

# Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve

## SEACAR Water Quality Analysis

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# Indicators

## Nutrients

### Total Nitrogen - Discrete

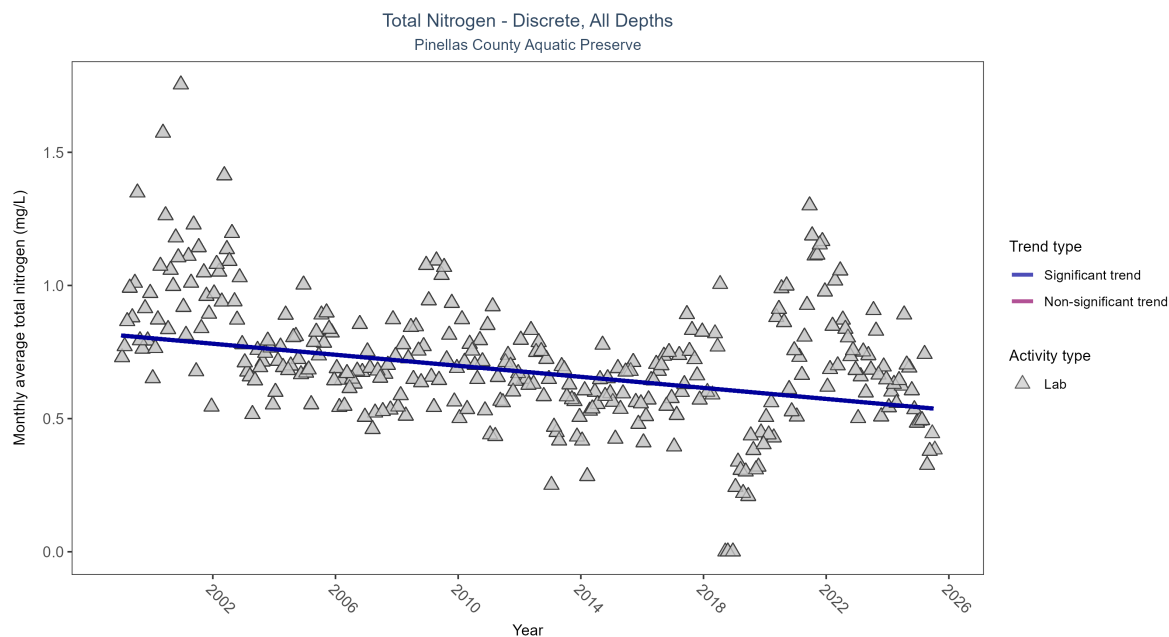


Figure 1: Scatter plot of monthly average total nitrogen over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only nitrogen values obtained from laboratory analyses (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 1: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Total Nitrogen

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	16687	27	1999 - 2025	0.59	-0.27154	0.81229	-0.01036	0

Monthly average total nitrogen decreased by 0.01 mg/L per year.

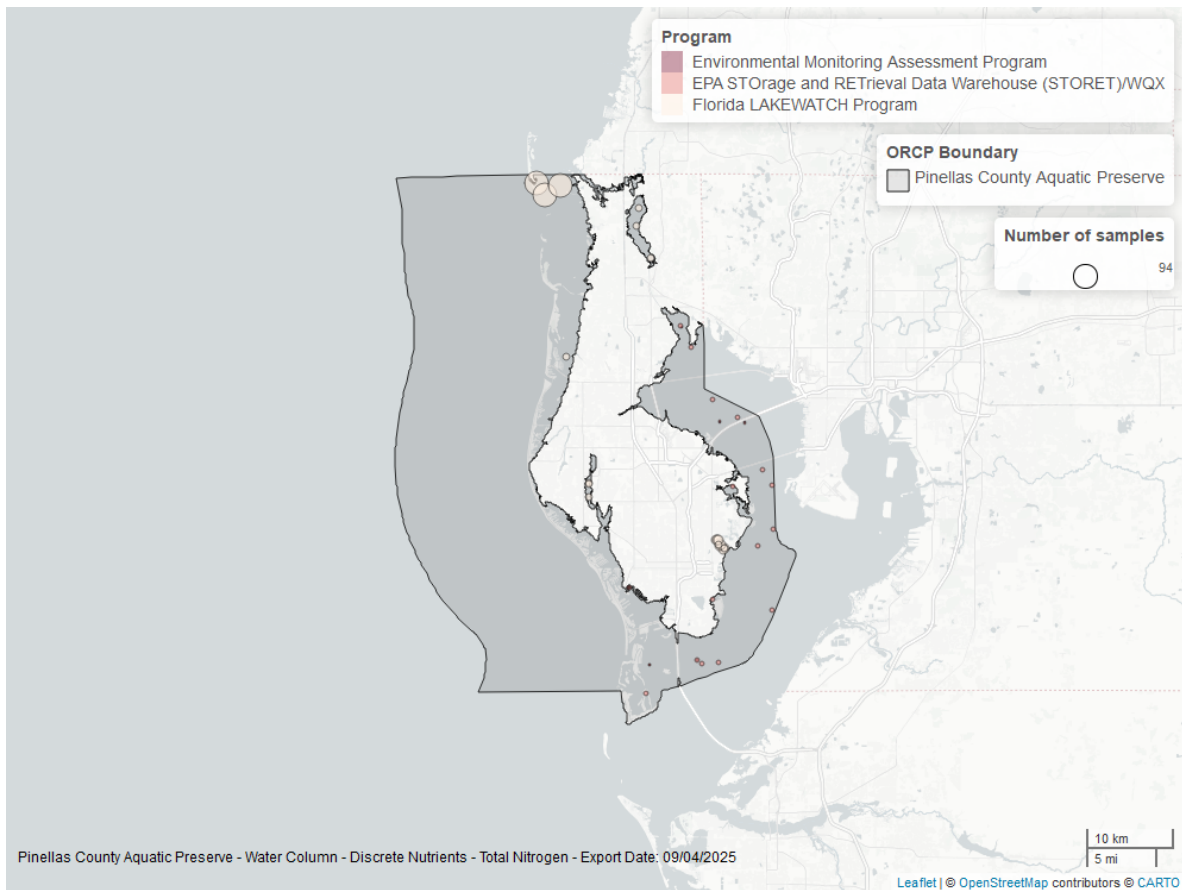


Figure 2: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Total Phosphorus - Discrete

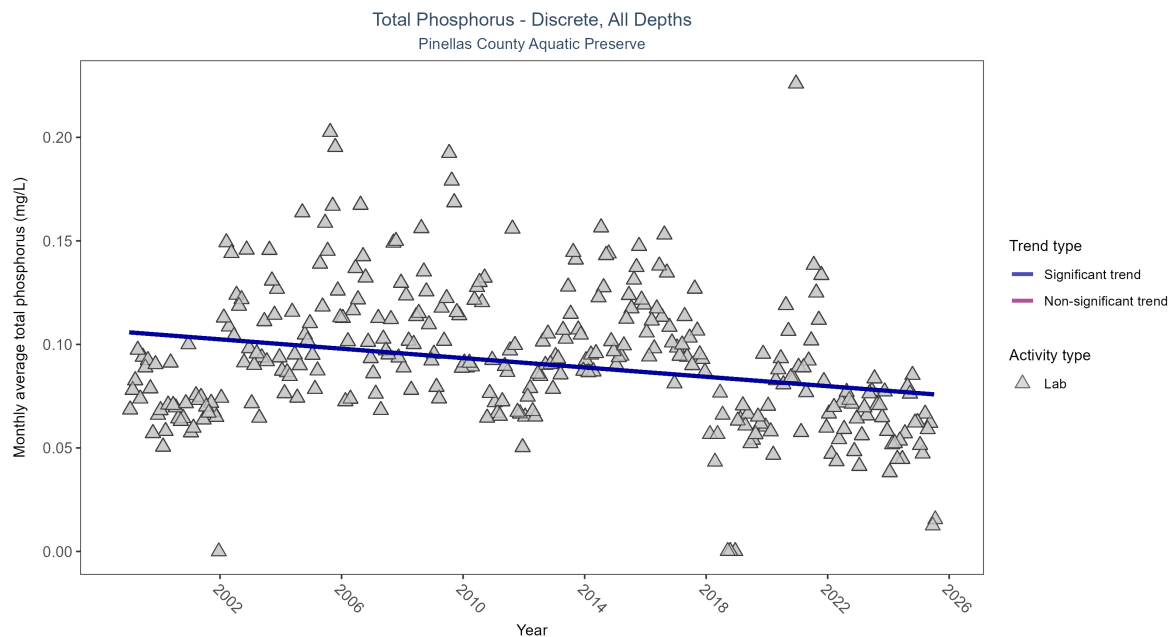


Figure 3: Scatter plot of monthly average total phosphorus over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only phosphorus values obtained from laboratory analyses (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 2: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Total Phosphorus

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	15915	27	1999 - 2025	0.082	-0.21375	0.10584	-0.00113	0

Monthly average total phosphorus decreased by less than 0.01 mg/L per year.

