Welcome to the 2006 Florida Public Land Acquisition and Management Partnership Conference (PLAM). What started as a relatively small, regional gathering in Winter Park in 1992 to discuss acquisition partnership opportunities has grown to be a statewide, annual conference to explore current issues, network with fellow practitioners and learn from the leaders in our field about successes throughout the state.

As our state continues to grow in population, we recognize that public land acquisition initiatives within urban communities are increasing and contributing to the conservation patchwork we are all working so hard to assemble.

Therefore, this year’s conference includes these challenges of working within this segment of our conservation landscape in a track entitled “Community Conservation Lands.” Concurrently, sessions addressing “Wildlands: Sustaining Their Value in an Urbanizing Environment” offer more traditional PLAM topics.

Please join us at our welcome and general session “Conservation Lands - Should We Ever Get Rid of Any? And plan to stay through Friday to be inspired by Florida officials as we learn “What Comes After Florida Forever?” Secretary Castille will share an inspirational presentation with you during lunch on Thursday, November 2 followed by afternoon field trips and workshops.

As this year’s host, the SJRWMD along with our program committee hopes you will leave better prepared and motivated to continue the tradition of excellence, which has been the hallmark of Florida’s public conservation lands programs since our first workshop in 1992!

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Robert Christianson
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Conference coordinated by Center for Environmental Studies
PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.     GRAND BALLROOM 6
Joint meeting of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council and the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board
Features an overview and update on the status of projects acquired through the Florida Forever programs that these organizations help administer, with an emphasis on the synergy between and distinctions of these programs. The meeting will include a recap of the Fall Legislative committee meetings and discussion on a successor program to Florida Forever. The agenda also includes presentations on the status of greenways and trails development in Florida from a regional perspective.

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.     GRAND BALLROOM 7
Alliance of Florida Land Trusts Meeting

3:00 – 5:30 p.m.      GRAND BALLROOM 7
Local Government Roundtable
An open discussion with local government staff and interested parties on current issues effecting local conservation lands including; land acquisition, land management, land use conflicts, etc. Format is collegial with topics solicited from those present for discussion in priority order determined by consensus.

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.     GRAND BALLROOM 8
Challenges of Applying Multiple Funding Sources to Land Protection Projects
This meeting will describe obstacles and successes in federal partnerships using the 2002 Farm Bill programs within the Lake Okeechobee watershed. Panelists will discuss the experiences of government and non-profit land acquisition agencies in leveraging more than one funding source to achieve conservation land acquisition goals either through fee simple or less than fee conservation easements in south Florida.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.     RIVER DECK 1 & 2
PLA&M Partnership Conference Welcome Reception
Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and beverages while visiting with participants and sponsors in an informal, outdoor setting overlooking the St. Johns River.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Conference Facilitator: Robert Christianson, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.     Light Breakfast     EXHIBIT AREA

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.     Welcome     GRAND BALLROOMS 5 – 8
David Graham, St. Johns River Water Management District Board Chairman

Hot Topics 1: Conservation Lands – Should We Ever Get Rid of Any?

Moderator: Robert Christianson, SJRWMD

Panelists: Ernie Cox, Family Lands Consulting
          Clay Henderson, Holland & Knight LLP
          Manley Fuller, Florida Wildlife Federation

