

“Water For The New Century? A Water School for Polk County Decision Makers”

John Brenneman, Extension Agent, Natural Resources

Polk County Board of County Commissioners

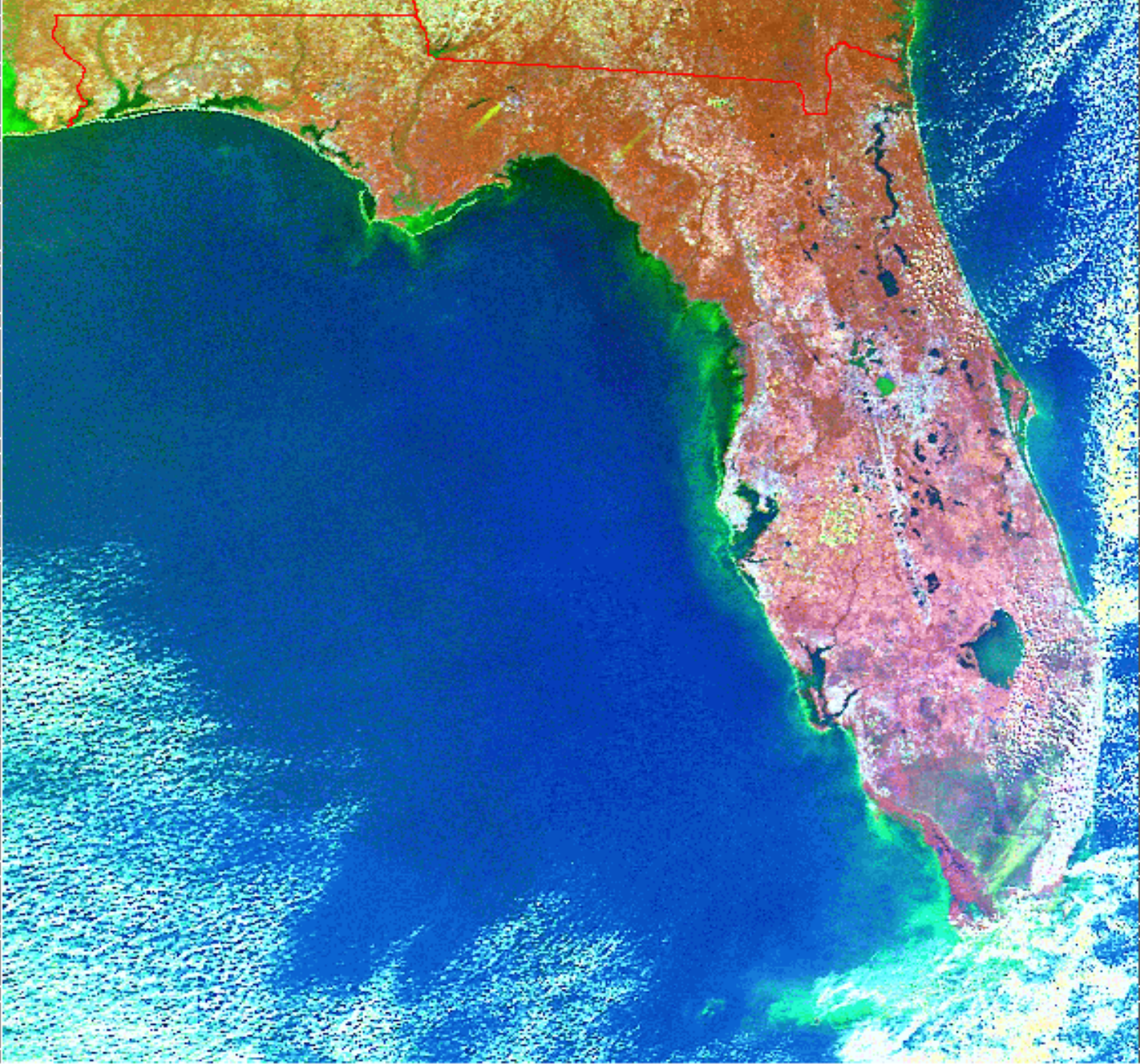
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
University of Florida





Project: To provide an informal series of five 2 ½ hour workshops and a day long field trip designed to enhance understanding of water related issues in Polk County.

Latitude
31
30
28
26
25







Target Group included municipal, county, and regional decision makers and advisors.









Topics Covered:

- ◆ An Overview of County, State and Federal Initiatives
- ◆ Agencies Involved in Water Related Issues
- ◆ History of Florida Water Law and Management
- ◆ Hydrogeology of Central Florida
- ◆ Water Sources and Uses
- ◆ Water Quality Issues
- ◆ Comprehensive Planning and Water Management
- ◆ Future of Water Management in Central Florida



Presenters Included -

- ◆ State Senator
- ◆ Polk County BoCC
- ◆ City of Lakeland
- ◆ City of Bartow
- ◆ Florida Ground Water Association
- ◆ Southwest Florida Water Management District
- ◆ University of Florida





Tour Stops

- ◆ City of Lakeland Wetlands Wastewater Treatment Site
- ◆ Southwest Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
- ◆ Circle B Bar Preserve
- ◆ Bartow's New Water Treatment Plant
- ◆ Lake Howard Stormwater Treatment Site



WATCH STEP





Participant's self appraisal of knowledge gained indicated an increase of 40% by attending School.



Sixty nine individuals registered for the School with 40 of them attending all sessions and receiving recognition for completion.

Certificate of Completion



UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA

Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

Polk County
Cooperative Extension Service

This is to Certify that

B. J. Wynn

has successfully completed the

2002 Extension Water School



*A 20 hour Course of Instruction offered through the University of Florida,
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and the Polk County
Extension Service, with financial support from the Peace River Basin Board
of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.*

Southwest Florida
Water Management District





What did it cost?

- ◆ Grant was for \$1030.00
- ◆ Actual cost paid by District Basin Board was \$488.58. Brochures, certificates, frames, bus, paper, notebooks, etc.
- ◆ Sponsorship for refreshments was provided by the Lake Region Lakes Management District.
- ◆ Other expenses accrued to Polk County Board of County Commissioners, Southwest Florida Water Management District, University of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and tour stop hosts



Award of Excellence
for
Outstanding Achievement
In Water Conservation Education
from
Southwest Florida
Water Management District



Thank You!