

# South Florida Restoration Science Forum

May 17-19, 1999 • Monday – Wednesday

Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton, FL (I-95 and Yamato Road)



*Kissimmee River canal and test fill*



*Lake Okeechobee*



*Everglades*



*Florida Bay*



*Old World Climbing Fern (exotic)*



*Asian Swamp Eel (exotic)*



*Urban Sprawl*

**Why you should attend** – The Forum will highlight the powerful connection between science and management decisions in restoration efforts. You will see first-hand how the public's investment in science is paying off in support of better management decisions and restoration of imperiled south Florida Ecosystems – including the internationally recognized, globally significant Everglades. It will afford a unique opportunity for elected officials and other policy- and decision-makers, along with the general public, to see – under one roof – highlights of the most significant restoration science and management efforts underway.

The Forum participants will see displays showing the links between science and management decisions, discuss how to strengthen those links, and interact with the scientists doing the work. There is no registration fee.

**Why the Forum is important** – The Forum promotes the link between science and management. Scientists and decision-makers will come together to discuss the needs of each, in order to ensure that the plans for restoration are based in science, and are both the most cost-effective and highest quality possible. Continued vigilance over south Florida ecosystems is essential to prevent further harm and to restore them.

■ **MONDAY:** Three floors of displays will help communicate the connection between science and sound management decisions across 12 topic areas. Staffed by scientists who actually do the work, the displays will range from general overviews to more technically-oriented presentations. Each display will be tied to a world-wide-web page for more detailed or related information. Forum attendees will be led in small groups to all or desired portions of the displays.

■ **TUESDAY:** Four speakers will present south Florida restoration case studies and will describe the strong links between science and management. A panel discussion and audience participation will follow each speaker. The displays reopen for two hours in the evening.

■ **WEDNESDAY (half day):** This will be a round-table discussion among managers and scientists about improving the science/management linkage. What do decision-makers need from scientists? What do scientists need from decision-makers? The discussion will include audience participation.

**Forum products:** The displays, panels, and discussions will be professionally facilitated to develop specific products and action items to enhance the science/management connection. Soon after the Forum, products will be available on the web to keep you informed and involved.

Representatives from numerous federal, state, local, and non-governmental entities are organizing the Forum for the Science Coordination Team of the South Florida Ecosystem Working Group. The U.S. Geological Survey and the South Florida Water Management District are the primary hosts.

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