



Where Can You Find Us?

Sept. 23 Talbot Tidewater Celebration

Ribault Club, Ft. George Island 10am to 3pm

Oct. 7 Egans Creek Garden Celebration

Egans Creek Park, 2201 Atlantic Ave 8 am to noon

Oct 12 Dunes: Not Just a Pile of Sand

Story & Song, 1430 Park Ave 6 pm

Oct. 28 Fernandina Beach Farmers Market

North Seventh and Centre St, 9 am to 1 pm

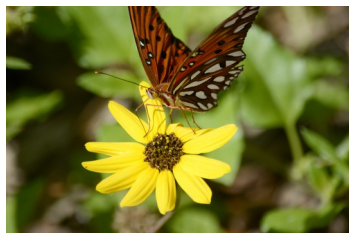
Nov. 4-5 Right Whale Festival

Main Beach Park, Fletcher Ave. 10 am to 6 pm
and 10 am to 3pm

Dec. 6 Understanding Changing Climate

Story & Song, 1430 Park Ave 6 pm

Egans Creek Wildflower Garden Celebration



What will you find at the celebration?

- A thoughtfully planned native garden
- A planting demonstration
- Giveaways & kids activities
- Lots of information about native plants and pollinators
- A chance to volunteer!
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Thanks to Florida Wildflower Foundation for funding and support and our partner Fernandina Beach Parks & Recreation

Conserve Nassau is dedicated to economic, environmental, and social sustainability and resiliency in our diverse Nassau County that encompasses our wildlife, our maritime tree canopy, wetlands, beaches, dunes, and social infrastructure.

At Conserve Nassau we work to educate and advocate for all of the above. Our goal is to be in the room where decisions are made and help where we can.

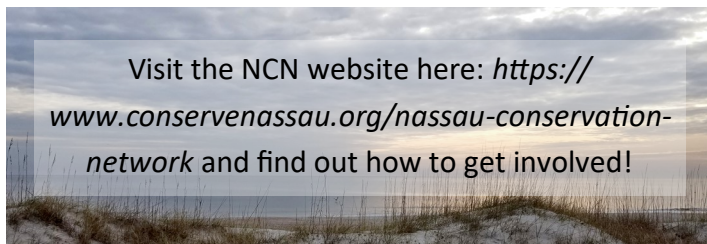


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Introducing Nassau Conservation Network

Nassau Conservation Network (NCN) is a roundtable of major conservation groups and organizations in and around Nassau County committed to coordinating conservation and preservation movements focused on protecting natural resources, marine and ocean habitats, and wildlife.

NCN (formerly Amelia Island Conservation Network) facilitates strategic communication for local conservation organizations to share knowledge, networks and technical skills, and to collaborate and coordinate. NCN also plays a unique role by providing direct access to the diverse conservation organizations in the community.



Visit the NCN website here: <https://www.conservenassau.org/nassau-conservation-network> and find out how to get involved!

What about Wetlands?

Almost all land in Nassau County is within 1/2 mile of a wetland, whether stream, marsh, river, or pond. Wetlands provide protection against flooding, filter pollutants, nurture and support our wildlife, recharge groundwater, and provide opportunities for recreation and fishing. Since 1972 the Clean Water Act has provided guidance for protecting our wetlands from pollutants and dredging or filling. Over the years, part of the battle in protecting our wetlands has revolved around defining what a wetland is. Are wetlands only navigable waters like rivers and lakes or do isolated but adjacent marshes, ponds, and other wetlands count? A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, *Sackett v. EPA*, overturned 45 years of policy based on science and changed the definition of a wetland to only include navigable waters and adjoining wetlands. This leaves the determination of protected wetlands up to the states when considering pollutants, dredging or filling. Although agreeing with the ruling, Justice Kavanaugh wrote *"... there is a good reason why Congress covered not only adjoining wetlands but also adjacent wetlands. Because of the movement of water between adjacent wetlands and other waters, pollutants in wetlands often end up in adjacent rivers, lakes, and other waters. Natural barriers such as berms and dunes do not block all water flow and are in fact evidence of a regular connection between a water and a wetland."*

It is now up to the state of Florida to regulate many of our wetlands.



Catch Up With Your Community

Members of Conserve Nassau were at the city's Vulnerability Assessment Workshop on Monday Sept. 18 and provided feedback to city staff and consultants on areas of concern for flooding.

Kelly Gibson, Planning and Conservation Director for Fernandina Beach provided the following statement. *"The City hosted the first of two Resiliency Outreach event on Monday, September 18, 2023. This event sought information from the community to identify flooding vulnerabilities throughout the City. A second community meeting to share data will be held in November. These outreach opportunities are part of the City's Resilient Florida Grant to establish a City-wide Vulnerability Assessment consistent with Florida Statute 380.093. Completion of these efforts will allow the City to obtain future grant dollars to support infrastructure investments. We look forward to seeing you at future events!"*



Join our energetic volunteer group of scientists, business leaders, educators, writers, and conservation enthusiasts who work towards a better Nassau County. We aim to contribute to conservation and preservation efforts, revise comprehensive and land development codes, preserve habitat, and participate in successful resiliency projects throughout the county. Join us to....

Volunteer at Events

Distribute information at booths

Share and participate in other conservation groups

Contribute to research. What's new and relevant in environmental and historical preservation strategies?

Invest time in hands on projects

Your ideas?

[Conservenassau.org/volunteer](https://conservenassau.org/volunteer)