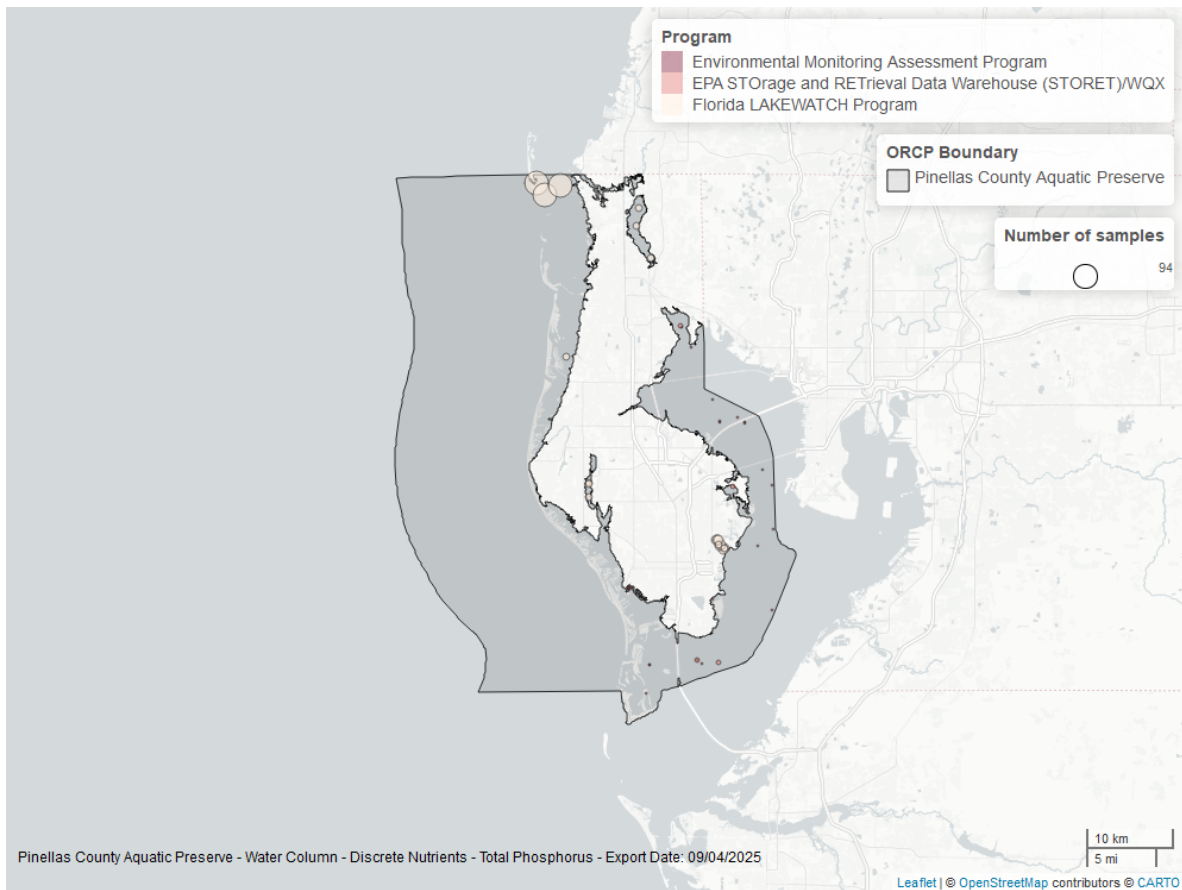


Figure 4: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

# Water Quality

## Dissolved Oxygen - Discrete

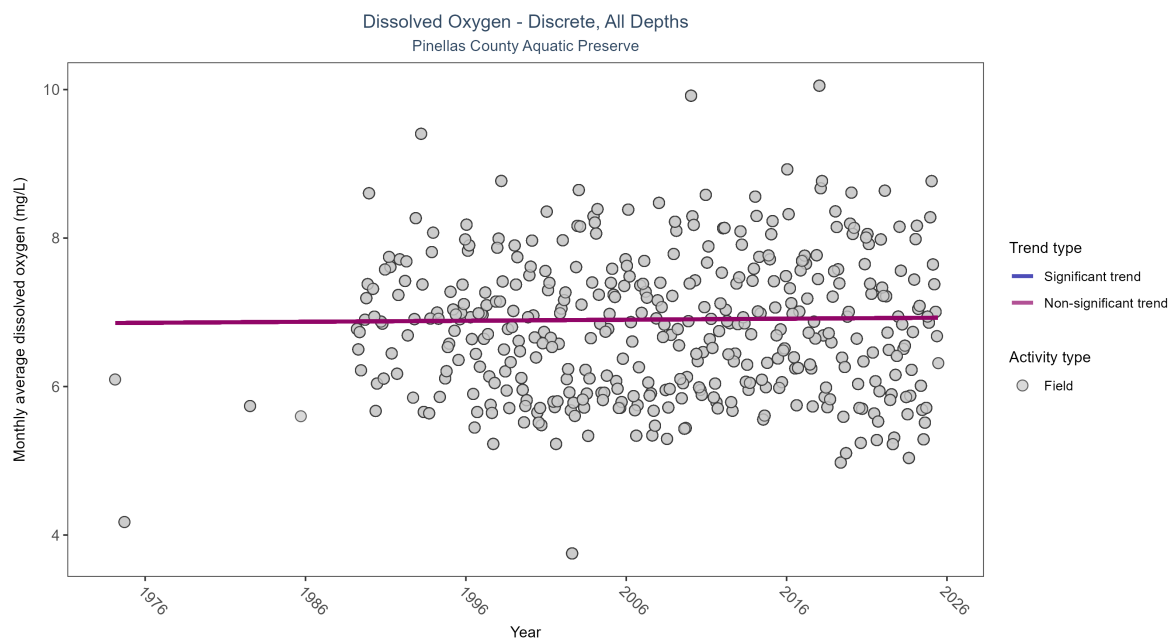


Figure 5: Scatter plot of monthly average dissolved oxygen over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only dissolved oxygen values measured in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 3: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Dissolved Oxygen

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	No significant trend	97011	40	1974 - 2025	6.6	0.02374	6.85571	0.00139	0.5698

Dissolved oxygen showed no detectable trend between 1974 and 2025.

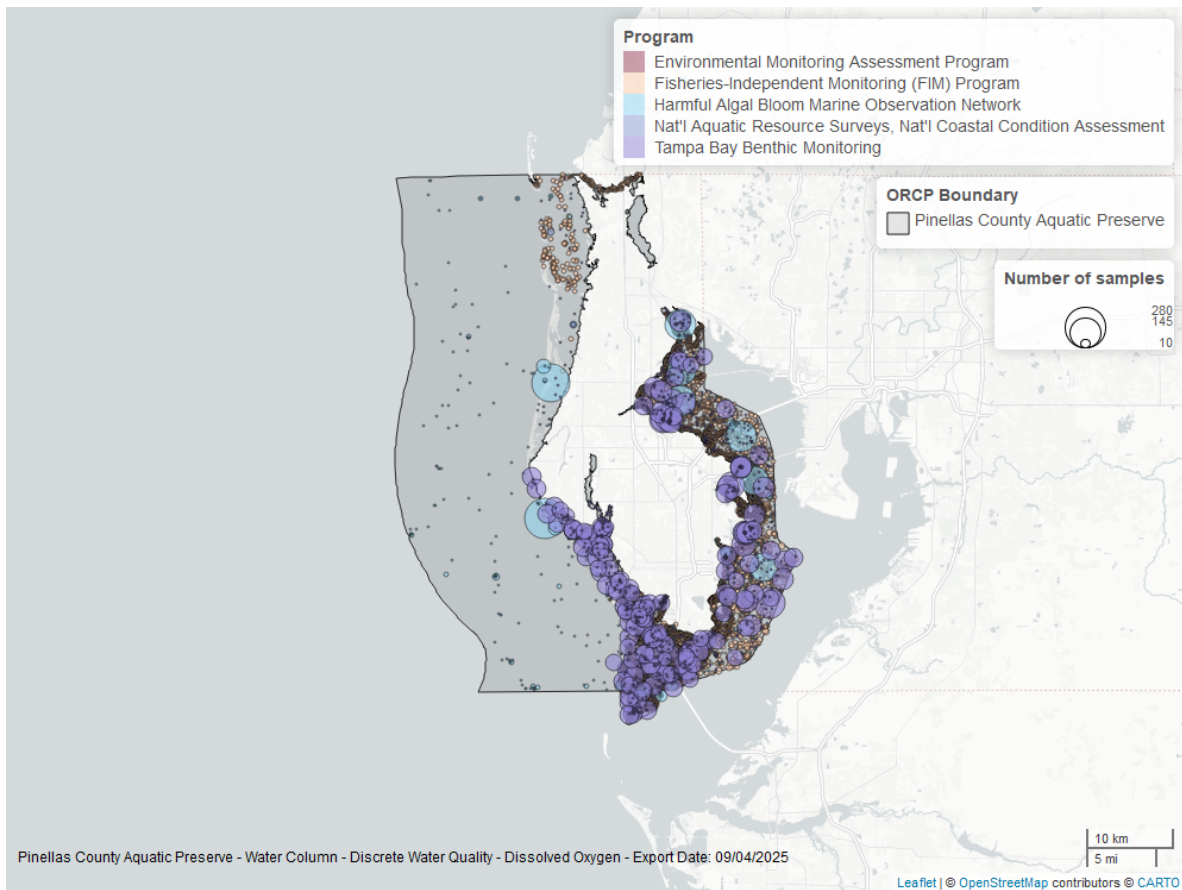


Figure 6: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Dissolved Oxygen Saturation - Discrete

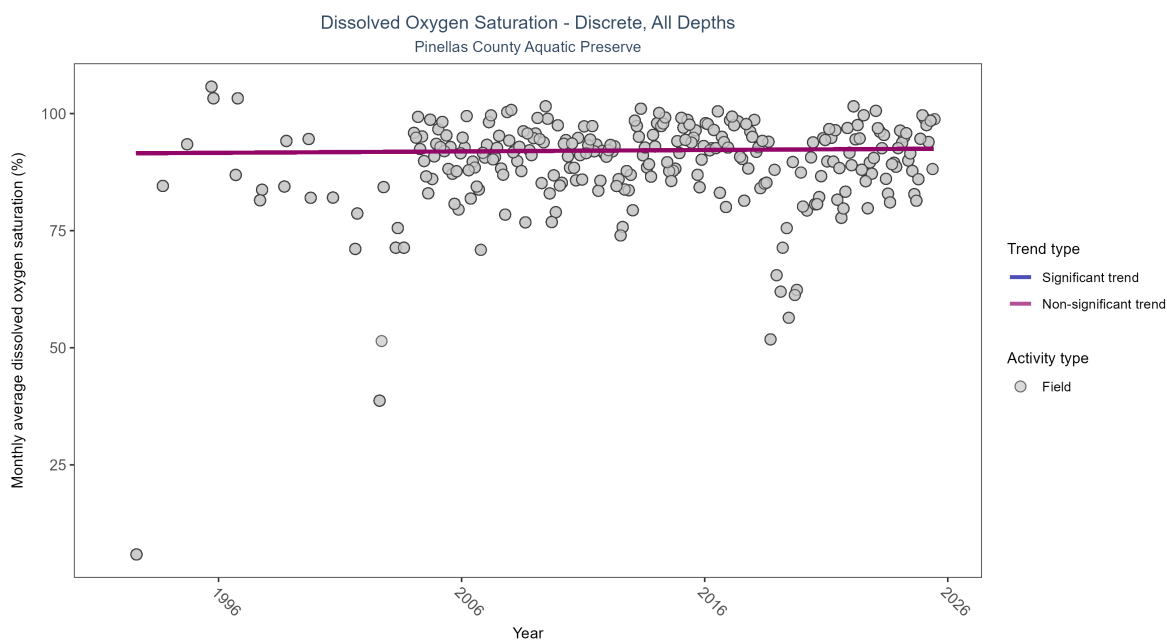


Figure 7: Scatter plot of monthly average dissolved oxygen saturation over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only dissolved oxygen saturation values measured in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 4: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Dissolved Oxygen Saturation

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	No significant trend	31568	34	1992 - 2025	90.9	0.03037	91.50078	0.0298	0.5976

Dissolved oxygen saturation showed no detectable trend between 1992 and 2025.



