

Lake Region Lakes Management District

2026 Goals and Objectives

Pursuant to F.S. 189.0694 the following goals and objectives are hereby listed. To safely maintain and operate the Districts canals, dams, locks, and boat launching facilities.

The Following Standards will be used to meet the above-mentioned goals and objectives:

Canals (Boating)

Seawalls will be inspected weekly during the routine canal trashcan pickup route. Any required repairs will be promptly reported to the Field Manager and scheduled for timely completion. Concurrently, aquatic vegetation in the canals, around trashcans, and at canal mouths will be monitored. If herbicide treatment is necessary, it will be reported, scheduled, and documented through the District's herbicide tracking system to ensure proper management and follow-up.

Canals (Drainage Ditches)

These canals will be routinely inspected for downed trees, aquatic vegetation, and other obstructions both within the canals and along ditch banks. A comprehensive inspection will be conducted at the start of the summer rainy season and prior to any major storm events. The majority of maintenance activities will be scheduled during the dry season when water levels are at their lowest, allowing for optimal access and efficiency.

Dams & Water Control Structures

Regular inspections of all dams and water control structures will be conducted, with many located within District parks. Prior to the summer rainy season, each dam and structure will be serviced and operated to ensure proper functionality, and any necessary repairs will be completed at that time. Additional inspections will be performed before major storm events or during periods of high water to ensure continued safety and operational reliability.

Locks

District staff will continue to inspect the Locks during weekly trash collection routes as they travel between the lower and upper chains. In addition to these routine checks, several comprehensive inspections will be conducted throughout the year to evaluate safety devices, cables, and seals. Lock doors will be pressure washed and repainted as needed to maintain both appearance and structural integrity.

Boat Launching Facilities

These facilities will continue to be serviced weekly by a dedicated maintenance crew. Routine tasks will include trash collection, emptying of trash receptacles, mowing, edging, plant trimming, and inspections of ramps and docks. Any major repairs identified during inspections will be reported to the Field Manager and scheduled accordingly. Moving forward, repairs and upgrades will be prioritized based on site condition and overall need to ensure resources are allocated effectively.