Woodmere Creek Condition Report for 2017

CAUTION

Chl-a N P DO

3 out of 4 indicators were rated as **PASS**.

All four indicators must pass for the creek to be rated as **PASS**.

Size: 1,475 acres
Location: South Sarasota County
Discharges into: Lemon Bay

Woodmere Creek consists of a network of man-made canals and lakes that discharge to the Intracoastal Waterway at the northern limits of Lemon Bay. The entirety of Woodmere Creek is predominantly marine. Most of the area in the Woodmere Creek Basin has been developed. It includes the Hourglass Lake Estates and Circlewood Condominiums, as well a large portion of the Gulfview Estates residential communities. The creek's discharge point is located just south of the Lemon Bay Drive and Palmetto Road intersection. *For basin details see:* ***Woodmere Creek Basin Master Plan (1999)***

Woodmere Creek



Water Chemistry Ratings | Freshwater Portion of the Creek

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Water Chemistry Ratings | Tidal Portion of the Creek

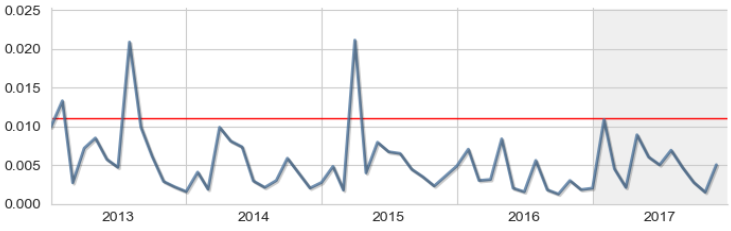
Creek Conditions Ratings are based on comparing nitrogen, phosphorus, chlorophyll and dissolved oxygen to water quality guidelines or regulations. Florida law defines a maximum allowable concentration of chlorophyll *a* and a minimum allowable concentration of dissolved oxygen in these streams. Florida has no regulatory thresholds for nitrogen or phosphorus in tidal creeks so trends are used to rate the creeks.

Chlorophyll a

Score: Pass

Units: mg/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	0.0	0.1
Mean	0.0045	0.0047
Low	0.0013	0.0003
No. of Samples	21	716

Five-year Rolling Average



Nitrogen, Total

Units: mg/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	2.2	7.4
Mean	1.4046	1.2869
Low	1.006	0.437
No. of Samples	16	352

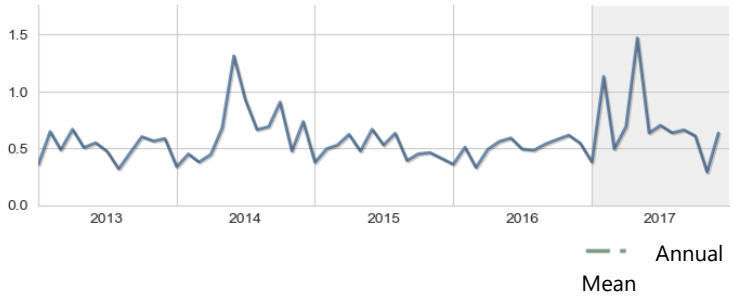
Five-year Rolling Average



Phosphorus, Total

Units: mg/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	1.7	3.4
Mean	0.6635	0.5457
Low	0.29	0.179
No. of Samples	21	727

Five-year Rolling Average



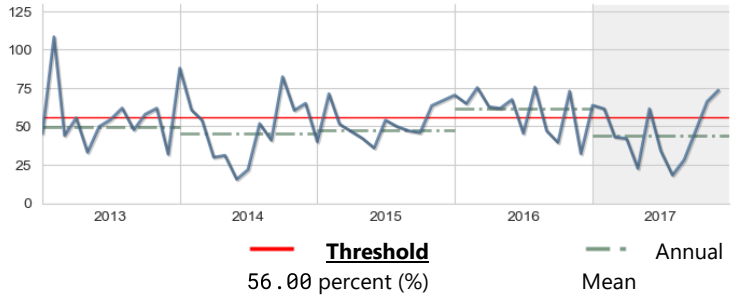
Dissolved Oxygen Saturation

Note: Low DO saturation also may be naturally influenced by inflows from nearby wetlands or groundwater sources

