

AGENDA FOR GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE FLYWAYS CITIES COALITION MEETING

Long Key Nature Center and Natural Area
3501 S.W. 130th Ave, Davie, Florida 33330
September 12, 2008

9:00 am- 2:30 pm

For directions to the Long Key Nature Center, call (954) 327-8797

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00 am** **Welcome and opening remarks**
- 9:20 am** **Update on the Flyway Cities Coalition National Program**
Sue Sturges, National Wildlife Federation Manager, Regional Education Programs
- 9:30 am** **State and Regional Affiliates**
Jim Schuette, Florida Wildlife Federation Regional Representative,
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 9:40 am** **Greater Fort Lauderdale Flyways Cities Coalition**
Diana Guidry, NatureScape Broward & Flyway Cities Coalition Coordinator
- 9:45 am** **Participant Introductions (<1 minute per participant)**
Each attendee will briefly state their name, role within their organization, and one reason why the attendee's organization is interested in the Flyway Cities Coalition.

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Objectives: Identify and better understand several key species of migratory wildlife and their habitats and the challenges they face in Broward County.

- 10:00 am** **Backyard Songbirds/Hummingbirds**
Kelli Whitney, Park Naturalist, Broward County Parks and Recreation
- 10:30 am** **Birds of Prey**
Mike Ruggeri, Animal Director, Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens and Wildlife Sanctuary
- 11:00 am** **Break**
- 11:10 am** **Task Force Discussions**
The group will break into smaller task forces to plan strategies and activities related to the following themes that were highlighted in the first Coalition meeting:
- **Increasing connectivity** – Exploring places and methods for increasing habitat connectivity
 - **Model laws, ordinances, landscape design guidelines** – researching, revising, developing them to be more wildlife and habitat friendly
 - **Incentive programs for homeowners and businesses** – to create/restore wildlife habitat on their properties and in their communities
 - **Outreach and materials development** – identifying audiences and exploring innovative outreach methods, which could include
 - Educating elected officials about wildlife gardening (including participating in planning and zoning boards)

- Increasing NatureScape/National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitats
- Working with plant materials suppliers and consumers (what are the right plants and where can you find them?)

12:30pm Working Lunch (lunch provided) and Group Presentations

AFTERNOON SPEAKERS

1:00 pm Broward Urban River Trails
John Rude, Broward Urban River Trails (Protection and development of river trails throughout Broward)

1:30 pm Sea Turtles
Louis Fisher, Natural Resource Specialist, Broward County Sea Turtle Program

2:15 pm Wrap- up/Evaluations

The next quarterly stakeholders meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2009 at Fern Forest Nature Center.