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The Tampa Bay Estuary Program, in coordination with the Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium and TBEP Technical Advisory Committee, has developed recommended estuarine numeric nutrient criteria for the Tampa Bay estuary. Currently, state and federal efforts are underway to develop statewide numeric nutrient criteria for all Florida waters. The attached documents demonstrate that the Tampa Bay nitrogen management strategy, developed and implemented by the TBEP and Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium since 1996, provide the foundation for continued water quality protection, as it relates to nutrients, in the Tampa Bay estuary.

A summary of TBEP's recommended estuarine nutrient criteria for Tampa Bay is attached. Additional documentation supporting the technical development of these criteria can be downloaded from:

[http://www.tbeptech.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=97:consolidated-recommendations-for-tampa-bay-estuarine-numeric-nutrient-criteria-recommendations&catid=29:tampa-bay-nmc&Itemid=54](http://www.tbeptech.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=97:consolidated-recommendations-for-tampa-bay-estuarine-numeric-nutrient-criteria-recommendations&catid=29:tampa-bay-nmc&Itemid=54)

We wish to thank each of you for your continued cooperation with TBEP and our partners in developing defensible and protective estuarine nutrient criteria for Tampa Bay. As always, we look forward to continuing to work with you to finalize these criteria. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any additional questions or requests.

