



Watershed Management Plan Public Workshop Summary Minutes Public Fertilizer Ordinance Workshop January 26, 2011

Mac Hatcher presented a brief summary of the [Watershed Plan Development](#) to date including water quality impairments, the state model ordinance provisions, and a comparison of other local fertilizer ordinances and recommendations. Following the presentation the discussion was opened to the public. Most of the discussion was directed at the more stringent provisions suggested by the Environmental Advisory Council and Collier County Planning Commission.

- Fertilizer Prohibition Period from June 1 – September 30
- Reduction in annual nitrogen load to 4 lb N /1000 sq ft / year
- 10 foot buffer

There were also clarification that the intent is to exempt golf courses and sports turf managers that are following FDEP BMPs and or label restrictions.

To follow up this discussion Mac Hatcher will develop a brief discussion of the Gordon River TMDL standard (0.74 mgN/L), expected runoff concentrations and a request for comment and recommendation from the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Department Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the U of F IFAS. Any specific scientific support for the discussed more stringent provisions will be itemized and submitted to the agencies. Any recommendations or comments will be posted to the web page and another workshop will be advertised to discuss the recommendations from the agencies.

