



2018 Public Land Acquisition and Management Conference

October 1 – 3, 2018 • Hyatt Regency in Sarasota, Florida

Monday, October 1, 2018

- 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. PLAM Sponsored field trips
Sarasota Bay Explorers – Sponsored by Conservation Florida
Meet and Greet at the Bay Preserve – Sponsored by the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
Triangle Ranch Hayride – Sponsored by Triangle Ranch and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
- 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Conference Registration Open
- 4:00 p.m. Hotel check-in
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Welcome by Visit Sarasota – Ellen Thomas
Networking Reception, Boathouse – Sponsored by Saunders Real Estate

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Sponsored by F4 Tech and CBRE
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. **Welcome to 2018 PLAM Conference – One Florida**
Introduction by Traci Deen, Executive Director, Conservation Florida
Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Coming Together for Conservation** – Callie DeHaven, Director of State Lands Division, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break – Sponsored by Conservation Florida and Northstar Contracting Group, Inc.
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Conservation Easements: Purpose, Criteria and Process**
Moderator – David Clark, Deputy Secretary, Land and Recreation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Jim Karels, Director, Florida Forest Service
 - Jim Strickland, Blackbeard's Ranch
 - Brian Armstrong, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Water Management District
 - Shane Wellendorf, Conservation Biologist, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy

- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch and Keynote Speaker, Economic Outlook** – Chris Emmanuel, Director, Governmental Affairs, Florida Chamber of Commerce
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **Working Land and Water Partners**
Moderator – Garrett Wallace, Manager, Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy
- Mike Branch, Director of Operations & Regulatory Affairs, Florida Forestry Association
 - Dr. Jonathan Arthur, Director, Florida Geological Survey
 - Ernie Barnett, Executive Director, Florida Land Council
 - Chuck Johnston, Rancher, 2J Farms
- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. **Military Partners**
Moderator – David Clark, Deputy Secretary, Land and Recreation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Terry McCaffrey, Col, USAF (Ret), Executive Director, Florida Defense Task Force, Enterprise Florida
 - Tom Hocht, Director, Center for Landscape Conservation Planning, University of Florida
 - Jim McCarthy, President, North Florida Land Trust, Inc.
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break – Sponsored by Tallahassee Title, LLC
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Connecting Communities**
Moderator – Jim Wood, Multimodal Planning Practice Leader, Kimley-Horn and Associates
- Jen Carlisle, Central West Regional Partnership Manager, Visit Florida
 - Linda Reeves, Land and Recreation Grants Section Manager, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - Britney Moore, Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. **Meet the Division of State Lands Experts**
- Lynda Godfrey, Bureau of Real Estate Services
 - Cheryl McCall, Bureau of Public Land Administration
 - Steve Kellogg and Jorge Alonso, Bureau of Survey and Mapping
 - Doug Dane, Bureau of Appraisal
 - Byron Ward, Bureau of State Owned Lands Inventory
 - Linda Reeves, Florida Communities Trust
 - Paula Allen and Hank Vinson, Office of Environmental Services
- 5:30 p.m. Networking Reception, Boathouse – Sponsored by Blackbeard’s Ranch and The Florida Conservation Group

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Sponsored by Kyra Solutions
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Land Resource Management Panel**
Moderator – Eric Draper, Director, Florida Park Service, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Wes Howell, Chief, Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources, Florida Park Service, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - Ken Frink, Director, Operations, Lands & Resource Monitoring Division, Southwest Florida Water Management District
 - Kipp Frohlich, Director, Division of Habitat and Species Conservation, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - Erin Albury, Assistant Director, Florida Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 - Mallory Lykes Dimmitt, Vice President, Strategic Development and Business Relations, Lykes Bros. Inc.
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Data Driven Decisions for Conservation Planning**
Moderator – Byron Ward, Chief, Bureau of State Owned Lands Inventory, Division of State Lands, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Jon Oetting, Chief of Conservation Services, FNAI
 - Tom Hctor, Director, Center for Landscape Conservation Planning, University of Florida
 - Dr. Mark Barrett, Associate Research Scientist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break – Sponsored by George F. Young Inc.
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. **Leadership – Future of Conservation**
Moderator – Christine Johnson, President, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
- Jon Dain, Director, University of Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute
 - Julie Wraithmell, Executive Director, Audubon of Florida
 - Lauren Natwick, Assistant Program Coordinator, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps
 - Darica Smith, Deputy Executive Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Closing and field trip instructions
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. **PLAM Sponsored field trips**
Blackbeard's Ranch tour, with lunch – Julie Morris, Guide
Myakka River State Park tour – Stephen Giguere, Park Manager, Myakka River State Park