Score: Caution

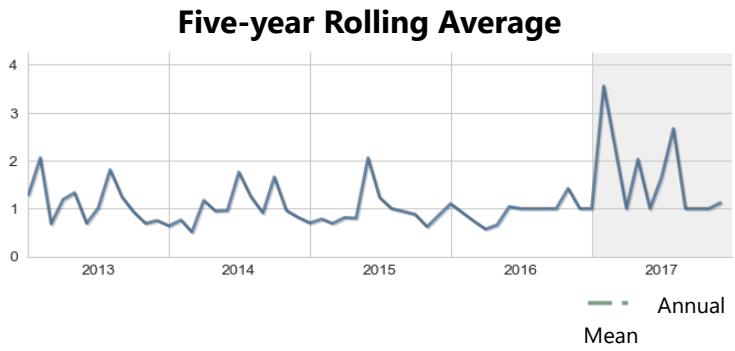
Units: percent (%)	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	90.8	226.0
Mean	51.05	52.49
Low	10.30	4.90
No. of Samples	21	715

Five-year Rolling Average



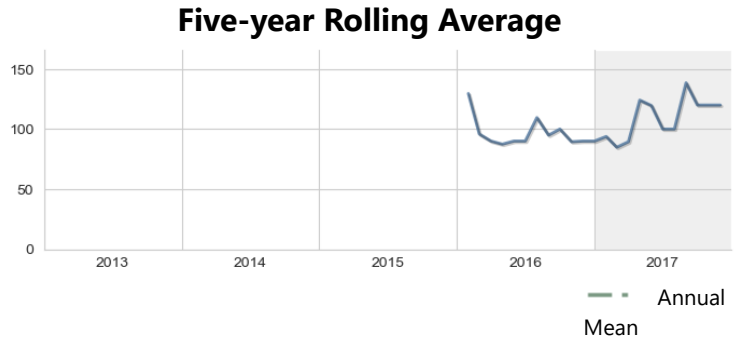
BOD, Biochemical oxygen demand

Units: mg/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	7.1	19.5
Mean	1.45	1.05
Low	1.00	0.50
No. of Samples	19	710



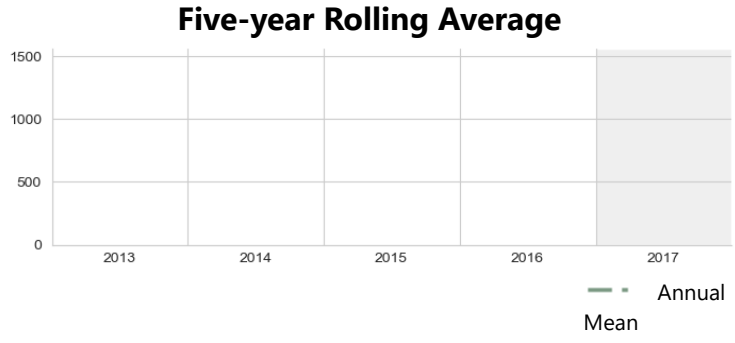
Color

Units: PCU	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	160.0	160.0
Mean	105.37	98.74
Low	80.00	70.00
No. of Samples	21	51