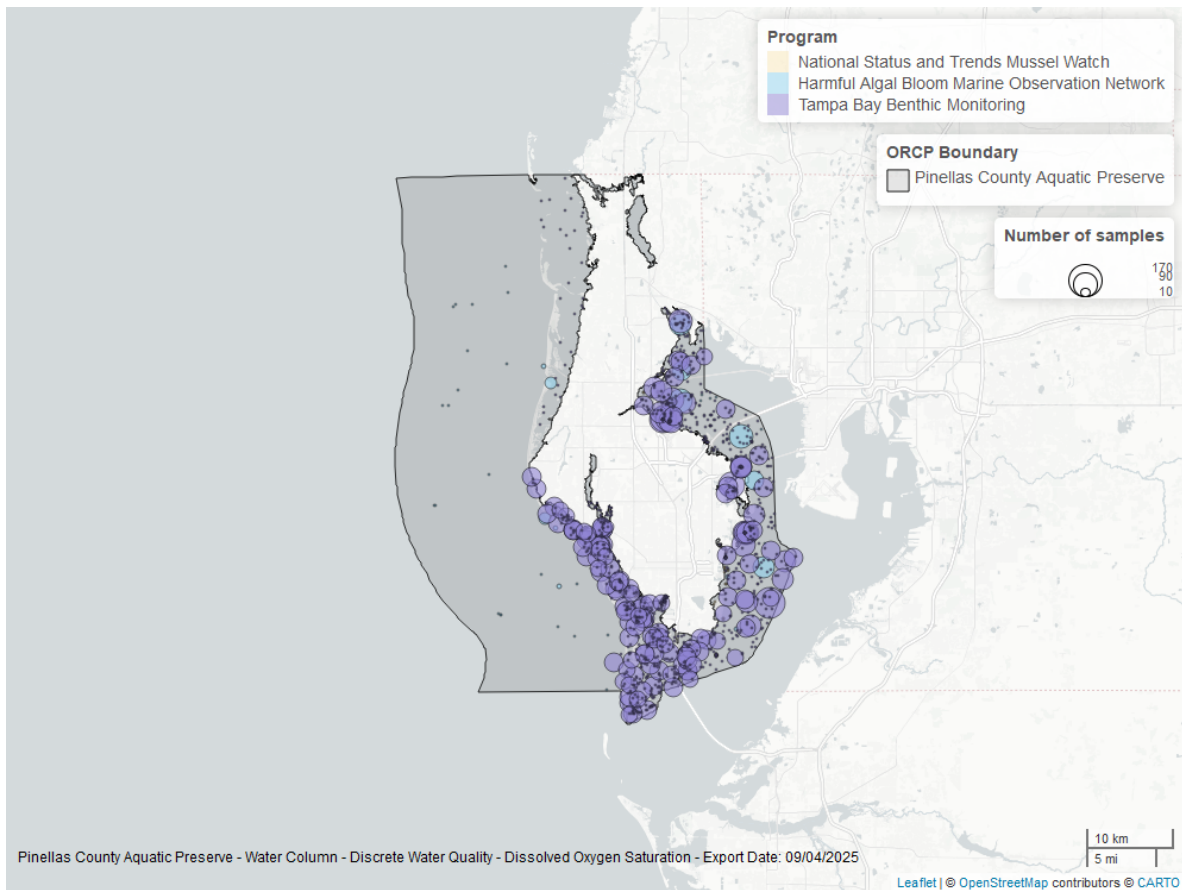


Figure 8: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Salinity - Discrete

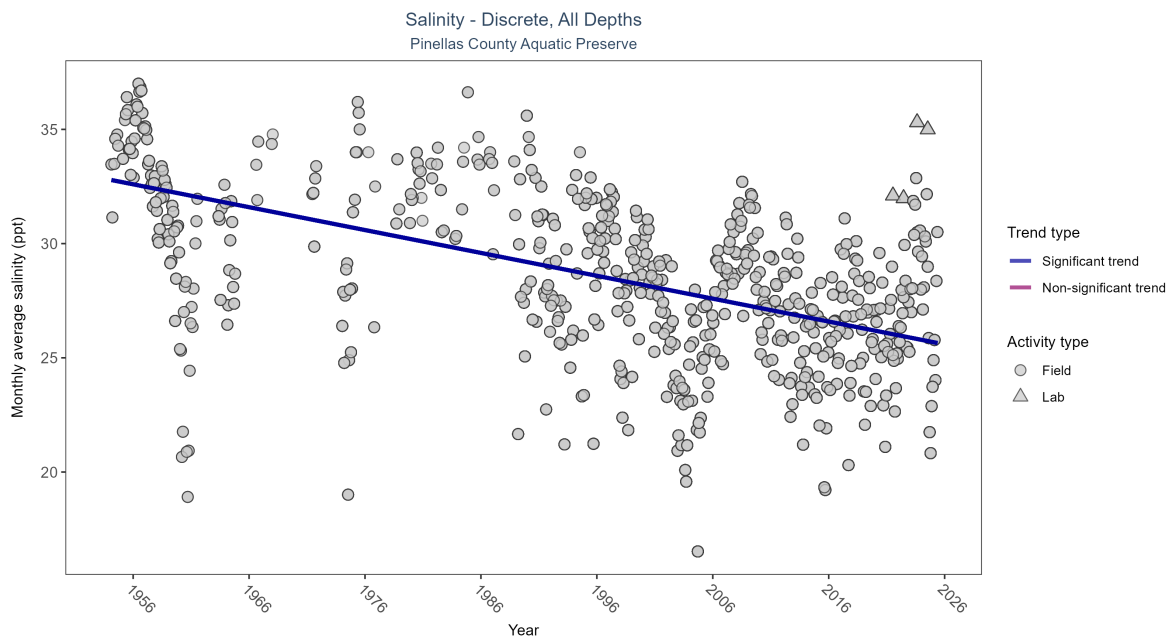


Figure 9: Scatter plot of monthly average salinity over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines are also shown. Discrete salinity values derived from grab samples analyzed in the field (circles) or the laboratory (triangles) are both included in the plot.

Table 5: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Salinity

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
All	Significantly decreasing trend	96492	65	1954 - 2025	28.96	-0.37705	32.79577	-0.10012	0

Monthly average salinity decreased by 0.1 ppt per year.

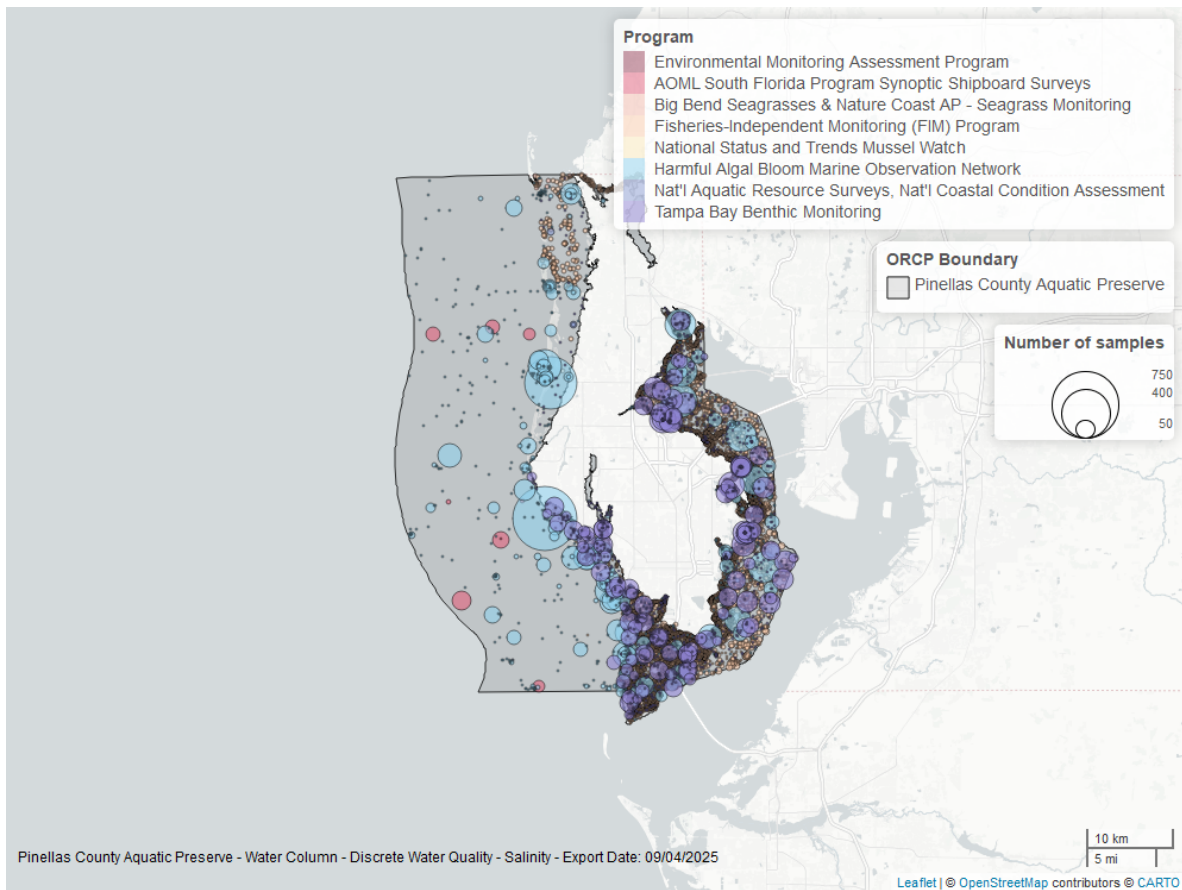


Figure 10: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Water Temperature - Discrete

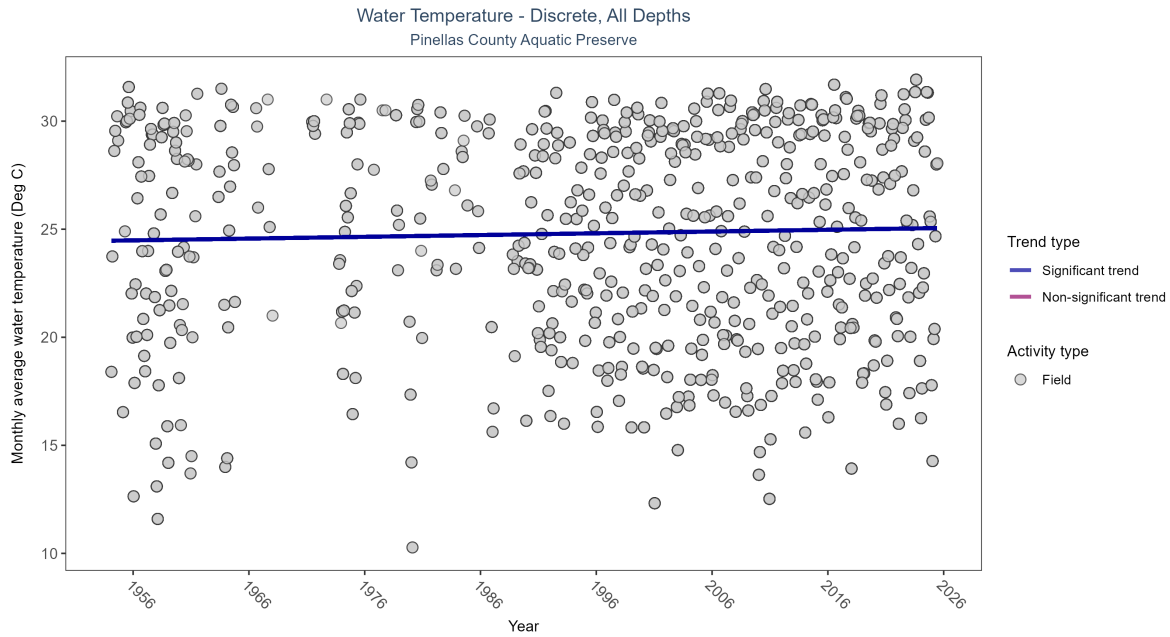


Figure 11: Scatter plot of monthly average water temperature over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only water temperature measurements taken in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 6: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Water Temperature

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	Significantly increasing trend	102905	68	1954 - 2025	26.55	0.09081	24.46756	0.00817	0.0015

Monthly average water temperature increased by 0.01°C per year.

