



Tampa Bay Watershed
Forest Working Group

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Directions:

- *From I-75: Go East on I-4 to County Road 579 (Exit #10) Turn right (Go South) on CR 579 about 3/4 of a mile Extension Service will be on the left - a low yellow building Address is 5339 S. CR 579, Seffner, Fl., 33584
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Continuing Education Credits:

- Am. Inst. Certified Planners - 3.25 cr.**
- Society of American Foresters - 3 CFE's**
- ISA Certified Arborist - 2.75 cr.**



To register for this workshop
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Registration Information

**Participants should pre-register.
There is a \$20 fee to cover lunch
and breaks for this workshop.**

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Opportunities to Incorporate the Ecological Values of Forests During Land Use Change

As noted by the Society of American Foresters, 'the conversion of forest land to other land uses has many undesirable ecological, social, and economic consequences. While fundamentally a result of population growth, loss of forest land to uncontrolled urban expansion, subdivision, and commercial development is to some degree avoidable and is too often a result of land use policies that have not kept pace with the rapid rate of growth of many urban, suburban, and rural communities.

We'll examine the causes of forest land conversion and its long – term consequences for supporting a sustainable society. Through examples drawn from Florida, the southeastern, mid – Atlantic and northwestern regions of the United States we'll discuss land use planning laws and explore some of the innovative new programs that government, conservation organizations and industry are considering and implementing. The workshop will conclude with a facilitated dialogue that considers the relative merits of using some of these innovative approaches to forest conservation in Florida.

A detailed description of the program, including abstracts of the presentations and short biographies of the speakers can be found at the following URL:

<http://urbanforestry.ifas.ufl.edu/>



Morning Session

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:45 **Welcome**
Joseph Pergola
Hillsborough Co. Extension - Director
- 9:00 **Regional Sustainability—Why It Is Important to Conserve the Ecological Function of Forests**
Robert Northrop, Extension Forester
University of Florida
- 9:30 **Building Spatial Tools to Reduce Conflicts between Conservation and Adjacent Land Uses**
Tricia Martin, Peninsular Florida Director
The Nature Conservancy
- 10:15 BREAK
- 10:30 **Piedmont Crescent Region of the South -the Growth Corridor**
Ed Macie, Urban Forestry Group Leader
Southern Region, U.S. Forest Service
- 11:15 **Tools for Protecting the Ecological Function of Forests in a Rapidly Urbanizing Environment**
Jeff Horan, Director Watershed Services
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
- 12:00 LUNCH

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 **Mapping and Quantifying Washington's Changing Forest Land Base**
Luke Rogers, Scientist/Engineer
University of Washington

- 2:00 Breakout Session
Setting An Agenda for Action -
Identifying opportunities and constraints to forest conservation during land use change within Florida today.
- 2:45 BREAK
- 3:00 Breakout Groups Report Back
- 3:30 Panelist Response
- 4:00 **Moving Forward: Establishing a Baseline In the Tampa Bay Watershed**
Michael G. Andreu, Ph.D.
University of Florida

Who Should Attend?

The program committee will reach out to public agencies and private companies engaged in land use planning, natural resource management and environmental protection, as well as urban developers, financial institutions and community



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