

FLORIDA BEACON

From the President's Desk
Tim Perry



Dear FAEP Members,

I hope that you have been enjoying your summer! A great way to finish the summer is with the upcoming FAEP conference in Orlando on September 19-21st. This year's conference is being hosted by the CFAEP chapter in collaboration with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and the Transportation Research Board. The theme of the conference this year is *"Enhancing the Florida Environment."*

Conference tracks include: Assessment and Remediation; Natural Resources; NEPA, Regulations and Policy; and Environmental Consulting Practice. This year's conference will feature a conference app to keep attendees up to date during the conference.

Registration is open now. And there are still sponsor and exhibitor opportunities available, including the possibility of sponsoring the conference app!

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Looking forward to seeing you in Orlando!
Until next time,
Tim Perry
FAEP President

Next FAEP Board Meeting!!

The next FAEP Board of Directors Meeting
is September 21, 2018 at 12:30
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Getting Out and Around at the 2018 FAEP Conference!!

NASA Space Center Bus Tour

The conference will be offering a separate daylong bus tour that includes the NASA Space Center as well as a number of mitigation, restoration, and preservation sites within and near the Florida spaceport. The tour will be on the Friday of the conference on September 21, 2018 and have an additional cost of \$50/registrant. Space is limited to the first 50 conference registrants that choose the 'Field Trip' option. (Available as optional add-on at registration Page) As this is an all-day tour, we are including a box lunch. The group will board the bus at the conference hotel at 8 AM and will return at 4 PM.



- Cost: \$50.00 (Includes lunch and transportation)
- Max: 50 People (register early)

Econlockhatchee River, Kayak Trip

Paddle eight miles through the cypress forest of the Little-Big Econ State Forest, along the Econlockhatchee River. The Econlockhatchee River is an Outstanding Florida Water, along which we hope to see bald eagles, red shoulder hawks, wading birds, river otters, and alligators.



- Cost is \$50 (includes lunch, kayak rental)
- Transportation on your own to 'Adventures in Florida'
- 25 people Max (register early)

Sea World Select VIP Tour

Get a behind the scenes tour of one of Orlando's favorite attractions. The tour includes a trip through the Sea World Rescue Center. A discussion and meet and greet with an actual penguin as we learn about penguin adaptations, distribution and husbandry. Finally, you will participate in a discussion of Shark diversity, care and husbandry, including a backstage touch of a small shark.



- Cost is \$50 (includes lunch and transportation)
- 60 people maximum (register early)

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FAEP Board Member Spotlight – Elva Peppers

What is your occupation? Environmental Consultant/Biologist/Project Manager

Where do you live? Tallahassee, FL

Do you have pets? Yes, of course! I have the sweetest Cockador (cocker/lab mix) named Belle Peppers. She was a rescue from Thomasville, Georgia. She travels with me to work, friends houses, and the beach. Everyone loves Belle.

How long have you been a FAEP member? Since 2011

What do you like best about FAEP? There are so many good things about FAEP! I have met so many great people who I can talk to about business, science, and personal things. The business connections are great, being a member and forming the relationships with other professionals has increased my business opportunities quite a bit. It is also great to be able to know others with different specialties that I feel comfortable calling to ask questions or send referrals to. The educational aspect of FAEP is also one of my favorite things. Before I joined FAEP, I really did not get much continuing education. I love learning about all the science disciplines that are part of the organization, keeping up to date on new methods and technology, and hearing from agency personnel and specialists. You also cannot beat the price for membership!

Have you had an especially good experience with FAEP? Each year the Tallahassee Chapter holds a member appreciation event that highlights one of our local places, has a field trip, a social, presentation, dinner and music. My favorite of these was the presentation from the archaeologist who went on the Titanic Expedition. His pictures and stories about the expedition were fascinating.

What motivates you to jump out of bed in the morning? On weekdays, I love my job and I really enjoy working with my team. We have a good time and help people with their projects/problems, which is satisfying. On the weekends, I like to sleep in.

What do you do in your free time? I do so many different things on my time off. I enjoy the outdoors and often go to the beach, go on hikes with Belle, music events and FSU sports games. I also enjoy hanging out with friends and really appreciate that Tallahassee has so many fun things to do for any age group. Somehow, I am always busy.

If you could make one change in the world to leave it as your legacy what would it be? If I could end oppression and suffering for underprivileged children and the elderly, I would. It upsets me to hear about abuses to those who cannot defend themselves.

What profession other than your own would you like to attempt? I would like to be an artist or writer. Also, even though it was a lot of work, I enjoyed planning the 2017 FAEP Conference and I think planning other events would be enjoyable.

