

**Report to Board, Town of White Lake
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It is the time of year to start budget planning for the next fiscal year, and I want to share information that was provided in 2019 by the Bald Head Conservancy researchers. Recall that they had been contracted to assess groundwater flow to the lake and possible contamination sites—from the town’s wastewater collection system and from the blueberry farms. Manhole rehabilitation was discussed as was making this work a priority, particularly in the region where groundwater flows to the lake.

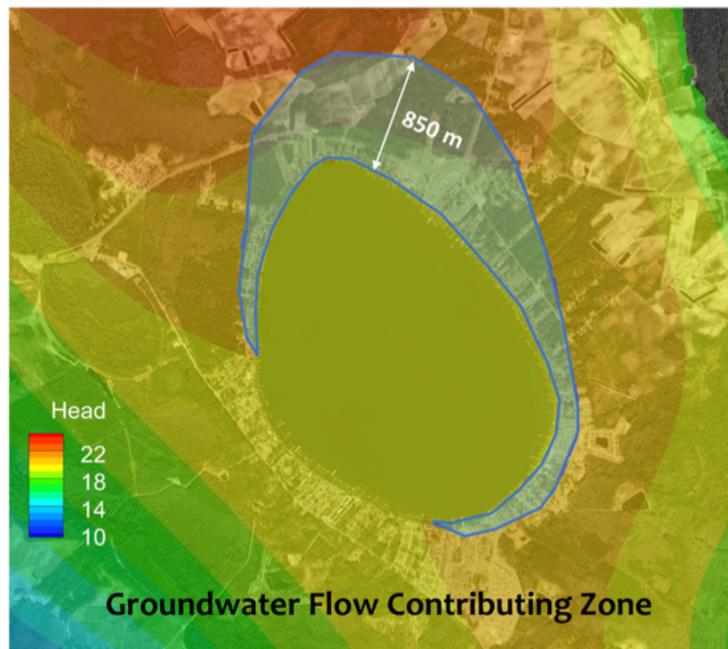


Figure 20. White Lake’s groundwater contributing zone, from the Power Point presentation to the Town of White Lake, February 2019 by Chris Shank and Peter Zamora.

While some progress has been made in renovation of manholes, it would be good to set a goal for completion of this project—in the next year, for example—and put sufficient funding in the budget to do so. Making this work a priority is a win-win, accomplishing something that is good for the lake and good for the community, and is something that you as a board have control over.