

# UCF Drainage System

The surface water that has not evaporated or been absorbed through the soil enters the UCF drainage system and is eventually released into the Little Econlockhatchee River. Water bodies such as Lake Claire and the other retention ponds are vital parts to our stormwater system. Lake Claire serves as a natural filtration system, absorbing various pollutants and high nutrient runoff with the help of strategic landscaping of native aquatic flora. The natural pollution removal by these ecosystems serves as one of UCF's stormwater best management practices (BMP), working with, and not against, nature! In addition, Lake Claire is also a great place for recreation activities, including nature trails and canoe rentals that involves minimal to no environmental impact.

[Plants of Retention Ponds and Drainage Ditches](#) by Dr. Hyun Jung Cho

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