What made you want to help the environment? I love nature, which is why I became a biologist. The science of it fascinates me and there are endless learning opportunities. Even though many projects that I work on consist of some form of development, I always try to design projects to minimize impacts and offer the best opportunities for the natural environment to thrive. I believe that the natural environment is so important to all of us for so many reasons and it needs to be protected.



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Governor and Cabinet Approve Florida Forever Acquisition in the Florida Keys

Land acquisition will protect hammocks, benefit ecosystem health, and provide recreational opportunities

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet approved the acquisition of 38 acres within the Florida Keys Ecosystem Florida Forever project. The parcel, Wood Trust, is ranked as one of the highest priority projects in the Florida Forever Climate Change Lands category, providing unique habitat for many rare plants and animals. The lands will be managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"DEP is excited to have another opportunity to protect Florida's natural resources through this acquisition," said DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein. "The support of our partners in Monroe County and FWC has played an imperative role in this process. This acquisition is an example of how our communities are working together to address the impacts of global climate change in our state."

"This tract contains some of the most environmentally sensitive land remaining in the Keys," said Monroe County Mayor David Rice. "By purchasing this site, the Trustees will protect important habitat and retire the property's development potential, thereby helping maintain safe hurricane evacuation clearance times for the Keys."

The acquisition is key in protecting the imperiled and unique tropical hardwood hammock. With the existing adjacent 30-acre parcel to the south, this union creates one of the largest contiguous tracts of hardwood hammock remaining in the Lower Keys. Wood Trust also contains freshwater ponds and wetlands, critical to a variety of wildlife such as the Lower Keys marsh rabbit, Florida Key deer, Lower Keys striped mud turtle, Lower Keys ribbon snake and numerous other indigenous species.

In addition, native fruiting trees and shrubs in the hammocks provide a critical source of food and shelter for migratory birds. Great numbers of birds stopover in the Keys for fuel and water to gain the body mass and energy required for the long flights south in the fall to the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Passive recreational opportunities will be available as well on this parcel, once acquired.

The Wood Trust parcel is in an area designated as an Area of Critical State Concern. This designation requires state and local governments to focus on the protection of resources and public facilities of major statewide significance. The acquisition of this property will prevent future development and continue efforts to keep hurricane evacuations to under 24 hours.

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Hello from the Northeast Chapter!

Greetings from the Northeast Florida chapter! We hope everyone is finding a way to stay cool and enjoying their summer. The Northeast Chapter has been privileged with interesting speakers and new locations for our socials/networking meetings over the last few months.

In June we learned about the historic decommissioning of the St. Johns River Power Park, a 1,200 megawatt electric generating facility which included the demolition/implosion of the two iconic 464-ft high concrete cooling towers that many of you may have seen while driving through Jacksonville on I-295. The towers were constructed of 100,000 tons of concrete and almost 20 tons of reinforcing steel. After 30 years the two towers collapsed in seconds with the strategic placement of 1,500 pounds of dynamite.

In August we learned about the use of aerial drones in the environmental, surveying, and construction industries. Drones appear to have a definite future in these industries offering consultants, designers, and contractors time savings as well as a safer alternative to boots-on-the-ground in those dangerous or hard to access scenarios.

NEFAEP is looking forward to participating in the 2018 City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Environmental Symposium at the University of North Florida! The Symposium will be on September 14, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center (12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224). The symposium presents a unique opportunity for members of the community to interact with the regulatory agencies, researchers, and environmental stakeholders responsible for developing and implementing environmental policy in Jacksonville. The symposium provides valuable opportunities for communication and helps to further the goal of protecting Jacksonville's important natural resources and improve the quality of life in Northeast Florida. If you are in the area be sure to stop by and meet some of our NEFAEP board members at our booth and attend one of the many informative breakout sessions – the registration deadline is September 7, 2018!

News From the Tallahassee Chapter!

Hello, FAEP Members,

Fall is finally approaching, and with it come some great events. Of course, there is the FAEP conference on September 19–21, and in the meantime, I am excited to share events planned in both my local Tallahassee chapter, and statewide.

Both TAAEP and the Florida State University FAEP will be participating in the September 15th International Coastal Clean Up at Wakulla Springs State Park. We hope to not only connect with our local environmental advocates, but to also expose new FSU FAEP members to the joys of public service.

Professionally, I work as the External Affairs Manager for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. It is my honor to join the DEP Division of State Lands in coordinating the [2018 Public Land Acquisition and Management conference](#). Our theme this year is *One Florida*. The Conference will showcase acquisition programs and funding sources, innovative land acquisition and management methods, economic perspectives, and the importance of community in land management and acquisition.

