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# Community Water Leadership Program



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In order to balance the needs of human beings, as well as the natural systems upon which they depend, it is essential that communities effectively manage their environmental and water resources.

Florida and the Tampa Bay region are facing this challenge as a result of significant population growth that can threaten fragile ecosystems. Preservation of the environment and water resources is important to guarantee the survival of the beautiful natural areas that enhance our quality of life and promote economic growth that benefits individuals and businesses in our communities.

The Tampa Bay region is an area bordered by water. The quality of life here is inseparably linked to its water resources. Current population densities and growth trends reflect coastal settlement where freshwater is least abundant and natural systems, such as estuaries and wetlands, are most vulnerable. How we handle this, and similar, environmental challenges is not only critical to the citizens of this region, but may also serve as a model for other regions of Florida and the nation.

The Community Water Leadership Program (CWLP) is designed to help prepare the leaders of the Tampa Bay area to meet these challenges through education and information about current and future environmental concerns. Graduates of the program will increase their understanding of water issues that affect their neighborhoods, and the region, and enhance their decision-making and leadership skills.

CWLP is currently funded through a grant to the University of South Florida, College of Marine Science, and the Florida Institute of Government, College of Arts and Sciences, by the Pinellas County Environmental Fund, (PCEF). The PCEF is a unique partnership between Pinellas County, the State of Florida, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, whose common goals include the

protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat around Tampa Bay, developing creative and sustainable solutions to natural resource challenges, educating the public and stakeholders, and forging new partnerships to implement long-term solutions. Their mission is to conserve, restore and enhance the natural resources of the Tampa Bay area for its citizens and visitors through education and innovative sustainable conservation partnerships.

CWLP class is limited to 30 participants. The program is structured on a series of seminars and related educational field trips from September to November 2005. Workshops are led by local and national experts as well as USF faculty. Completion of the entire program qualifies the participants for certification and CEU units are also available.

## Who Should Participate?

- ◆ Elected and appointed officials
- ◆ Business and community leaders
- ◆ Concerned citizens
- ◆ Educators
- ◆ Regional and local government staff

## Topics

- ◆ Protecting and Preserving Natural Resources
- ◆ Financing Environmental Programs and Projects
- ◆ Managing Florida's Growth for the Environment
- ◆ Building Partnerships and Alliances
- ◆ Stormwater and Flood Control
- ◆ Challenges of Regional Water Resources and Environmental Management
- ◆ Water Quality and Public Health Issues

## Schedule

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| September 16, 2005 | Opening Session      |
| September 30, 2005 | Session 2            |
| October 7, 2005    | Session 3            |
| October 21, 2005   | Session 4            |
| November 4, 2005   | Session 5            |
| November 18, 2005  | Session 6/Graduation |

# Registration

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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What knowledge are you hoping to gain?

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What is your area of interest?

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*Program cost is \$495.00 per participant. Please make checks payable to the Florida Institute of Government. To pay by credit card please call (813) 974-2345. Please fax registration to (813) 974-2819 or mail to:*

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