

APPLICATION FOR CHNEP CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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Please list all counties that you live and/or work in that you would like to be considered for:

<u>COUNTY REP SEAT APPLYING FOR</u>	<u>POLICY MEMBER CONTACTED</u>
X Manatee County	X Yes

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Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Director of Land Protection

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Having grown up in Lee County, and working in Sarasota County for the past 8 years, I have deep connections and concern for the natural and human environment here. I am always looking for more ways to contribute my time, skill and energy to improving our home.

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The mission and vision of Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast are perfectly aligned with those of CHNEP: we save land and water for the benefit of nature and people, from Tampa Bay to the Everglades. We achieve land protection through a combination of science, policy, education and outreach.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Manatee County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarasota County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Lee County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Glades County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Hendry County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardee County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highlands County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Polk County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> DeSoto County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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Archbold Biological Station, Conservation Partnerships Coordinator since April 2024

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I'm interested in being a member of the CHNEP Citizens Advisory Committee because I want to ensure that Highlands County, its residents, and those who depend on the natural resources within and beyond the county are represented. In my role at Archbold, I seek to build relationships and partnerships to connect our science and research with community members, landowners and producers, resource managers, local elected officials and representatives, and other science and conservation organizations. I also work to better understand the needs of the region's communities, both natural and human, so that our science and efforts can more effectively address the challenges being faced. This, combined with the extensive science and research at Archbold, can be a valuable contribution to the CAC. By working throughout a range of conservation issues and having my ear to the ground on existing and emerging opportunities, threats, needs, and efforts, my participation can contribute to an integrated approach for protecting the lands, waters, and people within the Coastal and Heartland watersheds and communities.

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I will help implement the CCMP through advancing engagement and awareness, connecting new partners, and working to protect the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary region from growing threats. Achieving the goals of water quality improvement, wildlife & habitat protection, and hydrological restoration begins with bringing awareness to the issues at hand. My efforts of science communication, public outreach, engagement in local and regional planning processes, and interaction with landowners will help expand the mission of CHNEP and further combine it with science from Archbold and Buck Island. This will help bridge gaps of knowledge, resources, and awareness for community members, policymakers, planners, and resource managers within the region. I will expand the network of partnerships and collaborations to ensure that not only engagement increases, but that on-the-ground science and solutions can be reached. This looks like connecting landowners to conservation opportunities, policymakers with sound science, and resource users & managers with tools and technical assistance. My collaboration with a variety of stakeholders throughout Highlands County, and increasingly within the Peace River Valley, along with new projects for science, restoration, and conservation Archbold is involved in, can help advance land conservation and protection goals, implement water quality protection projects and measures with landowners and county planners, and engage partners with new scientific research and solutions. Recently, new development threats have emerged within the landscape as well, such as potential new roadways through the watershed and waste facilities that threaten the quality of region's resources, hydrology, and wildlife habitat. I have engaged in these planning decisions through attending workshops and planning & zoning commission meetings, writing letters, and mobilizing partners. Further engagement in CHNEP will be an opportunity to expand our collaborations and broader partner response and engagement with decisions that threaten to change the character and quality of the region and its vital resources. Archbold is a local, regional, and state leader in science on rare and endangered species, landscape connectivity, the value/role of working landscapes, and climate change. As I work to expand the reach and impact of that, the strategies and goals of the CCMP are deeply intertwined in my day-to-day mission, and it would be a deeply valuable opportunity to grow our engagement and support of the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership.

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X Sarasota County	X Yes

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I am a board member of Control Growth Now. We are a non-partisan organization. We work for all people who want to preserve our unique lifestyle and environment.

Why do you want to be a voting member of the Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership's Advisory Committee? What contributions do you feel like you can make to the CAC?

Being a voting member of the Coastal Partnership is instrumental in my ongoing interests and participation in the Florida living experience. I am from Miami 1958, grew up under Growth Management and received training in policy making at CHNEP and other organizations during my four years in office at a time when the organizations met monthly. I believe my contributions to the CAC are a historical knowledge of environmental and development issues in the CHNEP region of Florida, and how the impact of a growing population has and will continue to affect our region, particularly the newer residents who are unaware of our region's unique qualities. I can offer solutions based on my experience with CHNEP as well as my institutional knowledge of policy outcomes.

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I am well aware of your work in the areas enumerated in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. My strong point that I would use to help implement the plan is Outreach. All of the four sections of the Plan are well within my years-long work experience in government office, in non-profit work as well as personal interest work. I would easily fit within the Advisory Board's ongoing and future work based on my participation in these

sectors, including past CHNEP work. Oddly enough, I worked with some of your Policy Committee members in the past. I am very much aware of the dynamics between the Coastal Partnership and other organizations, NGOs and state and federal agencies.