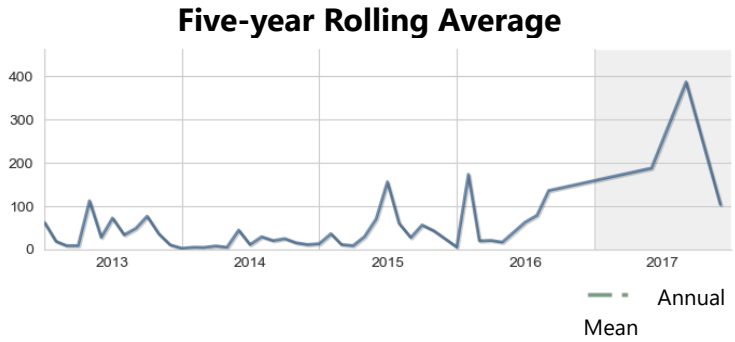
Enterococcus Group Bacteria

Units: cfu/100ml	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	1,300.0	1,300.0
Mean	1300.0	1300.0
Low	1300.00	1300.00
No. of Samples	1	1



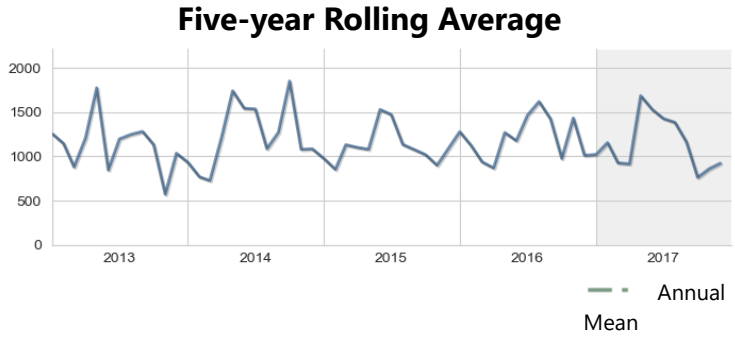
Nitrogen, Ammonia + Ammonium as N

Units: ug/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	387.0	880.0
Mean	193.51	28.16
Low	103.00	0.008
No. of Samples	4	728



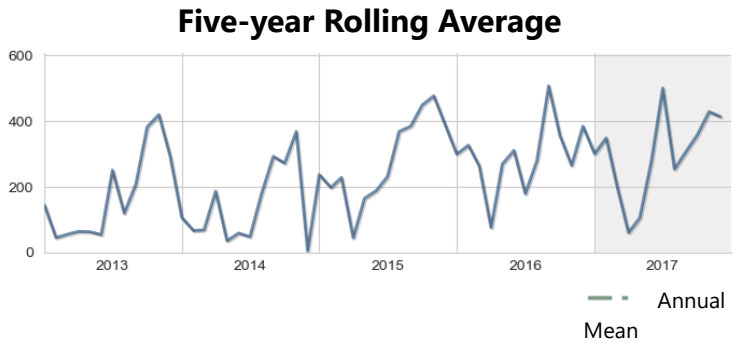
Nitrogen, Kjeldahl

Units: ug/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	2,620.0	7,340.0
Mean	1154.76	1091.2
Low	760.00	50.00
No. of Samples	21	727



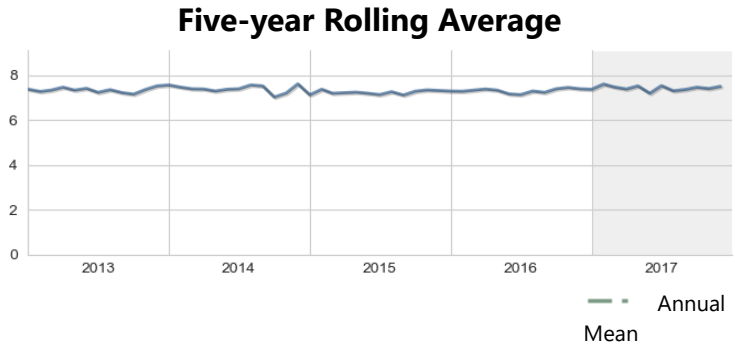
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate as N

Units: ug/l	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	536.0	1,150.0
Mean	239.76	118.06
Low	19.00	4.00
No. of Samples	16	707



