



# DEP Linkups

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SOUTH DISTRICT

## SWFL Living Shorelines

### Speakers' Bios:

#### **Emma Huggins**, FDEP Planner, Resilient Florida Program

Emma works in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, providing technical assistance to local governments and stakeholders, conducting public outreach and assisting in resiliency rulemaking.

#### **Savanna Barry**, Ph.D., Regional Specialized Agent - Coastal Ecosystems

UF/IFAS Extension - Florida Sea Grant, UF/IFAS Nature Coast Biological Station.

Savanna Barry grew up in central Virginia where the challenges facing the Chesapeake Bay inspired her to study marine science. She attended the University of Virginia for her BS and the University of Florida for her MS and PhD. She works as a Regional Specialized Extension Agent with UF/IFAS and Florida Sea Grant, and is based in Cedar Key, FL.

#### **Josh Adams**, Environmental Planning Manager, Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Josh is a lifelong outdoorsman whose hobbies led to a career in the environmental field. He has an MS in environmental planning from FSU and has worked in the private and public sectors. He has experience working on stormwater, brownfields, beaches, and coastal erosion and restoration projects.

#### **Nikita Reed**, P.E., Public Works Project Manager, City of Jacksonville

Nikita Reed is the Public Works Project Manager for the City of Jacksonville. In that role, she manages the City's Engineering section that is responsible for the design of Capital Improvement Projects. Prior to joining the City of Jacksonville, Nikita spent 11 years as the Chemical Operations Manager for FDOT.

#### **Jeff Vredenburg**, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Sarasota

In this position Jeff is able to engage public and private sectors on issues such as recycling and litter, climate change and ecological conservation. Recently his work has been focused on resiliency issues and the built environment, with climate adaptation and green building projects being new important issues citywide. He has his master's from the University of Iowa, and is a LEED Accredited Professional.