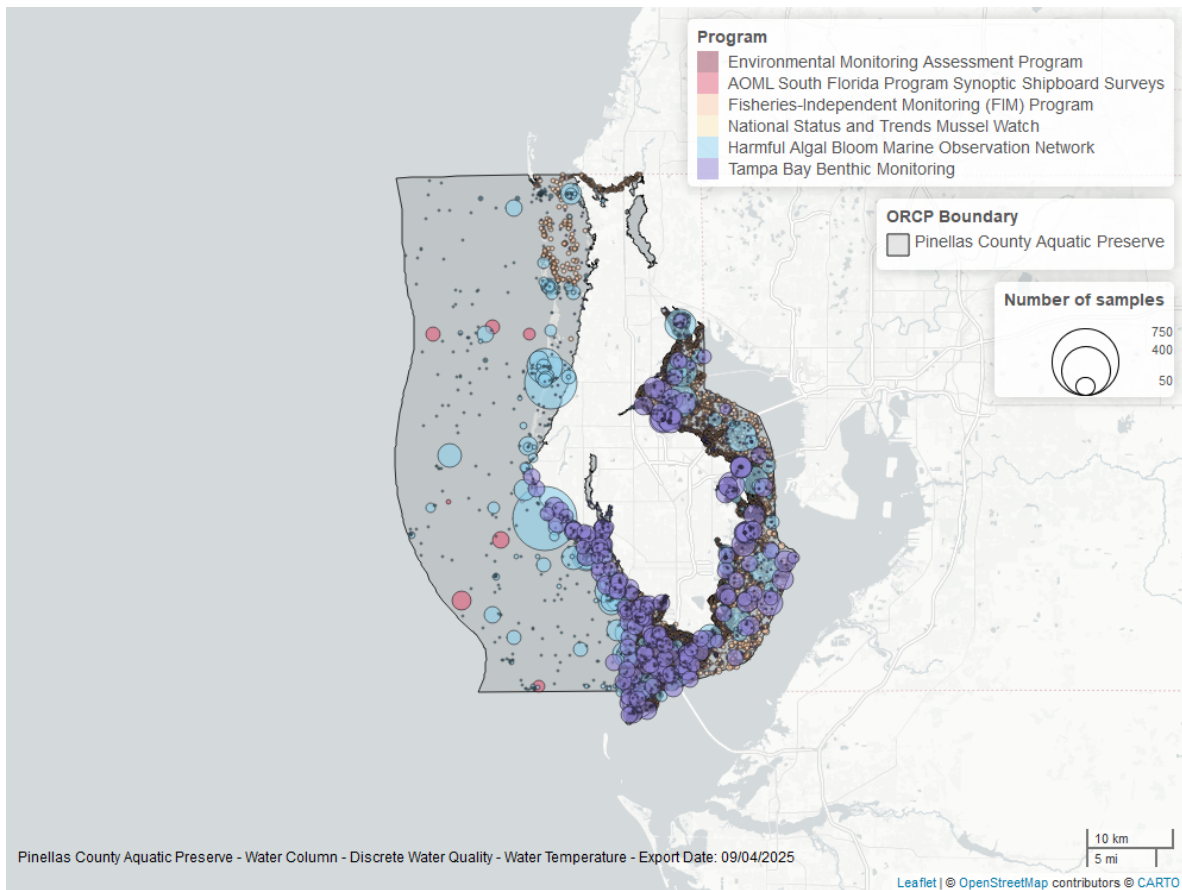


Figure 12: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Water Temperature - Continuous

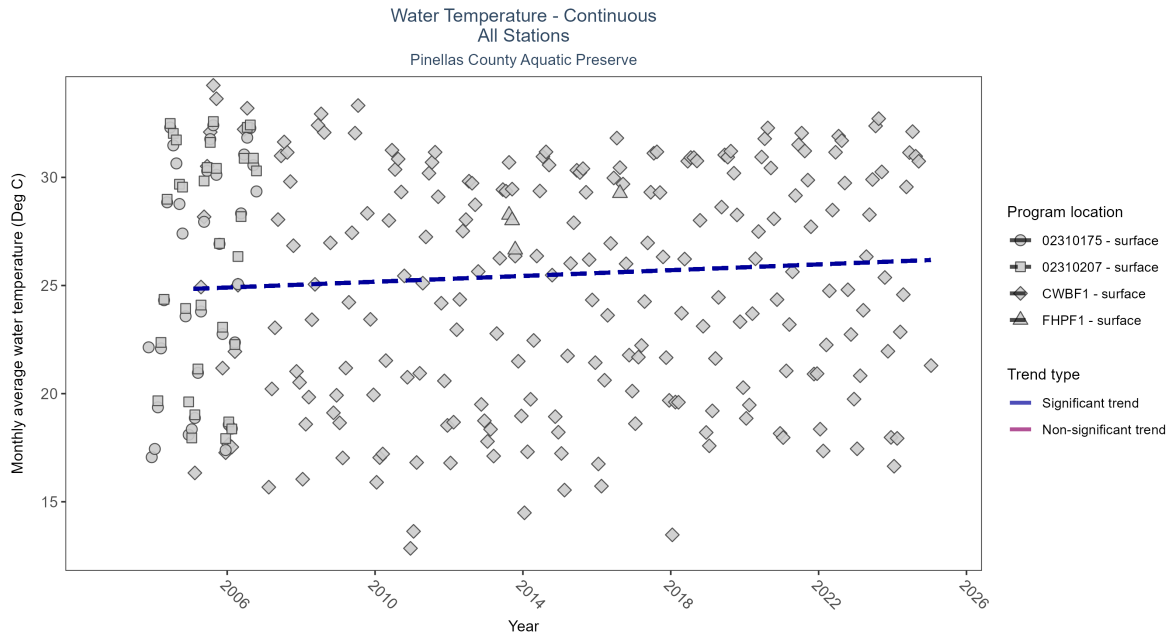


Figure 13: Scatter plot of monthly average water temperature over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 7: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - Water Temperature

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
CWBF1	Significantly increasing trend	1399911	21	2005 - 2025	25.40	0.19	24.84	0.07	1e-04
FHFPF1	Insufficient data to calculate trend	12636	2	2013 - 2016	27.90	-	-	-	-
02310207	Insufficient data to calculate trend	1424	3	2004 - 2006	27.55	-	-	-	-
02310175	Insufficient data to calculate trend	1421	4	2003 - 2006	26.50	-	-	-	-

At one program location, monthly average water temperature increased by 0.07°C per year. There was insufficient data to fit a model for three locations.

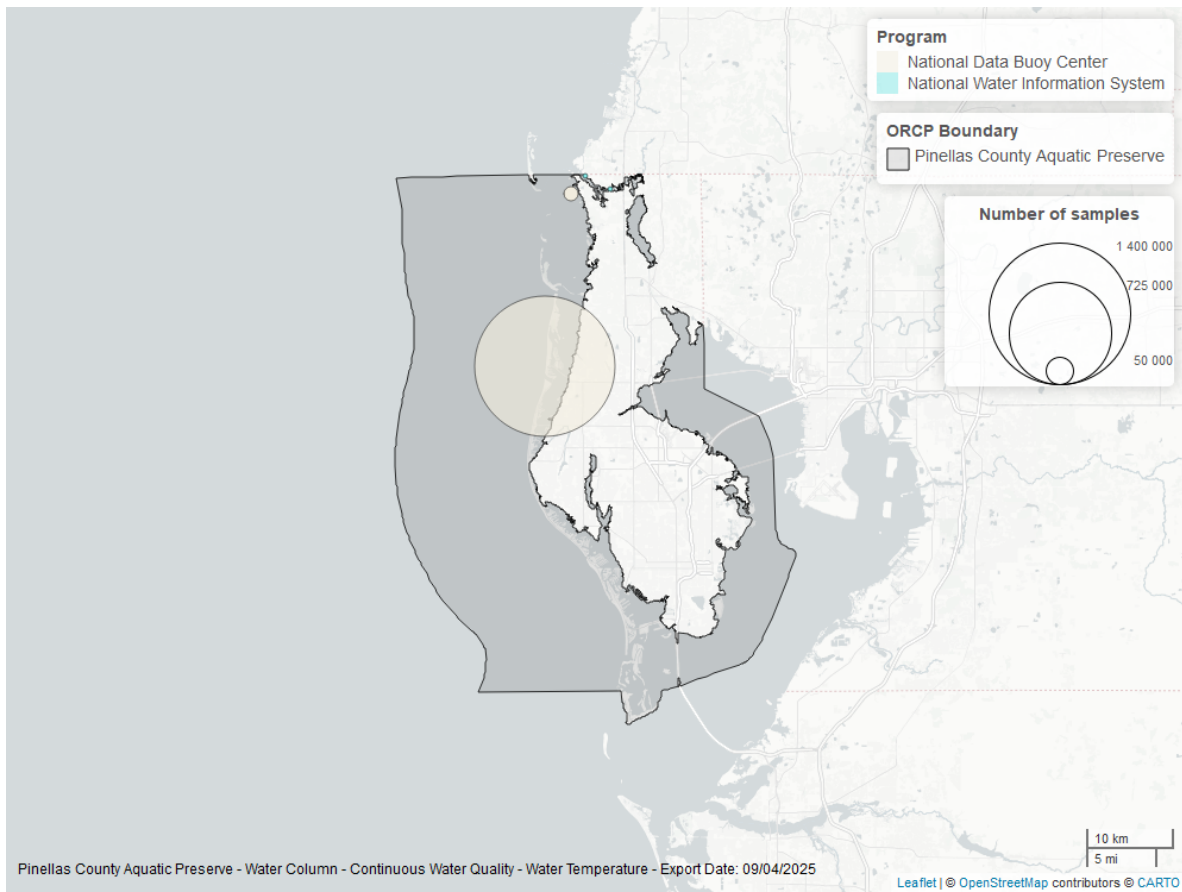


Figure 14: Map showing location of water temperature continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## pH - Discrete

