



You're invited to the Estero Bay Watershed Public Symposium September 27-28, 2009

The health of Estero Bay and its watershed will be the focus of a FREE 2-day event on September 27-28, 2009.

Please join us on Sunday, September 27 for fun and educational field trips offered by Conservation 20/20, Koreshan State Historic Site, Lover's Key State Park, CREW, and Vester Marine Field Station.

On Monday, September 28, join us at Florida Gulf Coast University for an informative symposium on the Estero Bay Watershed. Topics presented will include land use and transportation, water quality, bird rookery surveys, fish surveys, projects and outreach in the watershed, climate change, and a State of Estero Bay update. Amy Bennett Williams, editor of *Tropicalia*, a publication of the Ft. Myers News-Press, will share her observations during a complimentary box lunch.

Following the conference, a fund-raising dinner will feature author and journalist Craig Pittman, author of *Paving Paradise: Florida's Vanishing Wetlands and the Failure of No Net Loss*. An environmental art show in the FGCU ArtLab will go on in conjunction with the symposium, and a sale will accompany the dinner. Proceeds from the dinner and art show will fund conservation land acquisition in the Estero Bay watershed.

Registration is required. Check the conference website at <http://itech.fgcu.edu/faculty/ndemers/EsteroWatershedSymp09/index.htm> for field trip details, the symposium agenda, dinner information and registration for all events.

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