**OUR VISION**

To be recognized in the State of Florida as the leading program for the development of a trained network of professionals prepared to effectively address natural resources issues through conflict management and collaborative leadership.

**NRLI HISTORY**

The Florida NRLI, established in 1998, was modeled after the NRLI program developed at North Carolina State University. NRLI is supported in part by UF/IFAS Extension, UF Department of Food and Resource Economics, Florida Sea Grant, the Florida Farm Bureau and those who attend our Institute.

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As Florida continues to develop, people disagree over how land and water resources should be used and managed. Disputes arise over such issues as endangered species, private property rights, wetlands, timber management, water use, and water quality. People with a stake in these issues tend to focus on their disagreements rather than building on their common interests.

**OUR MISSION**

The Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute (NRLI) is a year-long leadership training program that helps the people, industries, and agencies of Florida collaborate in achieving the often conflicting goals of protecting the environment and fostering economic development. NRLI helps rising leaders develop skills to build consensus around contentious environmental issues and move beyond conflict to find solutions.

**Through eight three-day sessions and practicum exercise, NRLI Fellows gain:**

**Leadership Skills**
- Dispute resolution techniques
- Facilitation processes
- Negotiation skills
- Communication skills

**Knowledge of Florida Natural Resource Issues**
- Field visits to key natural resource sites
- Interaction with managers, leaders and policy makers
- Environmental economics, law and policy education

**Professional Networking Opportunities**
- Interaction with diverse stakeholders
- New professional contacts and partnerships

**Personal and Social Benefits**
- Personal and professional growth
- Peer recognition
- Improved self-awareness and confidence
- Lasting friendships

**PARTICIPANTS**

NRLI trains those who have a stake in the use and conservation of our natural resources. The program has trained 170 people around the state and maintains an active alumni network.

Our participant base represents a diverse range of professions and interests, including:
- Land/water management agencies
- Resource-based businesses
- Environmental and conservation organizations and agencies
- Agricultural community
- Local and state government
- Educational institutions
- NGOs and citizen activists