9:45 – 10:05 a.m.     Break     EXHIBIT AREA

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<td>Contemporary challenges created by a booming (and boomer) real estate market have changed the nature of acquisition negotiations from traditional purchase and sale agreements to complicated negotiations that often incorporate elements of growth management and/or partnerships with the private sector. This session will provide insight into growth management as well as recent examples of complicated, large tract negotiations. There will also be an overview of the real estate market provided by a well-renowned economist.</td>
<td>How do Florida’s cities and counties identify and prioritize the natural and recreational lands that need to be protected for the public? Whether large or small, urban or suburban, communities are employing a variety of innovative tools and strategies to create the long-term visions for permanent green infrastructure. Whether referred to as open space planning, visioning, or greenprinting, these efforts provide useful guides for other Florida communities. Explore also how visioning intersects with formal growth management programs and planning requirements.</td>
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<td>In-depth exploration of the relationship of growth management and land acquisition and management; how to better interface with growth management processes; examples of success and failures.</td>
<td>Florida communities that desire well-planned systems of open spaces are pursuing their creation through a variety of different strategies, tools, and partners. Learn how one of the Florida’s foremost community planning and design firms assists cities and counties in creating long-term visions for parks and other permanently protected land. Explore the ways in which private sector planning professionals employ formal public participation, innovative urban design techniques, regional and master planning, and other means to help communities prioritize land protection objectives.</td>
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<td>With limited funding and escalating prices, are we done protecting large tracts of land? Perhaps there are projects that are currently underway that may lend optimism that it still can be done, i.e., Babcock Ranch acquisition.</td>
<td>Creating livable communities in Florida requires marrying the art of innovative planning with the technology of cutting-edge computer modeling. Learn from TPL’s Community Vision Manager how competing interests can come together to identify the need for “green infrastructure,” devise practical strategies for conserving important lands, and produce landscape-level conservation programs backed by broad public support and sound decision-making.</td>
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<td>An overview on today’s real estate conditions, featuring discussion on density trends, geographic shifts in population, and expected outcome of cyclical downturns in Florida residential real estate.</td>
<td>Between 2002 and 2004 the population of Lake County grew by about one-quarter, and in 2004 county voters overwhelmingly supported a ballot measure to create the County’s first conservation land acquisition program. In order to help decide what to buy, the County then contracted with the Trust for Public Land to create a “greenprint” designed to identify important resources that are important to the public and appropriate for protection. The County’s Public Lands Manager will explain this process and how conservation priorities are being determined.</td>
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Thursday, Nov. 2

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch  GRAND BALLROOMS 1 – 4
Speaker: Colleen Castille, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
“Florida Forever Accomplishments”

1:15 – 5:30 p.m. Field Trips and Workshops

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Silent Auction to benefit Alachua Conservation Trust
Book Signings by John Moran and James Valentine  EXHIBIT AREA

7:15 – 10:00 p.m. Networking dinner/buffet and entertainment by “The Weeds”  RIVER DECK 1 & 2

Field Trips

• Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park:
  Can You Cache This?

• Lower St. Johns River Boat Adventure
  Depart from the Hyatt Regency/Landing dock

• Machaba Balu/Timucuan Preserve
  Boat Adventure

• Camp Milton Historic Preserve &
  Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail
  Bicycle Ride

• Julington-Durbin Preserve
  Driving/Walking Tour

Field Trips depart from
Newnan Street at 1:15 pm.
Transportation by Carey Buses.

Workshops

GRAND BALLROOMS 6 – 8

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Environmental Site Assessments and the EPA’s
New All Appropriate Inquiries: What it Means to
You

Workshop Panelists:
Carol Brown
SJRWMD Division of Environmental Management

Philip Elson
Aerostar Environmental Services, Inc.

Daniel Richardson
Lewis Longman & Walker, P.A.

Melissa Gross-Arnold
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3:15 – 5:00 p.m.
Wildlands – Urban Interface Management
Techniques: Fire, Forestry, and Exotic Plants

Case Studies Presented By:
Steve Miller
St. Johns River Water Management District

Bill Helfferich
South Florida Water Management District

Walt Thomson
The Nature Conservancy

Pete Colverson
Pandion Systems, Inc.
Friday, Nov. 3

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  Light Breakfast  EXHIBIT AREA
8:30 – 9:45 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions

**TRACK 1 GRAND BALLROOM 5**

**Wildlands: Sustaining Their Value in an Urbanizing Environment**

**Moderator:** Bob Heeke, Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)

Managing and maintaining the ecological values of wildlands has become increasingly more challenging as Florida experiences urbanization and demographic changes. With limited resources, it becomes more important for land management professionals to improve partnership relationships and communication as well as incorporate scientific and technological advances.

