

Dear Colleagues in the Florida Onsite Sewage Industry:

We would like to share some information on a statutory change that will impact onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) permitting throughout the state.

HB1379, which was signed by the Governor on May 30, 2023, revises several statutes related to Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) as well as 381.0065, Florida Statutes. Notably, the statutory changes require new system construction permits on lots of one acre or less to include enhanced nutrient reduction OSTDS (ENR-OSTDS) in BMAP areas, Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP) areas, and Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) areas. The treatment systems meeting these requirements are the same as those previously used to meet the requirements for outstanding Florida Springs Priority Focus Areas. The 57 affected counties are listed below. This legislation will become effective on July 1, 2023.

A map for permitting that includes parcel information is being developed by the Department. In the meantime, you can refer to this map posted on the Department's website to see which areas are impacted by the new requirements.

(interactive map: <https://fdep.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=1b4f1bf4c9c3481fb2864a415fbeca77> and on the "content" tab turn on only the "Alternative Restoration Plans" and "Statewide Basin Management Action Plan....." layers. When you click on the "legend" tab, you will see which areas are covered by a BMAP, RAP or PRP.) As the map shows, the new law will also apply to all springs which previously implemented springs protection BMAPs, with the exception of Volusia Blue Springs, for which a BMAP is now still under development.

For awareness, see the information resources below, we are also working towards updating the website.

Information Resources:

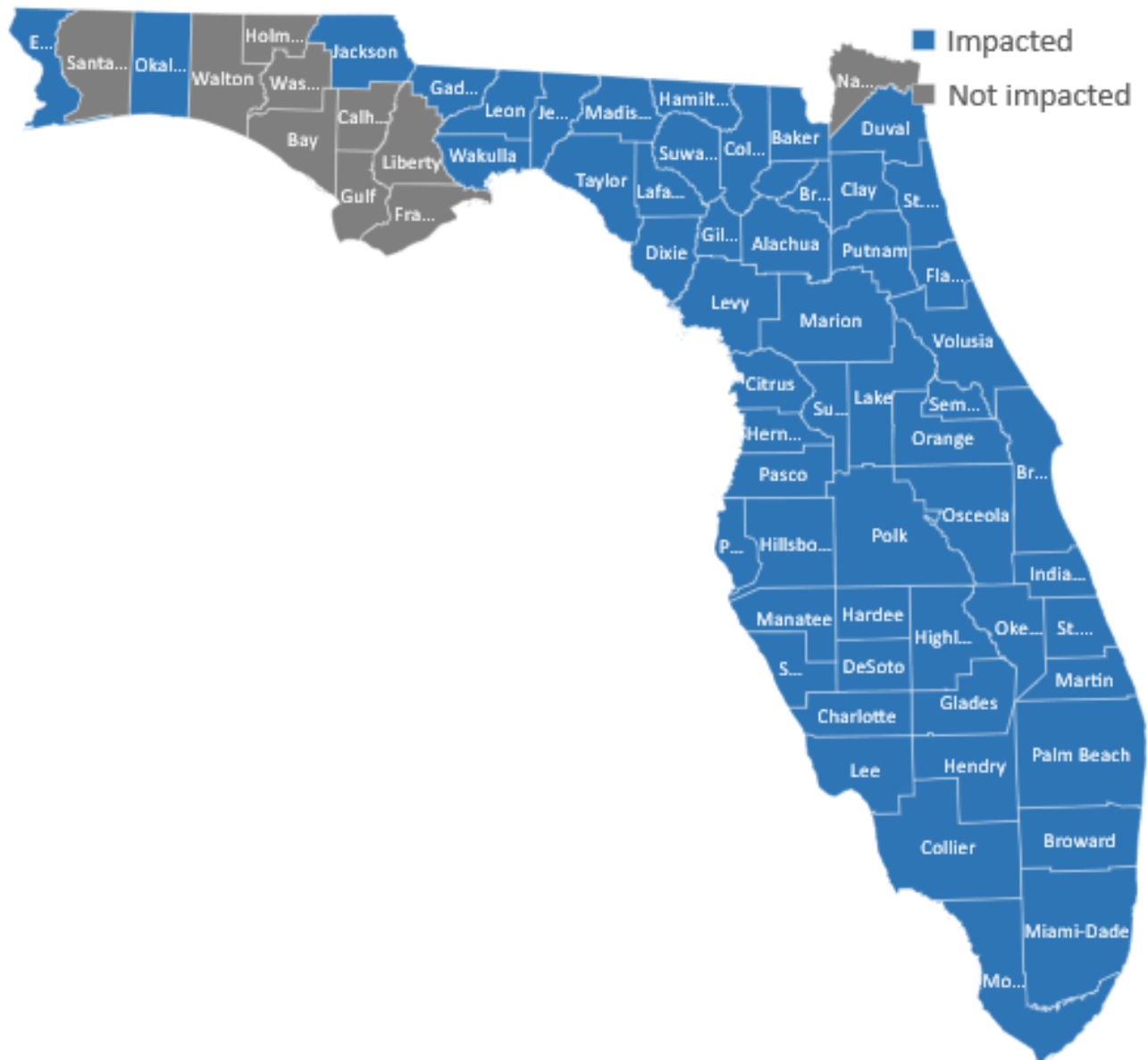
- Three types of systems are available to address enhanced nutrient reduction requirements. An overview (for springs BMAP areas) is here: <https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage/documents/nitrogen-reducing-systems-springs-protection>
- Approved NSF 245 listing ([245 Certified Aerobic Treatment Units | Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#))
- Approved Nitrogen-reducing PBTS listing ([Nitrogen Reducing Performance-Based Treatment Systems | Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#))

More information to come. In the meantime, let us know if you have any questions at ostds_feedback@floridadep.gov.



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Counties Impacted by HB 1379



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| Counties Impacted by HB 1379 | | | | | | | |
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| DeSoto | | Hendry | | Leon | | Orange | St. Lucie |
| Dixie | | Hernando | | Levy | | Osceola | Sumter |
| Duval | | Highlands | | Madison | | Palm Beach | Suwannee |
| Escambia | | Hillsborough | | Manatee | | Pasco | Taylor |
| Flagler | | Indian River | | Marion | | Pinellas | Union |
| Gadsden | | Jackson | | Martin | | Polk | Volusia |
| Gilchrist | | Jefferson | | Miami-Dade | | Putnam | Wakulla |
| Glades | | Lafayette | | Monroe | | Sarasota | |
| Hamilton | | Lake | | Okaloosa | | Seminole | |
| Hardee | | Lee | | Okeechobee | | St. Johns | |

| Counties not Impacted by HB 1379 | | | | | | | |
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| Bay | | Franklin | | Holmes | | Nassau | Walton |
| Calhoun | | Gulf | | Liberty | | Santa Rosa | Washington |