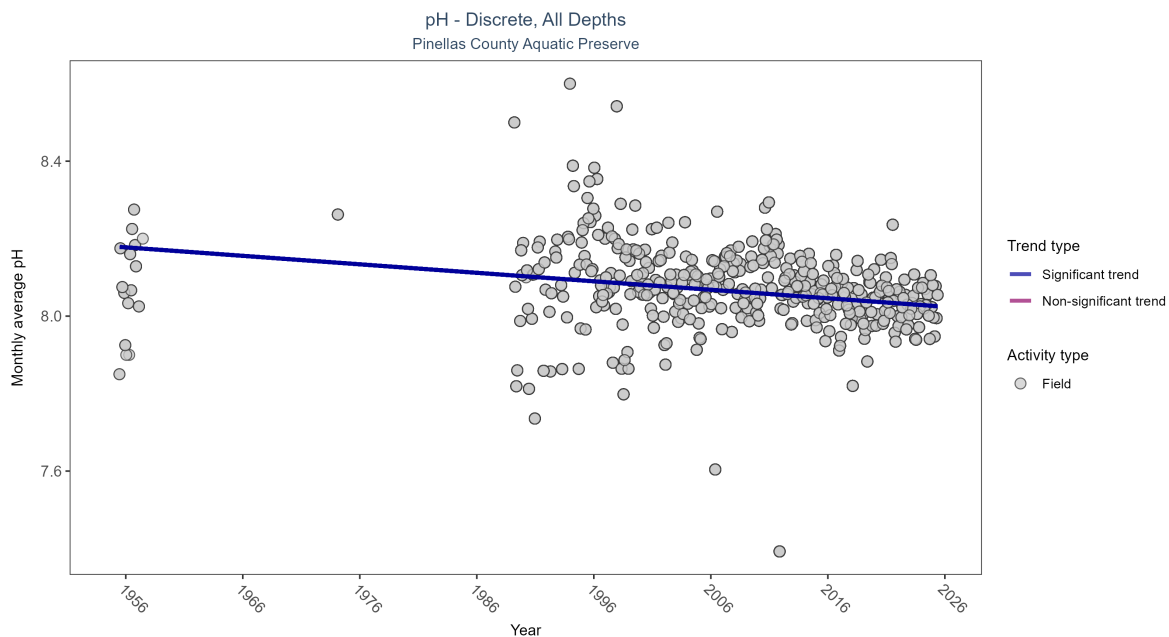


Figure 15: Scatter plot of monthly average pH over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only pH values measured in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 8: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - pH

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	Significantly decreasing trend	92229	41	1955 - 2025	8.1	-0.2089	8.17974	-0.00219	0

Monthly average pH decreased by less than 0.01 pH units per year.



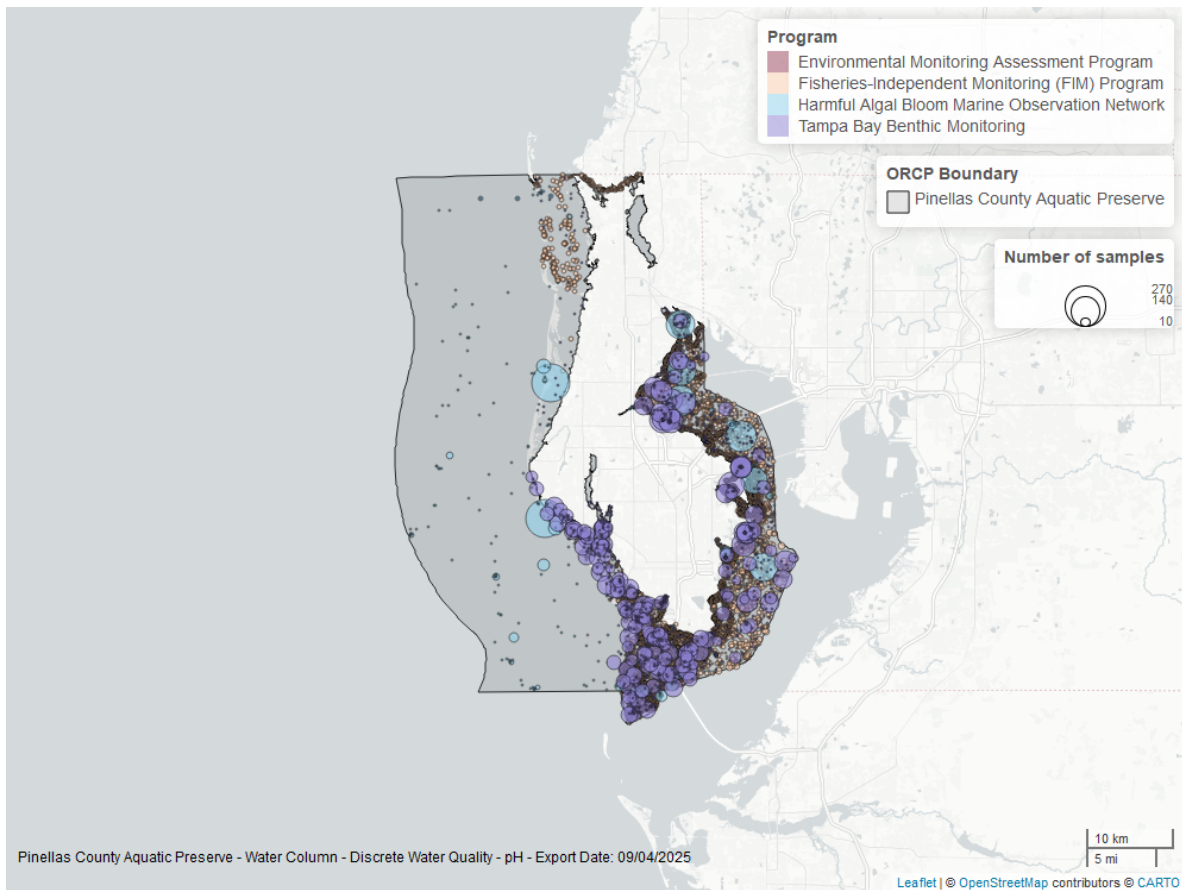


Figure 16: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Water Clarity

### Turbidity - Discrete

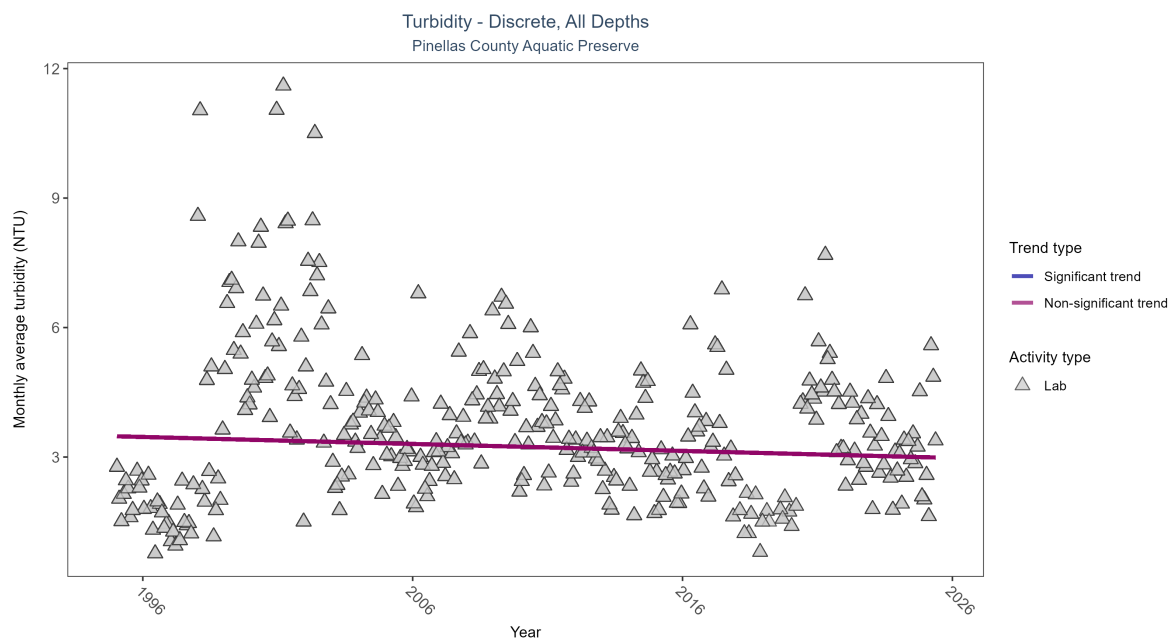


Figure 17: Scatter plot of monthly average turbidity over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only turbidity values measured in the laboratory (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 9: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Turbidity

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	No significant trend	21742	31	1995 - 2025	2.5	-0.05631	3.48102	-0.01618	0.1399

Turbidity showed no detectable trend between 1995 and 2025.

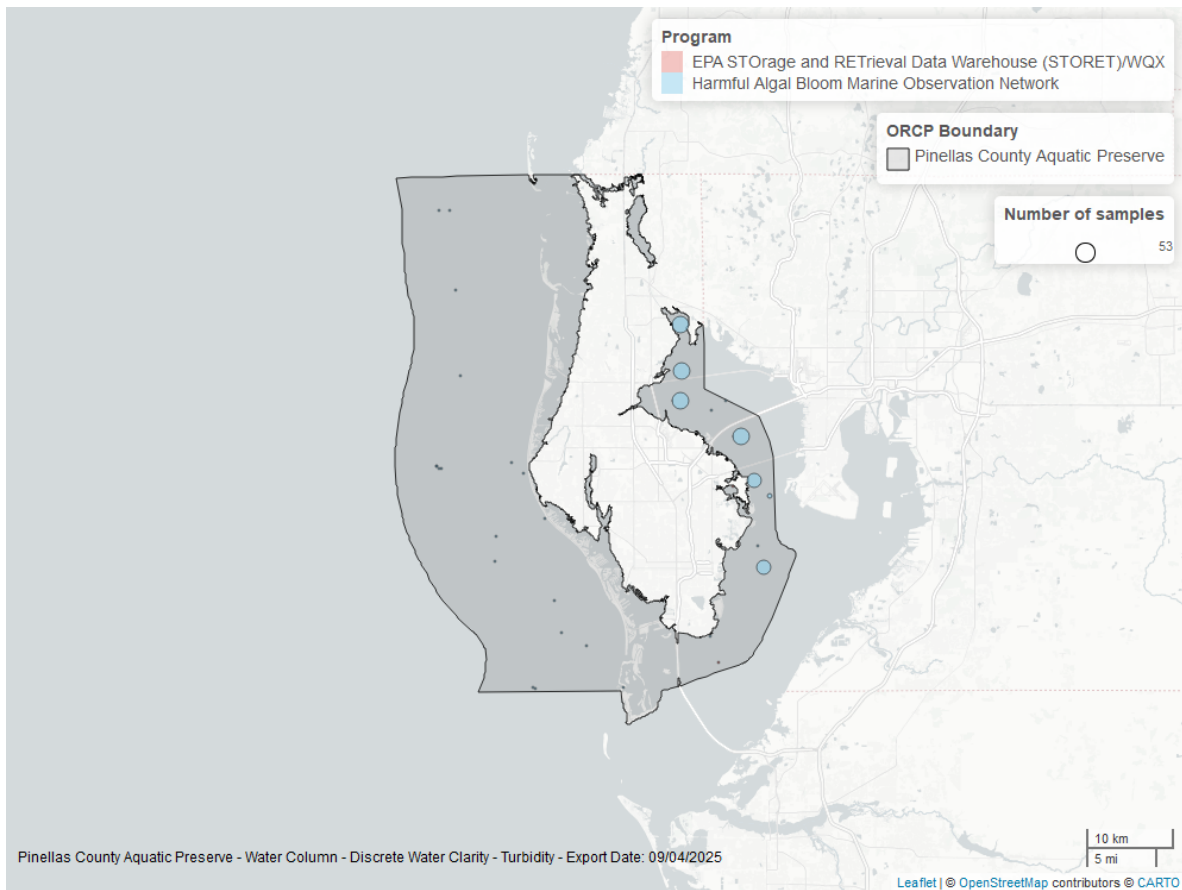


Figure 18: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Total Suspended Solids - Discrete