The two-day conference will be held in Sarasota on October 1 – 3. Exhibition and sponsorship opportunities are available, and I'd be glad to [connect](#) you to our conference. I encourage you to register by Sept. 3 for reduced registration and room rates.

What motivates me as a Board Member and a state employee are the same: legacy. As a public servant, it is my job is to ensure that all stakeholder's voices are heard on issues of policy, permitting and everything in between. As TAAEP's Student Outreach Liaison, I focus on the next generation – how we prepare members for a future in conservation work, how we connect star students to their dream jobs, and how our work will be inherited by future professionals.

In my time with both DEP and TAAEP, I have learned that solutions begin with bringing the entire family to the table. Events such as [coastal clean ups](#) and conferences are an excellent way to reach old and new members. I hope you will all join me in community outreach, whether in your clubs or your workplace, for the good of Florida and the legacy we all leave behind.

Carson Mitchell, Tallahassee Area Association of Environmental Professionals
Board of Directors, Student Outreach Liaison

The Decade We Almost Stopped Climate Change

The world has warmed more than one degree Celsius since the Industrial Revolution. The Paris climate agreement – the nonbinding, unenforceable and already unheeded treaty signed on Earth Day 2016 – hoped to restrict warming to two degrees. The odds of succeeding, according to a recent study based on current emissions trends, are one in 20. If by some miracle we are able to limit warming to two degrees, we will only have to negotiate the extinction of the world’s tropical reefs, sea-level rise of several meters and the abandonment of the Persian Gulf. The climate scientist James Hansen has called two-degree warming “a prescription for long-term disaster.” Long-term disaster is now the best-case scenario. Three-degree warming is a prescription for short-term disaster: forests in the Arctic and the loss of most coastal cities. Robert Watson, a former director of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, has argued that three-degree warming is the realistic minimum. Four degrees: Europe in permanent drought; vast areas of China, India and Bangladesh claimed by desert; Polynesia swallowed by the sea; the Colorado River thinned to a trickle; the American Southwest largely uninhabitable. The prospect of a five-degree warming has prompted some of the world’s leading climate scientists to warn of the end of human civilization.

Is it a comfort or a curse, the knowledge that we could have avoided this?

The New York Times Magazine Editor’s Note:

This narrative by Nathaniel Rich is a work of history, addressing the 10-year period from 1979 to 1989: the decisive decade when humankind first came to a broad understanding of the causes and dangers of climate change.

Complementing the text is a series of aerial photographs and videos, all shot over the past year by George Steinmetz.

With support from the Pulitzer Center, this two-part article is based on 18 months of reporting and well over a hundred interviews. It tracks the efforts of a small group of American scientists, activists and politicians to raise the alarm and stave off catastrophe. It will come as a revelation to many readers — an agonizing revelation — to understand how thoroughly they grasped the problem and how close they came to solving it. Jake Silverstein

From: *The New York Times Climate Forward Newsletter*

Inspire Every Breath: A Paddle Adventure from the Bahamas to Florida

Currently, about 30,000 people in the United States and approximately 70,000 people worldwide are living with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). CF is a progressive genetic disease that causes production of thick mucus, causing persistent lung infections and eventually leading to respiratory failure.

Scientists have concluded that inhaling concentrated salt water mist provides benefits to adults and children suffering from CF. Inhaling saltwater rehydrates the lining of the lungs and reduces mucus buildup, thus reducing recurrent lung infections and respiratory failure.

The incredible health benefits of the ocean for those living with CF inspired one Floridian, Travis Suit, to increase exposure for everyone living in the CF community. Travis’s daughter, Piper, was diagnosed with CF when she was four years old. In 2013, Travis and three friends paddle boarded from the Bahamas to the Florida Mainland as a personal challenge to raise awareness. That first paddle has now evolved into a movement, Crossing for a Cure, which benefits the CF community.

This past June, 100 paddlers made their way to Bimini to embark in this 75-mile-long distance endurance paddle challenge across the Gulf Stream from Bimini to Lake Worth, Florida. This included Team Shark Bait, a recreational kayak relay team comprised of four South Florida Association of Environmental Professionals (SFAEP) members and employees of E Sciences in Fort Lauderdale. Team Shark Bait completed the challenge in approximately 15.5 hours, averaging 5.5 mph. More importantly, the team was able raise over \$4,000 for A Crossing for a Cure. SFAEP was generous enough to make a \$400 donation to Team Shark Bait. Overall, over \$280,000 was raised with all proceeds benefiting people in the CF community.

