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**MEETING LOCATION:**

**Green Cay Nature Center & Wetlands - 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach, FL 33437**

**ATTIRE:** Long pants, flat closed toed shoes, no sleeveless shirts and avoid wearing any loose-fitting clothing. We will be touring the Green Cay Wetlands and Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility, Solid Waste Department and the John D. MacArthur State Park (weather permitting). Several of the tour locations are outside and the class will be canoeing at the State Park, so bring sunscreen and a hat if necessary. Please remember your nametags.

**DAY THEME:** Discovering the vital contributions of environmental and natural resources to Palm Beach County

**KEY ISSUES:**

- How to balance development with environmental preservation and restoration
- How to achieve environmental restoration goals in a timely and efficient manner

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- How to balance water quality, water quantity and flood control
- How to integrate innovative uses of reclaimed water and excess surface water to achieve water supply and environmental restoration goals
- How to better understand and address the nexus between water, energy and the environment
- How to address sustainability needs in response to climate and energy disruptions in the coming decades

**KEY OBJECTIVES:**

- Obtain a better understanding of the environmental challenges facing Palm Beach County
- Obtain a better understanding of the history of water management in Palm Beach County
- Form a better understanding of the solid waste management process in Palm Beach County and some of the innovative practices being implemented by Palm Beach County and the Solid Waste Department
- Form a better understanding of the connection between climate change, energy and water within PBC

**Environment Day Agenda  
December 12, 2018**

- 7:30-7:45 Arrive and Breakfast/Overview  
Green Cay Wetlands  
Host: Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation
- 7:45-8:30 History of Water Management in Florida  
*Jeremy McBryan – Water Resources Manager, Palm Beach County*

**NOTE: Breakfast will be served during presentations**

- 8:30-9:45 Tour of Green Cay Wetlands – Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation  
Travel to John D. MacArthur State Park - 10900 Jack Nicklaus Dr, North Palm Beach, FL 33408
- 10:00-12 Activity A: Kayak and Canoe Tour  
Activity B: Discussion of Lake Worth Lagoon Issues –  
*Jennifer Baez - Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources*  
Presentation on Habitat and Endangered/Threatened Species –  
*Jack Lighton - Loggerhead Marine Sanctuary*
- 12-1 Lunch: Environment at a Personal Level – *The Nature Conservancy*
- 1-1:30 Travel to Solid Waste Authority - 6651 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33412
- 1:30-3 Tour of Solid Waste Authority Renewable Energy Facility

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- 3-3:30 Travel to Green Cay Wetlands
- 3:30-4:15 Tour of Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility and Discussion of Reclaimed Water and Biosolids – *David Dalton – Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department*
- 4-5 Discussion of Climate Change and Resiliency in Palm Beach County -  
*Jake Leech – Palm Beach County Office of Resilience*  
Stormwater and Reclaimed Water Issues  
*Christopher Pettit – Palm Beach County and Bill Lynch – Jones Edmunds*

**Special thank you to:**

**Palm Beach County Departments: Water Utilities, Environmental Resources &  
Parks and Recreation**

**John D. MacArthur State Park**

**Solid Waste Authority**

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