

## Everglades Restoration Workshop

“Nothing is particularly hard if you break it into small jobs” (Henry Ford)

The Florida Everglades is recognized around the country and around the world as a unique natural resource. Significant time and money is being invested locally and nationally to restore water quality, water flows and increase habitat across the whole of south Florida through hundreds of projects. To accomplish something of this magnitude it takes partnership, ingenuity, and commitment. The goal of this workshop will be to provide participants with examples of projects and relationships that demonstrate those attributes, and also to better understand the work that is being done in Florida and to learn from the lessons we’ve all experienced.

The workshop will include as many speakers and panelists as possible so participants gain a robust understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the restoration process. The proposed topics to be covered include:

- Everglades Restoration 101 – an overview of the history of the Everglades and the plans for restoration for the next several decades.
- Partnerships for Success – a panel that includes USACE, SFWMD, FDEP, NRCS, FDACS, FWC to discuss the efforts from their individual perspectives and offer examples of collaboration to move these overall goals forward
- Big Things are Done One Step at a Time – a case study on how to break a single big project into smaller construction contracts so that it can be funded and managed as cash-flows allow from various entities. The example for this will be The C-44 Reservoir and STA Project.
- Controlling Seepage in south Florida – a series of short talks on effective methods for managing and mitigating seepage issues with dams, levees, canals and infrastructure in Florida’s high groundwater and geology by highlighting several projects