

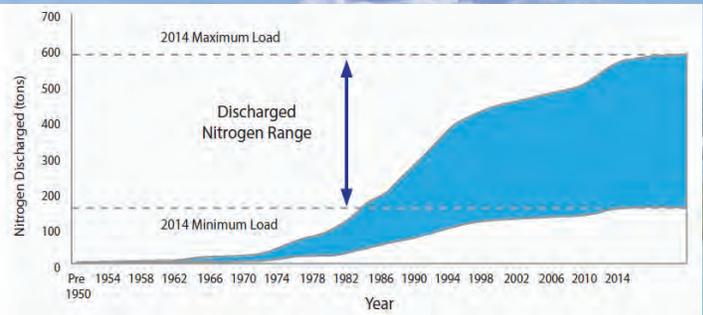
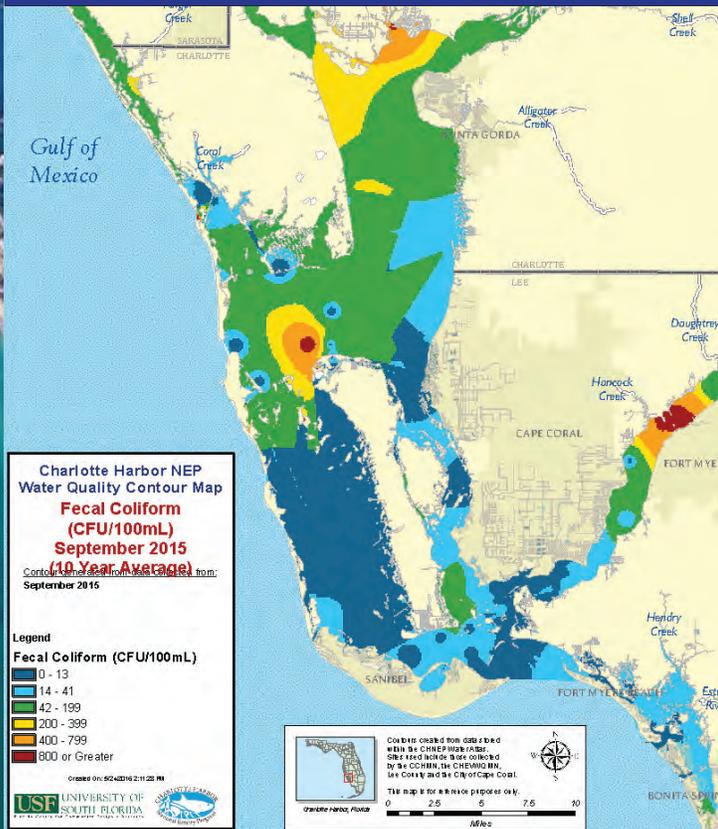
CHARLOTTE HARBOR

Protecting the Heart of Charlotte County

WATER QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

» Charlotte Harbor Impairment Status

- Charlotte Harbor is on EPA's 303d List for nutrients, dissolved oxygen, Chlorophyll a, bacteria in shellfish, mercury in fish tissue



» The excessive amount of nitrogen promotes algae growth within the waterways leading to aquatic hypoxia that is linked to red tide events and ecological degradation.

- » Maintaining Charlotte Harbor Estuary's water quality is critical to the future of the community.
- » Charlotte Harbor is known as a world-class destination for recreational fishing.
- » Reducing pollutants entering the water bodies translates into fewer beach closures, which improves the quality of life for residents and tourists to the County's shorelines.