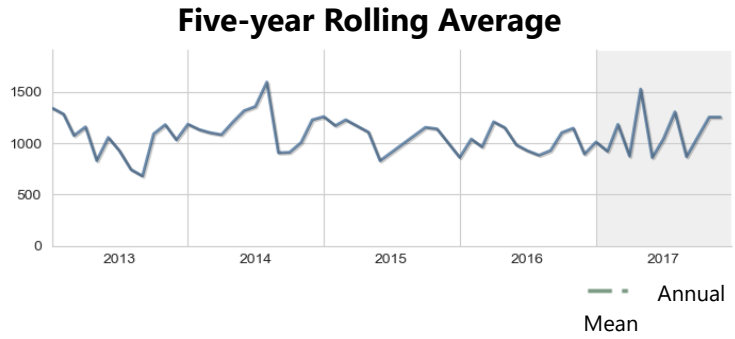
pH

Units: None	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	7.8	8.1
Mean	7.42	7.36
Low	7.00	6.78
No. of Samples	42	676



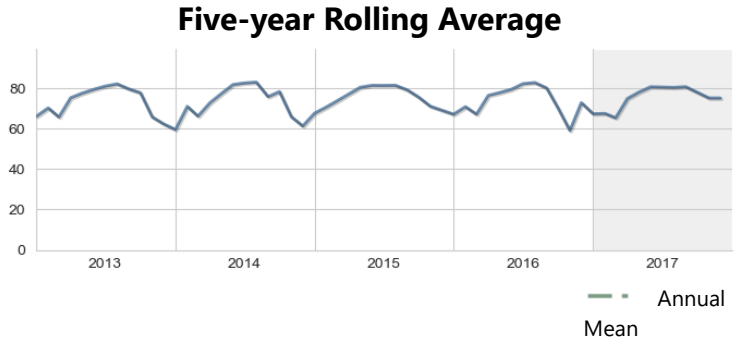
Specific conductance

Units: umho	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	1,749.0	44,845.0
Mean	1056.92	970.83
Low	450.00	0.882
No. of Samples	21	608



Temperature, water

Units: deg F	Year 2017	Historical period of record
High	81.1	89.2
Mean	74.4	72.88
Low	63.23	51.026
No. of Samples	21	455

