### Water Resource Management

## Our Greatest and Most Important Resource



## Water Resource Management Strategic Discussion

- Water System Overview
- Managing & Sustaining the Resource
- Alternative Water Supply

### Water Works Park Late 1800's



In Waterworks Park, Jacksonv





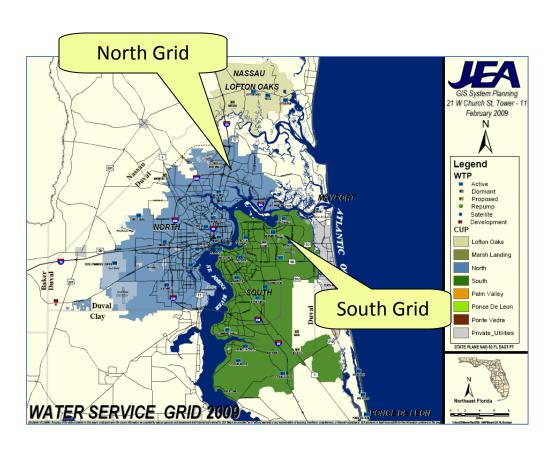




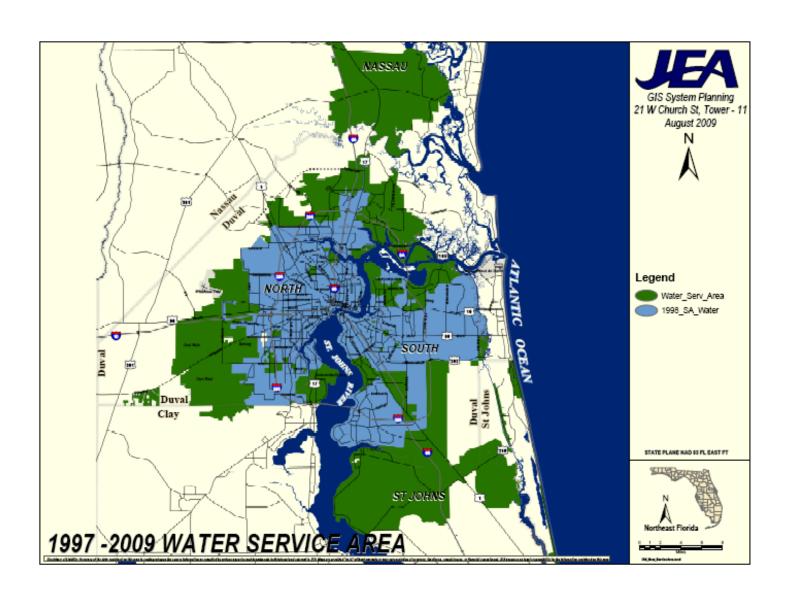
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#### System Overview - Water

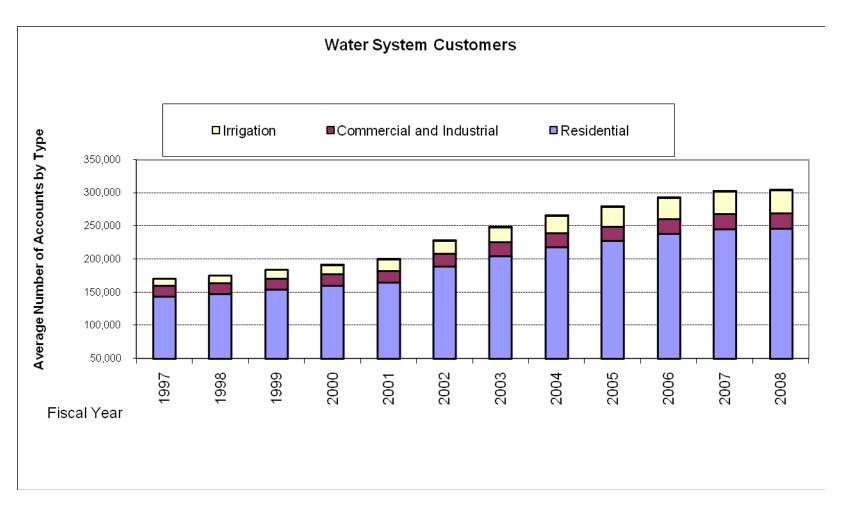
- ▶ 100% groundwater supply
- >300,000 Customers
- 35 Water Treatment Plants
- ▶ 138 Active Wells
- 2 Major Grids (with 1 River Crossing interconnection)
- Water Utility Founded 1881
- ▶ JEA Acquired Utility in 1997

