

# Reviving the Hillsborough River

▲ GREEN SWAMP ▲

From its freshwater origins in the Green Swamp to its salty terminus at Tampa Bay, the Hillsborough River meanders for 40 miles before reaching the Hillsborough Reservoir Dam at Rowlett Park. Below the dam, the 10-mile-long lower Hillsborough River winds through quiet neighborhoods and urban landscapes on its way to downtown Tampa.

"I think that the decision comes down to what we value. If you look only at the per-unit cost of water, you might be tempted to skimp on minimum river flows. If you value the health of the river and seek a "triple bottom line" – what's best for our people, the river, as well as consider the cost of water – then you make different choices. I think we have a responsibility to look at the triple bottom line."



Linda Saul Sena



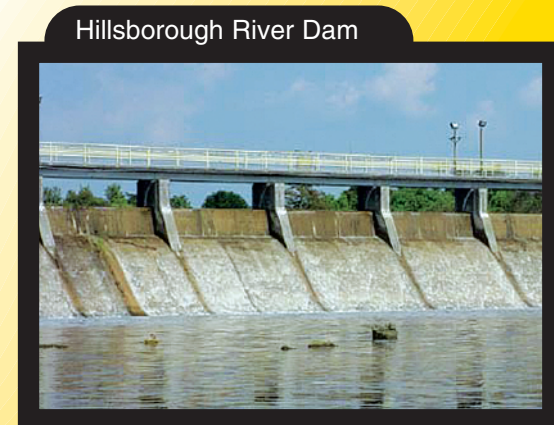
Phil Compton

"We've put off this day for six or seven years now. And when it comes down to what the ecology of the river requires, they've missed the boat."



Marty Kelly

"To write the rule will be relatively easy, but to come up with the recovery strategy – to find those additional sources of water, that's going to be the trick."

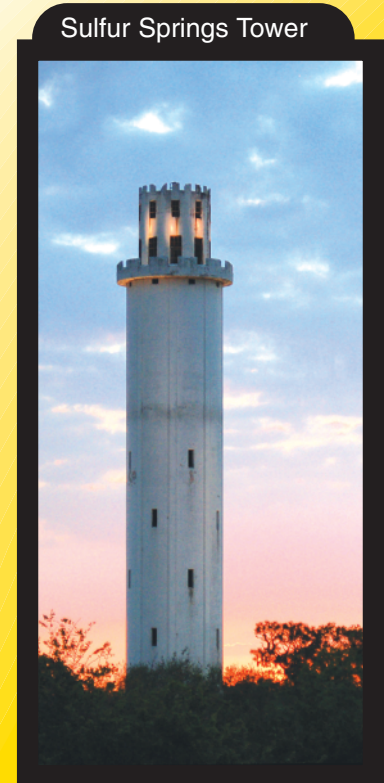


Hillsborough River Dam

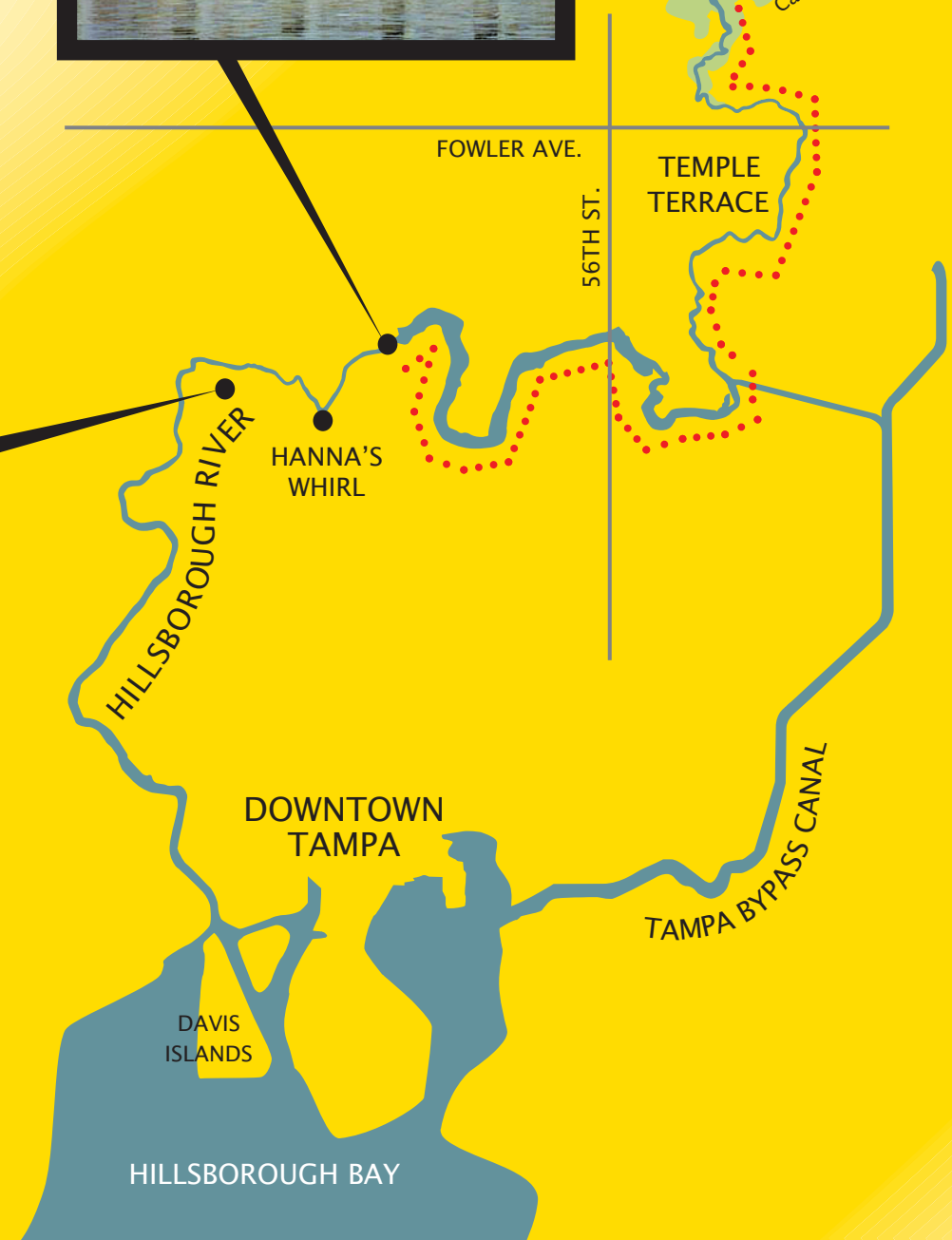
The City of Tampa is permitted to pull 82 million gallons of water per day from the Hillsborough River. About 40 to 50% of residential water is used outdoors for irrigation.



Hillsborough River Canoe Trail



Sulfur Springs Tower



FOWLER AVE.  
56TH ST.  
TEMPLE TERRACE

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER  
HANNA'S WHIRL  
DOWNTOWN TAMPA  
DAVIS ISLANDS  
HILLSBOROUGH BAY  
TAMPA BYPASS CANAL

MORRIS BRIDGE PARK

PASCO COUNTY

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER