

WORKSHOPS

PLANNING WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY FLORIDA COMMUNITIES

The "Wildlife Habitat Planning Strategies, Design Features and Best Management Practices for Florida Communities and Landowners," was offered to chapters at the Audubon Assembly 2008 shortly after publication. Six months later FWC unveiled their newly designed Internet resource providing a plethora of maps, figures, guidelines and information. These two web-based resources have now been linked and are designed to provide a comprehensive tool for planning our wildlife-friendly Florida communities. 1000 Friends of Florida and FWC will show us how to use these tools and find the critical information when we need it. Dan Pennington, Speaker.

MEMBERSHIP, TECHNOLOGY AND YOU!

First you recruit members. Then you do your best to keep them engaged. Gathering and managing contact information for your members is one of the fundamentals of running a chapter. We will review the status of the NAS membership data system past, present and future. With a change in IT staff, a new data management company and Rebecca Richter (and Chapter Services) working together there has been a huge improvement in the information provided on our National members. We will take a look at the new and improved system, share problem-solving resources and talk about future plans. Next we will look at innovative and effective ways to communicate with our members. If we are going to remain competitive in this technological age, fulfill grant requirements and build conservation communities we are going to have to be willing to try new things. The easiest way to learn is by doing so we hope to inspire you to get started! Rebecca Richter, NAS Chapter Services, Dave Kandz, St. Petersburg Audubon, and Jacqui Sulek, AOF Chapters Coordinator, leaders.

DOES YOUR CHAPTER NEED A MAKEOVER? #2

Effective chapters achieve their goals by understanding the community they serve and plan activities and projects that reflect that awareness. Let's look at chapter planning from a new perspective — the characteristics of your community -- to create a new kind of plan for your chapter. Joyce King, President of Santa Fe Audubon, and SE Regional Director, NAS Board, leader.

THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF WATER MANAGEMENT

What is the future of water management in Florida, and how can chapters be involved in determining that future? How have some areas in Florida achieved reductions in water use, and how can those strategies be expanded in other high-use areas? What is your chapter's role in achieving balance between protecting nature and providing water for people? What works best for water conservation: carrots or sticks? Karen Ahlers, President, Putnam Co. Environmental Council, Moderator; KirkWebster, Deputy Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, Charles Lee, AOF Director of Advocacy, speakers.

RESTORING HABITATS IN BACKYARDS

It is critical that our back yards be the kind of change we want to have in restoring biological diversity – a must if we expect to protect species. It's not enough to feed birds and have nest boxes. The foundation for a healthy ecosystem begins in the ground. Your chapter can propel a huge restoration effort, even in an urban setting. Our partners in this effort are garden clubs, native plant chapters, water management districts, and many others. Mike Meisenberg, _____ and _____, leader.

CATS INDOORS

Many chapters are partnering with their communities to implement the American Bird Conservancy's program, Cats Indoors, or designing their own programs. Learn from their strategies and experiences in dealing with this common but grave threat to birds and other species.

HOMETOWN DEMOCRACY

Constitutional Amendment #4, Florida Hometown Democracy, will appear on the November 2010 ballot. Is it an answer to out-of-control development, and can it be implemented in a way that makes a difference? Will it put voters in control of growth of their cities and towns, or prove too complex for citizen participation?

OUR AUDUBON CONSERVATION PARTNERS

Audubon is unique among the large conservation groups in its staff and membership structure. All parts of the organization must be engaged in achieving our mission of preserving and restoring habitats for birds and other wildlife. Good communications and productive relationships between NAS, Audubon of

Florida, and chapters propel us toward achieving that mission. This workshop is designed to clarify the roles each part of our organization is called upon to play. Audubon was founded by ordinary people who did extraordinary things to preserve nature. Grassroots actions by Auduboners continue to be crucial in protecting nature for future generations.

Lodging at Paramount Plaza: \$81/double/night

Registration: \$25 (forms available January 2010)

Food: Free pizza party, 2 deluxe breakfasts and 1 lunch at Paramount extra; restaurants nearby
Audubon Academy Host Chapters: Alachua Audubon, Four Rivers Audubon, Marion Audubon, Santa Fe
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Registration information and materials will be available on the Audubon of FL website early Jan. 2010.

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