



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

## Domestic Programs

### The Florida Earth Modules

The Florida Earth Modules are the original Florida Earth program begun in 200 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://floridaearth.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://floridaearth.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://floridaearth.org/wlu>.