

Panelists for the Suncoast Corridor Task Force Meeting #3

Chris Bryan, PE

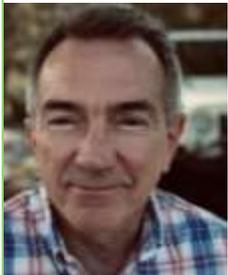
Chris Bryan holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida and has been a licensed Professional Engineer for nearly a decade. Mr. Bryan is currently the Division Manager for Clay Electric Cooperative's Transmission and Distribution Engineering, where he manages all engineers and personnel involved in the design, inspection, and planning of the distribution and transmission systems. A Clay Electric employee for 15 years, Mr. Bryan has worked for every division of the cooperative including transmission, distribution, sub stations, and planning.

Mark A. Cantrell

Mark has over 30 years of experience in research, management, and administration in various aspects of fish and wildlife conservation with Federal and state agencies in the southeast. His particular interests are restoration of impaired aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems with natural functions. Mark has worked to study, resolve conflicts, and restore working landscapes across the Southeast on high priority habitats. He holds a B.S. and M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee.



Steve Diez, JD



Steve Diez is the Executive Director of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization and has worked with the organization as a transportation planner since 1998. Prior to that, he worked at FDOT as a planner. Mr. Diez is a member of many organizations, including the Florida Bicycle Association, the League of American Bicyclists, Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee for the City of Brooksville, and the Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee State Trail.

Jeff Hendry

Jeff Hendry holds a B.A. in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University. Mr. Hendry serves as the Executive Director for the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government at Florida State University as well as the Executive Director of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP). The NFEDP helps 14 rural counties bring critical investment to the region, including nearly \$200 million in private capital investment and projects since 2009.



Eugene Kelly

Gene is a Conservation Biologist with a long history of working to conserve natural Florida. Over a 16-year period as the Environmental Lands Planner for the Southwest Florida Water Management District, he conducted assessments that identified lands to be protected through the Save Our Rivers, Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever land acquisition programs, and wrote land management and public use plans for the acquired properties. He then served for 5 years as the Conservation Planner for the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and then as a Wildlife Biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. He is currently a self-employed conservation biologist and environmental consultant. Gene has also been actively involved with the Florida Native Plant Society's Board of Directors for many years, where he has served terms as President and Conservation Chair, and is serving currently as the Chair of the Policy and Legislation Committee.

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Jeanna Mastrodicasa, PhD, JD



Jeanna Mastrodicasa is the Associate Vice President for Operations with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), managing the \$400 million operations budget. The IFAS mission is “to develop knowledge in agricultural, human and natural resources and to make that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.” Dr. Mastrodicasa is also a former City Commissioner of Gainesville, where she served on the Economic Development University Community committee and on the Alachua County Tourist Development Council.

Mary Szafraniec, PhD, PWS

Mary Szafraniec’s ecological assessment and restoration background includes design and implementation of marine and freshwater ecological monitoring and assessments. This includes MFL assessments, watershed and springshed pollutant evaluation and restoration, and within-system ecological restoration such as sediment removal or inactivation, hydrologic alteration, invasive vegetation or algae removal, and native vegetation planting. Dr. Szafraniec has 16 years’ experience designing ecological studies analyzing and characterizing water quality, hydrologic regime, and biological community structure to assess the effects of hydrological modifications on ecosystem response and to determine the effectiveness of restoration activities.