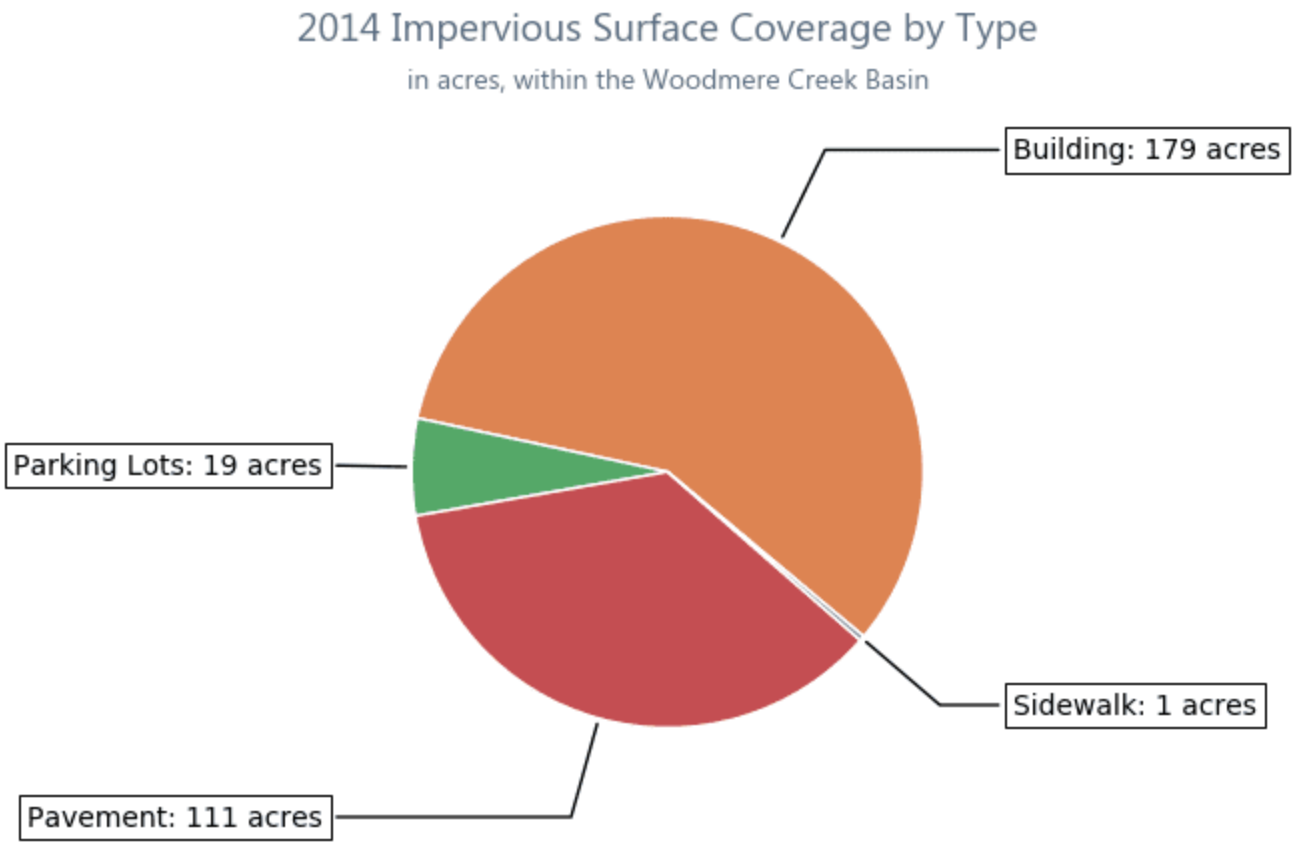


Impervious Features

Rain that falls on land that is in a natural state is absorbed and filtered by soils and vegetation as it makes it way into underground aquifers. However, in developed areas, "impervious surfaces" impede this process and contribute to polluted urban runoff entering surface waters. These surfaces include human infrastructure like roads, sidewalks, driveways and parking lots that are covered by impenetrable materials such as asphalt, concrete, brick and stone, as well as buildings and other permanent structures. Soils that have been disturbed and compacted by urban development are often impervious as well.



21% of the land area within the **Woodmere Creek Basin** is covered by impervious surfaces