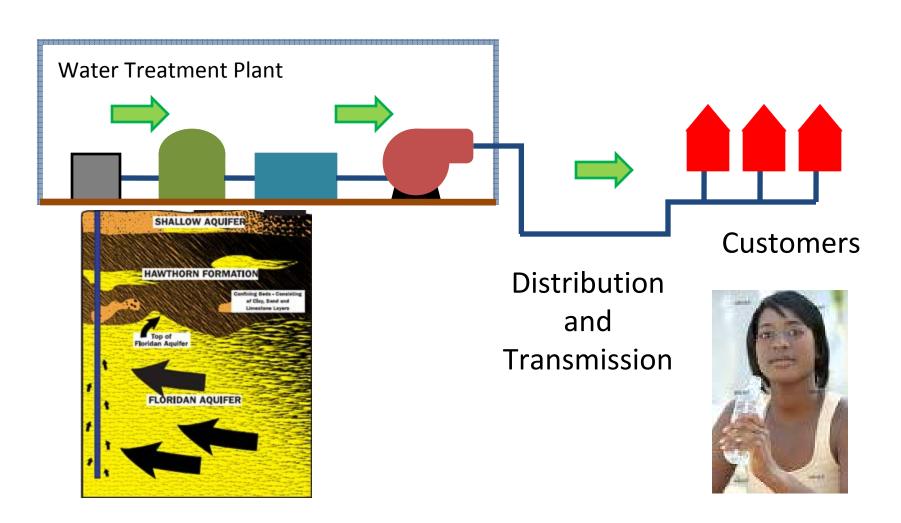


#### JEA Water Service Area 1997-2009



## Number of Water Customers Increased by Over 40% During this Period

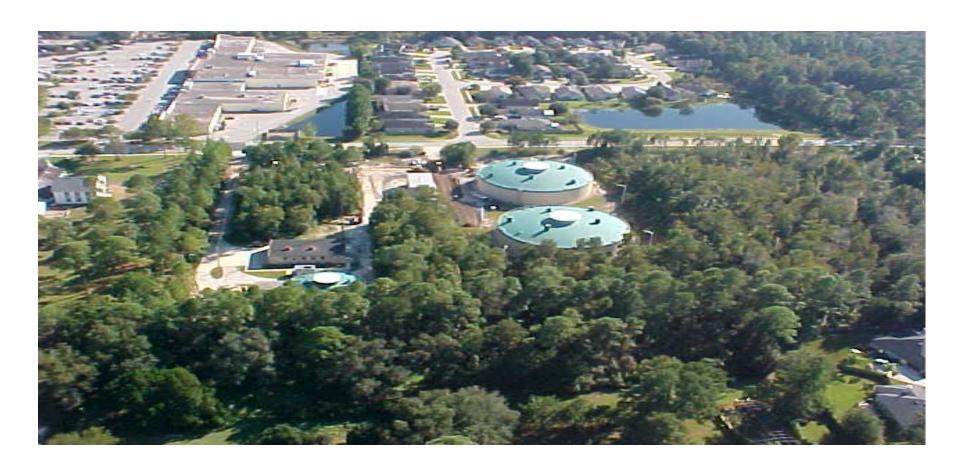




Wellfields

JEA Water Systems – 100% Groundwater

#### Community Hall Water Treatment Plant

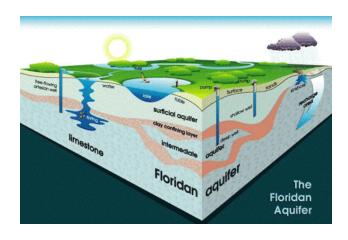


Water Treatment Plants Consist of Wells, Treatment, and High Service Pumps

## Water/Wastewater Systems Remote Monitoring and Control







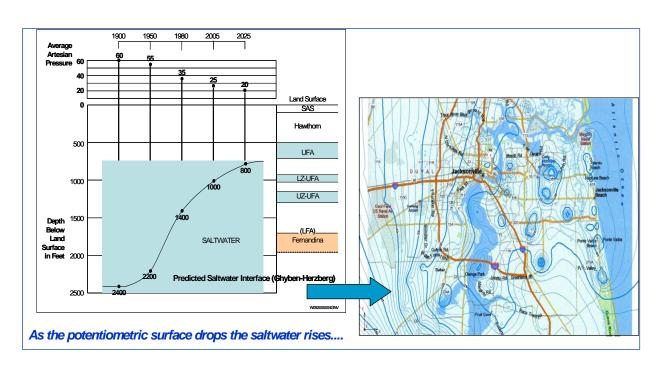
# Managing and Sustaining the Resource





### Implications of Growth on the South Grid

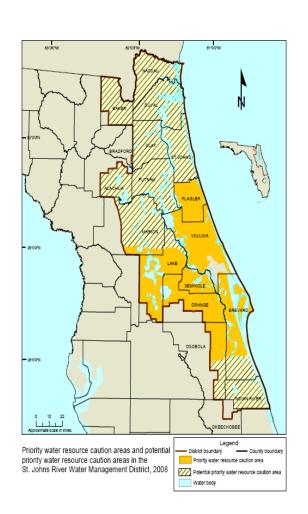
- The Floridan Aquifer limit of sustainability reached on S. Grid
- Has been the subject of potential Priority Water Resource Caution Area in Past
- Actions taken to address:
  - Conservation
  - Optimized system control
  - Backplugging
  - Expanding Reuse
  - River Transfer



## SJRWMD Water Supply Assessment and Planning Process

#### Assessing Adequacy of the Supply

- SJRWMD conducted a water supply assessment (WSA) in 2008
- Identified areas not sustainable due to unacceptable impacts to natural systems or to groundwater