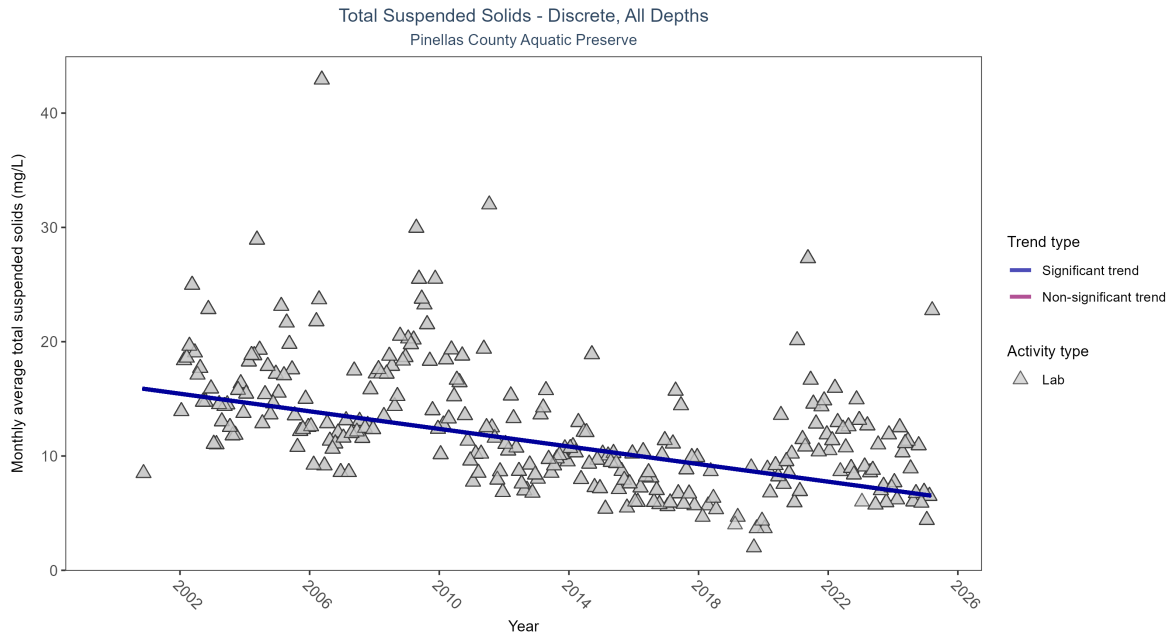


Figure 19: Scatter plot of monthly average total suspended solids (TSS) over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only TSS values obtained from laboratory analyses (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 10: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Total Suspended Solids

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	12662	25	2000 - 2025	10	-0.40178	16.21844	-0.38476	0

Monthly average total suspended solids decreased by 0.38 mg/L per year, indicating an increase in water clarity.

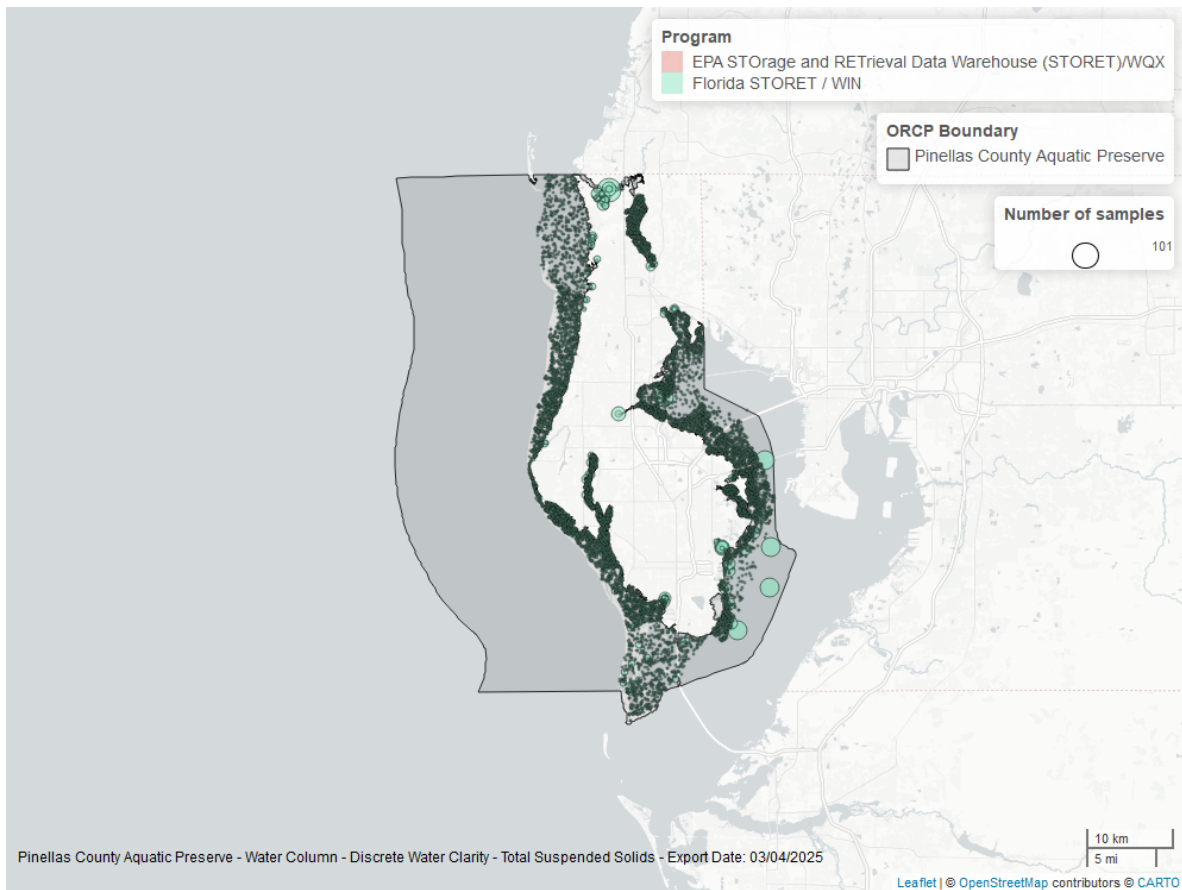


Figure 20: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin - Discrete

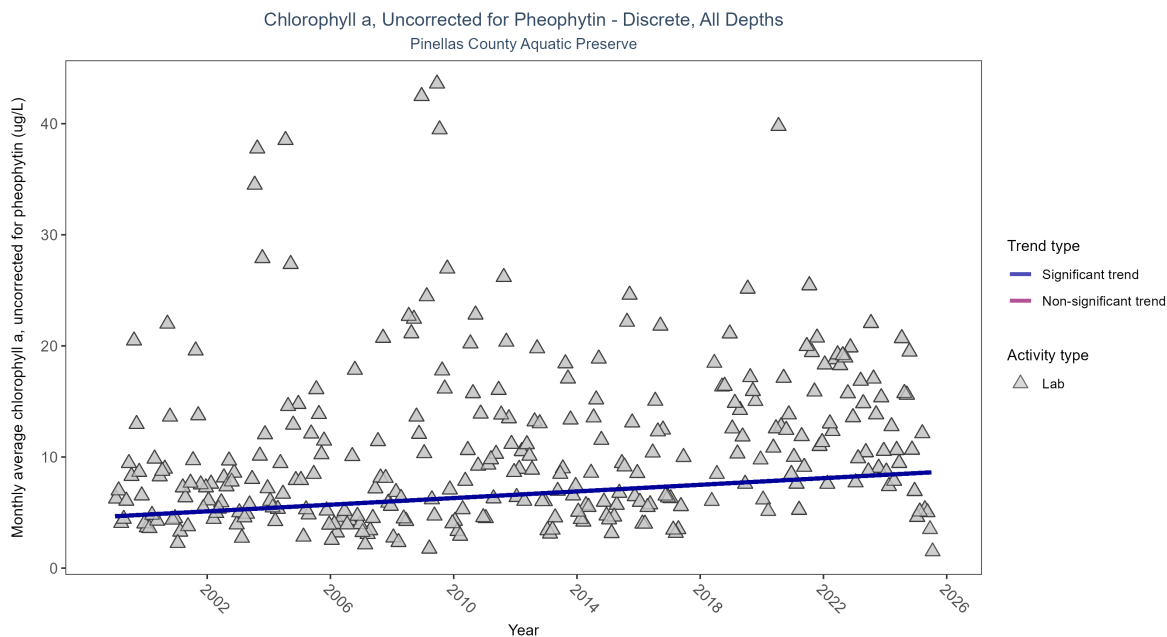


Figure 21: Scatter plot of monthly average levels of chlorophyll a, uncorrected for pheophytin, over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only laboratory-analyzed chlorophyll a (triangles) is included in the plot.

Table 11: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly increasing trend	7065	27	1999 - 2025	6.4	0.23285	4.66247	0.14929	0

Monthly average chlorophyll a, uncorrected for pheophytin, increased by 0.15 µg/L per year, indicating a decrease in water clarity.

