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Alachua County Region Environmental Educator Network Meeting

The goal of this meeting was to initiate a coalition network to connect and engage environmental educators in Alachua and surrounding counties, as well as to gather feedback from participants on how to sustain the network. We hosted the meeting on March 30, 2026, with 14 participants representing a variety of organizations, including a government agency, several units in a higher education institute, and non-profit organizations. During the meeting, participants shared their current environmental education programs and discussed challenges they face. As facilitators, we applied a range of techniques learned from the Natural Resource Leadership Institute, including mapping activities, establishing group norms, small group breakout discussions with flip charts, individual reflection and sharing, think-pair-share, and grouping similar responses. Following the meeting, we collected 13 survey responses regarding participants' preferences for continuing the network, determining meeting topics and frequency, and identifying additional participants to invite. In this presentation, we will share our facilitation process, reflect on lessons learned, and discuss plans for continuing to apply facilitation skills.