



Hurricane Matthew made many residents of northeast Florida a bit more aware of how dynamic our barrier islands are, and about the vulnerability of many areas to flooding. Climate change is causing many challenges for people and for marine life. Coastal wells are becoming saline. Plastic pollution is a growing concern. What will the future bring? Explore this question in a new adult education program. “Exploring our Environment: Facing the Future” is a new course in the popular “Exploring our Environment” series.



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EXPLORING OUR ENVIRONMENT: Facing the Future

**A Hands-on Educational
Opportunity for Adults**

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Marineland, FL



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Extension Program

Exploring our Environment— Facing the Future

Climate change is expected to increase the number and strength of severe weather events. How can we better prepare for and mitigate against this? It has been said that humans are creating the Anthropocene era, and that future archeologists will be investigating layers of plastic. What could we be doing differently? This four-day class will explore these questions while also considering ways to protect our water and wildlife.



Our setting....

Our classroom is in the Marineland GTMNERR building at the edge of Flagler County's River to Sea Preserve. We will explore nearby beaches, Marineland Dolphin Adventure and the Sea Turtle Hospital at UF Whitney Lab.

Hands-on learning

Most of the program will be classroom-based, with many interactive, hands-on activities to fully immerse participants in the subject matter. Class discussions are encouraged!

About your instructor...

Dr. Maia McGuire is the Sea Grant Extension Agent for NE Florida. She has been delivering marine education programs for over 30 years.



This class is open to adults (18 and over). Registration of \$125 covers all expenses except lunches (please bring a bag lunch. Fridge and microwave are available; coffee and water will be provided.) Class will run from 9 am to 4 pm each day, Monday through Thursday. Registration is online at <https://eoe-facingthefuture.eventbrite.com> and payment can be made by credit card or check. Please call Maia if you have any questions or problems with registration.