26th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference  
COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS: WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS WATER CHALLENGES  
January 13, 2017  
Cohen Center Ballroom, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida

7:30  Registration

8:30  Welcoming Remarks  
Introduction – Dr. Don Duke, Professor of Environmental Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Speaker: Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, President, Florida Gulf Coast University

8:40  Session A: Successful Cooperative Projects  
Moderator: Jon Wadas, Johnson Engineering  
Why Cooperation Matters and Works - Dan DeLisi, DeLisi, Inc.  
History of the SWFWRC Cooperative Model - Karen Miller, GDH Services, and Dr. John Capece, Southern DataStream  
Brighton Valley Regional Water Quality Project – Noah Handley, Lykes Bros. Inc.  
Water Management District Governance Models – Woody Wodraska, Wodraska Partners, Inc.  
Overview of Federal, State, & Regional Grant Opportunities – Trina Vielhauer, DEP

10:45  Session B: Student Research Poster Contest and Networking Break  
Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Don Duke, Student Coordinator: Derek Anderson

12:00  Session C: Panel – Realities of Cooperative Projects  
Moderator: Ron Edenfield, RMEC  
Collier County Habitat Conservation Plan – Kenneth McDonald, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Babcock Ranch Development – Amy Wicks, Kimley-Horn  
20/20 Program Community Cooperation – Ray Judah, Former Lee County Commissioner  
Southeast Coast Climate Compact – Rhonda Haag, Monroe County

1:00  Lunch with a Student  
Professional Coordinator: Eric Isern, GHD Services  
Student Coordinator: Cory Liang, FGCU Environmental Studies

1:40  Keynote: Example of a Regional Cooperative Approach to Water Management Projects  
Introduction by: Karen Miller, GDH  
Speaker: Dr. Carol Collier, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University:  
The Delaware River Watershed Initiative: A Collaborative Program for Tributary Watersheds to a Major Waterbody

2:15  Session D: Blueprints for Cooperative Projects  
Moderator: Dr. John Capece, Southern DataStream  
NEP Programs and Initiatives on Environmental Projects: Jennifer Hecker – Charlotte Harbor NEP  
Cooperative Models for Water Utilities – Kevin Morris, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority  
Tape Grass Restoration in the Caloosahatchee Estuary – Dr. Richard Bartleson, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation  
Restoring the Rookery Bay Estuary Project - Keith Laakkonen, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

4:00  Announcement of Student Research Poster Contest Winners  
Session Chair: Dr. Don Duke, Professor of Environmental Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University TBA

Networking Reception