

New Board Members at FLEPPC



Alison Higgins is Land Conservation Program Manager for The Nature Conservancy of the Florida Keys, and chair of the Florida Keys Invasive Exotics Task Force. She also serves as Chair of the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge's non-profit Friends group, and is Vice-Chair of the Keys Green Living and Energy Education group. She recently received her Master's Degree in Environment and Community from Antioch University.



Cheryl McCormick-Rote is a Plant Ecologist at the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, Department of Agronomy, University of Florida. She completed a B.A. in Biology and Chemistry at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, received an M.A. in Geography at the University of Georgia, and is currently completing her Ph.D. in Plant Ecology at the Institute of Ecology, University of Georgia. The species she loves to hate include Chinese tallow (*Sapium sebiferum*) and latherleaf (*Colubrina asiatica*).



Gary Nichols is the Invasive Plant Program Manager with the St. Johns River Water Management District in Palm Bay, Florida. He has been managing exotic invasive plants for DEP and the District for more than 30 years.



Donna Watkins has an A.S. in Park Technology from Lake City Community College, and a B.S. in Communications from Florida State University. She is a Special Projects Coordinator for the Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks, in Tallahassee.

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