Report to Board, Town of White Lake April 2025

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I attended two conferences in March, one in Raleigh, and one in Charlotte. At the first one I had organized a group of speakers for a special session on onsite wastewater treatment systems (aka septic systems), and I happened to meet the person who had been the acting director of DEQ back in 2018. She was in that position for only a short time, but she had retained her negative view of the town, and Mayor Womble. I mentioned that things had changed considerably and suggested that she look at the White Lake Watch web site. At the conference in Charlotte, I organized a special session on nutrient management which was well-attended, with scientists from North Carolina and around the world. I gave a poster presentation about White Lake, and got some good feedback and suggestions for collaborations, which is why we scientists go to conferences.

I obtained the report on the aquatic vegetation survey done last fall and will summarize the information for next month. The bottom line is that no hydrilla was found.

Rainfall in the first quarter of 2025 was below average and was roughly equal each month. The lake level has remained static since late December, at 64.5 feet NAVD 88.