**Managing Wildlands in an Urbanizing Environment**

**Speaker:** Henry Mushinsky, University of South Florida

Repeated surveys of the gopher tortoise at ten public lands in Florida have suggested a general decline in population size at most but not all sites. The Upper Respiratory Tract Disease (URTD) was known to be present at four of the ten sites prior to the resurveys, and was discovered at four additional sites during this research. Although the tortoise is in decline at some sites with URTD infected animals, not all such populations are in decline. Furthermore, changes in habitat structure have occurred during the decade between the two surveys and these changes also are associated with declines in the populations of resident tortoises.

**Integrating New Management Concepts and Directions**

**Speaker:** Kathleen Swanson, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWWCC)

Advances in technology and conservation planning can refine land management operations and improve wildlife habitat. Learn about development of management treatment data bases, objective-based vegetation monitoring, habitat prioritization tools, and ground cover restoration.

**Innovative Opportunities for Recreation on Wildlands**

**Speaker:** Will Miller, SWFWMD

Changing demographics have created challenges in balancing demands for more and new recreation on wildlands, while at the same time protecting the natural values of the lands. This highly visual presentation will showcase unique recreation programs from different agencies.

**Managing Wildlands in an Urbanizing Environment**

**Panel Discussion**

Bob Heeke, SRWMD
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Eric Sutton, SWFWMD
Kathleen Swanson, FFWCC

**CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS**

**Financing the Acquisition of Community Conservation Lands**

**Moderator:** Will Abberger, Trust for Public Land

How do Florida’s cities and counties pay to acquire and manage their green infrastructure? In the past decade, more than 50 Florida local governments have enacted financing measures to protect key community lands. These successful local funding programs – often occurring in conjunction with visioning and planning – offer practical insights for other communities that seek to buy and manage land for the benefit of the public. Explore best practices for fiscal and political research, ballot measure design, public opinion surveys, and other elements of conservation finance.

**Leadership in Conservation Administration**

**Speaker:** Doug Weaver, Volusia County

The Volusia Forever Program, which was created in 2000 when Volusia County citizens voted to tax themselves .2 mills over 20 years to protect the County’s natural biodiversity, is a top example of agency leadership for land conservation. Over the life of Volusia Forever it is anticipated that $162 million will be raised and invested for public conservation.

**Conservation Finance**

**Speaker:** Linda Greck, Davie Area Land Trust

In less than two years, a group of committed citizens in the Broward town of Davie have achieved an extraordinary amount. A committee was organized to propose and advocate for a $25 million open space bond – it passed with 60% of the vote in September 2005. This effort led to the creation of the new Davie Area Land Trust, which is now looking toward its first project. Learn about the role of community leadership in meeting the demand for local land conservation financing from an effective citizen volunteer.

**Political Leadership in Conservation Finance**

**Speaker:** Michael DiTerlizzi, Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Fast-growing Martin County faces substantial land use and land protection challenges. In November, 2006, the County’s voters – following a unanimous vote of the County Commission in August – will decide on a half-cent sales tax increase for conservation and recreation land acquisition. What is the role of elected political leadership in achieving conservation financing at the municipal or county level? Learn from a public official who is providing just that leadership.

**Financing the Acquisition of Community Conservation Lands Panel Discussion**

Will Abberger, TPL
Michael DiTerlizzi, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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9:45 – 10:00 a.m.  Break  EXHIBIT AREA
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Hot Topics 2: What Comes After Florida Forever?  GRAND BALLROOMS 5 – 8

**Moderator:** Kirby Green, St. Johns Water Management District

**Panelists:**

Thad Altman, Florida House of Representatives
Eric Draper, Audubon of Florida
Paula Dockery, Florida Senate

11:00 – 11:10 a.m.  Closing Remarks