



Nature Coast Coalition Fall Conference

Nov 13, 2010

Crystal River State Buffer Preserve
Register Today at <http://naturecoastcoalition.org>

This conference is designed to offer the public an update of relevant projects that may impact the Nature Coast region and provide meaningful ways to get involved in preserving our natural heritage. **The event is offered free of charge and open to the public, but space is limited, so register early.**

Come hear a contextual history of the Nature Coast from Gainesville professors Steven Noll and David Tegeger, co-authors of "Ditch of Dreams: The Cross Florida Barge Canal and Struggle for Florida's Future." Get the inside scoop from lobbyist Sue Mullins who joins us to recap the decisions and events of 2010 that affect the Nature Coast. Local experts will address the current status of the Tarmac limestone mining project and explore potential impacts for the Nature Coast, both economically and environmentally.

After lunch, the second half of the meeting is a planning session reserved for Nature Coast Coalition partners and decision makers who will set goals and conduct general planning for the rest of the year.

For more information, call Darden Rice at 727-560-2479

You may opt for the morning session with lunch, or for the whole day to stay for planning session. Following the planning session, all are welcome to join us for a nature hike.

MORNING SESSION

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

How Water Connects Our Region:

The Story of Mining in Florida and the Threat to the Nature Coast

– Steven Noll and David Tegeger,
co-authors of *Ditch of Dreams*

The Tarmac Limestone Project: The Negative Impacts on our Region's Economy

What's Happening in the State Capitol? A Report on State Issues Impacting the Nature Coast

– Sue Mullins, Vanguard Partnership

Lunch provided at noon. Open to public, but you must register by Wed, November 10 at <http://naturecoastcoalition.org>

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 - 4:00 pm Strategic Planning Session for Coalition - detailed agenda TBA

4:30 - optional Hiking and Birding Activity

This conference is sponsored by: Gulf Coast Restoration Network, The Native Plant Society, South Wings, Gulf Coast Conservancy, and many others!



Florida's Nature Coast is the vast mosaic of wetlands, cypress forests, estuaries, rivers, uplands, seagrass beds, and salt marshes that stretch from Pasco County to the Wakulla/Franklin County region. It is Florida's longest and wildest natural coastline. The Nature Coast Coalition brings conservation and community leaders together in concerted effort on behalf of this fragile landscape. Visit our website at: <http://naturecoastcoalition.org>.