Announcing the Final Examination of Erin Reed for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Time & Location: June 1, 2016 at 9:00 AM in Engineering 2 211P
Title: Modeling wastewater indicators and effects of contaminant removal strategies on groundwater and spring discharge in a karst aquifer

This study investigated groundwater and contaminant transport to the Volusia Blue Spring (VBS), an Outstanding Florida Water Body located in Volusia County (Florida). The integration of springshed water quality and contaminant fate and transport (CFT) modeling played key roles in the evaluation of anthropogenic recharge impacts on VBS. To study anthropogenic recharge into the karst limestone aquifer, wastewater effluent, golf course ponds, septic tanks, groundwater monitoring wells, and VBS discharge were sampled for boron, nitrate-nitrogen, nitrate-oxygen and their isotopes spatially throughout the VBS springshed. Data related to natural water features, rainfall, land use, water use, treated wastewater discharge, and septic tank effluent flows was used as inputs to the three-dimensional CFT model developed from an integration of MODFLOW*2000 and MT3DMS. The model was calibrated and validated from field observed water levels and water quality taken throughout the springshed.

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The public is welcome to attend.