

Seminole County South Rotary Club



DEP – Wekiva
Aquatic Preserve



Friends of the
Wekiva River



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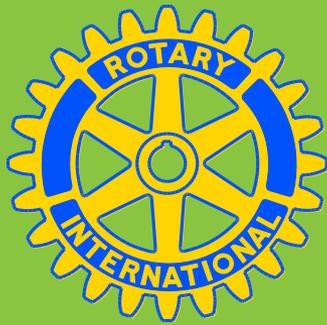
Promise to the Wekiva

\$5.00 Suggested
Donation



Journey of a Wild & Scenic River

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Rotary Club of Seminole County South partnered with the DEP - Wekiva Aquatic Preserve and the Friends of the Wekiva River to create the Wekiva River Promise.

Rotary community service project was created to educate and promote personal stewardship to help protect the Wekiva River and Springshed.

Reasons

- ⦿ Educate people on how our actions can disrupt one of central Florida's greatest wonders.
- ⦿ Protect water quality of the Wekiva River.
- ⦿ Protect the listed species and diverse ecosystems.
- ⦿ Ensure enjoyment of the Wekiva River and Springs for years to come.



Happening Now

- ⚙ Rock Springs and Wekiwa Springs have been designated impaired.
- ⚙ Majority of springs measured show signs of high nitrogen content and decrease in magnitude.
- ⚙ If nothing is done, we could see the tragic effects in our lifetime.



ROCK SPRINGS RUN 0.8 MI
LITTLE WEKIVA RIVER 4.7 MI
BLACKWATER CREEK 13.8 MI
ST. JOHN'S RIVER 15.6 MI
ATLANTIC OCEAN 178.6 MI

The Promise

Educate and promote personal stewardship.

I Promise...



I will only use slow-release fertilizers or no fertilizers at all.

I will have my septic tank, if applicable, inspected and pumped out every five years.

I will plant native and/or drought tolerant plants.

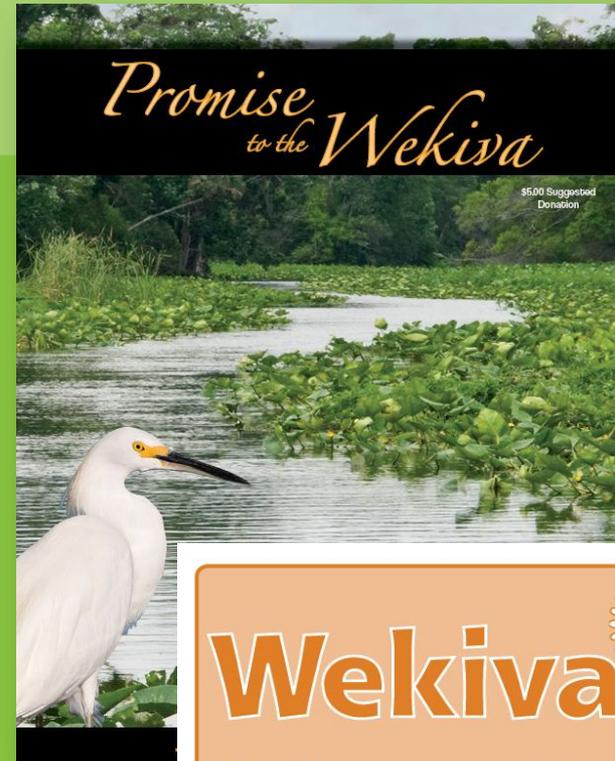
I will use pesticides and herbicides when absolutely necessary.

I will write a letter to my County commissioner, City councilman and State legislator to let them know protecting the Wekiva River Basin is important.

The Promise is sealed with a \$20.00 donation, all proceeds will be used towards projects in the Basin.

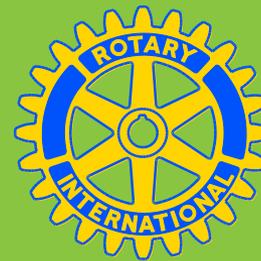
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- ☀ **Magazine-** Created a 44-page magazine featuring informative articles and beautiful pictures
- ☀ **DVD-** Short film regarding the Wekiva River Promise as well the amazing film Wekiva: Legacy or Loss
- ☀ **Yard Sign-** To show support for the Wekiva River Promise.



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- ⚙ **Resolutions-** Developed for civic organizations, homeowners associations and municipalities to support the efforts of the Promise.
- ⚙ Currently we have **11** signed the Resolutions.