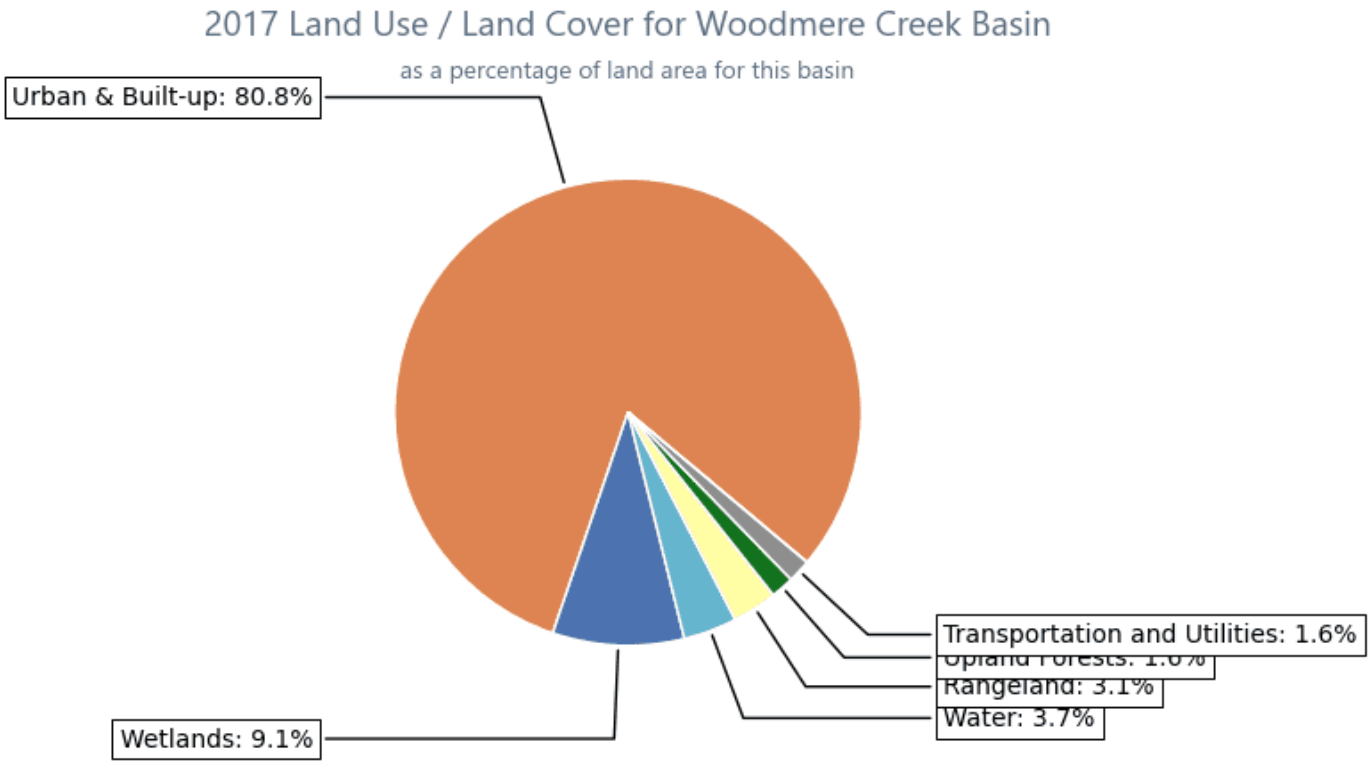


Land Use / Land Cover

Land use within a creek's watershed has a major effect on its water quality. In general, less development means better water quality. Land Cover/Land Use classifications categorize land in terms of its observed physical surface characteristics (e.g. upland or wetland), and also reflect the types of activity that are taking place on it (agriculture, urban/built-up, utilities, etc.). Florida uses as its standard a set of statewide classifications which were developed by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Acreage and Percentage within each Land Use / Land Cover Category for Woodmere Creek Basin

Land Use Classification	1990	1995	1999	2005	2011	2014	2017	Trend
Urban & Built-up	986 66.8%	1,058 71.7%	1,081 73.3%	1,180 80%	1,195 81%	1,195 81%	1,192 80.8%	
Agriculture	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	
Rangeland	62 4.2%	25 1.7%	10 0.7%	33 2.2%	46 3.1%	46 3.1%	46 3.1%	
Upland Forests	207 14%	196 13.3%	183 12.4%	54 3.6%	24 1.6%	24 1.6%	24 1.6%	
Water	34 2.3%	44 3%	47 3.2%	42 2.9%	52 3.5%	52 3.5%	55 3.7%	
Wetlands	187 12.6%	151 10.3%	151 10.3%	143 9.7%	135 9.1%	135 9.1%	135 9.1%	
Transportation and Utilities	0 0%	1 0%	2 0.2%	24 1.6%	24 1.6%	24 1.6%	24 1.6%	


2017 Land Use / Land Cover for Woodmere Creek Basin
as a percentage of land area for this basin
Urban & Built-up: 80.8%
Wetlands: 9.1%
Water: 3.7%
Rangeland: 3.1%
Transportation and Utilities: 1.6%