- 2008 Draft WSA identified NE Florida as a *potential* Priority Water Resource Caution Area (PWRCA)
- Designation as PWRCA = cap on additional aquifer withdrawals – implementation of AWS sooner rather than later



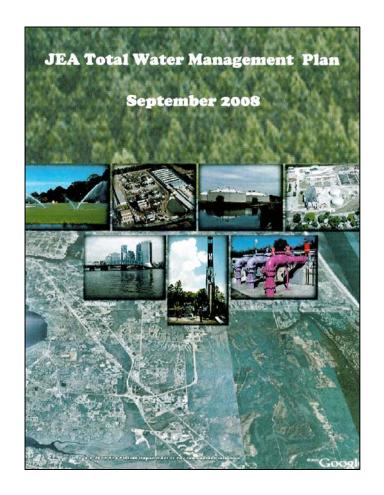
#### Action Taken by JEA and Other Utilities

- Formed Northeast Florida Utilities Coordinating Group (11 public utilities)
- Purpose of NFUCG:
  - Sustaining the natural systems and groundwater sources and providing cost effective public water supply alternatives
  - Hired technical consultants to assist in the review of the groundwater model, inputs and assumptions to ensure accuracy and integrity of results
  - Collaborative evaluation and input to the Water Supply Planning Process

#### Total Water Management Plan (TWMP)

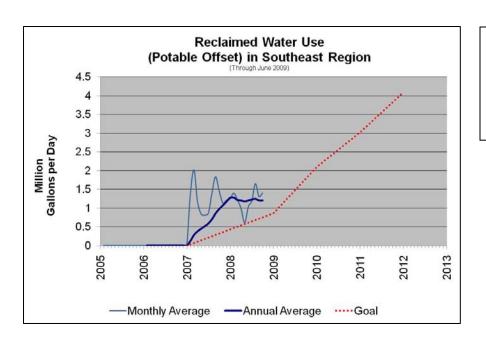
#### -2008 TWMP

- Focus on entire
   JEA service area
- Alternative Water Supplies Evaluated
- Peer Reviewed
- Living Document



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#### **Potable Offset Reclaimed Water:**

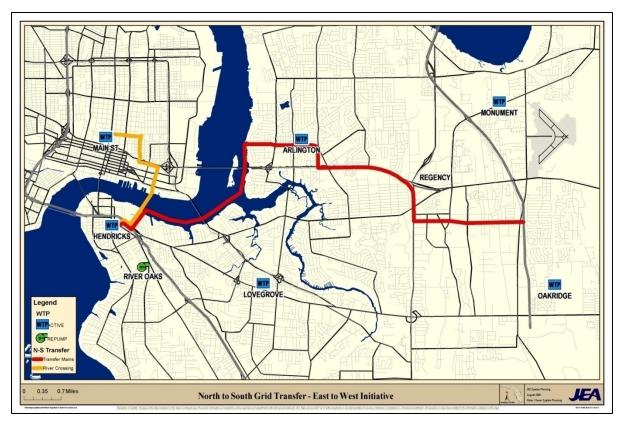
Reclaimed water that offsets future JEA potable water demands

