

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
LOCAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Ed Wright, Jennifer Casey

Affiliate Members: Josh Rosenberg, Tiffany Bess

Partners: Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Susan Carew (DCPS), Margo Moehring (NERFC), Paul Soares (DCPS), John Cordy (FLDOH), Jane Cant (IFAS)

General Public: Shermanda Ramsay

Meeting Called to Order: 3:40 p.m.

1. Opening Comments and Introductions – Allen Moore, Chairman DSWCD
2. Purpose – Ed Wright, Vice Chairman DSWCD
 - a. To fulfill the Duval Soil and Water Conservation Plan of Work
 - b. Best accomplished with partnerships, process, resource concerns and periodic reporting
3. Local Resource Concerns “On Ag Lands” – Al Oliver, District Conservationist USDA/NRCS
 - a. USDA Organization and Services
 - b. EQIP program
4. Local Resource Concerns “Beyond the Farm Boundary” – Allen Moore
 - a. SWAPA (soil erosion, water quality, air condition, plant management, animal management)
 - b. Consider adding a 6th element: people
 - c. Often there are more challenges off the farm than on the farm
5. Resource Concerns – Allen Moore
 - a. Conservation Education (i.e. DSWCD Envirothon, Speech Contest, Poster Contest, Photo Contest)
 - b. Flooding (i.e. NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program)
 - c. Waste Management (i.e. septic tanks)
 - d. Water Quality (i.e. runoff)
 - e. Water Quantity (i.e. SJRWMD Water Conservation)
 - f. Shoreline Erosion
 - g. Forest Management
 - h. Parks (Need conservation planning to enhance parks)
 - i. Natural Disaster
 - j. Other (i.e. grants facilitated by partnerships, urban agriculture)
6. Facilitated Discussion
 - a. Puts people with resource concerns together with people who have access to solutions
 - b. Susan Carew (DCPS) – Need to increase participation in Green Champions because only 5-6 of 20 high schools participate
 - c. Margo Moehring (NERFC) – Researching cultivating food systems, economic development, critical infrastructure
 - d. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD) – Blue School Grants available and cost-shares often go unused
 - e. Margo Moehring (NERFC) - EDA funding available to work on resiliency, natural disasters, shoreline erosion. Suggests SJRWMD, DSWCD and NERFC meet to work on a project together and apply for funding
 - f. Paul Soares (DCPS) – String recycling efforts at DCPS, Green Champions meets 3 times per year

- g. Jennifer Casey (DSWCD) – Working on food forests and permaculture in the urban core
 - h. Josh Rosenberg (DSWCD) – We need more school programs that teach the importance of biodiversity. Also, we need to grow things around retention ponds in the area and not leave them bare
7. Wrap Up – Ed Wright
 8. Closing Remarks – Allen Moore

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.