The Crossing for a Cure provided a great opportunity for SFAEP members to inspire every breath for people living with CF by preserving through this difficult challenge and at the same time bringing awareness of the incredible health benefits our local marine environment provides.

For more information, please see the links below.

Sources: www.crossingforacure.com, www.pipersangels.org, www.cff.org

Article contributed by the South Florida Chapter

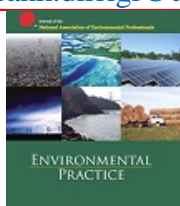
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NAEP UPDATE

The 2019 NAEP Conference, focusing on The Environmental Landscape in an Age of Infrastructure Modernization, will be held May 19-23, 2019, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. A Call for Abstracts has been issued, with a September 15, 2018, deadline for submissions. A block of rooms is also available. Room rates are \$159 per night. More information is available at: www.naep.org/2019-conference. Did you know that the NAEP regularly holds webinars with information tailored to its membership? Upcoming webinars this summer include *Environmental Projects and the Endangered Species Act*, *Programmatic Permits*, *Project Management for NEPA Training*, *Addressing Emergency Actions*, and *Ethics Training for Environmental Professionals*. More information is available at www.naep.org/webinars.

The NAEP also provides a great forum for environmental professionals to publish papers in a scholarly journal. *Environmental Practice*, the peer-reviewed journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals solicits original manuscripts from the professional and academic communities on a continuous basis. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Frank J. Dirrigl, Jr., Editor-in-Chief at frank.dirrigl@utrgv.edu.



Environmental Practice, the peer-reviewed journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) and published by Taylor & Francis, is soliciting original manuscripts from the professional and academic communities on a continuous basis. The journal provides the opportunity to submit applied articles that guide other environmental practitioners and offer recommendations to improve the work we do. Publishing in *Environmental Practice* is also a great venue to showcase your expertise and continue your professional development. Articles are sought that address solving environmental problems from a multidisciplinary perspective and provide data and findings in science and technology to address environmental issues. Article Categories include, Research, Environmental Reviews, and Case Studies (these are peer-reviewed), Reviews of books or films, Perspectives from the Field, and Dialogue. More information about these categories and preparing a paper can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Frank J. Dirrigl, Jr., Editor-in-Chief at frank.dirrigl@utrgv.edu



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FDEP's 2017 Resource Manager of the Year Award-Scott Spaulding

On August 14th, Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet honored Scott Spaulding, manager of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Park, with the Jim Stevenson Resource Manager of the Year Award for his dedication to habitat restoration and stewardship of state lands.

Each year, land managers from DEP, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are selected for this award — one of Florida's highest environmental honors.

The Resource Manager of the Year Award was established by DEP in 1992 to recognize the employee who is judged to have made the most significant progress in the stewardship of state lands. It has since expanded to recognize one recipient from each of the three state agencies that manage and protect Florida's conservation lands.

"Scott's tireless work restoring and protecting land for three decades will leave a legacy of environmental stewardship in Florida," said DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein. "I commend Scott for his dedication and service to our state and park system. DEP's greatest resource is our talented staff, and the commitment and determination of land managers like Scott are essential to the protection and preservation of Florida's natural resources."

Scott Spaulding has dedicated 31 years to protecting, improving, restoring and managing Florida's precious ecosystems. His work has identified restoration needs, implemented management practices and monitored progress at Lake Louisa State Park, Colt Creek State Park, Tosohatchee State Reserve and the Wekiva Basin state parks. Scott also focused on implementing prescribed fires on over 19,500 acres in Central Florida and has led efforts to restore natural communities by replacing non-native plants with native, rare and endangered endemic plants. His partnerships with FWC, Bok Tower Gardens and the Florida Native Plant Society fueled these achievements.

The award is named for James A. Stevenson, who led the state's ecosystem management, prescribed burning, non-native plant control and springs protection during his long career with DEP's Florida Park Service and Division of State Lands.

The other award recipients are Keith Mousel of the Florida Forest Service and Kathleen Smith of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Recipients are selected by a committee of environmental professionals representing the Sierra Club, Audubon Florida and the Nature Conservancy.

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To the Central Chapter
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The 2018 FAEP Conference is
shaping up to be one of our
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How to Have Your Say

How Big A Deal Is Trump's Fuel Economy Rollback? For the Climate Maybe the Biggest Yet

It's one of the most consequential environmental rollbacks proposed by the Trump administration: an overhaul of [fuel-efficiency standards for cars and light trucks](#) that would significantly weaken one of former President Barack Obama's signature policies to combat global warming.

