

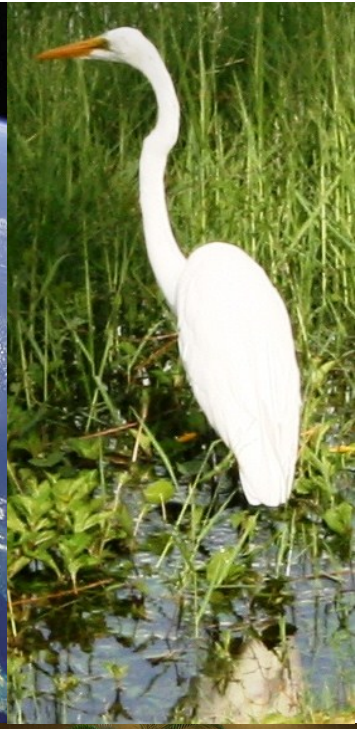


Florida Earth Foundation

Bringing People Together...

Florida Earth is...

- An international nonprofit public-private partnership working in natural resources
- An organization with over 70 partners that values creative education, outreach & facilitation
- A non-advocacy facilitator for problem solving around environmental issues
- An innovator in developing cutting-edge projects and programs
- All about bringing people together...



Florida Earth Programs at a Glance

International Programs

US-Netherlands Connection Project (USNC)

Begun in 2007, USNC is a knowledge exchange platform that develops delegations to share knowledge between the two countries through United States visits to the Netherlands, Dutch visits to the US, online knowledge portals and other mechanisms of discovery. Looking at the expertise available in each nation in water resources and infrastructure, climate adaptation and ecological science and policy, Florida Earth arranges logistics, recruits and assembles delegations, leads the visits and maintains follow-up with alumni. Two separate programs highlight this dynamic set of knowledge exchange mechanisms.



The 2012 USNC Professional Team at Rijkswaterstaat in the Hague



Dr. Brian Helmuth, Northeastern University (right), Lindene Patton, Zurich Insurance, and Jeff More, of the Accord Group at the Maeslant Barrier

Professional Teams

The USNC Professional Teams are composed of agency, industry, academic and NGO participants interested in USNC project disciplines. Depending on participants' interests, week long agendas reflect the focus of the team. More information on this program is found at <http://floridaeearth.org/usncpt>.

Academic Teams

Under development, the USNC Academic Teams will be composed of PhD candidates from the major environmental institutes at top universities in both the United States and the Netherlands. From an international perspective, teams from both the US and the Netherlands will contain students from many countries with 20% or more from other nations and up to 80% international students from Netherlands institutes. USNC Academic Teams spend seven to ten days in the knowledge exchange country, studying a singular focus of the USNC suite of disciplines. More information on this program is found at <http://floridaeearth.org/usncat>.



The 2012 UNESCO-IHE/Florida Earth Hydroinformatics students with Dr. Tom Armstrong, ED of the White House USGCRP and Lynn Scarlett, former Asst. Secretary of the Department of Interior.

The UNESCO-IHE/Florida Earth Partnership

Begun in 2005, the UNESCO-IHE/Florida Earth Partnership brings international students from all over the globe to study water-related disciplines in Florida. UNESCO-IHE, also called the Institute for Water Education, is the largest graduate level institution in the world, awarding MSc and PhD degrees in water-related disciplines to students primarily from developing countries. Over 120 alumni from over forty countries have participated in the Partnership's program, which focuses on students studying Hydroinformatics (modeling). In May and June of 2012, Florida Earth hosted 27 students from 20 countries. For more information, see <http://floridaeearth.org/ihestudents2012>.



St. Thomas, Barry and Ave Maria University Schools of Law students and UNESCO-IHE students listen intently at Florida Earth lectures given in Delft at UNESCO-IHE

The Water Law Course (WLC)

The Water Law Course is a partnership between Florida Earth and St. Thomas University's School of Law that brings law students from participating law schools to the Netherlands to compare US water law and European water law. Operated at UNESCO-IHE, WLC began as a pilot program with St. Thomas students in 2011 and doubled in size in 2012 with the addition of Barry and Ave Maria students. In 2013, WLC will add other law schools throughout the US.



Domestic Programs

The Florida Earth Modules

The Florida Earth Modules are the original Florida Earth program begun in 2000 while Florida Earth was an initiative of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida. Each of the four Modules is a two-day short course on topics important to understanding natural resources in Florida. Each Module features a first day of instruction in a classroom setting and a second day in the field. As with all Florida Earth domestic programs the Modules award CLE's for attorneys from the Florida Bar and CEU to engineers, planners and landscape architects. For the latest information on the closest Module, go to <http://floridaeearth.org/watermodule2012>.

The Introductory Module - This Module introduces the state from a descriptive format looking at geography, geology, demographics, economics and government

The Natural Systems Module – The Natural Systems Module looks at the state from a ecological perspective, focusing on its natural systems diversity. Both days are held at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park.

The Water Module – The Water Module focuses on water quality or water resources and updates participants on current scientific progress and where the sector is with respect to legal challenges.

The Agriculture Module – The Agriculture Module surveys Florida through seven commodity groups that grow in the state and environmental science and policy that affect the industry. Field experience is in the Everglades Agriculture area with a highlight of the sugar industry.

The Water Choices Forum Series

Water Choices are a series of forums that create one-day think-tank events always held at universities and have a product as a result of the forum. Always held in conjunction with and on the campus of Florida's universities, the program has evolved over the last year and a half. Water Choices V will continue with the explorations of Water Choices I-IV and focus on the premise that the private sector must be a partner in solutions to water problems. For more information, go to <http://floridaeearth.org/waterchoicesV>.

The LLM Program

In an effort to continue facilitating the education of attorneys working in the environmental sector, Florida Earth is a partner in developing and delivering courses in the St. Thomas University School of Law's LLM program in Environmental Sustainability. Florida Earth conducts two field based courses designed after the Natural Systems and Agriculture Module in the Module Series. For more information, see <http://stu.edu/LLMinEnvironmentalSustainability/tabid/2924/Default.aspx>.

The Water Law Update Program

Each January, Florida Earth holds a one-day symposium on the status of Water Law in Florida. Held at law schools all over the state, WLU not only tells where we are with respect to current law, but gives a prospectus of what's down the road for new legislative sessions. As with other Florida Earth programs, WLU has CLE credits for attorneys as well as CEU's for engineers, planners & landscape architects. For more information, go to <http://floridaeearth.org/wlu>.



Florida Earth Board Chair Ernie Cox points out features of the L-8 Reservoir during the 2012 Introductory Module in January



Florida Earth Director Denver Stutler discusses the use of public-private partnerships in solving water problems at Water Choices IV at USF in Tampa



Students in the St. Thomas University School of Law LLM program in Environmental Sustainability get a chance to meet Larry Perez, ranger at Everglades National Park and author of the latest book on invasive species



The 2012 Water Law Update was held at Barry University's School of Law in Orlando



...Florida Earth will serve as an outstanding learning mechanism that will give decision makers the necessary tools to ensure the protection of our natural resources...Jeb Bush, 2001

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