

Inventing Tomorrow: Decisions for your Region's Water

Workshop Series for Decision-Makers in the Suwannee River Basin

Agenda Workshop 1

February 10, 10 AM– 12:00 PM

(with an open discussion after 12 PM)

Join [Zoom](#) (please do not share this link)

Water quality: what does a Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) mean for your community?

We invite Workshop participants to join the zoom session at 9:50 so we can start the workshop on time. Please review the recommendations included at the end of this agenda.

9:50 am Join and get comfortable with zoom (you will first join a waiting room, then the zoom meeting)

10:00 am Welcome and introduction

Wendy Graham and Charles Barrett, University of Florida

10:10 am Presentation: Water Quality in the Floridan Aquifer Region

David Kaplan, University of Florida

10:25 am Discussion sessions in breakout groups*

Themes

- Basin Management Action Plan
- Sources of nitrogen loading to the springs and rivers
- The role of agriculture in addressing water quality issues
- Addressing pollution loading from septic systems

* with support from the following technical resource people:

Kevin Coyne, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Julie Espy, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Stacie Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department

Kathryn Holland, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Mary Lusk, University of Florida

Andrea Albertin, University of Florida

11:00 am Plenary discussion: Report back from breakout groups and discussion

Facilitated by Charles Barrett, University of Florida

11:40 am Presentation: Examples of successful and practical solutions to water quality issues in North Florida

Kristine Eskelin, Suwannee River Water Management District

11:50 am Next Steps and Closing

Charles Barrett, University of Florida

12:00 pm Lunch – Bring your lunch and network with workshop participants and technical resources people

Working Assumptions (source: ICA Associates Inc., Canada)

- There are no wrong answers.
- Everyone has wisdom.
- We need everyone's wisdom for the wisest results.
- Everyone will hear and be heard.
- The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Ground Rules for Optimizing Virtual Participation

Here are a few tips for optimizing participation during virtual meetings and being respectful of others' valuable time and contributions.

Show Up a Few Minutes Early: We ask that participants show up a few minutes early to introduce themselves in the chat and be ready to start right on time.

Waiting room: For security purposes we have set up a waiting room. Please make sure you add your full name before joining zoom. This can be done before joining the meeting. [Here](#) are instructions on how that can be done.

Turn on Your Video (& Keep it on): Seeing others expressions and body language really helps facilitate communications and interaction. This workshop is also a networking opportunity and we want to be able to see you!

Lighting: Good lighting is critical. Turn the lights on (or even better, use natural lighting) and make sure the lighting is in front of you, so your face is visible to others participating in the meeting. (When the light is behind you, it casts a shadow over your face). Take a minute beforehand to test your lighting.

Placement of Webcam: Make sure your webcam is positioned so that your head and shoulders are viewable in the screen. Place your camera at eye level so you are "looking others in the eye" when speaking (and vice versa). Keep your camera on so others can see you. Again, this helps create more of an "in-person" feel to a meeting.

Muting: When others are speaking, please mute yourself to minimize background noises so that your peers' contributions can be heard clearly by everyone in the meeting.

Be Present: We value your presence and contribution. Please stay present during the meeting. Avoid checking your emails or text messages when people are speaking and sharing (people can see you when you do this).

Zoom Functions: If you have not used Zoom meetings before or much, please familiarize yourself with Zoom in advance. There are many good Zoom tutorials on YouTube – here are two examples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E&t=313s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ>