

Santa Fe River Springs Protection Forum & Friends of Rum Island Park

July 28, 2018



Stacie Greco's fora are always informative and entertaining, but we have an added interest this time because Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson will give a presentation on the newly-formed group Friends of Rum Island Park. This park, just a short distance away from OSFR headquarters at Rum 138, is located at the very bottom of the county, and has traditionally been neglected by our county leaders.

Just recently the county has grudgingly turned lose of some

shekels for improvements. Community leader Merrillee also recently organized the Friends group which has kindled local cohesive enthusiasm and pride in the park. This has resulted in a much cleaner and well-kept park. The Friends and OSFR have many plans and you will be hearing about some of them soon.

Santa Fe River Springs Protection Forum Agenda
 Thursday, August 23, 2018 from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
 High Springs Museum, 120 NW 2nd Ave, High Springs

Time	Activity	Speaker
9:30 - 9:35	Welcome	Stacie Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department
9:35 - 9:55	Introductions and Announcements	Everyone!
9:55 - 10:35	Hornsby Springs Aeration and Restoration Project	Greg Owen, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department
10:35 - 11:15	Mill Creek Sink Water Quality Improvement Project Update	Sean King, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions
11:15 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 12:15	A Summary of Water Withdrawals in Florida, 2015 With a Look at Statewide Trends Since the 1970's	Rich Marella, U.S. Geologic Survey
12:15 - 1:45	Lunch on your own!	
1:45 - 2:15	Poe Springs County Park Improvements	Charlie Houder, Alachua County Parks and Conservation Lands
2:15 - 2:45	Friends of Rum Island Park	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Friends of Rum Island Park
2:45- 3:10	Ichetucknee Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: A Video Case Study	Lu Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
3:10 - 3:20	Break	
3:20 - 3:50	Spring Flow Declines in North Florida	Bob Knight, Florida Springs Institute
3:50 - 4:30	Water Supply Assessment and Projects Update	Amy Brown, Pat Webster, Kris Eskelin; Suwannee River Water Management District