

**2026 JEPB - UNF Environmental Symposium
SCHEDULE**

Thursday, February 12th Evening Session

6 - 8 pm at the Jessie

**Our Common Ground: Shaping Jacksonville's
Environmental Story, Block by Block**

Ready to make a difference right in your own backyard?

Join us for an evening dedicated to helping you understand, protect, and improve the environment you live in. You'll get to engage directly with city personnel, environmental experts, and community leaders who will show you how to use resources like the Resilient Jacksonville Plan to identify and fund projects in your own neighborhood.

This is your chance to turn ideas into action and help shape the future of your community. Come learn how to protect the places you love and find the resources to make it happen."

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Time Frame	Session Title	Session Description	Session Participants
8:45 a - 10:15 a	State of the River and Morning Keynote	Morning welcomes, SORR Exec Summary and release of the Clean Air North Florida Climate Action Plan	UNF President Moez Limayem Dr. Gerry Pinto - JU, Ashantae Green - COJ
10:30 a - 11:45 a	IERE RESEARCH TRACK		
10:30 a - 11:45 a	Climate Action Plan & Resilience Plan Update	A discussion of the new Climate Action Plan for North Florida and an update on the Resilient Jacksonville Plan	Ann Coglianese, COJ CRO, Ashantae Green - COJ Sustainability
10:30 a - 11:45 a	Septic Tank Vulnerability Assessment	Sharing the results of the vulnerability assessment and how it can be utilized	Tricia Kyzar - UF Ctr for Coastal Solutions
10:30 a - 11:45 a	State of the River Report - Deep Dive	Dr. Pinto and members of the SORR team will provide a more detailed look at the report and the information	Dr. Gerry Pinto - JU

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12:00 p - 1:15 p	Luncheon Keynote	Jothsna Harris, Founder of Change Narrative, will keynote	Jothsna Harris
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1:30 p - 2:15 p			
1:30 p - 2:15 p	City to City: Sustainability and Resilience in Action	Join resilience and sustainability officers from cities across the State for a dynamic panel discussion on addressing urban challenges through collaboration, innovation, and community engagement. Explore strategies for improving infrastructure, building partnerships, advancing priorities that work in diverse city environments.	Ashantae Green - Moderator: Speakers, St. Pete, WinterPark, Miami, Orange County, Palm Beach
1:30 p - 2:15 p	JEA Water Purification Plant	JEA's Ryan Popko and Black & Veatch's Jo Ann Jackson share how JEA is investing in a sustainable future by using advanced multi-barrier technology to purify the water our customers use before returning it to the aquifer.	Ryan Popko -JEA, Jo Ann Jackson - Black & Veatch

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1:30 p - 2:15 p	Downtown Development (Activating the Waterfront)	Taking a look at sustainable development around downtown projects and activating the riverfront	Kyle Schare - HALFF
2:30 p - 3:15 p	IERE RESEARCH TRACK		
2:30 p - 3:15 p	Securing Our Water Future	Panel discussion of NF utilities and regulators on the recent North Florida Water Supply Cooperative to identify how NF will meet water supply goals for the environment (MFLs) as well as potable water supplies.	Jeremy Johnston - CCUA Mike Devoroznak - JEA Rick Hutton - GRU Neal Shinkre - SJCUD Tim Perkins - SJRWMD
2:30 p - 3:15 p	Compound Flood Model	Showcase of the innovative compound flood model for the City	Anne Coglianesse - COJ CRO and Dr. Jennifer Hinton - COJ Deputy CRO

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2:30 p - 3:15 p	Creative Engagement: Public-Private Partnerships for Environmental Education and Action- Interactive	Explore how the Jacksonville Sustainability Office leverages public-private partnerships to engage the community through creative initiatives like Jacksonville Minecraft Build Challenge, Lights Out NEFL, and an Earth Inspired art gallery. A brief, interactive look at how play, advocacy art, and collaboration support sustainability education and action.	Ashantae Green, Elizabeth Fillippi, Erin Kendrick, Tiffany Bess
3:30 p - 4:30 p	Our Common Ground in Action: Community Driven Environmental Stewardship	Designed and facilitated to inspire reflection and storytelling among Symposium participants, inviting them to explore and articulate the personal “why” behind their commitment to environmental sustainability.	
Legend			
Research Track			
Policy and Regulatory Track			
Applied Science / Project Track			
Community Stewardship Track			