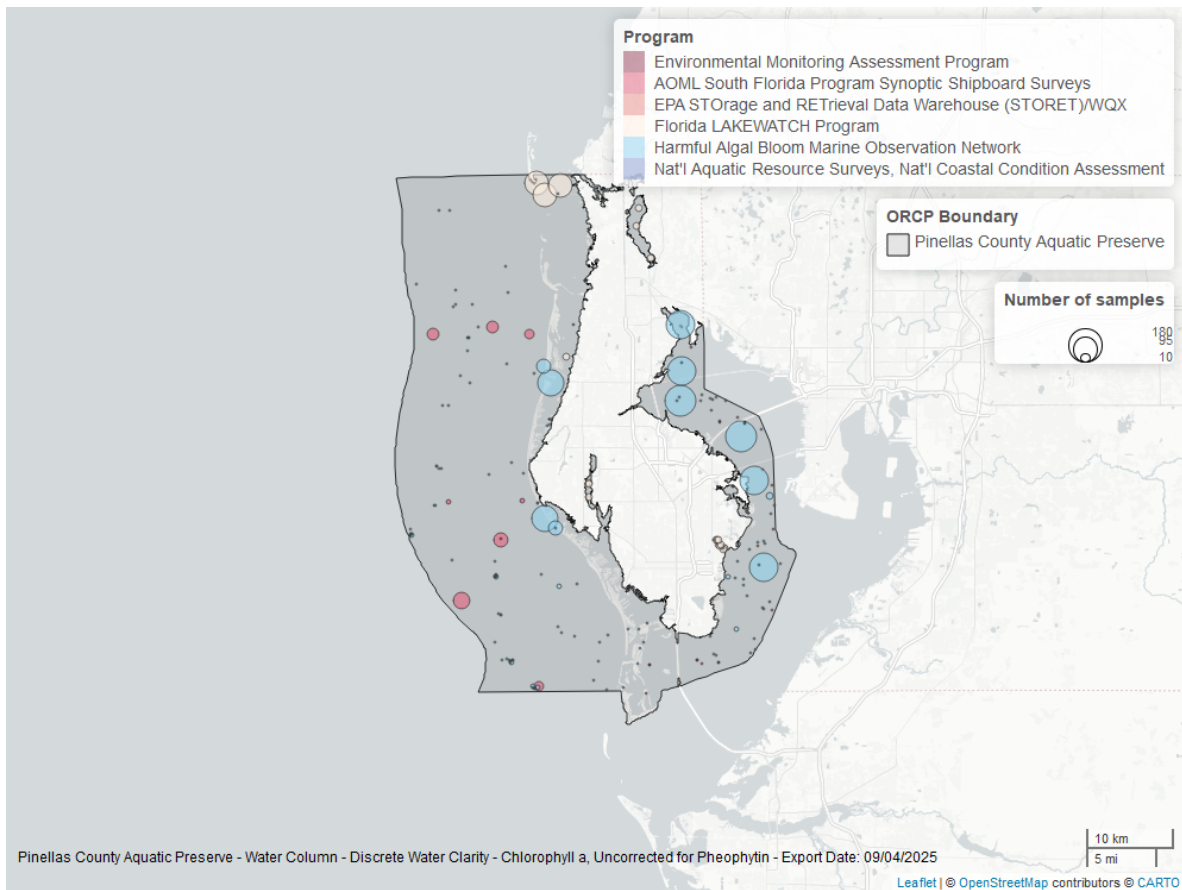


Figure 22: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin - Discrete

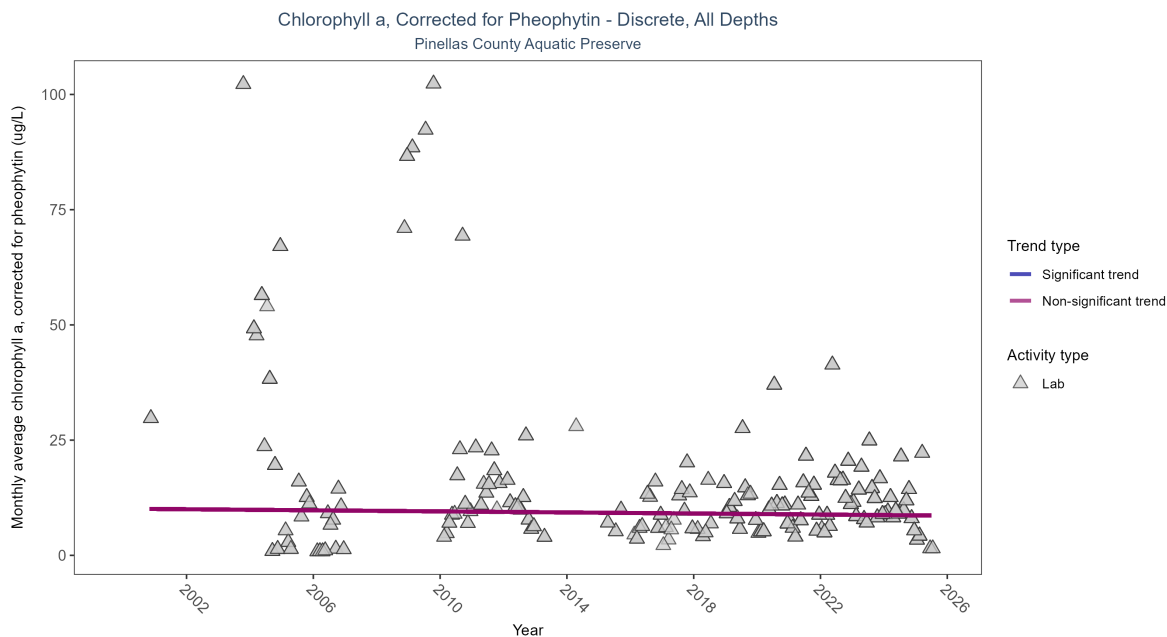


Figure 23: Scatter plot of monthly average levels of chlorophyll a, corrected for pheophytin, over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only laboratory-analyzed chlorophyll a (triangles) is included in the plot.

Table 12: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	No significant trend	3654	23	2000 - 2025	5.8	-0.02206	10.11749	-0.0575	0.6058

Chlorophyll a, corrected for pheophytin, showed no detectable trend between 2000 and 2025.



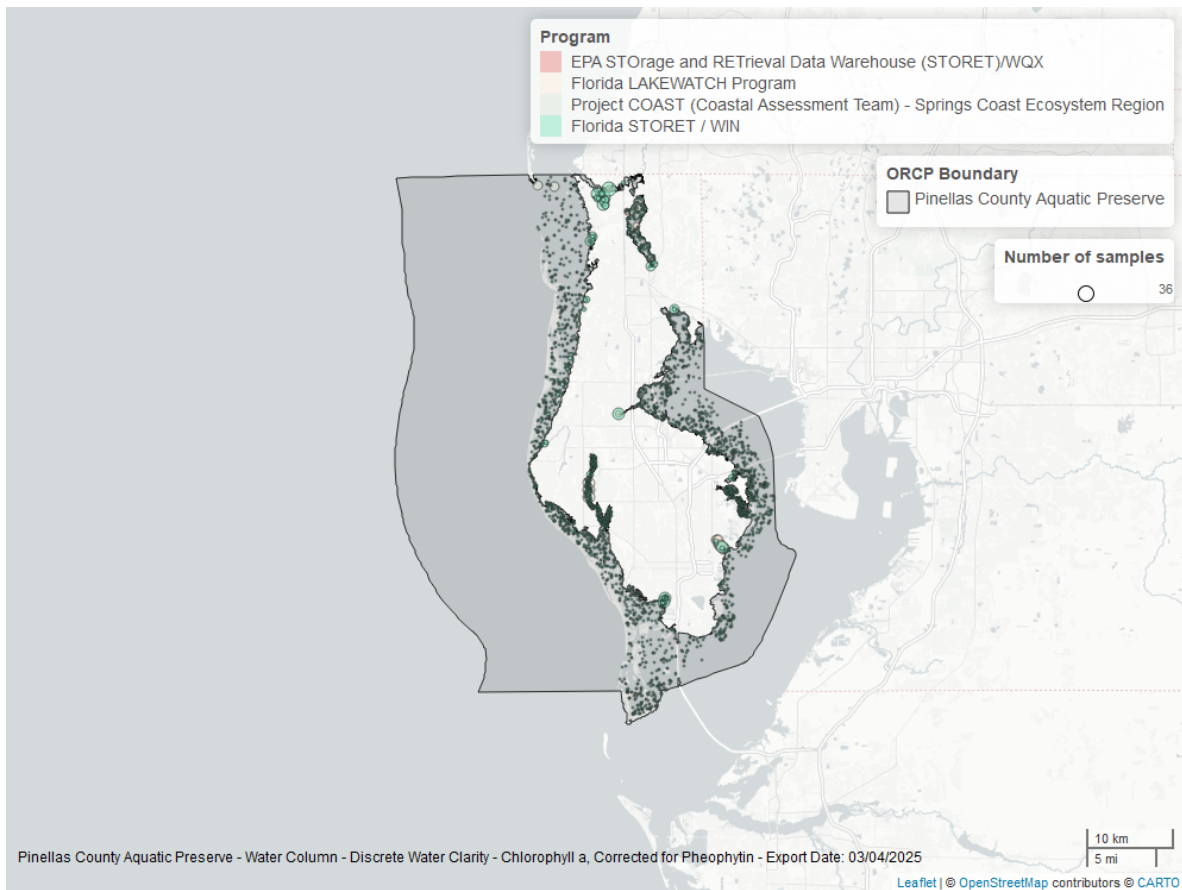


Figure 24: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Secchi Depth - Discrete

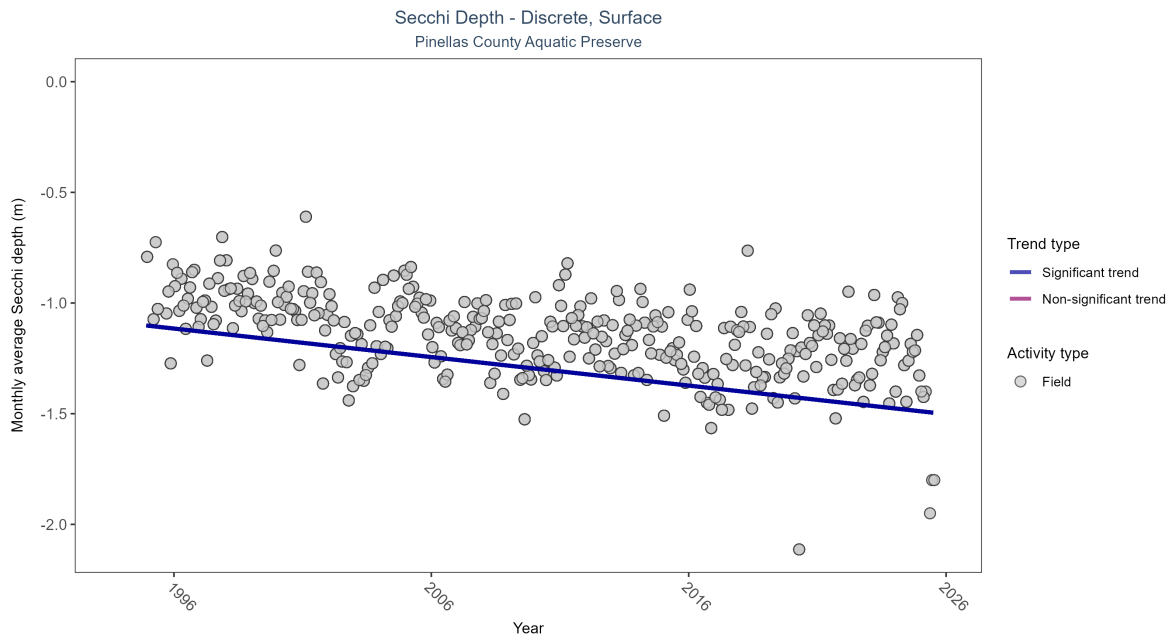


Figure 25: Scatter plot of monthly average Secchi depth over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Secchi depth is only measured in the field (circles).

