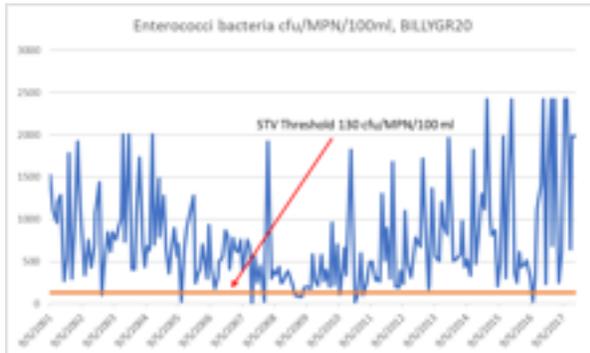
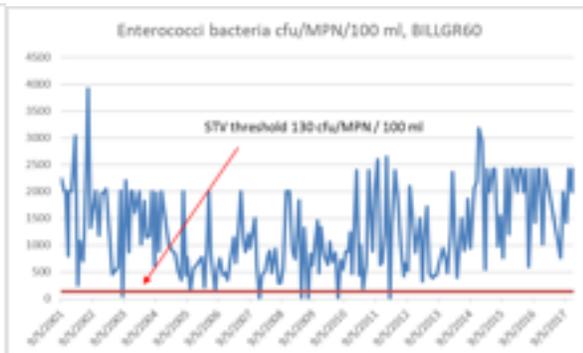


- > Historic Billy's Creek runs about five miles from its mouth at the Caloosahatchee River upstream to its headwaters in a residential area near Ortiz Avenue.
- > A portion of the upper reach is in the unincorporated Lee County jurisdiction with the remainder of the downstream reach in Fort Myers.
- > Billy's Creek has been contaminated with enteric bacteria since monitoring began in 2001. Enterococci group bacteria is the most frequently monitored parameter and has been monitored in the creek by Lee County since 2001. CWK monitors Billy's Creek at nine stations bi-monthly. Results are posted on the CWK Facebook Page.
- > Per Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) 62-302.530, enterococci counts shall not exceed a monthly geometric mean of 35 nor exceed the Ten Percent Threshold Value (TPTV) of 130 in 10% or more of the samples during any 30-day period.
- > During 2017 power outages after Hurricane Irma caused the failure of sewage pump stations in Fort Myers with raw sewage entering Billy's Creek. Fort Myers signed a consent order by FDEP that fined the City for about \$20K and included a requirement for purchasing generators.
- > During 2018, CWK had asked the City of Fort Myers to install additional and appropriate signs along the creek warning residents of the bacterial contamination and to avoid wading or swimming in the creek. Only one no-swimming sign was installed near the Marsh avenue crossing. The same request was made of Lee County for the area in that jurisdiction near the creek headwaters. To our knowledge, no signs were installed by Lee County.



Billy's Creek at Veronika Shoemaker Blvd.



Billy's Creek at Ortiz Avenue