TITLE: Be Floridian Now Program Volunteer
LOCATION: Volusia County, Florida
REPORT TO: Megan Martin, Be Floridian Now Coordinator

OVERVIEW OF POSITION

The Be Floridian Now Program offers volunteers the opportunity to gain experience in the field of environmental outreach while promoting water quality initiatives.

Be Floridian Now is a regional collaboration between local governments and nonprofits with the goal of educating the public about surface and ground water quality. In Volusia County, the Be Floridian Now Program is our education and outreach for Volusia County’s fertilizer ordinance.

Volunteers must be comfortable with speaking publicly, conducting education, initiating conversations and generally interacting with a wide variety of individuals with different backgrounds and perspectives.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to represent the Be Floridian Now Program at festivals, gatherings, and special events. Training will be provided.

Assistance with events may include:

- Unloading the county vehicle in designated area;
- Setting up tent, table, and materials prior to event start time;
- Engaging with the public professionally and with excellent service throughout duration of event;
- Providing educational materials about Volusia County’s fertilizer ordinance, how to read a fertilizer label, native plants for landscapes, and other relevant topics;
- Breaking down tent, table, and packing up materials; and
- Loading up the county vehicle.

Volunteers may also have the opportunity to assist with other outreach projects.

Please note that specific tasks may change depending on the project.

TIME REQUIRED

Be Floridian Now Program Volunteers will receive an email each time there is a need for volunteer help. You will have the opportunity to accept blocks of time in 4 or 8-hour shifts. The email will detail specific needs for each event/project.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 years of age.
EXPERIENCE/SKILLS

Prior experience is beneficial but not required.

Volunteers must possess the following prior to training:

- Passion for protecting water resources;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Professional, positive attitude;
- Ability to work independently and/or in a team setting;
- Ability to learn about nutrient pollution, how to read a fertilizer label, and native plant species
- Ability to learn about Volusia County’s fertilizer ordinance.

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER

Be Floridian Now Program Volunteers will have the opportunity to:

- Fine-tune public outreach and education skills;
- Be a part of positive change for our water resources through education;
- Use volunteer hours for student graduation requirements;
- Help attain the goal of Volusia County’s Sustainability Action Plan to “manage and protect ground water and surface water bodies.”
- Add Be Floridian Now to your resume!