Now, that proposed rollback is going to the American public — that could mean you — for a period of public comment. But do public comments make a difference? And how exactly do you get involved?

One former official with broad experience of the rule-making process, Margo T. Oge, who led the transportation and air quality office at the Environmental Protection Agency, said that hearings can leave a lasting impression on officials. That's because they give the public a chance to interact with representatives from industry and other groups, like environmental organizations.

Ms. Oge recalled a public hearing that included the mother of a child with severe asthma sitting next to an oil executive. The proposal in question was to reduce sulfur in diesel oil, a measure designed to prevent respiratory and other illnesses, especially asthma in children. The oil executive spoke first, and complained about the costs of meeting the standards. Then the mother stepped up to speak. "She recounted how many times a year the child ended up at the hospital with asthma attacks, and was unable to play outdoors when air pollution was high," Ms. Oge said. "You could see how uncomfortable the executive became."

The government is legally required to respond to what it hears from the public — if not to individual comments, then to the main issues raised in them.

David Friedman, a former acting administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, pointed out that if the Trump administration's rollback is challenged in court, as expected, public comments — both for and against — will most likely become evidence in the case. "If the courts determine that regulators didn't take public comments into proper account," Mr. Friedman said, "they could overturn the rule as arbitrary and capricious."

There are two ways to make your voice heard. You can travel in person to a daylong public hearing in late September at one of three locations. The hearings start at 10 a.m. local time and continue until 5 p.m. or until everyone has had a chance to speak.

- Sept. 24 at The Grand, 1401 Fulton St. in Fresno, Calif.
- Sept. 25 at The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn, Mich.
- Sept. 26 at the DoubleTree, 1 Bigelow Square in Pittsburgh

If you want to speak at these meetings, remember to register at least 10 days in advance by writing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's point person for the meetings, Kil-Jae Hong, at kil-jae.hong@dot.gov. There'll be a lot of speakers, so plan to limit your comments to about five minutes.

Alternatively, you can register your opinion by [submitting a written comment](#). If you plan to do so, make sure you meet the Oct. 23 deadline. (For more information, you [can revisit](#) the [extensive coverage](#) of [the emissions rules rollback](#).)

"It's one of the hallmarks of our democracy that when we make regulations, we hear from the American people," Mr. Friedman said. "It's enshrined in law that public voices must be heard." From The New York Times Climate Forward Newsletter

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Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Event	Date	Place
American Planning Association Florida Annual Conference FAEP Annual Conference	Sept. 11 – 14, 2018 Sept. 19 – 21, 2018	West Palm Beach, FL Orlando, FL
ISCS International Sand Collection Society, Sand Fest 2018	Sept. 20 – 24, 2018	Jacksonville, FL
FWC-Approved Gopher Tortoise Authorized Agent Training	Sept. 25 – 28, 2018	Lakeland, FL
Association of Water Technologies Annual Convention & Exposition	Sept. 26 – 29, 2018	Orlando, FL
Florida Brownfield Association 2018 Annual Conference	Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2018	Daytona Beach, FL
FDEP Public Land Acquisition and Management Partnership Conference	Oct. 1 – 3, 2018	Sarasota, FL
ASCE 2018 Convention	Oct. 12 – 15, 2018	Denver, CO
METRA E2 Day	Oct. 18, 2018	Orlando, FL
Florida Section A&WMA 54 th Annual Technical Conference	Oct. 23 – 24, 2018	Jupiter, FL
Florida Redevelopment Association 2018 Conference	Oct. 23 – 26, 2018	Fort Myers, FL
Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit	Oct. 24 – 25, 2018	Miami Beach, FL
American Water Works Association Water Infrastructure Conference	Oct. 28 – 31, 2018	Atlanta, GA
National Disaster Resilience Conference	Nov. 7 – 9, 2018	Clearwater, FL
CLEAN GULF 2018 Conference	Nov. 13 – 15, 2018	New Orleans, LA
A&WMA 9 th Vapor Intrusion, Remediation & Site Closure Specialty Conf.	Dec. 5 – 6, 2018	Phoenix, AZ
2018 Groundwater Week	Dec. 3 – 6, 2018	Las Vegas, NV
Florida Remediation Conference	Dec. 5 – 6, 2018	Orlando, FL
National Association of Environmental Professionals	May 19 – 23, 2019	Baltimore, MD

FAEP shares information about conferences pertaining to the environmental professions. FAEP does not endorse any of the referenced conferences.

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