



## What's all that green stuff on the lake/pond?

# Duckweed

- Is **not** harmful or toxic
- Grows in dense colonies in calm water
- Smallest flowering plant known with its tiny, clover-like shape
- Cleans water by absorbing nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, typical components of fertilizer and agricultural runoff
- Food for some ducks and certain species of fish
- Reduces mosquito population by blocking mosquitoes from laying eggs on the surface of the water

### Can the lake/pond be cleaned?

- Hillsborough County maintains County-owned lakes and ponds for safety and functionality, not for aesthetics.
- Residents and/or businesses may partner with *Adopt-A-Pond* for long-term maintenance of the water body.



The ***Adopt-A-Pond*** program can help a community improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and the appearance of stormwater retention ponds and lakes.



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