES
6/24/2015	ECOMAZAPYR (27.8% imazapyr)	.25GAL	LOW WATER LINES OF ALL PONDS	BROADLEAF
6/24/2015	GROUNDED	.25GAL	SURFACTANT	
6/24/2015	SONAR AS (41.7% fluridone)	4 OZ	WD0905, WD090N,	SOUTHERN NAIAD, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
6/24/2015	CLIPPER (51% flumioxazin)	2LB	MIXED WITH SONAR	SOUTHERN NAIAD, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
7/29/2015	SONAR AS (41.7% fluridone)	12 OZ	TREATED PERIMETER OF ALL PONDS	BLADDERWORT, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
8/18/2015	NAVIGATE GRANULES (27.6% 2,4-D)	50LB	PERIMETER OF ALL PONDS	SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
8/18/2015	SONAR AS (41.7% fluridone)	10 OZ	PERIMETER OF ALL PONDS	SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
9/23/2015	ARGOS (27.9% chelated copper)	2.5GAL	PERIMETER TREATMENT ON ALL PONDS	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
9/23/2015	TRIBUNE (37.3% diquat)	2GAL	MIXED WITH ARGOS	FOR FILAMENTOUS ALGAE, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH, AND BLADDERWORT
9/23/2015	SONAR AS (41.7% fluridone)	160Z	MIXED WITH ARGOS	FOR FILAMENTOUS ALGAE, SLENDER SPIKE RUSH, AND BLADDERWORT
10/21/2015	ARGOS (27.9% chelated copper)	3GAL	FL130, WD140	CHARA, FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
10/21/2015	TRIBUNE (37.3% diquat)	.75GAL	MIXED WITH ARGOS	CHARA, FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
10/21/2015	CLIPPER (51% flumioxazin)	.25LB	MIXED WITH ARGOS	CHARA, FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
10/21/2015	AQUA STAR (53.8% glyphosate)	.25GAL	SHORELINES OF ALL PONDS	SPOT TREAT TORPEDO GRASS AND CATTAILS
10/21/2015	ECOMAZAPYR (27.8% imazapyr)	.25GAL	SHORELINES OF ALL PONDS	SPOT TREAT BROADLEAF PLANTS
10/21/2015	GROUNDED	.12GAL	SURFACTANT	
10/21/2015	OPTIMA	.12GAL	SURFACTANT	
11/11/2015	AQUA STAR (53.8% glyphosate)	.25GAL	SHORELINE OF ALL PONDS	SPOT TREAT TORPEDO GRASS AND CATTAILS
11/11/2015	ECOMAZAPYR (27.8% imazapyr)	.25GAL	SHORELINE OF ALL PONDS	SPOT TREAT BROADLEAF
11/11/2015	GROUNDED	.12GAL	SURFACTANT	
11/11/2015	OPTIMA	.12GAL	SURFACTANT	
11/11/2015	COPPER SULFATE CRYSTALS	4LB	FL130	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
11/11/2015	NAVIGATE GRANULES	1LB	WD141	SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
11/11/2015	SONAR AS (41.7% fluridone)	2 OZ	WD162	SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
12/16/2015	ARGOS (27.9% chelated copper)	4.5GAL	PERIMETER TREATMENT ON ALL PONDS	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
12/16/2015	TRIBUNE (37.3% diquat)	1.5GAL	FL130, FL040, WD141, WD162	SLENDER SPIKE RUSH
12/16/2015	AQUA STAR (53.8% glyphosate)	.19GAL	ALL SHORELINES	SPOT TREAT TORPEDO GRASS, CATTAILS
12/16/2015	AQUASTICKER	5LB	SURFACTANT	
1/20/2016	ARGOS (27.9% chelated copper)	3GAL	FL 130, FL040, FL131, WD160, WD162, TR230,	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE
1/20/2016	COPPER SULFATE CRYSTALS	8LB	FL130	FILAMENTOUS ALGAE

## **Recs: Aquatic Plant Control**







#### Minimize use of aquatic herbicides

• Deploy on an as-needed basis, not on a monthly basis – even during winter!

#### **STOP using cooper-based herbicides**

- Ultimately toxic to invertebrates & fish
- Symptomatic approach algae comes back stronger each time.

## **Recs: Native Vegetation**





#### Establish native shoreline vegetation

 Recommended in COT stormwater facilities design standards

#### Create and maintain a vegetated buffer

- 3-5 feet around perimeter
- Traps and filters pollutants

# **Recs: Use Nutrient Inactivation**







# Deploy aluminum sulfate ("Alum") treatment

- Chemical reaction absorbs nutrients and creates a thin film on bottom, limiting phosphorus recycling
- Catfish Pond is good candidate for this treatment

### **Recs: Reduce Fertilizer Use**







# Minimize use of fertilizers and insecticides on surrounding turf and landscape

- Should be applied as-needed only
- SouthWood heavily fertilizes many pond areas on a routine basis



# "High Frequency" Ponds







- 11 SouthWood Ponds
- Mowed 11 or 26 times yearly
- 4 applications of fertilizer per year: 2 for turf and 2 for trees/shrubs
- "IPM" opportunistic use of insecticides
- Pre-emergent herbicide treatment to turf
- Heavy "Round-Up" use

#### **Tale of Two Turfs**







#### **Recs: Pond Turf**





- Significantly reduce fertilizer applications; eliminate it in many areas
  - Reduce mowing frequency and edging aligned with stormwater maintenance plans
- Reduce insecticide and herbicide use