



FREEDOM PARK WATER QUALITY CELEBRATION

**11AM-12:30 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
FRED W. COYLE FREEDOM PARK**

**1515 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY, NAPLES
NORTHEAST CORNER OF GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY & GOODLETTE-FRANK ROAD**

Celebrate a unique collaboration between Florida Gulf Coast University's Everglades Wetland Research Park and Collier County to provide water quality research at Freedom Park. Designed to help improve water quality in Naples Bay and reduce flooding in downstream communities, the park's interconnected manmade ponds, marshes and wetlands and restored natural wetlands function as natural filtration systems similar to those built to protect the Everglades.

- Learn benefits of wetlands and how to reduce bay pollution
- Tour wetlands and ponds on boardwalks and paths with FGCU researchers
- Visit the natural history education center
- Hear presentations by county and university officials and FGCU researchers

Co-sponsored by Collier County (Parks and Recreation, Conservation Collier, Stormwater and Pollution Control) and by Florida Gulf Coast University (Everglades Wetland Research Park in the College of Arts & Sciences).

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Freedom Park Water Quality Celebration

Join us at Freedom Park

Thursday November 17

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To celebrate a historic partnership between FGCU and Collier County to tackle the water quality challenges facing Naples Bay



- ◊ Hear from local and university officials and FGCU researchers at 11:00 a.m.
- ◊ See the water quality and wetland research being done at Freedom Park
- ◊ Get an understanding of the science being applied



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JANUARY 19, 7 pm THURSDAY

The Dutch solution to floods: Live with water, don't fight it

Leon P.M. Lamers, Ph.D.

*Professor of Aquatic Ecology & Environmental Biology, Institute for Water and Wetland Research, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Co-sponsor: Heffner Family, Columbus, Ohio*

FEBRUARY 2, 7 pm THURSDAY

Rethinking conservation and development in South American wetlands: A challenge beyond the borders

Luisa Fernanda Ricaurte, Ph.D.

Freelance Consultant, Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Bogotá, Colombia

FEBRUARY 10, 6 pm FRIDAY

This lecture is held at the Wetlands Day Celebration, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, 375 Sanctuary Road West, Naples, FL 34120

Restoring the Greater Florida Everglades – what has gone right and what has gone wrong

William J. Mitsch, Ph.D.

Eminent Scholar and Director, Everglades Wetland Research Park, Naples, Florida and Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management, Florida Gulf Coast University, Naples, Florida

MARCH 2, 7 pm THURSDAY

The global freshwater crisis

Gary A. Lamberti, Ph.D.

*Professor and Past Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
Co-sponsor: Notre Dame Club of Naples*

MARCH 16, 7 pm THURSDAY

Monitoring for water quality and health

Joan B. Rose, Ph.D.

Homer Nowlin Chair in Water Research and 2016 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

*All lectures, except for February 10,
are held at FGCU's Harvey Kapnick
Education and Research Center, Naples
Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive,
Naples, Florida 34112*

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