

GEER 2017 OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:

Enhancing Engagement: Skills & Strategies to Involve Stakeholders in Everglades Restoration Efforts

Monday, April 17, 2017 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FEE TO ATTEND: \$25

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: *Workshop attendance is limited to 25 people. You must register for this workshop via the GEER online registration process. Participants may enroll on a first-come, first-served basis, but no later than March 20th, 2017.*

Workshop Objective

Stakeholder engagement is a cornerstone of Everglades restoration. What does it mean and how can we do it effectively?

This workshop will provide participants with practical concepts, tools, and approaches to make stakeholder engagement a constructive experience whether you are leading or participating in a given process.

Who Should Attend

Are you a scientist or researcher? Are you from government, industry, academia, a tribal entity, or the private sector? Are you attending this conference as an elected official, a private citizen, or a member of a non-profit or interest organization? Are you called to engage with stakeholders outside your immediate institution or group? If so, this workshop is designed for you.

Workshop Description

Addressing an issue as large, complex, and dynamic as Everglades restoration requires a specialized set of skills, tools, and strategies to build trust and promote collaboration among competing interest groups. How can we address conflicting needs and perspectives and facilitate inclusive engagement processes?

This interactive and experiential workshop is designed for individuals working with or participating in stakeholder-focused activities. It will provide participants with:

- An understanding of the value of participatory decision-making
- A practical framework for situation assessment
- An opportunity to exchange experiences and learn from one another
- Tools for identifying and analyzing the roots of conflict
- Strategies for effective stakeholder interactions

Workshop Instructors*

Dr. Wendy-Lin Bartels, Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute, University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

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**Additional instructors may join the workshop team*



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