Table 13: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Secchi Depth

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	Significantly decreasing trend	32436	32	1994 - 2025	-1.2	-0.34535	-1.08954	-0.01288	0

Monthly average Secchi depth became deeper by 0.01 m per year, indicating an increase in water clarity.

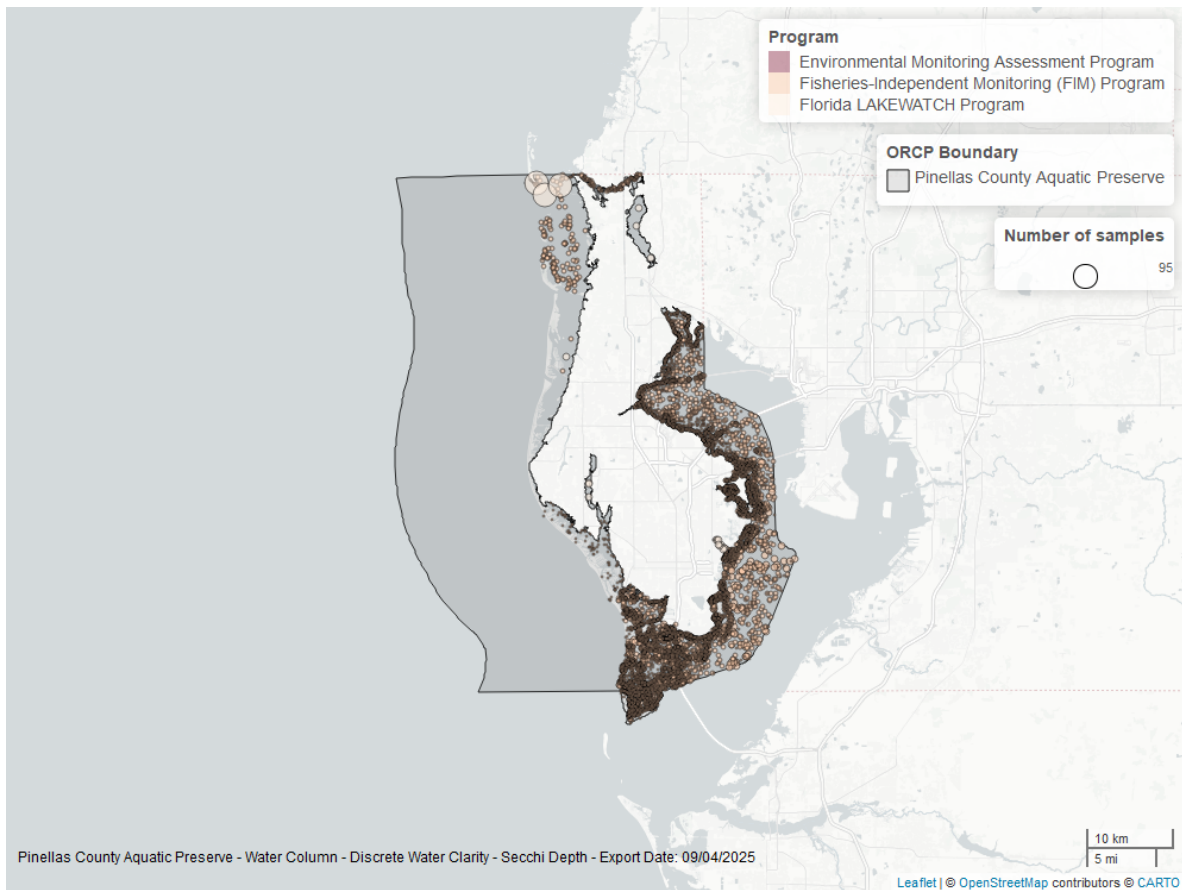


Figure 26: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

## Colored Dissolved Organic Matter - Discrete

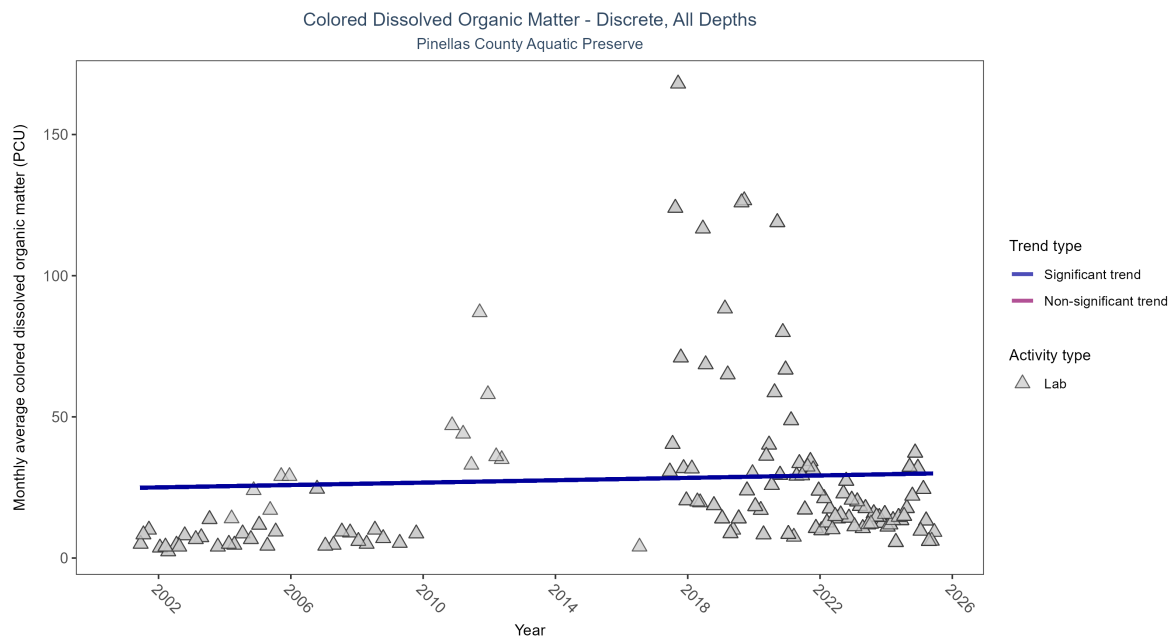


Figure 27: Scatter plot of monthly average colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM) over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only laboratory-analyzed CDOM (triangles) is included in the plot.

Table 14: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Colored Dissolved Organic Matter

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly increasing trend	1317	22	2001 - 2025	10.502	0.07076	24.8044	0.21123	0.0422

Monthly average colored dissolved organic matter increased by 0.21 PCU per year, indicating a decrease in water clarity.

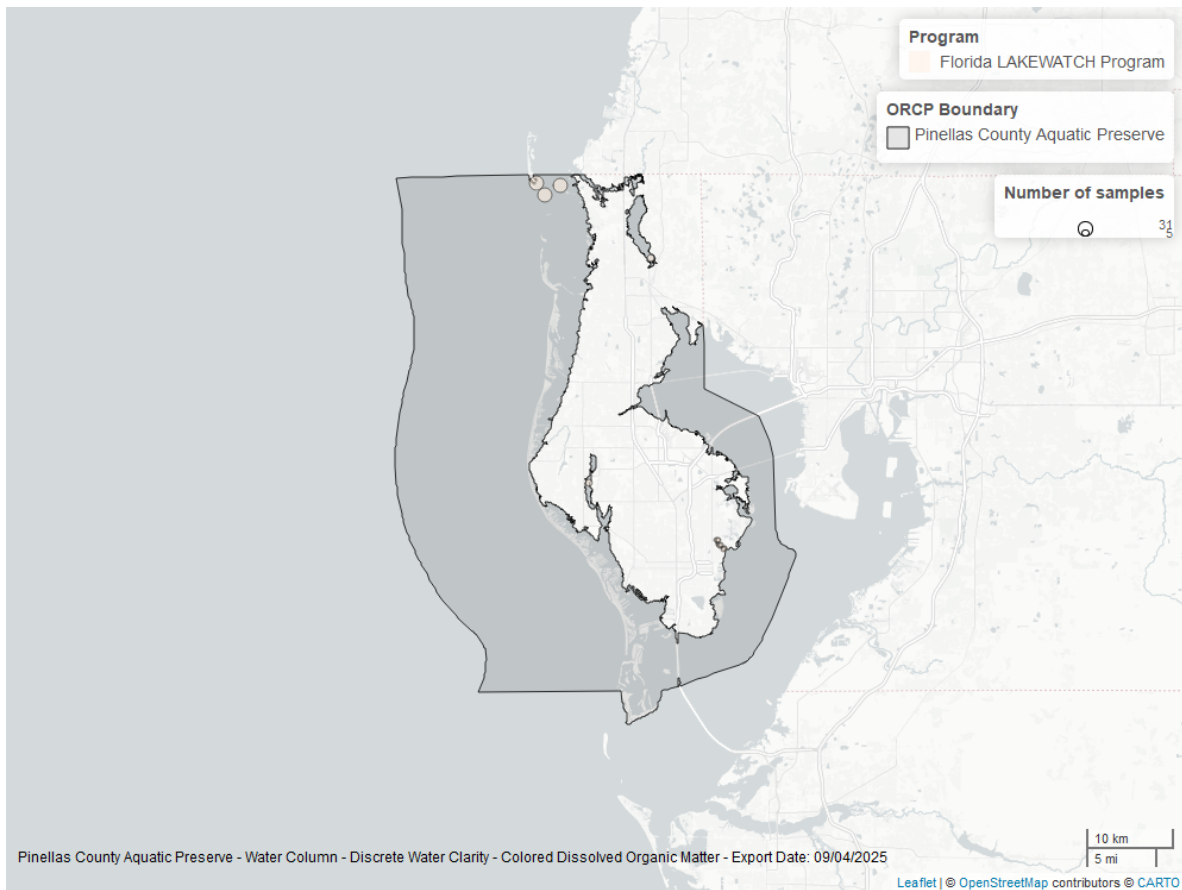


Figure 28: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.