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FORESTS
& **WATER**
FORUM 2023

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2023
UF | IFAS AUSTIN CARY FOREST
CAMPUS | GAINESVILLE, FLA.

Welcome to the **Florida**
Forests & Water Forum
in Gainesville, Florida!

This event brings together partners from across the state to discuss the connection between healthy, managed forests and clean, reliable drinking water. Join forest landowners, utilities, conservation groups, state agencies, and others as they plan for a safe, secure future for all Floridians.



DAY 1: FORUM AGENDA

8:30 A.M. - 9:10 A.M. • OPENING

8:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING**
Stern Learning Center Conference Room
(breakfast on your own)

9:00 A.M. **WELCOME**
Gary Williams, Florida Rural
Water Association

9:10 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. • SETTING THE STAGE

Understand the impact of healthy, managed forests on safe, reliable drinking water in unique Florida landscapes.

9:10 A.M. **FORESTS & WATER PARTNERSHIPS**
Kathy Hawes, Southeastern Partnership
for Forests & Water

9:30 A.M. **THE STATE OF FORESTS IN FLORIDA**
Jarek Nowak, Florida Forest Service

9:45 A.M. **THE STATE OF WATER IN FLORIDA**
TBD

10:00 A.M. **THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE
FOREST-WATER CONNECTION**
Katie Glodzik, University of Florida

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. • BREAK

10:30 A.M. - NOON • PARTNER PANEL

Engage in a facilitated Q&A session to identify the differences – and similarities – among partners working on forest/water issues in Florida.

10:30 A.M. PERSPECTIVES

Jeremy Olson, St. Johns River Water
Management District

Paul Owens, 1,000 Friends of Florida
Gregory Marshall, Florida Forest Service

Robin Holland, Florida Forest Service
Chris Demers, University of Florida

Ben Williams, 2021 Florida Outstanding
Tree Farmer of the Year

Ben Lewis, Florida Rural Water Association

Jenn McElroy, Gainesville Regional Utilities

Jami Nettles, Weyerhaeuser Co.

Tyler Macmillan, Tall Timbers

NOON - 1:00 P.M. • LUNCH

Catered by Adam's Rib Co.

FORUM AGENDA CONTINUED ON BACK

1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. • STEWARDSHIP SOLUTIONS

- 1:00 P.M. **OUTDOOR DEMONSTRATION & DISCUSSION:
RAINFALL SIMULATOR & LANDOWNER PROGRAMS**
Roberto Luciano & Hilary Barnhart,
Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 1:30 P.M. **THE FOREST FILTER: SAVANNAH RIVER
CLEAN WATER FUND**
- 1:50 P.M. **LONGLEAF ECOSYSTEMS &
WATER SUSTAINABILITY**
Lisa Lord, The Longleaf Alliance
- 2:05 P.M. **PUBLIC- PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO
ACCELERATE PRIVATE FORESTLAND
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT IN
NORTH FLORIDA**
Susan Carr, Alachua Conservation Trust
- 2:20 P.M. **PLANNING AND PROTECTION**
Paul Owens, 1,000 Friends of Florida

2:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. • BREAK

2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. • TOOLS OF THE TRADE

A can't-miss, jam-packed session designed to send you home with inspiration. This includes project ideas, funding sources, important contacts, online resources, and much more – including PRIZES!

- 2:45 P.M. **TAG TEAM LIGHTNING ROUND**
Kathy Hawes, Southeastern Partnership
for Forests & Water
Lisa Lord, The Longleaf Alliance
- 3:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. • **CLOSING**
- 3:45 P.M. **THE FUTURE OF THE FLORIDA
PARTNERSHIP FOR FORESTS & WATER**
Gary Williams, Florida Rural Water Association
- 4:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

DAY 2: FORUM AGENDA

**9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. • FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP
FOR FORESTS & WATER PLANNING MEETING
LIMITED ATTENDANCE**

Attendees will develop the overall goals of the Florida Partnership for Forests & Water as well as a 2024 meeting schedule and work plan. Lunch will be provided. Due to limited seating, forum attendees interested in attending the Oct. 11 planning workshop must reserve a spot in advance by emailing info@southeasternpartnership.org.

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