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Meredith is the Deputy Director at the Live Wildly Foundation. Live Wildly Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that applies an entrepreneurial approach to conservation while seeking to balance smart growth, a robust economy and connected, resilient landscape. As the organization's senior strategist, Meredith engages with federal, state and local governments, institutions, and the non-profit and private sectors to build and maintain strategic relationships and identify opportunities to deepen Live Wildly's impact.

Meredith holds a Bachelor's degree in Marine Science from University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science and a Master's degree in Marine and Environmental Affairs from the University of Washington. She has over a decade of experience in the environmental field with expertise in imperiled species policy, habitat conservation planning, and wildlife conflict resolution.

Meredith is a graduate of both the Leadership Collier Foundation's Associate Leadership Collier (2016) and Leadership Collier programs (2021) as well as a graduate of the 2023 Leadership Florida Connect Class. Meredith is the President of the board for the Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge as well as the President of the board for Audubon Western Everglades. In her free time, Meredith enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time in local Conservation Collier preserves and other public lands with her dogs, Miss Luci and Mr. Pickles.