## Independent Laboratory Results Confirm Bioremediation Dramatically Reduced Nitrite and Nitrates Affecting Fish And Fowl at Jacksonville Zoo

## Location: Jacksonville Zoo, Jacksonville, FL

**Background:** The ½ acre swan pond at Jacksonville Zoo was contaminated with unacceptable high levels of various pollutants. Well known for the leading pond maintenance technology, **Ecological Laboratories Inc. (ELI)** was called in to help remediate the pond.



**Fig. 1:** Shows the very popular swan pond at Jacksonville Zoo.

**Objective:** 

**ELI** first evaluated the water quality assaying pH, organic and nutrient loading, and accumulated pond bottom solids, and then MICROBE-LIFT<sup>®</sup> was dosed according to protocol.

MICROBE-LIFT<sup>®</sup> products were applied to improve the water quality and to reduce fish and fowl kills.

| Analyte   | Method    | Units | Pretest<br>15 Jan | Test 1<br>5 Feb | Test 2<br>10 Feb | Test 3<br>18 Feb | Reduction<br>Improvement |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| BOD       | SM185210E | mg/L  | 16                | 9.7             | 1                | 1                | 94%                      |
| COD       | SM 5220D  | mg/L  | 240               | 85              | 120              | 35               | 85%                      |
| Nitrate N | EPA 300.0 | mg/L. | 60                | .31             | BDL              | BDL              | 100%                     |
| Nitrite N | EPA 300.0 | mg/L  | .23               | .13             | BDL              | BDL              | 100%                     |
| TSS       | SM 2540D  | mg/L  | 62                | 56              | 106              | 25               | 60%                      |
| Fecal     | SM 9222D  | CFU/  | 36,000            | 10,000          | 14,000           | 1,200            | 96%                      |
| Coliform  |           | 100ml |                   |                 |                  |                  |                          |



The lab report summary above shows the nitrates and nitrites have been reduced to below detectible limits and the water is much cleaner with BOD/COD/TSS levels significantly lowered.

In addition to providing cleaner water, MICROBE-LIFT<sup>®</sup> technology has reduced the bottom sludge by some 4 to 6 inches. There was a noticeable visual difference in the water quality and the zoo caretakers see an improvement in the general health of the swans.

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