#### **Challenges:**

- Limited regulatory enforcement for customer connection
- Capital cost of reclaimed water projects

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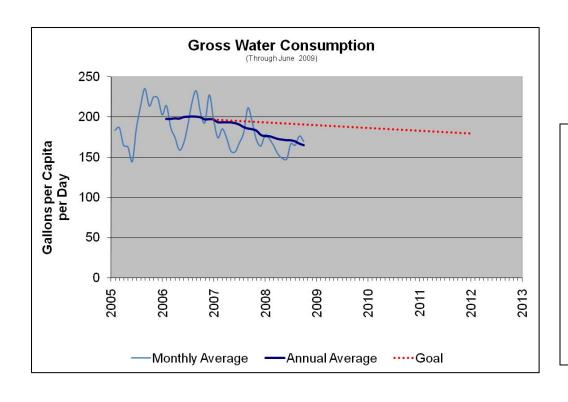
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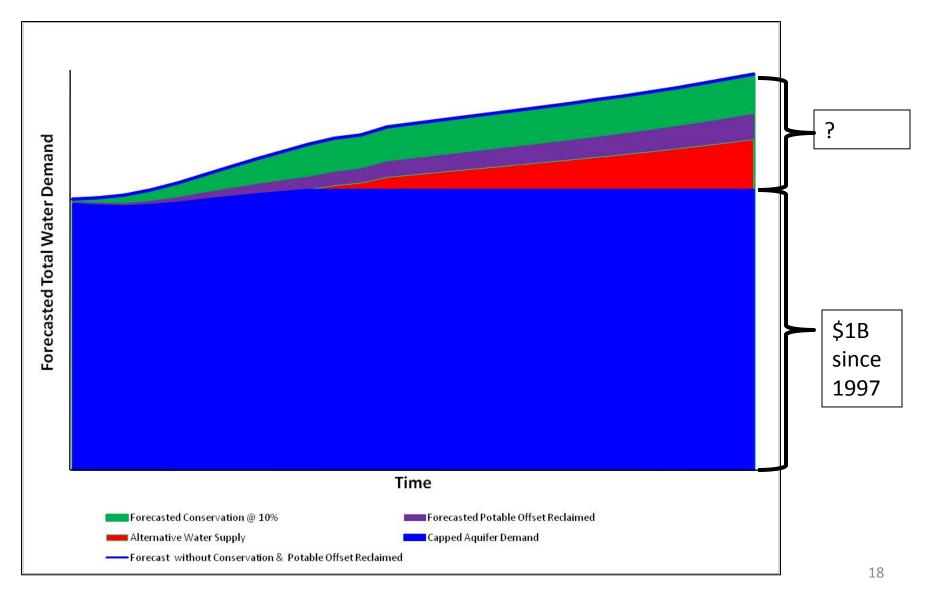
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#### **Conservation:**

- 1. Tiered Rates
- Irrigation Rule/ Ordinance
- 3. Combined Messaging
- 4. JEA Programs
- 5. The economy

### Meeting (and controlling) Future Demand



## Alternative Water Supplies Compared to Current Supply

		Capital Construction
Water Supply for 10 MGD Capacity		Cost
Traditional Aquifer Water (Treatment)		\$ 28 M
Reclaimed Water - Current (Treatment, Pumps/Pipes)		\$ 50 M
Desalination - Brackish Groundwater (Treatment)		\$ 56 M
Reclaimed Water - Increased (Treatment, Pumps/Pipes)		\$ 70 M
Desalination - St Johns River (Treatment)		\$ 109 M
Aquifer Recharge (Treatment, Injection Wells)		\$ 143 M
Desalination - Sea Water (Treatment)		\$ 182 M
Other (Intermediate Wells, etc.)		?



#### **Conservation:**

- 1. No Capital Construction Cost
- Lost Revenues Requires Rate Adjustment

#### Summary

- Focus on sustainability
- Conservation is and will remain the most affordable, and the best first option.
- JEA has a strategy, and will continue to assess other alternative water supply options.