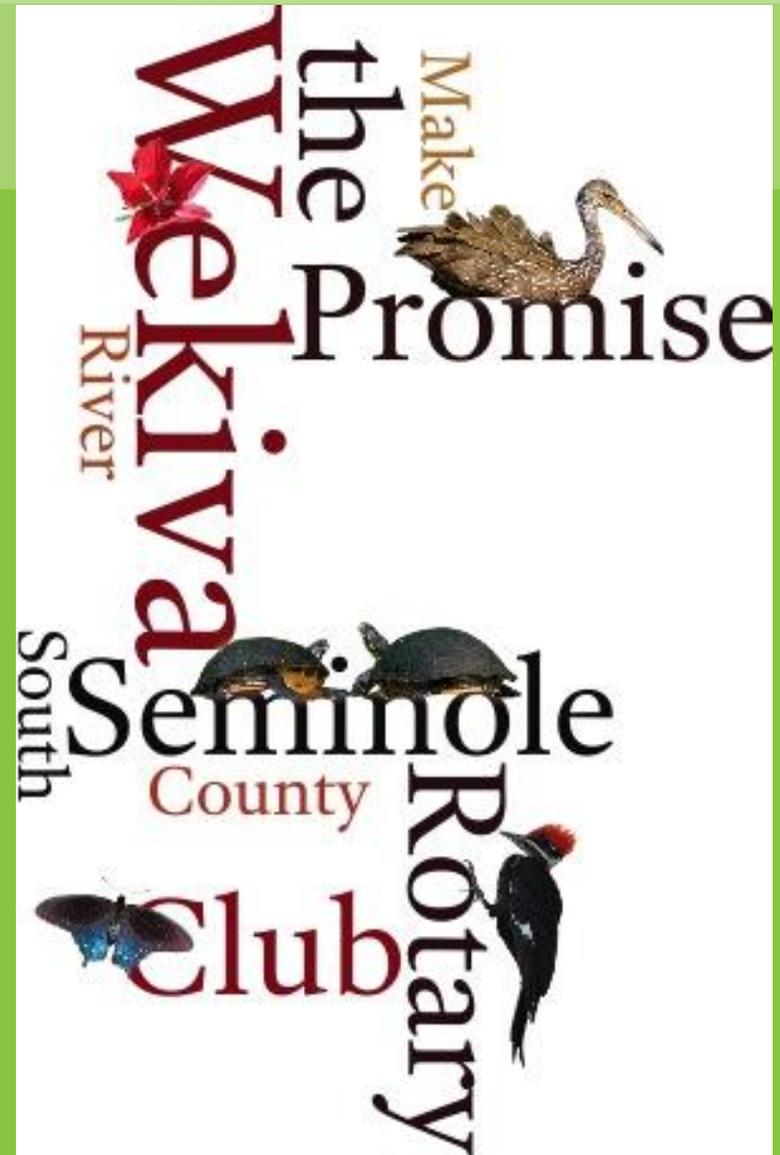


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- ☀ **Promises**- Promise campaign will begin with selling of the Promise through word of mouth.
- ☀ **Basin Projects**- Criteria being set to support projects for the basin that are impactful. We have enlisted a team of to help.
- ☀ **Education**- Curriculum being developed to meet the Sunshine State standards to be used in schools.
- ☀ **Promise Partners**- Total effort to give Promise Takers avenues to keep the promise.
- ☀ **Citizen Science**- Demonstrate the reduction in nitrates in the Wekiva based on the Promise.

Support Us

- ☀ **Sign the Resolution-** Get your group or municipality to sign a resolution.
- ☀ **Take the Promise-** Take the Promise!
- ☀ **Sponsorship-** Become a Sponsor and help fund the distribution of materials.
- ☀ **Volunteer-** Get involved with this great project by working on a sub-committee or basin project!



Promise Committee

- ☼ **Shannon Costello**, Chair - Seminole County South Rotary, Friends of the Wekiva River
- ☼ **Bob Levy**, Past Chair - Seminole County South Rotary
- ☼ **Deborah Shelley**- DEP Aquatic Preserve, Seminole County South Rotary, Friends of the Wekiva River
- ☼ **Bill Belleville**- Friends of the Wekiva River
- ☼ **Steve Phelan**- Friends of the Wekiva River
- ☼ **Peggy Thomas**- Seminole County South Rotary, Friends of the Wekiva River
- ☼ **Jim Robison**-Friends of the Wekiva River
- ☼ **Bob Giguere**- Friends of the Wekiva River

Thank You

- ⚙ Thank you for time today!
- ⚙ Questions? Comments?

